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ADMIRAL TOGO'S SHIP BLOWN UP

Nearly Six Hundred Killed and All Japan Now In Deepest Gloom

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In Sasebo Harbor Sunday Night, the Japanese Navy Department, Announces, the Battleship Mikasa Was Destroyed by Fire Starting at the Base of the Mainmast and Subsequent Explosion of the Magazine.

Tokio, By Cable.—The Navy Department announces that the battleship Mikasa has been destroyed by fire and the explosion of her magazine, causing the loss of 509 lives, including men of other ships who went to the rescue.

The fire started from an unknown cause at midnight Sunday night, September 16. Before the officers could be rescued the fire reached the aft magazine, which exploded, blowing a hole in the port side of the vessel below the water line and causing the ship to sink.

An investigation is now being held to determine the cause of the fire. TOGO NOT ON BOARD. Admiral Togo was not on board the Mikasa when the disaster to the battleship occurred.

The disaster to the battleship has cast a gloom everywhere. The Mikasa was Togo's flagship and was endeared to the hearts of the people.

The ship was at anchor in Sasebo harbor when the fire started at the base of the mainmast at midnight. It spread with great rapidity, exploding the aft magazine an hour after the fire had been discovered. The Mikasa sank in shallow water, and it is believed that the ship can be repaired.

Rescuing parties were sent from the various warships in the harbor and there was heavy casualties among them.

CAUSE OF FIRE NOT KNOWN. Various conjectures are current as to the cause of the fire. Some attribute it to an overcharge of electricity.

Great relief was felt throughout Japan when it was learned that Admiral Togo was not on board the ship at the time of the fire.

The Mikasa was a first-class battle ship of 15,200 tons displacement. She was built in England and was launched in 1902. The battleship was 400 feet long, had a speed of over 18 knots and carried a crew of 935 officers and men.

She was heavily armored and carried four 12-inch guns, 14 six-inch guns, twenty 12-pounders and a number of small rapid-fire guns. She had four submerged torpedo tubes.

In the battle of the Sea of Japan the Mikasa was the heaviest loser of all the Japanese ships, having 63 killed and wounded. She approached nearer to the Russians than any other battleship.

The Mikasa was also the flagship of Admiral Togo after the great naval battle fought off Port Arthur on August 10, 1904, on which occasion the Japanese flagship also suffered the most, but continued in the fighting line. On that occasion the Mikasa had four officers and 29 men killed, six officers and 29 men severely wounded and four officers and 29 men slightly wounded.

Appointed District Attorney. Washington, Special.—L. Lewis, United States district attorney for the eastern district of Virginia, has tendered his resignation to the Department of Justice and it has been accepted. Robert H. Talley, of Norfolk, has been appointed to the vacancy. Mr. Lewis is the present candidate on the Republican ticket for Governor of Virginia.

THE YELLOW FEVER STATUS

A Good Many New Cases Developing at Different Points.

New Orleans, Special.—Official report to 6 p. m.: New cases, 49; total to date, 2,462. Deaths, 6; total to date, 329. New food, 15. Cases under treatment, 316. Discharged, 1,817.

There was nothing new in the local situation beyond the increase in number of new cases and deaths. There were really seven yellow fever deaths, but one of them does not appear on the record. It is the case of an Italian, who, in the delirium of his fever, secured a revolver and blew his brains out.

In the country, the situation in Tallulah is improving under the management of Drs. Chassignac and Von Ezzdorf. The people there have asked the State board of health that Dr. Chassignac be assigned to remain there and conduct the campaign to the end. This has been referred to Dr. Chassignac, who will determine later, whether his course will be. Among other country reports were:

Patterson, 26 cases, 2 deaths; Keener 3 cases, 2 deaths; Clarke Chenier, one death; Bowick, one death.

