ROJESTVENSKY'S FLEET PRACTICALLY ANNIHILATED

Battle for the Mastery of the Sea Was Fought in Straits of Korea-Thirteen Russian Warships, Including Two Battleships, Have Been Sunk—Six Vessels, Including Two Battleships, Captured by Japs-Togo Says the Japanese Squadron Was Undamaged—Admiral Nebogatoff and Three Thousand Other Russians Captured—Official Bulletins from Tokio.

Washington, May 28.-The American sul at Nagasaki cables the state department the Japanese have sunk one Russian battleship, four other warships and a repair ship in the Straits of Korea. The following is the text of the Nagasaki dispatch to the state depart-

more warships and a repair ship."

Tokio, May 27.—The Japanese fleet gaged the Baltic squadron this afternoon in the straits of Tsusima, which is

REPORTED SINKING OF TWO BATTLESHIPS.

Washington, May 28.—From information which has been received in Washington to day, it is believed that two of the Russian ships reported to have been sunk in the Korean Straits by the Japanese are the Orel and her sister. ship, the Berodine. Three other vessels reported sunk are believed to have been

the Japanese government had made the announcement that its fleet had engaged the Russians in the Straits of Korea Saturday and had held them. The re-ported sinking of the battleships Orel and reived at the state department to-day

The belief in naval circles in Washington is that the Japanese resorted to a free use of their torpedo boats in their attacks on the vessels of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet. The Japanese have a large number of torpedo boats in their leet, and they demonstrated their effectiveness in the operations around Port. Arthur. Naval officials here to-night express the opinion that it was unlikely could have been inflicted by ordinary gun JAPS LOST CRUISER AND

Tms Orel and Borodino, battleships reported sunk in the naval engagement in the Straits of Korea, were among the old, being launched at Kronstadt in 1901, and the Orel was launched a year later, in 1902. The warships were alike in every particular, built after the same Each was heavily armored with to be exact. They were vessels of 13.510 tons displacement, each with a nominal speed of eighteen knots. Sixteen large guns, besides the secondary or armament, were mounted or both the Orel and Borodino. Each of the battleships carried four 12-inch guns and twelve 6-inch guns. The loss of these two ships, which were of the best of the fleet, will leave the Bussian admiral with but two battleships, buil since 1898, the flagship Kniaz Suvaroff and the Alexander III., both of which are of the same model and tonnage, and have similar armament to the Orel and Borodino. Both of the lost battleships measured 397 feet by 76 feet, with a draught of 26 feet. The heavy guns were in pairs fore and aft. Forward was mounted a pair of 12.4 inch guns in a turret, which was protected by eleven inches of armor, and another pair of the same manner as those forward, were awaiting breathlessly for the Japanese the two vessels carried two submerged in which the hopes of the Russians are to predo tubes and two above water. A centered. The official disposition is to special feature of the battleships was construe Tokio's silence favorably, but at sides; designed to localize the effect of a and become pessimistic. blow from a torpedo boat.

JAPS PURSUING FLEEING RUSSIANS.

flight with the Japs pursuing. The Times's Tokio correspondent says

trustworthy sources, show that Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky approached Tsu Island in the forenoon of May 27th, during a fog, which cleared up in the afternoon, when the Russians were sighted by the Japanese. The battle commenced between 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon. There was a strong breeze blowing with

A dispatch to the Times says that a private telegram from Chefoo, probably from Russian sources, reports that Rojestvensky began to force a passage of the Korean Straits Saturday night without lights, in two lines, on each side of the Trus islands. Hence from the trus islands where from the same of the sa

RUSSIAN FLEET DESTROYED

Tokio, May 29, 2.50 p.m.—It is officially aunounced that Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet has been practically

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Washington, D. C., May 29.—The official announcement of the result of the naval engagement between the Japanese and Russian fleets was received at the state department to-day in the following cablegram from "Admiral Togo has informed his government concerning the fight which took place on Saturday afternoon

"According to his report the Japanese fleet under his command destroyed and sunk one battleship of the Borodino class and four other large Russian vessels. Two or three more were captured. "None of the large Japanese men-of-war received serious injury.

