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RUSSIAN BATTLE SHIP SUNK AT PORT ARTHUR

Another Battleship Disabled and a Cruiser Damaged

THE JAP SHIPS NOT DAMAGED

The Engagement Took Place Outside the Entrance to Port Arthur on Thursday—The Russians Evidently Had Planned a Dash to the Southward—Russian Officials Are Interested in Finding Out What Sunk the Peresviet, a Mine or a Projectile from Port Arthur—On Account of Approach of the Rainy Season, a Great Battle Will Necessarily Be Fought in a Few Days—Russian Forces Are Opposing the Japanese Advance.

Tokio, June 25.—Admiral Togo reports that on Thursday last, June 23, his patrol boat discovered the battleship *Peresviet* and seven other vessels, accompanied by nine torpedo boat destroyers, near the entrance of Port Arthur harbor. They warned him wirelessly and he immediately advanced his fleet, except those engaged upon special duty. The admiral then discovered that the Russian fleet, which consisted of six battleships, five cruisers and fourteen destroyers, evidently planned a dash southward by sundown. The Russians stopped outside the entrance to the harbor and after nightfall a fleet of Japanese torpedo boat destroyers resolutely attacked the Russian ships and succeeded in torpedoing and sinking a battleship of the *Peresviet* type and disabled the battleship *Sevastopol*. A cruiser of the *Diana* type was observed being towed into the harbor on Friday morning and it was evident she had sustained serious damage.

The Japanese ships sustained little damage. The torpedo boat destroyer *Shirakumo* was hit by a shell which fell in the cabin and had three men killed and three others wounded. The *Chidori*, a vessel of the same class, was hit behind the engine room, but no casualties resulted therefrom. Torpedo boats *Sixty-four* and *Sixty-six* were slightly damaged.

The Admiralty Has No Direct News of the Battle.

St. Petersburg, June 25.—The admiralty has no direct news of the naval battle fought off Port Arthur June 23rd, but the announcement of the engagement evidently created no surprise here, the authorities having been aware of the Russian battleship *Peresviet* was sunk by a mine as she was emerging from the harbor or by a projectile, as it is known that the Japanese have repeatedly tried to mine the entrance.

Squadron of Russian Cavalry Routed.

London, June 25.—The Japanese legation this afternoon received a dispatch from Tokio announcing that a detachment of the Tokuhan army surprised and routed a squadron of Russian cavalry, ten miles northwest of Santao Kow, on the Ta-tche Kiao road, at dawn, June 23, and also occupied the heights north thereof, expelling the Russians, who left sixty dead on the field.

Japanese Forces Near Port Arthur.

Ta-tche Kiao, between Kia Chou and Hai Cheng, Liao Tung Peninsula, June 22 (Delayed in transmission).—The Japanese forces are twelve miles from Port Arthur, the whole male population of which, from the age of 15 upwards, is under arms. The women are assisting in the work of completing the defenses. Civilian cyclists occasionally establish communication with the outside world.

Unsuccessful Attempts to Destroy a Bridge.

Mukden, June 23.—Last night one hundred Chinese bandits, excellently armed and equipped, and led by Japanese officers, attempted to blow up with dynamite the bridge over the Kou-lau river, three miles south of Kerson and 127 miles northeast of Mukden. The attack was repulsed by border scouts. According to the inhabitants of the vicinity, there have been numerous previous attempts to destroy this bridge. The bandits are said to fight splendidly and to be entirely different from the ill-organized brigands of 1900.

Firing at Port Arthur.

Che Foo, June 25.—11 p. m.—There

was firing at Port Arthur last night (June 24) and tonight. The booming of big guns was distinctly heard here. Eighteen Japanese transports have been seen going west along the Korean coast.

Russians Resist the Jap Advance.

St. Petersburg, June 25.—6 p. m.—Major General Mischenko, commander of the eastern Cossack brigade according to reports received at the war office dated yesterday, attacked the Japanese advance posts on the Su Yen Ta-tche Kiao road, and a sharp engagement resulted, in which artillery was brought up and the Japanese forward movement was arrested. On this road the Cossacks lost seven men killed and three officers and eleven men wounded.

