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Of Victory Eyewitness Describes Battle Grief Stricken

Events of the Last Day's Fighting.

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REPORTED SUNK IN ERROR. Tokio, May 30.—It now appears that the report of the sinking of an Ameri-can vessel by the fieet of Admiral Ro-jestvensky grew out of the seizure of the British steamer Oldhamia, bound for Japan, which was later retaken by Japanese warships Reports Six Battleships Sunk and Three Others as Captured,

Claims That Rojestvensky Was Aboard One of Vessels

W ASHINGTON, May 30.—The Ja-panese legation tonight gave out the following cablegram from Tokio : "Fifth report from Togo, received May 30: The main force of our combined feet, upon ac-result of our combined feet, upon ac-result of our combined feet, upon ac-result of the surrender of the remaining May 28, as already reported, stopped position of the surrendered ships found in a southwestern direction the Admiral upon the cruisers Iwate and Yakumo were immediately despatched in pur-sult and invited her to surrender, but she refused and was sunk at 6 p. m. Her crew of over three hundred men were rescued.

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"According to various reports hither-to received, and statements of prison-ers, the result of the battle from May 27 to May 29 is as follows: Prince Suvaroff, Alexander III., Borodino, Dmitri Donskoi I., Admiral Nachimoff, Monomach Zemtahura, Admiral Tach Monomach, Zemtchung, Admiral Usha-koff, one converted cruiser and two de-stroyers sunk. Nicholas I., Orel, Ad-miral Apraxine, Admiral Seniavin and destroyer Biedovy captured.

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STRICT DISCIPLINE Orders Affecting Russian Troops Bound for the War.

for the War. St. Petersburg, May 30.—The min's-ter of war has issued an order relative to the frequency of disorders among troops going to the Far East. He at-tributes these disorders to lack of dis-cipline and inadequate preparations for the long journeys, and says it should be impressed upon soldiers that so far as military regulations are concerned, the trains are to be regarded as barracks. Oc-cupations, the minister says, should be found for the soldiers, such as learning to read and write, and they should also be taught Japanese and Chinese words and to study maps. The military regu-lations should require roll calls, prayers, and corporal inspections. No soldier henceforth should be allowed to leave his company during the stoppage of trains in order to visit his family if his home is in the vicinity. If the disorders continue, the minister of war says offi-cers and non-commissioned officers will be he'd responsible and will even be + ed by court martial.

Nonline, the minimizer of war says onterform the head of operating operat "According to the prisoners the Osli-abia sunk about 3 p. m., and the Nava-rin also was sunk." "The cruiser Almaz, on May 27, was observed in a disabled and sinking con-dition, but her final fate is yet un-knowa."

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Officer's Graphic Account of the Sinking of Rojestvensky's Battleships and Rescue of the Admiral.

CAPTURED SHIPS ARRIVE.

Tokio, May 30.-The captured Russian battleship Orel arrived at the Maizura navy yard at noon today. The battleships Nickolai I. and Admiral Seniavan and the coast defence ironclad Admiral Apraxine reached Sasebo at II o'clock today. It is reported that the Orel and Nickolai I. are slightly damaged.

It is now believed that four Russian warships in addition to those already reported lost have been sunk by the Japanese fleet.

further adventure at 11 o'clock this

For the past two days Vladivostok has been buzzing with rumors and excite-ment. The fact that a battle between the rival fleets was imminent, if Rojestthe rival fleets was imminent, if Rojest-vensky was not already at hand grips-with Togo, was made known through telegrams from Europe, and when it was learned Monday that a Russian cruiser had been sighted off Askold island, head-ed for the harbor, the city was filled with the wildest reports of every kind. The inhabitants clustered in the streets, thronged the waterside or climb-ed frowing hills overlooking the harbor for a better view. Finally towards B o'clock in the evening, a graceful cruis-er with two snow-white stacks, shot in-to view at the entrance to the Golden Horn, and rounded to anchorage beneath the bristing guns of the curved promon-tory. From afar the broken stamp of her mizzen mast, and a shot hole, show-ing black upon white paint, of one stack, indicated that the cruster had encounter-ed the Japanese. As the anchor chain rattled in the hawser holes, the vessel wreathed itself in smoke—it was an ad-minal's salute in honor of Rear Admiral Jessen.

Scarcely had the boom of the last can-non began to echo from the surrounding hills, when Admiral Jessen's flagship, the cruiser Rossia, answered the salute, and a minute later the guns of the fort-ress took up the cannonade.

ress took up the cannonade. Excitement beyond description seized the thronging spectators, who with fran-tic "huzzas" tossed high their caps. Citi-zens embraced each other and danced ju-bilantly upon the pier, while the crews of the ships in the harbor joined in wild cheering.

