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Fleet Now in Manila Bay.

Manila, June 3.—Rear Admiral Esquist, who was commander of the heavy cruiser squadron of the Russian fleet, arrived in the bay at 9 o'clock this morning on board his flagship, the protected cruiser Aurora, accompanied by the protected cruisers Oleg and Jemtechug. All the vessels were more or less damaged and there were many wounded men on board.

Rear Admiral Train on board his flagship, the battleship Ohio, with the Wisconsin, Oregon, Raleigh and Cincinnati was outside Corregidor island maneuvering when the Aurora saluted with thirteen guns and the Ohio answered. Admiral Train and his squadron, accompanied the Russian vessels to Manila.

In the present circumstances vessels of either of the belligerent nations would be permitted to remain at a neutral port only 24 hours; or, if the ships were unseaworthy only long enough to enable them to make the necessary temporary repairs, in order that they might reach their nearest home port. What, if any, request Admiral Esquist may make concerning the disposition of the vessels, is not known here. He may ask that the vessels be interned at Manila. Such a request would be granted by this government. The cruisers then would be in a position precisely similar to that of the Russian ship Lena, which about ten months ago was interned at San Francisco.

ESQUIST INTERVIEWED

In an interview, Rear Admiral Esquist's executive officer said: "When the battle began the admiral was aboard the cruiser Oleg which was hit a number of times by large shot. There was an increased rain of shot from quick firing guns, and the ship was soon badly damaged.

"The admiral transferred his flag to the Aurora, which then drew the combined fire of many torpedo boat destroyers at close range and the attack of submarines. We were overwhelmed by the latter. A mist arising, we made a dash for the open sea and were followed by the Oleg and the Jemtechug."

Rear Admiral Esquist is uninjured. Capt. Egoreff, of the Aurora, was killed by a shell, which struck the conning tower, and he was buried at sea the day before reaching Manila.

On the Aurora three officers were wounded, twenty of the crew were killed and 83 were wounded.

The losses on the Oleg were 13 of the crew killed and 18 wounded.

On the Jemtechug the casualties were 21 junior officers killed and 1 wounded, 12 of the crew killed and 30 wounded.

From their appearance, the Russian vessels are not damaged below the water line. Their funnels, however, are riddled by large and small shot. Several large shells pierced the cruisers amidships and a number of guns

were dismantled. All the Russian officers interviewed assert that a large number of submarines caused confusion and defeat. Rear Admiral Esquist has cabled his arrival to the emperor of Russia.

The battleship Ohio and the cruiser Cincinnati are guarding the Russians.

WANT TWO WEEKS' TIME

Manila, June 4.—(11 a. m.)—Rear Admirals Train and Esquist are now conferring in reference to the Russian warships which arrived yesterday. According to an unofficial report Rear Admiral Esquist asks for fourteen days' time in which to repair, coal and provision his vessels. It is said further that he alleges that the ships are unseaworthy and are damaged below the water line. Rear Admiral Train will probably, appoint a board to investigate the condition of the Russian vessels. Both he and Rear Admiral Esquist are working in harmony.

Thirty-four seriously wounded Russian sailors were placed in the naval hospital at Cavite today. Rear Admiral Esquist left the scene of the fighting before the battle was finished and he did not learn the final details until he reached Manila.

HEAVILY DAMAGED

Manila, June 4.—Rear-Admiral Train has appointed the following board to investigate the condition of the Russian warships which arrived here yesterday and said to be in unseaworthy condition:

Commander Calkins, Lieut. Commanders McElroy and Thomas Carpenter Harding.

Rear-Admiral Train has offered the Russian ships the necessary coal in lieu of fourteen days here, but there is a question whether the Russians will be able to carry such quantity of coal on account of their damaged hulls.

The deaths today aboard the Russian ships now bring the total of killed up to forty-one, and there are five additional cases in the hospital. American navy surgeons are assisting the Russian surgeons in their work of caring for the wounded. Rear-Admiral Esquist now claims that he lost his flagship in the naval fight and then transferred his flag to the Aurora and left the fight Saturday night. He said that he did not know that the fight was continued Sunday. He declared that the Japanese attack was so sudden and ferocious that his section was completely overwhelmed. The ships of his section while attempting to reach Viadivostok were at the same time looking for a fight with the Japanese and when they encountered their opponents fought gallantly.

The Russian ships steamed into Manila at a speed of fifteen knots. The Russians are now taking on food supplies.

REPAIRS PERMISSIBLE

Manila, June 5.—Rear-Admiral Esquist, accompanied by Rear-Admiral Train and the French consul, formally called on Governor General Wright

today. After the usual greetings had been exchanged, Governor Wright asked:

"Admiral Esquist, do you wish to stay at Manila permanently?"

Rear Admiral Esquist replied: "My ships are unseaworthy. I have not heard from my government and I request time to make repairs.

Governor Wright then said that according to his construction of the neutrality laws the Russian vessels could remain long enough to make necessary repairs and after these were finished, they must leave within 24 hours, or dismantle and intern. Rear Admiral Esquist requested permission to bring his ships behind the breakwater for repairs. This request was granted him and the ships will be moved Tuesday morning.

Narita Goro, Japanese consul, called on Governor Wright just before Rear Admiral Esquist called and made inquiry regarding the probable disposition of the Russian warships. On leaving Goro met Rear Admiral Esquist in the corridor of the governor's residence and tendered him a profound salutation.

