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## BATTLE IS ON IN CHINA SEA, OFF THE ISLAND OF ANAMBAS

Dispatch From Java Says Rojstvensky and Togo Have  
Come to Grips—No Details Yet.

### ENTIRE RUSS SQUADRON NOW IN THE CHINA SEA

Amsterdam, April 12.—A fight is now in progress near the Anambas Islands (east of the Malay Peninsula), according to a telegram from Batavia, Island of Java, to the Handelsblad.

The dispatch adds that five Dutch warships are near the scene of battle. Details are lacking.

#### JAPS ON THE WATCH

To Prevent Rojstvensky Coasting His  
Ships at Saigon.

Saigon, French Cochinchina, April 12.—The French cruiser Descartes and five torpedo boats are cruising off Cape James near here. The French gunboats Acheron and Styx are about to leave Saigon for the purpose, it is said, of preserving the neutrality of French waters. The Descartes, which is furnished with wireless telegraph apparatus, has received several dispatches in a foreign code which are illegible.

Several Japanese ships are cruising off the coast of Cochinchina for the purpose of preventing the Russians taking coal on board, and are making reconnaissances.

A Chinese junk which arrived here recently, reported that two Japanese vessels purchased supplies at Pulo Ohi (at the southern extremity of Cochinchina). In case a battle occurs off the coast of Cochinchina the only incidents anticipated by the French colony here are that the belligerents may send disabled ships to this port.

#### IN MANCHURIA

Constant Skirmishes Reported—  
Russia Arming Her Convicts.

Tokio, April 12.—Reports received here from Manchuria indicate that the Russians continue concentrating their troops and strengthening the Changchun-Kiari line. General Ma's force continues in touch with the extreme Japanese left. Skirmishes are frequent and may possibly develop into an engagement.

It is reported that the Russians have armed the convicts of the island of Sakhalin, promising money and freedom to those fighting bravely. This, it is added, brings the garrison of Sakhalin up to a total of 3,000. It is doubted, however, that Russia will attempt to hold the island.

#### London Hasn't Heard It.

London, April 12.—No confirmation has yet been received in London of the report from Batavia, Java, of a naval battle off the Anambas Islands, and as there is no cable connection with these islands it is difficult to see how Batavia could have got such news before Singapore. A dispatch to Lloyd's from Singapore today practically confirms the Associated Press' first information regarding the composition of the Russian squadron which passed there April 8. Lloyd's agent says it was composed of seven battleships, two armored cruisers, five armored cruisers, three converted cruisers, seven torpedo boat destroyers, 17 steamers and hospital ships, and a tug.

#### TOGO DIVIDES FLEET

A Flying Squadron of Fast Ships to  
Open Attack.

Rome, April 11.—The commander of the Italian squadron in the Far East sends word that Admiral Togo has divided his fleet into three portions, namely, a flying squadron of his fastest ships, for scouting and for opening the attack; the more powerful ships, under command of Togo himself, which will follow the others into action, and finally, the reserve squadron.

#### SPANISH ARMADA OVER AGAIN

English Experts Say Russians Are  
Doomed to Defeat.

New York, April 12.—A London dispatch to the World says: Rear Admiral Gayley, a distinguished naval strategist and expert, writes in the London Daily Telegraph: "We may expect that the whole passage of the Russian fleet to the north through the China Sea, will be marked by continual harassing by torpedo boat de-

stroyers, whose supreme object will be to wear down the Russian fleet, ship by ship, and when the supreme moment arrives for action between the battle fleets if such an event ever does take place, Admiral Togo's superiority may be even greater than at present.

"It is probable that there will be little occurring in the way of a naval action while the Russians are so close to territorial waters. At present they could seek sanctuary at almost any moment if it were desired, and this is not what the Japanese wish. So, that if Admiral Rojstvensky does not go into Saigon (French Cochinchina) to carry out essential repairs, I should say the first serious engagement will take place north of this French base. It is certain Rojstvensky will give the Philippine Islands as wide a berth as possible on account of the lack of sympathy which is known to exist in the United States with Russia's far east policy.

