

# Bohemia Nugget

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## WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Condensed Form.

Another great strike is threatened in Italy.

John W. Gates has made \$4,000,000 in four months dealing in stocks.

Admiral Rojostevsky, commanding the Baltic squadron, has resigned.

Charles Sweeney, of Spokane, may build a \$1,000,000 hotel in Portland.

Japan wants an airship to use in exploding dynamite over Russian forts and ships.

The work of rescuing the men entombed in the Colorado coal mine is proceeding slowly.

The admiral commanding the Russian Baltic fleet flies to his story that he was attacked first.

The commission to fix the blame for the North Sea incident will be composed of five members.

From October 9 to 18 the Russians place their loss in killed and wounded at 800 officers and 45,000 men.

Captains Joseph Kuhns and John F. Morrison, American attaches with the Second Japanese army, have been recalled and ordered to Washington.

A big forest fire is raging in the Blue Ridge mountains in New Jersey. Over 10,000 acres have been devastated. Much fine timber has been destroyed.

Ex-Governor Nash, of Ohio, is dead.

Viceroy Alexieff has left for St. Petersburg.

The Japanese have taken several more torpedoes around Port Arthur.

Unimportant fighting continues south of Mukden with the odds about even.

Wholesale frauds have been discovered in the Santo Domingo customs services.

The 1905 meeting of the Trans-Mississippi congress will be held in Portland.

General Strossel has wired the czar good bye and says Port Arthur will be his grave.

The cruiser Columbia is to be fitted for sea at once to carry Secretary Taft and party to Panama.

Germany is not looking for trouble and will take no part in the dispute between Russia and Great Britain.

The Russian battleship Sevastopol, at Port Arthur, has been damaged by Japanese shells and two steamers sunk.

All danger of war between Russia and Great Britain is over. The trouble growing out of the Baltic fleet firing upon the fishing vessels will be referred to an international commission under The Hague court.

The great New York subway has been opened for traffic.

Chinese at Mukden expect severe fighting and are closing up their business affairs.

An Indiana woman admits poisoning her step-daughter and gave the judge her confession to read.

The skipper of a Swedish steamer declares that his vessel was chased and fired upon by a Russian cruiser previous to the Hull affair.

The Japanese army in Manchuria has resumed the offensive. The Russians are reported to have lost a number of important positions.

The Tribune, a leading Italian paper, calls Rojostevsky a fanatic, and adds that if complete and prompt satisfaction is not given, war will be inevitable.

Spain will allow the Russian war ships to remain at Vigo long enough to make necessary repairs. The others sailed after taking on 400 tons of coal each.

Fire on the Brooklyn water front destroyed a pier 700 feet long which was stored with cotton and general merchandise. A steamer tied to the pier was also destroyed. One fireman and one policeman are reported missing. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

General Kuropatkin has been made commander in chief of the Russian army.

Arrangements are almost complete for opening schools on the island of Guam. There are 2,300 native children on the island.

Governor Chamberlain charges the commissioner of the general land office with failure to keep promise in regard to lien lands in Oregon.

A new Russian loan of \$270,000,000 has virtually been concluded. Half the loan has been reserved for Germany and the balance to France, Belgium and Holland.

Postmaster Vancott, of New York, is dead.

Both armies in Manchuria continue to rest.

Many of the Hull fishermen believe the attack of the Russian fleet was premeditated.

The town of Berkeley, Va., continues under martial law. The authorities are fearful of a race riot breaking out.

John C. Haddock, a New York independent coal mine owner and operator, declares the coal roads have ruined him.

Eight Japanese warships on the Yalu river at Antung, filled with rations, clothing, ammunition and the prizes secured at the battle of the Yalu, have been burned.

By a sale just made, 340,000 acres of land in Mexico has been sold to a Mormon colony.

The Standard dictionary received the grand prize, the highest award, at the St. Louis fair.

Many Japanese on the Pacific coast are leaving for their home country to join the army.