OLEG SUFFERED MOST

Manila, June 4.—The naval board which has examined into the condition of the Russian warships here reports that the Oleg will require sixty days, the Aurora thirty days and the Jemtechug seven days to effect repairs. Admiral Esquist has requested permission to repair here saying that he would be unable to sail except in a smooth sea, on account of his vessels needing pitching near the water line.

The Japanese consul at Manila called on Governor-General Wright twice today to make inquiries regarding the disposition of the Russian vessels.

ESQUIST IS HEARTBROKEN

Rear-Admiral Esquist and staff then called upon Major General Corbin, to whom Rear Admiral Esquist expressed great gratitude for the hospitality and comfort afforded them and the courtesy with which General Corbin offered the use of army hospitals together with surgeons and food for the Russian soldiers. General Corbin, said:

"Admiral, how many Admirals were there in the fight?"

"There were four of us," said the Admiral. The others are in better luck than I."

The tears were streaming down the Russian officer's face as he said this.

MUST INTERNE

Washington, June 5.—Admiral Esquist will not be allowed to repair his ships at Manila. This government has decided that as the injuries to the vessels were not caused by the sea or storm they will be obliged to refuse permission for the vessels to be repaired there. Today, Secretary Taft cabled the following instructions to Gov. Wright at Manila regarding the ships:

"Time cannot be given for the repair of the injuries received in battle.

Therefore the vessels cannot be repaired unless interned until the end of hostilities."

Admiral Train has been instructed accordingly. It was stated by Secretary Taft that if the Russians vessels agreed to leave Manila in their present condition they were welcome to do so, but as it did not appear that they suffered from any damage by the sea or storm this government was obliged to take the position above outlined.

Peak News.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Mrs. Jno. C. Swygert, after a month's visit to her daughter, Mrs. James Hope, of Buffalo, has returned much improved in health.

Mrs. J. H. Bushardt is visiting relatives at Jenkinsville.

Miss Murphy, of Parr's, accompanied by her friends, Misses McFetries, of Rion, visited friends in town Saturday.

Mr. A. E. Eargle's store having been completed, he is now ready for business.

Petitions are being circulated and numerous signed by the people of Lexington and Fairfield counties for a free ferry across Broad river at Peak and Alston. We have no reasons to doubt its establishment and believe it will be of mutual benefit to the people of both counties. At this writing we cannot recall a safe crossing between Broad river bridge and Shelton, a distance of nearly fifty miles.

Mrs. G. A. Swygert, Mrs. Swetenburg and Mrs. Ben Summer spent last Monday in Newberry shopping.

Meessrs. G. A. Swygert and Irvin Gregory are confined to their beds with sickness. We hope to see them out again in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wessinger, accompanied by Mrs. Epting, visited Newberry Friday.

Miss Lizzie Yarborough, after spending several days with friends at Parr's, is at home again.

Mr. Mc. D. Bushardt is now in railroad service at White Stone.

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Notes from Klondike.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Mr. W. J. Kyzer and Miss Nettie Smith were married by Rev. Kyzer the 4th Sunday in May.

Mr. Marion Day and Miss Cora Gantt are now enjoying married bliss.

Mrs. J. S. Kyzer, who has been very sick, is some better at this writing.

Watch uncle George. His face is all aglow. No, its not a baby, only turpentine is 78 1/2. Klondike.

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Notes from Around Swansea.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Well, as the rain has ceased and the sun has come out, I will again let you hear from me.

Most of the people in this section are turning the soil and killing grass these warm sunny days.

Mr. D. F. Neese formerly of Swansea but now of Dry Fork, Va., is visiting his many relatives and friends in this vicinity. Darling is as jovial as ever.

The little infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Martin, who has been quite ill for some time, is much better.

Mr. Ben Jeffcoat, spent last Saturday night and Sunday with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harsey.

Mrs. Rachael Jeffcoat of the Pond Branch section, who was very severely hurt some time ago by her cow, is improving slowly. We are in hopes of seeing her well again soon.

Rev. McGill of Brookland, will preach at Antioch Baptist church, on the next second Saturday evening and Sunday morning. We hope all who can will come out to hear him. How many grown women can look back at their childhood and feel that if they had only been understood by their elders, much misery and real agony would have been spared them and much happiness added to their present life? Children are children, it is true, but no two of them are alike. A kind word and loving caress will go a great deal further with some child's nature than punishment. It is a strange provision of Mother Nature that a child often embodies the character of an ancestor several generations back instead of the parents. Too often this is not understood, and the mode and disposition which would tend and obey a gentle treatment is subjected to a harsh one. It is a safe course to exhaust every resource of gentleness and love before taking to a rod. I do not believe in the maxim "spare the rod and spoil the child." I prefer "love the child and it will love and comfort you in your later years. The marks of a punishment unjustly given often remain on the mind throughout life, and a kiss given at a right moment often brings forth a harvest of love.

The members of the Antioch Baptist church are preparing to have the church repaired and some improvements made on it. Inward religion without the outward show of it is like a tree without fruit, useless; and the outward show of religion without inward sincerity is like a tree without heart, lifeless. Mr. Earnest Smith of Swansea, left last Monday for Florida, where he has accepted a position with Mr. Sidney Smith. Generally speaking, crops are looking good at present in this community. With best wishes I am
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