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RAID BY DESTROYERS FROM VLADIVOSTOCK

Four Boats Appeared West of Hokkaido, and During Storm Seized and Burned Small Sailing Vessel.

Singapore, Straits Settlements, May 5.—The Russian naval division passed Singapore in semi-darkness and haze at 5.30 o'clock this morning. Six warships and four colliers were sighted.

Stoessel's Trial.

St. Petersburg, May 4.—The testimony before the court-martial which is trying General Stoessel for the surrender of Port Arthur, and which is meeting behind closed doors, has so far been of a most sensational character, and has reflected on the integrity of the man who has already been decorated by Emperor William of Germany for bravery. All the subordinate officers who served at Port Arthur who have given evidence so far unite in declaring that the stronghold could have held out for many weeks, and also allege that the general devoted himself more to the "sale of foodstuffs" than to encouraging his men in fighting the enemy.

One officer testified that he paid General Stoessel $18 for a turkey which he wanted to eat. Another testified that Mrs. Stoessel, the general's wife, owned forty cows, which were well fed despite the fact that soldiers were on short rations. The milk from the cows was disposed of by Madame Stoessel at a uniform price of fifty cents per bottle.

The only witness who has admitted that he considered affairs in Port Arthur desperate was Colonel Reiss, who commanded one of the positions on the Tiger's Tail.

Friends of Stoessel declare that the evidence so far given came from the mouths of men who were prejudiced against the former commander of Port Arthur because he failed to recommend them for decorations at the hands of the Czar.

MOVES SOUTH TO MEET NEBOGATOFF.

St. Petersburg, May 5.—Admiral Rojestvensky, according to a high naval authority, has sailed south to meet the division of the Russian second Pacific squadron, commanded by Admiral Nebogatoff.

The admiral has information that a Japanese division of fast cruisers and torpedo boat destroyers was sent south for the purpose of possibly crippling or destroying Nebogatoff's ships before they could effect a junction with those of Rojestvensky, and there is reason to believe that the Japanese took up a position in the Straits of Sunda, through which Nebogatoff originally intended to make the passage into the China Sea. There is also reason to believe that Nebogatoff first approached the Straits of Sunda, but finding them too well guarded, put about and headed for the Straits of Malacca, his division lacking the protection of fast cruisers, and being at a great disadvantage in meeting torpedo boat attacks.

The admiralty expresses much gratification at the fact that Admiral Nebogatoff has successfully reached the China Sea, but appreciates that the composition of his division renders it particularly vulnerable to a swift adversary, especially as the crews of his ships have not had the training in manoeuvres or the target practice which Admiral Rojestvensky's crews have had while off the Island of Madagascar, and the anxiety here will only be completely relieved when it is known that a junction has been effected.

The Russ to-day announces that Capt. Clado, who was Admiral Rojestvensky's chief tactician during the North Sea incident, and who was recently appointed to special service in connection with vessels navigating rivers in the centre of war, has been made a staff captain.

The Russian armored cruiser Gromoboi, it is announced, has left Vladivostock.

ADMIRAL INTENDED TO SAIL TO-DAY.

Saigon, May 5.—The Russian division, near Honkohe Bay, a short distance north of Kamranh Bay, was on May 4th preparing to leave its moorings the following day. Admiral Rojestvensky had previously informed the French authorities of its proposed departure.

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS IN FRENCH WATERS.

Tokio, May 5.—Popular attention is now centered on the second Russian Pacific squadron in French waters. While the assurances of France relating to the Kamranh bay incident were generally accepted, the later discovery that the Russian squadron continued their stay at Kamranh bay and entered other French ports has created a feeling of keen disappointment, rapidly growing deeply resentful. The local press charges France with bad faith, and repeats the demands for independent action upon the part of the Japanese government.

The conservative element is awaiting France's response in explanation, hoping that that government will finally expel the Russian fleet from its waters.

ENSHRINING CEREMONY IN JAP TEMPLE.

Tokio, May 5.—The enshrining ceremonies concluded to-day. The Crown Prince visited the Shokunsa temple at 11 a.m. A group of distinguished statesmen and officers accompanied the Prince, who entered the shrine, where he bowed himself in prayer and briefly addressed the spirits of the departed heroes. Enormous crowds filled the temple and its surrounding grounds. Detachments of soldiers continued their visits to the temple throughout the day.

ENTERTAINED AT THE IMPERIAL PALACE.