"The battle was still in progress on Sunday.

"A great Japanese victory is announced here as the general result of the engagement, but few details have

JAP SQUADRON UNDAMAGED

ernment that the total losses sustained by the Russian fleet on Saturday and a Sunday were: Two battleships.

one destroyer and over two thousand prisoners.

Admiral Togo says that the Japanese squadron was undamaged,

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mation and perusing charts.

ning naval engagement between the Rus-sian and Japanese fleets in the Straits of the chapel of the Alexandra palace. rea, near the Islands of Oki.

fleet is not participating, all the slower vessels having steamed around Japan. The Japanese losses so far are stated to be one cruiser and ten forpedo boats. model. Each was heavily armored with

A telegram from Chinese sources says patches naturally created the widest plates almost a foot in thickness—11.6 that in the naval battle in the Straits of speculation. Some of the officers of the Korea Saturday and Sunday, the Russians have lost probably two battleships and two cruisers. This report has not

> TOKIO WITHOUT NEWS OF FIGHTING.

been confirmed.

Tokio, May 28 .- 7.45 p. m.-Absolutely no news concerning the operations of the Japanese and Russian fleets was obtainable here to-day. The newspapers are held under absolute leash, and all telegraphs and cables are closed to press dis-

RUSSIANS ARE ALSO ANXIOUS FOR NEWS.

St. Petersburg, May 29.-2.15 a. m. In this momentous hour the Emperor, the heavy guns of similar size, protected in admiralty and the Russian public are mounted afa. There were 30 other guns to furnish authentic news of the fate of of the intermediate battery, and each of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky and his fleet, their vertical longitudinal bulkheads, the same time the strategic reason for with 11-inch armor running throughout such silence is recognized. The public, the whole length of the ship at a dis- after the premature jubilation of Satur-

The report sent to Washington by the American consul at Nagasaki of the sinking of five Russian warships, including a battleship and repair ship, was accepted as the most definite and the most authentic piece of news received up to London, May 29.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the Russian fleet has been dispersed; that several Russian ships have been disabled and that the remainder are in Sight, with the Large remainder are in doubtedly concentrate piece of news received up to midnight, and undoubtdly produced a bad, impression. The fear was expressed that the battleship sunk might have been disabled and that the remainder are in doubtedly concentrate piece of news received up to midnight, and undoubtdly produced a bad, impression. doubtedly concentrate their fire. sinking of the repair ship Kamtchatka, which was filled with the most modern machinery, might, it was thought, prove later to be a more severe loss than that of a warship, but at the admiralty, where crowds congregated on Sunday afterno and evening, the opinion was expresse that if Rojestvensky had cleared th gate to the Sea of Japan with no greater loss than that reported by the American consul, the passage was not dearly purchased, especially if later reports should

prove that the Japanese losses were any Probably no one in Russia displayed such intense anxiety as the Emperor the Tsu islands. Heavy firing is said to have been heard in the straits between 330 and 1030 o'clock at night; when it

Rejectivensky's ships returned to Kip-chou Friday night, having been badly damaged by a collision with another last night, impatiently awaiting infor-mation and perusing charts.

The only news received by His Ma-TEN TORPEDO BOATS. tained in dispatches from Russian agents, who could give nothing but rumors. The only time the Emperor left the members the chapel of the Alexandra palace, when the chaplain prayed for Rojestvensky's success. The Emperor was greatly distressed

