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RUSSIA MAY ASK JAPAN FOR AN ARMISTICE

Czar Likley to Call National Assembly to Discuss Peace or War

French Government Anxious to Bring Struggle to a Close—Russian Captain Strands Cruiser and Then Blows Her Up—St. Petersburg Stupefied by Naval Disaster—Togo's Casualties Total Up 800—Japs' Victory May Be More Sweeping When Chase is Over.

St. Petersburg, June 2, 3 a. m.—St. Petersburg is full of rumors of the most contradictory character regarding the prospects of peace, but in the best informed quarters the Associated Press was told that no definite decision had been reached.

The emperor's advisers realize that whatever haste may be made in calling together the representatives of the people, it will be impossible for them to meet in time to forestall another battle in Manchuria, but through a request for an armistice is a possibility the present disposition is to leave the matter entirely in the hands of the assembly as another defeat on land, unless decisive, could not change the situation or make it much worse, while a victory for Lieut.-General Linerich would alter the complexion of affairs entirely.

The admiral has not yet recovered from the stupefaction caused by the naval disaster, but from reports received from the commanders of the Almaz, Izumrud and the torpedo boat destroyers, the naval authorities are gradually piecing out a connected story of the battle up to the last stage before the surrender of the fleet under Nebogatoff.

There is little comfort for the Russians in their own reports.

Russian Captain Blew Up His Cruiser.

St. Petersburg, June 1—Official reports bearing on the naval battle are beginning to be received by the emperor and Grand Duke Alexis, the high admiral, the most important of these reports revealing the fate of the cruiser Izumrud, being a torpedo boat, the latter being charged with the task of attacking the Japanese fleet.

The baron says that before dark on May 27 the Orel, Alexander III, and Borodino had been sunk, and that the Kintz Souvaroff, the Kametcharka and the Ural had been seriously damaged and lost to sight.

In the evening the Nikolai I, the Orel, the General Admiral Apraxine and the Admiral Senavin, the Admiral Oushakoff, the Sissoi Veliky, the Navarin, the Admiral Nakhimoff and the Izumrud sailed northeastward, the latter being charged to transmit orders to the battleships. Two other cruisers were cut off from the fleet and were again seen.

The battleships, steaming at fourteen knots, were repeatedly attacked by the Japanese torpedo boats, especially at the extremities of the line.

As dawn it was ascertained that the battleship division consisted of the Nikolai I, the Orel, the General Admiral Apraxine and the Admiral Senavin.

equipped with five torpedo tubes. Her complement was 340 men.

"Virtues" of Mikado Won the Victory.

Tokio, June 1, 2 15 p. m.—Admiral Togo, responding to the imperial rescript commending the admiral and his sailors, expresses his appreciation and further says: "that we gained a success beyond our expectation is due to the brilliant virtue of your majesty and to the protection of the spirits of your imperial ancestors and not to the action of any human being.

"We shall be faithful and answer to the imperial will."

Togo's Casualties 800.

Tokio, June 1, 7 p. m.—The navy department made the following announcement today: "Later reports from the different divisions of the fleet engaged in the naval battle of May 27 show as follows:

"The Russian battleship Orel was heavily damaged in the early part of the fight on Saturday, going down at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The first Russian vessel sunk was the battleship Sissoi Veliky. The armored cruiser Admiral Nakhimoff and Vladimir Monomach, after being in the general engagement during the day time, were still further damaged by torpedoes during attacks by night and were eventually completely disabled. They drifted into the vicinity of Tsu Islands, where they were discovered on Sunday morning.

May 28, by the auxiliary cruisers Shilano, Kawato, Tamao and Sado, which were about to capture them, but they all sank.

"The crews of our auxiliary cruisers rescued 915 of the crews of the sunken Russian ships.

"The battleship Navarin was torpedoed four times after sundown on Saturday, May 27, and sunk. The survivors of the Navarin's crew confirm the story of her destruction.

"The cruisers Nitaka and Otawa discovered the Russian cruiser Svetlana at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning in the vicinity of Chappyan Bay and immediately attacked and sunk her. The commander of the Nitaka reported the fact.

