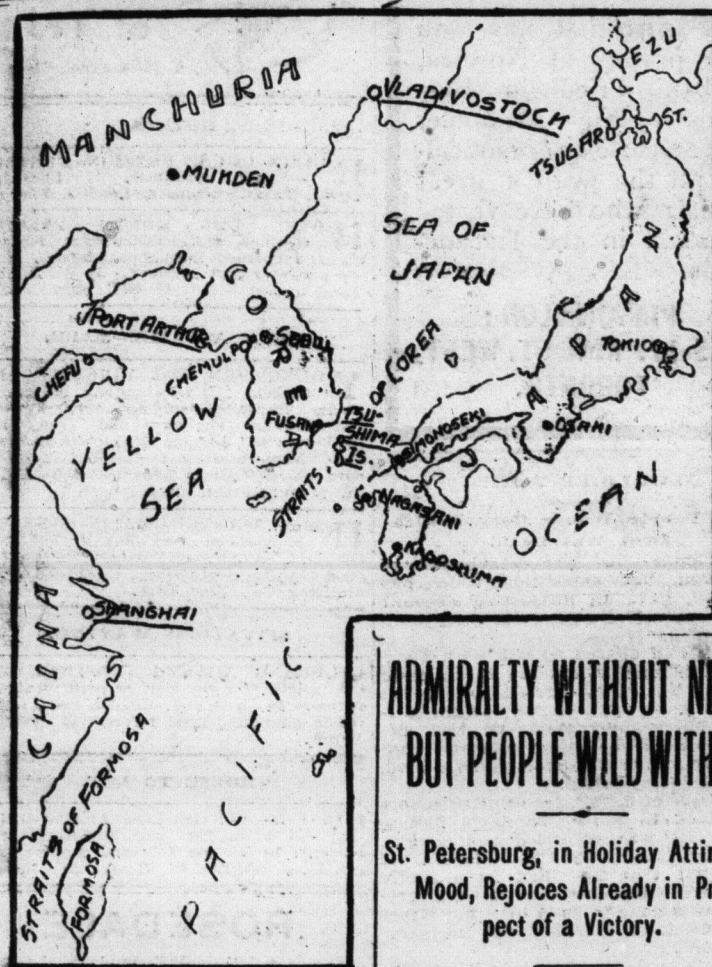


RUSSIANS IN KOREA STRAITS; BATTLE MAY BE NEAR

Exciting News Which May Be Forerunner to Long-Expected Engagement—Or It May Be Only a Portion of Rojestvensky's Fleet to Cover Up His Detour—Russian Admiralty Even is Puzzled By His Movements.

THE SITUATION.

Advices from various sources on Saturday point to the possibility of an early battle between the Russian and Japanese fleets. The Tokio despatches reporting the presence of Russian warships off Tsu Islands, in the Straits of Korea, indicate that the Russian admiral has divided his fleet, as authentic despatches to the Associated Press, confirmed by advices received in Washington, show that some Russian vessels are still near Shanghai. It is probable that Rojestvensky has detached his auxiliaries, supply vessels, unarmored ships and others unfit for battle and proceeded northward with his main fighting force. Whether it is his intention to force Togo to accept battle, or whether his object is to reach Vladivostok, the despatches do not make clear. Togo's whereabouts is not known.



ADMIRALTY WITHOUT NEWS BUT PEOPLE WILD WITH JOY

St. Petersburg, in Holiday Attire and Mood, Rejoices Already in Prospect of a Victory.

BULLETINS.

Saigon, Cochinchina, May 27.—Returning colliers report that Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet arrived off the Saddle Islands May 24, and proceeded in the direction of the Straits of Korea.

Tokio, May 27.—(4.30 p.m.)—Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet has been sighted off Tsushima Islands, in the Straits of Korea.

Nagasaki, May 27.—(Noon.)—It is reported that a Russian fleet is passing Tsu Islands in the Straits of Korea.

St. Petersburg, May 27.—The tension in naval circles is very great. News of the meeting of the Russian and Japanese fleets is expected hourly. The despatch from Tokio to the Associated Press saying it was rumored that the fleets have already engaged in the Straits of Korea aroused intense interest at the admiralty, but nothing confirmatory had been received there up to the time this despatch was filed. The majority of the officers were inclined to doubt the accuracy of the Tokio report, believing that Rojestvensky with his fighting ships is heading northward for the eastern port of Japan.

Others on the contrary considered it quite likely that Rojestvensky, after passing out into the Pacific, doubled back thru the Luchu Islands, and will take the straightest course for Vladivostok. Rojestvensky, they point out, is a believer in strategy and mystification, and his cruise in the Pacific may have been not only to avoid the danger of mines and torpedo boat attacks in the shallow waters of the Straits of Formosa, but to deceive the Japanese into the belief that his objective was either the Tsugaru or La Perouse Straits, while in reality he changed his course and headed for the Straits of Korea.

