

RUSS DESTROYER BEZSTRASHIN SUNK BY THE JAPANESE

Officially Announced She Was Surrounded and Destroyed, All But Five of Crew Perishing.

MIKADO'S CAPTAINS CLAIM SINKING A BATTLESHIP

St. Petersburg, April 14.—Rear Admiral Ouktomsky wires from Port Arthur today that the Bezstrashin, one of the Russian torpedo boat destroyers sent out during the night to reconnoitre, became separated from the rest of the fleet, owing to the bad weather prevailing, was surrounded by Japanese torpedo boat destroyers and was sunk in the night. Five men were saved.

Admiral Ouktomsky adds: "I have taken command provisionally of the fleet since the disaster to the Petropavlovsk."

"During some maneuvering of the battleship squadron the Petropavlovsk struck against a mine amidships, on the starboard side. She was able to regain port by herself. No one on board of her was killed or wounded."

Tokio, April 14.—5 p.m.—A brief report from Rear-Admiral Uru of Wednesday's fighting off Port Arthur reached the navy department this afternoon. It says Vice-Admiral Togo's fleet attacked Port Arthur in the morning and succeeded in sinking a battleship of the Petropavlovsk class and one torpedo boat destroyer. The Japanese sustained

no losses. One Japanese was wounded. A detailed report of the engagement is expected hourly.

Tokio, April 14.—10 a.m.—The first intimation of the result of Vice-Admiral Togo's seventh attack upon Port Arthur reached Tokio at 8 a.m. In a telegram sent to the Associated Press, which promptly communicated it to official circles. The news was received with intense satisfaction, particularly the reported destruction of the battleship Petropavlovsk. There was a note of regret, however, in the comment upon the reported death of Admiral Makarov, for the Russian admiral commanded the respect of his opponents, and the Japanese admired the manner in which he had rehabilitated the fleet after the first attacks upon Port Arthur and the splendid fight he was making against odds. The navy department expects advice from Vice-Admiral Togo tonight. It is known that he left the vicinity of Port Arthur yesterday to return to an unknown base, and it is expected that he will reach telegraphic communication tonight.

TOGO'S ATTACK WAS BOLD ONE

Took His Fleet to Close Quarters With Batteries.

BOMBARDMENT NOT SERIOUS

Fired a Few Shells and Made a Demonstration to Draw Out the Russians.

London, April 14.—The Times today has the following: On board the Russian battleship, the Echo de Port Arthur, April 13, by wireless telegraph to Wei Hai Wei.—The Japanese torpedo boat destroyer Port Arthur early this morning, and the fleet is now shelling the forts. The bombardment began at 9:45. Last night we ran into dirty weather. At 4:30 this morning, amid rain and squalls, we made out a squadron of warships in line ahead, steering a course similar to our own. As the light increased it was manifest that it was the Japanese fleet. The battleships, the cruisers, the third and fourth in the line being the Kasuga and the Nishin. They are making their first appearance in these waters. The fleet, with the Mikasa leading, was shaping a course for Port Arthur.

Forty miles distant from that point the battleships drew out at full speed, and the Kasuga and the Nishin left the cruisers and joined the battleships, the other cruisers remaining behind. The interval between them was maintained by the torpedo boat destroyer division and a dispatching vessel. As we neared Port Arthur we found two first-class and four second-class cruisers already there. This squadron had covered the torpedo attack made in the small hours of the morning.

The battleships now hoisted their fighting flags and steamed off in some formation, the Mikasa leading, and the new ships bringing up the rear, to within six miles of Port Arthur's frowning promontory. At 10:20 a.m. the shore batteries opened up, and the fire was only of a desultory nature, and it seemed as though Admiral Togo was making a demonstration rather than attempting a serious bombardment. Three times his fighting squadron circled in front of the enemy's position, drawing a desultory reply, and at 12 o'clock Admiral Togo withdrew his battleships to the south.

