

ROJESTVENSKY TO GIVE BATTLE TO ADMIRAL TOGO.

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Vladivostock Will Not be a Repetition of Port Arthur.

Russians May Force Togo's Hand by Bombarding Some Jap City.

St. Petersburg, May 27, 1:15 p.m.—Admiral Avellan, head of the Russian Admiralty, this afternoon confirms the Associated Press despatches saying Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky is steaming north to give battle to Admiral Togo. He considers it possible that news to the effect that the two fleets have met may be received any day. Admiral Avellan reaffirms the official denial of the reports that Rojestvensky has broken down and asked to be relieved. Avellan says Rojestvensky sent detailed reports of the condition of his own health and of the health of the crews of his ships. The constant tension and hard work of the past months have been a great strain on the Admiral's health.

"Even before he left," said Avellan, "Rojestvensky was a sufferer from kidney trouble, but his health is no worse. Admiral Voekersam in command of a squadron of the Russian fleet, has suffered from the long stay in the tropics. The appointment of Vice-Admiral Skrydloff, at Vladivostock, will in no wise affect Rojestvensky's status. The latter's mission as chief of the fleet is to take it to Vladivostock. There will be no antagonism when he gets there."

"Do you anticipate a sea fight soon?" the Admiral was asked. He replied: "Certainly. The Japanese cannot afford to allow Rojestvensky to reach Vladivostock without an engagement. I personally expect it to take place in the near future though I admit the admiralty knows nothing of Rojestvensky's strategy or plans. The Emperor having accorded his complete freedom of action."

In response to a suggestion that Togo might intentionally allow Rojestvensky to get to Vladivostock contenting himself with torpedo attacks while the Russians are on their way there and then try to bottle Rojestvensky up in Vladivostock, Admiral Avellan smiled and said: "The story of Port Arthur will not be repeated. Rojestvensky will try to wrest the mastery of the sea from Togo. There are many ways of compelling Togo to accept battle. Rojestvensky will only have to bombard one of the coast cities to force Togo to appear in his defense."

Admiral Avellan repudiated the reports that a number of chartered colliers sent to Vladivostock were captured by the Japanese owing to the conviction of their captains who arranged to receive half the price of their cargoes for betraying their route and time of departure. The admiral explains that the colliers were lost through delay in the receipt of orders telegraphed to them by the admiralty to go to Vladivostock by way of La Perouse Straits instead of through the Strait of Corea. Two of these vessels passed through L'aparus Straits arrived safely at Vladivostock.

A private letter from the commander of one of Rojestvensky's torpedo boat destroyers, describes the fleet's passage to the Indian ocean. The writer says the hard work fell on the light cruisers and torpedo boat destroyers under Vice-Admiral Enquist, which were constantly scouting ahead and communicating the approach of vessels. Considerable difficulty was experienced at the coasting from transports at sea, especially in the case of the torpedo boat destroyers. The officer adds that after the long voyage they were looking forward with relief to the coming battle. "Considerable difficulty was experienced at the coasting from transports at sea, especially in the case of the torpedo boat destroyers. The officer adds that after the long voyage they were looking forward with relief to the coming battle. "Considerable difficulty was experienced at the coasting from transports at sea, especially in the case of the torpedo boat destroyers. The officer adds that after the long voyage they were looking forward with relief to the coming battle."

Several train loads of coal are on their way to Vladivostock.

JAPS ACTIVE.

Immediate Promise of Important Events in Manchuria.

A Harbin, Manchuria, cable: Presumably held up by the censor.—There is immediate promise of the most important events since the Russian retreat from Mukden. The Japanese, who are

SET ON FIRE BY SKY ROCKET.

Dyment-Baker Mills and Bonser's Turning Factory Suffer.

London, Ont., May 25.—The fire at the Dyment-Baker mills this morning burned with such fury that the fire brigade was unable to control it, and in a short time the whole premises, including piles of lumber, were one mass of flames. The piles of pine lumber in the yard went one by one, and from the big frame box factory the flames were swiftly communicated to Bonser's Turning Factory, one door to the south. By 3:30 Bonser's place was beyond hope, and the fire had travelled east through the yards, threatening the London Machine Tool Company's building on Bathurst street. The brick section of the Dyment-Baker factory followed, and the flames sweeping through and over the building to the northward, attacked the lumber piles between the M. C. R. mill and the T. R. tracks. For some time the Great Trunk freight sheds were in imminent danger, but at

the Great Lakes was suggested years ago, and a plan was devised for the dredging of a channel 1,000 feet or more wide. This was abandoned, as it was shown that in case of big storms, ships would be blown out of the channel into shallow water. It was then suggested that the Niagara be dammed, thereby raising the water of the lakes to any height desired. This met with general favor until it was discovered that if the waters were raised to any great extent hundreds of square miles of Canadian land would be submerged. Diplomatic negotiations were then entered into and the present International Deep Waterways Commission was the result. The American members of the commission are Gen. Oswald H. Ernst, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.; George Clinton, of Buffalo; and Prof. G. S. Williams, of Ithaca.