The position of General Kuroki's men on the Su-Yen-Kai-Chou road is unchanged.

General Oku's army continues to advance from Sen-Chen, traveling six miles per day and marching in order of battle, evidently expecting momentarily an attack from the Russians. Oku was about ten miles from Kai-Chou yesterday.

The city is full of rumors that heavy fighting is in progress at Ta-tche-Kiao. These rumors are said to emanate from the palace of Peterhof, but no confirmation is obtainable, the above war office reports representing the latest intelligence in the possession of the war office.

Anent the naval battle of Port Arthur, June 23, the only sister ship of the *Peresviet* is the *Pobieda*; of the *Diana*, the *Pallada* and of the *Sevastopol* the *Poltava*. It transpires that the Emperor received the news last night, although through what agency is a mystery, but it possibly came from French sources at Tokio.

A Great Battle is Unavoidable.

Liao Yang, June 25.—The armies of General Oku and General Kuroki, aggregating at least six divisions, are confronted by the huge force under General Kuropatkin. The tension is most acute at the approach of the important battle of the war, in which three times the number of troops engaged at Kiu Lien Cheng, Kin-Chau and Vafangou, will take part. The proximity of the rainy season makes the battle unavoidable.

The Japanese Advance Continues.

St. Petersburg, June 25.—The general staff has received the following despatch from Lieutenant General Sakurov under date of June 25: "Since the morning of June 23 the enemy has continued to advance toward Kai-Chau. Three detachments of cavalry, each consisting of four or five squadrons led, and were followed by dense lines of infantry, behind which were marching columns of the line. The Japanese outposts toward evening extended along the Kho valley, about nine miles south of Sen-Chen, with the cavalry posted in the rear. The infantry with the machine guns held the village of oblatung on the right flank. There was firing all day long. We had one man wounded."

The frontier guards under sub-Lieutenant Demeyer ambushed and fired on a squadron of Japanese cavalry which lost considerably, ten of their horses being killed.

There had been no further advance of the enemy towards Kai-Chau up to 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon since June 21, when a movement of the Japanese was observed from Khanza, on the southern Su Yen road towards Kai-Chau along the mountainous route from Khanza leading northward to Siakhoutung.

The Japanese on June 23 occupied the village of Sian Diao, but toward evening evacuated the place under pressure by a detachment of our van guard.

The enemy centered three battalions with six guns and four squadrons of cavalry at Matcasiaville and at dawn of June 25 a detachment consisting of a battalion of infantry, two guns and two squadrons of cavalry suddenly attacked a company of our van guards bivouacking at Sian Diao and forced the company to retire. The Japanese occupied Sian Diao and the pass east of Sian Diano and also the pass east of Sian Diano on the Siakhoutung road. The Russians concentrated on the heights near Siakhoutung.

Four companies with three mountain guns were ordered to move from Siakhoutung over the pass to Sian Diao. The Japanese were dislodged from their position by our artillery, and our detachment, reinforced, proceeded at 11 o'clock in the morning to attack the whole of the enemy's front. The enemy fell back in utter disorder and Sian Diao was re-occupied at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Our artillery fire forced back the Japanese, who retired precipitately beyond Britaku.

Our losses were seven soldiers killed, three officers and fourteen soldiers wounded and one man missing. The officer commanding the detachment speaks highly of the behavior of our artillery.

Some Cossacks on June 23 prepared an ambush at Lintsiaok about four miles from Selyuchang. A Japanese detachment fell into the ambush and lost fifteen killed or wounded. Sub-Lieutenant Polozoff of the Russian force was wounded.

"At 11 o'clock in the morning of June 22nd, a Russian detachment reconnoitering three miles to the eastward of Aiyangmen exchanged shots with the enemy's vanguard. At about noon, the Russians advanced and attacked the Japanese on the right flank, dislodging them from several advanced fortified positions.

