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RUSS SHIPS DASH FROM PT. ARTHUR

Remnants of Fleet Made a Sortie—Japs in Pursuit.

THE PALLADA REPORTED SUNK

Admiral Kamimura Tells of Fight With Vladivostock Fleet—Czarevitch Being Dismantled.

Che Foo, Aug. 16, 2 p.m.—The Russian ships at Port Arthur made a sortie early today. They are now being pursued by the Japanese, and a severe engagement is expected.

The Japanese kept off some distance from the entrance to Port Arthur during the past night, fearing danger from torpedoes in the darkness. The battle, it is now believed, will drift into this vicinity.

The Pallada Sunk.

Che Foo, Aug. 16. — A creditable report states that the Russian cruiser Pallada was sunk by a torpedo during the engagement on the night of Aug. 10.

Say a Jap Ship Sunk.

Che Foo, 4 p.m. — A telegram just received from Tsing Tau says that the officers of the Russian battleship Czarevitch insist that a Japanese ship sank within full view during the battle on the night of Aug. 10.

Kamimura's Report.

Tokio, Aug. 15.—Delayed in transmission. — Admiral Kamimura in his detailed report of last Sunday's victory over the Vladivostock squadron, says:

"At dawn Sunday morning the armored cruisers Idsumo, Captain Ijichi; the Adsuma, Captain Fujii; the Tokiwa, Captain Yoshimatsu, and the Iwate, Captain Tajetom, while engaged in a search of the Fusan Straits, Korea, discovered three of the Vladivostock squadron steaming southwest. Seeing us, the enemy endeavored to flee northward. We immediately closed their retreat. The engagement opened at 5:25 a.m.

"The Rurik, being the slowest of the enemy's vessels, was constantly left behind, and she formed a target for our incessant fire. The Rossia and the Gromoboi gallantly attempted several times to protect the Rurik. They frequently returned to the Rurik, and when united the three advanced together.

"Our fleet thus had the advantage, pouring its fire from a formation in the shape of a letter "T." The enemy's ships were seen to be on fire several times, showing thereby that they were heavily damaged. The Rurik was finally disabled and her fire weakened. She began lowering in the water, listing to port. The Rossia and Gomoboi finally abandoned the Rurik. Just then our fourth detachment, consisting of the protected cruiser Naniwa, Capt. Wada, and the Tahchiho, Capt. Moreo, having been seen attacking the Rurik, our squadron pursued the Rossia and Gromoboi. Severe fighting continued for several hours.

"The Rossia and Gromoboi escaped to the northward, at full speed.

"At 10:19 a.m. our squadron changed its course to starboard, and went south in search of the Rurik. In the meantime the Rurik had been sunk. Our ships steamed over the territory and succeeded in saving 600 of the Rurik's crew. Our damage was not much. The spirit of our men was excellent."

Admiral Kamimura was on the Idsumo and Rear-Admiral Uriru commanded the fourth detachment.

A Japanese Massacre.

London, Aug. 15.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph in a dispatch dated Aug. 14, says: "A Nemuro (Japan) telegram states that the Russian soldiers at Kamchatka massacred 87 of the crew of the Japanese schooner Teichi."

The Lost Fleet.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16, 1:30 a.m. — It is reported that Vice-Admiral Alexieff has left Mukden hurriedly for Vladivostock, on receipt of news that the illness of Vice-Admiral Becobrazoff had taken a serious turn, and that the admiral was not expected to recover.

The exact whereabouts of the Port Arthur battleships is still a mystery, on which hinges naval fortunes in the Far East. Telegrams reporting them back at Port Arthur have not been confirmed up to this hour.

It is apparent that Vice-Admiral Togo either cannot or will not say where they have gone. Admiralty officials declare they do not know, but they refuse to believe that out of five battleships not a single one managed to break through to Vladivostock.