Four More Cases at Pensacola. Pensacola, Fla., Special.—Two deaths and four new cases in the report officially announced at the board of health headquarters, all of the new cases being in the infected area. The first man to die was H. D. Brooks, a draughtsman, who came here several weeks since to take a position in an abstract office. He had been sick five days, but during the first period of sickness refused to take medicines prescribed. On account of objections made by Governor Jelks, of Alabama, the Marine Hospital Service camp, which was to have been established near the Alabama line, has been abandoned. It will be located at another point.

Mississippi Fever Summary. Jackson, Miss., Special.—The Mississippi yellow fever summary for the past 24 hours is as follows: Soria City, a suburb of Gulfport, one case discovered by Surgeon Washin. Mississippi City, one new case. Vicksburg, two new cases.

No New Cases at Natchez. Natchez, Miss., Special.—Not even a suspicious case of yellow fever was reported. Six patients are under treatment. Drs. Lavender, Alkman and Sessions, who went to Kemp's, La., today to diagnose five cases at that place, reported that they are not even suspicious.

Vicksburg, Miss., Special.—Two new cases of yellow fever in Vicksburg. Total cases to date, 28; deaths 3. Seven patients are under treatment now.

Patent Medicine Decision. Washington, Special.—The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has rendered a decision that will seriously affect a number of patent medicines composed largely of distilled liquors. He has reversed a ruling of his Department made many years ago and now decides that the manufacturers of these medicines must take out licenses as retailers and liquor dealers and the druggists and others handling them will have to pay the usual retail liquor dealers' licenses.

Accident to North Carolina Party. Wickenham, Mass., Special.—An automobile containing members of the party accompanying Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, plunged over a bridge on the road to Royalton here and landed at the bottom of a ditch, pinning the occupants underneath. The injured are: The Charlotte Observer, badly cut about the head. Guy Townsend, of Wickenham, seriously hurt.

Killed by Lightning. Indianola, Iowa, Special.—Four men were killed, six were seriously burned and a dozen more were stunned by lightning which wrecked a crowded poultry exhibition tent at the county fair here. The lightning struck the tent pole, splitting it in two, and tearing the sides of the tent into shreds. Hundreds of the chickens on exhibition were killed.

Fatal Boiler Explosion. Pionning, Mich., Special.—By the explosion of an alleged defective boiler in the stove mill of Edward Jennings here five men were killed and 8 or 10 injured.

All Now Quiet. Christiansia, By Cable.—Peace between Sweden and Norway being assured, a quiet feeling prevails here. News from Karistadt, however, is still awaited with the keenest interest, and nervousness is being felt. The press is unanimous in hoping for a speedy settlement of the questions. There is some misgivings entertained that peace may have been bought too early, but all the newspapers express relief that peace has been secured, providing it is an enduring basis.

Prominent Man Dead. Lynchburg, Va., Special.—N. R. Bowman, president of the Lynchburg common council, and a prominent business man, died Sunday morning, after a long illness. He was a Confederate soldier and for some time was president of the Lynchburg tobacco trade. At his death he was interested in a real estate company. He was 69 years old and is survived by his widow and seven children, all of whom reside here except the eldest, Walker Bowman, of New York City.

Freight Depot Burns. Bristol, Special.—The freight depot here, owned jointly by the Norfolk & Western and the Southern Railways, was destroyed by fire. The loss will probably reach \$50,000.

VESSELS SHOT INTO

American Fishermen Trespassing in Canadian Territory

HIT THIRTEEN TIMES IN FLEEING

American Fishing Steamer Has Exceeding Experience With Canadian Cruiser Vigilant.

Eric, Pa., Special.—The fourth of the fish trap incidents of the past week took place in mid-Lake Erie when the Canadian cruiser Vigilant riddled the tug boat Harry G. Barnhart with small shells from the rifle on the deck. Captain Nick Fassel, of the tug, admitted after he escaped that the Vigilant could have sent her to the bottom if Captain Dunn had so desired.

