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## SEA FIGHT AT HAND

Hostile Fleets are Fast Approach-  
ing Each Other.

## BOTH SEEN NEAR SINGAPORE

Russians Going in Direction of South  
China Sea, Most Probable  
Scene of Battle.

Singapore, April 8.—The belief is general here that a desperate engagement for the control of the seas is imminent off here between the Japanese defensive fleet, under command of Admiral Togo, and the Russian fleet commanded by Vice Admiral Rojestvensky. The two fleets are rapidly approaching each other, and naval experts here believe that a battle which will decide whether or not Japan is to retain supremacy on the ocean as well as on land will be fought within a fortnight. The captain of a coasting steamer which has put into Penang reports having passed a fleet of 27 armorclads 70 miles to the southeast. The fleet was flying no colors, and when he altered his course to inspect the warships a destroyer sailed up and admonished him to turn back. The warning was promptly heeded.

Several Chinese junks that have arrived here bring the news that the converted fast merchantmen, formerly in the Yokohama-San Francisco trade, are patrolling every avenue through which the Russian fleet might pass in their rush toward Vladivostok, and the bulk of Admiral Togo's big fleet is kept in position where it can be hurled against the Russians as soon as sighted.

Accompanying the main body of the fleet are two floating furnaces that were built at Sasebo, and which are designed to repair all damage that may result to the fleet in its cruising operations. On these ships are mounted huge floating cranes, with which disabled guns can be lifted and which are expected to prove of great service, should the Japanese suffer at the hands of the Russians.

It is the general opinion that the battle will take place in the China sea, and there is a diversity of opinion as to the outcome. While it is admitted that the Japanese fleet has the advantage of seasoned men and experienced commanders, it is also sure that the Russian admiral will enjoy the advantage in weight of metal, and that he has improved the marksmanship of his gunners in the long voyage across is also sure. The battle is sure to be one of the most desperately contested in the history of naval warfare and the element of luck may play a large part in its outcome.

## Forest Fire on South Mountains.

Gettysburg, Pa., April 7.—Forest fires burning over an area of thousands of acres have started in the South mountains, the line of fire extending a distance of three miles. The destruction of valuable lumber is great.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 87c per bushel; blue-stem, 95c; valley, 88c.  
Oats—No. 1 white, \$28@29 per ton; gray, \$27@28 per ton.  
Hay—Timothy, \$14@16 per ton; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$11@12.  
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 17½¢ per dozen.  
Butter—Fancy creamery, 22½¢@24c.  
Potatoes—Oregon fancy, 90¢@\$1; common, 75¢@85.  
Apples—Fancy, \$1.75@2.50 per box; choice, \$1@1.25.  
Hops—Choice 1905, 23½¢@25c per pound.  
Wool—Valley, 20c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 15¢@18c per pound; mohair, choice, 31¢@32c per pound.

## WEST TO DIG CANAL.

Chairman Shonts Says It Will Furnish  
the Right Men.

Chicago, April 10.—Western men are to have a long leeway allowance in the selection of capable engineers and contractors for the work of the Panama canal. Not that there is going to be a sectional discrimination in selecting the subordinates who serve under the new canal commission, but, as Chairman T. P. Shonts said today:

"We wish to employ the men who have practical knowledge of direct construction work, who can do the best and most effective work for the government in the shortest reasonable time and for the best legitimate price—and I love western men.

"I had intended to make certain appointments before my departure for the East, but for purely business reasons I have decided to hold them off. I leave for New York tomorrow, and from there go to Washington, to be with the commission until such time in the near future as I can leave for Panama.

"In selecting superintendents, foremen, engineers and the other skilled labor to be employed on the canal, we will dig up the man that can think, act and do honestly in the best way for the best interests of the United States government. We want the practical man who has had construction experience. And Western men in railway work have had this."

## PUT NO TRUST IN MINES

Fortification Experts Favor Subma-  
rines for Coast Defense.