Vice-Admiral Togo's report of his own damages mentions only a few ships, which is believed to indicate that the others have not rejoined his fleet. It is more than probable that Admiral Withoft, before going out, fixed a rendezvous to which the vessels would proceed if separated, and it is likewise more than probable that this rendezvous was anywhere except at Port Arthur, the most likely point being between Shanghai and Kiasiu (the most southerly of the three principal islands of Japan), which is on the circular route to Vladivostock.

The Czarevitch was evidently heading for this point when she was compelled by the damage she sustained to turn aside and enter Tsing Tau.

In this connection, it is interesting to note the presence, off the Saddle Islands, of four battleships reported in a Shanghai telegram, and later said to be four cruisers presumably the Pallada, Diana and Novik, escorting the crippled flagship Askold. These vessels might take advantage of the fact that the Shanghai-Nagasaki cable is laid near the Saddle Islands to sever Japan's communication with the continent. Persistent reports that the Russian vessels were coaling from colliers in these waters confirm the hypothesis that they had agreed to rendezvous at this point en route to Vladivostock if they failed to keep together, and to rush the Korean Straits.

A telegram from Che Foo, saying that three Russian cruisers at Tsing Tau had hauled down their flags was interdicted by the censor, because the information reaching the admiralty is to the effect that only the Czarevitch is in that port.

Czarevitch Dismantled.

Tsing Tau, Aug. 16.—1 p.m.—The Russian battleship Czarevitch and three torpedo boat destroyers now in the hands of the local German Government for repairs have been dismantled.

Repairing the Askold.

Shanghai, Aug. 16—The Russian protected cruiser Askold was docked this morning and repairs are now proceeding. Sentries have been posted all round the dock. The torpedo destroyer Grozovoi has joined the Russian guuboat Mandjur, which was dismantled here tne latter part of March.

The Chinese authorities propose to decide the case of the Grozovoi tomorrow.

A report from the Saddle Islands says there are no Russian or Japanese warships there.

Russ Casualties.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—The Official Messenger published a dispatch from Liao Yang which says news from Port Arthur announces the Russian casualties there in the attacks on the fortress July 26, 27 and 28 as follows:

Killed—Two officers and 248 men.

Wounded—Thirty-five officers and 1,553 men.

Prisoners—One officer and 83 men. Eight hospital assistants.

At the thankgiving service for the birth of Alexis held in Liao Yang on Sunday, the officers were invited to dine at headquarters by General Kuropatkin.

Recurring to the Ryeshitelni affair, the Novoe Vremya demands that the Askold, Grozovoi or any other Russian vessels taking refuge in Chinese ports shall not be dismantled, but shall retain their armament so they may be in readiness to repel Japanese attacks, from which, the paper declares, neutral Chinese waters afford no protection.

Around Liao Yang.

Liao Yang, Monday, Aug. 15.—Army and other officials remaining here have attended a special service in the Russian settlement in honor of the Emperor's son Alexis. General Kuropatkin's review at Anshanchan yesterday in the rain, when the troops passed before the commander and staff through mud and growing Chinese corn, testified to the enthusiasm enjoyed in the ranks. Two days' festivals ended yesterday on the southern front of the army.

The Twelfth Siberian Regiment, which has been honored by a dispatch from the Emperor appointing his son colonel-in-chief, is distinguished for its participation in the battle of Chi Tien Cheng and all the fights along the Feng Wang Cheng road, including that of July 31.

The Japanese are reported to be much nearer Anshanchan on the southeast than tweive miles, and Lieut.-General Zassalitch's troops, who had a severe skirmish on the 13th, are now in daily touch with the enemy. The latter's advance guards beginning a few miles south of Anshanchan swing around the San Cheng Tse road, occupying Lian Diensian, Kuchiatsen (about 30 miles southeast of Liao Yang) and the hill opposite Pensihu (on the Taitse River about 45 miles east of Liao Yang).

Grand Duke Boris, who has been recalled to St. Petersburg, departed tonight.

Protest Reaches Mikado.