It was an inspiring spectacle to see how this powerful squadron of fighting machines maneuvered. The battleships went boldly in, while the less protected vessels maneuvered with them, conforming to their evolutions at a safe distance. Although we went closer to the approaches of Port Arthur than ever before, yet we saw no sign of Russian shipping. We could, however, make out the light house. A shell which fell near to us exploded on impact with the water. The Japanese maneuvered at 18 knots, and as far as we could see, suffered no damage. The expenditure of ammunition was small.

MAD MULLAH ESCAPES

Head of the Somaliand Rising in Italian Territory.

Aden, April 14.—Haji Mohammed Abi Abdullah, the Mad Mullah (against whom the British have been conducting a campaign in Somaliand), has escaped into Italian Territory.

The British on Jan. 11, inflicted a severe defeat on the Mullah, in which he lost 1,000 men killed; and on Feb. 25 surprised a force of his adherents in Somaliand, slaying 150 of them, and capturing 2,000 camels.

ALEXIEFF SENT TO PORT ARTHUR

Will Take Temporary Command of the Fleet.

RUSSIANS HOPE FOR VICTORY

St. Petersburg Anxiously Awaiting Result of Prince Ouktomsky's Engagement With Japs.

Paris, April 14.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Port Arthur telegraphs the following under yesterday's date: "At 3 o'clock today the Emperor telegraphed to Vice-Admiral Alexieff ordering him to go to Port Arthur immediately and assume command of the squadron pending the appointment of Vice-Admiral Makarov's successor. The victory leaves tonight."

Rumors that Rear-Admiral Prince Ouktomsky was in action against eighteen Japanese vessels this afternoon are still unconfirmed.

"Grand Duke Cyril telegraphs he is suffering from burns on the neck and contusions on the knees."

"It is certain that only two minutes elapsed between the explosion and the sinking of the battleship."

St. Petersburg, April 14.—Noon.—With bowed heads but with unshaken hearts the Russians met the dreadful calamity of yesterday. Sorrow for the loss, but undiminished confidence in the ultimate victory is the note struck by this morning's papers. An editorial in the Russ says: "Taken as voicing the national feeling, 'Let us,' it reads, 'remain calm. It is a black day, but we have been struck by blind fate, not by enemy action. Let us wait. The people sat up all night last night, awaiting further details of the catastrophe, and news of the result of Rear-Admiral Prince Ouktomsky's encounter with the Japanese fleet, and this morning hurried out in a raging snowstorm to scan the bulletin boards, but nothing further had come."

The Associated Press is authoritatively informed that the dispatches given out last night were in the text as originally received, and represented the sum total of the Emperor's advice. The Emperor himself directed that every word should be published. The meagerness of the telegrams is attributed to the confusion due to the death of Vice-Admiral Makarov.

Not until 10 o'clock this morning had fresh news reached the winter palace, and then in the form of a voluminous cipher telegram, which was immediately sent to the admiralty to be deciphered. This may take a long time, and it is doubtful whether the contents will be given out before late in the afternoon.

In the opinion of the Emperor's advisers the Petropavlovsk disaster occurred yesterday morning at about 7 o'clock. It is presumed that Vice-Admiral Makarov had sailed out from Port Arthur the previous day to locate the enemy, and had been cruising all night when he sighted the enemy, giving pursuit until the Japanese reinforcements appeared, and then putting back for the shelter of the guns of Port Arthur. This explains the Emperor's sentence in Rear-Admiral Grigorievich's telegram: "Our squadron was under Golden Hill."

From private advices it is learned that Grand Duke Boris was standing on Golden Hill watching his brother's ship, when the catastrophe occurred. Not a single paper here has a special board of the admiralty, is more likely from Port Arthur this morning.

The Associated Press is informed that Chairman Doudoussoff, of the technical board of the admiralty, is more likely from Port Arthur this morning.

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WRESTLED WITH GRAMMAR THE "MOSQUITO QUESTION"

California Applicants for Rhodes' Scholarships Examined.

University of California, April 14.—Eight students labored yesterday with the questions asked in the examinations for the Rhodes' scholarship, Latin and Greek grammar and composition were the subjects. Today the examination in mathematics will take place. The eight who passed in papers were impressed with the thoroughness of Latin and Greek work at Oxford as shown by the questions.

