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ADMIRALS TOGO AND ROJESTVENSKY MEET.

Russians Lost Twenty-two Ships and A Great Many Men.

THREE RUSSIAN ADMIRALS CAPTURED.

The Greatest Naval Battle of Modern Times Fought Saturday and Sunday in Korean Straits—Russia Loses all her Eight Battle Ships and is Without a Navy in the Far East. Japan Loses Only Three Torpedo Boats—Most Decisive Victory for Japan—Rojestvensky Wounded.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—The following dispatches from United States Consul Charles B. Harris, at Nagasaki, and Minister Griscom, at Tokyo, were received at the State Department today.

"Nagasaki, May 27.—Japanese sunk the Russian battle-ship Borodino and four more warships and a repair ship."

"Tokyo, May 26.—Japanese fleet engaged the Russian fleet in the Strait of Tsushima, which was held. Cannonading can be heard from shore."

Japanese Minister Takahira has received a dispatch from Tokyo saying in effect that the fighting in the naval battle thus far has been with favorable prospects to the Japanese. The Minister's dispatch was from private sources.

The island of Oki is in the Sea of Japan, about 200 miles north-east of the Strait of Korea, where the battle between the Japanese and Russian fleets is reported to have had its beginning.

Washington, May 29.—The following official report from Tokyo was received at the Japanese legation to-day.

"Tokyo, May 29.—Reports received from Admiral Togo at the Japanese headquarters:

"First report received morning May 27: Immediately upon receipt of the report that the Russian squadron was in sight, our combined squadron started for attack. Weather is fine today, but with heavy seas.

"Second report received night May 27: Combined squadron attacked Russian squadron to-day near Okinoshima (southeast of the Tsu Islands) and defeated it, sinking at least four ships and inflicting heavy damage upon others. Damage to our ships is insignificant. Our destroyers and torpedo flotillas delivered attack after sunset.

"Third report received Monday, May 29: Main force of our combined squadron continued pursuit since the 27th and attacked 28th near Liancourt Rocks (northeast of Okinoshima) a squadron consisting of Nicholas I (battleship), Orel (battleship), Seniavin, Aprexin and Izumrud. The Izumrud fled, while the remaining four vessels surrendered. No damage to our ships.

"According to statements of prisoners, vessels sunk in engagements May 27th were Borodino (battleship), Alexander III (battleship), Jemchug and three other ships. Rear Admiral Nebogatoff and about 2,000 other Russians were taken prisoners.

"The following are damages suffered by the enemy in addition to those given above since commencement of battle, as reported by commanders not under im-

mediate command of Togo and by destroyers were sunk, two battleships, two coast defence ships, one special service ship, one destroyer was captured. It is not yet clear whether three vessels as stated by prisoners to have been sunk are included or not in above list. There are more than 1,000 prisoners, besides 2,000 taken by main force of combined squadron.

"The naval engagement is still in progress, so that it will take some time before the final results can be known."

HOW THE BATTLE BEGAN.

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 and Quelpart Island 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 they were coming up the eastern channel, which caused some surprise.

Admiral Togo immediately started at full speed round the north of Tsu 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 straight 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 effect.

Washington, May 30.—Additional official reports from Admiral Togo reached the Japanese legation this evening by telegraph from Tokyo. They show that the main engagement between the hostile fleets ended on the afternoon of May 28, when the Japanese accepted the surrender of the remaining vessels of the Russian line of battle. The battleship Souvaroff, Admiral Rojestvensky's flagship, was sunk at 5:29 o'clock Saturday afternoon, but Rojestvensky and about 80 officers and men escaped to the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Biedovy, which tried to escape, but was overhauled shortly off the Korean coast by a Japanese destroyer and compelled to surrender. Rojestvensky and another Russian admiral whose name is not given by Togo, were found to be severely wounded. Togo reports that the Russian observation stations:

"Sunk: Admiral Nachimoff, Dmitri Donskoi, Svetlana, Admiral Usakoff, Kamchataka, Irutshush and three destroyers. Captured: Vladimir Monomach, foundered after capture. One special service ship, whose name unknown, and one destroyer captured.