Paris, Aug. 16.—Russia's protest against the Japanese violation of Chinese neutrality at Che Foo had been transmitted to the Mikado's Government by the French legation at Tokio, acting purely as the intermediary of Russia, which has not made any representations to France on the subject. The impression in well-informed circles here is that the whole question is not urgent and that it will be solved diplomatically

Were All Dismantled.

Tsing Tau, Aug. 16.—Noon.—A Japanese destroyer entered the harbor a short time ago, having on board the Japanese Admiral Ikadzuki and his staff, for the purpose of calling on the governor of Kia Chou. At the governor's mansion Governor Truppel assured the Japanese admiral all the Russian ships were dismantled, that their guns had been disabled and their ammunition removed. The admiral then departed and as the Japanese destroyer left the harbor she was saluted by the German warships.

The Japanese officers assured the correspondent of the Associated Press that the Germans had promised that the Che Foo incident would not be repeated at Tsing Tau.

The Japanese ships off this port consist of one cruiser and four destroyers. The Germans have notified the captain that they will fire on any ships entering the harbor at night without lights. Every precaution is taken to guard against a repetition of the Che Foo incident. One German cruiser remains on guard outside the harbor. The others are inside.

The correspondent is unable to confirm the report that the protected cruiser Novik was sunk forty miles from Tsing Tau after the battle of Aug. 10.

Japan Satisfied.

London, Aug. 16. — Japan has notified Germany that she is entirely satisfied with the latter's course toward the Russian vessels at Tsing Tau and Germany has advised Japan that she is quite willing to permit a Japanese cruiser to enter Tsing Tau harbor, so that her commander may convince himself that the Russians are really disarmed, and that such ships leave the harbor within 24 hours.

The Harbor Untenable.

St. Petersburg, 3:18 p.m. — The news of the defeat of the Vladivostock squadron has added another crushing blow to the reverse before Port Arthur. No public announcement has yet been made of the sinking of the Rurik.

The Che Foo report of the sortie of the Russian warship from Port Arthur naturally cannot be confirmed and the admiralty is puzzled to know whether it refers to the ships that remained in the harbor when the main squadron went out on Aug. 10, or to ships of the late Admiral Withoft's squadron. In either event, however, it is construed as evidence that the shells of the Japanese land batteries are falling on the harbor rendering it impossible for the ships to remain. It is also interpreted in some quarters as indicating the eve of the storming of the fortress.

Stackelberg Recalled.

London, Aug. 16. — A dispatch to a newspaper from St. Petersburg, says Emperor Nicholas has decided to recall General Stackelberg, who was defeated by the Japenese at Vafangow and Telissu, June 14 and 16, in his attempt to relieve Port Arthur.

JAPS BELIEVE PALLADA SUNK

Ship of That Type Was Torpedoed in the Battle.

ALL HANDS PROBABLY LOST

Mystery of Her Disappearance Is Likely To Be Solved by Mikado's Fleet in a Few Days.

Tokio, Aug. 16.—Noon.—It seems certain that the Russian protected cruiser Pallada was torpedoed and sunk during the naval battle of Aug. 10. She failed to return to Port Arthur and has not been reported since Admiral Togo's fleet departed on various missions the night of Aug. 10, when the Russians were defeated. Belated reports from various vessels continued to reach Admiral Togo. The Japanese destroyers and torpedo boats made a series of attacks during the pursuit of the Russian warships. One destroyer reports that she hit a vessel of the Pallada type and it is thought she foundered, and it is believed to be probable that the crew were either killed or drowned.

Admiral Togo, in reporting to the admiralty, says it appears certain the Pallada was sunk. It was thought at first that the Pallada escaped southward with the Novik and Askold, and the admiralty believed she was concealed in the vicinity of the Yangtse River. Whatever her fate it soon will be determined. If she is afloat she will be speedily reached, and if destroyed it is probable that some of her wreckage will be found.

Boy Thief Shot.