Tokio, May 5.—Prince Charles of Hohenzollern was the guest at a farewell luncheon at the palace to-day. The Emperor, who is indisposed, was absent, but he commanded the Crown Prince to return to the capital and act as host. The guests included the imperial princes, members of the cabinet, officers of the army and navy and the German minister.

The Prince will give a farewell dinner to-night and to-morrow night at Shiba palace. On Sunday, May 7th, he leaves for Nagasaki, from which port he will sail for Europe on May 16th.

JAPANESE EMPEROR ASSISTS THE Y. M. C. A.

Tokio, May 5.—The Emperor has notified Mr. Griscom, the American minister to Japan, of his intention to donate ten thousand yen (about $5,000) to the Japanese army branch of the Young Men's Christian Association. At the outbreak of the war the association opened branches at the principal basis of operations in Manchuria, following the armies in the field and opened recreation and reading tents for the benefit and comfort of the soldiers. The movement was so successful as to win the commendation of the army commanders, and gained the recognition and assistance of the Emperor.

RECRUITING OFFICERS ARE UNDER ARREST.

Moscow, May 6.—The investigation of the charges of the bribery of recruiting officers in connection with the liberation of reserve men has resulted in the arrest and trial by court-martial of a recruiting officer named Stauen, his assistant and his secretary.

Tokio, May 6.—Four Russian torpedo boat destroyers left Vladivostock, appearing west of Hokkaido, off Subu, yesterday. They seized and burned a small sailing vessel and imprisoned the captain and disappeared to the northwest. They were evidently returning to Vladivostock.

There is a possibility that they have destroyed other small craft, although no reports to that effect have been received.

The object of their visit is not clear. It is thought that probably they hoped to torpedo the Japanese patrol at night, and it is also suggested that the Vladivostock vessels plan a diversion to assist the fleet of Admiral Rojestvensky.

BOATS WERE PROBABLY ESCORTED BY CRUISERS.

Tokio, May 6.—Noon.—Although none has been sighted, it is believed the larger vessels of the Vladivostock squadron accompanied the torpedo boats which appeared west of Hakkaido yesterday. It is doubted that the torpedo boats would venture across unescorted in the heavy sea which was running when they burned the sailing vessel.

All the crew of this vessel, except the captain, who was captured, succeeded in landing, but a steamer dispatched to the rescue of the burning derelict was forced to return on account of the storm.

The Russians poured kerosene on the deck of the sailing vessel, and withdrew, after having ignited the oil. The torpedo boats have not been reported today.

GEN. KOUROPATKIN RETURNING FROM FRONT.

St. Petersburg, May 6.—The rumors of the approaching return of General Kouropatkin from the front now seem to be definitely confirmed, and it is said that General Zaronbaioff, commander of the fourth East Siberian corps, will succeed him. Failing health is assigned as the cause for Kouropatkin's coming back to St. Petersburg.

JAPS PREPARING FOR ANOTHER BATTLE.

Fenghush Shieng (or Maimaikai) Manchuria, May 6.—Field Marshal Oyama seems to be ready to assume the offensive on a large scale, and activity has already begun against Gen. Linevitch's left. This may be the prelude to another big battle.

The Japanese have concentrated heavy columns on the Liao river, and their advance divisions have been in contact with Russians, who are holding the main road from Fakoman to Bashinchen.

On Thursday the Japanese cavalry suddenly attacked the Cossacks in overwhelming force, forcing the latter to retire, and then, supported by the infantry, the Japanese advanced and drove the Russian infantry out of the village of Palitom.

A Russian reconnoitering party twenty miles further west ran into an ambush. All the party except three were killed.

Fenghush Shieng is about half way between Tie Pass and Harbin.

MORE OFFICERS ARE GOING TO MANCHURIA.

St. Petersburg, May 6.—Emperor Nicholas yesterday reviewed at Tsarskoe Selo the senior classes of the page corps and the cavalry, military engineers, and St. Petersburg infantry schools, who have been commissioned four months in advance of the regular date. His Majesty exhorted the young officers to take care of the men under them and to do their duty to their country. Many of these officers will go at once to the front.

BICYCLE RACE.

Walthour Defeated Bueller at Atlanta, Ga. —Won Two Out of Three Heats.

Atlanta, Ga., May 5.—Nearly 30,000 persons saw Bobby Walthour defeat Ned Bueller last night in a bicycle race. The contest was the best two in three heats, five miles. Walthour won the first and third, and Bueller the second, by a margin of two feet. The first heat was a flying start, the second and third from standing starts. The time was 6.56, 7.22 and 7.14. Two men will meet to-night in a 20-mile race.

