

JAPANESE TORPEDO BOAT 48 BLOWN UP AT TALIANWAN BAY

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A JAP ARMY 70,000 STRONG SAILS FROM CHINAMPO

Russians Deny Reported Big Battle at Wa Fung Tien--Japs Heading Off Flanking Movement in Northern Korea--Chinese Growing Restless.

Tokio, May 13. -- 4 p.m. -- The Japanese torpedo boat No. 48, which was destroyed while removing mines from Kerr Bay, north of Talianwan (Port Daini) yesterday. Seven men were killed and seven were wounded. This is the finest warship Japan has lost in the war.

JAP SECOND ARMY SAILS 83 Transports With 70,000 Men Departs From Chinampo.

Seoul, Monday, May 9. -- Via Shanghai, May 12. -- The second Japanese army, numbering 70,000 men, left Chinampo on 83 transports May 4. The soldiers were crowded on board the vessels in the closest manner, one ship having 3,800 men on board. The men were so closely packed between decks that exercise was impossible, and very little air was obtainable. But, in spite of these discomforts, there was no grumbling. Every precaution was taken to prevent news of the departure of the army from leaking out. The residents of Chinampo were strictly disciplined, and no one was allowed to enter or leave the town. Three Japanese, however, succeeded in escaping from Chinampo on board a junk. Twelve days later they reached Chemulpo.

Japs Sending Out Scouting Parties in Northern Korea.

Seoul, Thursday, May 12. -- 6 p.m. -- It is asserted here that the Japanese garrisons between Yang and Wiju have sent scouting parties through the country east of Cha Syong, the extreme right of the Japanese forces on the Yalu River, in anticipation of a Russian flanking movement. The Japanese authorities here consider it fortunate that the Cossack raiders, who passed around further east, did not do more damage than they did. The Japanese first army having entered Manchuria, the entire control of Korea will shortly be given to Gen. Haraguchi, the Japanese commander here. A military depot will be established at Seoul. Infantry pioneers and officers of the reserves have left Seoul for Chinampo, where they will strengthen the line beyond Ping Yang. Further Japanese forces are expected here to strengthen the garrison, which hitherto has been constantly changed. The troops are being sent to guard the Seoul-Pusan railroad line.

RUSSIA'S AUTOCRACY TOTTERS Defeats in Far East May Bring About Popular Government

Rome, May 13. -- A secret report received from St. Petersburg depicts the international situation as regards the preservation of the present institutions, the military failures in the far east having strengthened the opinion that the autocracy are due to the present organization of the country, in which a change is necessary. The hope is expressed that the Emperor himself, seeing the danger, will be induced to grant the country a constitution, in which event, it is asserted, the enthusiasm of the people will become so great as to render it possible to raise an army and collect the means necessary to defeat Japan. Otherwise the report says that the efforts made at St. Petersburg will remain futile, as besides the war in the far east, Russia will be obliged to face a latent, if not an open, revolutionary movement at home, depriving her of the assistance of the most progressive elements of the empire, such as the Poles and Finns.

CHINESE RESTLESS. Shanghai, May 13. -- 6 p.m. -- The United States cruiser New Orleans has left here for Foo Chow. The Chinese in the vicinity of New Changhai are restless, and it is considered advisable to have warships near there when the United States cruiser Raleigh will leave Shanghai tomorrow for Chinkiang, on the Yang Tze River, where an attempt of the Chinese Government to establish a public market resulted in rioting recently, during which several persons were killed.

THE KOREAN EMPEROR. Seoul, May 13. -- The Japanese will probably compel the Emperor of Korea to resume his residence at the Kaive Palace, from which he fled after the fire broke out at the palace April 14 and sought refuge in the Kaisaik building. This would make Japanese influence over the Emperor supreme. The Japanese merchants, soldiers and coolies are becoming arrogant and the Koreans are subordinated and helpless.

THE JAPANESE MERCHANTS. The Japanese have established a naval base at Port Lazaref, on Broughton Bay, a short distance north of Gensan. The entrance of Port Lazaref is defended by mines.

