

Only 30 Miles 'Twixt Rojestvensky and Togo Eyes of the World Are on Malay Archipelago

With St. Petersburg Admiralty Satisfied That Fleet is in Fighting Trim, Russia Now Awaits Outcome of the Dying Effort.

BULLETINS.

St. Petersburg, April 8.—The Admiralty has just received official advice from Singapore confirming the arrival of Rojestvensky's squadron off that port.

Washington, April 8.—The American consul at Singapore cables the state department that the Russian Baltic squadron was seen passing that port going eastward this morning. There were about 47 vessels in line.

Hongkong, April 8.—In consequence of appearance of a fleet in the Straits of Malacca the Chinese squadron is preparing to put to sea. The armored cruiser Satej leaves to-day for Singapore and the first-class battleship Ocean and a cruiser will follow.

FROM PENANG.

Penang, West Coast of Malay Peninsula, April 8.—Two steamers which have arrived at Penang report sighting a large Russian fleet in the Straits of Malacca. It included 25 transports, and was steering toward Singapore.

The steamer Kumsang reports having sighted 12 cruisers, presumably Japanese, steaming some distance ahead, evidently a Japanese scouting squadron.

There is much excitement here and in Singapore over the anticipation of an engagement in Malayan waters.

ROJESTVENSKY HAS HAD TIME TO REACH MALACCA STRAITS

St. Petersburg Now Awaits Outcome of Final Hope of War—If Defeat, Then Peace.

St. Petersburg, April 8.—Intense interest was aroused here to-day by the announcement that Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron was passing Singapore, but the admiralty does not admit that it has received official confirmation of the report. In fact, the officials have observed unusual reticence for some time about the movements and intentions of the squadron, but, as stated several times in these despatches, the Associated Press had positive knowledge that Admiral Rojestvensky was leaving Admiral Nebogatoff (commander of a division of the second Pacific squadron) behind and was bound for the far east to try conclusions with Admiral Togo.

THE LAST HOPE.

All Russia's hopes of changing the fortune of war are staked upon the issue, and for some time the admiralty has declared that only peace could intervene to prevent a final trial of the mastery of the sea. Unofficial information also indicated that Rojestvensky intended to pass thru the Straits of Malacca. Some doubt, however, is expressed here as to whether the Russian squadron has yet reached a point so far on its journey.

HAS HAD TIME.

According to Rojestvensky's letter to his wife, referred to in these despatches, it appears that the squadron intended to sail from Madagascar March 19. If it has been able to cover the intervening 3600 miles in 18 days, at an average speed of eight knots, not counting the necessary stops to coal the smaller ships, and the squadron has now arrived at the entrance of the China Sea without encountering obstacles in the shape of Japanese torpedo boats, there is still all the more reason for congratulation.

ADMIRALTY ENCOURAGED.

Rojestvensky's reports from Madagascar as to the efficiency of the ships, personnel and gunnery have been satisfactory, and they have greatly encouraged the admiralty.

Caustic.

From The Columbus Despatch. Percy (poetically): "Ah, Miss Wose, it is in the glowing spwing that sap begins to move."
Miss Rose: "Is that the reason you said you had a headache this morning, Percy?"

ZONE WHERE
FLEETS SOON
MAY CLASH



HEADING FOR FRIENDLY PORT BUT MAY NEVER REACH THERE

How London Underwriters Size Up the Naval Situation—Fleets Only Thirty Miles Apart.

London, April 8.—It is taken for granted that Admiral Togo's ships reported to be in the neighborhood of Singapore in the middle of March are still in that vicinity, and the report from Penang that twelve Japanese ships were seen steaming ahead of the Russian warships is interpreted to mean that the former are scouts sent out by Togo to get in touch with the Russians. The reports about the number of Russian ships vary, but at any rate over thirty-five battleships, cruisers, colliers and torpedo boats have passed the port of Singapore. The underwriters here presume, from the northeasterly course they were steering, that after passing Singapore the Russian ships are attempting to reach the French port of Saigon, Cochinchina. However, it is pointed out that a Japanese squadron of twenty-two ships is still off Horsburg Light, where it was reported March 14.

The two naval forces were this afternoon only about thirty miles apart and may be in touch at any moment.

IN LINE FOR BATTLE.