"We may take it for granted that Rojstvensky, after passing Saigon, will keep out in the open sea around the south of Formosa. Then anything may happen."

Admiral Sir John Colomb said: "It would seem to be the Japanese policy to keep the Russians in sight, but not to take action until they have got them as near as they may go into Japanese home waters."

"The further the Russians are allowed to go the greater will be the force of the naval reverse—of the naval disaster, perhaps inflicted upon them. It would seem reasonable, probable, that the Japanese admiral has it in his power to elect the time and place for the fight, and then, well, then, I suppose it will be the Spanish Armada over again."

#### No Turning Back.

New York, April 12.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Times says that a dispatch received there stating that Admiral Rojstvensky's fleet is not dis- united, evokes the greatest satisfaction at the admiralty, where the earlier reports that the battleships were separated from the cruisers caused anxiety. It is thought probable at St. Petersburg that Rojstvensky will coal in the Dutch territorial waters of Northern Sumatra, and that he will await Admiral Nebogatov, who is due in about 10 days, but who may perhaps be delayed by heavy weather.

The spirit animating Rojstvensky's officers and men is worthy of the greatest admiration. A letter from an officer of the battleship Kniaz Suvarov says: "We are resolved to sacrifice ourselves for the fatherland. We are determined to die. There will be no turning back."

#### Collier Held Up.

Singapore, Straits Settlement, April 12.—The German collier Hindoo, now at this port, loaded with 4,200 tons of Cardiff coal for the island of Tanjong Pagar, and for the island of Sumatra, and between (Borneo and Sumatra), has been refused clearance papers for Saigon, unless her commander give bonds to deliver her cargo through the British consul there. A guard has been placed on board the steamer.

#### All in China Sea.

London, April 12.—2:35 p.m.—The Associated Press is able to state positively that the Russian battleships passed Singapore going eastward, on April 8, so that all of Vice-Admiral Rojstvensky's squadron are accounted for. This definite news about the battleships was sent to Singapore by wireless telegraph from the China Sea. It is presumed here that the battleships passed further out to sea than the rest of the squadron, hence the divergent reports regarding the number of ships.

#### St. Petersburg Thinks Not.

St. Petersburg, April 12.—4:38 p.m.—The admiralty has no information in regard to the alleged naval battle in progress off the Anambas Islands (as reported to a newspaper of Amsterdam, Holland, from Batavia), and does not credit the possibility of a general naval battle yet. The officials concede, however, that the Japanese may have attempted a torpedo boat attack on a convoy during the night. It is pointed out that there is no cable connecting the Anambas Islands and Batavia and that the first news of a fight should come from Singapore, unless the Dutch warships are able to communicate with Batavia by wireless telegraph.

## U. S. BLOCKS CANADIAN RIVER; PROTEST MADE THROUGH LONDON

Washington, D. C., April 12.—Among the several questions now pending between London and Washington regarding Canada one of the most important affects the interpretation of the river and harbor act of 1902, providing for an American-Canadian commission to investigate and report on the problems of water level, water supply and navigation of the waters adjacent to the boundary line, including all lakes and rivers whose natural outlet is by the St. Lawrence River. Some question has arisen as to the scope of the commission, which already has been appointed.

The Washington Government having taken the tentative position that its jurisdiction did not include the St. John River, where certain obstructions have been placed to the annoyance of Canadians. It is the wish of the Canadians that this river be included in the investigation, and they hold that such was the intention of the act. A similar interpretation was placed on the law by Mr. Choate, the American ambassador at London, when he presented the invitation for the appointment of the commission. In view of this fact, the representations of the London Government on the subject will be again taken up at Washington and given careful consideration.