> ing the information sent by the consul at of Korea, the Russian battleships Borod-Nagasaki arrived. The newspaper disting and Alexander (III) the armoned admiralty who on Saturday were inclined to take the view that the ships off Woosung were empty colliers sent to the rear to avoid hampering the warships unnecessarily, or that it is a division of ittle fighting value dispatched to confuse Togo and keep him off the scent, thought on Sunday it was possible Rojestvensky might after all have divided his fleet and that the Japanese were waiting the arrival of the Russian division before making a general announcement. A majority of the naval authorities, however, believe that Rojestrensky could not risk a division of his fighting ships. Those of an optimistic mind think that Rojest-vensky threw Togo off the scent and escaped him, as the French did Nelson on the way to Egypt, and encountered only torpedo boats in the straits. This opinion, however, is not generally heard, Togo's ships were able to keep in touch and that the Japanese lay in wait for Rojestvensky in the narrow waters

where a battle is reported to have taken Nevertheless nobody believes that Togo offered open battle, the consensus of opinion being that the Japanese favored by a stage of the moon, which was at three-quarters full, waited and delivered a series of torpedo attacks Saturday night, with such aid as their heavy ships could offer without running too much risk. Mines may have played an important part, and perhaps been responsible for a large share of the losses eported. At any rate the result is not fully satisfactory to the naval authori-

It is possible that a running fight at long range took place Sunday, from to ten inches thick, a protected deck of which better results are anticipated, as two inches of steel and carried five 8the naval authorities do not think that orpedoing could be renewed on Sunday

in the open sea.

The cruisers Gromoboi and Rossia, of the Vladivostock squadron, probably have sailed south to afford Rojestvensky any assistance in their power. If Rojestvensky got clear of the straits Sunday night, he should be close enough to Vladivostock to communicate.

CUT THEIR WAY

THROUGH JAP TROOPS, The reconnaissance of General Mist-chenko, which beyond doubt was the most brilliant cavalry exploit of the war. was well planned and dashingly executed. It established the fact that the

force of infantry, cavalry and artillery across the line of his retreat, but the Russian cavalry, after a bold feint in one lirection, cut its way through. The otal loss to the Japanese in men killed The rain of the last three days has caused some of the wagon trains to beome bogged.

Tokio, May 29.-2,50 p. m.-In the when the Washington dispatch contain- battle fought on Saturday in the Straits ino and Alexander HI, the armored cruisers Admiral Nakhimoff, Dmietri Donskoi and Vladimir Monomach: the coast defence ironclad Admiral Oushakoff; the protected cruisers Svietlana and Jemtchug; the repair ship Kamtchatka and the cruiser Irlessin were

The battleships Orel and Nicolai L and the coast defence ironclads Admiral Seniavin and Admiral Apraxina were capdamaged.

is described in another column. He rew numbered 740 officers and men. The Alexander III; was a sister shi of the Beredine, and was completed in

The Admiles | Nakahimoff was an

armored cruiser of 8,524 tons displacement and 9,000 indicated horse-power giving a speed of sixteen knots. She had eight inches of compound armor over her gun positions, carried eight 8inch guns, ten 6-inch guns and about 20 small rapid-firing guns. She had a complement of about 567 officers and men. The Dimietri Donskoi was an armore cruiser of 6,200 tons, sheathed, and 7,000 orse-power and having a speed of about 16 knots. She had an armored belt of six inchesothick, and had ten inches of armor over her bulkheads and heav gun positions. Her armament consiste of six 6-inch guns, ten 4.7-inch guns and 16 quick-firing guns. Her crew number-

ed 510 officers and men. The Vladimir Monomach was a sheath ed cruiser of 5,593 tons, and had 7,000 indicated horse-power. She was completed in 1885, and had a belt of armor six inch guns, twelve 6-inch guns and 18 quick-firing guns. Her crew numbered

550 officers/and men. The Admiral Oushakoff, a coast de fence ironelad, was of 4,648 tons dis-placement and 5,000 indicated horsepower. She was completed in 1898, and had an armored belt 10 inches thick, a protected deak of three inches of steel and from 7 to 8 inches of armor over her heavy gun positions. Her armamen ommons to-day, said the government consisted of four 9-inch guns, four 6-inch had no official information regarding the guns and six 1.8-inch guns in addition to naval battle in the Far East. a number of smaller rapid-fire guns. The speed was estimated at 16 knots, and she

carried 318 officers and men. The Svietlana was a protected cruis of 3,862 tons displacement, and had 3,828 indicated horse-power and was completed in 1897, and had a speed of Japanese are concentrating south of Kai- about 20 knots. She had a two-inch pro- nothing was known of the naval battle

armor over her gun positions. Her armament consisted of six 5.9-inch (canet) guns and ten 1.8-inch guns. She had a complement of 360 officers and

and had a protected deck of two inches of steel and carried six 4.7-inch guns. six 1.8-inch, and two 1.4-inch guns, Her to divide his fleet, only a single division passing the Straits of Korea, the other

