

VLADIVOSTOCK FLEET SINKS A TRANSPORT AND MANY PERISH WITH DOOMED SHIP

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JAP STR. NAKAMURA ALSO SUNK

**The Reported Destruction of a Jap
Merchantman in Won San
Harbor Also Confirmed.**

St. Petersburg, April 28.—Russian torpedo boats belonging to the Vladivostock squadron sank a Japanese military transport, the Kinshu-Maru, of 4,000 tons, during the night of April 26, with all on board, with the exception of seventeen officers, twenty soldiers, sixty-five of the crew and eighty-five coolie carriers. The others, who refused to surrender, were sent to the bottom with the ship.

The official report of Rear-Admiral Yezzen to the Emperor is as follows: "During the night of April 26 two Russian torpedo boats met at sea the Japanese military transport Kinshu-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 millimeters. The Russians captured on board 17 officers, 20 soldiers, 85 military carriers, or coolies and 65 of the crew, who were to form a landing party and who were 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."

The number of men drowned is not given.

ASNK THE NAKAMURA-MU.
Admiral Yezzen also reports that besides the sinking of the Japanese Goyo-Maru at Gen San April 25, the Russians sank at sea, the same evening, the Japanese steamer Nakamura-Maru of 220 tons, whose crew were saved.

RESENT MEDIATION.
St. Petersburg, April 28.—The Russian press is 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 Novoye Vremya declares the Anglo-French understanding has rendered poor service to Russia in prompting the idea of mediation, and adds:

"It is idle to expect an Anglo-Russian understanding as a result of the Anglo-French entente. It will take a long time for Great Britain to reach Russia's confidence."

The Port Arthur correspondent of the Ruskaya Invalid writes: "The Russo-Japanese conflict is a combustible matter, and is unextinguishable. They tried to burn the battleship Retvizan by setting drift rafts loaded with this kind of incendiary material, but the combustible continued to burn until the vessel was sunk."

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

LOSS WILL BE \$10,000,000

**40 Per Cent of Toronto Fire Loss
With British Companies.**
Toronto, April 28.—The underwriters, dealing with the claims for the losses have now material before them for making an accurate estimate of the total loss. While nothing official has been issued, it is understood that they place the insurance loss at very little less than \$10,000,000.

Of this sum British companies carried about 40 per cent, United States companies about 35 per cent, and Canadian companies about 25 per cent.

AWARD WAS PRE-ARRANGED

**Sir Louis Jett's Opinion in Regard
to the Boundary Decision.**
Montreal, April 28.—Addressing the students of Laval University at their closing exercises yesterday, Sir Louis Jett, who was one of the Canadian commissioners on the Alaska boundary tribunal, touched on the award, calling it a triumph of diplomacy. Even though it was perhaps better for England that the matter had been so settled, the general feeling of the influential press and reviews was that Canada had right on her side.

AFTER THE SCALPERS.

Chicago, April 28.—After a conference of the representatives of the legal departments of the Michigan, Central, B. and O., Grand Trunk, Illinois Central, Lake Shore and Chicago and Northern Railroads, it has been decided to strike the first blow against ticket brokers in the federal courts. All roads not incorporated in Illinois will ask the federal court for an injunction to restrain the sale of non-transferable tickets, while the lines chartered in Illinois will appeal to the state courts.

It is expected that the Michigan Central will take the lead by filing a bill or a restraining order Friday before Judge Kehring.

THE WAR NEWS.

Russia is at last revenged, to some extent, at least, for the terrible thrashing she has been receiving at the hands of the Mikado's captains. Admiral Yezzen reports that on April 26, while at sea, he met and sank the Japanese transport Kinshu-Maru, utilizing two of his torpedo boats for the purpose. One hundred and eighty-two men were taken off by the Russians, the rest refusing to surrender, and going down with their ship. The Kinshu-Maru was of 4,000 tons, and was carrying troops and a cargo of rice.

Yezzen confirms the sinking of the Japanese merchantman, Goyo-Maru, in Gensan harbor on April 25, and adds that on the evening of the same date he sank the Japanese steamer Nakamura, having first taken off the crew. From the Yalu comes the news that the Japanese have crossed at several points and command the road to Mukden. The Russians are in peril of a flanking movement of the enemy. Mobilization of the Japanese third army has commenced.

THE TIMES MAN ON THE CAMPAIGN

**Kuropatkin Helpless Until the
Enemy Makes a Move.**

MIKADO AND CZAR TO FRONT

**Both Monarchs May Appear On the
Scene of Conflict—Alexieff's
Humiliation.**

London, April 28.—The military correspondent of the Times ridicules the story, of Russian origin, that General Kuropatkin will have half a million men in the field in a few days, and the Russian steam roller will then begin its entirely inevitable progress. "If," says the correspondent, "we divide the latest Russian figures by two, we shall remain on the safe side. So far as can be ascertained, General Kuropatkin has not more than 250,000 men in his command at the present moment. From these considerable deductions have to be made before we can arrive at the strength of the field army. There are not less than 20,000 men at Port Arthur and Vladivostok, 30,000 more are guarding the railways, and 10,000 are occupied in other duties on the line, probably ten per cent are in hospital, and convalescing, and the rest are in the rear, as things stand, we are without information as to the mobility of the Russian field army, and some acute observers on the front declare that the Russian army is unable to mass the whole for a united blow. It was anticipated in these columns some weeks ago that the Russian army might be expected to reach 100,000 men by the middle of May, and there is no sign that these limits will be exceeded."

