

# FIGHT AT SEA

## Russian Fleet at Port Arthur Ventures Out.

### FORT IS EXPECTED TO GIVE UP

Opinion Based on Assertions That Squadron Would Make no Sortie Until Hope Was Gone.

Tokio, Oct. 7.—Tokio has advised that late yesterday evening a naval battle had occurred at Port Arthur. While no details are obtainable other than that the fight is said to have followed a sortie on the part of the Russian squadron, the belief prevails that there can be no doubt as to the outcome. The Russian vessels, as is well known, are in no condition to meet Admiral Togo's well-equipped and thoroughly repaired fleet. In addition to this, the Russians are greatly inferior in numbers.

A sortie at this time by the Russian fleet would have peculiar significance, as it would indicate the land forces found their position had become untenable, and the fall of the stronghold is now expected to follow quickly. It has been stated on numerous occasions lately, and on the best of authority, that the battle-torn fleet bottled up in the harbor of the Port would make no further attempt to escape, until the last hope of relief or holding out had gone.

### FEARS AN AMERICAN PLOT.

#### European Statesmen Believe She Has Designs on Trade.

Paris, Oct. 7.—Some European statesmen are seriously concerned for the economic future of Europe. Certain among them, see, or fancy they see, a deep-laid scheme on the part of the United States for absorbing the commerce of Asia, and appear to think the moment has arrived to issue a serious note of warning.

Today M. Melin, ex-prime minister and leader of the French Protectionists, sounds an alarm in the *Republique Francaise* in an article entitled "The United States in Asia."

M. Melin says no mistake should be made by Europe. He says it is in the direction of the Far East America is evidently turning its commercial ambition. England, he says, will prefer to throw itself into the arms of the great American republic, which is close to her and may render her service. In conclusion M. Melin says:

"One cannot refrain from rather melancholy reflections on the commercial and economic future of old Europe. The more her industry increases that much more her machinery improves, and the more her warehouses are crammed with goods, just so much the more restricted and narrow her expansion abroad becomes. She now finds herself in the presence of a giant, who, with mighty Japan, is taking away her custom. After having seized a portion of that of South America, the giant is now preparing to deprive her of that of the Yellow races, which is the most important in the world. The issue promises to leave to Europe the negroes of the Sudan and the vast regions of Africa, but until that proves profitable poor Europe will have time to stew in her own juice."

### WILD RACE TO ESCAPE DANGER.

#### Blast Furnace Filled With Hot Iron in Wake of Trolley Car.

New York, Oct. 7.—A ten-ton rolling blast furnace filled with hot iron, used for the welding of the joints of trolley tracks has been the cause of an exciting ride for a carload of people in Newark, N. J. The furnace became unmanageable on the top of a steep hill, and started down with rapidly increasing speed in the wake of a trolley car bound toward the center of the city. The motorman put on full speed, but the mass of iron and fire gained steadily. When it seemed a disastrous collision was inevitable, the car crew and ten passengers, several of whom were women, held a hurried consultation and decided that the only chance to save their lives was in jumping.

After the race had gone on for a quarter of a mile, with the furnace steadily gaining, the runaway machine swerved and struck an oncoming car. The passengers escaped serious injury.

### Planning to Remove Buildings.

St. Louis, Oct. 7.—Plans are beginning to assume shape for the restoration of Forest park after the conclusion of the Louisiana Purchase exposition. One member of the restoration committee has been appointed in the person of George E. Kessler, who is at present landscape architect for the exposition. Two other members of the committee are yet to be appointed by the directors of the exposition, and it is probable Mayor Wells will appoint a committee of three to co-operate with the fair committee.

### Steel Plates Being Shipped.

Minneapolis, Oct. 7.—Fifty cars of heavy steel plates, intended for the Japanese government, are now being transhipped at Minnesota transfer. They are from the Carnegie company, at Pittsburg, and are consigned to the company's agent in Japan. The plates vary in thickness from half an inch to an inch and a quarter, and are of the kind ordinarily used in the construction of cruisers and torpedo boats.

### Large Oil Plant Burns.

Findlay, O., Oct. 7.—The plant of the National Refining company was burned today. Loss, \$200,000. The fire was started through lightning striking a tank which at the time contained about 30,000 barrels.