Chicago, Aug. 16. — In attempting to elude policemen and detectives early today Chester Severson, one of four burglars, was shot and instantly killed. None of the alleged thieves is over 17 years old. The others were arrested.

FIFTEEN NEGROES IN MURDER CHARGE

A Georgia Court Finds Them Guilty of Butchering a Family of Whites.

Statesboro, Ga., Aug. 15. — In spite of wild rumors, all was quiet here today at the trial of the negroes charged with the murder of the Hodges family. The talk of lynching was more prevalent outside of Statesboro than in it. Rev. H. A. Hodges, a brother of Henry Hodges, who, with his wife and three children, were murdered, opened court with a prayer, in which he pleaded that the people stand by the court. Judge Daly urged that the guilty be punished and the innocent be given their freedom. At 1:30 o'clock Captain Fitch and the Olethorpe Light Infantry, of Savannah, reached the city. It was elected to try the fifteen prisoners separately. The indictments made only one charge — murder—and that for the murder of Hodges. A jury soon was selected in the case of Will Cato, and his trial was finished, and the jury retired at 7:10 o'clock tonight. Eight minutes later it returned a verdict of guilty. Judge Daly immediately adjourned the court until tomorrow without passing sentence. The court room was cleared, and after half an hour the prisoners were removed to jail under a heavy, military guard. Stationed every three or four feet about the jail are armed men with fixed bayonets.

SKRYDLOFF WAS IN COMMAND

Was Russian Admiral in Personal Charge of Defeated Vladivostock Fleet.

Tokio, Aug. 16. — It is supposed that Admiral Skrydloff personally commanded the Vladivostock squadron, which has met defeat at the hands of Admiral Kamimura. The other two cruisers of the squadron, the Rossia and Gromoboi, were frequently on fire during the engagement.

The press is jubilant over Admiral Kamimura's victory. It concludes that the Japanese fleet, now relieved from constant strain, may prepare for effectual command of the sea.

The Jiji Shimpo recalls the fact that in 1895 at Che Foo the Rurik cleared for action for the purpose of intimidating the Japanese High Commissioner when he arrived there to sign the peace protocol.

TURKS REFUSED SUPPLIES

Russian Volunteer Steamer Unable to Obtain Coal.

London, Tuesday, Aug. 16. — A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Aden, Arabia, states that a three-funneled Russian vessel, presumably the volunteer steamer St. Petersburg, called at Hodeida for supplies, which the Turks refused to furnish her. She also failed to obtain supplies at the Island of Kamaran owing to the attitude of the Turks.

COALS OF FIRE

How Japanese Revenged the Sinking of Transport Hitachi.

Tokio, Aug. 16.—The Japanese generally are comparing the treatment accorded to the crew of the Rurik to that accorded by the Vladivostock squadron to those on board the transport Hitachi, which the squadron sunk June 15, during its first raid. A prominent official said to the Associated Press today: "Japan has avenged the Hitachi. Admiral Kamimura rescued and saved those who aided in the sinking of the Hitachi, and who sailed away from hundreds of drowning victims. We offer their living for our dead."

A CELESTIAL VISITOR

Meteor Accompanies an Electric Storm Near Shelburne, Ont.

Shelburne, Ont., Aug. 16. — During an electric storm, which passed over this section following a noise resembling continuous thunder, a meteor fell on the farm of John Shields, about three miles from here, burying itself a considerable distance in the ground.

It is a metallic substance and weighs 13 pounds. It is evident that it was only a small portion of the original meteor.

CASTRO CROSSES BRITAIN AGAIN

Cruiser Tribune Sent to Venezuela to Protect British Subjects.

London, Aug. 16. — In compliance with a request received from the Government of Trinidad, the admiralty has instructed the British cruiser Tribune to proceed immediately to Venezuelan waters to protect British subjects and interests. It is understood that the request of the Governmen of Trinidad was based on reports showing that the British employes of the Burmudez Asphalt Company were in danger in consequence of the attitude of the Venezuelan Government. Under the instructions of Captain Spencer De Horsey, commanding, the Tribune will act in conjunction with the British minister at Caracas, who is proceeding energetically in behalf of the British employes of the company.

