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## RUSSIAN FLEET DESTROYED

### TWENTY-TWO SHIPS SUNK AND CAPTURED BY TOGO.

None of Japan's Big Fighting Ships Were Seriously Damaged Says Togo.

Tokio, May 30.—Admiral Togo has wired Admiral Yamamoto, Minister of the navy, as follows:  
"The main force of the Russian second and third fleets is nearly annihilated. Please feel assured of it."

Tokio, May 30.—It is now believed that four Russian warships, in addition to those already reported lost, have been sunk by the Japanese fleet.

ROJESTVENSKY'S FATE IN DOUBT.  
According to the latest reports from Vice-Admiral Togo to his government the loss to the Russians in ships sunk or captured now numbers 22, while full particulars are not in. The Admiral says that none of his big fighting ships was seriously damaged.

Interesting news comes from Vladivostok, sent direct by the correspondent of the Associated Press, who reports the arrival there of the protected cruiser Almaz and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozny. The officers of the Almaz say they witnessed the sinking of two Japanese battleships and that two Japanese cruisers were listing badly and seemed about to sink when the fog obscured their view of the battle.

There seems to be great confusion as to the fate of Vice-Admiral Rojstvensky. It is said that he arrived at Vladivostok on the torpedo-boat Buiny, the Admiral wounded, and that his wife has received a telegram from him, while a report received from Tokio late Tuesday at the Japanese Legation at Washington says he was captured on board the Russian destroyer Biedovy with another Admiral, both severely wounded, and with several staff officers of his flagship, the Kniaz Sonvaroff, the sinking of which is confirmed by the officers of the Almaz.

### Fleet Annihilated.

Tokio, May 29.—(2:15 P. M.)—It is officially announced that Admiral Rojstvensky's fleet has been practically annihilated. Twelve warships have been sunk or captured and two transports and two torpedo-boat destroyers have been sunk.

### TOGO WINS GREAT VICTORY.

### Russian Fleet Routed in Straits of Corea.

According to the latest information the battle between the Russian and Japanese naval forces for the supremacy of the Oriental seas, on which hangs the outcome of the Far Eastern struggle has begun, if it has not terminated decisively. All the dispatches received by the Associated Press point to a Japanese victory, though it is not yet known that the full force of Vice-Admiral Rojstvensky's fighting ships took part in the contest, which, according to the dispatches, took place in the comparatively narrow waters of the Straits of Corea.

The first information came in a dispatch from the American Consul at Nagasaki to the State Department at Washington, telling that the Japanese had sunk one Russian battleship, four

other warships and a repair ship in the Corean Strait, and this was followed by a dispatch received by the State Department, the date of which was not given, that "the Japanese government has made the announcement that its fleet had engaged the Russians in the Straits of Corea Saturday and had held them."

The State Department also received information that two of the vessels reported to have been sunk were the sister battleships, Orel and Borodino, and that three of the other ships were cruisers.

From Tsintau, the German port on the Shantung Peninsula, came a report that a running naval engagement took place near the Island of Oki in the sea of Japan, 200 miles northeast of the Straits of Corea, and that the whole Russian fleet did not participate, the slow vessels having been sent around Japan.

Russian sources give no news of the battle, while the Japanese government, following its custom, is silent as to either the battle or its outcome.

London, May 29.—Many dispatches from Tokio and other points appearing in the morning newspapers are filled with more or less authentic details of recent movements of Vice-Admiral Rojstvensky's ships and surmises and rumors of the results of the battle between the Japanese and Russian fleets, but add nothing reliable to the dispatches received by the Associated Press correspondents.

According to the Daily Telegraph a private telegram was received in London last night in a very high quarter to the effect that Vice-Admiral Togo had gained a great victory. Based on the meager details already received here most of the newspapers are ready to believe the Japanese have secured a victory.

The secrecy maintained at Tokio apparently extends to the European legations. At any rate, Baron Hakashima, the Japanese Minister here, declined to see newspaper correspondents, much less to talk of the battle.

