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DETAILS OF THE DISASTER

MYSTERY OF PETROPAVLOVSK'S DESTRUCTION PARTIALLY CLEARED.

CATASTROPHE AN ACCIDENT

Battleship Evidently Ran Into a Mine While Steaming Toward the Harbor.

Russian Squadron Was Retiring From the Advance of a Superior Japanese Fleet and Steering Toward the Entrance to Port Arthur—Two Explosions Occur and Vessel Sank Quickly

ST. PETERSBURG, April 14.—The Associated Press obtained tonight what is practically an official version of the sinking of the battleship Petropavlovsk at Port Arthur and it clears up to a great extent the mysterious features of the vessel's destruction. The version is as follows:

Retiring before the advance of a superior Japanese fleet which was not fighting its progress, the Russian squadron approached the entrance to the harbor. It was shortly after 8 o'clock in the morning and most of the officers and members of the crew were at breakfast on the flagship. Vice Admiral Makaroff was eating breakfast in his cabin and the ward room was crowded with officers surrounding tables. On the bridge Grand Duke Cyril, his friend Lieutenant Von Kobe, Captain Jakovlev, commanding the vessel, and two other officers were on the watch examining the narrow entrance preparatory to entering it.

At about 8:30 o'clock there was a terrible explosion of the boilers, followed a few seconds later by a detonation from the well-stored magazines. Huge gaps were torn in the hull of the ship and the water rushed in. The center of gravity having gone, the ship rolled on her side and sank. All the information tends to prove a mine was responsible for the destruction of the Petropavlovsk. The scene below will never be described as, so far as is known, not a single person between decks succeeded in escaping.

Two Causes Possible.

Paris, April 14.—A dispatch to the Temps from St. Petersburg says: "The causes of the catastrophe at Port Arthur are limited to two hypotheses, a submerged Russian mine or an explosion on board of the Petropavlovsk. All the victims are badly burned and the catastrophe was complete within one minute and a half."

"The fleet remaining at Port Arthur is reduced to a strictly defensive basis. The commander of the Czarovitch perished on the Petropavlovsk before he had assumed command of the battleship."

Returning the Call.

Seoul, April 14.—Yi Chi Ying, minister of foreign affairs, with a suite of six officials left today on the Japanese transport Kiasiro Maru for Japan to return the compliment of Marquis Ito's visit to Corea.

Successor to Makaroff.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—It has been definitely decided that Vice Admiral Skrydloff, commander of the Black Sea fleet, will succeed the late Admiral Makaroff. Orders have been sent to Vice Admiral Skrydloff to come to St. Petersburg for the purpose of receiving instructions, after which he will leave immediately for the far East.

Says Japs Sank Battleship.

Paris, April 15.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo De Paris under this morning's date sends the following: "I learn the firm opinion prevails in naval circles based on the telegrams from the surviving officers the loss of the Petropavlovsk and the injuries to the Pobieda were caused by torpedoes launched by the Japanese and by submarine vessels; hitherto it has not been believed that the Japanese had any submarine boats, but it is now admitted that such boats might have been received with the cruisers bought from Argentine and brought out from Genoa by English crews. It is difficult to verify this, but the admiralty is of the opinion that the cruiser brought out two submarine vessels."

Is the Channel Blocked.

St. Petersburg, April 15 (5:25 a. m.)—Rumors are current here that Vice Admiral Togo sent in a number of steamers on March 31 and succeeded in sinking several of them and in blocking the channel at Port Arthur. The rumors cannot be confirmed at this hour. The date referred to by the correspondent in the above is, probably according to the old style calendar by which the event would have taken place on April 13, the new style.

Battleship Pobieda Injured.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—Admiral Oskmotsky wires from Port Arthur to day that the Bezstrashni, one of the Russian torpedo boat destroyers sent out during the night to reconnoitre, became separated from the rest of the fleet, was surrounded by Japanese torpedo boat destroyers and sunk in a fight. Five men were saved. The admiral adds: "During some maneuvering of the battleship squadron, the Pobieda struck against a mine amidships on the starboard side. She was able to regain port by herself. No one was killed or wounded."

"I Never Knew Painkiller to Fail before, what can the matter be? Where is the bottle? There, I thought so; it is not Perry Davis' Painkiller at all, but something the druggist must have made himself and I did not notice it. I have used Painkiller for years for diarrhoea, cramps and stomach aches and it never failed."

AND ALL IS WELL

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION CONCLUDES ITS LABORS AND ADJOURNS SINE DIE.

Chief Justice Moore, Food Commissioner Bailey, Circuit Judge Burnett are all Renominated and John H. McNary Will Make the Race For District Attorney—National Delegates and Electors Elected.

PORTLAND, Or., April 14.—The state Republican convention which met here today elected four delegates to the Republican national convention at Chicago, who were instructed to support Theodore Roosevelt for the nomination for President. Resolutions were passed endorsing the present administration. The convention tonight ratified the proceedings of the district Congressional convention which were held yesterday.

Much Work in Hand.