They ran more than eight miles under full head before they crossed the boundary line and escaped from the Canadians. More than thirty shots struck the vessel, and of those 15 of the small shells landed with telling effect on the upper parts, so that the boat careened to one side with the mass of wreckage when she came into port. Having been used formerly for a pleasure steamer, the Barnhart is of a large size and well fitted with steam equipment. The freeman, Messrs. Johnson, fitted in the hold from over-caution is keeping the steamer going ahead. He was reported killed, but revived after reaching shore. The fishermen were cut in the fact by splinters shot away by the bullets.

The Barnhart, according to Captain Fassel, was about five miles over the line drawing nets when the Vigilant appeared. The other Eric tugs, the Alma, Valiant and the Boyd, were closer to the line and ran away when the chase started. Captain Dunn ordered the Barnhart to stop, but instead of doing so, Captain Fassel put on full steam and started for the line. He took a southwesterly direction and could not be headed off by the Vigilant.

It has become quite the custom for the Eric fishermen to cross the line regardless of strict orders from the companies employing them, and having exciting brushes with the Vigilance. They never think of surrender when there is a chance to run away. The Barnhart lost a large quantity of nets.

Taft Leaves For Home. Yokohama, By Cable.—Secretary of War Taft and party sailed at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon for San Francisco on the steamer Korea, amid Japanese enthusiasm. A reception was given at the American consulate by Japanese merchants. Before sailing Secretary Taft said he thought the reports of the Japanese anti-peace demonstrations had been greatly exaggerated in America. He and his party had traveled all through Japan and had found no trace of any anti-peace feeling. While prominent Americans had been involved in a Tokio mob, he thought it was because the American party was caught in the mob, and not because they were Americans. Other churches besides American churches had been burned. There was several special reasons in each case, but no general anti-foreign feeling was discernible.

Record Entry Closed. Lexington, Ky., Special.—The entry book for the Kentucky Breeders' Association for the big Lexington meeting of October 2 to 14 includes 374 horses for 29 purses. These added to those kept in the stakes, brings the total entry up to 628 horses and breaks the record for entries on American trotting tracks, established by the Lexington Association in 1898 by nearly 700 animals.

Books For State Library. A circular letter, signed by a committee composed of Chief Justice Walter Clark, Supt. J. Y. Joyner, State Librarian M. O. Sherrill, City Supt. E. P. Moses and Prof. D. H. Hill, has been issued. It reads: "The trustees of the state library have appointed the undersigned a committee to recommend books for that library. In addition to what has already been done, we desire to make the North Carolina section of the library entirely complete by securing for it a copy of every book and pamphlet bearing upon North Carolina, and also a copy of every book or pamphlet ever written by a North Carolinian. If these can be added, our commonwealth will have an invaluable reference library for state and national history. As we feel sure of your sympathy and aid in this important work, we make the following requests: First, that you send to the state library, Raleigh, N. C., the names and publisher's prices of any books that you have written. Second, that you send copies of any pamphlet or essays that you have written; also copies of any printed address, lecture or oration that you have delivered. We desire to index and bind these. If you have no copies will you indicate where they may be found. Third, that you send the names of any valuable books, pamphlets, or documents of any kind written by authors now dead."

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NORTH CAROLINA CROP BULLETIN

Weather Conditions Given Out by the Department Observer.

The North Carolina section of the climate and crop service of the Department of Agriculture issues the following official bulletin of weather and crop conditions for the past week:

The weather for the past week was characterized by warm days and cool nights; but the mean temperature for the week has been about normal. The only rain of any consequence fell on the 13th and 17th and was very beneficial to all crops. The weather in general has been very favorable for picking cotton, saving fodder, meadow and pea vine hay. Farmers in all parts of the State have been ready to plow land for fall planting but the ground has been too dry in most places; in some few places, however, some wheat, rye and oats have been sown.

