

## RUSS WARSHIP PETROPAPLOVSK BLOWN UP

AND ALMOST ENTIRE CREW OF 700 PERISHED.

## ADMIRAL MAKAROFF BEING AMONG THE DEAD

Grand Duke Cyril Aboard, But  
Escaped Slightly Wounded.

## SHIP FOULED SUBMARINE MINE

St. Petersburg in Ferment Over the  
Terrible Disaster to the Czar's  
Arm in Far East.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—While going out to meet the Japanese fleet off Port Arthur, the Petropavlovsk struck a mine in the outer roadstead, turned over and sank. Practically the whole of her crew were lost. Only four officers were saved, among them being the Grand Duke Cyril. The Petropavlovsk was flying the flag of Vice-Admiral Makaroff. The result of the naval battle which, according to the most reliable authority, was in progress according to the last reports, has not been received.

According to the Associated Press informant it was while preparing to draw up line of battle in the outer roads when the Petropavlovsk struck a mine, on her starboard side amidships, and immediately began to heel. Before the crew could flood the port compartments of the vessel in order to keep her on an even keel, she turned turtle and sank in a few minutes, carrying down almost the entire crew. The captain, N. Jakovlev, the Grand Duke Cyril and two other officers were saved because they were standing on the upper bridge. The frightful loss of life among the officers and men was due to the fact that they all were at their stations, ready for action.

The Petropavlovsk turned turtle in a manner similar to the British battleship Victoria, which was rammed by the Camperdown in 1893, and to the incident in the China-Japanese war, when a Chinese warship turned turtle, many of the crew remaining alive for several days hammering desperately on the upturned hull. When the news of Grand Duke Cyril's miraculous escape reached his parents here a tremendous service was held at the Vladimir palace.

The correspondent of the Associated Press was informed there this afternoon that Grand Duke Boris was going to accompany his brother to Mukden. According to the advice received there Grand Duke Cyril's injuries are slight.

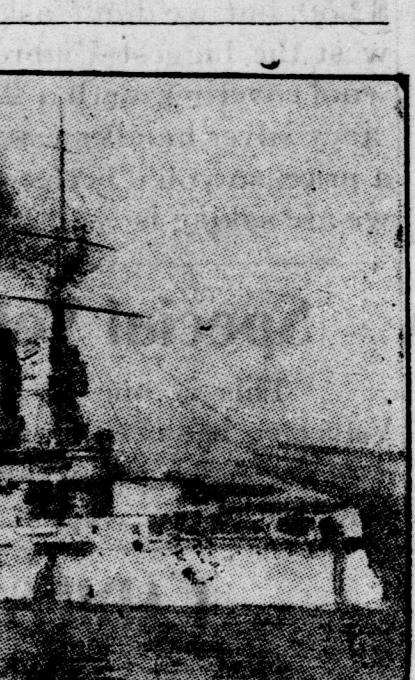
St. Petersburg, April 13.—1.03 p. m.—Rumors afloat are taking definite shape indicating that there has been a fight at Port Arthur, but no details are obtainable, except that the Petropavlovsk has been sunk probably with the loss of almost her entire crew.

The Russian battleship, Petropavlovsk, reported destroyed at Port Arthur by a submarine mine, was one of the finest fighting machines in the Czar's navy. She was of 10,550 tons, and had a speed of 17 knots. Her armament consisted of 4 12-inch, 12 6-inch, 6 torpedo tubes, 26 various. She carried a crew of 636 men and was launched in 1894.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—5.08 p. m.—It is officially announced that Vice-Admiral Makaroff was drowned at the time of the sinking of the battleship Petropavlovsk.