## BISHOP SWEATMAN BETTER Makes Good Progress and There is Every Hope for Recovery.

Toronto April 12.—Bishop Sweatman, who was operated on early yesterday morning, is reported this morning to be making good progress, and that there is every hope for his recovery. His lordship is under the care of Dr. A. J. Harrington.

#### CASTRO CANCELS DEBT

Another High-Handed Move of the  
South American Dictator.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, April 12.—President Castro of Venezuela has published an edict announcing that interest on the interior debt of Venezuela for seven years has been canceled, and that scrip bearing interest at 3 per cent will be issued to replace the 6 per cent scrip, which now represents the indebtedness.

Much of the Venezuelan interior debt (which amounts to about \$16,500,000) is held by Frenchmen, and this will doubtless intensify the strained relations existing between France and Venezuela as a result of the action against the French Cable Company.

#### OUKUMSKY TO BE TRIED

The Russian Prince-Admiral Will  
Face a Court Martial.

St. Petersburg, April 12.—The demand of Rear Admiral Prince Oukumsky for a court martial has been granted. The court will consist of four admirals, Admiral Dikoff presiding.

Prince Oukumsky succeeded Rear Admiral Witheff in command of the Port Arthur squadron when the latter was killed in the naval battle of Aug. 10. It has been claimed that the prince did not carry out the orders previously issued by Admiral Witheff not to put back to Port Arthur.

#### LOOK OUT, MR. POACHER!

Cruiser Vigilant Starts Saturday to  
Patrol Lake Erie.

Windsor, Ont., April 12.—The fishery cruiser Vigilant will start on Saturday on her first cruise of Lake Erie. Her crew of 100 is almost complete, and her rapid-fire guns will be taken on before the end of the week. The new cruiser, which takes the place of the Petrel, is built on the lines of a man-of-war. She has great speed and will give hot chase to fish-poachers on the lake.

## Huron and Erie Loan Bill Before the Committee

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, April 12.—At the banking and commerce committee today the Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Company's bill, asking for an extension of borrowing powers, came up for consideration.

The company wanted the same borrowing power as if incorporated under an Ontario charter. The Finance Minister objected to any changing of the federal law.

If the company wanted to get provincial powers, it should go to the Ontario House. Other companies, there being none of them in the same position, would be asking similar privileges. This would be establishing a bad precedent.

Mr. Hyman said that as the company was incorporated before Confederation, and there was only one other company of the same kind, if the company went to the local Legislature, it would have to confine its business to the Province. The bill was reported, Mr. Cronyn, representing the company, was present.

## WHY DOMINION SECURES THE BEST

How Salvation Army Helps Can-  
ada Get High-Class  
Immigrants.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 12.—Before leaving for the east yesterday, Commander Booth-Tucker, who, with H. Elder Haggard, the author, is making an inspection of the social colony work done by the Salvation Army in the United States, outlined the plan of the Salvation Army to relieve congestion in London by sending persons to Canada and other English colonies.

He said: "Last year, the Salvation Army sent 1,000 persons from England to Canada, which is starving for population. We carried them in our own ship. It will not be long before we shall be carrying Englishmen, not by thousands, but by tens of thousands, not only to Canada, but to New Zealand, Australia, India, and South Africa."

"We didn't dump our immigrants in Quebec, as the United States dumps immigrants in Ellis Island, but dropped six here and eight there, and a dozen in another place wherever they were needed."

"Every man who left England for Canada knew before he started where he was going, what he was going to do when he got there, and what wages he would receive."

"The United States should revise its immigration laws. Through its consuls and other representatives, immigrants should be investigated before they start, and not after they have landed at New York. Then you could get the cream of Europe, the yeomanry, the healthy, sturdy stock, and not the scum, the ne'er-do-wells. The Salvation Army would like to co-operate with the United States Government in a work of this kind. Then colonization could be made the handmaid of immigration."

