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THE TORPEDO BOATS FOUGHT ALL NIGHT

Russian Account Says They Kept Up a Running Fight With the Japanese Until Early Wednesday Morning--The Sinking of a Battleship and Destroyer.

St. Petersburg, April 15--5:52 a.m.--Rumors are current here that Vice-Admiral Togo sent in a number of steamers on the night of March 31st, and succeeded in sinking several of them and in blocking the channel of Port Arthur.

The date referred to by the correspondent in the above dispatch, March 31st, is probably according to the old style calendar, by which the event would have taken place on April 12th, according to the new style calendar.

Plunged in Grief. St. Petersburg, April 14--The official bulletin conveying the intelligence of the loss of another torpedo boat destroyer and the accidental crippling of another battleship was almost as severe a blow as the loss of the Petropolsk yesterday, and plunged the whole town into a new grief. It is considered remarkable here that this terrible accident to attack Port Arthur.

After the official bulletins had been issued this afternoon there was talk of the possibility of the destruction of the Petropolsk having been caused by a submarine boat, but this received little credence in official circles.

It is confirmed that Grand Duke Cyril's injuries consist of burns on the neck and legs. A life buoy was thrown to Grand Duke Cyril, by which he was lowered himself in the water until picked up by one of the boats which were lowered immediately by the other warships.

Admiral Makaroff's guest on the Petropolsk. It is reported that he was lost with the ship, Nicholas T. Kravtchenko, the well-known Russian literary man, who was acting as correspondent of the Associated Press at Port Arthur, it is believed, went down with the battleship. Telegrams to him remain unanswered.

The exact number of Vice-Admiral Makaroff's staff on board the ship when she sank is unknown. She had a complement of about 650, of which 52 were saved at last accounts.

Was Ship Torpedoed? London, April 15--A news agency dispatch from Port Arthur, by way of St. Petersburg, says that after a fierce fight between torpedo boats on the night of April 12th, the squadron went out in the morning into the roads and took up combat with fourteen large Japanese vessels. At 10:20 in the morning, as the result of an explosion, the battleship Petropolsk sank with her crew.

Port Arthur Dispatch Tells of Sinking of the Torpedo Boat Destroyer. Port Arthur, April 14--An engagement occurred at 6 o'clock yesterday morning between Russian torpedo boats and the cruiser Bayan and the Japanese vessels. The torpedo boat destroyer Bezstrashni was sunk. Five of the torpedo boat destroyers, with the Bayan, returned at 7 a.m. The Russian flagship, the battleships Petropolsk, Pobieda and Peresviet, and the torpedo gunboat Gaydnamak, then put to sea.

Information tends to prove that a mine was responsible for the destruction of the battleship. The scene below will never be described as so far as known, not a single person between decks succeeded in escaping. The hot steam which scalded the men on deck indicated what must have been the character of the death met by those in the engine room.

Grand Duke Cyril, Capt. Jakovlaff and Lieut. Hakovsky, Midshipmen Splitte, Janish and Hakomloff were rescued.

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THE JAPANESE REPORT. Rear-Admiral Says Torpedoes Were Responsible for Sinking of Battleship. Paris, April 15--The Japanese legation says Rear-Admiral Uriu's report shows that Japanese torpedoes sank the Petropolsk and damaged the Pobieda, and declares that the reports that submarine boats did the damage are incorrect, as the Japanese fleet had no submarine boats. The Japanese legation pays a high tribute to the late vice-admiral.

FRENCH VIEW. Officials Believe That Japanese Submarine Took Part in Fight. Paris, April 15--Information received in government quarters now establishes the fact that a naval battle occurred between the Japanese fleet, consisting of 14 warships, and the force under the command of Vice-Admiral Makaroff. From this the officials strongly incline to the conclusion that the destruction of the Russian ships and the loss of the battleship Pobieda, resulted from the attack by a plunging fire. The battleships also participated.

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MAKAROFF'S SUCCESSOR. Appointment of Vice-Admiral Skrydloff Gives Great Satisfaction. St. Petersburg, April 16--Vice-Admiral Skrydloff's appointment to command the naval forces at Port Arthur has been received with great satisfaction by both the navy and the public.

PLACED MINES AT NIGHT. Message From Togo Regarding the Sinking of the Petropolsk. Tokyo, April 16--9:30 p.m.--Admiral Togo reports that in the attack on Port Arthur on Tuesday night the Japanese sunk mines at midnight, and at 8 in the morning drew the Russian ships out 15 miles from the port. The Petropolsk struck a Japanese mine and was sunk.

RECEIVED BY EMPRESS. Korea's Ruler Has Recovered From Shock Caused by Burning of Palace. Seoul, April 15--8 p.m.--The Emperor received in audience this evening the members of the diplomatic corps. The Emperor had apparently recovered from the shock caused by the burning of the palace, and was calm, making inquiries as to the health of the ladies of the legations, etc.

ENGAGED ALL NIGHT. Russian Torpedo Boats Were Unable to Shake. Port Arthur, April 14--1:40 p.m.--The division of the Russian torpedo boats which put to sea on Tuesday night, kept up a running fight with the enemy until Wednesday morning, when the cruiser Bayan steamed out to aid the torpedo boat destroyer Bezstrashni, which was crippled and unable to shake off the Japanese attack. The Bayan drove the enemy off, but the Bezstrashni sank at 7 a.m.

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