RUSSIA	JAPAN
Battleships. First Squadron. Kinaz Suvaroff (flag) Alexander III Borodino Orel Oslabaya Second Squadron Sissol Vellky (flag) Navarin Cruisers. First Squadron Admiral Nakhimoff Dmitri Donskoi Aurora Second Squadron Jemtechg Svietlana Almaz Oleg Izumrud	Battleships. Asaki Olin Yen Fuji Misaka Shikishima Cruisers. Asama Adsuma Ohyoda Idzumo Iwate Kasuga Nishin Tokiywa Yakuma

400 DEAD OR ARE INJURED IN COLLAPSE OF RESERVOIR

Madrid Scene of the Latest Catastrophe—King Alfonso Superintends the Rescue Work—Excitement May Cause Disorders.

Madrid, April 8.—Four hundred persons were killed or injured to-day by the collapse of a new water reservoir in course of construction. Fifty bodies have already been recovered. The Prince of Asturias, the war minister, the governor of Madrid and a representative of the king have gone to the spot to superintend the work of rescue. Troops sent to the scene are engaged in helping the sufferers and recovering the bodies of the dead.

KING TAKES CHARGE.

King Alfonso was shooting at Carabanchel when he heard of the disaster and immediately repaired to the scene. His arrival was the signal for ovations from the crowds. The king was deeply moved and insisted upon personally supervising the relief measures.

A workman who was injured says the collapse was so sudden and complete that it was impossible to tell what happened. The men at work on the reservoir, however, anticipated trouble as a fortnight ago three arches collapsed, and cracks developed in four others. The public holds the engineers and contractors responsible for the catastrophe into which the cabinet has ordered a strict enquiry.

DISORDERS FEARED.

As the day passes the indignation and excitement increases and serious disorders are feared, especially on the occasion of the funeral of the victims.

should the authorities undertake to prevent processions passing thru the centre of the city. Already incipient demonstrations are evidencing directed against those held to be responsible for the disaster. The processions of women carrying black flags, are parading the district in which the disaster occurred. A great crowd marched to the centre of the city and forced the merchants to close their establishments as a sign of mourning. The markets are all shut and business is entirely at a standstill.

CROWDS HAMPER RESCUERS.

The work of recovering the dead and injured is hampered by enormous crowds of angry men and wailing women.

The estimates of the number of persons injured are increasing. Nearly all the injuries are of a serious nature. The ambulance stations are already overflowed, but assistance continues to arrive from every direction.

BIRTHS.

WEIR—To Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Weir, 101 Varick-street, Utica, N.Y., March 29, 1905, a daughter, who has been named Marie Pembroke Weir.

DEATHS.

HARVEY—At 80 Crescent-road, Toronto, on Friday, April 7, 1905, Arthur Harvey, E.R.S.C., in his 72nd year.

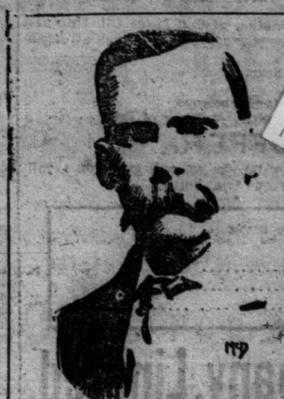
MUTTON—On Monday, April 3rd, 1905, Margaret Frances (Maggie), beloved wife of Frank E. Mutton, aged 34.

Funeral from her late residence, 298 Carlton-street, Wednesday, 3rd inst., at 2 o'clock, Private.

IN MEMORIAM.

MARK—In loving memory of my dear father, Wm. H. Mark, who died at Oshawa, April 10th, 1901.

Oliver is New Minister Leaves at Once for West Election Without Delay



HON. FRANK OLIVER, M.P., represents Edmonton, winning his first election in 1896 as an independent. He publishes The Bulletin at Edmonton, is 52 years of age, and a native of Peel County. He entered western politics in 1883 in the Northwest council, and was a member of the succeeding legislative assembly from 1888 to 1896.

MANITOBA, ON APRIL 27 WILL SHOW HER OPINION

By Election in Greenway's Old Constituency of Mountain Announced by Roblin.

Winnipeg, April 8.—(Special.)—Your correspondent called on Premier Roblin this morning and enquired if there was any truth in the statement published by The Montreal Herald, to the effect that he had made a proposition to the Dominion government thru Mr. Sparrett and Archbishop Langevin of St. Boniface, that he would modify the school laws of the province on condition that the school lands, held by the Dominion government for the province, be vested in or transferred to the provincial government.

