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JAPANESE LOSE TWO WARSHIPS

One by Collision One by Russian Mine

BLACK SEA FLEET MAY PASS DARDANELLES

Japanese Fleet Near New Chwang--Casualties in Battle of Yalu--Czar's Birthday Celebrated

Japanese Warships Sunk
Chee Foo, May 19--Dalney refugees who arrived today, insist that the Japanese fleet suffered severely in their operations between Port Arthur and Dalny. The losses include the battleship Kishima and either the cruiser Asama or the battleship Fuji Fuji, both of which struck mines. The Russian boats went out to rescue the Japanese from the sinking vessels, but were forced to retire when the Japanese were reinforced. The Russian Consul has a Dalny dispatch stating that two Japanese battleships were lost Monday, and that Port Arthur harbor passage has been partially opened by the removal of one of the Japanese warships.

Officially Confirmed
London, May 19--An official dispatch received this afternoon announced that the Japanese cruiser Koshino and the battleship Hatsuse were sunk off Port Arthur and over six hundred lives were lost. Of the crew of the battleship, 641 were saved.

The Black Sea Fleet
London, May 19--The Central News Odessa correspondent wires that the whole Russian sea fleet has been ordered to be held on a complete footing from August first. Meanwhile the fleet is divided in two squadrons and executing a series of practical evolutions in the Crimean waters. It is reported that an arrangement has been arrived at, whereby Turkey will allow the fleet to pass the Dardanelles for service in the far East.

Togo's Report
Tokio, May 19--Togo reports: "A report from Rear Admiral Dewa says the cruisers Kasuga and Yoshino collided during a fog at Port Arthur on May 15th. The Yoshino sank, only 90 of her crew being saved. On the same day the battleship Hatsuse struck a Russian mine and sank."
A supplementary report by Togo says: "Fourteen minutes past one on the afternoon of the 15th in a deep fog

at Port Arthur the Kasuga rammed the Yoshino, sinking the latter in a few minutes. Ninety of the crew were saved.
"On the same morning, the Hatsuse, while cruising off Port Arthur, covering the landing of soldiers, struck a mine ten knots southeast of the harbor entrance.
"She signaled for help and instantly struck another mine. She sank in half an hour. Three hundred of her crew were saved by torpedo boats."

Jap Fleet Sighted

New Chwang, May 19--The Japanese fleet was sighted ten miles north of Kaichow today. The Japanese troops marched several miles inland from Kaichow and destroyed four miles of railroad, and captured a commissariat train.

Exact List of Casualties
Tokio, May 19--General Kuroki today sent the following list of the exact number of killed and wounded in the battle of the Yalu: Japanese: 31 killed, 783 injured. Russians, 133 corpses buried by the Japanese.

Czar's Birthday Celebrated

St. Petersburg, May 19--Despite the absence of the Czar on his rounds of bidding farewell to the various regiments, the celebration of his majesty's birthday will proceed with the usual brilliancy. A salute of 123 guns will be fired at the naval fort, and the streets and shipping will be decorated.
The Japanese disasters have afforded some additional reasons for rejoicing, which will be taken advantage of, in view of the long depression of the public spirits.

Corea Annuls Treaties

Washington, May 19--Minister Allen cables the State Department from Seoul that the Korean government has by imperial decree formally annulled all treaties and agreements with the Russian government, including the timber concessions on the Yalu river.

Ammunition Disappeared

Birmingham, May 19--The Post prints an Odessa report that fifty thousand rounds of heavy ammunition reserved at Kherson either disappeared or was worthless, and an inquiry is proceeding.

FOLSOM CON- VICT GUILTY OF MURDER

Sacramento, May 19--Harry Eldredge, one of the Folsom escapees, was found guilty of murder this afternoon.

Lafollette Re-nominated

Madison, May 19--Lafollette was re-nominated for governor this making his third term, at the Republican convention this morning.

REVOLUTION- ISTS LOSE HEAVILY

Cape Haytien, May 19--In a battle of the government troops and the revolutionists at Guyacane, the government force had thirty killed and wounded. The revolutionists lost heavily. Five revolutionary generals have gone to Porto Rico for safety.

Sherman Cut Out

Springfield, May 19--Two ballots were taken this morning with no change. The convention voted down the proposition to take up the nominations for the minor offices ahead of that of governor.

Springfield, May 19--At the end of the 56th ballot, the convention recessed till three. The last ballot saw the elimination of Sherman, whose vote went to Denan.

MORE MONEY FOR DREDGING

Engineer M. L. Tower informs the MAIL that \$5,500 has been set aside for continuance of the dredging work on the Pony slough shoal. This is the result of the efforts of the Coos Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Prominent Specialist Suicides

Heidelberg, May 20--Professor Czerny, the celebrated authority on diseases of the nerves and insanity, suicided today.

ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN CONVENTION Adjourns Without A Choice

Springfield, May 20--After a ten day's session, eight which were spent in fruitless balloting, the Republican state convention this morning adjourned until May 31, after taking 58 ballots, the last resulting: Yates 483, Lowden 392, Denen 285, Hamlin 113, Warner 53, Sherman 46, Pierce 29.

BIG FIRE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Redding, Cal. May 20--Incendiarism started a fire in three places in the main lumber yard of the Terry lumber company in this city this morning, and at 1:25 over one million feet of lumber had been burned and the losses are estimated at about \$25,000.

