

## JAPS WIN BIG NAVAL BATTLE

### THE ANTI TRADING STAMP LAW

#### San Francisco Case Being Watched With Interest In This Country

San Francisco, May 29.—The hearing in the habeas corpus proceeding instituted by Charles Drexel, J. C. Holland and Chas. P. Westal, three prominent merchants who were arrested for violating the recently enacted anti-trading stamp law came up in the supreme court this morning. Forty days were granted in which to file briefs and prepare arguments. The case is being watched with interest throughout the United States, as in the event the court holds the law unconstitutional it will be enacted in other states.

### WILL PUNCH EACH OTHER

#### Jem Brooker and "Pinkey" Evans the Bantam Fighters to Take a Poke

London, May 29.—Next to the Epsom Derby, to be run tomorrow, the principal topic of discussion in sporting circles is the fight to be pulled off at the National Sporting Club tonight between Jem Bowker and "Pinkey" Evans, of Yonkers, N. Y. The bout is for the world's bantam weight championship, the title to which is now held by Bowker. The articles of agreement call for a twenty-round bout at 116 pounds, weigh in at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Bowker is an idol among the followers of pugilism on this side of the water, but, even so, there are many who believe the American lad has a show at the decision and the long end of the purse. Those who have watched him in training speak of him as clever and aggressive, though not a very hard hitter.

**Has No News.**  
Washington, May 29.—The state department has been informed by Ambassador Meyer that the Russian foreign office has no news concerning the sinking of an American ship off Formosa.

## Russian Lose Heavily in Saturday and Sunday's Fight

### Four Battle Ships, 5 Cruisers, 3 Coast Defenders, 3 Destroyers, 3 Special Service Ships Destroyed or Sunk

### Eight Captains Go Down With Sinking Ships---2000 Prisoners Captured---Japanese Squadron Suffer Slight Loss

Washington, May 29.—Minister Griscom wires that Admiral Togo reports the total losses sustained by the Russian fleet Saturday and Sunday was two battleships, one coast defender, five cruisers, two special service ships and three destroyers, all sunk. In addition he captured two battleships, two coast defenders, one special service ship, one destroyer, and over two thousand prisoners. The admiral adds that the Japanese squadron was undamaged.

**No Japanese Ships Injured.**  
Washington, May 29.—An official report from Minister Griscom, at Tokio, received at the state department this morning, says Admiral Togo reports having sunk one large vessel of the Borodino class (battleship) and three other small ships, besides capturing three others. Togo adds that no Japanese ships were injured. Minister Griscom states that at the time the message was sent the battle was still progressing slowly, but everything indicated a great Japanese victory.

**Battle Still in Progress.**  
London, May 29.—The Central News is authority for the statement that the naval battle in the Korean straits is still progressing. The Japanese are pursuing the Russian warships, which are reported widely scattered. Messages from Tokio announce that the official reports state the Russians losses, reported up to this morning, are 12 vessels sunk or captured. According

to a private telegram, which the Central News quotes, the Japanese lost three cruisers and 12 destroyers were either sunk or disabled.

**Eight Captains Destroyed.**  
Tokio, May 29.—Eight captains of Russian vessels, which were destroyed in battle, were drowned with their sinking ships, and the crews made prisoners. Tokio is delirious with joy. Admiral Togo's report is awaited with feverish impatience. During the battle the firing was plainly heard on shore.

**The Vessels Destroyed.**  
Tokio, May 29.—According to reports the following Russian vessels were sunk: Battleships Borodino, Alexander III, armored cruisers Admiral Nakayimof, Deitri, Densoi, Vladimir, Mosmab, coast defender ironclad Admiral Oushakoff, protected cruisers Svetlan and Jemotchuga, repair ship Kamchatka, cruiser Ireesin. The following were captured Orel and Nicholas, coast defense ironclads Admiral Senavin and General Admiral Apraxine.

**Another Battle On.**  
Tsing Tau, May 29.—According to a Chinese telegram another naval battle is on near the Oji islands, and it is believed that the engagement will be on a larger scale than the one in the straits of Tsushima. The Japanese losses so far is stated to be one cruiser and ten torpedo boats.

**Bonds Go Up.**  
London, May 29.—Reports current on

the stock exchange, purporting to come from authoritative private sources state that Rojestvensky's flagship, the Knax Souvaroff, was among the vessels sunk, and that Admiral Togo is following up the Russians picking off the ships one by one. On the exchange this morning consols went up five-sixteenths, and Japanese bonds rose from two to three and a half points.

**Public Indifferent.**  
St. Petersburg, May 29.—The public is amazingly indifferent and quiet despite the disastrous outcome of the fight in the Korean straits. The result of the fight is becoming generally known. In naval circles the belief is expressed that Rojestvensky escaped with a large part of his fleet, and will reach Vladivostok. Surprise is expressed that the news of the battle reached Washington first. It is said that this proves that America is Japan's ally.

**Minister Is Pleased.**  
Washington, May 29.—Minister Takahira this morning expressed his satisfaction at the reports of Japanese victory. The minister and other members of the Japanese legation remained in their offices nearly all night, eagerly awaiting news of the battle. Minister Takahira is expecting momentarily definite news of the battle.

into the reported sinking of an American merchant vessel by the Russian fleet at Formosa.

**Fleet Annihilated.**  
Tokio, May 29.—It is officially an-

nounced that Rojestvensky's fleet is practically annihilated.

