

TOGO HOLDS ROJESTVENSKY

Japanese Admiral Reported to Have Sunk Czar's War Ships.

RUNNING SEA ENGAGEMENT

Russian Commander Kept His Sloop Vessels Out of the Fight—Fleet Sighted Some Days Ago—Story of the Long and Thoroughly Remarkable Journey Half Around the Globe of the Russian Combined Fleet—Heavy Fighting Heard in the Straits of Korea—Secrecy Maintained at Tokio.

Washington, D. C.—A dispatch was received at the State Department saying that the Japanese Government had made the announcement that its fleet had engaged the Russians in the Strait of Korea and had held them.

The American Consul at Nagasaki, in a dispatch to the State Department, said that the Japanese sank a Russian battleship, four other warships and a repair ship in the Strait of Korea. The Borodino was mentioned as one of the ships reported sunk.

The following is the text of the Nagasaki dispatch to the State Department: Nagasaki, Japan.—Japanese sunk the Russian battleship Borodino and four more warships and a repair ship.

The other dispatch read as follows: Tokio, Japan.—Japanese fleet engaged the Baltic squadron in the Straits of Tsushima, which was held; cannonading heard from shore.

London, England.—According to the Daily Telegraph, a private telegram was received in London at night in a very high quarter, to the effect that Vice-Admiral Togo had gained a great victory.

GREATEST OF NAVAL VICTORIES

Fuller Details Given Show That Japanese Victory Was Most Complete.

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 whatever may be accomplished by the off-beaten army in Manchuria. An official report received from Tokio by the Japanese Legation at Washington Monday evening 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, with 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 Rojostevsky by way of Vladivostok before announcing to what extent his fleet has suffered.

The news of the disaster has caused deep depression in official Russia, though it is not yet known generally among the Russian people, Rojostevsky's defeat has given rise to renewed talk of peace. It is pointed out by the Associated Press at St. Petersburg, however, that the Japanese are still in the grip of their military power, and that it is not until some time ago, in taking steps to do all in his power to bring about peace negotiations.

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

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PALMETTO NEWS IN NOTES

Occurrences of Interest in Various Parts of the State.

General Cotton Market.

Galveston, steady, 84; New Orleans, quiet, 84; Mobile, dull, 84; Savannah, quiet, 84; Charleston, steady, 84; Wilmington, steady, 84; Norfolk, firm, 84; Baltimore, normal, 84; New York, quiet, 85.50; Boston, quiet, 86.75; Philadelphia, quiet, 84-16; Houston, steady, 83-16; Augusta, quiet, 83; Memphis, firm, 84; St. Louis, steady, 84; Louisville, firm, 84.

Charlotte Cotton Market.

These figures represent prices paid to wagons: Strict Middling, 8.15; Good Middling, 8.15; Strict Middling, 8.15; Middling, 7.8-8.2; Tinges, 6-14 to 7-12; Stains, 6-14 to 7-12.

Board of Equalization.

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.

The Lost Vessels.

Tokio, By Cable.—In the battle fought Saturday in the Straits of Korea, the Russian battleships Borodino and Alexander III, the armored cruiser Admiral Nakhimov, Dmitri Donski and Valdimir Monomach, the coast defense iron-clad Admiral Oushakoff, the protected cruisers Svetlana and Jemetchug, and the repair ship Kamptshatka and the cruiser Itzessm were sunk.

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The Svetlana was a protected cruiser of 3,275 tons displacement, had 3,828 horses power, and was completed in 1897 and had a speed of about 20 knots.

The protected cruiser Jemetchug was of 3,106 tons displacement and 17,000 indicated horse-power, giving her a speed of about 16 knots.

The repair ship Kamptshatka was a most important unit of Admiral Rojostevsky's fleet. She is understood to have been fitted up with every scientific appliance available for the repair of warships and was described as being a "floating workshop."

The Itzessm was probably an auxiliary cruiser, but her name is not given in any of the naval lists available.

PALMETTO CROP BULLETIN

Conditions For Past Week As Given Out by the Department.

The first half of the week ending Monday, May 29th, was much cooler than usual, the latter half had nearly normal temperature. There was very harmful delinquency in sunshine. High easterly winds prevailed generally, though the winds were light at the close of the week.

There were from four to six days with rain and in places the precipitation was excessive, notably in Burlington and Chesterfield counties where lands were badly washed and bottom lands flooded.

