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JAP FLEETS PREPARE FOR FIERCE REVENGE

Czar Incensed at Sinking of Kinshiu Maru and May Court Martial Admiral Yeszen

Alexieff Again in Favor With Nicholas Who Praises Viceroy for His Success---Variag Survivors Receive Ovation at St. Petersburg

Vladivostok, April 29.—Admiral Yeszen's four cruisers, which made a dash off the Korean coast, are being cleaned here today.

Details of the cruise show that the squadron met the Japanese transport Kinshiu Maru at 11 o'clock at night on the 27th. The commander of the transport mistook the Russians for a Japanese squadron, and signalled that she had coal for them. Admiral Yeszen signalled the order to stop, whereupon, the Japanese discovering their mistake, began to lower boats and steam launches in an effort to escape, but the Russians gave chase in their steam cutters, and captured them all. Apparently, none were left on board the transport, but an examination revealed six infantry officers in the cabin, and in another part of the ship 130 infantrymen, who refused to surrender. Admiral Yeszen ordered the men to come away, when the Japanese soldiers opened fire, wounding a Russian Coxswain. After that the transport was sent to the bottom by a mechanical gun, together with a few shells.

The Japanese aboard did not cease firing, and made no attempt to save themselves, although they had one launch left.

Shots were fired by the Japanese until the waters closed over the heads of the intrepid soldiers.

Jap Fleet Near Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, April 29.—Viceroy Alexieff reports this morning that the enemy was seen six miles off Port Arthur last night.

This morning two Japanese cruisers and six torpedo boats were observed in Ussurian Gulf, near Port Arthur.

Vladivostok, April 29.—A Japanese fleet was sighted off this port this afternoon.

Nicholas is Indignant.

St. Petersburg, April 29.—St. Petersburg is loaded with rumors regarding the sinking of the Japanese military transport Kinshiu Maru. One report has it that 2600 men were aboard the transport when she went down, but the admiralty insists that there were only 200. It is said that the emperor is highly indignant over the affair, and he will relieve Yeszen and order him to be court-martialed. This report lacks confirmation in responsible naval circles, where it is reiterated no other course could be pursued and that the admiral only fired when the Japanese categorically refused to surrender, and adopted a hostile attitude.

Alexieff Still in Favor.

London, April 29.—The Central News Agency states that Admiral Alexieff has issued a communication indicating that the Czar, instead of

recalling the viceroy, has commended him for his work.

The order says: "I am happy to receive at Mukden a dispatch from the Emperor stating that his majesty is watching attentively the concentration of troops for the Far East, and that he notes with special pleasure the splendid success attained in this respect." The Czar concluded: "I attribute its success only to your able direction and initiative work, and also the work of the staff officials who are subordinate to you."

Johnny Came Marching Home.

St. Petersburg, April 29.—Six hundred survivors of the Variag and Korletz naval disaster at Chemulpo arrived here this morning.

Their reception at Nicholas station was of a religious nature, with no speech or band of music.

Grand Duke Alexis was present, and shook hands with the officers as they left the train.

He welcomed the men with: "Good day, brothers."

Outside the station large crowds gathered, and the men were greeted enthusiastically.

Will Only Frighten Japs.

St. Petersburg, April 29.—The operations of the Vladivostok squadron have revived the spirits of the people.

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SANTA FE STRIKE BEGINS TO SPREAD

President O'Connell Says No Prospect That Agreement Will Be Effected Between Men and Officials

Denver, Colo., April 29.—Boiler makers and their apprentices, together with the metal workers and pipemen employed in the Santa Fe railroad shops at Albuquerque, N. M., yesterday morning joined the machinists who walked out Wednesday.

The blacksmiths and their helpers may join the strike tonight.

The machinists at Trinidad, Colo., are still at work, as are those at Rincon, N. M.

All non-union men now employed are heavily armed.

Last Overtures Made.

Washington, D. C., April 29.—President O'Connell, of the Machinists' Association, stated this morning that there was no prospect of avoiding a strike of the machinists employed by the Santa Fe railroad, although the last overtures to the company are now being made, pending a formal strike, to be ordered about May 1st.

President O'Connell has just returned from Denver.

Referring to the posted notices in the company's shops, warning the men against unlawful acts, President

O'Connell said the railroad company jumps at conclusions, and thinks it is going to meet some desperate methods. "The officials know we are opposed to violence. While those hand-bills deserve no attention, it is only right to say that it is an attempt at intimidation. In threatening lawsuits the company hopes to frighten the men who own homes in the neighborhood of the shops. The warning is a big bluff. Machinists have nothing to do with the operation of trains, so cannot interfere with the mails and commerce."

No Trespassing Allowed.