## FREE ENTRY FOR EXHIBITS.

Secretary Shaw Issues Regulations for 1903 Fair.

Washington, Nov. 1.—Secretary Shaw today issued very comprehensive regulations carrying out the provisions of section 1 of the Lewis and Clark Exposition act, passed by congress last winter, authorizing free entry into this country of foreign exhibits intended for the Portland Exposition. Full instructions are given as to the manner of shipment and consignment of such exhibits, and the method of getting them through the custom-house and into the exposition grounds. The buildings and grounds of the Lewis and Clark Exposition are constituted "constructive warehouses and yards," and all foreign articles placed therein under the supervision of custom officers, specially imported for exhibition, will be treated the same as merchandise in bond. The sale of foreign exhibits will be permitted during the continuance of the exposition, but the delivery of the goods sold is to be withheld until the close of the fair, when the goods sold must pay regular duty. The enforcement of this restriction devolves upon the exposition authorities. At the close of the exposition, the goods for exportation will be exported under the general regulations for immediate export in bond.

Any attempt to take advantage of these special regulations in order to evade the tariff laws will subject the offender to the usual penalties, including a confiscation of goods, fine and imprisonment. The special regulations also provide for the importation of livestock for exhibition, due precaution being taken to guard against the admission of diseased stock. The persons who propose to exhibit Canadian cattle must procure a special permit from the secretary of agriculture.

## BUTCHERS FEAR JAPANESE

President of Union Expects American Field to Be Invaded.

Chicago, Nov. 1.—The invasion of the American industrial field by Japanese laborers is feared by President Michael Donnelly, of the Butcher Workmen's Union. To head off the Japanese, Donnelly will introduce a resolution at the convention of the American Federation of Labor in San Francisco, next month, calling for the enactment of legislation excluding them from the United States.

The matter was brought to Donnelly's attention by a call made on him by O. K. Kama, a Japanese, who was seeking information regarding conditions in the packing plants. Mr. Kama showed letters of introduction to the packers, recommending him as the proper person to furnish them with Japanese labor. He said that he had been told the employers in Chicago could give work to 500 to 600 men of his nationality. Pursuing his inquiries, Mr. Kama asked if Japanese were admitted to the Butcher Workmen's Union. Donnelly showed the constitution of the labor organization, which contains nothing operating against the foreigners.

"I am sure, however," Donnelly said, "that the members of the union would not consent to receiving Japanese, and the members are greater than the constitution."

Donnelly then hastened to prepare his Japanese exclusion resolution.

## EXPECTS FLEET TO GO BACK.

Japanese Officer Does Not Believe It Was Intended to Go Far.

Tokyo, Nov. 1.—A prominent officer on the Japanese naval staff said today that he believed the Russian Baltic fleet would not come far on its way East. He did not believe that the Russian government desires to send it all, and it was likely that the fleet, instantaneously reasons upon which he based his belief, he said the fleet commander, Admiral Rojostevsky, was sick when he left port, and it seemed very improbable that the Russian Government, if its intentions were serious, would send a sick admiral to investigate many thousands of miles to combat a superior force at the end of a long cruise.

"If there were any torpedo boats among the trawling fleet which was fired upon by the fleet, it was the duty of the Russian officer in command," he said, "to pursue them and investigate the base of their dispatch. Russia by her delay was seeking to render the diplomatic situation with England more critical to afford a plausible excuse to recall its fleet."

## JAPANESE WORKING YENTAIN MINES.

Headquarters of Left Army (General Oku's) in the Field, Nov. 1.—The positions of the armies are unchanging. The Russians are continually searching the Japanese lines with their artillery, firing night and day, with seldom any reply from the Japanese. The Japanese army is now working the Yentain mines, digging enough coal for all military purposes. It is believed by mining experts that they can double the output. The gauge of the railway has been changed to Yentain and quantities of supplies and ammunition are arriving.

