

# JAP TRANSPORT SUNK BY RUSSIANS

## A Number of Men Refused to Surrender and Were Sent to Bottom With the Steamer.

St. Petersburg, April 28.—Russian torpedo boats belonging to the Vladivostok squadron sank a Japanese military transport, the Kinshin Maru, of 4,000 tons, during the night of April 26th, with all on board, with the exception of 17 officers, 20 soldiers, 65 of the crew and 85 coolies.

The others, who refused to surrender, were sent to the bottom with the ship.

The official report of Rear-Admiral Xeszen to the Emperor is as follows:

"During the night of April 26th 17 Russian torpedo boats met at sea the Japanese military transport Kinshin Maru, of 4,000 tons, laden with rice and other military stores, and about 1,500 tons of coal. The transport was armed with four Hotchkiss guns of 47 millimetres.

"The Russians captured on board 17 officers, 20 soldiers, 85 military carriers or coolies and 65 of the crew, who surrendered.

"The remainder of the men, who were to form a landing party and left without officers, obstinately refused to surrender or go on board a Russian cruiser. Furthermore, they offered armed resistance to the Russians. In the end they were sent to the bottom with the transport."

from Wiju as far as Pictong, over 80 miles.

"We faced the possibilities that they would cross at a score of places, and all we could hope was to harass and impede their crossing, for every day gained enabled us to push our preparations and bring up more men and guns.

"We knew that the Japanese crossed at two points at least. Their first attempt to force a passage near Grand Chekow, 20 miles above Wiju, near Siao Poussikhe, on the Poussikhe, a tributary of the Yalu, was successful. This is important because a road leads from Siao Poussikhe, northeast to Kwan Tsen, which commands one of the roads to Mukden.

"It is evident that the Japanese devoted most of their attention to crossing near Wiju. The river here is divided into several channels by islands, the largest of which is Samalindo. Above and below Wiju are bridges at three points. Up the stream near Sidiangou the Japanese were watched by a small detachment of Cossacks, but the enemy was practically unopposed.

"At Turen Chen, lower down, our outposts discharged fire from a field piece so successfully that they destroyed the moorings and wrecked the pontoon. The enemy was thrown into disorder and

of the mismanagement of the defence of Port Arthur.

Gone to Moscow.

St. Petersburg, April 27.—Vice-Admiral Skrydloff left St. Petersburg for Moscow today. His departure was marked by a funeral procession to which accompanied the farewells of the other commanders. There was a large crowd at the Nicholas railroad station, including Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovich, brother-in-law of the Emperor, Marine Minister Avallin, Vice-Admiral Rojstevsky, the commander of the Baltic squadron, and other officials. Many ladies presented the admiral with bouquets. Admiral Skrydloff was presented with a sacred image of St. Alexander Nevsky, the patron saint of St. Petersburg. Admiral Skrydloff was sprinkled with water from the miraculous spring of St. Seraphin, the hermit of Saroff. He was presented with relics dating from the thirteenth century. The admiral's train was marked by a great demonstration.

Strict Regulations.

Port Arthur, April 27.—The regulations to be observed by war correspondents with the Russian army were published in today's issue of the Novik Kral.

Correspondents of foreign newspapers must have letters of recommendation from their governments to the Russian foreign office, and every correspondent must promise in writing not to divulge secret dispatches or criticize the orders of those in command, and must similarly agree to give a true account of events and avoid irresponsible reports.

They are warned that in event of infraction of these regulations, discretion or want of tact will be sent home. All correspondents are absolutely prohibited from visiting the admiralty docks, workshops or naval establishments, or from visiting a small harbor or roadstead of Port Arthur.

Correspondents must undertake not to ask that exceptions be made in their favor, and with his position as a reporter to headquarters with their credentials and an authenticated photograph. The headquarters staff will then assign the correspondents to the various staffs or districts. The rest will depend on the staffs concerned. Correspondents will be held responsible for their servants. Before they can stay at any fort the consent of the commander must be obtained.

Correspondents are required to wear distinguished badges on the left arm. Code messages are prohibited. Messages will be censored at headquarters by the staffs of the Manchurian and Amur armies, by the administration of the various military districts and at Harbin or the governor, while censorship will also be established at the island of Sakhalin, the port of Newchwang, and at Port Arthur and Vladivostok.

NO NEWS FROM YALU.

Russian Officials Without Additional Dispatches From the Front.