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vostok. Admiral Rojestvensky has arrived at Vladivostok on board the torpedo boat destroyer Buiny. During the batile he sustained a wound in the head. The Russkan hospital ship Orel, which was with Admiral Rojestven-sky's fleet, has arrived at Vladivostok. herself from the main fleet at the first opportunity, and headed for Vladivostok soon after the commencement of the action, but not too soon to observe that the losses on both sides in the titanic

the losses on both sides in the titanic combat were great. Early in the battle, an officer of the Almaz, while watching Rojestvensky's flagship, the battleship Kniaz Souvaroff, for a signal, saw the flagship shudder from stem to stern as if under a blow from a gigantic hammer, and hesitate in her course, while the waves rose high from her armored sides. Then she com-menced to list and sink. The officers be-lieve that the debut of the submarine boat as an effective agent in naral war-fare, or perhaps a large mine, caused fare, or perhaps a large mine, the disaster to the Kniaz Souvar The damage, however, was so exten-sive that the flagship soon went down, leaving the deck officers and many of the crew struggling in the waves.

Rojestvensky's Rescue. One of the Russian torpedo boats, either the destroyer Buinyor or the Bra-vi, ran in and picked up a number of the swimmers, one of which was recognized through a glass as Admiral Ro

under through a glass as Admiral Ro-jestvensky. Under the cruel attack of the Japanese warships, aided by torpedo boats, mines and submarines, the Borodino, Oslabia and Ural were placed out of action and followed the flagship to the bottom. press reports that the cruiser Gromoboi, of the Vladivostok squadron, with nearly 800 men on board, issued from Vladivostok in the hope of joining the remnant of Rojestvensky's fleet, and that it struck a Japanese mine and sunk with all hands. The correspondent says it is believed that Vice Admiral Skry-droff was on board the Gromobol.

Toilowed the flagship to the bottom. The fog, which had raised and lowered intermittently during the morning, now began to settle down again, and the dis-tance of the Almaz, which had now suc-ceeded in disengaging herself in the com-bat from the struggling ships, made it difficult to see clearly, but the officers are positive they saw two Japanese bat-tleahing disapnage hauset the merce he tieships disappear beneath the waves be-fore their eyes, and that two Japanese cruisers appeared on the point of sinking.

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are reposing on the bottom. At Dairen (Dainy) the water is muddy and ob-jects cannot be discerned, but the bed of the Port Arthur harbor being rocky, it is comparatively easy to make in-vestigations. Divers have disclosed the above facts and it is thought that the

HOW ADMIRAL WAS SAVED.

Officer Talls of the Rescue Rojestvensky.

MINERS TO MEET.

ANOTHER DISASTER.

London, May 31 .- The Tokio

correspondent of the Daily Ex-

press reports that the cruiser

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Will Continue Indefinitely. Washington, May 30.—"Until some word of peace comes out of Tsarskoe Selo, Nippon has but to fight on." This epigramatic remark of Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, made with the details of the victory of the Takahira, the Japanese minister, made Capit. of Gromobol Writes of Fears Held of Ulader Water Fighting Machines, Fighting Machines, Salvage Work at Port Arthur, Russlans May Evacuate Herbin, Staemer Empress of Japan, which is the forces was suspected from the rached port yestendy, brown which is the forces was actually less than a the of attains much more atenaities at the statisticate of the force of the state of a fait descerted at the force of a fait descerted at the state of a fait descerted at the state of a fait descerted at the forces was actually less than that a very bad panle is well of a fait descerted at the fait descerted at the force of the of a fait descerted at the force of the fait descerted at the fait of a fait descerted at the fait of a fait descerted at the force of the fait descerted at the fait of a fait descerted at the fait descerted at the fait of a fait descerted at the fait of a fait descerted at the fait descerted at the fait of a fait descerted at the fait descerted at the fait of a fait descerted at the fait descerted at the fait of a fait descerted at the fait of a fait descerted at the fait descered at the fait desc

Crowds Throng Admiralty at St, Petersburg for News of Relatives.

St. Petersburg, May 30.—Admiral Burnovo, a member of the council of the empire and superintendent of posts and telegraphs under the minister of the interior, has received a despatch from his son, who is in command of the Buiny, describing fully how his commander-in-chief, Admiral Rojest-vensky, was saved. The admiral was washed off the deck of the Kniaz Souv-roff just before the flagship foundered, Nebogatoff's Surrender of Two Battleships Considered a Disgrace.