Cancer Grips Entire World;  
Dread Scourge On Increase

New York, April 13.—Leading surgeons and physicians of New York yesterday confirmed the statement made by Dr. Roswell Park, of Buffalo, in Berlin on Monday night, that cancer is the most prevalent disease in the United States, and that the State of New York is well within the "Cancer Belt." They declared that the dreadful malady is rapidly increasing all over the civilized world, and that they are still utterly in the dark as to its cause or its cure. In the last 24 years, as shown by statistics, it has

RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP PETROPAPLOVSK, 10,550 TONS,  
REPORTED BLOWN UP AT PORT ARTHUR BY A MINE.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—The city is full of rumors of the destruction of the first-class battleship Petropavlovsk with great loss of life. The reports cannot be confirmed or traced to an authoritative source. The Emperor has received an official telegram, which is now being deciphered.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—1.27 p. m.—Another report is to the effect that the telegram which Grand Duke Vladimir received from Grand Duke Boris, brother of Grand Duke Cyril, announcing that the Petropavlovsk, of which Cyril was first officer, had been blown up by striking a Russian mine, only four officers escaping. The Grand Duke Cyril's wound was said to be slight.

The telegram, according to this report, did not mention the losses sustained by the crew.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—Grand Duke Vladimir, uncle of the Emperor, has received a telegram announcing that his son, Grand Duke Cyril, was wounded at Port Arthur. A service of thanksgiving because his life was spared has been held at the grand duke's palace here.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.  
Wei-Hai-Wei, April 13.—The action fought off Port Arthur appears to have consisted, according to the reports received here, of an unsuccessful attempt made by four Japanese cruisers and one battleship to intercept a large Russian cruiser coming from the coast. The Russian protected cruiser Askold and a battleship of the Pobeda type went to the assistance of the Russian cruiser. The firing was continuous, but was of short duration. The Japanese action was proceeding. The Japanese were unable, owing to the distance, to ascertain the damage done.

THE RUSSIAN STORY.  
Chefoo, April 13, 7 p. m.—A private dispatch received here from Port Arthur that the Japanese attacked that place at daylight today, and that the full Russian fleet went out, under Vice-Admiral Makaroff, and drove the enemy off. The dispatch adds that the town was not damaged. The effect of the bombardment of the forts and fleet was not mentioned.

ESPIEGLE HEARD FIRING.  
Wei-Hai-Wei, April 13.—The British gunboat Espiegle, which left New Chang recently for this port, has arrived here and reports that at daylight yesterday, while off Port Arthur, she heard the sound of heavy firing, saw the flash of guns and believed that a fleet action was proceeding. Three men of war, of unknown nationality, were seen in the distance.

JAPS DESTROY CHURCH.  
Vladivostok, April 13.—News has been received here that the Japanese recently destroyed the orthodox Russian Church at Yokohama, which aroused indignation, but there has not been the slightest attempt to disturb the Japanese temple here.

A school of whales was sighted near Askold Island, off this port today. At St. Petersburg, April 13.—(5 p. m.)—A naval battle is progressing at Port Arthur, the result of which is yet unknown. The Japanese fleet, including torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers, totals 10. Vice-Admiral Makaroff ordered his whole squadron off the harbor to meet the attack.

RUSSIANS SINK A JUNK.  
London, April 13.—The Times Chinese correspondent, cabling under date of April 11, says: "Last night a pilot's flare was mistaken for the lights of a Japanese fleet and the Russians fired and sank the junk with 25 hands, besides killing three persons and wounding seven in another junk. The native population is in panic, stricken and leaving the town."

## THE WAR NEWS.

Another terrible disaster has overtaken the Russian arms. The battleship Petropavlovsk while leaving Port Arthur to engage the Japs, ran foul of a submarine mine and was blown up. It is officially announced that Vice-Admiral Makaroff was aboard and went down with his ship. It is feared that almost the entire crew, consisting of close on seven hundred men, has perished. The Grand Duke Cyril, heir apparent to the Russian throne, was also on the Petropavlovsk, and had a marvelous escape. Everything points to a big battle or bombardment at Port Arthur, which, according to latest dispatches, is still in progress. From a Russian source it is said that Admiral Togo approached with the intention of shelling the fortress, but was driven off by the Russian fleet. Stiff fighting is still going on along the Yalu. Russians claim to have wiped out a Jap patrol, while Tokio hears that the Czar's troops in an attempt to cross the stream near Wiju were driven back with heavy losses.