St. Petersburg, April 28.—The Associated Press is informed that no further news has been received from Gensan, Korea, or from the Yalu river. Communication with these places is slow.

OCCUPIED BY JAPS.

Have Taken Possession of Town on Manchurian Side of the Yalu.

Chofoo, April 28.—5 p. m.—Chinese junkmen, arriving from the Yalu, say that a Japanese force has occupied Kienchen, a town just north of Antung, on the Manchurian side of the Yalu river. They say that only a small body of the Japanese army has crossed the river.

Admiral Tash reports the Chinese cruiser Tai Tsai a total wreck on Elliott Island, north of Shanghai.

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Reported Repulsed.

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Two gunboats steamed up the river to the support of the Japanese, when a Russian field battery at Amisan opened fire upon them, resulting in a duel which lasted for 20 minutes. The Russian fire was too hot and the gunboats were forced to turn and steam out of range.

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sank them, but the combustible continued to burn under water.

"A Japanese 12-inch shell exploded in the yard of General Stassoff's house outside Port Arthur. It broke a rooster's leg."

FOR JAPAN.

Heavy Shipment of Mexican Dollars En Route to Far East.

Mexico City, April 28.—The heaviest shipment of Mexican dollars on record has gone forward to London, and it is said they are for the Japanese government.

MEDIATION RUMORS.

Declared to Be Due to the Anglo-French Agreement.

St. Petersburg, April 28.—The Russian press aroused over the talk of mediation, and is inclined to attribute the responsibility for the proposal to the Anglo-French agreement, the result being that the agreement does not obtain favor. The Novoe Vremya declares the Anglo-French understanding has rendered poor service to Russia in prompting the idea of mediation, and adds: "It is silly to expect an Anglo-French understanding as a result of the Anglo-French entente. It would take a long time for Great Britain to reach Russia's confidence."

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

No Intention to Intervene in War—Relations Between Two Countries.

London, April 26.—Inquiries here by the Associated Press reveal no traces of any effort or intention to intervene in the Russo-Japanese war. No step looking to a pacific settlement of the conflict has been taken by the foreign office, nor, so far as known in Downing street, by King Edward himself.

Those who have accused the war with the King within the last few days say that such a step is the last thing he contemplates. Such a step, however, is formally taken, so it is held here, might seriously endanger the vital negotiations now progressing between Russia and Great Britain with a view to the settlement of outstanding differences. His Majesty has expressed sympathy with his royal relatives over the losses sustained by the Russian fleet, but he has remained equally thoughtful towards the Mikado.

It is believed here that all rumors of intervention are due to the fact that the Japanese have been looking to a settlement of all matters in dispute between Russia and Great Britain. These negotiations are progressing satisfactorily, though no immediate completion can be expected.

The view entertained by the foreign office is that British relations with Russia and Japan remain on a basis of strict neutrality. Officially opinion inclines to the view that it will be a long war, but this does not prevent the hope that an arrangement with Russia, similar to that recently completed with France, may be concluded quite independent of the issue of hostilities.

SEARCH UNSUCCESSFUL.

Party Returns to St. Petersburg Having Failed to Find Traces of Toll Expedition.

St. Petersburg, April 28.—Engineer Benoit, who led the expedition to search for the toll, returned to St. Petersburg yesterday. He says that only a small body of the Japanese army has crossed the river. He also reports that the Chinese cruiser Tai Tsai was a total wreck on Elliott Island, north of Shanghai.

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# NOTES FROM THE PRAIRIE CAPITAL

## INCREASING FIRE FIGHTING APPARATUS

Ernest Thompson Seton in Search of  
Rare Birds and Animals—A  
Farmer's Disappearance.

Winnipeg, April 28.—The city council has decided to appoint an assistant chief of the fire brigade, to purchase a water tower and an aerial ladder, increase the apparatus at the halls and build a new north end fire hall, at a cost of \$17,000.

New President.

The London Old Boys at their annual meeting elected R. Wyatt as president.

Seeding.

Reports of seeding are coming in from the high lands. Spring farm work was started on Sir William Van Horne's East Selkirk farm yesterday. Today the seed will be sown to the field that last season yielded forty-eight bushels of wheat to the acre. In a few days several hundred acres will be under seed.

Farmer Disappears.

William Wright, farmer, of Chatham, near Brandon, was mysteriously disappeared. He was in good financial circumstances.

Naturalist's Trip.

Mr. Ernest Thompson Seton, the naturalist and author, is here on a mission to collect birds and animals of a rare and interesting nature.