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"In view of all these considerations, it is a somewhat large assumption to hold that the Russian army is double the strength of the Japanese." The correspondent says that General Kuropatkin, under his own hand, certainly has not more than 80,000 men, and these are spread over a large territory. "The only reason," says the correspondent, "that General Kuropatkin has not delivered a vigorous counter-stroke against the first Japanese army is that he has not the necessary force to act offensively and cannot let go his hold on one point or another until the objective of the enemy becomes patent."

The initiative is still with the Japanese. It is impracticable for the Russian commander, with any regard to prudence, to commit himself to advance into Korea while the Japanese dark as to the main line of attack of the enemy. General Kuropatkin is tied by the leg until the fog disperses and the main attack becomes apparent."

The correspondent, discussing the reported resignation of Viceroy Alexieff, says it is probable the viceroy offered to resign, but failed to receive the imperial permission. The correspondent goes on to say: "The viceroy who was appointed with such a flourish of trumpets some nine months ago, has been recently shown of the chief part of his powers, and has lost the confidence of both the army and the fleet. The civil administration is still in his hands, but now that a state of war exists, and the entire country is practically foreign territory in Russian military occupation, the sphere of the civil administrator escapes accurate delimitation."

LACK OF LABOR HITS DAIRYMEN

**Big Filling Off of the Product in
Western Ontario—Cottages
For Laborers.**

Toronto, April 28.—The statement of the Dominion live stock commissioner, that, owing to the scarcity of labor, dairy farms are being put out of business, is confirmed by Mr. C. C. James, Ontario deputy minister of agriculture. Mr. James says that few people are seeking employment in the dairy industry, and that the farmers of the Province today. The position of the agriculturists is far worse than that of the employers of labor in the cities, and it is likely that the situation will be made more acute this summer because of the demand for laborers in the operations necessitated by the great fire. Already there is considerable difficulty in persuading arrivals from the old country to take positions with the farmers, in view of the promise of money made by the agents.

The dairy farmer has been particularly hard hit, owing to the fact that the production and care of milk require the services of many hands, and that other branches of agriculture, and in this connection Mr. James calls attention to a significant change that has been going on in regard to the dairy industry of the Province during the last few years. In the western district of Ontario dairy farming is the chief industry, and the eastern districts it is increasing. The western men, unable to secure the necessary farm help, have gone to the cities, and the dairy industry of the Province is consequently being let less milk than formerly.

In 1897 there were 229 cheese factories east of Toronto, producing 85,943,000 pounds of cheese, while in 1902 there were 388 factories, producing 127,000,000 pounds, an increase of 85 factories and of 21,000,000 pounds of cheese. West of Toronto, there were in 1897 232 factories, with an output of 51,420,000 pounds, while in 1902 there were only 242 factories, with an output of 38,700,000 pounds, a decrease of 90 in the number of factories and a falling off of 11,700,000 pounds in the output.

In the five counties, Oxford, Middlesex, Perth, Elgin and Norfolk, the cheese center of the west, there has been a falling off of 17 in the number of factories and of 1,507,000 pounds in the output, while in the 18 other counties there are 84 fewer factories and the production is less by 10,000,000 pounds.

The western farmers have been driven to the raising of beef cattle, says Mr. James, almost entirely, owing to the scarcity of labor, and had it not been for this difficulty, there would have been much greater increase in the cheese production of the east. Mr. James does not regard the movement as an injurious one, however, because the farmers are making just as much money raising live stock, and perhaps more, and the decrease in the cheese output is more than made up by the increase in the east.

Mr. Thomas Southworth, director of colonization, is receiving from farmers applications for help at the rate of fifty per day, and since the first of the year has about 4,000 such applications on file. He has placed some 5,000 immigrants with the farmers. This year there has so far been a slight increase in the number of arrivals, and they have been of a superior class of intelligence, although largely inexperienced, so far as farm labor is concerned. It is expected that a number of these will remain in Ontario only long enough to obtain a knowledge of Canadian farming methods and then move out to the West.

The farmers of Ontario are beginning to realize that the housing problem has to be solved before there will be any permanent relief from the difficulty of obtaining labor. An increasing number of farmers are now offering, as an inducement, cottages and gardens to their laborers, with free fuel and a wage of \$25 per month. Mr. Southworth says he could have filled all such positions with a good class of Scotch immigrants had he known earlier.

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