There has been no improvement in the cotton crop during the past week. The warm, dry weather caused it to open rapidly, and in some places prematurely. The crop will nowhere be more than fair, and in places it will be very light. It is generally reported that there will be no top crop owing to shedding; many correspondents state that the bolls are small and the lint short; in south-central counties and in the extreme north-eastern portion the bolls are opening prematurely, owing to rust; army worms are doing considerable damage to late cotton in Beaufort, Craven, Jones and Duplin counties.

Tobacco curing is completed in the eastern portion of the State. In the central district the crop is reported improved and in good condition, except in Rockingham county where some tobacco is badly burnt and spoiled; cutting and curing is in progress and the saving of leaf is curing well; the color and texture are good, but the leaf light weight. In the western portion some slight damage by worms is reported.

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White potatoes have improved and digging is in progress in the west; sweet potatoes are doing well and a good crop is expected. Peas, turnips and beans are generally reported good; cabbages are poor; the sorghum crop is in good condition and in places molasses making is under way. The buckwheat crop will be good.

Apples are reported good in some of the western counties, but there is complaint of dropping and of dry rot. Pastures are fair.

The following rains have been reported: Raleigh, 0.10; Goldsboro, 1.52; Greensboro, 0.22; Lumberton, 0.06; Newbern, 3.88; Weldon, 1.81; A. H. Thiessen, Section Director.

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40,000 Scots Under Arms. Edinburgh, Scotland, By Cable.—The greatest muster of Scotchmen under arms since the battle of Flodden Field was reviewed by King Edward here Monday. The King proceeded to Holyrood Palace, whence, attended by the Duke of Connaught and a brilliant staff, he rode to the parade ground in King's Park, where nearly 40,000 Scotch volunteers marched past his majesty.

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IN A NEW BUSINESS

The Warlike Czar of Russia Again Sponsor for Universal Peace

THE ONLY ORIGINAL PEACEMAKER

Said to be a Perfect Understanding Between the Czar and President Roosevelt About Calling of the Hague Tribunal.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—Emperor Nicholas again appears before the world as a promoter of universal peace. No sooner is the Russo-Japanese war over, and even before the peace treaty has been ratified, than his majesty issues invitations to a second peace conference at The Hague.

The Emperor has done so was learned from a source which leaves no shadow of doubt as to its authenticity. It is officially announced that "the Russian government proposes to address the foreign powers with a view to the holding of a second peace conference at The Hague."

It is known that negotiations preceding this announcement "proposed to address the powers" were entered into especially with the United States and were conducted with the greatest secrecy, there being not the slightest intimation that Russia contemplated anything of the kind.

The announcement created the greatest surprise here, and that Russia should plan a second conference despite the steps already taken by President Roosevelt, was also held with amazement. It is clear that the step could not be taken by Russia without first reaching a complete understanding with President Roosevelt.

The fact that President Roosevelt is reported as being entirely in sympathy with the proposed conference, and that he is said to believe that to the initiator of the first Hague conference should belong the honor of convoking the second, and readily and even gladly accepted to the Russian proposal, is clear proof that the conference has already been called and that President Roosevelt relinquished his part in it to the Emperor.

There is strong reason to believe that the news of the intention of the Russian government would not be given out unless invitations had already been sent to the power, and possibly that their answers had been received. It is impossible to learn the proposed date of the second conference, or to gain even an approximate idea regarding it; but it probably will not be held before the end of the year.

The power convoking the conference, will probably submit an official program, the other powers submitting suggestions.

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MADE LARGE GIFTS

The New York Life Insurance Company's Political Contributions

WAS AFRAID OF THE DEMOCRATS

George W. Perkins, Insurance Company's First Vice-President and Member of the Firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., Divulges the Meaning of a Check Made to Morgan & Co. Last Year.

New York, Special.—George W. Perkins, member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., and first vice-president of the New York Life Insurance Company, was the star witness at Friday's session of the special legislative committee probing life insurance company methods, and his testimony was replete with revelations in finance as applied by insurance companies.