Farm work was further delayed and is backward with many fields very out with grass and weeds, and there is some fear of the condition of the reports indicate the crop to be in an unpromising condition with the plants small, and red or yellow, and their growth checked by the cool nights.

Some peas have been sown, and sweet potatoes transplanted. Truck shipments have almost stopped. Truck weather has caused peas to rot badly. Pastures are fine and gardens are doing well.

Settlement With Counties. Columbia, Special.—The comptroller general has decided upon a uniform rate for settlements between the tax department of the State and the department of the counties and has issued the following letter to county auditors, treasurers, supervisors and superintendents of education:

It becomes necessary to fix a uniform rate for the annual settlement between county auditors and county treasurers. All annual settlements will hereafter be made July 1st, or as soon as possible after that date.

County auditors will bear in mind that upon them rests the responsibility for carrying out these instructions and for the correctness of the settlement. It is manifestly impossible for the comptroller general or his representative to examine and verify the thousands of items going to make up the charges and credits, and he must therefore depend, in a great measure, upon county officials covering the same.

County supervisors and county superintendents of education will prepare a statement, showing the exact condition of the county and school finances, giving a complete statement of bonded debt, borrowed money, outstanding claims, etc. Blank forms will be furnished for this purpose.

Oil Mill Assessments. The State board left the majority of the cottonseed oil mills as the assessment for last year. The following changes were made:

Southern, Aiken, \$18,720; Kathwood, Aiken, \$12,000; Townville, Anderson, \$9,600; Seaboard, Barnwell, \$22,500; Victor, Chester, \$20,000; Southern, Chester, \$25,200; Southern, Florence, \$27,000; Independent, Florence, \$20,000; Timmonsville, \$25,000; Korshaw, \$27,000; Clinton, \$25,110; Southern, Laurens, \$22,000; Bishopville, \$22,000; Dillon, \$13,200; St. Matthews, \$15,000; Spartanburg oil mill, \$24,000; Campbell, \$10,500; Cowpens, \$12,000; Fair Forest, \$10,300; Victor, York, \$15,000; Walterboro, no return, penalty attached, \$22,500.

The following new mills were assessed: Salley, \$21,120; Peoples, Anderson, \$21,120; Starr, Anderson, \$12,000; Troy, \$12,000; Bradley, \$12,000; Farmers, Laurens, \$16,000; Hamlet, \$16,860; Farmers, Newberry, \$21,600; Little Mountain, \$9,000; Pomaria, \$9,500; Strater & Finley, Oconee, \$12,000; Taylor, Columbia, \$45,000; Highland Park, \$21,600.

Bids for Manila Bonds. Washington, Special.—Bids were opened at the Insular Bureau of the War Department for the sale of \$1,000,000 Manila municipal bonds bearing 4 per cent. interest, redeemable after and within 30 years, the proceeds to be devoted to sewerage and other public works. The highest bidder was the First National Bank, of Columbus, O., which offered 109,562 1/2.

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INVESTIGATING WRECK

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

Columbia Cor. Charlotte Observer.—As forecasted in this correspondence several days ago, the southern attorney at the hearing begun before the railroad commission Tuesday to ascertain the cause of the wreck at the Ogden special in the Greenville yards on the morning of April 29, assumed the position that Engineer Jas. R. 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"—and that as the special was running as an extra with right of way only over trains of published schedules, the Greenville yardmaster, even in the face of the telegram placed on his book at 7:18 notifying him that the special would arrive at 7:55, was in no wise responsible and was not to blame for having the freight boxes on the main track.

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 supersede these kinds of rules with respect to large yards like those at Greenville, except by a "No. 31 order," which having to be received 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. J. E. Hayes, 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 O. B. Martin, Attorney F. H. Weston and 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, Members of the commission cross-examined the witnesses.

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

The testimony taken before the commission was all on the lines that the engineer of the special train was running contrary to orders in 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.

Telegraphic Briefs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., again addressed his Bible class at the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church in New York, after a five months' absence that Epstein was in Paris and in good circumstances. 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.

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The explosion was terrific. It made a big noise in the centre of Jersey City, three or four miles from the bridge. The river at the point where the bridge crossed is 200 feet wide.

The bridge was not complete. No trains had, of course, been on it. The old bridge, which the new structure paralleled, is still in use.