"The Latin and Greek composition was not so hard," said one of them as he came out of the examination, "but in grammar they certainly are more thorough at Oxford than we are here. Some pretty stiff questions were asked."

U. S. Senator Morgan Imputes Wrong Motives to Britain.

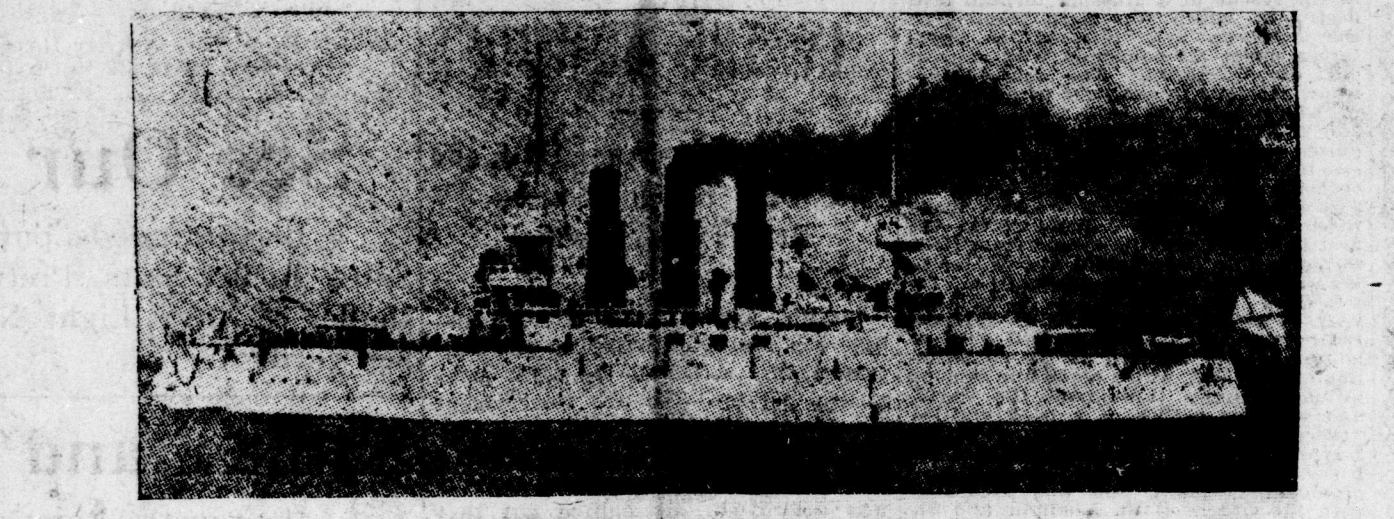
Washington, April 13.—In the House today Mr. Morgan read an article giving an account of the British Government sending a gunboat to Nicaragua for the protection of the Mosquito Indians, under a treaty entered into between Great Britain and the tribe. He suggested that the "Mosquito question" has been stirred up to disguise the desire of Great Britain to bring about the building of a canal by the Costa-Rica-Nicaraguan route. He said the Government of Great Britain could furnish the money and provide for the building of the canal just as the Suez Canal was built. "That is all there is to the Mosquito question," he said.

\$700,000 FOR A HUSBAND

Heirless Sacrifices Fortune to Wed Cowboy Said To Be Wealthy.

Gehring, New., April 4.—A sensation has been created here by the wedding of Jack Rawlinson and Miss Jessie Everett. Rawlinson is said to be the son of a wealthy parents in New York and to have a large fortune in his own name. Although only 19 years old, he came west to enjoy cowboy life and has been working on a large stock ranch. Miss Everett came here with her mother from their home in Detroit for the mother's health. Miss Everett was the heiress of her grandfather's estate, of \$700,000, but as the result of the wedding she will be cut off without a cent. She is 17 years of age and strikingly beautiful.

The young couple will go to New York in the fall.



Which also Accidentally Struck a Mine in Wednesday's Battle, but was Able to Return to the Harbor.

JAPS CHASE CRUISER BAYAN

Escapes Enemy and Makes Port, But She Is Damaged.

