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## RUSSIANS SUFFER FEARFUL DISASTER

### BATTLESHIP DESTROYED— MAKAROFF LOST.

**Ill Fated Vessel Struck a Mine in  
Port Arthur Harbor—Crew of  
500 Men Lost.**

St. Petersburg, April 13.—The following official dispatch has been received here from Rear Admiral Grigorovitch, the commandant at Port Arthur, addressed to the emperor.

"Port Arthur, April 13.—The Petropavlovsk struck a mine, which blew her up and she turned turtle. Our squadron was under Golden Hill. The Japanese squadron was approaching. Vice Admiral Makaroff was evidently lost. Grand Duke Cyril was saved. He is slightly injured. Capt. Jakovlev was saved, though severely injured, as were five officers and thirty-two men, all more or less injured.

"The enemy's fleet has disappeared. Rear Admiral Prince Oukolsky has assumed command of the fleet."

The following dispatch to the czar has been received from Viceroy Alexieff:

"Mukden, April 13.—A telegram has been received from Lieut. Gen. Stoessel, commander of the military forces at Port Arthur. I regret to report to your majesty that the Pacific fleet has suffered irreparable loss by the death of its brave and capable commander, who was lost, together with the Petropavlovsk."

Another dispatch from Viceroy Alexieff to the czar says:

"According to reports from the commandant at Port Arthur, the battle ships and cruisers went out to meet the enemy, but in consequence of the enemy receiving reinforcement, making his total strength thirty vessels, our squadron returned to the roadside whereupon the Petropavlovsk struck a mine, resulting in her destruction. Grand Duke Cyril, who was on board, was saved. He was slightly injured. The whole squadron then re-entered the port. The Japanese are now off Cape Liaoshan. No reports have been received from the acting commander of the fleet up to the time this dispatch was sent."

### A Terrific Blow.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—The awful disaster to the battle ship Petropavlovsk at Port Arthur, with the loss of almost her entire crew of over six hundred men and the death of Vice Admiral Makaroff, has been a terrific blow. It would have fallen less heavily if the ship and the commander-in-chief of the fleet had been lost in battle, but to be the result of another accident, following upon the heels of a succession of tragedies of which the Port Arthur fleet has been the victim, has created something like consternation.

"Reverses we can endure," said a prominent Russian, "but to have the Petropavlovsk meet the fate of the Yenesei and the Boyarin is heart-breaking."

Besides, it has just become known that the battleship Poltava, several weeks ago, had a hole rammed in her by the battle ship Sevastopol while the latter was manoeuvring in the harbor of Port Arthur.

Vice Admiral Makaroff's death is really a greater loss than would be that of several warships. He was the pride of the navy and enjoyed the implicit confidence of his sovereign, as well as the men of the service. Speaking of his death officers here remarked upon the strange fatality that he should lose his life on a heavily armored battle ship, to which he had a particular aversion. This morning for the first time he raised his flag on a battle ship. Previously he had gone out on board the cruiser Novik or the cruiser Askold. It was at the urgent request of his friends that he did not risk his life in this fashion and transferred his flag to the Petropavlovsk.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Program of the State Convention To  
Be Held in Columbia May  
2-4, 1904.

The twenty-seventh annual State Sunday School convention will be held in Washington Street Methodist church, Columbia, May 2-4.

The Sunday School association is interdenominational; its object—to build up the Sunday School cause in South Carolina. Its present aim is to organize every county in South Carolina. Every wide-awake and progressive Sunday School of South Carolina may send delegates.

Pastors, superintendents, teachers, and workers are all eligible.

Following is the program of the approaching meeting in Columbia, as issued by Dr. W. E. Pelham, of this city, chairman of the executive committee. It will be seen that several Newberrians have prominent places on the program.

### First Session.

Monday Evening, May 2—8:30, devotional and song service; 8:45 address by the president, Prof. E. L. Hughes, Greenville, S. C.; 9:30 address, "The Sunday School's Call for Men," by the Rev. B. W. Spilman, of North Carolina. Enrollment of members. Appointment of committee on nomination of officers.

### Second Session.

Tuesday Morning May 3—9, devotional and song service by F. F. Whilden; 9:30, primary teaching, by Miss Minnie Macfeat, of Winthrop college; 10:15, open conference and questions; 10:30, "Teacher Training," Dr. George B. Cromer, president of Newberry college; 11:30, open conference and questions; 12, "The Superintendent," the Rev. B. W. Spilman; 12:30, conference and questions.

### Third Session.

Tuesday Afternoon, May 3—3:30, devotional exercises and song service; 4, practical primary work, Miss Minnie Macfeat, before a class; 4:30, report of officers; 5, "An Amateur with a Blackboard," the Rev. B. W. Spilman, of North Carolina.

### Fourth Session.

Tuesday Evening, May 3—8:30, devotional exercises and song service, the Rev. F. H. Wardlaw; 8:45, "Christ as a Teacher," the Rev. James A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., Charleston, S. C.; 9:45, "A Study of a Bible Character for Sunday School teachers," the Rev. B. W. Spilman.