ALL-DAY BATTLE IN SOUTH AFRICA

Four German Columns Rout the Hereros After Desperate Conflict.

Berlin, Aug. 16.—Four columns of German troops attacked the Hereros near Hamakari, German Southwest Africa on the night of Aug. 11. The fighting continued all day Aug. 12. The natives were defeated with heavy losses.

Five German officers, including Count Von Arnim and nineteen men, were killed.

Six officers, among them Baron Von Watter, and fifty-two men were wonded. Two are missing.

Thousands of cattle were captured.

PHILANTHROPY, PROV. OF ONTARIO

Texas Man to Build a Model Town of That Name Near Ottawa.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 16.—Alfred G. Lee, of Denton, Texas, secretary of the board of trade there, who claims to have discovered the secret of longevity in the establishment of model towns based on universal brotherhood ideas, writes that his visit to Ottawa recently inspired him with the suitability of this district for the establishment of a model town. He says he will return shortly to carry out his scheme. He will name the place Philanthropy, the name given a venture of a similar character in Texas.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Tomorrow—Fair.

London, Tuesday, Aug. 16.

Sun rises..5:23 a.m Moon rises..11:28 a.m.
Sun sets...7:21 p.m. Moon sets...10:33 p.m.

Toronto, Aug. 15—8 p.m.

Fine weather has been general today throughout Canada, except in the Maritime Provinces, where showers and local thunderstorms have occurred. Temperatures have continued high in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: New Westminster, 50—76; Kamloops, 58—86; Calgary, 38—74; Swift Current, 50—86; Qu'Appelle, 54—74; Winnipeg, 58—80; Port Arthur, 48—60; Parry Sound, 50—78; Toronto, 54—78; Ottawa, 58—72; Montreal, 58—70; Quebec, 58—70; St. John, 56—64; Halifax, 58—66.

FORECASTS.

Tuesday, Aug. 16—8 a.m.

Today—Light to moderate variable winds; partly fair and warm, but some showers and local thunderstorms.

Wednesday—Fair.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	54	52	Cloudy
Winnipeg	56	48	Clear
Parry Sound	62	54	Cloudy
Toronto	64	62	Rain
Ottawa	56	52	Fair
Montreal	58	56	Fair
Quebec	55	48	Cloudy
Father Point	54	42	Fair

WEATHER NOTES.

Showers have occurred in Ontario during last night, and also locally in Manitoba and the Territories. The weather yesterday was fine throughout Canada, except in the Maritime Provinces, where showers were general.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Monday were: Highest, 80.5°; lowest, 52.5°.

BRITISH ARE OUT OF RATIONS

Army at Lhassa Has Difficulty in Procuring Food.

IT MAY BE TAKEN FORCIBLY

Troops March to Immense Monastry, and Display of Arms Procures a Certain Amount.

Lhassa, Tibet, Aug. 16.—There are disquieting features in the general situation. The Tibetans peace delegates avoid the question of a treaty and turn every discussion to trivialities, such as should the British mission be allowed to rent a house, or cut grass or wood in certain places. There is difficulty in collecting supplies. The quantity of grain brought to the British camp is daily decreasing, and is insufficient to feed the force and animals, though over the market rates are paid. The Tibetan officials, when warned that supplies would be forcibly taken, replied that there were not sufficient supplies in the neighborhood of Lhassa.

This morning Gen. MacDonald, with 1,000 rifles and four guns, marched to the Daipung Monastery, which is probably the largest in the world, containing from 6,000 to 8,000 monks. A small party of mounted infantry went ahead with a letter to the abbot, informing him that the British were willing to pay liberally for supplies, but if supplies were not produced they would be taken forcibly and paid for any way. Crowds of monks assembled. They refused entry to the Monastery, and declined to receive the letter. They also stoned the mounted infantry. The latter left the letter in a prominent place and retired. Returning presently, it was found that the monks had taken the letter in. Then a deputation came out bearing a white flag. Upon seeing them the troops deployed, with their guns ready. The monks promised to furnish all the supplies they could, and finally they sent a hundred maunds of barley flour.