A Russian detachment at 5 o'clock in the afternoon approached the enemy's main position and found it occupied by three regiments of infantry, with eighteen guns. The Russians held their positions until nine o'clock, but attacking the Japanese because of the latter's superior force and not being attacked, our detachment then retired in perfect order towards Selmaze. Our losses are not yet known. The town of Kwanyenshan has been evacuated by the enemy."

FAIRBANKS AT HIS HOME.

Indianapolis Citizens Give Generous Welcome to the Vice Presidential Nominee.

Indianapolis, June 25.—Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, Republican candidate for vice president, arrived in his home city tonight and was given a generous welcome by his fellow citizens, irrespective of politics. When his train reached the station the Senator was greeted by cheers from ten thousand people. Carriages were at once taken and the party drove to the Fairbanks residence, where the welcoming exercises were held. All along the route, the streets were thronged with cheering people and the Senator was kept busy bowing his acknowledgments.

The Senator in response to the addresses of welcome referred to the notable Indiana men who had taken part in American history, mentioning Hendricks, McDonald, Harrison, English, Morton and Gresham and continued: "We are proud of our city and state, and beyond that we are proud of our citizenship. Here labor and capital, those two mighty forces in our upbuilding, find a fruitful field of employment and here their mutual rights are well respected. We value and hold fast to those virtues of the freestate which are the real strength of the republic. Our people are characterized by plain living and high thinking. My friends have much to be thankful for. About us are the ample rewards of honest industry and the rich fruits of peace. Let us seek to promote good laws, wise administration and make ourselves secured in the enjoyment of that contentment which comes from the attainable and orderly enforcement of the law."

On his trip from Chicago to Indianapolis the Senator was greeted at the various stops by good sized crowds, and at many stations he made brief addresses.

McCLELLAN FOR PRESIDENT.

Tammany's Organ, The New York Daily News, Will Advocate the Mayor for the Democratic Nomination.

New York, June 25.—The New York Daily News, which has recently changed hands and has come out as a straight Democratic newspaper, and is recognized as the organ of Tammany Hall, will tomorrow print a three page article advocating George E. McClellan, the present mayor, as nominee of the Democratic party for the Presidency on account of the paper's policy, knowledge of the publication has created considerable speculation in local political quarters, where it is construed as indicating the beginning of a strong campaign to nominate McClellan. The News claims McClellan to be "the one man whose election would mean certain party success. The eyes of the north, east, south and west are upon him."

YALE-HARVARD BOAT RACE.

Both Crews in Fine Shape for the Regatta Next Thursday.

Gales Ferry, Conn., June 25.—Hard practice for the annual Yale-Harvard boat race, which will take place on the Thames next Thursday, was stopped today. From now on the "Varsity," freshmen and four oared crews will devote themselves to keeping in physical form for the grueling test which annually decides the rowing supremacy in these two great eastern universities.

Harvard "Varsity" went to the four mile course today in 22 minutes, 5 seconds; Harvard's coaches are much pleased with their effort. The Harvard four went over their two mile course in under twelve minutes.

The Yale "Varsity" was given a paddle today with no time taken. The freshmen worked hard, taking two miles at top speed, while the four oared crew went out for a sharp row. Coach Kennedy announced today that he considered his men in fine physical condition.

The regatta officials are beginning to arrive here to make final arrangements for the race.

ON BEHALF OF CLEVELAND.

Van Wyck and Carroll to Visit Croker and Urge Him to Use His Influence for the Ex-President.

London, June 25.—Ex-Mayor Van Wyck, of New York, and John P. Carroll, who arrived at Liverpool on the Cunard Line steamer *Campania* today, accompanied by a number of New York political friends, reached London tonight and took up their quarters at the Carlton Hotel, where many Americans greeted them. Messrs. Van Wyck and Carroll will go to Wantage to see Richard Croker early next week. It is understood that the object of the visit is to urge Mr. Croker to exert his influence on behalf of Grover Cleveland for the Presidency.