The indications from many of the dispatches are that Rojstvensky sent some of his vessels through the Tsugaru Strait, with the view of mystifying the Japanese.

A dispatch to a news agency says that two Russian warships were sighted Sunday afternoon at Masuki (Masbiki) in Shiyari Province, Hokkaido, steaming southwest, but it is not known whether they belonged to Rojstvensky or if they were from Vladivostok.

It is assumed here that the Japanese government will follow its customary plan not to allow details to be published until the action has been completed, and it is believed that the fight has been of a running character.

The Daily Telegraph's Tokio correspondent says that an intermittent fog prevailed in the Sea of Japan Saturday. It occasionally lifted, when there was brilliant sunshine. A high wind prevailed, with a rough sea.

The Russian ships were first sighted at 6 o'clock in the morning approaching Tsu Islands, under cover of a fog, which, however, lifted, and the squadron retired. This squadron is believed to have consisted of six first-class ships, and, according to information received, 21 more Russian warships were not far away. Nothing definite is known, however, says the correspondent, and the authorities merely reported that cannonading was proceeding.

It has now been discovered, the correspondent continues, that Rojstven-

sky's ships coal-d along the coast of the Island of Luzon on May 22, and on the following day they cruised about north of Luzon and transferred large quantities of bunker coal from colliers. Then Rojstvensky decided to divide his fleet into several parts. He traversed the Bashee Straits and steamed in a north-easterly direction. On the morning of May 25 the Russians were southwest of the Luchu Islands, and the slow converted cruisers and transports were sent to Shanghai, while the main squadron went to Tsu Island.

A dispatch from Shanghai says that Japanese warships arrived in the offing at Woosung Saturday and attacked the Russian ships, but a later dispatch says that the Russian transports are to stay in the vicinity of Shanghai, while the vessels of the volunteer fleet are to leave for either German or French territory. It is reported that Rojstvensky's squadrons used Chusan (one of a group of islands off the east coast of China, in the Province of Chekiang) as a naval base, and it is also stated that the Chinese authorities ordered the vessels to leave Woosung by 8 o'clock Saturday night or to haul down their flags. The Russians, the dispatch said, were temporizing.

It is reported from Hongkong that the British fleet is leaving for the north at full speed.

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent and the Daily Telegraph itself both discredit the rumor that the Japanese will attack the Russians at Woosung, which rumor lacks confirmation from any other quarter, though the Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post, cabling May 28, says that the firing of big guns was heard outside Woosung Sunday night.

The same dispatch says that the Russians allege they are merchantmen and are entitled to remain at Woosung, while the Chinese Admiral now declares that he will not permit the ships to leave and, the dispatch adds, the Chinese warship Haichi has cleared for action.

The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Mail says that 15 of Rojstvensky's ships appeared east of Tsu Island at 2:45 o'clock on Saturday morning; that at 10 o'clock that morning the fleet was passing ten miles southeast of Tatziki, and that cannonading was heard.

### Agreement Between Union and Northern Pacific for Railroad.

New York, May 26.—The Union Pacific and Northern Pacific executive committees met separately on Thursday and passed motions to prepare for building a joint line from Huntington or such other point on the Oregon Short Line as may be chosen near Huntington to either Cold-sac or Clearwater on the Northern Pacific. The entire new line will be about 550 miles long and will be built of 75-pound rails and equipped according to the Union Pacific's specification, the total cost not to exceed \$15,000,000, and work on the surveys to begin immediately. The surveys made by both railroads in 1900 will be abandoned in favor of a line to follow the Snake River closely.

The agreement is the result of Hill and Kuhn, Loeb & Co.'s getting together to show Harriman that he could not run Union Pacific alone. Harriman gave in with a good grace when his bankers refused to help him in financing any line to invade Hill's territory. The agreement ends the dispute begun between Mellen and Burt, which was brought to a close for the time when Hill, Morgan and Harriman brought pressure to bear on the two presidents and ordered the fight stopped in 1901, immediately before the purchase of the Northern Pacific by Hill and Morgan.

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