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MISTAKE MADE

Russian Says Ships Fired on Each Other.

SHIPS WERE SEPARATED IN FOG

He Also Offers to Give Commission His Version of the Dogger Bank Incident.

London, Nov. 23.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail wires a sensational interview which he asserts was granted him by an officer of the Russian cruiser Aurora. It corroborates the theory that the vessels of the Baltic fleet fired on each other at the Dogger bank, the attacking ship being caught in a heavy fog and mistaking the hazy forms of others for Japanese vessels. The interview begins with a circumstantial description of the order of sailing of the two divisions of the Baltic fleet. The Aurora was in the first division and a considerable distance ahead of the flagship of the second. During the evening a heavy fog settled over the water and the first division's progress was seriously impeded. Thus it came about that the flagship of the second overtook the Aurora, and suddenly a shot crossed her bow, followed by a volley which killed the chaplain and wounded several of the crew.

Admiral Rojestvensky's flagship was a considerable distance ahead at the time, but the commander sent a message to the admiral, informing him he had been fired on. By that time the Aurora and several other ships had approached the Gamecock fleet within a short distance. The lights of the fishing vessels served as targets and 350 shots were fired by the Russians. Then the mistake was discovered. The officer insists, according to the Mail's correspondent, that if summoned, he will repeat this version of the Dogger bank affair.

TROOPS RUSHING TO ARTHUR.

Next Japanese Assault Will Be Tremendous Affair.

Chefoo, Nov. 23.—A Japanese official, among the latest arrivals from Dalny, states positively that the general attack on Port Arthur has not been resumed. Rumors to that effect in Dalny have arisen because fresh troops, including the seventh division, recently landed, are being sent to the front.

It is believed that the explosion which took place on November 16 occurred in some counter tunneling work. The second explosion, which was heard on November 19, was much heavier, and it is reported upon the best authority was due to the blowing up of a Russian magazine.

It is expected that the next attack on Port Arthur will be a tremendous affair. More reinforcements are coming to the support of General Nogi than to Field Marshal Oyama.

The Japanese are now constructing coast defense forts at Pigeon bay, which is accepted as an indication that they expect to be defending Port Arthur themselves some day.

REBELS KILL AND LOOT.

Serious State of Unrest Continues in Armenia.

London, Nov. 23.—A serious state of unrest continues in Armenia, where killing and looting prevail, according to a letter received in London today by the Bible Lands missionary society from Dr. Reynolds, of the American board of foreign missions. Writing from Van, October 26, Dr. Reynolds says:

"Both the political and economical conditions are very unsatisfactory. Poverty has greatly increased, business is pretty much at a standstill, and to crown all the revolutionists are so much in evidence that the people are in constant fear lest another massacre be precipitated. At the beginning of September, Van was brought to the very verge of massacre and more recently an important village has been looted and burned with 20 or more persons killed. So you see, the prospects for the winter are far from bright."

Packers May Face Strike.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—Trouble is brewing again at the stockyards between the butchers and employers. Today the 54 butchers employed by the Hammond packing company ceased work because of alleged discrimination against union workmen by the employers. It was announced tonight by the officials of the Butcher workmen's union that unless a satisfactory settlement of the difficulty is reached at once, the members of the organization employed in the other packing plants in Chicago will be ordered out on strike.

Fast Lining Up for Peace.

Washington, Nov. 23.—One by one the powers are lining up in hearty support of President Roosevelt's suggestion that another session of The Hague tribunal be convened to complete the work outlined by the first peace conference. Secretary Hay today received cordial acceptance from Sweden and Mexico.

MISTAKES LIGHTS.

Steamer Sicilian Prince Ashore on Long Island.

New York, Nov. 23.—The Prince line steamship Sicilian Prince, from Genoa and Naples, lies aground tonight on the Long Island shore, one mile west of the Long Beach life saving station. The steamer stranded just before daylight this morning and all efforts throughout the day to get the ship into deeper water have proved futile. Four tugs are standing by the vessel, and with hawsers made fast to bow and stern, by their united efforts are keeping her from being washed further on the beach.

An attempt was made to float the Sicilian Prince at flood tide, about 5 o'clock this afternoon, and with the assistance of her own engines she was moved about 1,000 feet, but still held fast to the sandy bottom. The vessel lies easy on the beach. There is little surf and hardly any wind, and unless a storm breaks it is expected the ship will be pulled off the bar at flood tide in the morning. Should this attempt fail the 600 stowage and 12 cabin passengers will be taken off on steamboats or tugs and brought to this city and the cargo will be lightered. The vessel lies 300 yards off shore in about 18 feet of water.

Captain William Hank, of the Prince liner, saw the sandy Hook light and mistook it for the Barnegat light on the Jersey coast. The steamer grounded so easily that few of the passengers knew of the ship's predicament until daylight.

COMPLAINS OF ENEMY'S TACTICS.

General Balsehoff Says Russian Hospital Ships are Fired Upon.