The people of Lhassa show no indications of resentment against the strength of Gen. MacDonald's escort. His visit to the Amban or Chinese representatives attracted large crowds. The city is extremely filthy. The officers of the expedition, having seen it, have no desire to visit it again.

ALLANS TO RUN LINE TO ORIENT

Steamship Company to Branch Out and Later Co-operate With G. T. Pacific.

Montreal, Aug. 15.—The Allan Steamship Company, according to the announcement made to your correspondent yesterday, by M. H. A. Allan, one of the leading members of the firm, had gone thoroughly into the question of the feasibility of the establishment of a line of steamers on the Pacific Coast from Canadian ports to ports of Japan and China, and would inaugurate such a service before the completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

The announcement is of special importance because the Allan Line has always been regarded as pre-eminently a Canadian line, and has during the past fifty years done more than any other company towards the development of the St. Lawrence route.

Mr. Allan added that he had consulted with the different interests acquainted with the possibilities for increased trade between Canada and the Orient, and he was satisfied that they were more than sufficient to justify the inauguration of a fleet.

Another feature rendered very interesting by the announcement is that the relations between the Grand Trunk and the Allan Company have always been very close, and that it was in view of the establishment of a Pacific fleet that Mr. H. A. Allan was invited to go on the board of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

'TWAS TIT-FOR-TAT SAY THE JAPANESE

Claim Destroyer Was "Cut Out" Because She Had Abused Rights of Asylum.

New York, Aug. 16.—The Tokio correspondent of the New York Times says, under date of yesterday, concerning the incident of the seizure of the Ryeshitelni at Che Foo: Japan's contention is, I understand, that she is prepared strictly to respect Chinese neutrality as far as Russia respects it, but if Russian troops and ships elude pursuit by taking refuge in adjacent territory belonging to China whose neutrality plainly is imperfect, inasmuch as she is incompetent fully to discharge her neutral duties, then in face of a plain profession of such incompetency Japan will be compelled to enforce her belligerent rights. The Ryeshitelni lay for 27 hours at Che Foo without any signs of being disarmed or of leaving the port, thus obviously violating Chinese neutrality. Therefore Japan was obliged to take steps to avert dangerous potentialities, such as abuse of asylum.

NEW RUSSIAN LOAN

It Will Be $50,000,000 at Five Per Cent.

London, Tuesday, Aug. 16.—The Moscow correspondent of the Standard states that Russia has arranged a new loan in France. It will be 100,000,000 roubles ($50,000,000), at five per cent, payable in six years. It will be issued at 99?..

BIRD ISLAND NOT ANNEXED

Report Grew Out of Landing of Sailors for Target Practice.

London, Aug. 15.—The admiralty formally denied this afternoon the report from Kingston, Jamaica, Saturday, that a party from the British cruiser Tribune recently landed at Aves or Bird Island (127 miles west of the Island of Dominica, West Indies), and annexed it as a British possession. The report is believed to have grown out of the fact that the Tribune sent a landing party ashore for target practice. The admiralty added that the island is of no value, and that there is no intention of acquiring it.

AFTER THE SINECURES

Dowager Empress of China Has an Economical Fit.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Minister Conger has sent to the state department a copy of a remarkable imperial edict issued by the Chinese Empress Dowager Tsi Hsi, and promulgated by the Emperor. The Empress, in strong language, calls attention to the precarious financial condition of the country which makes it difficult to provide funds for drilling the troops. This condition is said to require the exercise of the strictest economy. The Empress says: "The habit of those between me and you to surfeit themselves and spend money extravagantly has become so strong and systematic that now there is no way in which it can be broken. The useless expenditure for these sinecures works a great injury to the whole country."