PRAYED AT MAYOR.

Methodist Ministers of Philadelphia Marched to City Hall.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 29.—One hundred ministers, marching upon the City Hall and praying and exhorting Mayor Weaver to stiffen his backbone, forced from the Mayor to-day his first shopping trip. The Mayor during the great declaration against the leasing of the gas works to the Union Gas Improvement Company. They were Methodist ministers who had been holding their regular weekly meetings. They marched up to the City Hall and made straight for Mayor Weaver's office. Immediately some three score ministers fell upon their knees, while their speaking committee addressed His Worship, Ministers, who had denounced the Mayor during the great prayer meeting a month ago, called him "the city's saviour."

The Mayor finally raised his hands. "Oh, ministers," he said, "within 24 hours after the passage of the gas bill he was asked to consent to the city giving away a contract that we now have, by which we must receive in annual revenues, at least \$25,000,000 in the next 24 years, and with the increase in the consumption of gas, probably \$40,000,000, and then at the end of 22 years, get back, without any charge against it, the great gas plant, with all its franchises and with all the money expended upon it by the United Gas Improvement Company. That plant, I believe, would be worth to the city from \$80,000,000 to \$100,000,000, so that by the proposed lease, we should be practically giving away without any return the present gas plant, which will be worth at the expiration of 22 years, from \$80,000,000 to \$100,000,000."

ABOUT WATERWAYS.

CANADIAN SECTION OF INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION.

Washington, May 24.—The first meeting of the International Deep Waterways Commission, composed of three members representing Canada and three for the United States, will be held in Washington to-morrow.

The Canadian members of the commission, W. F. King and Louis Coste, of Ottawa, and J. P. Maybee, of Toronto, arrived in Washington to-day.

President Roosevelt, in receiving the Canadian section at noon to-day at the White House, declared Canada should have here at the British Embassy a Canadian representative, a kind of Charge d'Affaires, who would know thoroughly the Canadian uses and customs, and who would be in a position to expedite business when the Governments of the adjoining countries have to deal together. The President treated the Canadian delegates with the utmost courtesy and cordiality. The meeting to-morrow will be of great importance.

MAJOR GRAY DEAD.

ENGINEER OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

From the effects of a cold, which developed into pneumonia, Major Henry Gray, engineer of the Department of Public Works of Canada, died yesterday at his residence, 80 Wellesley street, Toronto, shortly after 1 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. The cold caused a rupture of a ligament in the chest, and developed ultimately into an attack of pneumonia, which he was unable to throw off, as his health had been seriously undermined.

GANG CAPTURED.

MEN WHO WORKED THE SPANISH PRISONER GAME.

Madrid, May 29.—An examination of papers found in the offices of the band of thieves captured by the police yesterday on charges of having worked the hidden-treasure swindle in the United States and Europe was made to-day.

These papers show that the swindlers have realized \$125,000 from their victims, but this is supposed to be only a fraction of their gains. The firm conducted its business without any attempt at concealment in luxurious rooms on the Calle Cuchilleros. They employed ten clerks and kept their accounts in a systematic manner.

TO COLONIAL SOLDIERS.

Princes of Wales Unveils Memorial at St. Paul's.

London, May 29.—The Prince of Wales unveiled a memorial to the colonial soldiers who fell during the war. Lord and Lady Stratheona, Premier Balfour, Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Right Hon. Alfred Lyttelton, Earl and Countess Minto, Earl and Countess Roberts, General Baden-Powell and Methuen, and others were present. Canon Scott Holland, in a short address, said that the colonies had come to Great Britain's aid at a time of black, dismal dread, when disaster followed disaster, and when the rest of the world had given a verdict against us.

WIFE-BEATER KILLED BY SON.

Boy West to Defence of His Mother and Used Revolver.

Bellport, L. I., May 29.—While defending his mother from the hands of a husband, Joseph Connell, aged 18, shot and killed his father, John E. Connell, yesterday.

NEW LORD OF THE TREASURY.

Lord Edmund Talbot Will Replace Gerald Loder, Deceased at Election.