## CALLS ATTENTION TO STAY IN SPAIN.

Paris, Nov. 1.—The correspondence of the Temps at Madrid telegraphs that Akabane Shiro, the minister of Japan, had a long conference today with the minister of foreign affairs. He added it is understood that the Japanese minister called the attention of the foreign minister to the prolonged stay of the Russian squadron at Spanish ports, and the reprovisioning and recoupling contrary to the rules of neutrality. The foreign minister acted that the other powers had acted similarly.

## PRESIDENT REMOVES HIM.

Washington, Nov. 1.—President Roosevelt has directed the removal from office of Jacob W. Bunn, finance clerk of the Philadelphia postoffice, for pernicious activity in collecting campaign funds from employees of that office. The charges against Bunn have been under consideration for some time by the Civil Service Commission, which recommended that Bunn be dismissed. The President's order was in accordance with this recommendation.

## JEW DOCTORS DISTINGUISH THEMSELVES.

Mukden, Nov. 1.—The Jewish doctors and surgeons are especially distinguishing themselves, devoting their time night and day to the wounded, and the Jewish soldiers in the field are displaying as great bravery as their comrades of other religions.

## SIXTY BURIED

Terrific Explosion in Colorado Coal Mine.

FIRE ADDS TO THE HORROR

Men Pinned in With all Likelihood Be Cremated—Dust Is the Cause of the Disaster.

Trinidad, Colo., Oct. 31.—The most terrific explosion in the history of coal mining in Colorado occurred at Mine No. 3, of the Rocky Mountain Fuel & Iron company, at Terio, 40 miles due west of Trinidad, at 1:30 this afternoon, and the number of dead is variously placed between 30 and 60 men, although the latter, it is believed, is the most correct estimate. The number reported as having gone into the mine this morning was 17 miners and four company men. This afternoon many more miners are known to have gone into the mine, and the exact number of dead may never be known, as the mine is burning and in all likelihood the bodies will be cremated.

A large number of mine officials left here as soon as word of the accident was received. Company doctors were picked up all along the line, as well as all other available physicians. United States Government Stock Inspector F. J. Foreman was at Terio when the explosion occurred.

The shaft in which the accident occurred works 80 men, and it is believed that at least 60 men were in the mine at the time. News of the explosion brought assistance from the adjacent camps and tonight hundreds of men are trying to get into the mine. Deadly fumes overcome the rescuers frequently, but their places are immediately taken by others ready to risk their lives. It is not thought possible that anyone in the mine can escape death, if they are not all dead already.

It is impossible to secure names of the dead and injured tonight. Nearly all the miners employed are Slavs. The mine is a new one, opened only a year ago, and extended 2,000 feet into the hill. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by dust. Only one body has been recovered, that of T. Duran, a driver, who was just entering the tunnel when the explosion occurred. He was torn and burned almost beyond recognition. All mines within a radius of two miles have been shut down, and the miners will assist in rescuing the bodies of the victims.

## STRIPS FOR WAR.

Great Britain Is Rapidly Making Her Ships Ready.

London, Oct. 29.—Notwithstanding the diplomatic check in consequence of Admiral Rojostevsky's report, it is evident that Great Britain is preparing for the possibility of war. Tremendous activity is reported from all dockyards, where vessels under repair are being made ready for sea under urgent orders from the admiralty.

While no claim is made for the receipt of Russia's reply has been fixed, it is generally understood today that the route of the Russian squadron past Gibraltar will be barred by the Channel squadron, commanded by Vice Admiral Lord Charles Boscawen.

Perhaps the most significant development is the cabinet meeting which is called for today. While the call was issued prior to the receipt of Rojostevsky's report, which changed the situation considerably and appears to place some of the burden of proof upon Great Britain, the meeting undoubtedly marks the reaching of a serious stage.

The ships of the British channel fleet cleared their decks this afternoon. It is rumored that the whole fleet, with the exception of the battleship Caesar, will steam westward tomorrow with the alleged purpose of making a sham attack against the Rock of Gibraltar.