### PLEA NOT IN VAIN.

#### America Gains Another Victory in Russian Court.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 8.—Contrary to general expectations, the representations submitted to Russia by the United States for the recognition, without discrimination, of American passports have not been entirely fruitless. Foreign Minister Lamsdorff's response, communicated to Ambassador McCormick today, even creates the hope that something may actually be accomplished.

After receiving consideration at the foreign office, the American note was referred to the high commission for general revision of passport laws, which was created by imperial ukase, in December, 1903. All matters relating to passports and the exclusion of the Jews are governed by the international laws of the empire, and the question is outside of the direct field of diplomatic negotiation. By referring the representation of the United States, compliance with which would involve a modification of the passport laws, to the commission, which body is competent to set them, a decision of the question may be directly reached.

An official of the foreign office has been appointed by Count Lamsdorff to sit with the commission, thus insuring consideration of the international aspect of the question. Moreover, the commission will sit under the direction of the minister of the interior and Ambassador McCormick, who had an extended talk with Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky, the minister of the interior, upon the subject this afternoon. Found him, as might have been expected from his recent public utterances, quite sympathetic.

### AUTO PLUNGES OVER BANK.

#### Train Strikes the Wreckage and Three People are Killed.

New York, Oct. 8.—While speeding along in the Bronx early this morning an automobile containing nine persons went off an embankment at One Hundred and Sixty-first street and Jerome avenue and two persons, a man and a woman, were killed. The machine fell on to the New York Central tracks, and the wreckage was struck by a south bound train.

In the automobile when the accident occurred were five women and four men. At Jerome avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-first street the roadway is between 30 and 40 feet above the railroad tracks. When the big machine plunged downward it struck near the south end tracks, and the nine persons and the automobile were caught by an incoming train.

Besides the two killed, all the others in the automobile were injured. They were taken to the Fordham hospital, where it was reported at 1:30 this morning that at least four of those hurt were in a serious condition.

One of the passengers on the train said that the train was running about 35 miles an hour when it struck the machine. The machine was a heavy touring car, and it is said was running down Jerome avenue at a rapid rate of speed.

### STATION FOR COLUMBIA.

#### Navy Department is Pushing Establishment of Wireless Telegraphy.

Washington, Oct. 8.—Admiral Maney, chief of the bureau of the equipment of the navy department, has been pushing with great energy the establishment of wireless stations for naval and general maritime use. A report addressed by him to the secretary of the navy some time ago, but just made public, shows the bureau already has established 22 stations along the coast.

Among the stations to be established are the following: San Diego, San Pedro, Point Conception, Point Sur, Point Arenas, Cape Mendocino, Cape Blanco, Columbia river, Cape Flattery, Port Townsend, Bremerton, Washington, Sitka, Dutch Harbor, Kiska island, Honolulu, Midway islands, Guam, Tutuila, Cape Bojador, Point Piedras, Capoes, Ologapo, San Bernardino, Port Subig, Port Cebu, Point Tabuna, Iloilo, Suesia Straits.

### Chairman Tawney Coming.

Portland, Oct. 8.—James Tawney, chairman of the exposition committee of the United States congress, is to visit Portland next summer to attend the Lewis and Clark exposition. Mr. Tawney will be remembered as the congressman who stood by the Oregon delegation at the time the exposition appropriation bill was brought up, and he is in a large measure responsible for the passage of the bill. Word of his intended visit was received yesterday by President Myers, of the state commission.

### May Have Robbed Attachés.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 8.—The French embassy here has received information that two Chinamen have been arrested at Chefoo while trying to exchange \$2,000 in French and German notes, believed to have been stolen from Lieutenant de Cuverville and Captain von Gilgenheim, respectively the French and German naval attachés at Port Arthur, who have mysteriously disappeared. A local paper intimates that the Japanese are the real culprits.

### Deathblow to Bullfighting in Spain.

Madrid, Oct. 8.—The Institute of Social Reforms, after a heated discussion today, decided by 13 votes to eight to ratify the absolute prohibition of Sunday bull fighting. This is considered to be the death blow to bull fighting in Spain.

