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ADMIRAL TOGO HAS SUCCEEDED

In Bottling Up the Port Arthur Fleet—Rumors at St. Petersburg.

That the Channel Has Been Blocked by the Sinking of Several Steamers.

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

The rumors cannot be confirmed at this hour. (The date referred to by the correspondent in the above despatch, March 31, is probably according to the old style of calendar, by which the event would have taken place on April 13, according to the new style calendar.)

PT. ARTHUR'S FALL.

New York, April 14.—A despatch from Rome, via London, says—

"A telegram has been received here from New-Chwang, which states that the fall of Port Arthur is believed to be imminent."

"The despatch further states that Admiral Togo is preparing to land troops for a siege of the town. It is reported Togo is again hurrying shells into Port Arthur, and that yesterday's attack was resumed at day-break this morning."

"That the first attack was more effective than any which has preceded it is probable, as there has been no reply from the land forces, although the engagement was within the range of the big land guns."

"Evidently the Japanese forces have at last succeeded in their object and the forts have either been dismantled or abandoned."

MAKAROFF WAS TRAPPED.

"The Che-Foo correspondent of the Agency Libera telegraphs this morning that Makaroff made a sortie from Port Arthur with his whole squadron. He was attacked by the entire Japanese fleet, which was sealed back of Misothiao Islands. On seeing how he had been trapped Makaroff attempted to get back to Port Arthur, but the Japanese warships being much superior to the Russians, cut off his retreat, and he was forced to fight against enormous odds. Results of the engagements were disastrous to the Russians, who had all their ships damaged, while the battleship Petropavlovsk was surrounded by torpedo boats. She was struck by no fewer than five torpedoes and blown up."

London, Friday, April 15.—The Daily Mail's Chee-Foo correspondent declares that advices from both Russian and Japanese sources indicate that the battleship Petropavlovsk was torpedoed. Admiral Makaroff, the correspondent says, was on the outside, and the Japanese torpedo boats crept behind him, dealing the blow as he was nearing the harbor on the return.

A RUSSIAN REPORT.

A news agency despatch from Port Arthur, by way of St. Petersburg, says that after a fierce fight between torpedo boats on the night of April 12, the squadron went out in the morning into the roads and took up combat with 14 large Japanese vessels. At 10.20 in the morning, the battleship Petropavlovsk sank, with her crew. The despatch then gives a partial list of those saved from the vessel: The battleship Pobeda, to which Rear Admiral Prince Ukhtomsky had transferred his flag, the despatch continues, is damaged on the water line. The enemy, the correspondent concludes, attempted to escape an open fight, remaining at a distance of 45 cable lengths. The Russian squadron ran back into the harbor under command of Prince Ukhtomsky.

A NEW THEORY.

A special cable to the Daily News from Tokyo gives a new theory as to the death of Admiral Makaroff. The despatch says: "Admiral Togo, it is surmised, while manoeuvring his squadron of cruisers opposite the entrance of the harbor for the purpose of attracting Makaroff to venture out, despatched torpedo boats forward for a considerable distance on both flanks to cut off the Russians' retreat. It is suspected that the advance of the torpedo boats were not observed by Makaroff's ships, which were intent on the engagement with Togo's squadron, until so late that it was impossible that all the Russian fleet could retreat to the harbor. Makaroff's reputation for courage is taken to warrant the opinion that he interposed this heavily armored flagship to the retreating vessels and thus saved the squadron at the cost of his own ship and life as well as the lives of nearly all on board."

A despatch to the Paris Temps from St. Petersburg, says: "The fleet remaining at Port Arthur is reduced to a strictly defensive basis. The new commander of the Czarovitch perished on the Petropavlovsk before he had assumed command of the battleship. The nomination of Vice-Admiral Skrydloff to succeed Vice-Admiral Makaroff is near."

LANGUAGE WAS SIMPLY AWFUL

Maple City Representatives Donned Their War Paint and Dealt in Technicalities.

Made the Toronto Telegram's Head Swim—A Dynamo that Did Everything It Should Not Do.

Says the Toronto Telegram of yesterday:

What might be called the pooled wisdom of Chatham confronted Judge Winchester in the County Court yesterday, when W. Thompson, erstwhile of the Thompson Electrical Co., of Toronto, now of Manitoba, sued the City of Chatham for \$400. The highest type of Chatham thought in every line was represented.

There were ex-mayors and ex-aldermen, lawyers, merchants, engineers, electricians, editors and contractors. Their evidence was impressive in matter. The subject of dispute was whether Thompson should get \$400, balance of \$1,600, the price of a dynamo.

The Chatham men said it had all the vices inherent in electrical machinery, and when it was not engaged in putting out the lights it would overheat itself, throw off the belt and burn the attendants when they tried to soothe it. It was an unsatisfactory machine.

The language the Chatham men used was simply awful. They spoke of armatures and ohms, kilowatts and volts, amperes, circuits and commutators. In short, they treated familiarly of electrical mysteries in a way which suggested necromancy, sorcery and dealings with the evil one.

Judge Winchester reserved judgment.

HAS NONE

Mayor McKeough's Apt Summing Up of Chatham's Disadvantages—His Worship's Loyalty.

A good story is told of his worship, Mayor McKeough.

Recently his worship headed a civic delegation who were called upon to wait upon the representatives of a large industrial establishment that purposed locating in Western Ontario.

The prospecting capitalist, appealing to our Mayor, asked concerning Chatham.

With persuasive eloquence his worship ran the whole gamut of Chatham's claims to greatness—its location, desirability, people, enterprise, etc., etc.