The repair ship Kamchatka was a going round Japan. most important unit of Admiral Rojest-vensky's fleet. She is understood to have been fitted with every scientific appliance available for the repairs of warships, and was described as being a "floating work- sky transferred his flag from the battle

She was launched at the new admiralty yards, St. Petersburg, November placement, was capable of carrying 3.500 tons of coal, and mounted six small quick-firing guns. She had transport ac-

cruiser, but her name is not given in any of the naval lists available.

The battleship Nicolai is of 9,672 tons displacement and 8,000 indicated horsepower, giving her a speed of about 14 knots. She is sheathed, and although oughly overhauled in 1900. She has a has a steel protected deck 12 inches thick and has six to ten inches of armor (compound) over her gun positions. Her armament consists of two 12-inch guns, four 9-inch guns, eight 6-inch guns, and twelve quick-firing guns, in addition to a number of small rapid-firing guns. Her complement is 604 officers and men. The coast defence ironglad Admiral Seniavin is a sister ship of the Admiral Oushakoff, sunk by the Japanese in the

battle fought in the Straits of Korea. The coast defence ironclad General Addeck four inches thick, and has from seven to eight inches of Krupp steel over of the Apraxino consists of three 10-inch guns, four 6-inch guns, and 14 rapidfiring guns. She has a crew numbering

ANOTHER BATTLESHIP

CAPTURED BY JAPS. Washington D. C. May 29 - According to advices received by the navy de-partment from Tokio, the Japanese, in addition to the ships already named, captured the Russian battleship Sissoi Veliky.

The Russian flagship was seriously

WHENCA TOFF IS

AMONG THE PRISONERS. Tokio, May 29 .- 3 p.m .- Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff, former commander of the fourth division of the Pacific fleet, and cently commander of the information squadron, composed of scouts and merhantmen, with 3,000 other Russians, is among the prisoners captured by the

Japanese.
Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky appears to The battle began Saturday morning, and the Japanese are still in pursuit of the Russians.

VICTORY "ABSOLUTE AND OVERWHELMING."

Washington, D. C., May 29 .- Mr. Takahira, the Japanese consul here, has received a cablegram from his government relating to the naval engagement of Saturday and Sunday, which he said, while lacking in detail, conveyed the information that the Japanese victory had been "Absolute and overwhelming."

EIGHT CAPTAINS OF

WARSHIPS DROWNED. London, May 29 .- A dispatch to the ondon Evening News from Tokio says Navaxin, Nicolia; starboard, Admiral New York to assist the men in Chicago. eight captains of Russian warships were lrowned during the naval battle of Satruay in the Straits of Korea. According to the stock exchange reports of the Japanese side three cruisers were sunk and a dozen torpedo boat estroyers were sunk or disabled. Earl Percy, under foreign secretary eplying to a question in the House of

TORPEDO ATTACKS

PROBABLY RESPONSIBLE. RESULT WILL LIKELY St. Petersburg, May 29.—1.55 p.m.—At the admiralty this morning absolutely

tained in the dispatches of the Associat- the opinion that the Japanese de duced by the cable messages was undoubtedly extremely gloomy. While Ad- EFFECT ON THE miral Rojestvensky was expected to pay the price for the reaching of his haven at Vladivostock, the complete loss of his four best battleships, besides several other warships, with heavy damage to other ships, which such havoc indicates is admitted to spell disaster unless the Japanese suffered correspondingly. For this reason news from Vladivostock, where the first communication with the Russian fleet will be established,

is awaited with intense anxiety. The admiralty calculates that the wire-less communication with Vladivostock might be established so early as this afternoon or to night but or distribution of the Russian float in the state of the sta might be established so early as this afternoon or to-night, but as dispatches must first go to the Emperor, the news must first go to the Emperor, the news this morning.