Mr. Van Wyck said to the Associated Press: "It is no secret that I am Cleveland man. I am going to see Mr. Croker. There is no new political deal on, but it is well to talk over things. After visiting Mr. Croker, I shall go for a few weeks to the continent, returning to the United States to participate in the campaign."

Big Fire in the Cleveland Lumber District.

Cleveland, O., June 25.—Fire supposed to have been of incendiary origin, today caused losses aggregating \$300,000 in the lumber district, lying along the river front. Several acres covered with big lumber piles were swept clean by the flames. The fire broke out in the box factory of J. N. Kahn Company, and, fanned by a stiff breeze, rapidly spread to the lumber yards of the Nicolae, Stone and Meyers Company and Guy and Ralph Gray Company. The losses are partially covered by insurance.

MEET AT KIEL

King Edward Graciously Received by Emperor William

ROYAL BANQUET

Emperor William in Proposing a Toast to the King Said that the German Army and Navy Serve for the Maintenance of Peace, and the King in Reply Hoped that the German and British Flags Would Forever Float Side by Side for the Welfare of the Nations—All the Warships and Other Vessels Were Decorated in Honor of the Visit, and Many of the Craft Were Illuminated.

Kiel, June 25.—The royal yacht Victoria and Albert with King Edward on board, entered the Holtenau lock, at the mouth of the Maltinca canal, shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon, amid salutes from the assembled German warships.

Emperor William, who was accompanied by Prince Henry of Prussia, the crown prince Frederick William and a brilliant suite, awaited his uncle here.

King Edward, wearing the uniform of a German admiral and having across his breast the ribbon of the Order of the Black Eagle, was on the deck of the Victoria and Albert with a large retinue.

Immediately after the gangway had been laid, Emperor William boarded the British yacht and greeted his uncle in the heartiest manner, kissing him several times on both cheeks. After greetings between King Edward and Prince Henry of Prussia and the crown prince, the King landed, witnessed a march past of the guards, and returned to his yacht, which afterwards entered Kiel harbor. All the warships, yachts and other vessels in the harbor dressed ship and the shore batteries and warships fired royal salutes.

A heavy rain fell the whole time, marring what otherwise would have been a picturesque scene.

There was a gala dinner at 8 o'clock tonight on the Hohenzollern, which was attended by King Edward and the members of the royal family, a large company of high dignitaries of state and military and naval officers.

The banquet on the Hohenzollern was held on the upper deck. Emperor William, in proposing a toast to King Edward, said in speaking of the German fleet:

"It is the youngest creation among fleets in the world and an expression of the reviving sea activity of the German empire, regenerated by the great Emperor of undying memory. It is intended for the protection of trade and territory, and it also maintains of peace, which the German empire has kept over thirty years and which Europe has preserved with it. It is known to every one by your Majesty's words and influence of peace and the welfare, not only of our countries, but also of all other nations."

A salute from the warships accompanied the Emperor's toast. When the King left the Hohenzollern, shortly after 10 o'clock, a signal rocket was fired and all the warships burst into a blaze of light. Many small craft were illuminated, some displaying "God Save the King," while launches from the warships performed a series of evolutions.

DEATH OF "QUININE JIM."

Former Congressman that Rendered Great Service, Passes Away.

Hopkinsville, Ky., June 25.—Hon. James A. McKenzie, former Congressman from this district, died at his home at Oak Grove today. He was 84 years old and known everywhere as "Quinine Jim."

Prominence came to Mr. McKenzie during his strenuous and successful championing of the bill of which he was the author, to take the tax off quinine. The speech which, through his humor, logic and earnestness, set that measure through the house and put the drug within the reach of thousands who had been unable to use it before on account of the prohibitive income tax upon it was printed in newspapers all over the United States and was quoted by politicians for years after.

WORLD'S FAIR HANDICAP.

Colonial Girl Easily Wins the Race. Hermis Was Second.

St. Louis, June 25.—Colonial Girl, by Meddler-Springtide, five years old, owned by Otto Stifle, of St. Louis, running in the name of C. F. Rowe and Company, easily won the world's fair handicap at the fair grounds today. The eastern champion, Hermis, was second, three lengths back; Moharib, owned by John W. Schorr, was six lengths behind him.