## GLAD ALEXIEFF IS OUT.

Russians Believe He Will Return, Now Kuropatkin Is in Power.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 29.—Viceroy Alexieff's order of the day announcing Kuropatkin's appointment is in the same grandiose vein as Kuropatkin's order of October 5, and is regarded as having definitely established the authority of that distinguished document.

While Alexieff takes particular pains in turning over the supreme command of the land forces to Kuropatkin, to inform the soldiers and the world of the marks of imperial confidence reposed in him, and to announce that he will remain as viceroy, the order is considered as virtually his farewell address, and that it will soon be followed by his return to St. Petersburg. His elimination as a factor in the military situation has caused a sigh of relief.

The papers all welcome the announcement of Kuropatkin's appointment to the chief command as a well-merited recompense for the manner in which he discharged the difficult role imposed upon him, and, reading between the lines, as a promise of better results now that Alexieff is eliminated, and there is no longer a prospect of elevation of a grand duke to the supreme command.

## Tax Will Be Collected.

Kansas City, Oct. 29.—D. H. McMullen, a Tacoma lumberman, who arrived here today from Omaha, says that the order for 3,000,000 pounds of meat received by an Omaha packing company was given by the Russian government. He said: "The beef must be shipped out of San Francisco within 30 days. There were two Japanese agents in the packing house office at the time that the Russians were there to give the order." McMullen added that the Japanese also had given an order for meat.

## Big Tunnel Is Completed.

Seattle, Oct. 29.—Workmen have broken down the wall between the north and south sections of the Great Northern railroad tunnel, which runs directly beneath the business section of Seattle, and the shaft is now clear from end to end. All that now remains is to complete the concrete work, and lay the tracks. This should be completed in two months. The tunnel is the largest in area of any in the United States. It is 30 feet wide and 28 feet high above the tracks. It is 1,130 feet in length.

## Mail Will Not Get Through.

Washington, Oct. 29.—The postoffice department has been advised by the postoffice department of Canada that on account of the large quantity of non-transmissible mail matter received at White Horse, Yukon territory, during the past winter season addressed to destinations north of White Horse, the Canadian department has determined to return to senders, all non-transmissible matter that may be received during the winter.

## Street Car Runs Into River.

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 29.—An electric car on the line between this city and the El Paso Smelting works, in Town, Tex., jumped the track today, with 76 passengers, and ran into the Rio Grande river. Several passengers were injured, but none were killed. The embankment was about 12 feet high, and the car plunged into 10 feet of water. The river had undermined the track.

## FIRE ON FIRST.

Russian Admiral Says He Acted on Defensive.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 29.—The mystery of the trawler affair, instead of being cleared up by Vice Admiral Rojostevsky's report today, appears to be deeper than ever. The admiral declares he was attacked in the darkness by two torpedo boats which came upon the squadron from the direction of the fishing fleet. He opened fire and believes he sank one of the torpedo boats, the other making off under cover among the fishermen.

As soon as he noticed the fishermen, Admiral Rojostevsky ceased firing. He proceeded on his way without leaving any vessel behind, and says he believes the vessel which the fishermen reported remained on the scene for six hours without offering succor to the drowning was the other torpedo boat, either waiting for her consort or repairing damage inflicted by the fire of his ships. The admiral declares no torpedo boats were with the squadron.

In concluding his telegram, Admiral Rojostevsky expressed in the most warm-hearted way the regrets of the whole squadron to the fishermen who had suffered, and to the families of the victims.

## ROADBUILDING IN CLACKAMAS.

To Make Permanent Path Is Policy of County Court.

Oregon City.—"During the last year Clackamas county has expended \$40,000 in roadbuilding," says Judge Ryan. "The policy of the county court is to build permanently when any piece of road is constructed, and where the funds are available," continued Mr. Ryan. "This year Clackamas county has been especially fortunate in its roadbuilding, having funds on hand with which to meet every warrant that has been issued on this account. In our roadbuilding the county has been disposed very generally to follow the plan of reducing the grade of all roads that are treated, finding that this course contributes much to the permanency of the improvements that are made."