WEBER & FIELDS

Have Dissolved a Partnership Which Has Lasted for Twenty-Six Years.

New York, April 26.—The Herald today says:

"Weber & Fields signed a paper in this city yesterday dissolving their partnership of 26 years."

Mr. Weber gave Mr. Fields his cheque for \$400,000 and took over the music hall at 26th street and Broadway. Mr. Weber will run the music hall probably as a combination of burlesque house, and Mr. Fields will form a partnership with Messrs. Mitchell & Hammett, and will produce a theatre to be erected for them in the neighborhood of Broadway and 42nd streets by a Brooklyn syndicate.

The firm name of Weber & Fields is, by mutual agreement, never to be used by either of them, and neither will be seen on the stage for some time.

ROYAL VISIT TO IRELAND.

The King and Queen Attend Races at Kingston—Enthusiastic Welcome to Their Majesties.

Dublin, Ireland, April 28.—King Edward, Queen Alexandra and their suite landed at Kingston before noon and soon afterwards proceeded to the Kingston races. Their Majesties were accorded a splendid reception, and large crowds assembled to greet them. The vessels in the harbor were gaily trimmed with bunting, while Kingston was bright with Venetian masts and festoons.

Several addresses were presented to the King, to which His Majesty expressed his delight at finding the same spirit of hospitality in the future as evidenced the day of his last visit. With the improvement in agriculture and industry the King confidently anticipated a growth of better feeling throughout the country. His Majesty believed that the greatest hope for the future of Ireland lay in education, for the wide diffusion of cultivated intelligence was the surest guarantee of social peace and the most fruitful source of self-reliance.

OTTAWA NEWS.

Several New Bills Introduced—Meeting of the Railway Committee.

Ottawa, April 28.—A. Morrison introduced a bill regarding the Thomson improvement on the Pacific railway, and W. F. McCreary for P. Oliver a bill respecting the West Canada Colliery Co.

At the railway committee today on the bill continuing the agreement between the Canada Southern and Michigan Central, W. F. Maclean, East York, suggested that a cent rate for passengers be included in the bill. Passengers are carried for two cents in the States. There were only a few supporters, as three railways, the G. T. R., C. P. R. and Wabash parallel the Canadian Southern.

LABOR LEADER'S CABINET.

The Australian Ministry Selected, by Mr. Watson.

Melbourne, April 28.—Mr. Watson, the labor leader, who was called upon to organize a ministry after the defeat of the cabinet on April 22nd on a labor motion, has formed a cabinet, with himself as premier and treasurer; Mr. Hughes, minister for external affairs; Mr. Higgins, attorney-general; Mr. Batches, minister for home affairs; Mr. Fisher, president of the board of trade; Mr. Dawson, minister of defence; Mr. Mahon, postmaster-general; and Mr. McGregor, president of the federal executive council.

All the members of the new cabinet belong to the labor party with the exception of Mr. Higgins.

DISEASE KILLS SOLDIERS.

Deaths From Typhus Among Troops Sent to Suppress Rebellious Natives.

Berlin, April 28.—Col. Leutwein, governor of German Southwest Africa, cables today that typhus has broken out in Major Giese's troops engaged in suppressing the Hereros. Seven deaths from the disease were registered up to April 22nd.

DOMINION DISPATCHES.

Woman Smuggled Money to Convicts—Five Men Injured By Explosion of Rocket.

Kingston, April 26.—Facts have just leaked out that a woman, disguised as a religiousist, found entrance with a sister into the penitentiary and put into the hands of one of the Welland canal dynamiters a package of money which it was hoped would be sufficient to bribe the guards and secure the release of Dullman, Walsh and Nolan. The guard who was on watch saw the transfer of the package from the woman to the convict, and when the woman was gone search was made, but only a little money was found, which was in the lining of one convict's coat.

Heavy Losses.

Andover, N. S., April 26.—Strong easterly and northeasterly winds prevailing the last few days have caused great havoc among the lobster trawls and buoys along the north shore of this county from Northport to Malaga. In some instances the whole outfit of some of the factories has been destroyed. The loss at this season is serious.

Rocket Explodes.

Collingwood, April 26.—By the explosion of a distress rocket on Saturday night, Thomas McLaughlin was badly cut on the lower part of the body and his recovery is doubtful. Thomas Sanford was struck on the jugular vein and also on a part of his skull, and his recovery is also doubtful. Another man named Slennia also was badly injured, and two other men more or less injured. The men were all employed on lake boats docked here. Some of them procured a rocket from one of the boats and placed it on a station on Simcoe street. It lighted off, but failed to explode, and the impression that the fuse had not caught, when the explosion occurred.

