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TOGO DEFEATS RUSSIANS

Japanese Admiral Practically Annihilates Navy of the Czar

Passki dispatch to the State Department. "Nagasaki, May 28.—Japanese sunk the Russian battleship Borodino and four other warships and a repair ship."

BATTLE IN THE STRAITS OF KOREA

According to information received at the State Department in Washington, the Battle Began Saturday, the Japanese Sinking the Russian Battleship Borodino, Four More Warships and a Repair Ship.

According to the latest information, the battle between the Russian and Japanese naval forces for the supremacy of the Oriental seas, on which hangs the outcome of the far Eastern struggle, has begun, if it has not terminated decisively. All the dispatches received point to a Japanese victory, though it is not yet known whether the full force of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's fighting ships took part in the contest, which, according to the dispatches, took place in the comparatively narrow waters of the Straits of Korea.

THINK TORPEDO BOATS DID IT.

Washington Naval Circles Comment on Dispatches to State Department.—Battleship and Five More Vessels Sunk—Straits Held Against Russians.

Texas Town Not Destroyed. Austin, Tex., Special.—S. J. L. Mather, mayor of Mineral Wells, Tex., requested a correction of the report sent to several papers that the town had been badly damaged by a tornado last week.

Floods North of El Paso. El Paso, Tex., Special.—A half million dollars is a conservative estimate of the damage done by the overflow of the Rio Grande north of El Paso in the Mesilla valley.

McGraw Fined. New York, Special.—Manager McGraw of the New York National League Baseball Club, has been fined \$150 and suspended for 15 days for using profane language to President Dreyfus of the Pittsburgh club.

Drummer Dies Suddenly. Augusta, Ga., Special.—Charles I. Warren, a drummer for a Baltimore chewing gum manufacturer, died suddenly at the Albion hotel Sunday morning.

PALMETTO CROP CONDITIONS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Weather Conditions Given Out by the Department Observer.

The first of the week ending Monday, May 22nd, was warm, the latter part very cool, especially the nights. There were local high winds accompanying thunderstorms on the 16th that did some damage to fruit trees.

There were general rains on the 16th, heavy in places, and occasional showers in the eastern counties on the 17th, after which the ground dried rapidly.

After a session of two days, the State board of equalization has taken a recess for two weeks. At that time the board will meet to hear protests from the representatives of any corporation which may urge a reduction of the assessment placed on their property.

Anti-Trust Law Valid.

Columbia, Special.—About five years ago under legislative direction then Attorney General Bellinger brought suit to restrain the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company and appoint a receiver for the separate property of the State and the corporation.

Decision Expected This Week.

It is expected that the United States Supreme Court will file this week its decision in the case of the State of South Carolina against the secretary of the treasury for the return of certain license fees paid by the State in behalf of the State dispensary.

Director at Clemson Resigns. Prof. J. H. M. Beaty, director of the textile department of Clemson College, has resigned to accept a position as assistant to Mr. Lewis W. Parker, president of several cotton mills in Columbia, Greenville and Greer.

Telegraphic Briefs. French soldiers blew up the house in which an outlaw barricaded himself, and he got out only to narrowly escape being lynched.

Mr. Watson to go North. Mr. E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture and immigration, has gone to Washington for a stay of a few days, and from there he will go to New York. Mr. Watson was very much encouraged on his last trip to New York, and will probably meet with an even more cordial reception this time.

RODGEN WRECK INVESTIGATION

Report Likely to Be Made Within a Week Placing Responsibility For the Accident.

Columbia Co. Charlotte Observer: As forecasted in this correspondence several days ago, the Southern's attorney at the hearing begun before the railroad commission Tuesday to ascertain the cause of the wreck of the Ogden special in the Greenville yards on the morning of April 29, assumed the position that Engineer J. S. Hunter, in charge of the special's engine, is entirely to blame for the accident on the ground that he violated the rules of the company in coming into the yards without having his engine under full control, expecting to find the main track occupied—under such control as would allow him to stop within the distance he could see.