The announcement that Clackamas county roads will next year be experimented with in the use of oil has aroused much interest. Judge Ryan has received numerous inquiries from California producers, who have offered to deliver the oil here at no greater a cost than it costs in California. The court will place this oil on all of the different kinds of clay soil in the county and determine its value in road construction.

## NEW PHONE THROUGH PORT.

Independence—Riley Craven, W. W. Percival and W. A. Messner have organized a stock company to be known as the Independence Telephone company, the purpose being to build a telephone line from Independence to Monmouth and elsewhere in the county as desired. The line will connect with the Lackawanna line at Monmouth, and is to run in connection with the Corvallis, Dallas, Falls City, McMinnville, Amy, Perrydale and McCoy Mutual lines, already established. The company will circulate papers and secure stock for promoting the enterprise. The privilege is given by the council of Independence to place the line in this city. Steps will be taken to obtain the same in Monmouth. The service for Independence and Monmouth will be through the Independence central office.

## ROAD TO GALLICE.

Merlin—Work has begun on the new road to Gallice, and it is expected it will be completed in six weeks. Considerable freight is here awaiting the completion of the road, among it sawmill for the Rand mine. The Merlin Townsite company has material on hand for the construction of a telephone line to Gallice as soon as the road is completed. It would be in operation now, but it was desired to have it follow the new road. It is intended to carry the line four miles beyond Gallice, giving service to the Alameda, Rand, Big Tank and other mines. The expenditure of a small amount of money will also complete the new road to the mines named.

## COMING EVENTS.

North Pacific Unitarian conference, Salem, October 25-27.

Annual meeting Oregon Miners' association, Portland, November 14.

State fair association, Portland, November 15-16.

National Grange, Portland, November 16-26.

Convention of County Clerks and Recorders, Portland, November 25-26.

Poultry show, Corvallis, December 10-12.

Oregon Good Roads convention, Salem, December 13-15.

## WHEATMEN GIVE LIBERALLY.

Pendleton—Leon Cohen, who is directing the work of raising \$5,000 in this county for the Open River association to build the portage road at Celilo, is meeting with success and says the necessary amount of money can easily be raised in another week. The large wheat raisers in the county, who have been approached, are subscribing quite liberally and already nearly half of the amount has been raised. Mr. Cohen has agents at work in the county, and they have been instructed to make a thorough canvass.

## OUTPUT OF GRAND RONDE BEETS.

La Grande—The Amalgamated Sugar factory at La Grande is half through with its fall run of Grand Ronde sugar beets and has disposed of over 15,000 tons of fine beets up to this time. About 18,000 tons of beets will be ground up this season from the Grand Ronde, besides 6,000 tons from Echo, Umatilla county, which are being shipped in. The sugar company expects greatly to increase the acreage of beets next year, as also do the farmers who have been raising beets in the past few years as an experiment.

## WILLAMETTE STILL LOW.

Albany—Water in the Willamette river is yet two feet too low to permit steamboat traffic on the Upper Willamette. After two or three days of hard rain, with frequent rains following, the boats will be able to reach Albany regularly. The upper traffic will be conducted by the Oregon City Transportation company again this year, and the boats which will make the Portland-Corvallis run will very probably be the Pomona and the Oregon.

## NO INSURANCE ON FLAX.

Salem—Upon examining his insurance policies, Eugene Basse found that his insurance on the flax burned expired a month ago. The policy was for \$5,000. Mr. Basse has this year's crop of flax spread in the fields or stored at Scio, so that he has some raw material with which to start a linen mill. The fire, however, will cause delay in starting the mill.

## DELEGATES TO COMMERCIAL CONGRESS.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has appointed J. E. Atchison, of Portland, and F. B. Holbrook, of Irigoin, as delegates to the trans-Mississippi Commercial congress, to be held at St. Louis.

## OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

### WHEATGROWERS HAVE MONEY WITH WHICH TO BUY TOOLS.

Pendleton—A traveling man for a leading implement company says the implement trade in the wheat districts of Oregon and Washington is better this season than ever before in the history of the two states. More money is evident among the growers and more cash is paid for implements than usual. Trade in the communities in the interior of Oregon, where nothing but stock is raised is slow, as the growers have not sold any beef during the past two years at a profit, consequently ready money is at a premium. All are confident the coming season will prove profitable. Much stock has been unloaded at the low prices, as it has not paid to hold and feed, and as a result next year will find fewer head of stock in the country and prices will necessarily have to advance.

### ORES FROM BLUE RIVER MINES.

Eugene—At a special meeting of the Eugene Commercial club the committee appointed to look after an exhibit of minerals from Blue River mining district reported promises of ores from the Lewis and Clark exhibit amounting to 35,000 pounds, and that this amount will be swelled by mine owners who have not yet been seen to at least 45,000 pounds. The miners are reported as taking the matter in hand with energy and they are desirous of doing all in their power to further the matter. The ores will be hauled to Eugene yet this fall, in order to be ready for installation at the beginning of the Lewis and Clark exposition.

### SOWING FALL WHEAT.

Albany—Linn county farmers are sowing a great deal of fall wheat now, and from present prospects the acreage of wheat sown in this county will be three or four times as large as that sown last year. There are several reasons for this. Last fall was not auspicious for sowing grain, and the acreage was small, while this fall has been a good one for seeding purposes. The spring grain this year was a complete failure, and the spring yield for several years has been light, so farmers in this part of the state are beginning to abandon the practice of sowing at that time.

### LOGGING ROAD TO BE BUILT.

La Grande—The surveys are about completed for a narrow-gauge logging railroad from Hilgard, eight miles west of La Grande, up the Grand Ronde river about 30 miles, to a heavy body of timber owned by the Grand Ronde Lumber company, of Perry, on the slopes of the Blue mountains. The company has been driving its logs down the river for the past 12 years, but it is now becoming almost impossible to get a sufficient amount of logs by this method for the season's run, and the company has determined to build a road to the timber. These mills employ about 200 men during the busy season.

### NINE PROMOTERS' IMPROVEMENTS.

La Grande—The promoters of the Camp Carson mines, southwest of this city, which were recently purchased by a company of California capitalists with James E. Elmendorf as manager, have made arrangements with the Grand Ronde Lumber company, at Perry, five miles west, to build a good wagon road up the Grand Ronde river from Starkey to Prospect ranch. This road will shorten the distance to the mines several miles and will cut out several steep and bad grades, which will be a great advantage to the timbermen in getting the pine over better roads, as also to the mining company.

### MARION WILL HAVE EXHIBIT.

Salem—At a mass meeting of citizens and taxpayers of Marion county, held at the courthouse, it was decided by unanimous vote that Marion county shall be properly represented at the Lewis and Clark fair. The meeting was attended by representative citizens from all parts of the county and from the remarks made by those who spoke upon the subject, it was apparent that the people are enthusiastically in favor of making a good showing for Marion county and its industrial resources.

### COAL ON BUTTER CREEK.

Pendleton—A coal deposit has been discovered at the head of Butter creek, in the southern part of Umatilla county. Joseph McLaughlin made the discovery a short time ago while engaged at work on his stock ranch. Samples have been sent to experts, and favorable tests have been made. The coal is similar to deposit near Heppner. Mr. McLaughlin plans to develop the mines, and already preliminary work has been started. The deposits are said to extend a long distance into the mountains from the head of Butter creek.

### READY SALE OF COINS.

Grants Pass—If the Lewis and Clark souvenir gold dollars sell everywhere over the state as they are selling at Grants Pass, the number allotted by congress will soon be exhausted. The first installment sent to the First National bank of Grants Pass has been sold out, and second lot is now going as fast as the first lot went. Mining men are the principal buyers, and not a few are being purchased to send East.