## WINDSOR MURDER CASE

Police on Clue to Secure More Important Evidence.

Windsor, Ont., April 13.—The inquest into the death of Eliza Williams, of Windsor, found murdered in her home, was postponed last night, and is not date set for the hearing. A. H. Clarke, K.C., the crown attorney, is absent from the city, and could not be present at the inquest, and for this reason it was deemed advisable to postpone the taking of evidence until he could attend. It is understood that the police are working on a clue to secure more evidence in the case.

## MORE CAVALRY CORPS

Lord Dunsford's Idea to Increase Mounted Troops.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Ottawa, Ont., April 13.—Steps are being taken by the militia department to convert a number of infantry and rifle regiments into cavalry corps. This is an idea of Lord Dunsford's, as mounted troops will play an important part in defense work in a country like Canada.

GREAT AVALANCHE  
IN THE ROCKIESWell-Known C. P. R. Officials  
Lose Lives in Alberta  
Canyon.

Winnipeg, Man., April 13.—Trainmaster Dowie and K. Dodd, assistant to the engineer, of the C. P. R., were killed by a snowslide in Alberta Canyon, on Monday morning. They, together with a crew of workmen, were engaged in clearing a snowslide which had blocked the line, when another sudden rush of snow and rocks caught them.

The two unfortunate men were buried under the slide, but Superintendent Kilpatrick and five others who were caught in the same time escaped with their lives.

## WOODSTOCK COCKING MAIN

D. Sutherland, M.P., Calls Attention to the Affair.

Toronto, April 13.—In the Legislature last night, Donald Sutherland asked if the attention of the Attorney-General had been called to the proceedings in the police court of Woodstock, when the case against a number of people who took part in a cocking main was conducted behind closed doors. "I should be very glad," said Sutherland, "that the Attorney-General was not present, and the matter was consequently postponed. Following are the names of those convicted: John Hatten, keeping cockpit; Charlie Hubner, William Waites, Frederick Chambers, B. J. Farrell, W. Henry Martin, Ernest Thornton, W. George Clarke, E. Dougall, John Campbell, Angus Dent, E. Jacques, L. H. Walters, D. J. Hill, Robert Hatten, Jas. Pickard, George Meadows, John Klapp, John Goddard, Charles Green, Albert Pickard, Thomas Johnson, Thomas Pickle, Joseph Hill, Donald Scott, Alexander Patterson.

## WEATHER BULLETIN.

TOMORROW—COLD.  
London, Wednesday, April 13. Sun rises, 5.58 a.m. Moon rises, 4.50 a.m. Sun sets, 6.58 p.m. Moon sets, 4.54 p.m. Showers have occurred again today from the lower lakes to the Maritime Provinces, and the weather has been cold from Manitoba to Quebec, higher temperature continuing in the western portion of the Territories.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Port Simpson, 12-64; Victoria, 50-74; Kamloops, 42-70; Calgary, 32-68; Qu'Appelle, 24-42; Winnipeg, 24-38; Port Arthur, 16-36; Pary Sound, 30-31; Toronto, 24-47; Ottawa, 22-39; Montreal, 34-46; Quebec, 34-49; Halifax, 34-54.

FORECASTS.  
Wednesday, April 13—8 a.m. Today—Moderate northerly wind, fair and cool.  
Thursday—Partly cloudy; continued cool.

## TEMPERATURES.

| Stations.    | 8 a.m. | Min. | Weather. |
|--------------|--------|------|----------|
| Calgary      | 20     | 23   | Clear    |
| Winnipeg     | 20     | 23   | Cloudy   |
| Port Arthur  | 20     | 23   | Cloudy   |
| Toronto      | 20     | 23   | Cloudy   |
| Ottawa       | 22     | 18   | Fair     |
| Montreal     | 24     | 22   | Cloudy   |
| Quebec       | 23     | 20   | Snow     |
| Father Point | 22     | 20   | Cloudy   |

## WEATHER NOTES.

The weather is decidedly cold throughout Ontario and Quebec, and light snowfalls or flurries have occurred in most districts. It continues fine and warm in the western portions of the Northwest Territories.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 30°; lowest, 23.5°.