"I have read the article," the premier said, "and wish to give it an explicit, categorical and emphatic denial, in the plainest language possible."

"Will you say anything regarding the treatment Manitoba is getting from the Dominion regarding boundary extension?" was asked.

"No, not at present. But I shall take an opportunity in addressing the electors of Mountain at Balduf on April 14 to give my views on this subject."

In referring to the coming meeting at Balduf, Premier Roblin announced that the writ has been issued and signed for the election for the vacant constituency of Mountain, with nominations April 20 and polling April 27.

The election will practically be made the test of public opinion in the province regarding the Sparrett revelations. The seat was vacated by the resignation of ex-Premier Greenway to contest Lisgar in the late Dominion election. Greenway represented the district without interruption since 1879, always getting good majorities, the last figures being in the 1903 general election, as follows: Greenway (Liberal) 911, McIntyre (Conservative) 567, Wilson (Independent) 254. The government candidate will therefore have a formidable task, but the victory will be all the more significant.

Winnipeg Not Surprised for Edmonton is Only Seat Surely Liberal—Old Line Adherents Not Enthusiastic Over Choice.

Ottawa, April 8.—(Special.)—Frank Oliver, member of parliament for Edmonton, was this morning sworn in as Minister of the Interior, succeeding Hon. Clifford Sifton. He was accompanied by the prime minister to Rideau Hall, where the ceremony was performed, and left at 12:10 for the west.

It is not definitely decided when the election will be held, but it will be held just as soon as the notices can be got out.

Oliver was elected in November by the largest majority in Canada—3008.

Winnipeg, April 8.—(Special.)—News of the appointment of Frank Oliver to the vacant portfolio of the interior was not, under the circumstances, received with any great surprise here, for it is notorious that Edmonton is the only western Liberal seat the government could hope to carry now. Sixty per cent. of the electorate are Roman Catholics, and there is also a large number of foreign voters, whose affiliations go with their pockets. Also the registration in that constituency is perhaps more lax than anywhere else in the Dominion, and it is common knowledge that there was a tremendous amount of plugging done at the last election.

As a plain matter of fact, the result of the election is controlled entirely by French half-breeds, who vote on any ground but that of conviction and conscience. Therefore, so far as the election may be taken as testing western opinion, it may be regarded right now as a solemn farce to be played for the benefit of the gallery in Ontario. In no other constituency in the west, French or English, could the government hope at the present time to obtain a decisive majority. As it is, Conservatives will put up the best fight possible and have even some confidence so far as can be gathered from headquarters here of happy results. But if it is to be a question of the longest purse, then the government will assuredly win.

Liberal Not Satisfied.

Beyond these tactical considerations, there is no doubt but that there will be a soreness among the majority of western Liberals at the appointment. Frank Oliver is still regarded with suspicion by the rank and file of the party, and his sudden conversion from "Western Apostle of Public Ownership" to become apologist-in-chief for the G.T.P. bargain is still the subject of caustic comment by old-style Liberals. He is not much more favorably regarded by the Liberal organization in the west, which still regards him as something of a demagogue, and The Free Press in particular has not yet forgiven him for his contretemps in the Ottawa house but a year or two back, when he characterized that respectable organ of official Liberalism as a "journalistic prostitute."

This Shows the Temper.

The friends of Walter Scott are also chagrined, as they had some ground for expectation that he would be the choice as the fittest man for the position, but the government no doubt

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SUNDAY WEATHER.

Just a little bit milder, with the possibility of a few scattered showers; a lovely day for a walk, but carry an umbrella.

500 Survive in a Town of 5000

Awful Loss of Life at Kangra, While Other Villages Also Are Completely Wrecked—Shocks Still Continue.

Calcutta, April 8.—Telegraphic communication with Dharmasala has been restored.

The latest accounts show that the earthquake was even more disastrous than at first believed. Of a total population of nearly 5000 in the Town of Kangra, it is believed that only 500 are left alive. Many of these have fled. Many people are still imprisoned in the ruins.

Dharmasala, Kangra, Palampur, Dhwan and all the neighboring villages were completely wrecked. Scarcely a building remains standing.

Not much damage was done at Haripur, Deragopipur, Nadaum or Hamirpur, but Sujampur (sixty-six miles from Armitisar and having a population of about 6000 souls) is reported to be in ruins. The shocks still continue. There is no news from Kulu Valley, but, according to native rumors, a great amount of damage has been done.