"Russian losses definitely known so far may be classified as follows: Two battleships, one coast defence ship, five cruisers, two special service ships, three sian ships sunk or captured numbered 22, including all the eight battleships of Rojestvensky's fleet. He expressed the suspicion that the cruiser Almaz, not included in the list of Russian casualties, sank also, but a press dispatch from Vladivostok reports her arrival there. Two battleships, two coast defence vessels, and a destroyer were captured.

While no Japanese vessels were sunk or even seriously injured, the personal of the fleet did not escape so easily, for Togo

notes that the casualties in one division alone were 400. He had not secured a complete report of the casualties when his report was sent.

London, June 1.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Mail states that in an interview with the captain of the Russian cruiser "Admiral Nakhimoff," he said:

"We first saw the Japanese at 6 a. m. May 27, when we suddenly and unsuspectingly encountered them just as we were moving east of Tsu Shima Island. They steamed toward us and opened fire. Only ninety minutes after the firing began there was a sudden shock under the Nakhimoff and she began to sink with great rapidity. She had struck either a mine or torpedo. My crew numbered 600 officers and men. The majority of them went down in the ship as there was no time to get the men on deck. I and a number of other survivors with life belts swam to a small launch which rescued us. At about 10 o'clock we went on board a Japanese fishing boat. All the officers were sent to Shimomoseki.

"In the engagement fought off the Liancourt Rocks the Russian battleships, which circled around them pouring a terrific fire. They almost immediately fell into hopeless confusion. Then seeing their plight and understanding the folly of further resistance Admiral Togo signalled from the Mikasa whether they were ready to surrender. Our ships complied."

Little hope for the Russians can be found in the latest dispatches regarding the naval battle off Tsu Island. Only four of the vessels of Rojestvensky's fleet are known to have reached Vladivostok, the cruiser Almaz and the torpedo destroyers Grozny, Braza and Teresiahty. The full extent of the Russian casualties in men and officers drowned, wounded or captured is not yet known.

The Japanese losses, as reported from Tokyo, are only three torpedo boats sunk, three officers killed, and about 200 men killed or disabled. Not one of the big fighting ships of the Japanese navy was lost. It is now definitely known that Vice Admiral Rojestvensky is captured. He is seriously wounded, but it is stated from Tokyo, will recover. Admiral Voelkersam is supposed to have perished.—Associated Press Summary, May 31.

St. Petersburg, June 1.—Whether peace or the continuation of the war will be the result of yesterday's all important conference between the Emperor and his ministers at Tsarskoe Selo hangs in doubt, the ministers, who returned to St. Petersburg late at night, preserving a cautious reticence over the proceedings of the council, as far as the attitude of the Emperor is concerned. Prince Obolensky, who had an audience yesterday with his majesty, found him resolutely determined on the prosecution of the war.

London, June 1.—Tokio dispatch to the Daily Mail says submarines were actually used in the great sea fight and proved to be the most effective weapons of offense. The roar of the cannonade was so terrible that the houses of Manchuria, twenty-eight miles from the scene of action shivered. The people imagined an earthquake was taking place.

Dying of Famine is, in its torments, like dying of consumption. The progress of consumption, from the beginning to the very end, is a long torture, both to victim and friends. "When I had consumption in its first stage," writes Wm. Myers, of Cearfoss, Md., "after trying different medicines and a good doctor, in vain, I at last took Dr. King's New Discovery, which quickly and perfectly cured me. Prompt relief and sure cure for coughs, colds, sore throat, bronchitis, etc. Positively prevents pneumonia. Guaranteed at Hood Bros drug store, price 50c and \$1.00 a bottle. Trial bottle free.



KENLY NOTES.

Mr. S. S. Earle made a business trip to Dunn Monday returning Tuesday.

Miss Crama Richardson, of Sutton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. T. Bailey.

Miss Nan Snipes, from near Grantham's store, is visiting relatives here this week.

Miss Fannie Freeman, of the Kenly Academy, left for her home near Taylor, Saturday.

Miss Penny Outlaw, of Goldsboro, is spending a few days here with her sister, Mrs. J. C. Grady.