Chefoo, Nov. 23.—General Balsehoff, the head of the Red Cross society at Port Arthur, sent to the Associated Press on the torpedo boat destroyer Rastoropny, which arrived here from Port Arthur November 16, and which was subsequently destroyed by her crew in this harbor, a personal letter charging the Japanese with a violation of the rules of civilized warfare. Owing to an error the letter was not delivered to the Associated Press until today.

In his letter General Balsehoff requests the publication of the charges that the Japanese deliberately disregarded the obligations of the Geneva and Hague conventions. He says that they have compelled the abandonment by the Russians of three plainly marked hospital ships, and that the wounded who were aboard the half sunken steamer Angara also had to be removed. These ships, says General Balsehoff, were anchored where they did not interfere with the Japanese fire against the Russian warships.

He further says that the Japanese who use balloons to direct their fire, and who drop their shells with minute accuracy into the harbor, cannot mistake the hospital ships, and he charges that they deliberately drive the wounded from the ships for the purpose of sinking the vessels.

ORGY OF SAILORS.

Officers and Men of Baltic Fleet in Wild Carouse.

Canes, Island of Crste, Nov. 23.—Disgraceful scenes transpired yesterday when several groups of officers and men of the vessels belonging to the Baltic fleet in this port left various drinking houses and paraded the streets. The Russians were evidently intoxicated.

Brandishing their swords and other weapons, they made a wild rush at the peaceful passers-by. At least five of these were murdered by the Russians, and many others wounded and a large number cuffed and beaten. The brawls continued until late into the night.

Under cover of darkness the drunkards grew wilder still and their shouts and loud talk scared most people into their houses. The streets became practically deserted by the residents. It is reported that least 40 of the Russian soldiers have so far deserted.

Evidence of unimpeachable character exists showing that the discipline on board the ships is unparalleled in its laxity and that the men, being intoxicated most of the time, cannot be controlled by the few of their sober and serious-minded officers.

Chicago Railways Sold.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—The Record-Herald says: Thirty-six million dollars is to be paid for the Chicago City railway by a syndicate headed by Marshall Field, P. A. Valentine and John J. Mitchell, of Chicago, and J. P. Morgan, Thomas Ryan and their associates of New York City. Mr. Morgan's Wall street firm and one other trust company, not yet named, will underwrite the deal. The moneyed men of the East and West have joined and will buy up city railway stock at \$200 a share.

Looks Like a Sausage.

Chefoo, Nov. 23.—The local Russian consul has received from Port Arthur a letter describing the use by the Japanese of a peculiar missile. This looks like a long sausage. The Japanese throw it into the trenches, and it bursts, giving off an odor so foul that if it is not thrown out of the trenches immediately the soldiers faint. The gas is not fatal in its effects.

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

BETTER THAN WHEAT.

Eastern Oregon Farmer Raises 40 Acres of Potatoes.

Pendleton — John Ferguson, who raised a crop of potatoes on his land adjoining the city limits on the south side of Pendleton, has drawn the conclusion that potato raising is much more profitable than raising wheat.

On 40 acres of land Mr. Ferguson this season raised 40 sacks to the acre, or 1,600 sacks. As the market price has been on an average of at least \$1.25 a sack since the beginning of the potato season up to the present time, he estimates that his crop has brought him in the neighborhood of \$2,000, without a great deal of labor. This land was in wheat last season, growing about 30 bushels to the acre. At the same ratio had it been in wheat he would have had 1,200 bushels, and at the market price of 75 cents a bushel, would total \$900. Besides the crop of potatoes the land, as a result of the cultivation, is more benefited than had it been summer fallowed.

The potatoes grown in soil of the nature of this field are of the best quality. Being large, smooth and free from clinging soil, they command a premium of from 25 to 50 cents a sack in California markets, in direct competition with California potatoes.

The whole of Umatilla county has the same soil as this particular field, and instead of summer fallowing the entire wheat area, it has been demonstrated time and again that a crop of potatoes or corn can be grown with profit and to better advantage for the soil than the rest.

Electric Line Has Free Way.

La Grande — The La Grande city council, at a recent meeting, favorably considered the granting of a franchise for a right of way into the city limits of the Eastern Oregon Development company for an electric railway. As the Union county court and the towns of Union and Cove have granted a franchise, the company will now go on with the work of connecting all principal points in the valley with an electric line, including the Hot Lake sanatorium, Union to Cove, and from Cove to Summerville, Elgin, Island City and La Grande. The company has been given all necessary encouragement as to tonnage, and part of the road will be completed by October, 1905.

An Accommodating Raspberry Bush.

Albany—A raspberry bush on which there are ripe raspberries, green raspberries, buds and full blossoms stands in the door yard of the residence of George Wright, in this city. On one limb there are 12 ripe, fully developed berries and 15 green berries. Ripe raspberries and a raspberry bush in full bloom in the middle of November are both curiosities, and when the two are combined in one the circumstance is unusual. Mr. Wright selected a limb on which there were ripe and green berries, and also buds and blossoms and placed it on exhibition in the window of a local office.