The race was at a mile and a quarter and was worth \$41,500 to the winner. The track was in fair condition and about six seconds slow. Redfern on Hermis was the quickest to get his mount into motion, followed closely by Gold Heels, Moharib and Colonial Girl. Redfern immediately shot his mount to the outside of the track, where the going was better, followed closely by Gold Heels and Moharib. Passing the stand the first time, Hermis was leading by four lengths, running very easily with Colonial Girl a length ahead of Moharib. Taking up the long run down the back stretch, Hermis showed the way, leading by six lengths, with Colonial Girl running easy and a length ahead of Moharib. Hermis carried the field to the half in :50 1-4, a terrific pace for a slow track. Colonial Girl still hung on, running well within herself. At the three-quarters pole, Hermis seemed to have the race at his mercy, but little A. W. Booker noticing that the eastern horse faltered and was tiring rapidly, sent Colonial Girl after him. "Fern" felt his mouth tire under his hand and struck him with the whip as the St. Louis horse ran up alongside of him.

Hermis shot out into the lead again, but it was a dying effort. Colonial Girl was steadily and speedily overhauling him. As they rounded into the stretch, a cry went up from the fifty thousand spectators, that the great Hermis was beaten. The horses passed the wire with Colonial Girl under wraps three lengths to the good; Hermis, three lengths behind, second, six lengths ahead of Moharib, with the rest of the field beaten off. After the race Otto Stifle presented Jockey A. W. Booker with \$10,000.

CHICAGO WINS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Result of the Olympic National Collegiate Athletic Contests.

St. Louis, June 24.—Although the Olympic national collegiate athletic championships held today under the auspices of the World's Fair Olympic games, early developed into a struggle for supremacy between Chicago and Princeton Universities, the competition between the athletes representing those colleges was so keen and spirited, that the largest crowd that has yet attended an athletic event at the World's Fair grounds was amply repaid for braving the hot sun.

Chicago won the championship and the Walter B. Stevens silver trophy, with a total of seventy points, defeating Princeton by ten points. The scores for the other contestants were as follows:

Michigan Agricultural college 6; University of Illinois 6; Colgate college 5; Leland-Stanford University 4.

While no records were broken, the competition in every event was unusually keen and the result of the meet was in doubt until the last two events had been decided. The pole vault was especially interesting, as Dole, the present world's champion was pitted against Harry Moore of Princeton in the final jumps. They could not negotiate the bar at 12 feet after the legal number of trials, and it was decided to split the points awarded to first and second positions, giving third place to Clark, of Chicago. Princeton had counted upon winning this event and the result had a decided effect upon the outcome of the meet.

WRECK ON THE BIG FOUR.

20th Century Limited Jumps the Track While Running at 60 Miles an Hour.

Delaware, O., June 25.—The south-bound Twentieth Century Limited, on the Big Four railroad, jumped the track here this noon, while running sixty miles an hour. The train consisted of an engine and four coaches and was making terrific speed. The engine, baggage car and one coach turned over on their sides in a ditch. The wreck was caused by spreading rails and took place about 300 yards from the station.

The dead are: Bert Shepperd, engineer, Cleveland; Richard Nell, baggage man, Cleveland. The injured: Patrick Gore, fireman, Cleveland, slightly; Charles Kiffer, contractor, Cleveland, seriously; C. A. Haas, news agent, Cleveland, arms badly scalded; Allen McDonald, passenger, Louisville, Ky., badly cut. The other passengers were badly shaken up and bruised, but all of them save McDonald were able to proceed on their way to Columbus.

LOOMIS STILL MISSING.

No Truth in the Report That He Had Turned Up in Paris.