Albuquerque, N. M., April 29.—On application of the Santa Fe railroad, District Judge Baker has issued an injunction restraining the striking shop men from any interference with agents employed by the company, or in the movement and operation of the company's engines or cars, and all other machinery and appliances.

The striking men are also enjoined from entering the company's right of way, or other grounds or property.

PROMINENT YOUNG MAN SUDDENLY DISAPPEARS

Frank McCord of Brooks Came to Salem Last Week With Money---Has Not Been Seen Since Tuesday

Frank McCord, of Brooks, came to this city last Saturday, and since Tuesday he has been missing. The police have been working on the case, but, in spite of their efforts, no trace of him can be found.

McCord has been working in the hop yards of Krebs Bros., and is said to be a very fine young man. He borrowed \$131 from his mother, Mrs. Mary McCord, last week, for business purposes, and came to this city with the money. He also is said to have had some money of his own, and was around with the "boys" on a few expeditions, but was not leading a hilarious life to any great extent. On Tuesday he left his room, and when his mother came to town yesterday to inquire concerning his absence, she learned that he had not been seen since that time. His team, buggy and harness were at a livery stable, where they had been since he arrived in town. His mother suspects foul play, as she says that he had no excuse whatever to abscond. The police are of a different opinion, however, and believe that he is finishing out his

little tour in Portland. He is possessed of several horses and vehicles, and could easily have sold his outfit for great deal more than the amount borrowed from his mother. Mrs. McCord commenced an action against him last night in Justice Ferguson's court, and attached the property, in order to make herself secure against any possible loss.

TRIED TO KILL

Berlin, April 29.—An attempt was made by the revolutionists today to assassinate the district governor of Estikmjadaun, near Erivan in the Caucasus.

The governor was twice wounded, once in the breast.

First Day May Be Wet.

St. Louis, April 29.—The United States gunboat Nashville arrived here this morning, and will participate in the opening ceremonies of the Fair.

Strong probabilities of rain in the prediction of the weather forecaster for tomorrow.

LOUBET MUCH IMPRESSED

Naval Parade in His Honor One of the Most Extensive Ever Known

Naples, April 29.—"I can never forget this sight; it seems war, but the inner meaning of it is profound peace," remarked President Loubet to King Victor this morning, as they stood watching the maneuvers of 60 warships in honor of the visit of the French President.

The day was magnificent, the bay at its greatest beauty, and the crowds were immense. The battleship Regina Margherita carried King Victor, President Loubet, the royal princes and suites, while the gunboat Eurydice had on board the diplomatic corps. The Regina Margherita passed twice between the lines. Then President Loubet went aboard. The French cruiser was saluted with a salute of 21 guns from each ship, as the French squadron left the bay for Marseilles.

WENT THE GAS ROUTE

Prominent Ohio Official Short in Accounts Kills Himself and Wife

Toledo, Ohio, April 29.—Captain W. Martin, for 12 years tap clerk in the office of the water works, who was yesterday confronted with evidence of a shortage of \$3000 in his accounts, did not come to his office this morning. Later the bodies of Martin and his wife were found lying side by side in their bedroom, where the tips from the gas burners had been removed with suicidal intent. Both were asphyxiated.

Captain Martin was a Civil War veteran, and stood high in the community. The cause of his shortage is not known.

LAND VICTORY FOR JAPS

After Two Days Fierce Fighting on Yalu Force Whiskered Russians to Retreat

Tokio, April 29.—It is reported here that the Russians have suffered a disastrous repulse, after two days' hard fighting, on the Yalu.

The Japanese forces crossed the river, and the Russians retreated.

NEW SILK WAISTS



NEW SILK SUITS

UNDERMUSLINS

The biggest, best and brightest sale of muslin underwear ever held in Salem began this morning—all the new, good things. Every garment properly cut and made to fit. Superior workmanship in all its details, and prices so low as to make you wonder how we can do it. Note the assortment, see the prices, look at the illustrations. They give but a faint idea of the many good things to be found at this great underwear sale.

Lot 4
50c



These pictures give but a hint of the great values offered at this sale. Chances like this are seldom found. Take your choice.

Lot 1
10c



Lot 5
78c



Lot 2
15c



Lot 6
98c



Lot 3
25c



A triumph of modern industry. Take as many garments to the amount as you wish, except the price. Give you a return.

THE PROBLEM

with most merchants now seems to be to mark everything with enough margin of profit to allow for reduction during "special sales." Increasing the prices doesn't increase the quality. Your neighbors have found that it pays to trade at a "cash store" where they get special "cash prices" on everything every business day in the year.



**Crash Hats, Straw Hats,
New Spring Felt Hats,
In all the Newest Shapes
Shoes, Clothing, Dry Goods
Big shipment of CORSETS
just in.**

The New York Racket

Salem's Cheapest One Price Cash Store.

E. T. Barnes, Proprietor.