The Dennis-Simmons Lumber Co. have their brick Mfg. machinery in position at their plant here and will, in a few days begin making brick.

Miss Lily Pair returned home from Peace Institute last Thursday and will spend the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Richardson.

Prof. and Mrs. D. Jennings Sipe, Principal of Kenly Academy, left for News Ferry, Va., Tuesday, to spend the vacation with friends and relatives.

Miss Julia McEachern, teacher of the Intermediate department, of Kenly Academy, left for her home near Lumber Bridge Tuesday, where she will spend vacation.

Dr. R. H. Whitaker, of Raleigh, filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday night and preached a very interesting sermon, after which there was one addition to the church.

An election on "Prohibition" or "Dispensary" has been called here June 26. Let every church member and all those who are for the right, come forward and pile up a good majority for prohibition.

Miss Annie Strickland, of Louisburg, who was the teacher of the Primary and Elocution departments, in the Lucama High School, the past year, is spending a few days visiting friends here.

The Lucama base ball team came over Thursday and played the Kenly team. It was a very interesting game, good playing being done on both sides but resulted in a victory for Kenly, the score being 5 to 1.

Kenly Academy closed a very prosperous year with the commencement exercises last Wednesday and Thursday and old students banquet Friday night and all the teachers have gone to their homes. The commencement exercises were very good from beginning to end and there was the largest attendance in years. Thursday night nearly half the people could not get in the house. Friday night a large number of the old students held a very successful and enjoyable reunion and banquet. A full report of the commencement will be given next week.

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CLAYTON NOTES.

Mr. Louis Ennis, of Smithfield, spent Tuesday here.

The last day of May 1905 and hot as blazes in Clayton.

The Clayton ball team is figuring on playing Dunn Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Griswold, of the Archer section, spent Monday here.

Mr. Duke Duncan returned Wednesday from an extended trip to Benson.

The faculty of Clayton High School have just had issued some very pretty invitations.

Mr. Fred Hilliard and Miss Berta Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Jones of near Wilson's Mills, were married at

the residence of Mr. Jesse Harrison last Sunday, Rev. G. W. Fisher officiating.

Mrs. Langston and Mrs. Holland, of Holland, Va., are visiting their sister, Mrs. D. H. McCullers.

Mr. D. L. Ellis filled the regular appointment in the Pastor's absence, Sunday morning, at the M. E. Church.

Messrs. Sam Booker, Will Tomlinson and several other gentlemen from Polenta section were here Wednesday.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of the future Mayor of Clayton, N. C., whose arrival dates from Monday May 29, 1905.

Miss Lucy Webb, one of the teachers of Smithfield Graded School, is visiting here. She will remain until after commencement.

An election on the question of prohibition or dispensary has been ordered for June 26th. There is much speculation as to the results.

Mrs. D. T. Honeycutt, who is making her home with her son, Mr. Sam T. Honeycutt, Smithfield, N. C., is visiting friends here this week.

Miss Blanche Barnes, who recently received the degree of Bachelor of Music at the Conservatory, Durham, N. C., is at home for the vacation.

Messrs. Arthur Wallace, Jesse C. Ellis, Clifford Gulley, Hezzie Jones, Clifford Hamilton and others went to Raleigh Sunday. Mr. Jones made a very interesting talk before the Baraca class of the Tabernacle.

The Selma-Clayton Sunday school excursion to Thomasville, N. C., will run June 15th., leaving Selma about 7 o'clock a. m., and Clayton about 7:30. Rates will be the same as last time—\$1.50 round trip, family tickets, \$5.00. This will likely be the only opportunity of the season for visiting the Baptist Orphanage at excursion rates.

An ice cream party was given on last Friday evening, by the Baraca class in honor of the Philathia class. The occasion was one of the most enjoyable to all participants. When the Baraca does a thing, it is well done. When the Philathia lends its charming presence to a gathering of any kind, it is finished to perfection. "Yelir."

Thousands are sick every year with some form of Bowel Complaint. Thousands are cured by taking Dr. Seth Arnold's Balsam. Warranted to give satisfaction by Hood Bros.

SELMA NEWS.

