

HAD A BATTLE AT CLOSE PISTOL RANGE

Jap and Russian Squadrons Get in a Mix-up at Short Range and the Latter Lose a Torpedo Port

Russians Outnumbered and Ships Fled to Shelter of the Ports--Forces on Both Sides Are Gathering on the Yalu and a Battle is Sure

Tokio, March 14.—Admiral Togo, in a supplementary report of Thursday's bombardment of Port Arthur says the Japanese would have been able to rescue many more Russians from the foundering torpedo boat, but for the deadly fire from the shore batteries and the close approach of the cruiser Novik. When the Japs reached the sinking Stereguschel only the bodies of dead Russians were found aboard. The remainder of the crew, it is believed, jumped overboard.

Russia is Pleased.
St. Petersburg, March 14.—This morning's papers speak in commendatory terms of Roosevelt's notice on the observance of neutrality.

Still Hold Port Arthur.
Port Arthur, via Ten Tsin, March 14.—Reports of the evacuation of Port Arthur are untrue.

Ninety Were Killed.
Rome, March 14.—A St. Petersburg dispatch this morning says the Russians lost 90 seamen killed and 49 captured in Thursday's torpedo boat fight.

Misfit Ammunition.
Moscow, March 14.—It is learned the reason the Vladivostok forts did not reply to the shelling by the Japanese fleet on the 6th, was that the ammunition supplies from St. Petersburg were too large for the guns. Had the Japanese sailed in they could have taken the town.

Having Trouble at Home.
Berlin, March 14.—The newspaper Vorwarts reports an open revolt against Russian authority at Batoum

in the Caucasus. A mob led by revolutionary socialists repulsed the police and forced the governor to seek protection in the military fortifications. Six of the ring leaders were subsequently hanged.

Russia Appreciative.
London, March 14.—The Standard's Tokio dispatch says the kind treatment of the Russian wounded at Chemulpo was so appreciated by the Russian government, that it has contributed 2000 yen to the Japanese Red Cross, through the French minister at Seoul.

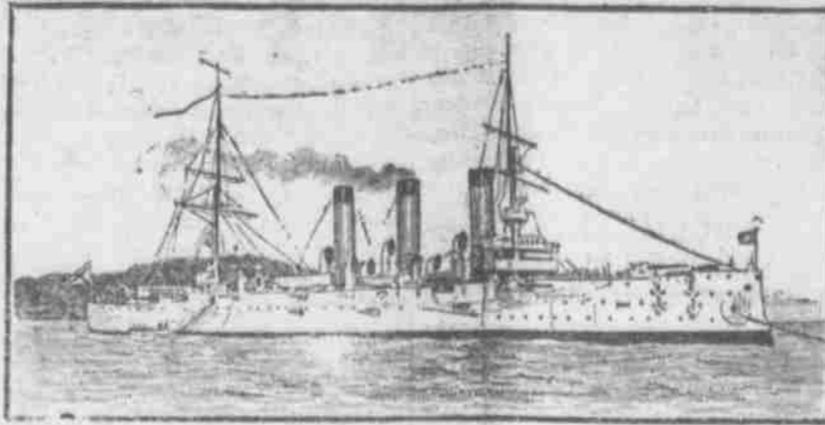
All Quiet at Port Arthur.
St. Petersburg, March 14.—It is officially announced that the situation at Port Arthur remains unchanged, and the evacuation is reported unfounded.

Russians Withdraw to the Yalu.
Tokio, March 14.—Advices received from the Japanese commander at Ping Yang state that his scouts report that the Russian forces in Northern Korea are slowly withdrawing to the Yalu river. They are strongly entrenched there, and will oppose the passage of the river by the Japanese army.

Details of recent operations about Vladivostok show that the Bosphorus Strait is still blocked with ice, thus interfering with the operations of the Japanese squadron.

Fuel Famine Threatens at Harbin.
Harbin, March 14.—Harbin is threatened with a wood and food famine, because of the increased price of the necessities. In view of the cold

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THE RUSSIAN CRUISER "AURORA," which shadowed the new Japanese cruiser through the Suez canal, and whose whereabouts at present is a matter of anxious speculation on the part of those directing Japan's movements on sea.

MERGER DECLARED UNLAWFUL

Washington, March 14.—The supreme court, in the Northern Securities decision this morning, upholds the contention of the government, and the merger is declared to be a violation of the anti-trust act. Justice Harlan read the opinion.

Washington, March 14.—"In our opinion," says Harlan, "the evidence fully sustains the charge that the defendants were properly accused of monopolizing, or attempting to monopolize, trade between states. The Northern securities was organized as a holding corporation, or custodian, of more than nine-tenths of the stock of the Northern Pacific, and three-quarters of the Great Northern. Both lines were held as if by one ownership. The holding company dominated the roads for the exclusive benefit of the stockholders. It became one powerful corporation, so that competition between the constituent companies might close. The profits were to be distributed on the basis of stock held by the Northern Securities. The combination is one in the shape of a trust. No scheme or device could more thoroughly be a combination in the form of a trust in restraint of trade."