### PAYNE IS NO MORE.

#### Heart Disease Causes the Death of Postmaster General.

Washington, Oct. 6.—Henry C. Payne, postmaster general of the United States, a member of the national Republican committee, a stalwart of his party, with the history of which, in his home state and nationally, he had been identified for many years, died at his apartments at the Arlington hotel at 6:10 last night, aged 60 years. Death was due to disease of the mitral valve and dilation of the heart.

Mr. Payne has been in poor health for at least two years, but his last illness covered only seven days, an attack of heart trouble last week precipitating the end, at a time when, after a rest, he appeared to have recovered a small measure of the vitality impaired by years of arduous labor. Death came after nearly six hours of unconsciousness. The last official caller to inquire as to Mr. Payne's condition was President Roosevelt, and he had been gone only about ten minutes when the stricken member of the cabinet expired.

The death of the postmaster general came as the result really of a succession of sinking spells due to a weak heart that enfeebled the sick man until finally the heart literally gave out. Never in recent years robust, Mr. Payne was unable to withstand the shock of the sinking spells, and last Friday, when he had two sinking spells, it was believed he was rapidly approaching the end. While moderate doses of heart remedies sufficed at first, it became necessary by Sunday to give much more powerful stimulants, and the doses were given in greater quantities than on any previous day.

### SOVEREIGNTY IS RECOGNIZED.

#### Diplomats on Isthmus of Panama Will Be Accredited to America.

Washington, Oct. 6.—Chile has formally recognized the absolute sovereignty of the United States over the Panama canal zone. Other nations which have been holding back to await the outcome of the diplomatic test case will do the same. The result will be that practically all the foreign diplomats on the isthmus will be accredited to this country instead of Panama.

Chile some time ago applied for an equatum for Greenimo Ossa, who was appointed consul at Panama. The request was withheld, owing to the unsettled condition of affairs. Though this country exercises full control over the canal zone, the land belongs to Panama. Today the secretary of state disposed of the question by issuing the exequatur, but instead of being in the regular form it is a notification to General Davis, governor general of the canal zone, that Mr. Ossa is authorized to represent Chile in all diplomatic matters involving the canal strip. This will probably involve further differences between this government and the republic of Panama.

### CORTELYOU WILL SUCCEED HIM.

#### He is Expected to Enter the Office About December 1.

Washington, Oct. 6.—In succession to Mr. Payne, George Bruce Cortelyou, ex-secretary of the department of commerce and labor, and now chairman of the Republican national committee, will become postmaster general.

Mr. Cortelyou's appointment as head of the postoffice department was determined on several months ago by President Roosevelt, when Mr. Payne indicated to the president his desire to retire from the department on account of the precarious state of his health. Mr. Payne would have resigned the portfolio long ago had it not been for the then pending investigation of the affairs of the department. He felt, however, and said many times to his friends, that he could not relinquish the duties of the office while the investigation was pending, and expressed his determination to carry this work to a conclusion.

### Perish in Flood.

Santa Fe, N. M., Oct. 6.—Reports received here from different points in the flooded territory show that the loss of life occurred in the past week is greater than heretofore believed. At least 20 persons perished, and all sections have not been definitely heard from. Ten Santa Fe passenger trains are tied up at Santa Fe tonight, but passengers are being sent east and west over the Rock Island and Southern Pacific roads, connection being effected through the Santa Fe Central, which resumed operations today.

### Believes Confession Not True.

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 6.—Robert Romaine, who confessed to complicity in the Independence and Vindicator outrages in Colorado, was taken to the Kansas penitentiary from here today. He will serve a sentence for robbery. The Colorado officials have decided to drop for the present all notion of prosecuting Romaine for his alleged part in the explosions, as they believe his confession is not true, and made with the sole purpose of evading punishment.

### Japan Does Not Fear Cruisers.

Tokio, Oct. 6.—The navy department discredits the report that three Russian cruisers *Rossia*, *Gromobol* and *Bogatyr* have been repaired at Vladivostok and are about to descend for another raid on the Japanese coast. The navy department further expresses the belief that the *Bogatyr* is completely disabled.

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