London, May 29.—Lord Edmund Bernard Talbot, member of Parliament for Chichester, Sussex, has been appointed Chief Lord of the Treasury, to replace Gerald Loder, who, following his appointment to the office, was signally defeated for re-election at Brighton by E. Villiers, the Liberal candidate. Since the defeat of Mr. Loder the post has been left vacant owing to the fear of another such reverse for the Government.

EMPIRE DAY IN OLD LONDON.

Lord Minto Eulogizes Canada in a Speech.

Canadian Politics Singularly Free From Corruption.

King Edward Spends Day at Aldershot.

London, May 29.—The Canada Club last night gave a dinner to Earl Minto, who stated that he was Governor-General of Canada in an epoch-making time, especially in 1899. The empire of 1898 was very crude compared to that of 1905. Canada's sons had as an outcome rushed to arms out of British sentiment. He had that afternoon assisted at an unveiling memorial to colonial troops who had fallen in the late war, which he described as an official seal to a magnificent page of imperial history. In his period of office he had seen great prosperity, the development of wealth and with it a feeling of power, ambition and nationality linked with the Imperial feeling. He hardly knew whether the people of Great Britain grasped it all. He hoped Great Britain would always hold out the hand of friendship and that little differences between them would never become a plaything for party politics. In conclusion he said the future Dominion would always hold a warm place in his heart.

THE SAVANNA TRAGEDY.

WEALTHY CITIZEN SUICIDED ON BEING QUESTIONED ABOUT PISTOL.

Savannah, Ill., May 29.—Bothwell Pulford, reputed to be the wealthiest citizen of Savannah, committed suicide today a few moments after being questioned regarding the whereabouts of a revolver with which he was suspected of having slain Attorney Daniel S. Perry, former leading member of the Illinois Legislature. Pulford had denied any knowledge of the killing of Perry, but became agitated when questioned concerning the revolver. The story has been widely circulated that Perry was killed as a result of a bet on a race. Pulford on arriving at his store to-day found a newspaper man waiting for him with queries as to the revolver. As soon as the interviewer had left Pulford hurried home, and going to the hay loft of his barn, shot himself dead.

CARNEGIE MEDAL.

For Lindsay Man Who Saved Boy From Drowning.

Pittsburg, May 29.—The first awards under the Carnegie hero fund of \$5,700,000, created by Andrew Carnegie in April, 1904, were made to-day.

Among those receiving silver medals is Alexander Cameron, aged 27, a painter, of Lindsay, Victoria county, Ont., Cameron saw George H. Bryans, aged 8, fall into the Spugog River while attempting to catch fish. He jumped in after the boy, who had sunk twice.

YACHTSMAN DROWNED.

Sad Ending of a Day's Pleasure on Lake St. Louis.

Montreal, May 29.—By the upsetting of a yacht on Lake St. Louis, off Pointe Claire, this evening, Melvin Jeffries, 25 years of age, who resided at Dorval, was drowned, and two companions who were in the boat with him had a narrow escape. Jeffries, with a number of friends, started out early in the day with a party for a cruise on the lake. The weather was squally and the lake was rough. Everything went well, however, until late in the day, when after leaving some of the party at Pointe Claire, and while making for Beauport, a storm sprang up and the yacht was capsized.

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Several counterfeit dyes were found in the offices including the State Prison at Madrid, the Spanish postal department and the London and Mexico banks.

SPREAD OF CHICAGO STRIKE.

Swearing in Special Police--Protecting the Armouries.

Chicago, May 29.—With the strike spreading each hour in the lumber district and no signs of peace in sight affairs in the teamsters' strike assumed a serious aspect to-day. Unable to meet the demands for police protection, Mayor Dunne issued a call for 1,000 able-bodied citizens to report at Chief O'Neil's office and be sworn in as policemen to do strike duty.

WON'T BE TAKEN BACK.

New York, May 29.—That the express companies will not recede from the position they have taken in connection with the teamsters' strike in Chicago was the statement made to-day by United States Senator Thomas C. Platt, President of the United States Express Company. The Senator explained at length the attitude of the affected companies, gave his views of the reasons for and the righteousness of that attitude, and concluded with the positive statement that the striking drivers in Chicago would not be employed.

CASE AGAINST SLUGGERS.

GILHOOLY AND UNION OFFICIALS EMPLOYING HIM INDICTED.

Chicago Chronicle: The result of a secret postmortem examination of the body of Charles Carlstrom, held last Sunday, showed that the immediate cause of death was pneumonia and not the beating inflicted by Charles Gilhooly and his associates.