London, April 14.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Wei Hai Wei, telegraphing under date of April 13, says: "The British cruiser Esmeralda reports that at 5:45 o'clock this morning she sighted five Japanese warships engaging the Russian cruiser Bayan, making for Port Arthur from the direction of the Yalu. The Russian cruiser Askold and another cruiser issued from Port Arthur to assist the Bayan. At 6:45 o'clock the Russians got under the shelter of the forts, but the Bayan was evidently damaged, as quantities of steam were seen escaping."

"At 8 o'clock the Japanese ships opened a heavy gun fire on the forts, which did not reply, and after five minutes' bombardment the Japanese retired to the eastward."

RUSSIAN NAVAL LOSSES

Feb. 18.—Cruiser Variaz, gunboat Korietz and sail steamer Sungari, sunk by the Japs at Chemulpo. Killed 41, wounded over 1,000.

Feb. 12.—Cruiser Bayarin, blown up by a Russian mine at Port Arthur. Killed 197 officers and men.

Feb. 13.—Torpedo transport Yenisei, blown up while laying mines in Port Arthur harbor. Killed 94 officers and men.

March 10.—Torpedo destroyer Skori, sunk by Japanese off Port Arthur. Killed 51 officers and men.

April 13.—Battleship Petropavlovsk, struck by a Russian mine off Port Arthur, turned turtle and sank. Killed 600 officers and men, including Admiral Makarov. A torpedo boat was also sunk. This fight all hands being lost.

Several torpedo boats and destroyers in addition to the above were sunk by the Japanese during the night of April 13. Port Arthur, with a reported loss of life.

BRITISH DRIVE TIBETANS BACK

Two Hundred of Latter Killed in a Fight Near Lhasa.

London, Thursday, April 14.—A dispatch to the Times from Gyantse, Tibet, dated April 11, reports that further fighting in the course of the march of the Younghusband expedition occurred on April 8 at the Red Idol gorge, where precipitous mountains hem the winding river. The Tibetan guns on the crests were silenced by the British and the thirty-second regiment forced the passage. The Tibetans lost 200 killed. The British had ten wounded and none killed.

London, April 13.—In the House of Commons today Mr. Brodie, Secretary of State for India, in moving that the revenues of India be applied to defray the expenses of military operations on the frontier, and of the political mission to Tibet, announced that Col. Younghusband had arrived in the afternoon, which is between 40 and 50 miles from Lhasa, without losing a single man.

Gyantse is only about 60 miles from the place where the British had their battle with the Tibetans.

MRS. WILLIAMS' ESTATE

Cash and Property Left by Murdered Windsor Woman.

Detroit, April 14.—Eliza Jane Williams, who he has a valuable diamond Masonic emblem in his stomach, William Wright, a negro, is being closely guarded. Wright abstracted the emblem from a tray in a jewelry store last evening, and a clerk turned just 20 minutes to see the negro swallow the jewel. An X-ray examination shows the emblem in the negro's stomach. While they have the negro in custody, the authorities are wondering how they will recover the property.

The War News.

The latest official dispatches from St. Petersburg show that the blow to the czar's arms in Wednesday's battle was even greater than at first reported. Besides the loss of the Petropavlovsk it now transpires that the torpedo boat destroyer Bezstrashin was cut off from the rest of the Russian fleet and sunk by the Japs, all but five of her crew perishing. The battleship Pobieda, while maneuvering accidentally struck a mine but was able to return to the harbor without loss of life.

An official dispatch from Tokio says that Rear-Admiral Uru reports sinking a battleship of the Petropavlovsk type and a torpedo boat destroyer. It is possible the ill-fated battleship struck one of Togo's mines.

Dispatches from Wei Hai Wei say that the Japanese fleet had cut off the Russian armored cruiser Bayan.

St. Petersburg is wrapped in gloom, but takes some comfort from the belief that the disaster was an accident and not the work of the Japs. Viceroy Alexieff has been ordered to Port Arthur to take command until Makarov's successor is appointed.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

London, Thursday, April 14. Sun rises 6:10 a.m. Moon rises 5:08 p.m. Sun sets 7:04 p.m. Moon sets 3:04 p.m.