Mr. Perkins was first called just previous to the hour for luncheon. He resumed immediately after the recess and was on the stand when adjournment was taken for the day.

The climax of the day came when Mr. Perkins was asked concerning an entry of \$18,702 in a ledger, marked "Ordered paid by the President." Mr. Randolph, the treasurer of the New York Life Insurance Company, who had been on the stand earlier in the day, had been sharply questioned as to the purpose of this entry, but he was unable to explain it. He thought no one but the president could. Mr. Perkins had been called to testify as to some other transactions and after a recess he was asked to produce the check. It was made out payable to J. P. Morgan & Co., and Mr. Perkins frankly stated it was a contribution to the national Republican campaign committee and had been paid to Cornelius N. Bliss. Mr. Perkins said:

"This payment was made after very careful deliberation. It must not be considered an ordinary contribution to the campaign because it was paid because we felt that the assets of the New York Life Insurance Company would be jeopardized by a Democratic success."

Mr. Perkins said contributions were also made in 1900 and 1896. As an illustration, witness said the first contribution to the campaign was made by President McCull, who is a Democrat. "He contributed money to the McKinley campaign fund and voted for McKinley because before it was in the best interests of the policyholders of his company." This bomb caused a murmur of conversation about the room, which had become more and more spectators. Standing room was at a premium, and everyone bent forward to catch the testimony. This was hardly necessary, for Mr. Perkins spoke distinctly, in a voice audible throughout the school room. He paced the small platform upon which the witness sat, and he made a point of the committee's rostrum, and accompanied his explanations with earnest gestures, often times suggesting questions to the congress by the way.

Fursuing the check inquiry further, Mr. Hughes brought out that this expenditure was never brought to the attention of the finance committee, the witness testifying it was a "purely executive action." It was charged against cash on the books of the Hanover Bank of London, which had become part of the committee's rostrum, and accompanied his explanations with earnest gestures, often times suggesting questions to the congress by the way.

"What are the contributions to political campaign funds have been made by the New York Life?" "Is there no self-restraint allowed the officers in these campaign contributions?" "None; to my knowledge."

Farmers in National Council. Richmond, Va., Special.—The Farmers' National Congress met in its 25th annual session here with a large attendance in attendance, representing almost every section of the United States. The business sessions were held in the morning, and were presided over by President Harvie Jordan, of Monticello, Ga., and was welcomed to Virginia and Richmond by Governor Montague, Mayor McCarty and J. C. Freeman, vice president of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce. Responses to the welcoming addresses were made on behalf of the congress by "First Vice President Bennahan Cameron, of North Carolina, and Second Vice President Joshua Strange, of Marion, Ind."

Report of Final Negotiations. St. Petersburg, By Cable.—Telegraphing to Emperor Nicholas under date of September 5, General Linvitch reported that the Japanese, September 4, started to advance along the mandarin road and commenced constructing entrenchments, but retired after meeting the Russian artillery fire. The general also reported an offensive movement by several battalions of Japanese accompanied by cavalry and artillery in North Korea September 5, but the result was not announced at the time sent off in the dispatch to the Emperor.

The Potter Trial. Sandersville, Ga., Special.—The State closed its evidence in the trial of Mr. S. Potter and the defense will put his case on the stand to testify. No other witnesses will be called. The books of a Savannah bank were used as evidence. The charge against Potter is the embezzlement of some \$20,000 of the funds of the Davidson Bank, of which the young man was cashier.

Purchasers Announced. Norfolk, Va., Special.—An announcement was made of the purchase of the Norfolk, Oriental & Western Railroad, running from Bayboro to Newbern, N. C., by the interests in control of the Virginia Carolina Railway, which is to run a line from Norfolk to Beaufort, N. C., through the lumber section of North Carolina. This line will be used as a branch of the main line to Newbern for additional terminals at that port.