## RUSSIAN FORCES AT WIJU

## FLUNG BACK BY THE JAPS

Czar's Troops Fail in Attempt  
to Cross Stream.

## LEAVE MANY DEAD BEHIND

Tokio Hears of Many Skirmishes  
Along River Banks From Wiju  
to Yongampo.

Tokio, Tuesday, April 12.—(6 p.m.)—An official telegram from Wiju says that a company of Russian troops attempted to cross the first stream of the Yalu River west of Wiju this morning and that a company of Japanese attacked and drove the Russian back. The bodies of twenty dead Russians, the telegram adds, were found after the fight. Their uniforms showed that they belonged to the twenty regiment of sharpshooters. Finally, the dispatch says that small parties of Russians without uniforms have attempted to cross the Yalu River at different points between Wiju and Yongampo, and that they were all driven back.

## WILL TEST THE ARMIES.

Tokio, April 13.—The Japanese army, having driven the Russians from Korea and advanced to the Yalu, the first important battle may be expected there. The enemy is reported to be strongly fortifying and concentrating on the opposite bank. Great importance is attached in Japan to the result of the first battle, because of the moral effect it will have on the respective armies. It is well understood that Russia will make a supreme effort to regain her prestige by means of a victory on land. Japan also, in view of the effect on the attitude of the Koreans and Chinese, as well as upon her own troops, considers it of vital importance to win the first fight.

The Russians are greatly handicapped by the difficulty of concentrating their troops off the line of

railway. Considering the condition of the roads, the Japanese advance has been rapid. Russia having lost the opportunity of opposing the Japanese in Northern Korea, opinion here is divided as to whether the Russians can make an effective stand on the Yalu, or whether a more decisive action will occur at the border passes near Pongwang. The Minister of Marine has arranged to have ten more warships placed at the disposal of Admiral Togo.

## A RUSS FIRE CURTAIN.

London, April 12.—A news agency (Lancet) from St. Petersburg says that the military administration recently dispatched to the troops on the Yalu River appliances and materials which will enable them to obstruct by fire a Japanese attempt to cross the river. The process is a military secret that has been acquired by the Government from its inventor, who is a colonel of engineers. The first test, which cost 40,000 roubles (\$20,000), was carried out yesterday. During the maneuvers at Tsarskoe-Selo, in the presence of the imperial family, sappers threw across a river a portable bridge, the middle of the stream, close to the bridge. This gradually grew larger, and at the end of three minutes it was 200 yards in length. Flames then burst out, and soon attained an immense height, constituting a formidable barrier. The flames completely hid the bridge. The flames rapidly reached the height of a seven-story building, throwing out such intense heat that it was impossible to stand near the shore. The apparatus was stopped. The flames died out in two minutes, and it was then seen that the bridge had been completely destroyed. The apparatus, which was invisible to the spectators, was six miles from the river, to which it was propelled by a liquid, prepared by a secret process, through tubes buried in the earth. If the Russians succeed in establishing the apparatus, it will be the banks of the Yalu, a crossing will be absolutely impossible, so long as they are working.

## SMITHS FALLS IN

## PERIL OF FLOOD

Dam Swept Away and the  
Waters Rapidly  
Rising.

Smiths Falls, Ont., April 13.—The water has risen fully six inches during the night, and the situation this morning is more serious than ever. The remainder of the dam was swept away last night. Two large buildings in town are doomed, and have been vacated. The foundation walls of both are partly gone.

One building is occupied by a Chinese laundry and a harness maker, the other by H. B. Brownie, bicycle dealer, and J. R. Curry, drygoods merchant.