### Fifth Session.

Wednesday Morning, May 4—8:30, devotional exercises and song service, the Rev. J. P. Knox; 9, "How to Enlist and Hold Young Men," the Rev. W. B. Duncan, Laurens, S. C.; 10, conference and questions; 10:30, "A Look Ahead," William E. Pelham, chairman executive committee; 11, "The Question as a Factor in Teaching," the Rev. B. W. Spilman; 12, business session.

### Sixth Session.

Wednesday Afternoon, May 4—3:30, devotional exercises and song service; 4, reports of departments; A, executive committee. B, treasurer. C, superintendent primary department. D, home department.

### Seventh Session.

Wednesday Evening, May 4—8:30, devotional exercises and song service; 8:45, "The Teacher Getting Ready for Next Sunday," the Rev. B. W. Spilman; 9:30, "Christ the Great Teacher, His Subjects and Methods," Dr. H. N. Snyder, president Wofford college; adjournment

### The Officers.

The officers of the association are: President, Prof. E. L. Hughes, Greenville, S. C. Vice president, Jno. F. Tolbert, Laurens, S. C. Secretary, Prof. B. W. Getsinger, Spartanburg, S. C. Treasurer, the Rev. W. J. Herbert, Columbia. Superintendent home department, H. E. Ravenel, Esq., Spartanburg. Superintendent primary department, Mrs. M. A. Carlisle, Newberry.

Executive committee, William E. Pelham, chairman. Newberry; the Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., Spartanburg; J. E. Ellerbe, Esq., Sellers, S. C.; Dr. E. C. Jones, Newberry; the Rev. J. W. Abell, Spartanburg; H. E. Ravenel, Esq., Spartanburg; the Rev. G. A. Wright, Newberry; S. B. Ezell, Esq., Spartanburg; Prof. E. L. Hughes, Greenville; the Rev. W. B. Duncan, Laurens, S. C.

## A NAVAL HORROR.

### 6 Officers and 23 Men Killed By Explosion on Battleship Missouri, Near Pensacola.

Pensacola, Fla., April 13.—By the explosion today of two thousand pounds of powder in the after 12-inch turret, and in the handling room of the battle ship Missouri, twenty-nine men were instantly killed and five injured, two of whom will die.

The Missouri, Capt. W. S. Cowles, commanding, was on the target range with the Texas and Brooklyn, at about practice noon, when a charge of powder in the 12-inch left-hand gun, ignited from gasses, and dropping below, ignited four charges of powder in the handling room and all exploded, and only one man of the entire turret and handling crew survives. But for the prompt and efficient work of Capt. Cowles, in flooding the handling room and magazine with water, one of the magazines would have exploded and the ship would have been destroyed.

## CONGRESSMEN CLEARED.

### Report of Committee to Investigate Charges Against Congressmen In Postoffice Investigation.

The report of the special committee of the national house of representatives appointed to investigate the report from the postoffice department printed under the caption "Charges Concerning Members of Congress," was made to the house by Chairman McCall. The report is signed by seven members of the committee. The minority members, however, append supplemental views.

The important phase of the report is its finding regarding the connection of members with the business of the postoffice department. This finding is as follows:

"After a careful consideration of all cases specified in the report the committee have unanimously reached the conclusion that nothing has appeared in connection with said cases that would justify the finding that any member of the house of representatives has profited financially in the slightest degree, or that any member was guilty of improper conduct in connection therewith, or that any member has done in connection with any of said cases anything that did not appear to be within the line of his official duty according to long established custom.

"Having reached this conclusion, the committee feel constrained to add that in their opinion it would be well to make formal as may be, and to retain within the narrowest possible limits, the action of the members in connection with postoffice and the details of other executive matters, and that the severance of members from work of that character would augment the efficiency of the house of representatives."

## Stock Burned to Death.

Three mules, the property of Cliff Glenn, a negro, who lives near Mr. A. J. Gibson's place, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed Glenn's barn this week. How the fire started is not known.

## Card of Thanks.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to friends and physicians for the many kindnesses and remembrances shown my wife during her last illness. May God richly bless them!

S. C. Barre.

## SENATOR TILLMAN ON THE NOMINATION

### SOUTH CAROLINA NOT COMMITTED TO HEARST.

### Senior Senator Thinks This State Will Send Uninstructed Delegation to St. Louis.

Senator Tillman has placed a temporary injunction upon the claim the Hearst managers are making to the South Carolina delegation to the national convention, says a Washington dispatch to the News and Courier.

"South Carolina will, in my judgment, send an uninstructed delegation to the St. Louis convention," said Senator Tillman. "I have not talked politics for the past eight weeks," continued Senator Tillman, "but I am pretty well assured that the democrats of South Carolina are not committed to Mr. Hearst or any other candidate. In my judgment we will send an uninstructed delegation to smell around for the strongest and best available candidate, who is not dominated by either the Cleveland or the Bryan element in the party. All we want to know about a man is whether he is a straight democrat and has always voted the party ticket."