Prorogation.

Toronto, April 26.—The Ontario legislature prorogued today, the Lieutenant-Governor giving his assent to 107 bills passed during the session. There was a slim attendance of members.

Police Were Withdrawn.

Montreal, April 26.—The painting contractors on the Imperial Bank building had reason to suspect that the Painters' Union would attempt to interfere with the non-union men working on that job, and accordingly asked for protection from the police. The request was granted, and a couple of policemen were stationed at the door to see that no one entered who had no business to transact. The carpenters and granite cutters employed on the building took exception to the presence of the policemen and left work in a body. The police were removed, and it is expected the strikers will return to work in the morning.

Reported Sale.

Montreal, April 26.—The Star announces to-night that the Dominion government has decided to buy the Canadian Eastern railway, running from Chatham to Fredericton, N. B., and that Hon. Mr. Emmerson left on Saturday for St. John to arrange the terms of purchase.

Mining Engineer.

Montreal, April 26.—Among the graduates in applied science the faculty of McGill University announced today, appears the name of N. W. Farley, of Rossland, B. C., who graduates as mining engineer, winning second Carlyle prize and with honors in mining and ore dressing.

ATTEMPT TO KILL PREMIER.

Seior Maura Was Shot at While on His Way to Madrid.

Madrid, April 26.—Premier Maura, who arrived here this morning, was shot at, but was not wounded, while on his way here from the Balearic Islands.

When between Alicante and San Vicente a bullet whizzed through the roof of his car. The incident created alarm, but no one was injured.

On April 12th while Premier Maura was entering the palace at Barcelona, he was attacked and wounded by a woman armed with a dagger. Seior Maura's wounds were not serious.

SUNDAY BASEBALL.

Several Brooklyn Ministers Declare They See No Harm in People Attending Game on Sabbath.

New York, April 26.—Several prominent ministers in Brooklyn, where various church societies have been making a fight against Sunday baseball, have publicly announced that they can see no harm in playing or attending baseball games on the Sabbath day. The unanimous opinion of the clergymen seems to be that persons attending ball games are kept away from more vicious forms of amusement on Sunday afternoons.

EIGHT HUNDRED IDLE.

Men Out of Work by Closing of American Sheet Steel Company's Mills.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 26.—All but two mills of the American Sheet Steel Co. have shut at McKeesport have been closed, throwing out of employment 800 men. Other departments are expected to close later in the week. It is not known how long the suspension will continue.

IN IRELAND'S CAPITAL.

Dublin, April 28.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra had a great popular ovation in the streets of Dublin this afternoon, while on their way to lay the foundation stone of the Royal College of Science. Troops lined the route, which was crowded for hours before the Royal cortege arrived.

THE POPE'S PROTEST.

Will Send Note to Catholic Powers Regarding President Loubet's Visit to the Quirinal.

Rome, April 28.—It is asserted that the protests of the Pope against the presence of President Loubet at the Quirinal will take the form of a note to all the Catholic powers.

# WORKING ONTARIO GOLD PROPERTIES

## NUMBER OF STAMP MILLS IN OPERATION

United States Capitalists Are Investing  
in Claims—Boy Dies From Eating  
Poisoned Candy.

Winnipeg, April 28.—Mrs. George Kirby (Belmont) in Manitoba, died of a blood vessel in her head while on a visit to relatives at Roland, and lived only a few hours.

Poisoned.

Norman Wilson, aged seven years, ate poisoned candy at her home in Redwood, Manitoba, and lived only two hours after becoming violently ill.

Developing Properties.

Many United States capitalists have been investing money in gold properties in the Keewatin, Ont., district, and gold mining has revived. Work on the Sulistana, Olympia, Black Cat, Cameron Island, Indian Joe properties is being rushed forward. On the Sulistana ore is being opened up on second, fourth, seventh and eighth levels with gratifying showings. Ten stamps at the mill, one now at work.

Half Million Improvements.

St. Boniface will spend this year and next \$500,000 in local improvements, asphalt pavements, water works, sewage and sidewalks.

Carriage Building.

W. J. Falconer, of the Palmerston Carriage Works, desires indications from the Brandon council to establish a branch to employ one hundred hands.

Busy Seeding.