**Admiral Dewey's Opinion.**  
Washington, May 29.—"It is the beginning of the end. I can see no other outcome than that Russia will have to sue for peace." This was Admiral Dewey's comment today when he was shown the report of the losses sustained by the Russian fleet. "In my opinion the victory of the Japanese may be attributed to their training and preparedness. Doubtless the same spirit shown in the assaults on Port Arthur was exhibited. Such advice as we have indicated the Japanese achieved their victory by hurling torpedo boats against the enemy.

**Three Thousand Captured.**  
Tokio, May 29.—A late report says Rear-Admiral Nebogotoff was captured, and it is estimated that 3000 Russians were captured.

**Admiral Wounded.**  
London, May 29.—A Central News dispatch from St. Petersburg states it is reported there that Rojestvensky's flagship was sunk, and the admiral wounded.

**Two Hundred Lives Lost.**  
Montreal, May 29.—A French fishing steamer has gone down off the Great Banks, and 200 are reported lost.

**Flagship Damaged.**  
Washington, May 29.—According to advices received at the navy department from Tokio, the Japanese, in addition to the ships named, captured the Russian battleship Sissel Veliky. The same report says that the Russian flagship was seriously damaged.

**To Inquire Into It.**  
Washington, May 29.—The Post today states that, acting under instructions from the President, Acting Secretary of State Loomis telegraphed to Minister Griscom, at Tokio, to inquire  
**Notice.**  
To the officers and members of Silver Bell Circle, No. 43, you are hereby notified to attend a special meeting Wednesday, May 31st, to initiate candidates.  
MARY E. DAVIS, G. N.

### RELIEVED WHEN VISIT IS ENDED

#### French Government Afraid Spain's King Will "Cut up Capers" While on Visit

Paris, May 29.—Elaborate arrangements have been completed for the welcoming here of King Alfonso tomorrow. They are on a scale of truly royal splendor. The fetes will follow the style of those held at the time of the visit to Paris of the Czar and will include a number of events affording opportunities for brilliant spectacular effects. Private residents and shopkeepers have contributed generously towards transforming the avenues and boulevards of the city into masses of color, with floral arches, Venetian masts and loopings of flowers. The decoration of the streets has been carried out according to the plans of government architects.

The Spanish squadron accompanying King Alfonso is to be met at Cherbourg by a French squadron, consisting of fifteen warships, including the finest and largest battleships and cruisers of the French Northern squadron.

Despite the international importance of King Alfonso's visit and the political and commercial benefits expected to result from it, directly or indirectly, the French government will doubtless feel relieved when the stay of the youthful ruler in Paris is concluded and he has taken his departure for England. Owing to Alfonso's youth and his known propensity for "cutting up capers" it is frankly hinted that those entrusted with his entertainment and likewise with his safety are worried lest they shall be unable to keep him within bounds. That the Queen Mother of Spain shares this same feeling of uneasiness is shown by her letter to President Loubet, commending her son to his care and asking that he be well cared for during his stay in the gay French capital. According to stories that have come from Madrid from time to time, the young king has a fondness for "in-cog" visits to out-of-the-way places, and it is feared that he will not be satisfied to stick closely to the routine program of receptions, reviews, gala performances and other formal functions mapped out for his entertainment in Paris.

### TWO BOYS DROWNED

Eugene, Or., May 29.—Clarence Page, aged 20 years, and Ralph England, aged 14, were drowned in the McKenzie river, a quarter of a mile above Hendricks' ferry, last night. The boys, in company with England's father, were rowing on the river, when the boat struck a log and capsized. The man gained the log, but was powerless to aid the boys.

### O'KEEFE vs. FITZGERALD

Indianapolis, Ind., May 29.—Jack O'Keefe, of Chicago, and Willie Fitzgerald, of Brooklyn, in a ten-round bout is the magnet that will draw the Indianapolis Athletic Club patrons to the Auditorium tonight. The two are regarded as among the best light-weights in the country, and, as both appear in excellent condition, the contest is expected to be a lively one from the time the gong sounds.

#### Supreme Court Adjourned.

Washington, D. C., May 29.—The last sitting of the supreme court for the present term was held today, and at 4 o'clock this afternoon Chief Justice Fuller announced the adjournment of the court until October. Within a week or so a majority of the justices will depart from Washington for their summer vacations.

#### Ohio Socialists in Session.

Columbus, O., May 29.—A state convention of the Socialist party opened in this city today, with delegates on hand from more than two score organizations. The purpose of the convention, which will convene here tomorrow, is to perfect plans for the coming state campaign.

#### Sustains the Law.

Washington, May 29.—The supreme court today sustained the franchise tax law.

### ATLANTIC IS WINNER

Sicily Island Light Station, Eng., May 29.—9:57.—The American yacht Atlantic, Captain Chas. Barr, commanding, owned by W. Marshall, passed to the eastward of the signal station five minutes ago. She is apparently the winner of the race for the Kaiser's cup.

The official time at which the Atlantic passed Sicily was 9:59. She made a fine appearance under a brisk southwest breeze. She should reach Lizard Light at 3 o'clock this afternoon. No other yachts have been sighted.

The Lizard, May 29.—The Atlantic has been sighted off here, carrying every stitch of canvas. No other boat yet sighted. The Atlantic caught the cup committee napping, as they did not expect the yacht before Wednesday. The German gunboat Pfal, which should have anchored off the Lizard as a mark boat, was at Falmouth, and when the Atlantic was reported she was started for her position at full speed.

#### Drivers Locked Out.

Chicago, May 29.—Drivers for a number of additional companies were locked out today, in accordance with a decision of the Lumbermen's Association. All the members of the association but one are now hauling with non-union drivers. Efforts to involve the box manufacturers in the lockout failed.



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