"Understand, I am speaking for myself alone," added Senator Tillman. "For I have not been able to follow the political situation during the past eight weeks."

"How does South Carolina regard Judge Parker as an available candidate for president?" asked the reporter.

"Judge Parker is not objectionable to me, so far as I am personally concerned," replied Senator Tillman.

"My views regarding our party's nominee have not changed during my forced absence from the senate. Eight weeks ago, before I was taken ill and compelled to undergo a series of operations in my throat, I then stated that I would be in favor of any clean, conservative man upon whom all the factions in the party might unite. We have got to put aside Clevelandism and Bryanism, for it is impossible to produce a satisfactory mixture of these two conflicting elements.

"I am not worrying my head securing a declaration from Judge Parker as to his position on political issues. It is perhaps fortunate that he is without a record on the issues which have heretofore divided the democratic party, and also an element of strength to Judge Parker, that he is not required to do any talking at this stage of the proceedings."

"The managers of Mr. Hearst insist on placing South Carolina in the Hearst column," remarked the reporter.

"I cannot prevent Mr. Hearst's managers from making claim to South Carolina, but I am in a measure familiar with the sentiment of our people, regarding a candidate, and we expect to go to the convention and vote for the man we think has a chance of winning in my judgment our present prospects are bright, and I believe that if we can unite our efforts in behalf of a safe, practical candidate, who is not directly identified with either the Cleveland or the Bryan wings of the party, we can elect him."

This is the first political statement made by Senator Tillman since his dangerous illness. He returned to Washington from his home in Edgefield and was given a cordial greeting in the senate this morning by his associates on both sides of the chamber.

### In Political Harness Again.

Senator Tillman has entirely recovered from his recent illness, and is ready and anxious to get into political harness again. Several weeks of absolute rest and relaxation from the cares and responsibilities of public office has had a good effect upon him generally. His reception by his senatorial colleagues today and the letters

and telegrams of interested sympathy he received during his absence from the senate were very gratifying to Senator Tillman.

### The Delegation's Views.

In this connection it is said that all of the South Carolina delegation in congress, with possibly one exception, favor the nomination of Judge Parker. Senator Latimer while not committed to any candidate, is favorably inclined to Judge Parker under existing conditions. So are Representatives Legare, Finley, Scarborough, Lever and Johnson. Representative Aiken has thus far refrained from expressing a personal preference, but at the proper time he will join the other members of the delegation in cordially supporting the nominee of the party.

The report that the South Carolina delegation has been captured for Mr. Hearst probably originated from the fact that some of the over-zealous and perhaps indiscreet missionaries of Mr. Hearst sent to South Carolina over-estimated the effect of their individual work.

One instance is cited where an attempt was made to intimidate one of the members of congress by threatening him with "trouble in his next election unless he used his influence to carry his district for a Hearst delegation to the state convention, which meets in the middle of May." As a result the congressman threatened promptly declared for Judge Parker and organized the first Parker club in South Carolina.

## UNITED STATES POPULATION.

### An Increase of Nearly 4,000,000 in Three Years—Growth of the Larger Cities.

The census bureau has issued a bulletin which gives the estimated population of the United States for 1903, exclusive of Alaska and the insular possessions of the United States, as 79,900,389. This is an increase of 3,905,814 since the census of 1900. The population is estimated for 438 cities having 10,000 or more inhabitants in 1900. According to these estimates New York is now a city of 3,716,139 inhabitants. Chicago is rapidly approaching the two-million mark, having 1,873,880 inhabitants; Philadelphia has 1,367,716. St. Louis 612,279 and Baltimore 594,618; Baltimore has 531,313; Cleveland is now a considerable distance ahead of Cincinnati, which cities have 414,950 and 332,934 respectively; Buffalo also has considerably increased its population, being credited with 331,403 inhabitants; San Francisco and Pittsburg are close competitors, the former having 355,919 and the latter 345,043; Detroit has a population of 309,653, New Orleans 300,625, Milwaukee 312,736, Denver 144,588, Indianapolis 191,033, St. Paul 172,038, Minneapolis 214,112, Washington 293,217, Jersey City 219,462, Newark 265,394.

The following are the estimates of the population in 1903 of all cities given 25,000 and upwards in the southern states:

Arkansas—Little Rock, 42,036.  
Kentucky—Covington, 44,759; Lexington, 27,809; Louisville, 215,402; Newport, 29,315.  
Louisiana—New Orleans, 300,625.  
Tennessee—Chattanooga, 30,469; Knoxville, 34,344; Memphis, 113,669; Nashville, 82,711.

Texas—Dallas, 44,159; Fort Worth 27,192; Galveston, 31,742; Houston, 50,760; San Antonio, 58,016.

Florida—Jacksonville, 31,798.

Georgia—Atlanta, 96,550; Augusta, 41,283; Savannah, 64,562.

South Carolina—Charleston, 56,062.

Virginia—Norfolk, 55,149; Richmond, 86,148.

Alabama—Birmingham, 42,087; Mobile, 40,686; Montgomery, 32,84.

There are no cities credited with 25,000 population in Mississippi, and North Carolina.