SALEM, OREGON, April 14.—E. O. McCormick, assistant traffic director of the Harriman railroad lines, left tonight for Chicago via Portland. He will be met at Sacramento by Traffic Director J. C. Stubbs. There is a

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Bodily pain loses its terror if you've a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the house. Instant relief in case of burns, cuts, sprains, accidents of any kind.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE
John F. Cordray, Mgr.
Tuesday, April 19th
HON. HENRY WATTERSON
The Kentucky Orator, Confederate Soldier and Southern Statesman
A RARE TREAT
Prices \$1.00, 75c and 50c
Seats on sale at box office, Tuesday at 9 a. m.

good deal of business to be transacted in Portland in connection with the changes that have recently been made in the management of the Oregon lines.

"I stood in a Draft

with my coat off and caught this wretched cold," says the sufferer. He need not pay a heavy penalty if he follow his act of folly with an act of wisdom. Soak the feet in hot water with a few teaspoonful of Perry Davis' Painkiller in it. Take a teaspoonful of Painkiller in hot sweetened water at bed time and be thankful for so simple and speedy a way to break up a cold. There is but one Painkiller, Perry Davis'.

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VESSEL HAD A CLOSE SHAVE

OFFICERS OF MISSOURI HEADED FOR SHORE AFTER THE EXPLOSION.

CAPTAIN COWLES INTERFERED

to Salem from Albany, where he held a similar position.

Admitted to the Bar.

Upon motion of Attorney Grant B. Dimick, mayor of Oregon City, the supreme court yesterday admitted J. H. Westover, of Oregon City, to the permanent practice of law in the courts of Oregon, he having practiced in Oregon City during the probationary period of nine months.

Visited Indian School.

A party of ladies from the ladies' hall of Willamette University yesterday spent the day at Chemawa, visiting the Indian Training School. In the party were Miss Katherine McDonald, Misses Ida and Anna Officer, Miss Ella Evans and Ruby Coryell.

Cruel Treatment Is Alleged.

George Stresse has commenced divorce proceedings against his wife, Minnie Stresse, in Judge Boise's department of the circuit court. The parties to the suit were married in North Dakota on October 24, 1894, and in his complaint the husband alleges cruel and inhuman treatment on the part of his wife. He asks the court for a decree of divorce and that he be awarded the care and custody of their four minor children ranging in ages from 1 to 7 years. The defendant is now supposed to be a resident of North Dakota. M. E. Pogue appears as the attorney for the plaintiff.

They All Went to Portland.

A great deal of interest, more than was anticipated was manifested in the state convention which met in Portland yesterday. With a few exceptions every delegate to the Congressional convention went to Portland on the afternoon train to see the fun, as they were not satisfied with the expeditious manner in which business was transacted at the Salem convention. Among the Salemites going down were Hal D. Patton, J. M. Kyle and Mark S. Skiff, each of whom is a candidate for a position on the state central committee from Marion county. A few of the many local men and visitors who went to Portland on the afternoon train were: H. J. Bigger, John A. Carson, Hal D. Patton, H. S. Radcliff, E. Eckerlen, C. B. Moores, A. W. Prescott, H. A. Johnson, Frank Middleton, J. W. Bailey, of Portland, Dr. Withycombe of Corvallis, Geo. C. Brownell, O. P. Hoff, I. L. Patterson, H. E. Ankeny, James U. Campbell, of Oregon City, Geo. G. Bingham, Mrs. J. G. Graham, B. F. Jones of Lincoln, Chris Bell, Dr. Calbreath, John W. Roland, Mark Skiff, E. R. Bryson of Corvallis, E. P. McCormack, Henry Snyder, Judge Murphy, B. L. Eddy, J. S. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gate, Mr. and Mrs. Schiller Hermann, A. L. McFadden, Webster Holmes, Jack Johnson, J. M. Shelley, C. S. Moore, Sam Richardson, Jesse Macy, E. M. La Fore, Walter Lyon, C. L. Starr of Dallas.

PULLED IN HIS HORN.

TELLURIDE, Colo., April 13.—Adjutant General Sherman M. Bell, who yesterday announced his intention to arrest District Judge Theron Stevens because of his criticism from the bench of Governor Penbody and the state military authorities, today conceded that the judge "is immune and free from arrest."

Administrator Appointed.

County Judge Scott sitting in probate, yesterday appointed J. A. Levesque, of Woodburn, administrator of the estate of Joseph Hendle, deceased. The estate is valued at about \$205, all being personal property, and the newly appointed administrator furnished a \$500 bond which was approved by the court. W. C. Miller, Lewis Frevost and Paul Sowa were appointed appraisers to appraise the property belonging to the estate. The bond of E. E. Pentland, as guardian of the person and estate of Mildred E. Bagley, a minor, was increased from \$2000 to \$12,000, and the increased bond was furnished and approved by the court.

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Have you been buying Clothing that gets out of shape, loses its color and looks bad after a few months' wear?
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We can sell you a suit—one that will look well just as long as there's anything left of it. Buttons won't come off—color will stand.
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For \$12.50 to \$20.00 we give you the choice of a large number of styles of Cheviots and Worsteds.
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Our Underwear is made to fit, to be cool, to wear well.
From 50c to \$1.50 per garment.
Salem Woolen Mill Store
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We are selling a Fancy Voil Dress Fabric at \$1.05 matched exactly at another Salem dry goods store at \$1.50 per yard. Don't you think they allowed plenty of margin for reduction during the "special sales"?
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Our Jane Hopkin's Boy-Proof Clothing
Helps to solve the problem.
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that brings customers to our store. It's their reliable wearing quality that keeps them coming.
The assortment of **Oxford Ties** we're showing is unusually attractive. We sell you
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