## TUMULT AT BEIRUT.

Beirut, Syria, via Port Said, April 13.—The governor of Beirut (the scene of the attempt to kill the United States vice-consul, Magelsen, last August) was attacked and fired upon on April 11, by soldiers who were dissatisfied because their pay was in arrears. He was not injured. His guards returned the fire, wounding eight persons. All is now quiet.

## PREFERS THE GALLOW.

Boise, Idaho, April 13.—George Levy, condemned to die next Friday for the murder of David Levy, an aged miser, by the pardon board, was furious when he received word that his sentence had been commuted to life imprisonment. "I will not accept it," he declared, wildly. "If I am guilty, hang me now; if not, give me my liberty."

## UNCLE SAM MULKED.

New York, April 13.—After long litigation it has been decided by Judge Adams in the United States District Court, that the United States must pay \$203,219 to the owners of the British ship Foscolia, which was sunk on May 28, 1898, by the United States cruiser Columbia. The Columbia was patrolling the coast looking for German vessels when she collided with and sank the Foscolia off Fire Island light.

## HEART TURNED DOWN.

Boston, April 13.—The Democratic primaries held throughout the State last night resulted in an unqualified victory for Richard Olney, of Boston, over William R. Hearst, of New York, as the candidate of the party for the Presidential nomination. In this city the Olney supporters are believed to have elected 235 delegates to the State convention April 21, while the Hearst supporters elected only four delegates.

## St. Petersburg in a Ferment

## By Wild Rumors From War

Reported Disaster to Battleship  
Petropavlovsk Accepted  
as Correct.

St. Petersburg, April 13, 4:38 p.m.—Intense excitement has been caused here by reports spread broadcast in this city regarding the disaster at Port Arthur, the Grand Duke Cyril being reported wounded and the battleship Petropavlovsk sunk. The latest report being that Vice-Admiral Makaroff was killed. But the reports are very conflicting as to Makaroff's death, and as to whether the catastrophe was the result of a fight with the enemy or due to the Petropavlovsk striking a mine in the harbor. Some of the rumors declare that Makaroff was on board the Petropavlovsk and others say he was not on board. The report

## MONTREAL MAN

## MURDERS WIFE

Said to Have Killed Her While  
He Was Intoxi-  
cated.

Montreal, Que., April 13.—"Isn't it too bad I have killed my wife," was the remark made last night by Magloire Hogue to some people who were lodging in his house, in the rear of 207, Montcalm street. Investigation proved that the remark was only too true, and the police were immediately informed of the tragedy, and Hogue was placed under arrest. His wife was found in bed by the police with a deep gash in her neck. How Hogue killed his wife is not yet known, but it is supposed the blow was struck during a quarrel. The prisoner is 48 years old, and when arrested was under the influence of liquor. Mrs. Hogue was about 23 years of age.

## IT KILLS TYPHOID

United States Government Has a  
Solution That Destroys Disease.

Washington, April 13.—In a statement concerning the discovery of a solution that will purify the water of stagnant pools and thus prevent the spread of typhoid fever, the Agricultural Department issued a statement this evening: "We want to emphasize the fact that it is not a universal panacea," says the statement. "It ought to be applied under the direction of this department or the State Department of health, and the department is ready to furnish information to anybody who wants it. You have to know what the organism is that you wish to destroy, and the character of the water; the time of the year also makes some difference. But it is a good thing in every possible way. The solution is absolutely fatal to typhoid. It will kill algae in extremely weak solutions, and engineers have for years discussed the question of exterminating algae." The officials take pains to explain that, contrary to yesterday's reports, the solution used is not Bordeaux mixture, which has no merits in this case. The character of the chemical or chemicals is not given out.

## THE CANAL CASE.

Paris, April 13.—The second case of the Republic of Colombia against the Panama Canal Company, involving the former's right to hold 5,000 shares of stock, came up in court today and went over for a fortnight by agreement. Colombia has not yet appealed her first case.

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