The fire was terrific and for a time the north end of town was in danger. Taken in connection with the fire at the Chico mill yesterday, lumbermen believe there is an organized plan to destroy all the lumber yards in northern California. Decreased wages and consolidation of lumber interests are believed to be the cause.

STEAMER STRIKES AND SINKS

Halifax, May 20--The steamer Turret Bay struck St. Pauls island today. She backed off, but sank in twenty minutes and many were drowned. She was bound from Sidney for Montreal.

WARSHIPS BOUND FOR TANGIER

London, May 20--Gibraltar advices say the British torpedo boat No. 88 has sailed for Tangiers. Two American warships have sailed from the Canaries for Tangiers to obtain the release of Perdicaris Varley who was captured by Moroccan bandits.

THUNDERER GETS OFF ITS PERCH

London, May 20--The announcement was unofficially made today in London that the Times intends to reduce the price to yearly subscribers to one penny. The Mail says that the "Thunderer" has practically succumbed to the influence of live journalism.

OHIO CONVEN- TION DOES BUSINESS

Columbus, May 18--The session of Republican state convention proceeded to business promptly this morning by adopting a platform which re-affirms the party's policies, state and national, and instructs for Roosevelt. Noha Swayne, of Toledo, and Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati, were nominated for presidential electors by acclamation. D. C. Laylin was nominated unanimously for Secretary of state this making his third term.

JAPANESE CAN ALSO RETIRE

When up Against Superior Force

HAYASHI DEPRESSED RUSSIANS ELATED

Heavy Firing Again at Port Arthur--Casualties at Kai Chow--Japanese Officers Lost

Kuropatkin in Evidence

St. Petersburg, May 20--It is reported that Kuropatkin, commanding the Russian forces in person, checked the Japanese advance toward Lia Yang, the headquarters of the Russian army.

Standing Army at Tukushan

London, May 20--The Japanese minister advises that a standing Japanese army will be maintained at Tukushan on the east coast of the Lia Tung peninsula, a short distance southwest of Antung.

Skrydloff at Sea

Rome, May 20--The Agenzia Libera has a dispatch from Harbin which says Admiral Skrydloff arrived at Vladivostok from St. Petersburg and later put to sea with five cruisers and three destroyers. It is conjectured that he will attempt to reach Port Arthur.

Another Skirmish

Tokio, May 20--A report has been received here today that a force of Japanese reconnoitering in the direction of Shanchusan, northwest of Feng Huang Cheng, repulsed a force of Russians. The Japanese lost five killed and the Russians fifty.

Crave Losses for Japs

Tokio, May 20--Announcement is made that the losses among the officers in the battleship Hatsuse are commanders, Takamoto, Nic, Armora and twenty two others; on the cruiser Yoshino, sunk in collision with Kasuga, Captain Ayeki, commander, Hirowateri and twenty other officers lost. The report that the battleships Shinkishima and Fuji were damaged off Port Arthur is denied.

St. Petersburg, May 20--Rejoicing over the Japanese losses off Port Arthur continued today, large crowds taking possession of the principal streets and cheering. The sinking of the war ships is attributed to the Russian torpedo boats--not to floating mines.

Tokio, May 20--An official report of the taking of Kai Chow by the Jap-

anese Monday says the total casualties of the Russians were 300.

The place was defended by the fifteenth, fourteenth and sixteenth sharpshooters, of the regiments, and eight machine guns. The Russians left on the field thirty dead officers and men.

Cheefoo, May 20--Heavy firing is heard in the direction of Port Arthur today and it is believed a battle is being fought there.

London, May 20--Baron Hayashi, Japanese minister to England, is confined to his bed today, suffering from influenza, and refuses to receive visitors.

He is very much depressed over the losses off Port Arthur.

New Chwang, May 20--On Monday last, twenty thousand Japanese troops encountered thirty-two thousand Russians sixty miles west of Feng Huang Cheng. The Japanese retreated without serious loss.

New Chwang, May 20--The Japanese retreated because they deemed it unwise to risk battle during a strategic movement. Cossacks harassed the Japanese flanks with considerable losses on both sides.

The main body of the Japs soon joined when the Russians stopped pursuit.

London, May 20--Reuters' New Chwang correspondent says the retirement of the Japanese army on Feng Huang Cheng is officially confirmed.

Tokio, May 20--It is officially given out that a section of Japanese infantry, of Lia Tung forces, reconnoitering in the direction of Shanchusan, met two sections of Russian infantry. The Russians were repulsed in thirty minutes.

Japanese casualties were one officer and four men killed, one officer and eight men wounded; Russian's, one officer and forty to fifty men killed.

St. Petersburg, May 20--A Vladivostok dispatch under today's date says that Japanese ships are hovering about the entrance of the harbor. All is quiet.

St. Petersburg, May 20--A Mukden dispatch announces that a Russian detachment encountered a Japanese force marching westward on the 18th, and succeeded in turning it.

Another detachment met a force of Japanese twelve miles north of Feng Huang Cheng and after a hand to hand fight the Japanese fled panic stricken, driven by the Russians at the points of their bayonets.

The general staff denies the report that the Russian cruiser Bogatyr was wrecked at the entrance of Vladivostok harbor.