Toronto, April 13-5 p.m. The weather today has been fair throughout the Dominion, except that a few local snow flurries have occurred in Ontario. The temperature has been 50 and upwards in Alberta and Assiniboia, but from Manitoba to Quebec it has been very near or even below the freezing point. In parts of Nova Scotia it has been mild, with temperatures above 50.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Edmonton, 34-70; Calgary, 28-70; Medicine Hat, 26-70; Prince Albert, 22-44; Carleton Place, 22-40; Winnipeg, 22-34; Port Arthur, 22-34; Parry Sound, 20-30; Toronto, 25-30; Ottawa, 25-30; Montreal, 22-30; Quebec, 25-38; St. John, 24-44; Halifax, 36-54.

FORECASTS.

Thursday, April 14-5 a.m. Today—Moderate winds; fair and cool. Friday—Blasting winds; cool, becoming unsettled and showery.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Max.	Weather.
Calgary	28	24	34	Fair.
Winnipeg	22	20	30	Fair.
Parry Sound	20	20	30	Fair.
Toronto	25	20	30	Fair.
Ottawa	25	20	30	Fair.
Montreal	22	20	30	Fair.
Quebec	25	20	30	Fair.
St. John	24	20	30	Fair.
Halifax	36	24	44	Cloudy.



GRAND DUKE CYRIL. One of the fleet in which he escaped from the Petropavlovsk, is seriously wounded.

MONITORS FOR SALE

Historic Ships of Civil War To Go Under the Hammer.

Philadelphia, April 14.—Having outlived their usefulness as naval adjuncts and being long ago superseded by sea-fighting vessels more modern and formidable, the five historic monitors, Jackson, Canonicus, Nahant, Lehigh, and Montauk, now lying at League Island navy yard, are to be placed under the hammer in Washington today and sold to the highest bidder. The sale will virtually mark the extinction of the large fleet of monitors which the navy began in 1862 with the construction of the famous Monitor, which fought the engagement with the Merrimack.

All of the monitors sold today saw service during the civil war, and the marks of shot and shell are plainly discernible on them. They are single turreted and each is of 1,875 tons displacement. Their armament consists of two guns, one of 15-inch and one of 11-inch caliber, smooth bored and muzzle loading.

THE NEWMARKET STAKES.

London, April 4.—Richard Croker's St. Patrick's Day won the Newmarket Biennial stakes of 25 sovereigns each, with 500 sovereigns added, 1 1/2 miles, at the Newmarket Craven meeting today.

29 KILLED BY EXPLOSION ON U. S. WARSHIP MISSOURI

All But One Member of Crew of the After Turret Perished in Accident During Target Practice.

BATTLESHIP HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM DESTRUCTION

Pensacola, Florida, April 13.—By the explosion of 2,000 pounds of powder in the after 12-inch turret and the handling room of the battleship Missouri, Captain W. S. Cowles, commanding, 29 men were instantly killed and five injured, of whom two will die. The Missouri was on the target range with the Texas and Brooklyn at practice, about noon, when a charge of powder in the 12-inch left-hand gun ignited from gases, exploded and dropping below, ignited four charges of powder in the handling room, and all exploded. Only one man of the entire turret and handling room survived. But for the prompt and efficient work of Captain Cowles in flooding the handling room and magazine with water, one of the magazines would have exploded, and the ship would have been destroyed.

Lieut. Hammer gave out a statement of the explosion and its probable cause. According to him, about noon, after the first pointer of the after 12-inch gun had fired his string, and the second pointer had fired the third shot of his string, the charge ignited. The fourth shot was being loaded, and from all indications the first half of the charge had been rammed home, and the second section was being rammed home, when the shot previously fired or portions of the cloth cover ignited the powder. The breech was open and a dull thud gave notice of something unusual. No loud report was made, but flames were seen to leap from every portion of the turret. The first half of the charge had been rammed home, and the second section was being rammed home, when the shot previously fired or portions of the cloth cover ignited the powder. The breech was open and a dull thud gave notice of something unusual. No loud report was made, but flames were seen to leap from every portion of the turret. 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