Apples by Carloads.

La Grande—The apple crop of Union county is being picked and packed as rapidly as possible, and the Oregon Produce company, of La Grande, has already purchased 31 cars of the best varieties to ship out to the markets. From 12 to 15 cars have been shipped from the Cove district, and there are now about 25 cars awaiting shipment from there. The Oregon Produce company will build another large storage building in the near future at La Grande. Six hundred boxes are being packed a day. Many apples are being stored for the growers also by this company, awaiting better prices.

Land Prices are Higher.

Pendleton—County Assessor C. P. Strain has just completed making the real estate transfers to his assessment roll for the past year. They number nearly 1,000, not counting over 500 recorded on the books as described by meets and bounds. The latter are principally the section in the vicinity of Milton and Freewater, where the land is cut into small tracts. Mr. Strain says the prices recorded on the land sales far exceed those of previous years. Several quarter sections are recorded as having been sold at \$9,500.

Looks for Eastern Apple Market.

La Grande—E. C. Carbine, one of the leading fruit growers in the Grand Ronde, has left for the East with two car loads of choice apples grown here, and will visit New York and other important cities to look up a market for the many apples that the growers wish to ship East. If the experiment meets with favor, many car loads will be sent out from here.

NEW WING FOR ASYLUM.

Recommendations to be Made to the Oregon Legislature.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain, Secretary of State Dunbar and State Treasurer Moore visited the state insane asylum a few days ago to investigate the need of an addition to accommodate the rapidly increasing number of patients. That more room will be needed is certain and the only question before the board was whether to recommend to the legislature the construction of a new closed cottage at the asylum farm or a new wing at the main building.

Because of the better facilities for water supply and sewerage at the main building it was decided to recommend the construction of a new wing. This addition will cost about \$40,000 and will provide room for 120 more patients.

The population at the asylum is increasing at the rate of 50 to 60 a year, or 100 to 120 in a biennial term. A new wing will therefore provide only for the increase in the next two years.

Lane's Display of Products.

Eugene—The committee from the Eugene Commercial club, which has been working for an exhibit of Lane county products at the Lewis and Clark exposition, has appointed E. M. Warren, an enthusiastic farmer of Coburg, to superintend the collection of agricultural and horticultural exhibits. Mr. Warren will take up the work at once and will devote his time and energies towards making an exhibit that will surpass anything of the kind ever before shown from this county. He has had valuable experience in making exhibits at state and county fairs, and already has a large assortment of grains, grasses, canned fruits, nuts, etc., and will add to this by securing the best that can be produced of all kinds of products before the opening of the exposition. The county has already made an appropriation to defray the expenses of collection.

Rich Ore of Bohemia.

Cottage Grove — Twelve tons of ore selected from the Bohemia mining district have been shipped to Portland for exhibit at the Lewis and Clark exposition. Three thousand pounds are already at Portland at the bureau of information. Another shipment will be made in the spring. When all the ore is assembled Bohemia will be represented by 20 tons of ore that cannot be excelled. D. H. Weyatt, solicitor of minerals, has been here several days, assisting in the accumulation of these ores and announces that he is much gratified with this collection and the vigorous manner in which the miners of Bohemia collected these minerals.

Poultry Show at Albany.

Albany—The executive committee of the Central Willamette Poultry association met in this city and perfected arrangements for their third annual poultry show, which is to be held in Albany, January 18 to 21, inclusive. Prizes for the three best birds of each kind in each class will be given, as in the past. Three silver cups are to be offered as special premiums, one to be given to the best pen in the American class, another for the best pen in the Mediterranean class, and the other for the best collection of cock, cockerel, hen and pullet in the show.

Contract for 1,000-Foot Well.

La Grande — Senator A. McDonald, of Allice, has just made a contract with Mr. Hunt, an expert artisan well digger of California, providing for the sinking of a well 1,000 feet deep for the Union County Artesian Well company. The location of the well depends on which farmer in the vicinity of the well gives the most toward the expense. Thomas McConnell has a well down at this time to a depth of 514 feet and operations have been suspended until the arrival of 900 feet more of casing which has been ordered.

Paper Mills Resume Operations.

Oregon City—After having been shut down for five weeks because of an unprecedented low stage of water in the river, the paper mills have resumed operation here. Resumption of work at these large institutions furnishes 425 men with regular employment and will materially add to the monthly payroll in this city.

Fine Display from Blue River.

Eugene—The ore for the Blue river exhibit at the Lewis and Clark exposition is now being hauled to Eugene and will be stored until such time as the exposition is in shape to receive it. The miners are all interested in the matter and will make a fine display.

Northwest Wheat Markets.

Portland—Walla Walla, 83c; bluestem, 88c; valley, 87½c.
Tacoma—Bluestem, 90c; club, 87c.