#### Waterloo Exodus to the West.

Wellington, Ont., April 12.—About 40 Waterloo County people left yesterday for the west, where they will settle in the Mennonite reserve, located about 100 miles north of Regina. Rev. Eli Hallman, of Berlin, a Mennonite preacher, will go out to become the minister of the new community.

Xavier Schuler died at St. Agatha, aged 80. He resided there about 65 years ago, having come with his parents from Germany.

## RUSSIAN GOVT. OPENLY DEFIED

Radicals Continue to Meet and  
Are Demanding a  
Constitution.

St. Petersburg, April 12.—The radical position taken by the Pan-Russian Congress of Attorneys, which has been meeting here, in its denunciation of the bureaucracy and its demand for a constitution, and the similar stand taken at a meeting of college professors, have created a great sensation. All the efforts of the Government to prevent the meetings being held by prohibiting the delegates from assembling in public, were unavailing. The newspapers were then forbidden to mention the meeting, and for disobedience in referring to the attorneys' meeting this morning's issue of the Son of the Fatherland was confiscated. The Russ also boldly defied the authorities, printing the resolutions adopted by the professors. The action of these influential bodies served to emphasize the growing outcry against the Boulgair commission, which is proceeding with the execution of the imperial reforms outlined in the imperial rescript is completely in the hands of the bureaucracy, against which all classes of society are fighting.

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#### MUST FACE FRAUD CHARGE

Alleged Clerical Impostor Caught at  
Woodstock Is Committed.

Woodstock, April 12.—Charles James Brooks, the alleged clerical impostor, who is said to have victimized banks in five or six different cities in Canada, and who was finally caught through the alertness of the Woodstock bank officials and the Police, was before Magistrate Ball yesterday morning for preliminary hearing. There were two charges against Brooks, one of forging two checks on the Dominion Bank, signed by "A. Toronto," and purporting to be the signature of Bishop Sweatman, of Toronto, and made out in favor of "Charles James Brooks," and the other of attempting to cash the checks.

On the evidence of Manager Fuller, of the Crown Bank, and Manager McMahon, of the Traders' Bank, on whom Brooks tried to pass the worthless checks, the accused was sent up for trial.

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## SIXTY DAYS FOR BANKRUPT HILL

St. Thomas Merchant, Guilty  
of Fraud, Tells Court  
He Is Innocent.

Toronto, April 12.—J. B. Hill, the St. Thomas bankrupt, convicted of obtaining goods from wholesalers by means of false statements, was sentenced this afternoon to the county jail for sixty days by Judge Winchester. Asked whether he had anything to say, the prisoner said: "I am not guilty, your honor. I never had any intention of defrauding anybody, and I have never received any personal benefit from it."

Judge Winchester said he could not see how the prisoner could say that, after the evidence that had been adduced against him and the finding of the jury. If he had been conscientious in carrying his business as he claimed, why was not he conscientious in giving his statements as to his financial position?

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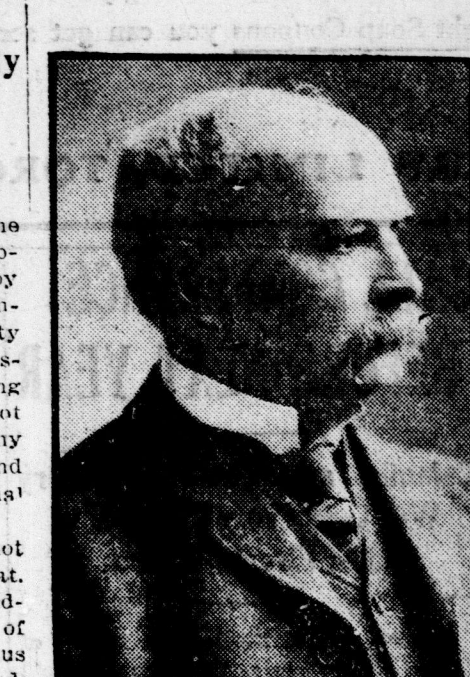
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