When the bulletin containing the Japanese official aunouncement

It is a matter of general comment that the most definite and reliable information received up to the time the official announcement was sent out from Tokio

The receipt of the Tokio official bulletin announcing that Rojestvensky's fleet was practically annihilated was a crushing blow to the admiralty officials, destroying the hope to which many of them had clung that the silence of the Japanese government might be favorably

The wording of the official dispatch was interpreted to mean that Admiral Togo had succeeded in barring and holdagainst Admiral Rojestvensky.

Some of the foreign press dispatches were very confusing, but everything indicate that Togo delivered a series of desperate torpedo attacks during Saturday night, with the support o his neavy ships. The reported sinking protected cruiser Jemtchug was of so many ships, it is believed, might of 3,106 tons displacement and 17,000 indicated horse-power, giving her a speed of 23 knots. She was completed in 1903, jestvensky was forced in order to secur homogeneity in speed and fighting power

But the Straits of Korea division evidently included the pick of the Russian fleet, the Borodino and Orel being two of their best battleships

It is possible that Admiral Rojestven ship Kniaz Souvaroff to the Borodin vent the concentration of the Japane Capt. Sreberinnikoff, of the Borodin and Capt. Ignatieff, of the Orel, are regarded as extremely capable officers.

Owing to the decision of the newspa-

ers to suspend Monday's publication

only telegrams are being printed on fly The Novoe Vremya alone comment ion, "The hour of tate has struck," the aper says. "Russia has been repro ed with putting too much faith in God ending too many Ikons to war and not enough men. The results is now, in the anguage of the Americans, in the hands of 'The men behind the guns.' Russians

will be patient until the full results are Black pessimism reigns among the pub

St. Petersburg, May 29.—There were the Russian fleet. The sending of inmany touching incidents in the corridors structions yesterday to Minister Meyer of the admiralty, which were filled this to make inquiry of the Russian govern miral Apraxino is of 4,126 tons displace—ment and 5,575 indicated horse-power, giving her a speed of about 15 knots. She was completed at St. Petersburg in 1898, has an armored belt of Harveyized steel ten inches thick, a steel protected been annihilated, and most of the women instructions of David Control of the control of the steel ten inches thick, a steel protected been annihilated, and most of the women instructions of David Control of the control afternoon with the wives and families of ment regarding the facts is therefore the steel ten inches thick, a steel protected wept and some of them fainted when the ing Secretary of State Loomis. has teleinquire into the sinking of an American

At 7 o'clock this evening Admiral merchant steamer by the Russian fleet Wirenius, chief of the general staff of off Formosa. the navy, authorized a denial of the statements that the government had renaval battle fought in the Straits of news from Vladivostock until to-morrow

BATTLE COMMENCED

NEAR TSU ISLAND Paris, May 29.—The Journal's spe war, correspondent cables from Tokio under date of May 28th that the authorities were observing the strictest secrecy regarding the naval battle.

He said that on the morning of May 27th a large Russian fleet appeared in the Tsu straits, entering the channel be-tween Tsu island and Kiushin island, where the belligerents came in contact to-day to indicate an early settlement of immediately, their cannonading being the teamsters' strike, which has been in

heard at Shimoneski. The tempest which raged in the Japan | the labor unions are of the belief that

against false rumors, reiterating the the meeting to-day the strike situation statement to the effect that the Japanese was discussed in all its details and the authorities were maintaining the strictest sentiment was that the teamsters should silence regarding naval movements, and continue the fight until the seven express that there was also a severe censorship companies offer some sort of a comprowhich it was impossible to evade.

FORMATION OF FLEET

belated dispatch has been received by the of the fight will be suicidal to the teamnavy department, dated May 27th, sters' union. To-day was one of the showing the formation of the Russian quietest since the strike began.