Finally he paused and the manufacturer commented, "Surely you have a veritable Utopia. Now, frankly, what would you consider Chatham's disadvantages?"

Mayor McKeough passed his hand over his forehead and appeared to be in profound thought for several moments. Finally he replied, seriously, "I don't think she has any."

It is said that the manufacturers were much impressed with the answer and will be heard from shortly. "If that's the kind of loyalty the people have down there, that's the place to establish," declared their president.

SECURED ATTRACTION

Apart from the long and tedious waits in the witness room of the court, Mr. Mayor T. A. Smith says he wouldn't endure again for love or money—and the busy workings of the sittings the Chatham delegation in the Thompson case at Toronto had many an interesting and amusing experience.

On Tuesday night, shortly after the arrival of the party, City Treasurer Fleming was reported missing. A strenuous search was at once instituted with the result that he was finally located in one of the darker corners of the Walker House, where he had the notorious Capt. Sullivan by the coat sleeve and the two were conversing earnestly in undertones. Mr. Fleming didn't hear the last of it during the trip.

Again the genial ex-Mayor Sulman, who sports a passion for handshakes with presidents and notables of that ilk, was found strolling the rotunda of the King Edward arm-in-arm with F. H. Clermont.

But Sully was busy, too. As convener of the Entertainment committee of the Old Boys' Reunion he had his eyes open, and on Wednesday night closed a big deal with a celebratedrobat to present a fine novelty on the market square here. This man is supplied with a huge coil of rope, one end of which he casts in the air and rapidly climbs the rope. Sully says if the acrobat backs out he'll do it himself and, as evidence of good faith, he'll exhibit in front of the King Edward. (All would have been well no doubt but ex-Ald. Cowan and Contractor Geo. Fielder got anxious and would persist in hanging on to the wrong end of the rope.)

Bad habits breed bad luck.

THE PROTESTS AND SAW-OFFS

Clark Bill Thrown Out By Committee—Attorney-General Opposed It.

He Suggests the Reference of the Whole Question to the High Court Judges.

Toronto, April 14.—Hugh Clark's bill to amend the Controverted Elections Act was thrown out by the Legal Committee this morning. His bill sought to prevent protests by increasing the time for filing protests from 31 to 60 days, and in the event of the petitioner not going to trial after filing the petition he should forfeit his deposit of \$1,000.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt, though not a member of the committee, was present, and favored the bill, but it was severely condemned by Attorney-General Gibson, who conjured up impossibilities as instances where the principle would be an injustice. He suggested that the whole matter be referred to the judges for an expression of opinion as to the best means of dealing with the difficulties of protests and saw-offs. He also stated: "If this is done, and I am here next year, I will carry out my part of the bargain to do whatever is possible along the line suggested by the judges."

Mr. St. John intimated that this was a gentle reminder that an election was impending.

The bill was lost on the following division:—

Yeas—St. John, Hanna and Foy. Nays—Gibson, Cameron (Huron), Caldwell, Dickenson and Gibson.

Mr. Clark says he will divide the House on the matter if at all possible.

ACROSS LAKE ERIE

Toronto, April 14.—Considerable speculation is going on among railroad men, and especially those employed by the Grand Trunk, over the present visit of Third Vice-President Morse and Chief Engineer Hobson to Cleveland. It is intimated that the mission of these officials is to arrange for a line of steamers across Lake Erie to Cleveland. It is well known in railway circles that the Grand Trunk wants foothold in Cleveland or Toledo, and the present visit of Messrs. Morse and Hobson to Cleveland and the fact that the general manager is making his way to the same point, are regarded as indicating that a definite move in that direction is on foot.

LADIES' SALE

The Ladies Assisting Society of the Public General Hospital are holding a very successful and well attended sale at The Ark to-day. The sale will last all day to-morrow, and during these two days the ladies expect visits from all of their friends who are interested in hospital work.

This Society is doing splendid work and deserves encouragement from every loyal citizen. It is composed of a band of energetic ladies headed by the following officers: President, Mrs. Will Taylor; Vice-President, Mrs. Gardner; Secretary, Mrs. Pritchard; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Glenn; Treasurer, Mrs. McKough; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. London.

The ladies who are conducting the sale to-day are Mesdames Gardner, Piggott, W. Scane, J. Hadley, Kingsmill, Bell, Stephenson, Merritt, Scane, St. McGavin, McKay and Phillimore. The young ladies who are assisting are Misses Edith Holmes, Stegman, Taylor, Respin, Hall, Wilson, Phillimore, McKough and Waugh.

Besides the regular goods usually offered at The Ark, the ladies are selling home-made candies and are also serving lunch. The lunch menu is a very choice and consists of cold salads (lettuce, salmon and cabbage), pie, rolls and butter sandwiches, biscuits, cake, coffee, cocoa and tea.

To-day the sale will be nicely commenced, but it is expected that to-morrow will be a big day for sales.

MUNSEY GIVES UP

New York, April 14.—After having tried for two years and five months to make a success of The New York Daily News along lines he described in the newspaper with which his name was connected, Frank Munsey has determined to retire from any connection with the property. He made this announcement last night, and said: "Within a month I shall have severed my connections absolutely with The News. I have resorted to every expedient I know to make the paper successful, but I have been met with the remarkable position that at each fresh expenditure of considerable money the circulation, instead of increasing, has decreased."

A. T. Macdonald, formerly of this city, has been managing editor of Munsey's paper for some time past.

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