Holding that the imperial household should take the first steps in economy the Empress Dowager has given orders that there must be no diversion of funds of the board of revenues for household purposes, while the number of the officials in the household must decrease. All yamens and princes throughout the empire are directed to exercise similar economy and to rid themselves of sinecure holders.

NOT JOHN CHINAMAN

Togo Threatened to Hurt Any Who Called Him So.

London, Aug. 16. — In connection with the Prince of Wales' reference to the fact that Admiral Togo was formerly a cadet of the Worcester training ship, its late commander, Captain Henderson Smith, told an interviewer that "Togo was an excellent fellow, not what you would call brilliant, but a great plodder, slow to learn, but very sure when he had learnt, and he wanted to learn everything. He was a quiet, good-tempered young fellow, and as brave as a lion." When his English mates teased him by calling him "John Chinaman," he would say, "No, I am not a Chinaman, and I will break the bones of anyone who says so again," and they knew better than to press him too far. He still corresponds with his old commander.

OUTLOOK IS DARK

Leaders of Both Sides in Chicago Strike Remain Antagonistic.

Chicago, Aug. 16. — Despite the mayor's intervention, prospects for peace in the packing-house strike were far from reassuring today. The packers appointed a committee to represent them at a conference with the mayor, but today an official of one of the big companies declared there was nothing on earth the mayor could do to bring about a settlement.

On the other hand, the strike leaders were equally antagonistic. President Donnelly declared he did not expect to be present at the conference.

IS A RUSSIAN NOBLEMAN

Assassin of M. Plehve Finally Identified by Authorities.

Paris, Aug. 16.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Petit Journal says that the assassin of M. de Plehve, Minister of the Interior, has been identified as a Russian nobleman of the name of Sazonoff.

CITY VERSUS RAILROAD

Row On at Woodstock Between G. T. R. and Water Commissioners.

Woodstock, Aug. 16.—A dispute has arisen between the water commissioners and the Grand Trunk Railway, which culminated yesterday in the refusal of the latter to allow coal to be shunted on the switch at the waterworks and in the turning off of the water for the engines at the railway station. The trouble springs from a bill for demurrage of $21 rendered the commissioners over a year ago, which they refuse to pay. The matter has been further complicated by the refusal of the railway company to pay the sum of $87 for water for the last six months. They are about to install a meter, and desire to pay for the whole year's water on the meter basis.

William Westbrook, a prominent musician of the city, is leaving for Port Huron, where he will become the leader of a band.

GOT SCHOLARSHIPS

Londoners Successful in Matric. Exams. at Toronto University.

The results of the junior matriculation examinations held at Toronto University in July have been given out. The names of three Londoners appear in the list of those who were successful. They are C. O. Hicks, W. H. Tuke and Miss A. E. McBride.

C. O. Hicks and W. H. Tuke were awarded scholarships for general proficiency, and among the other candidates who were equally successful were Misses C. M. Knight, Seaforth; G. B. McQuarrie, Chatham; F. Robinson, Dutton; L. V. Rodman, Petrolea.

W. H. Tuke secured one of the Edward Blake scholarships in mathematics and science. He was third in the list of those who were ranked as first-class in mathematics. C. O. Hicks was second-class, and A. E. McBride third-class. Tuke and Hicks were first-class in science, physics and chemistry.

A Picnic Fatality.

Brunswick, Mo., Aug. 16. — While a picnic party was boating on Locust Creek, the craft turned over and Henry Arthur, Miss Lena Garrett, and Miss Belle Dorische were drowned.

BUMPER CROP IS PROMISED

Reports From Western Wheat Fields Encouraging.

RUST IN CERTAIN SECTIONS

Not Expected That It Will Make Any Appreciable Difference in the Yield.