"Later reports show that during the night of May 27 our torpedo boats numbered 34, 35 and 65 were sunk by the enemy. Comrades rescued the majority of their crews. Besides the above there was no damage worth reporting. No warship or destroyer suffered any loss of fighting or navigating power.

THE UNFORTUNATE CZAR—AN APPARENTLY UNFOUNDED RUMOR OF HIS SUICIDE STARTLED EUROPE THIS MORNING



St. Petersburg, June 2, 3 25 a. m.—There are various rumors afloat in the city that the Emperor is dead, having either committed suicide or been assassinated. These rumors are untrue.

LIVELY SCENE IN NEW YORK COURT

Man on Trial for Murder Shouts Defiance at Prosecuting Attorney and Declines to Answer Questions.

New York, June 1—While testifying in his own behalf in his trial for the murder of George Elberhardt, Duncan "Scotty" Young today became so enraged by questions asked by the prosecuting attorney that court attendants were ordered to restrain him.

He charged assistant District Attorney Ely with subordination of perjury, and said he would have had the official indicted had he been allowed to go before the grand jury.

When assistant District Attorney Ely appealed to Justice Davy to compel the witness to answer, the court replied that he was powerless.

Young's direct testimony was substantially the same as that given by him at his two previous trials. He denied positively that he killed Elberhardt, and swore that on the night of the murder he did not leave his own home.

BOARD OF EDUCATION TO VISIT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL AT KINGSTON

Members of the Legislature and Others Will Accompany Them June 15.

Fredericton, June 1—(Special)—At the meeting of the Board of Education last evening it was settled that on Thursday, June 15th, an official visit will be paid to the Kingston Consolidated School by the members of the board.

Accepts Call to Sydney Church.

Brantford, Ont., June 1—(Special)—Rev. F. W. Anderson, pastor of St. Andrew's church in this city, will accept the call to Sydney (N. S.), which was extended to him at a meeting of that congregation on Monday night.

Roosevelt Plans Southern Trip.

POND ASKS FOR PROTECTION

Further Facts in Connection With the St. John River Log Trouble BELIEVES LIFE UNSAFE

Levi W. Pond, the river driver who is a central figure in the St. John river troubles, has asked the protection of the New Brunswick authorities in carrying on his driving operations and until some action is taken in the matter he does not propose to resume the work.

He declares his life is in danger should he attempt to continue; that he has already been threatened and that his work is prevented and a serious condition created.

Thursday Mr. Pond made a written statement before A. I. Trueman and this will be presented to the government. Its contents will not be given out until then.

F. LaForest, of Edmundston, who is acting for Mr. Pond, was asked last night for a statement as to the day's developments in the St. John end of the case and he replied that he could tell nothing beyond that Mr. Pond had his statement prepared and that he was to meet Attorney-General Pugsley here at 10 o'clock this morning.

Some new facts relative to the trouble came out yesterday and to tell them it is necessary to go over some ground covered in yesterday's Telegraph. It was there stated that when the Van Buren boom was winged by Mr. Pond's foreman, Mr. Pond was not with that drive.

President Hammond, of the Van Buren Company, it is now declared, branded Mr. Pond as a coward for leaving the winging of the boom to his men and not being there himself and also threatened to himself shoot Mr. Pond if the boom were interfered with again.

The further statement is made that when Mr. Pond and his boats reached the first boom Saturday last they were seen by the crew of the Van Buren Company who were at the second boom, a short distance away; that Mr. Pond waited some time for the Van Buren men to come and open the boom and give him passage but that no one came and then he dynamited the boom as reported. Then, it is added, the passage to the second boom was made.

Following along shore armed and threatening to shoot and at the second boom the incidents occurred as reported.

CONFESSES TO SWINDLING

Equitable Out of \$55,000

Lobley, Says Clerk in Assurance Co.'s Office, Hatched the Scheme and He Only Got \$10,000 of the Proceeds.