Paris, June 25.—The whereabouts of Kent J. Loomis, brother of the American assistant Secretary of State Francis D. Loomis, who disappeared shortly before or after the arrival of the North German Lloyd steamer *Kaiser Wilhelm II*, at Plymouth, June 20, remains in the same state of doubt as yesterday. The officials who are conducting the search for the missing man say there is no truth in the report published by a London newspaper to the effect that Loomis turned up here yesterday. The announcement probably resulted from confusing the names of Loomis and W. H. Ellis. The latter sailed from Marseilles this afternoon for Abyssinia.

1,031 VICTIMS

The Total Mortality of the General Slocum Disaster

1500 ON BOARD

And of that Number Only 236 Escaped Without Injury—Ninety-three Persons are Still Unaccounted For. In the Course of a Thorough Inquiry to Determine the Full Extent of the Catastrophe, Much Valuable Information Was Gained Which Will Be Used in the Investigation that is to be Made—Coroner's Inquest Will be Continued on Tuesday.

New York, June 25.—That upwards of one thousand persons perished in the burning of the excursion steamer *General Slocum*, is now practically certain. According to an exhaustive report made by Police Inspector Schmittberger on the number of dead, missing, injured and uninjured in the disaster, it appears that 938 have been recovered and that 93 persons absolutely known to have been aboard the vessel are still unaccounted for, bringing the total mortality of the disaster to 1,031. Those injured number 179 and of the throng of fully 1,500 who embarked on the excursion of St. Marks church, but 236 escaped without injury.

The report is the result of a minute inquiry by a corps of 100 patrolmen under the direction of the inspectors. In the course of the inquiry, much valuable information was secured from survivors, which will be used in the investigation by the district attorney to fix the responsibility for the disaster. A thorough examination today of the hull of the *Slocum* by Coroners O'Gorman and Berry and Inspector Albertson resulted in the discovery in the locker in which the fire started of a number of barrels which had contained kerosene and lubricating oil.

The coroners inquest will be continued on Tuesday, and on Thursday the hearing by the Federal grand jury will be opened.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

John M. Bell Shoots and Kills a Woman, Then Ends His Own Life. Cause of the Double Shooting Not Known.

New York, June 25.—John M. Bell, an agent for a typewriter company, shot and killed a woman variously known as his housekeeper and wife, in the apartment which they had occupied in West Eighteenth street this evening, and then turned the revolver upon himself, inflicting a wound in his right temple, which caused his death in a few seconds.

The authorities have been able only to theorize as to the cause of the double shooting, as the testimony of other tenants in the house gives no indication of ill feeling between the couple. The shooting took place in the room in which the couple had been eating their evening meal.

Mrs. O'Mara, a tenant on the same floor, heard half a dozen revolver shots. Immediately afterwards her door burst open, and the woman, bleeding from wounds in her breast and back, fell forward and died almost instantly. Another shot followed, and Bell was found dead with a revolver with every chamber empty, on the floor beside him. Four of Bell's shots took effect in the body of the woman, one piercing her heart.

Tenants of the house say that the woman returned from a visit of several weeks to Chicago, only a few days ago. She had been there, it is said, to attend the funeral of her mother.

A FATAL STREET FIGHT.

Trouble Arose Between Two Farm Hands—Two Men Killed and Two Seriously Wounded.

Leavenworth, Kan., June 25.—Two men were killed and two seriously wounded in a street fight with revolvers, the result of a quarrel between two harvest hands. The dead are William Hammond, farm hand, George P. Cole, army deserter. The wounded: Charles F. Seeley, newspaper man, Minneapolis; Joseph Besser.

George P. Cole, a deserter from the thirtieth infantry, who had been employed on a farm near this city, became involved in a quarrel with William Hammond, another farm hand and without a word of warning shot him through the heart. Cole with the revolver in his hand, passed through the main business streets of the city which were crowded with women and children, warning every one to keep away from him. A force of policemen hurried to the scene, and about forty shots were exchanged. Charles F. Seeley, a newspaper man of Minneapolis, and Joseph Besser were wounded. Cole took refuge in a private dwelling and when Chief of Police Taylor entered and called upon him to surrender he shot twice at the officers, who returned the fire, laying Cole low with a bullet in the temple. He died within two hours.