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Best Relations Between M. Rouvier and M. Delcassé.

Paris, May 6.—Owing to renewed reports that Foreign Minister Delcasse intends to resign as a result of a difference with Premier Rouvier over foreign affairs, the foreign office to-day made a specific statement to the effect that the best relations existed between M. Rouvier and M. Delcasse, and that the latter has not any present purpose of retiring.

ASSURANCE INQUIRY.

New York, May 4.—After a lengthy conference to-day the insurance commissioners from five states outside of New York announced that they had informally considered the situation in the Equitable Society, and talked with State Insurance Superintendent Hendricks, of New York, who assured the commissioners that the investigation as to the management would be completed by June 15th, and had decided to await the result of this investigation. Further than this official statement the commissioners would not discuss their meeting. The conference adjourned late this afternoon.

CROP REPORTS FROM ONTARIO

SEASON BACKWARD ALL OVER PROVINCE

Toronto, May 4.—Crops reports to the Globe from the chief centres of Ontario indicate that the season is distinctly backward all over the province. There is a serious lack of moisture in most localities, but the wheat and clover came through the winter in very good condition.

Found in River.

Calgary, N. W. T., May 4.—The dead body of a Galician named Sadlevery, who disappeared mysteriously last September, was found yesterday in the Bow river, and every indication points to his murder, which has always been suspected. He had $130 on him when last seen alive and a fellow-countryman named Rushak is suspected of the crime, and has been under surveillance ever since. Sadlevery's head had been split open and his body concealed under stones in the river.

Natural Gas Wells.

Medicine Hat, N. W. T., May 4.—A deputation waited on Vice-President Whyte of the C. P. R. to-day to enlist his interest in the project to use the great natural gas wells here for smelting low-grade ores. Mr. Whyte was very favorably impressed, and will revisit Medicine Hat in company with Mr. Aldridge, manager of the Trail smelter, in the near future for further investigation.

Appeal Dismissed.

Quebec, May 4.—The Court of Appeals to-day dismissed the appeal of Gaynor and Greene from the decision rendered by Judge Davidson of Montreal, refusing them a writ of prohibition against Judge La Fontaine from hearing the extradition case against them. The result of the decision is that the case will go on.

Death of James Harper.

Montreal, May 4.—James Harper, one of the best known journalists of Eastern Canada, is dead. He had been city editor of the Gazette, the Star and the Witness. He had been in ill-health for about a year.

Dr. F. W. Campbell Dead.

Montreal, May 4.—Dr. F. W. Campbell, late dean of the medical faculty of Bishop's College, died to-day. He had been in ill-health for some months and his death was not unexpected. This makes the third death in the family within the year. But a few days ago his son, F. W. Campbell, died of typhoid fever, and Dr. Rolls Campbell, the eldest son, died about a year ago from the same disease.

OIL WORK CLOSED.

Seventy Small Boys Strike, Throwing Nearly Six Hundred Other Employees Out of Work.

New York, May 6.—On account of a strike by seventy small boys nearly six hundred employees of the Standard Oil Company in Long Island City are out of employment, and it has been found necessary to shut down the Devoe oil works temporarily. The plant is an important one, and the boys were engaged in handling small cans with which steamers bound for the Far East were being loaded. They quit work a few days ago because two had been discharged, and at once established picket lines. Finally it became necessary to suspend operations in the plant, and now the youngsters say they will not return until their pay is advanced from $1 to $1.25 a day.

THE BUILDING OF G. T. P. RAILWAY

FIRST SOD TO BE TURNED ON DOMINION DAY

Lake Steamer Runs Aground During a Fog and is in Perilous Position—Passengers Rescued.

Montreal, May 5.—The first sod of the Grand Trunk Pacific will, it is understood, be turned at Fort William next Dominion day, and it is expected that contracts for the government section will be given out next fall.

Passengers Saved.

Thessalon, Ont., May 5.—The following dispatch was handed in to the Canadian Pacific railway's telegraph office by a passenger off the wrecked steamer Ednaivan: "Capt. A. M. Wright, of the steamer City of Collingwood, noticing signals of distress from the royal mail steamer Ednaivan, which was aground on Bigsbee island, rescued the following passengers: Fred H. Grabb, London; J. A. Modris, Toronto; Mr. McAlister, Cockburn island; S. A. Puling, Windsor." The Ednaivan ran aground during a fog at midnight and now lies in a perilous position. Those rescued acknowledged Capt. Wright's kindness with a suitable testimonial. Tugs have gone to the stranded steamer.