New York, June 1—Samuel Lobley, who has been on trial in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn, charged with fraudulently obtaining money on a life insurance policy which is alleged to have been stolen from the vaults of the Equitable Life Assurance Company in this city, withdrew his plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty. This action was taken by advice of counsel, it was announced, and in informing the court of the decision, the district attorney said that it might later be shown that there were extenuating circumstances in the case.

Lobley told the court that the total sum received on the stolen property was approximately \$55,000. Of this amount he said his share was only \$10,000. He said that Emil Nuemer, the equitable clerk now under a rat, came to him with the proposition that money be raised on the policy.

URUGUAY IGNORES BRITISH PROTEST

Captain and Crew of Nova Scotia Were Convicted Without Evidence.

Ottawa, June 1—(Special)—The state department is still pressing the British authorities to come to the relief of the imprisoned captain and officers of the Canadian schooner Agnes G. Donahoe by the Uruguay government, but so far nothing definite has been done.

The British consul at Uruguay says that a case was worked up against the prisoners, who were accused of poaching for seals, without there being any law upon the subject.

Lord Lansdowne, it is understood, admits that there was no law which the prisoners violated. What the Uruguay government sentenced the officers and crew for was taking of property belonging to a company which the government had leased. It was held that they were guilty because there was blood on the deck of the schooner, which looked to be fresh blood, but the charge was denied on the part of the captain and crew.

CAPT. BARCLAY, FORMERLY OF ALLAN LINE, DEAD

Montreal, June 1—(Special)—Captain John Barclay, for many years superintendent of the Allan line, died here today. He was the first captain to ascend the St. Lawrence with a direct cargo from China. He joined the Allan service in 1864, and remained with them until two years ago, when ill health caused his retirement.

MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR YET AT U. N. B.

Largest Graduating Class in the History of the Institution

Young Women Win Important Prizes—Presentation of Medals and Conferring of Degrees—The Alumni Oration by Prof. W. C. Murray—Valedictory Address—Other News of the Closing Exercises.

Fredericton, N. B., June 1—(Special)—The university exercises exercises this afternoon were in many respects the most successful held in recent years. The weather conditions were all that could be desired. The attendance of visitors was large, and the addresses were of high order.

Lieutenant-Governor Snowball, in his Windsor uniform, occupied the chair, while Chancellor Harrison was master of ceremonies. Among others on the platform were Judge McLeod, Dr. Murray McLaren, Dr. H. S. Bridge, St. John; Dr. J. R. Ingh, Dr. Bailey, Judge Barry, Rev. Canon Roberts, Inspector Bridges, Dr. Atherton, Fredericton; Dr. Brydson Jack, Vancouver; Rev. W. J. Armitage, Dr. W. C. Murray, Halifax; Mrs. J. S. Armstrong, Rothesay; archdeacon Woodatone.

Theodore Rand McNally, of this city, winner of the Douglas gold medal, read a portion of his essay, after which he was presented with the medal by the lieutenant-governor.

Presentation of Prizes. Dr. Murray McLaren, on behalf of the alumni society, announced that the society's gold medal for the best Latin essay had been won by Miss Edna D. Bell, of Moncton, whose translation had been commended by the examiners. Miss Bell wasn't present, and the medal was not presented.

The Montgomery Campbell prize for classics was presented to Miss M. M. Winslow by Archdeacon Neales, in a graceful speech. He warmly congratulated the winner on her success in classics, and expressed pleasure at the fact that she came from the town of Woodstock.

Dr. Inch was called upon to present the governor-general's medal to Miss Alberta Roach, of St. John, and discharged the pleasant duty very acceptably. He said he had the honor of being the first one

to propose to the senate that young ladies be admitted to the graduating course at the university, and he also had the honor of being first to confer the degree of B. A. on a young lady in the Dominion of Canada.

He had watched with great interest the progress of feminine education throughout the world during the last twenty-five years, and was very glad to see young women win in competition with the opposite sex. He was glad of the privilege of presenting the medal to a daughter of one of his former pupils, whose friendship he had enjoyed for many years.