Mr. R. B. Whitley spent Sunday at Wendell.

Robert Millard Nowell, Esq., spent Sunday at Clayton.

Mr. John H. Parker left Tuesday for a trip to the mountains.

Dr. A. Z. Taylor, our dentist, left for his home in Mocksville Wednesday.

Dr. R. J. Noble went to Chapel Hill Wednesday to attend the commencement.

Mrs. Minnie H. Hicks, of Murfreesboro, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. R. J. Noble.

Dr. H. K. Edgerton, of Lebanon, Tenn., is visiting his brother, Mr. N. E. Edgerton.

Messrs. Robert P. and Albert M. Noble returned from Chapel Hill Thursday morning having finished the course of study there.

We regret to announce the death of the older child of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rains. The bereaved parents have the sympathies of all our people.

Mrs. L. D. Debnam returned Tuesday from Richmond where she had been with her little daughter to consult a throat specialist. They have not decided yet as to the little one's trouble.

All of those, Mrs. J. A. Spiers, Mrs. N. E. Edgerton, Mrs. W. H. Call, Miss Mattie Ellington, Mrs. R. J. Noble and Master Walter

Moore Noble, who attended the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society at Wilmington have returned. All report a fine time.

Tonight (Wednesday) Mr. Arris C. Batton will lead Miss Clara Youngblood, the handsome daughter of Mrs. James H. Youngblood, to the Hymeneal altar. The young couple have our very best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous journey through life.

Last Friday our Mayor and Commissioners had before them, in special meeting, Messrs. J. C. L. Harris, Thos. M. Argo and Chas. U. Harris representing those who voted for dispensary and asking that the vote by which prohibition defeated dispensary be declared illegal, null and void; Messrs. Pou & Brooks, C. B. Aycock and M. W. Nash appearing for those who voted prohibition asked them to say that they (the Mayor and Commissioners) had nothing to do with it. That when the election board made their report they could only make a record of their report. After speeches by Harris and Argo and Pou and Aycock they took the matter under advisement and will report later. More than a majority, and I am informed by members of the board to say authoritatively that they will next Friday night at their regular meeting, say that they have nothing to do with the matter and cannot change the result. So thus prohibition wins and no Whiskey will be sold in Selma for the next two years. We hope Pine Level, Clayton and Kenly will do likewise. They can do no better than to follow Smithfield and Selma.

SENEX.

BENSON NEWS.

Mr. L. Gilbert made a trip to Dunn last Sunday.

Revival services will begin at the Baptist church on Monday night of next week, being conducted by Rev. J. W. Suttle.

Miss Addie Barbour, of Upper Johnston, and Miss Ruth Stephenson, of Warren county, are visiting Mrs. J. F. Lee this week.

A very severe hail storm passed over our town on Wednesday afternoon doing considerable damage to crops in this section.

Mr. Arthur Gasque, of Dillon, S. C., has opened a first class photograph gallery over the Benson Drug Company's old stand.

Miss Lottie Link, who has been teaching in the Benson Graded School for the past year, returned to her home near Buies Creek last Friday.

Miss Mary Hatcher, who has been teaching in the Benson Graded School for the past year, returned to her home near Selma on Wednesday of this week.

Miss Ellen Eldridge, who has been teaching in the Benson Graded School for the past year, returned to her home near Smithfield last Monday afternoon.

SOLNO.

Cotton at Noon Yesterday.

New York, June 1.—Liverpool came 12 points up with July and August 4.70 and December and January 4.69, Liverpool is now 25 points above New York.

This market after closing last night at 8.53 for July, 8.68 for October and 8.75 for December, opened this morning at 8.45 for July which declined to 8.39 and is now 8.43.

October opened at 8.60 declined to 8.49 and is now 8.53. December opened at 8.67, low 8.58, now 8.64.

Receipts yesterday 21,000 bales as compared with 19,575 last week and 3,342 last year.

Tokio, June 1.—Rojestvensky's wound in the forehead is a slight outer fracture. His other wounds are slight.

Dr. Needham B. Cobb, a well-known Baptist minister, died at his home in Sampson county Tuesday, aged 69.