Heet just before the battle:

May Strike in Symnathy Russian fleet was sighted at 6 o'clock a, m, between Goto Island and Quelpart Island, Korea, in double collocals of the International Brotherhood umn, the Jemtchug leading the way, of Teamsters, representing 25,000 Borodino, Orel, Kniaz Suvaroff, Alexander III., Ossliabía, Sissoi Veliky, the question of a sympathetic strike in Kakahimoff, Admiral Oushakoff, Ad- According to several of the delegates, Apraxina and other cruisers.

FORESHADOW PEACE.

Paris, May 29.—The dispatch of the Associated Press from Tokio officially a request for a sympathetic strike is announcing the Japanese naval success made, it will be laid before the executive announcing the Japanese naval success unexpectedly produced a general firmness on the Bourse here owing to the belief that it foreshadows peace.

HASTEN PEACE.

BERLIN BOURSE.

Berlin, May 29 .- Prices on the Bourse owing to London advices and perhaps sians were 4.10 per cent. lower. JAP OFFICIALS

AWAITING NEWS

Washington, D. C., May 29, 9 a.m.-Strait of Korea from the Associated

anese government's official announcement tnat Admiral Rojestvensky had, lost twelve warships was read to Minister Takahira over the telephone, he care fully repeated the words of the dispatch and then expressed satisfaction at the The minister and other members of the Japanese legation remained in the offices nearly all night, eagerly awaiting news

Up to this hour no official advices have een received at the legation. Aside from the press dispatches the only information at the legation was contained in a private message to ninister indicating that the result of the fight was favorable to the Japanese. Minister Takahira is expecting momentarily definite news of the battle.

STEAMER STOPPED BY VOLUNTEER CRUISER.

Shanghai, May 29.—Steamer Samson visited the Saddle islands yesterday but found no trace of the Russian vessels Near Barren islands the Samson topped by the Russian volunteer cruiser Dnieper, crowded with well armed men After exchanging courtesies, the Samson returned to Shanghai, passing a Russian transport loading from junks, several miles below Woo Sung.

WARSHIPS SIGHTED OFF BAY OF MANILA.

Manila, May 29.—Five warships were sighted off Corregidor island in the entrance to the bay of Manila, this morning, headed south. It is believed that they were Japanese vessels.

On Saturday two transports were sighted 120 miles west of the Banshee strait by the British steamer Yuensang.

CHARGES OF ALLEGED VIOLATION OF NEUTRALITY

New York, May 29 .- The Chinese anthorities deny that they have received from Russia a positive note of the inten ion to march troops into Mongolia, cables the Pekin correspondent of the Herald. On the other hand, the foreign office is deluged with charges and counter cnarges relative to alleged breaches of neutrality by both Russia and Japan.

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AMERICAN STEAMER Washington, D. C., May 29.—It was stated at the state department that no

DECISION OF COURT EXPECTED THIS WEEK St. Petersburg, May 28.—The written opinion of the Superior Admiralty court in the case of the cotton found on the British steamer Calchas, captured by the Vladivostock squadron, is expected to

be handed down some time this week. NO SIGN OF SETTLEMENT.

Labor Unions of Chicago Apparently Believe Fight Will Be a

Chicago, May 28 .- Nothing developed seas for two days previous, the correspondent says, has settled down and the strated at the meeting of the Chicago sea was more calm.

The fight will be a long one was demonstrated at the meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor to-day, when are sea was more calm.

A later dispatch from the same corrangements were made for holding a respondent puts the public on guard strike demonstration on July 5th. At

With over seven thousand policement ON OF FLEET and deputies detailed on duty, the employers declare that during the present Washington, May 29.—The following the strikers that any further continuation

May Strike in Sympathy. New York, May 28 .- Twenty-three drivers, had meetings to-day to discuss the strike may be ordered here within forty-eight hours. The meetings were

held with much secrecy. President Hoffman, of the dry goods teamsters, said after the meeting: "For \$1,000 a day to the Chicago strikers. If

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Toledo, Ohio, May 2 .- Dr. A. Greer, & travelling medicine man, yesterday shot and instantly killed Mrs. Alta Tippins at New York, May 29 .- Advices received her home in Weston, Ohio, and then fired

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