The main witness put up to outline and define this defense of the road was General Manager Spencer, who said that the telegram to the Greenville office was not sent with the view of curtailing the right of work or shifting trains, as practice showed that it was not safe to supercede those kinds of rules with respect to large yards like those at Greenville, except by a "No. 31 order," which having to be accepted for and checked back to the dispatcher it was not wise to use on a yard like Greenville's, for the reason that it was bad practice to allow engineers to get into the habit of running specials into such a yard not under full control.

Division Counsel J. T. Barron, of the Coast Line was present representing Engineer Hunter. Mr. Hunter's defense has not been outlined, but it is said that his position is that he violated no rule, but followed instructions strictly and is in no wise to blame for the Greenville accident.

Mr. Robert C. Ogden was not present as he is intimated in a letter to Governor Heyward a short time ago, he might be. The Ogden party was represented by Mr. E. H. Hedges, a New York attorney. Dr. Julius D. Dreher of Lexington, who was on the train, was present as a spectator, as were State Superintendent of Education G. D. Bellinger, ex-Attorney General G. D. Bellinger, General Counsel Thomas, assisted by Division Counsel B. L. Abney and Attorney W. H. Welsh, conducted the examination for the railroad, while Attorney General Gunter was present in the interest of the State.

Among the railroad officials present as witnesses were: General Manager H. B. Spencer, General Superintendent C. S. McManus, Charlotte Division Superintendent J. L. McManus, Savannah Division Superintendent H. A. Williams, Assistant General Superintendent H. Baker, Charlotte Chief Dispatcher W. M. Linberger, Savannah Division Chief Dispatcher T. P. Baird, Columbia Shops Master Mechanic C. G. Arthur, Charleston Division Superintendent Heether, and others.

The testimony taken before the commission was all on the lines that the engineer was in a special train for the purpose of running a special train that he should have approached the yard with his train under full control. To this main fact all the evidence tended. The commission will probably make its report for a week or more.

Not Wanted in Augusta. Augusta, Ga., Special.—The Israel Epstein, or Epstein, whom the Paris police stated in last night's dispatches was wanted here, was formerly a small merchant in Augusta. About twenty years ago he left here, going first to Columbia, S. C., and then drifting to parts unknown, leaving several accounts unpaid, and they were put in the hands of a local attorney. Later information came that Epstein was in Paris and in a good circumstance. The attorney communicated with the prefecture of police in Paris and asked that Epstein be locked up. There is no criminal charge against the man from here.

Telegraphic Briefs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., again addressed his Bible class at the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church in New York, which has caused the improvement in his physical condition.

Met Fatal Accident. Bristol, Va., Special.—Olon A. Kenyon, a prominent lumberman of Naom, Mich., was killed near Damascus, Va., Monday in an accident on a logging railroad. He was largely interested in the T. W. Thayer Lumber Company, operating in that section. The body will be sent to Naom, Mich.

Richmond, Va., Special.—H. Binswanger & Co.'s plate-glass and mirror factory and builders' supply store here, destroyed by fire Tuesday evening. Loss about \$75,000, fully insured. The plant, which has employed 75 or 80 people, will be rebuilt at once.

ROTHSCHILD IS DEAD

Passions of One of the World's Most Famous Financiers

Paris, by Cable.—Baron Alphonse de Rothschild, head of the French branch of the banking house bearing the name of Rothschild and governor of the Bank of France, died at 4:30 Saturday morning from acute bronchitis aggravated by gout. The eminent financier has been sinking slowly for many days, but there was no apprehension that his death was imminent.

The deceased who was born in 1827, will be succeeded as the head of the Paris banking house by Baron Lambert de Rothschild, of Brussels, whose business capacity has earned him a world-wide reputation.

An optical convention will be held in London the latter part of May, under the presidency of Dr. R. T. Glazebrook, F. R. S. The object of the convention is to bring into cooperation men interested in optical matters. A sub-committee has been appointed to consider the subjects of papers on optical questions which should be brought before the convention, and suggestions as to subjects for discussion will be welcomed.

How Salmon Are Hatched. The Oregon State fisheries exhibit, which will be located in the north end of the forestry building at the Lewis and Clark exposition, Portland, Ore., will be one of the most interesting to Eastern people visiting the fair.

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