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JOSH J. SHEALY.

JAPANESE VICTORIOUS.

RUSSIANS LOSE MANY WAR SHIPS AND 3,000 SOLDIERS.

Latest advices confirm the magnitude of the disaster suffered by the Russian fleet, and point to the fact that Russia's hopes, so far as this war is concerned, now lie in what ever may be accomplished by the oft-beaten army in Manchuria. An official report received from Tokio by the Japanese legation at Washington Monday evening, May 29, says that the Russian losses definitely known include two battleships, a coast defense ship, five cruisers, two special ships and three destroyers sunk, and two battleships, two coast defense ships, one destroyer and one special service ship captured, while over 3,000 prisoners have been taken, including Rear Admiral Nebogotoff. The Japanese, it would seem, are still pursuing the Russians and it may be some time before the final result is known.

There is nothing to clearly indicate the extent of the Japanese losses and it is suggested from one source that the Tokio government is waiting to hear from Admiral Rojestvensky by way of Vladivostok before announcing to what extent its fleet has suffered.

The news of the disaster has caused deep depression in official circles in Russia, though it is not yet known generally among the Russian people.

Rojestvensky's defeat has given rise to renewed talk of peace. It is pointed out by the Associated Press correspondent at St. Petersburg that Russia in this crisis will turn to France through its foreign minister, M. Deleasse, while from Washington comes information that President Roosevelt, in accordance with his promise announced a long time ago, is taking steps to do all in his power to bring about peace negotiations.

Nothing has been heard from Vice Admiral Rojestvensky. In Tokio there is some belief that he has perished, while another source says he was rescued by a torpedo boat but that he is wounded.

Tokio, May 29—5 30 p. m.—The personal fate of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky is not known. There is some belief that he possibly perished.

ALL TOGO'S SHIPS ATTACKED ENEMY.

London, May 30—According to the correspondent of The Daily Mail at Seoul, Korea, early on Saturday morning Vice Admiral Togo, with practically all the powerful fighting ships of the Japanese navy, was at Masampo, Korea, when wireless signals from his scouts between Tsu Quelpart islands announced the approach of the Russian fleet in full force.

A few hours later the scouts reported that the Russians were not ascending the western channel as

had been anticipated, but that they were coming up the eastern channel, which caused some surprise.

Admiral Togo immediately started at full speed around the north of Ten island and when he doubled the island he saw the Russians coming in two columns. He then brought a terrific fire to bear on the flank of the port column and as the Russians fell into disorder he forced them steadily eastward towards the Japanese coast where they were attacked by every vessel that flew the Japanese flag.

Repeated torpedo attacks were delivered, some of them with the greatest success.

The vessels which escaped, the correspondents says, will probably be able to reach Vladivostok and he adds that other operations of the utmost importance are proceeding.

MORE BITTER THAN DEFEAT.

St. Petersburg, May 30, 1:55 a. m.—After waiting vainly all day and evening for direct news from the scattered remnants of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's destroyed and beaten fleet, the Russian admiralty at midnight no longer attempted to hold out against the overwhelming evidence pouring in from every direction that the fleet on which all their hopes had centered had suffered a greater disaster than did the combined French and Spanish fleets at Trafalgar.

More bitter even than defeat is the Japanese claim of the virtual annihilation of the Russian fleet, with practically no loss on their side, and many officers cling doggedly to the belief that Vice Admiral Toga must have suffered heavily.

With every ship of Rear Admiral Nebogotoff's reinforcing division either sent to the bottom or forced to strike its flag, and only six of Rojestvensky's original 16 fighting ships absent from the list of vessels sunk or captured, and with the Japanese pursuit still continuing, no naval authority has the temerity to dream that Russia can again attempt to wrest the mastery of the sea from Japan in the present war.

The captured warship alone will furnish ready made reinforcements which will be more than a match for the fourth Pacific squadron now about to sail from Cronstadt.

The Emperor was completely prostrated by the news, and according to reports, he broke down and wept.

BLOW TO THE GOVERNMENT.

The effect of the disaster will be a terrible blow to the government. The futility of trying to stagger on land is everywhere recognized and the cry for "peace at any price" is sure to be raised. This time it is believed the government cannot resist

such a cry. Indeed the radical Liberals are openly rejoicing in this hour of their country's humiliation. They declare that the disaster means peace and a constitution, and that the deaths of the thousands of their fellow countrymen and the loss of over \$100,000,000 worth of warships is not too big a price to pay.

The friends of peace in the government are already reproaching the war party with forcing the issue between Togo and Rojestvensky. When the fleet appeared in the Straits of Malacca they tried vainly to persuade the emperor that the time was opportune for the opening of peace negotiations, but the war party convinced his majesty and Rojestvensky for the honor of the navy, insisted that the fleet should be given a chance to retrieve the disasters suffered on land.

Diplomats entertain no doubt that the belligerent faction will continue to urge that the war be fought to the bitter end, but friends of Russia abroad, and especially France, are now bringing overwhelming arguments to bear in favor of peace.

Later.

RUSSIANS LOST TWENTY-TWO SHIPS.