David R. Smith, of St. Martins, was announced as the winner of the Brydson Jack memorial scholarship for physics. The presentation was made by Dr. W. Brydson Jack, of Vancouver, a son of the late Prof. Brydson Jack, at present visiting the city.

Special prizes for engineering, donated by Prof. E. Brydson Jack, were awarded to Clarence M. Steeves, A. E. Eastman and F. G. McLeod.

The Ketchikan silver medal for engineering was presented to A. R. Crookshank by Dr. Atherton.

Chancellor Harrison then presented certificates for honor and class distinctions won during the term, as published in this morning's Telegraph.

The degrees were conferred by Chancellor Harrison. Prof. Britain and Mrs. J. S. Armstrong, who received honorary degrees, were given a great ovation by the students.

MAY BE THREE-CORNERED FIGHT IN NORTH OXFORD

Independent Liberal Likely to Run—Conservative Slogan "Provincial Rights."

Woodstock, Ont., June 1—It is rumored here a third candidate will enter the field in North Oxford, running as an independent Liberal, opposed to the educational clause, and the name of D. R. Ross, of Embro, is mentioned. Mr. Ross ran some years ago against the late Andrew Patullo as a prohibition candidate.

Hon. George E. Foster was chief speaker in a meeting held in the city hall last night in the interests of J. G. Wallace, Conservative candidate for North Oxford; the meeting was the first of the rallies to be held here in Conservative interests.

D. W. Karn, of Woodstock, presided, and in his opening address said there was only one issue before the electorate, that of provincial rights. Mr. Foster said Sir Wilfrid Laurier declared himself to be standing on the bed rock of the constitution which he asked the present rights of the minority in the west to be preserved, but there was nothing in the British North America act giving the dominion power to pass school laws for the provinces.

PORTLAND, OREGON, EXPOSITION OPENED

President Roosevelt at Washington Pressed the Button That Started the Machinery of the Great Fair.

Washington, June 1—President Roosevelt in the presence of the members of his cabinet, the resident members of diplomatic corps and distinguished guests, pressed the button in the east room of the White House at 4.22 p. m. which formally opened the Lewis & Clark exposition at Portland (Ore.). The electric flash sounded the chimes in the government building on the exposition grounds and started the machinery of the exposition. A battery of artillery stationed in the lot immediately south of the White House fired the national salute of 21 guns, beginning the instant the president pressed the telegraph key.

HOT CAMPAIGN PROMISED IN NORTH OXFORD AND LONDON

Hon. Messrs. Fielding, Paterson and Oliver to Stump, Also Many Lesser Liberal Lights.

Ottawa, June 1—(Special)—A party of Liberals left for Western Ontario tonight to take part in the London and North Oxford by-elections. The party included Hon. Frank Oliver, W. S. Calvert, chief Liberal whip; Peter Talbot, of Strathcona; J. G. Turfitt, of East Assiniboia; and J. H. Lamont, of Saskatchewan.

It is expected that Hon. Mr. Fielding and Hon. William Paterson will go into the campaign on Monday. Walter Scott is already in the vanguard of activity, and has delivered some addresses.

Owing to the contiguity of the constituencies of London and North Oxford, the speakers from the capital will be able to visit both places without losing much time traveling.

AMERICAN JOURNALISTS TO INVADE ST. JOHN

Michigan Press Association, 150 Strong, Will Be Here About 20th of June.

Montreal, June 1—(Special)—One hundred and fifty members of the Michigan Press Association will invade Canada for their annual tour next month. They will be in Montreal June 18 and leave on the following day for Portland, from where they will take steamer for St. John. The party will return to Detroit from St. John via Boston.

H. J. Logan Improving.

Ottawa, June 1—(Special)—Master Wallace Logan, son of H. J. Logan, M. P., was operated upon Tuesday in St. Luke's Hospital for appendicitis. He is getting along nicely.

Mr. Logan expects to be able to resume his parliamentary duties soon. He was out today and had a drive.

A Reception to Archbishop Beardon.

Ottawa, N. B., June 1—(Special)—A large number attended the reception this evening given by Bishop Barry, in honor of his guest, Archbishop Beardon, of San Francisco.