As soon as the railroad men heard at 3 o'clock, nobody was hurt. What caused the explosion Pennsylvania officials said they did not know. They said that no labor troubles had arisen from the work on the bridge.

The explosion might have been an accident, they said. As soon as the railroad police heard of the explosion they sent word to the police of all the near-by towns requesting that all suspicious characters be rounded up and held.

Explosion Shakes a Block. Sergeant Maher, of the West Thirtieth street station, was entering a room of a prisoner about 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon when his chair began to rock. Simultaneously he heard a loud detonation like thunder.

When he had collected his wits he decided that there had been an explosion somewhere in the neighborhood and hurried out the reserves. The explosion was near Thirty-third street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, in the great open space between the North River and Sixth avenue and Thirty-first and Thirty-third streets.

Several accidents have occurred there since the blasting began for the foundation of the new Pennsylvania Railroad station. This last touched the top notch, however, in the damage it did. Nobody was seriously hurt, but several persons were toppled over, one old woman was prostrated, pictures were shattered, and about 500 panes of glass shattered.

The block on Thirty-first street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, suffered most. The excavating is being done close up to these buildings, and the fronts of most of them had already been blown in before yesterday's accident.

Miss Amelia Pope, who lives at No. 344 with her mother and sister, was dressing in her room on the third floor about 3:30 o'clock. She happened to look out of the window, which overlooked the town square, when she saw a "I saw a little wooden box standing on a rocky point," she said, "and it was burning. I hope it isn't dynamite. I said to myself, But the idea had hardly come into my mind when it blew up with a terrific report. I was then out of my seat."

A little to the west, in the house at 355, live Morgan Williams and his wife. Mr. Williams is seventy years old and his wife sixty-eight. Mrs. Williams was prostrated by the shock. Mrs. Prederick, who lives at 362, was thrown out of her bed.

The police had a hard time of it trying to get at the cause of the explosion. The first policeman who undertook the investigation interviewed almost every foreigner he could find connected with the New York Construction Company, and went back to the still nervous Sergeant Maher, confessing that he could learn nothing.

Another policeman learned that across the excavation a track has been laid on which runs a little steam engine used for hauling stones and dirt. Sparks from this engine, which runs close by the spot where Miss Pope saw the box, he deduced, set the box on fire. It contained explosives and the crash followed.

Store Blown Up. Stroudsburg, Pa.—A dynamite explosion occurred early in the morning in the store building of Councilman H. W. Kistler, and one which followed destroyed the building and its contents. The explosion and fire caused \$20,000 damage. The shock of the explosion was felt many blocks away.

It is believed that some one blew up the store out of revenge on Mr. Kistler. A year ago Mr. Kistler shot a burglar, and the man's friends declared they would square accounts with him. In the last two months the town has suffered no fewer than thirty small robberies, and Councilman Kistler has been causing a new record for bringing the guilty persons to justice.

To Exchange Prisoners. Russia having accepted Japan's recent offer to exchange prisoners, Capt. Balfour of the navy is going to Japan to arrange for an exchange.

Governor of Baku Killed. News has been received from Baku of the assassination of the Governor, Prince Nakhichev, by a bomb.

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK

Russian Fleet Fires on Merchant Vessel—Crew Saved.

Tokio, Japan.—The Ministry of Marine announces that there are positive indications that vessels of the Baltic fleet attacked and sank an American steamer near Formosa. The crew were saved.

Washington, D. C.—A serious situation between Russia and the United States was threatened by the reported sinking of an American merchant steamer by the Russian Baltic fleet off Formosa. The report was officially transmitted to the State Department by Lloyd C. Griscom, United States Minister at Tokio, and an inquiry was immediately directed by President Roosevelt.

Norton Goddard Dead.

Captain Norton Goddard, the prominent civic leader in New York City, died suddenly at his country home at Litchfield, Conn.

To Resist King's Power.

Hungarians begin preparing to resist expected encroachments by the King on the Constitution.

King Victor's Newest Fad.

King Victor Emmanuel inaugurated the International Conference of Agriculture at Rome, Italy.

Nebogotoff Among the Prisoners.

Tokio, By Cable.—Rear Admiral Nebogotoff, former commander of the fourth division of the Pacific fleet, recently captured by the Japanese, is among the prisoners captured by the Japanese. Vice Admiral Rojostevsky appears to have escaped. The battle began Saturday morning, and the Japanese are still in pursuit of the Russians.

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