On this discovery the grand jury, although voting indictments against 12 persons, found itself powerless to return true bills for murder. Those under indictment will, as a result, not stand in danger of the gallows, but will stand trial on charges of conspiracy and assault to do bodily injury. Those indicted by the grand jury yesterday were: George Meiler, formerly president of the Carriage and Wagon Workers' union, No. 4; Henry J. Newman, secretary; Charles J. Casey, business agent; John Heiden, Edward Shields, George John Mullen, George Mueller, Frank Novak and Charles Deutsch, members of the executive committee. Charles Gilhooly, Marcus Looney and Edward Feeley.

Gilhooly and Looney are the men at fault who have been employed by the union to "locate" victims who were not members of the union or who had refused to take part in the last strike of the Carriage and Wagon Workers' union.

Drs. Moyer, Roby, Rheinhardt and Young, testified in the grand jury room that death resulted from pneumonia, adding that the assault may have been the primary cause. The jurors, however, insisted on being furnished with the proximate cause of death and the physicians promptly replied that it was pneumonia.

Testimony was also given by Mrs. Carlstrom, widow of the deceased; Fred L. Mead, former Carlistrom work- ed; Attorney Louis A. Heile, counsel for the Employers' association, and persons who witnessed the assault on Carlstrom.

The members of the Executive Board were indicted principally upon evidence of that character which tended to show that money had been appropriated at a meeting of the executive board for use by the "educational" committee.

TWO DROWNED, ONE SHOT.

Several Unfortunate Victoria Day Accidents Near Halifax.

Halifax, May 29.—Three accidents, resulting in the death of two persons and the possible fatal injury of a third, marred the celebration of Victoria Day, in the vicinity of this city. Chester B. Archibald, of Bedford, aged eighteen years, was drowned in Sandy Lake after his companion, Benjamin H. Willis, had made a gallant effort to save him. They went in swimming, having rowed out to the middle of the lake. The boat drifted away with the wind and Archibald took a fall and sank before he could reach shore.

JUST FOR AMUSEMENT.

Young Lady Shoots a Bullet Into Man's Head--He May Recover.

Winnipeg, May 29.—Mr. Hunter, of Souris, was brought into the city last night with a bullet in his head. On Sunday evening last Mr. Hunter was sitting on the bank of the river near Souris chatting with a couple of young ladies and a gentleman in a canoe. One of the ladies picked up a revolver lying in the canoe, and not thinking it was loaded, pointed it at Hunter, pulled the trigger, and Hunter received the bullet in his mouth. It passed through the roof of his mouth, and lodged in the vicinity of the left ear. No vital part was touched, and the gravest danger to be feared from the wound is blood-poisoning.

Mystery of Paul Jones.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Mayor Weaver, of Philadelphia, has been restrained from discharging officials.

The rail mill at Sault Ste. Marie is now working on an order for 100-pound rails for the Michigan Central Canadian lines.

Victoria Day was celebrated in fine fashion at Brantford. The chief attraction was the Royal Grenadiers' Regiment of Toronto.

Dr. T. B. Kilpatrick, D. D., of Manitoba College, has cabled from Scotland that he will accept the chair of systematic theology in Knox College.

J. B. Young, president of the failed Goldfield Bank and Trust Company, of Goldfield, Nev., and Francis L. Burton have been arrested in San Francisco.

Edward Bros. grocery store and Abraham & Aboud's general store at Carleton Place, were burned, with five or six dwellings. Loss, \$15,000 to \$20,000.

The Manchester Courier states that a number of artisans, including colliery workers, who recently emigrated to Canada, are now returning to their former homes.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Station at Cranbrook, B. C., collapsed yesterday while undergoing repairs, and eleven men were injured. Four of the injured may die and five others are severely hurt.

Hugh McDonald, working on the James Bay Railway, near Torrance, was instantly killed yesterday by the premature discharge of a fuse while loading a hole with dynamite for blasting. Mr. McDonald came from Point Turner, Cape Breton, and was 23 years of age.

Mayor Weaver, of Philadelphia, has taken forcible possession of the offices of Director of Public Safety and Director of Public Works. Neither Director Smith nor Director Costello offered serious resistance. Four detectives are now on guard at the offices.

Donald Dinnie had to toe the scratch at Newcastle the other day on a charge of keeping a dog without a license. "Are you the great orator?" asked the magistrate, and the veteran athlete modestly nodded assent. Donald was found technically at fault, but was allowed to leave the court without any penalty being imposed.

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