As a matter of fact Rojestvensky seems to have mystified his own admiralty as much as the Japanese. On one hand the appearance of Russian colliers and converted cruisers off Shanghai is taken as being confirmatory of the theory that Rojestvensky's fighting division headed back after circling the Island of Formosa, and

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St. Petersburg, May 27.—There was great rejoicing here on receipt of the Associated Press despatch from Tokio, announcing that Admiral Rojestvensky had been sighted off the Tsu Islands, Straits of Korea. Many people believe Rojestvensky has already met and defeated Admiral Togo, while others hold that he has eluded the Japanese admiral, and that it will now be a stern chase for Vladivostok.

The fact that to-day is a general holiday, the anniversary of the Emperor's coronation, is considered a happy augury. The city which is gaily decorated is full of rumors of a Russian victory.

During the afternoon the newspapers got out extras, which were eagerly purchased by the holiday crowds in the parks and on the boulevards and the admiralty was soon besieged with enquiries for news. But the staff had none to offer.

It was reiterated to the Associated Press at 5 o'clock that the admiralty had received nothing beyond the news despatches from Tokio, explaining that the staff here is now entirely dependent on the Japanese advices, and can expect nothing from their own sources until Rojestvensky reaches Vladivostok. There was no concealment of the pleasure, however, with which the officers read the definite statement from Tokio that Rojestvensky was off the Tsu Islands.

Fell Fifty Feet.
Samuel Montgomery and William Norfolk, painters, while working at Scott and Front streets, were thrown to the ground, 50 feet below, by the breaking of a rope. Montgomery landed on a coil of rope and his badly shaken up; Norfolk grabbed a rope and slid the distance.

GIRL KILLED BY TROLLEY.
Florence Howard, aged 13, 67 Woodbine-avenue, was instantly killed by a street car on Queen-street, opposite the Kingston-road, on Saturday afternoon.

Whitelaw Reid Sails.
New York, May 27.—Whitelaw Reid, the new American ambassador to Great Britain, sailed for England to-day on the steamer Philadelphia. Other passengers on the same steamer were: Jean Kolodrivoff, minister of communications of Russia and Henry Phipps

OSCAR'S MINISTERS RESIGN TROUBLE LOOMS IN NORWAY

King Refused to Sign Law Creating Separate Consular System Nor Will He Accept Resignations.

Christiania, Norway, May 27.—King Oscar at to-day's council of ministers declined to sign the law creating a separate consular system for Norway. The ministers immediately tendered their resignations, but the king refused to accept them.

Tendering their resignations, the ministers declared they must ask for their immediate dismissal, as not one of them would be able to sign the king's veto, which they regarded as injurious to the country. Such a rejection of a Norwegian law, unanimously passed by the cabinet, and which the king had signed, could not be justified, as it not only did not accord with Norwegian interests but constituted an action on the part of the sovereign which was opposed to the constitution of Norway and constitutional practices.

PREPARE FOR WAR.

London, May 27.—The Christiania correspondent of The Daily Express sends a sensational story of alleged secret warlike preparations at all strategic points, on the Norwegian frontier for the purpose of meeting possibilities relative to the dispute between Sweden and Norway on the question of separate consular representation.

GLASGOW EXPERT ARRIVES.

Jas. Dalrymple Is at New York on His Way to Chicago.

New York, May 27.—James Dalrymple, superintendent of the city tramway system of Glasgow, Scotland, who comes here at the invitation of Mayor Dunne of Chicago to advise in their experiment with municipal ownership, was a passenger on the Campanian, which arrived here to-day. Speaking of municipal ownership generally, Mr. Dalrymple said:

"Glasgow now controls its gas, electricity, tramways, water, markets, parks, baths, lodging-houses and telephone systems. The telephone system is not so much of a success as we expected, however, as we are fighting the National Telephone Company. We believe that in time, however, we will get it in better order."

He said that Glasgow had been successful with its city gas plant and had reduced the price to about 50 cents per 1000 cubic feet.

CHILEAN CRUISER GOES DOWN.

Commander Suicided or Was Drowned, According to Rumors.

Santiago de Chile, May 27.—The Chilean cruiser Presidente Pinto has foundered in the Gulf of Anod, north of the Island of Chile, off the southern part of the coast of Chile. According to one report her commander, Captain Whiteside, committed suicide in despair. Another version says he was drowned.