The contentions of the defendants that an opinion in its favor would not be contrary to the spirit of the anti-trust law is negative of the decision in the Joint Traffic Association and trans-Missouri cases, the Addison Pipe Company and others were quoted to sustain the government's position. The decision was by a vote of five to four, Holmes, Peckham, White and Fuller dissenting.

Another Stockton Strike.
Stockton, Cal., March 14.—Another riot by striking miners occurred in Jamestown last Saturday, in which Spio Terisch, the night foreman of the Rawhide mine was hurled through the glass front and dangerously cut by broken glass. He swore out a warrant for assault against Albert Sciaroni and McNaughton, members of the Jamestown union.

Just Shelled Them Out.
Manila, March 14.—General Wood reports an attack on a reconnoitering force east of Cottabato by a strong party of Moros, whose position was shelled and outworks taken. There were no American casualties.

No News of Missing Steamer.
Halifax, Nova Scotia, March 14.—Up to 1 o'clock this afternoon no word of the missing steamer Propatria has been received.

JEWS GET LITTLE RELIEF.
Confined to Certain Limits, and in Poland Allowed to Rent But One Acre of Land.

St. Petersburg, March 14.—The commission appointed by the czar to investigate the condition of Russian Jews, and make recommendation as to the disposition of the semite population of the empire, will make the following suggestions. It is inadvisable to extend the limits of the Jewish pale, or allow the Jews in Poland to own land. They should be allowed to rent land, strictly in the limited quarter, and one acre to each Jew. High schools should be established at Warsaw and Odessa, but the teaching staffs should be entirely Christian.

COULD SET THE EAST ON FIRE

Salt Lake, March 14.—"We might have set the East on fire had we cared to tell all we knew about polygamy," said Mrs. Emma Mathews, of Marysville, Utah, one of the witnesses in the Smoot investigation, who returned last night from Washington with her daughter, Mrs. Mabel Kennedy.

"You did not tell all you know, then?" was asked.
"No, indeed. We simply answered the questions that were asked of us." Mrs. Mathews declined to reveal what she knew of polygamy on the ground that it might prove embarrassing to some of her particular friends.

May Get Warmer.
Ossing, N. Y., March 14.—Thomas Tobin, who murdered Captain Craft in the Empire Hotel, two years ago, was electrocuted this morning at 6 o'clock. Tobin was perfectly cool, and was pronounced dead in 30 seconds.

Mrs. Botkin on Trial.
San Francisco, March 14.—After two postponements the second Botkin trial began this morning. The task of securing a jury, it is expected, will consume four of five days. The Delaware witnesses will arrive Wednesday.

Trial Postponed.
Chicago, March 14.—The trial of Emil Roeske, the fourth of the carbarners was called this morning, but passed on account of the exhaustion of the state's lawyers in the previous trial.

CONFESSES TO KILLING TWENTY-THREE

Neidermeyer Committed as Many Murders as He is Years Old--Says Innocent Men Are in the Pen for His Crimes

Marx Admits Killing Eight Men One of Them a Partner in Crime and Committing All the Other Crimes In the Decalogue

Chicago, March 14.—Now that the three carbarndits have been condemned to hang for the eight murders already traced to them, they are confessing murders which have mystified officials for many years. Peter Neidermeyer, the brains of the trio, says he has killed 23 men, one for every year of his life. Gustav Marx recalls eight murders, while Henry Vandine professes to have been converted and is saying nothing about his record.

Marx declared in a confession to day that he was one of the three men who held up the Chicago & North western express train at Tower, near Dekalb, four years ago. The crime which has passed into history as one of the most desperate ever committed in or about Chicago, has never been fastened upon any one of the many suspects arrested, and the identity of the bandits has remained a mystery to the police until now.

Marx Keeps Confederates' Names.
Marx says both his confederates in the crime are dead, and refuses to give their names. One of them, he said, "died with his boots on." The railway authorities admitted a loss of \$102,000 by the robbery. Marx says

the robbers secured only \$8000, the rest of the money having been destroyed by the explosion of dynamite used to crack the safe.

In a sort of footnote to this startling confession the young desperado now standing in the shadow of the gallows for complicity in the carbarnd robbery admits the killing of eight men in his career. Speaking of his crimes, he said: "Eight years ago Neidermeyer and I went to Janesville, Wis., to rob a train, and hid our dynamite alongside the track. A track-walker or railway detective—I have never learned which—came upon us and asked us what we were doing there. I shot him, and we threw his body into Rock river.

"Another man whom I killed I had done criminal work with in Michigan. I met him at Cape Gold Fields, Colo., when Neidermeyer and I were there last fall. He knew too much about me, and I killed him, and left his body lying in the suburbs of the camp."

One for Each Year of Age.
Peter Neidermeyer said:
"I have killed 23 men and wounded 17. Innocent men are serving time for my crimes in more than one penitentiary. Rewards amounting to \$16,000 are outstanding for me in different states. I will confess these crimes if the police will give me a written

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