The Government Still Refuses to Permit Publication of

vensky, was saved. The admiral was washed off the deck of the Kniaz Souv-roff just before the flagship foundered, and was picked up by the torpedo boat destroyer Buiny. Other private de-spatches from Viadivostok say the Rus-stans lost twelve warships, sunk and captured, during the engagement. Ac-cording to these reports the Japanese torpedo boats played the principal role in the defeat of the Russian fleet. They were sent in for action again and again under a perfect hall of shot from the Russian rapid-firing guns. More than one-half of the Japanese flotilla of tor-pedo boats were sunk. The protected cruiser Jemtchug, reported sumk in the Tokio despatches, has arrived at Vladi-vostok.
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Sunken Battleships.

Sunken Battleshipa. The admiralty officially admits the sinking of the battleships Kniaz Souvar-off, Borodino and Oslabya; the repair ship Kamtschatka and the Orel, cruiser. The loss of these vessels was definitely established by Capt. Chagin, of the cruiser Almaz. Mo statement regarding the ships cap-tured was made. Whatever other information was con-tained in Capt. Ohagin's telegram was withheld and no details are known ex-copt those contained in the despatch from which the naval officers have been able to reconstruct a fair idea of the long and bloody sea fight. They figure that Admiral Togo with his main squad-ron must have lain somewhere off the coast of Korea, while Admirals Kamimu-ra and Uriu held their squadrons far-ther north to head off the Russian ves-sels which might get through Togo's lines or be prepared to bar the entrance the Straits of Tsugaru in case the Russians should be reported moving up the east coast of Japan. Russians Chasta MINERS TO MEET. Nanaimo, May 30.—(Special)—The trial of W. W. Southin, Ladysmith, charged with assault on Alice Trumper, was concluded this afternoon, the jury being unable to agree after two hours' deliberation. The prisoner, who conducted his own defence, spent most of his time denouncing A. C. Thompson, editor of the late Ladysmith Recorder, whom he contended was the one respon-sible for having a scheme concocted for the purpose of obtaining money to save Thompson from assigning. The prison-er preferred having the matter aired in the courts, and as a result of Thompson's not getting his desire, he and his paper went to the wall financially. The jury returned at 3. o'clock and announced a disagreement. They were then discharg-ed and the case set over till the next as

Russians' Disadvantage.

Russians' Disadvantage. When Togo's scouts reported that Ad-miral Rojestvensky was heading for the eastern channel of the Straits of Korea, the Japanese admiral steamed around the northern end of Tsu islands and came upon the Russians steaming in double column with the cruisers to port. Togo had the great advantage of tactical position when he opened fire, having the lightest of the Russian ships between hus mothering the fire of the latter. Broadsides, whereas the sterumost ships of the Russian columns coming on in ine ahead formation, could probably only with difficulty use any guns at all. Ner-ertheless, although suffering the complete loss of four ships in the desperate en-loss of four ships in the desperate en-loss of Torpedo Attacks

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size. Bail was further reduced from \$3,000 to two sureties of \$250 each, and the accused in \$500. Coal Workers' Troubles. the accused in \$500. **Coal Workers' Troubles.** A mass meeting of miners of the Western Fruel Co. of San Francisco is called for Wednesday night to discuss the business men's proposition to pay transportation to and from Protection island. Manager Stockett has posted notices stating that their tools can re-main in the mine for 24 hours longer until the result of the mass meeting is made known. Mr. Thos. Burke, one of the executive officers of the united mine workers, and Thos. Hutchinson, presi-dent of district No. 10, are in the city, and have called a public meeting for Thursday night to lay the claim of the miners in their relations to the Western Fuel Co. clearly before the people. History and the set of the state of the state of the solution workers, and Thos. Hutchinson, presi-dent of district No. 10, are in the city, and have called a public meeting for Thursday night to lay the claim of the miners in their relations to the Western Fuel Co. clearly before the people.

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TALE OF A SAFE.

Mine Owner Disappears in Klondike-Workmen Seek to Open Safe.

MISSING MAN FOUND.
Body of Murdered Watchman Record.
Rossiand, H. C., May 30.—The body of Michael Clark, bridge watchman for the Red Mountain railway, who have free records by a lot of rock near the track murders of the Red Mountain line at a point three miles east of this city. The head have been are the track murders and robbed, and dragged to the pick handle, was found near the body. This three hody. The three holds the body. The three holds that the murder was committed by trangs who though that the murder was committed by trangs who though that the murder was committed by trangs who though that the murder was committed by trangs who though that the murder was committed by trangs who though that the murder was committed by trangs who though the dust, since one of the city transp who though the dust, since one of the secure due was a waite the body. The structure is not believed to have mader the clean up he opened by regular law. Drock the transp the murder.
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