WOMAN'S ONLY HOPE NOW RESTS WITH THE GOVERNOR

Montpelier, Vt., May 27.—The petition of Mrs. Mary M. Rogers, convicted of the murder of her husband, for a new trial has been denied by the supreme court of Vermont.

A reprieve, granted by Gov. Bell the day before Mrs. Rogers was to have been hanged last February, will expire June 2.

Under Vermont laws, only commutation by the governor can now avert the hanging of the woman on the date named.

CAMPANIA IN MID-OCEAN. TALKED WITH BOTH SHORES.

New York, May 27.—Upon her arrival to-day the Campanian reported that she had been in continuous communication with land by means of wireless telegraphy during the entire voyage.

When in mid-ocean the Campanian was in communication with both America and Europe simultaneously, a feat never before accomplished.

TONGORDER, 1 TO 5, IN A GALLOP WON THE "WOODSTOCK PLATE"

Moonraker Beat Caper Sauce—Dramatist Captured the Tally-Ho Steeplechase—Mrs. Frank Foster and Ohlyessa, Favorites, Were First in Opening Purses.

THE WINNERS

First Race.....	Mrs. Frank Foster.....	7-5
Second Race.....	Ohlyessa.....	1-1
Third Race.....	Moonraker.....	5-2
Fourth Race.....	Dramatist.....	2-1
Fifth Race.....	Tongorder.....	1-6
Sixth Race.....	Sir Ralph.....	8-1
Seventh Race.....	Plantagenet.....	6-1

Saturday was bright and warm and the sun shone brightly. Thus the weather conditions were the most favorable in seven days. The crowd was probably 9000, a little smaller than on the holiday.

The feature event was spoiled somewhat by the scratching of Yeoman and Rerry, Al Weston recognizing that it was a hopeless task to defeat the Dymont crack and Tongorder won the easiest race of the meeting. Walsh allowed First Born to come up at the finish, the he could have probably won by 20 lengths.

Caper Sauce, at 1 to 3, in the Albany Club Purse, was beaten in the run home by Moonraker, who cut off the Seagram horse on the rail nearing the wire.

The steeplechase was a pretty finish. The only two stood up they were right together at the wire.

The governor-general donated a cup for a race among the Hunt Club members, who escorted his excellency to the Woodstock race course. The contestants were Mr. Beardmore, A. Beardmore, D. McCarthy, H. Osborne, E. Osborne, Usher, A. Case, Holcroft Chadwick. They ran five furlongs. The following were the winners: Usher 1, Chadwick 2, E. Osborne 3. The horses were strung out a full furlong at the finish.

The First Race.
King Crane went to the lead in the first race, but only for a moment, when Mrs. Frank Foster took up the running and remained in front all the way, but only last of long enough to beat Miss Shylcock out by a nose, and rapidly going back. Mrs. Foster had two lengths down the back and east and turned home with that advantage.

The bunch behind her was led by Winchester, Miss Shylcock, Scarcrow and Meadowhorn. In the race home Miss Shylcock burst thru fast and would have beaten Mrs. Foster in another jump, with Scarcrow following in her. Winchester was also in the fight. There were hot tips out on Meadowhorn and Moonraker, but the sensible speculators stayed with the favorite.

In the second race Bella Hamburg set a hot pace and led well into the stretch, when she closed up, as in her former race, when she closed up, as in her former race, when she closed up, as in her former race.

In the third race Caper Sauce and Moonraker were the only two in the running. The former led the procession from the start, pulling out two lengths to the front, but the three closed up fast coming to the back turn. From there it was Caper Sauce and Moonraker. The Seagram colt had a head when straightened out for home, but could not stand the challenge of Moonraker, who won going away by an open length. Teston was ten lengths back of Caper Sauce.

The Steeplechase.
In the steeplechase in the first round there were only three left when the pig pen was neglected. Julius Roane ran away before the start and then ran out at the club house. Haversack refused, Arius threw Gallagher after leaving the pig pen, and Amur went down with him. There were three left and Lord Radnor took the lead by Kelly guiding him the shortest course. It was a stretch finish, the three coming home within two lengths of one another. Arius Amur and Radnor were the strongest supported.

Yeoman and Derry refused the Woodstock Plate conditions and the Goughacre Stable added Falaheen. Tongorder had the first call and he early started to open a gap until pulled back at the six furlong pole. Walsh stood up in the stirrups the entire distance that was worse than a canter. First Born passed Falaheen, the second choice, turning into the home stretch.