Wheat Report.

Winnipeg, May 5.—The Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., interviewed to-day on the subject of wheat in farmers' hands yet to market, stated that complete returns received from their buyers and inspectors indicated that there was not more than 2,500,000 bushels yet for sale, after providing for the necessary seed, and gave the following figures as making up the total of last year's crop: Inspected to date, 33,822,600 bushels; shipments west not inspected delivered at Winnipeg and used for seeding on farms, 1,475,000 bushels; in store in elevators west of Winnipeg, 4,161,840; in transit not inspected, 35,000; milled west of Winnipeg up to Apdil 30th, not inspected, 5,130,000; used for seed, 7,525,000; in farmers' hands yet to market, 2,500,000; total crop, 55,229,440 bushels.

Land Sale.

Winnipeg, May 5.—The Northwestern Colonization Co. of St. Paul sold 100,000 acres of Canadian lands to the Northwest Trust Co. of Peoria, Ill., making 1,000,000 acres handled by the company since its organization three years ago.

POLICE ADOPT STERN MEASURES

TO PRESERVE PEACE ON CHICAGO'S STREETS

Two Thousand Men Are Available for Strike Duty—Produce Dealers May Close Stores.

Chicago, Ills., May 5.—Warned by Sheriff Barrett that troops would be asked for by him if the police and depuy sheriffs together proved unable to control violence strike sympathizers were less in evidence about the many strike-bound stores and stables to-day. Chief O'Neill issued a general order to arrest all persons following police-guard wagons.

When the strike first began, said the chief, persons followed the wagons out of curiosity, now they follow to incite riot. There will be no discrimination by the police in such cases in making arrests.

A call upon Sheriff Barrett for protection came from James B. Clow & Sons, manufacturers of plumbing supplies. Deputies were immediately sent with instructions to take seats on the front wagon.

The sheriff announced to-day that pending developments the swearing in of deputies would be confined to 200 men.

Two thousand men constituted the police force available for strike duty to-day. With this number the officials expected to guard 1,200 wagons, a decided increase over yesterday's total. Confidence was expressed by the police in their ability to exercise a reasonable degree of control. The produce dealers are thinking of closing their stores because the express companies are unable to deliver shipments of butter, eggs, etc., from the country.

President Shea, of the Teamsters' Union, issued a statement to-day that the employers' association, by bringing colored men from the south, are trying to incite violence with the object of securing the aid of troops in order to crush unionism. He also scores the banks for declaring in resolutions that a state of rebellion exists in Chicago when there is less rioting than yesterday, and fewer people were injured.

HON. FRANK OLIVER.

Recently Created Minister of the Interior and Re-elected by Acclamation for Edmonton.

STATUE OF VICTOR HUGO

Unveiled in Rome in Presence of King, Ministers and French Delegates.

Rome, May 6.—The unveiling of the statue of Victor Hugo, presented by the Franco-Italian League of Paris to the city of Rome, occurred this morning at the Villa Borghese in the presence of King Victor Emmanuel, the French delegates, the French ambassador, the ministers of foreign affairs and public instruction, and many other distinguished guests. The statue, which is of Carrara marble and eight feet high, is the work of the sculptor Pallez. Several patriotic speeches glorifying Franco-Italian friendship were delivered amidst great enthusiasm, the bands playing "Marseillaise" and the "Italian Royal March."

MR. CHAMBERLAIN INDISPOSED.

Birmingham, Eng., May 6.—Joseph Chamberlain is suffering from a severe chill and was too indisposed to attend the re-opening ceremony at Queen's college here this afternoon.

ZEMSTVO CONGRESS.

Sessions in Moscow—Greetings From St. Petersburg.

Moscow, May 6.—The second great Zemstvo congress, which opened here yesterday, resumed its sessions to-day. The following greeting from the St. Petersburg Zemstvo was presented to the assemblage:

"We are on the eve of great reforms as the result of national misfortunes which have brought home to Russia the realization that the present order of things must end. Equality must be the basis of the future organization, and we hope this principle will prevail with steadfastness throughout the Zemstvos, which during 40 years' persecution has labored incessantly for the good of the country and people."

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Seattle, May 5.—Mrs. Matilda Nelson, who attacked her 8-year-old son, Albin, with an axe Wednesday morning, tried twice to kill herself in the county jail yesterday. Once she tried to strangle herself with parts of her clothing, and the second time made a noose of her stocking and attempted to hang herself. When discovered and cut down she was nearly unconscious, but was resuscitated.

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