The weather is like summer time at present, and reports of seeding are coming in from all parts of the West.

WILL MEET AT CALGARY.

Congress of Boards of Trade to Be Held on May 15th and 16th.

Calgary, N. W. T., April 27.—On the 15th and 16th of May the congress of the boards of trade and kindred bodies in the Territories and eastern British Columbia will be held in this city, on the invitation of the Calgary Board of Trade.

The committee, which was specially appointed to deal with the matter and make the necessary arrangements, has decided that the congress will last two days, and that it will be brought to a close by a banquet, at which it is expected that the Premier of the Territories, Mr. Haultain, and second vice-president of the C. P. R., William Whyte, will be guests.

"During the summer time when the supply of farms and ranches up and down the line is more than the demand, the merchants have some difficulty in disposing of butter, eggs, poultry and other products of the country, which they have on their hands, while merchants in the mountains and at mining towns and lumber camps are looking about for goods and supplies. In many cases these British Columbia supplies are purchased from across the line. It is hoped by the board that by such meeting of representatives of various points in the Territories and British Columbia, that it may possibly lead to the forming of the connections which will help the trade, which is at present going to the United States, as well as obtaining better prices and greater satisfaction to all those concerned.

Each board of trade or similar body is to have two representatives, and one representative for every twenty or fraction of twenty over forty. About one hundred delegates are expected to be in attendance.

LOST TERRITORY.

Tract of Land Believed to Have Belonged to Britain Goes to Congo Independent State.

London, April 28.—The Associated Press understands that one of the most important results of the delimitation work in East Africa, along the Anglo-German Congo frontier, west of Victoria Nyanza, is the discovery that a whole of Albert Nyanza belongs to the Congo Independent state. As a result, Great Britain loses an important territory, including the valuable salt deposits north of Lake Albert.

It is also announced that the mouth of Kagera river is in British territory. Hitherto it had been believed to be in German territory.

MORGAN HAS MANUSCRIPT

Of Book One of Milton's "Paradise Lost"—Was Bought For \$25,000.

New York, April 28.—It has just been learned that the Scribner's manuscript of book one of Milton's "Paradise Lost," bought at the recent sale in London by an American collector, has been turned over to J. P. Morgan. The collector was a Fifth avenue book dealer. He paid \$25,000 for the manuscript.

DIED FROM WOUNDS.

Chicago, April 28.—George Walsh, wounded by Peter McGee, was taken to a stockyard plant on Saturday, when trying to escape after having shot another watchman, is dead in the Inglewood Union hospital. He was caught while unloading hams, and a revolver fight began. Walsh had an accomplice, whose identity is unknown and who escaped.

"I understand," said the loving mother, "that the teacher puts you on the back nearly every day at school?"

Washburn, Minn., April 28.—The teacher's too low down to be comfortable. Cincinnati Times-Star.

# MINSTRELS WERE OVERCOME

## TRYING EXPERIENCE OF AL. G. FIE

They Were Dressing for  
When Laid Out—Occur  
fected Entertainment

These are six men Al. G. Fie, minstrel organizer, are unlikely to forget the at the Victoria theatre. We played a part not on the different from the irrepressible from them by a fortably seated in the pit, and that several were take their parts, and the was abbreviated, much to ment of patrons who had completion of the program. The little drama in real occurred a short time before was rung up to their troupe under the stage, and were for the first part. They employed but a few min of the men gaped, three vainly attempted to get number of his fellow min similarly overcome, falling tides about the room. been asphyxiated.

Help was summoned a carried upstairs, where I Lucas, Gibbs and Milne them. Most of them above the stage and at around with little difficu three were badly knocke unable to take their place when the curtain rose. also that some of the cu ed quitted, and suddenly the performance started o ers was carried-off the afterwards one of the was rolling up. The eye returned refreshed a li couldn't keep himself. ferts nothing short of her from his seat and at Pedestrians passing alo while the performance we were astonished to see s in stage habilitated. Another was seen lounge just inside the. Fresh air was worth of these amusement purvey Although the atmosphere in Quigley, assured a Th tive that the rough exp of the men would in no performance, it certainly self was not phased; he tained to be overcome b less it be some of the h end men, who were g excellent referee at a l say at New Westminster Royal City and Vancou day.

The cause of the whole dressing rooms was the from the furnace. The left open, it is said, an changed the atmosphere of the apartments in liberal qualy enough the minstre to notice the peculiar co if they did they paid no until too late. As for t it was undoubtedly sev