Mrs. Frank Foster Repeats.
FIRST RACE—York Purse, selling, for 3-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs: 1 Mrs. Frank Foster, 102 (Henderson) 7-5 2 Miss Shylcock, 88 (Klenck) 15-1 3 Scarcrow, 94 (Brennan) 40-1 4 Monograph, 105 (Watson) 30-1 5 Winchester, 100 (Romanelli) 4-1 6 Meadowhorn, 80 1/2 (W. Daly) 9-2 7 Monograph, 103 (Creamer) 19-1 8 Allopeth, 105 (Watson) 12-1 9 Basuto, 96 (Hogg) 30-1 10 Girl From Dixie, 85 (J. Hennessy) 50-1 11 King Crane, 90 (J. Jones) 50-1 12 Man of War, 115 (Miles) 50-1 Time 1:17. Start good. Winner ch., m., 5.

by Ben Strome—Princess Revenue, Foster led all the way, winning easily by two lengths. Place the same.

Purse for Ohlyessa.
SECOND RACE—Hopeful Purse, for 2-year-olds, 5 furlongs: 1 Ohlyessa, 119 (Munro) 1-1 2 xWee Lass, 105 (J. Booker) 10-1 3 xLacene, 112 (J. Hennessy) 10-1 4 Bonnet, 115 (Miles) 2-1 5 xZelinda, 110 (Romanelli) 12-1 6 xLord Harague, 103 (W. Daly) 12-1 7 Ferroniere, 108 (H. Phillips) 8-1 8 Bella Hamburg, 105 (E. Walsh) 5-2 9 xJames entry, xDavies entry. Time 1:03 1/2. Start good. Winner A. Brown & Co.'s br., f., by The Commodore—Tulla Ponso. The winner drew away in the stretch under a mild drive by one length. Place the same.

Odds on Favorite Beaten.
THIRD RACE—Albany Club Purse, for 3-year-olds, foaled in Canada, 6 furlongs: 1 Moonraker, 122 (C. Phillips) 5-2 2 Caper Sauce, 122 (H. Phillips) 3-1 3 Teston, 112 (Romanelli) 30-1 4 Sea Roll, 110 (Phil) 30-1 Time 1:10 1/2. Start good. Winner John Mather's br., s., by Morphous—Mischief Maker. Caper Sauce could not handle the weight; tired in the stretch.

Second Win for Dramatist.
FOURTH RACE—Tally-Ho Steeplechase, selling, for 4-year-olds and up, 2 miles: 1 Dramatist, 131 (Geo.) 5-2 2 Ohnet, 141 (Mattocks) 10-1 3 Lord Radnor, 145 (E. Kelly) 40-1 4 Arius, 150 (Gallagher) 8-5 5 Junius Roane, 131 (Zeno) 15-1 6 Haversack, 141 (Graham) 30-1 7 Amur, 141 (Hagen) 4-1 Time 4:43 1/2. Start good. Winner K. B. Marshall's ch., s., by Racine—Rosebud. Dramatist drew away in the stretch, and fell in the pique, taking down Amur with him. Last two horses refused.

Tongorder All the Way.
FIFTH RACE—Woodstock Plate, for 3-year-olds, 1 1/4 miles: 1 Tongorder, 127 (E. Walsh) 1-5 2 First Born, 114 (Romanelli) 10-1 3 Falaheen, 104 (Creamer) 12-1 Time 1:50 1/4. Start good. Winner N. Dy.

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Will Expropriate.

The Dominion government will expropriate all or a portion of the property on Front-street for the new post-office when the surveyors have decided just how much of the land will be required.

CANADIAN GENERAL ELECTRIC.

Canadian General Electric stock has got rid of a more than nightmare that has hung over it for many months: manipulation by a small clique of carry it up when a rise was not fairly in sight, and which was attempted, not to the advantage of the company or its shareholders, but to the gain of the manipulators. These manipulators were enabled to prolong their plan by what looked like connivance from the inside. The company is now reorganizing its finances; is substituting shares for floating debt; let it at the same time seek to avoid the suspicion that it is assisting manipulators anxious to exploit the public and its own shareholders. As soon as the public appreciate that the price of the stock is dictated by investors' needs, and not by the desires of manipulators, the sooner will a healthier situation be created.

SUNDAY WEATHER.

The weatherman says that to-day will be nice and warm and altogether lovely.

DEATHS.

MATHESON—At Peterboro, on Tuesday, May 23rd, Carrie C. Matheson, widow of the late Angus Matheson, druggist, of Toronto.

STITT—On Friday, May 26th, at his late residence, 15 Selby-street, Toronto, William Stitt of the firm of William Stitt & Co.

Funeral Monday, May 29th, at 3 o'clock (private).
Ottawa papers please copy.

THORBURN—At his residence, 418 Bloor-street west, Toronto, on Friday, the 26th May, 1905, James Thorburn, M.D., aged 74 years.

Funeral on Monday, the 29th, at 3 o'clock. Interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.