### NORTHWEST WHEAT MARKETS.

Portland—Walla Walla, 83c; bluestem, 86c; valley, 85c.  
Tacoma—Bluestem, 89½c; club, 85½c.  
Colfax—Club, 73c; bluestem, 75c.

## REGRET IS KEEN

Admiral Says Attack on Trawlers Was Accident.

WERE TAKEN FOR THE ENEMY

Three Battleships and Transport Anchor at Vigo, Spain—They Desire to Make Repairs.

Vigo, Spain, Oct. 28.—The Russian battleships Emperor Alexander III, Borodino, Orel and Krasnoff and the transport Anato anchored in this port today, causing considerable excitement. The government will not allow them to coal, and requests they leave port as soon as possible.

The Associated Press has succeeded in obtaining an interview with Admiral Rojostevsky, who expressed great regret over the North Sea incident. The admiral stated that the unfortunate occurrence was purely accidental. The weather on that night in question was rather hazy. About 1 a. m. two torpedo boats, which the Russian sailors supposed were Japanese craft, suddenly appeared between the two divisions of the squadron and seemed to discharge torpedoes. The Russians immediately opened fire. They saw no fishermen, and were not aware that any damage had been done. Evidently, the admiral said, the fishermen had shown no lights. The admiral regretted that he greatly regretted that any injury had been done fishermen, and added he had no doubt the Russian government would make ample compensation.

Prince Keretell, an officer of the battleship Alexander III, gives the following explanation of the attack by the Baltic squadron upon the British trawlers off Dogger Bank:

"The transport Anato, which was steaming ahead of the squadron, was suddenly surrounded by eight torpedo boats and requested assistance, whereupon the battleship division advanced and signaled to the unknown vessels to leave or disclose their nationality. The vessels refused to obey, and advanced among the Russian battleships. Suddenly a cannon shot was heard from an unknown vessel. Then the admiral formed in battle line and replied to the fire, afterward continuing his voyage."

Prince Keretell added that the Russians feared the strange torpedo boats were Japanese, as the admiral was aware the Japanese had purchased such boats in England.

## CHANNEL FLEET READY FOR SEA.

Gibraltar, Oct. 28.—The ships of the channel fleet have filled their bunkers with coal and replenished their ammunition and will be ready for sea at a moment's notice. The battleship Hannibal and the cruiser Doris are watching the straits closely. There is great activity at the dockyards, where men are working night and day. The admiralty is making inquiries concerning the coal available here.

The battleships Victoria, Hibernia and Majestic, flagship of Vice-Admiral Boscawen, and the cruisers Lancaster, Theseus and Emden are under orders to sail on the morning of October 28. It is rumored that the purpose is to shadow the Russian Baltic squadron, which is expected to go by way of the Cape of Good Hope.

## WILL SOUND THE POWERS.

Russia Will Learn if They Will Let Ships Pass the Dardanelles.

London, Oct. 28.—The Associated Press learns that while there is no foundation for the rumor which recently emanated from Constantinople that the Russian government is approaching the sultan with a view of obtaining his consent to the passing of the Black sea fleet through the Dardanelles, Russia is actually taking steps to sound the other continental governments as to whether any objections would be raised by them in the event of a formal request being presented by Russia to the powers jointly for the removal of international restrictions governing the passage of the Dardanelles.

## \$30,000 FIRE AT SHIPYARD.

Philadelphia, Oct. 28.—Fire tonight did damage to the amount of \$30,000 in the pattern shop and brass foundry of the Neale & Levy shipyard, on the Delaware river, in the northeastern section of the city. A large number of patterns and plans were destroyed, among them several for the construction of the United States cruiser St. Louis, now on the ways in the company's shipyard. An official of the company tonight said the loss of the plans would probably cause some delay in the launching of the cruiser.

## TWO RUSSIAN SHIPS DAMAGED.

Madrid, Oct. 28.—The minister of marine confirms the report of the arrival of a Russian cruiser at Villagasta. The minister has received a telegram from the authorities at Vigo to the effect that two of the Russian battleships now there have sustained damages which will render it impossible for them to leave port