WAS OVERSUBSCRIBED. New York, May 13. -- Subscriptions to the Japanese loan, \$25,000,000, were closed today. A member of the syndicate authorized the statement that the

THE WAR NEWS. A small disaster has fallen upon the Mikado's arms. While removing mines at Talianwan Bay (Daini), the Jap torpedo boat 48 was blown up, a number of the crew perishing. This would indicate that the Japs were clearing the way for the landing and accounts for the destruction by the Russians of the docks and piers.

MURDERED HIS BROTHER. Frenchman in Alberta Accused of a Terrible Crime.

Canmore, Alta., May 12. -- One of the most cold-blooded murders that has ever occurred in Alberta has just come to light here. About 5:30 yesterday morning Francis Marrett, a Frenchman, went to his brother's room, near here, and it is believed murdered his brother John. The murderer used an axe while John was asleep, threw the body out of the window and then carried it to a nearby creek, where he threw it in three feet of water, with the face of the window and then returned to the house and turned the mattress upside down.

TO REVISE THE BIBLE. American Bible Society Gives the Necessary Permission.

New York, May 13. -- The board of managers of the American Bible Society have voted to amend the constitution, so as to permit the society to print the revised version of the Bible. This has been urged for a long time by men of scholarship and belief in what has been accomplished by modern research into scriptural questions. Since the organization of the society 88 years ago, however, rigid adherence has been maintained to the version which prescribed that no English edition of the scriptures should be published other than the King James version.

CZAR NICHOLAS OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S DAY MAY ABDICATE. Delegation Sees Government in Effort to Stop Street Railways.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Ont., May 13. -- A delegation waited on the government today and presented a petition asking for a law against the operation upon the Lord's Day of all electric street railways and tramways, subject to the legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada, shall, when situated within any province of Canada, be subject to the law of such province.

TRADE WITH TRINIDAD. Chamber of Commerce at Port of Spain Wrote Reciprocity.

Montreal, May 13. -- It was brought to the attention of the executive of the Montreal branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association yesterday that the Port of Spain, Trinidad, Chamber of Commerce had urged the Government to grant reciprocity with the island. The Canadian Government with a view to the reopening of the negotiations for a reciprocal tariff, which fell through. It was decided to request the Canadian Government to lend its sympathy to the movement. The association and R. H. McCarthy, collector of customs at Port of Spain, to attend the next annual convention of the association, which will be held in Montreal in September next.

BALLOON STARTS BLAZE. Hits a House, Explodes and Severely Burns Inmate.

Paris, May 13. -- A balloon belonging to the well-known aeronaut, Capt. Bourcier, came down in the Place d'Assommoir yesterday, and the balloon burst, narrowly missing a street. A moment later it came in contact with the side of a house, burst, and a violent explosion followed, the sheets of flame from which enveloped the house. Several persons were injured, and the explosion caused a panic among the crowd watching the descent, and a number of persons received slight injuries.

RAILROADS TO THE RESCUE. Eastern Will Take Business at Lake Rates While Strike Is On.

Chicago, May 13. -- Eastern railroad managers have come to the relief of Chicago shippers by announcing that they will take business at lake rates until the strike of masters and pilots is ended. Lake rates, however, already have been advanced in consequence of the deadlock between the shippers' association and the masters have settled their differences. As the summer carrying season opens, business offered, and seven were charged during the day for 20,000 bushels of grain on vessels tied up in Chicago, and all this must be taken up. The strike runs into warm weather. Vesselmen gave shippers permission to unload the ships at any time.

\$20,000 JEWEL ROBBERY. New York, May 13. -- Mrs. Gay, an American, arrived at Cherbourg from New York on Monday last. On obtaining her baggage, she was informed by a dispatch from Paris on her arrival in Paris, she missed a valise containing \$20,000 worth of jewels.

WEATHER BULLETIN. TOMORROW--SHOWERY. Sun rises, 4:54 a.m. Moon rises, 4:11 p.m. Sun sets, 7:38 p.m. Moon sets, 5:44 p.m.

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JOE CHAMBERLAIN HIMSELF AGAIN. He Addresses Immense Audience at Birmingham. FEELS CONFIDENT OF WINNING AT LOSS TO UNDERSTAND THE POSITION OF DEVONSHIRE AND ROSEBERY RE PREFERENCE.