Winnipeg, Aug. 16.—From numerous reports on crop conditions in Western Canada there is no doubt that rust has attacked the wheat in several sections, and on the strength of this exaggerated reports have been sent to Chicago by local grain men, which would seem to indicate that considerable damage would result. The leading grainmen here, however, assert that any damage which can arise from this sources will have little or no effect in causing a reduction of the yield. Every year there is more or less rust, but no appreciable harm has been felt in the total yield.

From nearly every marketing center come advices that the present condition of the crop is almost ideal, and that a bumper crop is assured, always provided that early frosts are not experienced. In many cases the plant is exceedingly well grown, with the head well filled and the berry larger than usual. The rust has affected only the stalk and blade, and that only to a small extent.

George R. Crowe, of the Northern Elevator Company, stated that reports received from the company's numerous agents throughout the country indicate a crop of the highest grade, provided that early frosts are not experienced. If the present exceptionally fine weather conditions continue for the balance of the month the crop will be assured.

Harvesting has commenced in some sections already, but will not be general until from the 20th to the 25th. On the latter date there will be a full moon, and the trade expect that if any frost is encountered it will be then. That date over without frosts, no further drawbacks are expected.

The latest reports on crops collected by the Dominion immigration department are favorable without exception. In the Far West the dry spell had no damaging effects generally. The superb weather for the preceding part of the season has brought the grain to a very advanced stage.

The Government agents, estimating on the wheat yield, never go below 20 bushels to the acre, while some expect over 40 bushels of wheat per acre.

THE DOHERTYS NOT THERE

English Lawn Tennis Champions Will Not Defend Title.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 16. — With the match between east and west for the national championship in doubles and two rounds in singles scheduled for today the tennis tournament under the auspices of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association was started on the Newport casino court with a rush. Ward and Wright won the eastern championship in doubles at Longwood this year, while the western title was secured at Chicago by Little and Comins. As the present holders of the national title, H. L. and R. F. F. Doherty, of England, will not defend their honors, the winners of today's match will be awarded the championship. In the singles there is a very large field of entries, including nearly all the leading players who participated in last year's tournament, when H. L. Doherty, of England, won the championship. Doherty will not defend his title.

The weather conditions were ideal for the opening.

RACE BETWEEN BALLOONS

The Occupants Receive an Unexpected Shower Bath.

London, Aug. 16. — An interesting experiment was carried out recently under the auspices of the Aero Club. Two balloons left the Crystal Palace, one manned by Mr. C. F. Pollock, Mr. D. Lloyd and Mr. J. T. C. Moore, while in the second there traveled Mr. C. S. Rolls, Professor Huntingdon and Mr. Frank Butler.

A race involving the capture of one balloon by the other had been arranged, and both made a good start close together. The "Norfolk," of which Mr. Pollock had charge, however, quickly got ahead of "Aero Club No. 1," which was under the care of Mr. Rolls. The advantage of the start was lost to the "Norfolk" by an easterly drift, and "trailing" had to be given up when the balloon had to jump a village which lay in its path. Near Cambridge the wind dropped so much that the capture of the "Norfolk" by "No. 1" was seen to be impossible, and soon the balloonists found themselves over Newmarket at a height of 7,000 feet.

The air was intensely cold and this caused the gas in the balloons to condense, with the result that the occupants of both balloons were given an unexpected shower bath. The "Norfolk" made a safe descent near Ely; but its companion balloon came down between Newmarket and Cambridge, where it was captured by a motor car that had been giving it chase all the way.

A distance of about 60 miles was covered by the balloons in above five hours. It is claimed that the experiment conclusively proves that, on a calm day, a motor is a more efficient means of capturing a balloon than another balloon sent in chase.

TO ABOLISH THE KNOUT

Czar's Token of Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Son.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16. — The Czar has issued a manifesto stating that in the event of his death before the Czarevitch Alexis attains his majority Grand Duke Michael shall act as regent and the Czarina shall act as guardian of the Czarevitch.

It is believed that the Czar as a token of thanksgiving for the birth of a son will abolish the use of the knout in the prisons.