Newport, R. I., April 11.—The third committee of the fortification board, of which Admiral Charles N. Thomas, U. S. N., is chairman, is devoting special attention to the dangers incident to the use of submarine mines, and it is learned that emphasis will be placed on the advantage of substituting submarine boats for mines for harbor defense. Discussing this subject, a member of the committee said today:

"Mines cannot be relied on in times of war. Trials given submarines in Narragansett bay resulted unsuccessfully, due chiefly to the strong currents which sweep through the harbor and entrances to the bay and make these defenses extremely dangerous. This is one of the important subjects that the fortification board has already taken up and will thoroughly examine during the inspection of fortifications and the land and floating defenses.

"The established fact that a number of the Russian warships were blown up by their own submarine mines, and the present practice in England of discarding submarine mine defenses to a great extent in harbors where there are wide channels to defend and where the tides are strong, and placing there submarine boats, has added to the sentiment in favor of replacing mines with boats."

## Cavalrymen in the Guardhouse.

Burlington, Vt., April 11.—Twenty-five members of Troop B, Fifteenth cavalry, commanded by First Lieutenant George T. Bowman, are in the guardhouse at Fort Ethan Allen tonight as the results of disturbances following payday, while as many more are being sought by a detail of soldiers. The 50 troopers left the post immediately after payday on Thursday, and many disturbances in this city and Winooski followed. The men claim a grievance against Lieutenant Bowman, as a reason for their recent absence.

## Want To Be Paid Monthly.

Santo Domingo, April 6.—The Belgian creditors of Santo Domingo have presented a proposition to President Morales and American Minister Dawson for the monthly payment of \$25,000 to the Belgians, intimating that then they would favor the debt arrangement being concluded. It is expected that the situation will remain unaltered until the United States takes final action regarding the pending convention.

## CZAR IS IN DANGER

Dynamite Is Found Hidden In  
Imperial Palace.

## SECRET POLICE WERE IN PLOT

Twelve Members Arrested and Placed  
in Dungeon—Chance Leads to  
Discovery of Explosive.

St. Petersburg, April 6.—At last the terrorists have succeeded in penetrating the cordon of guards about the czar, and in smuggling high explosives into the palace itself, and as a result there is a feeling of apprehension among all of the high officials and the guards about his majesty have been trebled.

Late yesterday afternoon, as the guard at the palace was being changed, Lieutenant Colonel Shiraupsky, who was in command, noticed that one of the Cossacks who had been posted at the main door was wearing the sword of an infantry officer, and not the sabre of a Cossack. He thereupon called a corporal and placed the man under arrest. He was at once searched and incriminating documents were found on his person.

Search of the palace revealed two packages of dynamite, placed against the main door of the imperial suite, in a dark corner where they were not likely to be noticed.

A searching inquiry was at once instituted, with the result that 12 secret police agents were arrested as accomplices, and all were hurried to the Peter and Paul fortress, where they were interviewed by General Trepoff.

The fact that the terrorists have succeeded in corrupting members of the secret police and soldiers has caused much alarm, and another attempt against a high official is looked for.

## DEAD BY THOUSANDS.

Whole Towns Destroyed by Recent  
Indian Earthquake.

Calcutta, April 10.—Telegraphic communication with Dharmasala has been restored. The latest accounts show that the earthquake was even more disastrous than at first believed. Of a total population of nearly 5,000 in the town of Kangra, it is believed that only 500 are left alive. Many of these have fled.

Of the police only a deputy inspector and four sergeants are alive. Many people are still imprisoned in the ruins. Dharmasala, Kangra, Palampur, Dhawan and all of the neighboring villages were completely wrecked. Scarcely a building remains standing. Not much damage was done at Haripur, Deragopur, Nadaum or Hamirpur.

Suyanpur, having a population of about 6,000 souls, is reported to be in ruins.

The shocks still continue. There is no news from Kulu valley. According to native rumors, a great amount of damage has been done. An official dispatch from Dharmasala says the place is a scene of desolation. Owing to the scarcity of labor, great difficulty is experienced in excavating the ruins, but the Goorkhas are doing excellent work.

## Should Agree on Life-Saving.

Washington, April 8.—The British ambassador, Sir Mortimer Durand, called upon Acting Secretary of State Loomis today to urge a reciprocal arrangement between America and Great Britain respecting the equipment of ocean going steam vessels with life saving devices. The proposition was referred to the department of Commerce and Labor.