London, May 13. -- Mr. Joseph Chamberlain addressed an immense audience at Birmingham last night, this being his first appearance on the platform since his holiday. He was given a rousing reception. He recounted the progress and results of the fiscal campaign, which was inaugurated just a year ago, and confidently adopted. He said he wished the system of the referendum existed in Great Britain. He honestly believed that if the fiscal question were referred to a referendum tomorrow it would be carried by a great majority.

MARY DECLINES. London, May 12. -- Mary Anderson, the actress, who has been petitioned to appear in public and make a tour of the United States, has declined the offer to leave private life and appear again on the stage.

After reiterating his familiar arguments, he declared that Great Britain must no longer be a football for foreign nations. He wished no ill for Great Britain, but he wished good for Great Britain. It was a strong speech, delivered with youthful vigor. Mr. Chamberlain was warmly applauded. He was reminded that the day of the empire had come. Let them hold the banner high and steadily would come to the standard. What higher ambition could they have than a united empire? They must have a federation of sister states or sink to no account in the history of the world.

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He was at a loss to understand how the Duke of Devonshire or Lord Rosebery could treat the offer of the colonies as not existing, doubted its good faith, and went about assuring the countrymen that the colonies would give them nothing worth the acceptance, and on the other hand demand a sacrifice of their own interests. If any reasonable proof they could ask was afforded these statements, would they then give a favorable consideration to these proposals of preferential trade within the empire and authorize whatever might be the government of the day to enter into negotiations with the colonies and secure the great object?

DEATH OF EX-MAYOR ROACH. Aged and Prominent Citizen of Hamilton Passes Away.

Hamilton, May 13. -- Ex-Mayor Geo. Roach died shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. He had been ill but a few days with pneumonia, having been out on Saturday last. Deceased was 86 years of age, was born in England, but had been a resident of Hamilton for many years. In 1876 and 1877 he was mayor, and had also held the positions of chairman of the board of trade, president of the Central Fair Association. He was a past president of the St. George's Society, a staunch Conservative and a public-spirited citizen.

A SOUTH AFRICAN BATTLE. Berlin, May 13. -- A dispatch was received yesterday from the governor of German Southwest Africa, Col. Lettow, announcing that Lieut. Volkmann with twenty-two men engaged a force of Herero and Nama warriors, April 28, killing thirty-one of the natives and losing one man killed.

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JAPS KEEP THE RUSSIANS GUESSING. Mikado's Men Appear at a Half-Dozen Points. ARE CLOSE TO THE RAILROAD

St. Petersburg, May 13. -- Gen. Karkevitch, in a dispatch to the general staff, says that on May 8 part of the Japanese vanguard appeared in the valley of Sedzi River, and that a considerable body of the enemy continues to occupy Doumay. Another detachment, composed, apparently, of one battalion of infantry and half a squadron of cavalry, is situated about five miles north of Taku Shan. Other detachments are reported to be in the vicinity of Feng Weng Chen,--20,000 landed at Pitsewo.

NO LIBEL IN CALLING "THEIF". The British Jury Says Noted Plunger Can't Be Slandered. HIS SUIT FOR DAMAGES FAILS

Robert S. Sievier, England's Noted Racehorse Owner and Gambler, Suffers Keen Disgrace. London, May 13. -- A jury Wednesday decided that it was not libelous to announce as a "thief, card sharper, and murderer" Robert S. Sievier, who is one of England's most noted racehorse owners. The jury's verdict ends one of the most sensational cases of its kind ever tried in English courts. Sievier is known in every corner of the British Empire as a hunter of deer, lions, and other big game; as a bookmaker, and as a "plunger" on the race track. Until recently he was the owner of the racehorse Spectator, for which T. K. Vanderbilt, in May, 1902, offered him \$250,000. He has been bankrupt frequently, but is now wealthy and the owner of wide landed estates and some of the best horses on the English turf, all acquired by sensational plunging.