According to the latest reports from Vice Admiral Togo to his government, the loss to the Russians in ships sunk or captured now number 22, while full particulars are not yet known.

The admiral says that none of his big fighting ships was seriously damaged. Interesting news comes from Vladivostok, sent direct by the correspondent of the Associated Press, who reports the arrival there of the protected cruiser Almaz and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozny. The officers of the Almaz say they witnessed the sinking of two Japanese battleships and that two Japanese cruisers were listing badly and seemed about to sink when the fog obscured further view of the battle. There seems to be great confusion as to the fate of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky. It is reported that he arrived at Vladivostok on the torpedo boat Buiny badly wounded and that his wife had received a telegram from him, while a report received from Tokio last Tuesday night at the Japanese legation at Washington says he was captured on board the Russian destroyer Ridevoy with another admiral, both severely wounded, and with several staff officers of his flagship, the Kniaz Souvaroff, the sinking of which is confirmed by the officers of the Almaz.

JAPANESE FLOTILLA OF TORPEDO BOATS WAS SUNK.

St. Petersburg, May 30, 6:40 p. m.—Admiral Rojestvensky has arrived at Vladivostok on board the torpedo boat destroyer Buiny. During the battle he sustained a wound in the head.

Admiral Durnovo, a member of the council of the empire and superintendent of posts and telegraphs

under the minister of the interior, has received a dispatch from his son who is in command of the Buiny describing fully how his commander-in-chief, Admiral Rojestvensky, was saved. The admiral was washed off the deck of the Kniaz Souvaroff just before the flagship foundered and was picked up by the torpedo boat destroyer Buiny.

Other private dispatches from Vladivostok say the Russians lost 12 warships sunk and captured during the engagement. According to these reports the Japanese torpedo boats played the principal role in the defeat of the Russian fleet. They were sent in for action again and again under a perfect hail of shot from the Russian rapid firing guns. More than one half of the Japanese flotilla of torpedo boats was sunk. The protected cruiser Jemtchug, reported sunk in the Tokio dispatches, has arrived at Vladivostok.

PEACE NOT IN SIGHT

The outlook for peace is not encouraging. Japan's minister says word must come from Russia, while Count Cassino says war must go on.

Batesburg Locals.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Our town was saddened Sunday when it became known that Mr. J. Pickens Jones, one of our oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, was dead. He had been sick for several days and his death was not unexpected. Relatives, physicians and friends did everything in their power to prolong his life, but to no avail.

Mr. Jones was born July 26, 1828, and was therefore in the 77th year of his age. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church having been one of its deacons for more than forty years. He loved his church work and was never happier than when performing his Master's service. The good examples he has set for us will live on in the lives of others long after he has gone. He enlisted as a private soldier in the war between the States in 1861 and served faithfully throughout the war. In 1849 he was married to Miss Sallie Burnett, who with four daughters and five sons survive him.

Capt. E. U. Gibson, a leading attorney of Brattleboro, Vt., was here on important business Saturday. He is interested in the Summerland hotel now under construction in this town.

Attorney General U. X. Gunter, Jr., of Columbia, attended the funeral services of Mr. J. P. Jones Monday.

Prof. J. R. T. Major is spending his vacation at the home of his father, Mr. J. M. Major, of Greenwood.

Capt. F. W. Childs, of Vermont, is spending a few days in town this week.

Several people from Batesburg attended the commencement at Wards last week and heard the masterly address of Congressman Frank Lever.

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visited friends in our town Friday.

Several crates of peaches have already been shipped from this place this season. The fruit grown in this section is some of the finest in the State.

The recent heavy rains have thrown our farmers considerably behind in their work and on account of the scarcity of labor crops are badly in the grass.

Pelion Dots.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

We are glad to say that the election on last Saturday, the 27th inst., was carried two to one for a two mills tax in Pelion district. Mr. Editor, the good folks of this section know a good thing and act upon it.

Rev. Craft, from New Brookland, preached for us yesterday. He filled the place of the Rev. L. S. Shealy, who is absent from us now conducting a meeting at Berhaming, N. C.

Mrs. M. F. Laird has been in bed for about four weeks with rheumatism. At this writing she is some better.

The farmers in this section have plenty of green, but on a general average crops are looking very well.

Cotton sold here Saturday for 8 cents.

Mr. J. C. Fort has drawn down his pond five or six feet so as to repair his mill.

Mr. Editor, I am opposed to the new county, too, for I think we have enough counties already, and otherwise, I would hate to give up old Lexington county for it seems my home. I like to read your columns and I enjoy every page of the Dispatch. If we would do as you say we would be much better off.

With success to the Dispatch and its many readers, I am

One of the Boys.

May 29, 1905.

Mr. Geo. W. Sightler, who has been in failing health for some time, was seen on the streets of Gaston recently. We trust he may be spared many days yet.

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SPECIAL SALE TRIMMED HATS.

Big lot of Trimmed Hats worth from \$5.00 to \$8.00; of the newest models, all good stylish Hats. Special price this sale..... \$3.50.
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