Siever, who was remarkably cool throughout the case, broke down towards the end of his counsel's speech and sobbed bitterly. Justice Grantham in summing up was severe in his strictures of Sievier. He said the late Queen Victoria would almost rather have given up her throne than have such a man presented to her. The case attracted continued interest owing to the fact that Sievier's past life was probed with minuteness. He confessed to having been three times bankrupt and to being several times in police courts, but for trifling assaults at card games and billiard matches. Bets running into thousands of pounds were recounted from the witness stand with a frankness and in numbers that amazed the hearers. One game in particular, when the Duke of Braganza lost about \$25,000 while playing with Sievier at Monte Carlo, was so-called much cross examination. On another occasion Sievier won \$30,000 from a friend at cards, and the loser's wife wrote him a pathetic letter, and Sievier accepted \$25,000, "a pretty large sum for a card sharper to let anybody off," remarked Sievier on the stand.

After his return from Australia, Sievier was promised presentation at court to Queen Victoria, but some months afterwards the court decided that the presentation was canceled. This Sievier attributed entirely to the fact that he had been a bookmaker in Australia. Through all the phases of his checkered career, from the time he "smoked Lord Deerehurst's face" on a Melbourne racing club (the same Deerehurst who married Miss Bonyne, of San Francisco, up to the present day Sievier's life was meretriciously dissected by the press. But Sir James Duke's counsel did not put forward any evidence tending to show that Sievier was guilty of card sharping, cheating, or of thieving or murdering.

TURKEY RESUMES THE MASSACRES. The Sultan's Troops Wipe Out Armenians in the Sassoun District.

Paris, May 13. -- An official dispatch to the foreign office from Constantinople confirms the reports that Turkish troops have burned villages throughout the Sassoun district of Armenia, killing their inhabitants. The French ambassador, M. Constant, has joined with the Russian and British ambassadors in sending consuls to the district, in the hope of limiting the destruction and bloodshed. However, the official advice, although brief, indicates that the work of exterminating the Armenians occupying the mountainous district of Sassoun is practically accomplished. The Turkish methods appear to have been much the same as those adopted during the Armenian massacres. The official reports do not give exact details as to the number of towns burned and people killed, but they show that the action of the Turks has been sweeping. The French authorities were advised some time ago that Turkey was taking advantage of Russia's preoccupation in the far east, and intended to adopt a decisive course toward the rebellious Armenians. This delayed Turkey's action, which, however, has now been executed with the same severity as at first contemplated.

GOOD NEWS KILLED HIM. New York, May 13. -- On the eve of his discharge from Sing Sing on a special parole, George A. Fall fell dead yesterday. He had just been informed of the good news. The excitement proved too much for him. Fall was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of a woman, and was held under the indeterminate sentence law, to not less than one year nor more than two years, for attempted grand larceny. He was 62 years old.

SENTENCE POSTPONED. Windsor, Ont., May 13. -- Ledora Bevan, convicted of distributing obscene literature on the streets, will not be sentenced until Oct. 4. Yesterday was the date set for sentence, but as J. Hanna, the solicitor, has appealed to the higher court, Judge Horne granted a further stay.

MINED 67,000,000 TONS. Anthracite Output for Last Year-- 618 Fatal Accidents.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 13. -- The advance figures of the annual production of the Roderick, chief of the United States Department of Mines, for 1903, relating to the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania, show a total production for the year of 67,000,000 tons. This output is valued at \$125,000,000 at the mines and \$200,000,000 at the points of distribution. In the anthracite fields there is a coal which produces practically all the anthracite coal in the United States, there were 618 fatal accidents, and 1,355 non-fatal accidents.

SEGREGATION OF SEX. Mother Eddy of Scientist Church Against It in Clubs.

New York, May 13. -- Mary Baker Eddy, head of the Church of Christ, Scientist, is reported to have promulgated an amendment to the constitution of the church against the segregation of sexes in clubs. As most of the club members are also members of clubs and associations founded on principles that preclude the association of men and women, they are said to be greatly puzzled over the enforcement of the amendment. Members of the Masonic fraternity are understood to be exempt from the ruling, but many other secret societies are affected.

AMPUTATED IN STREET. New York, May 13. -- In order to save the life of a 5-year-old boy who had just been run over by a trolley car, Ambrose Surgeon Harkins, of the Lebanon Hospital, yesterday, in view of 500 pounds of dynamite. The number of horses and mules in use were 16,372.

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