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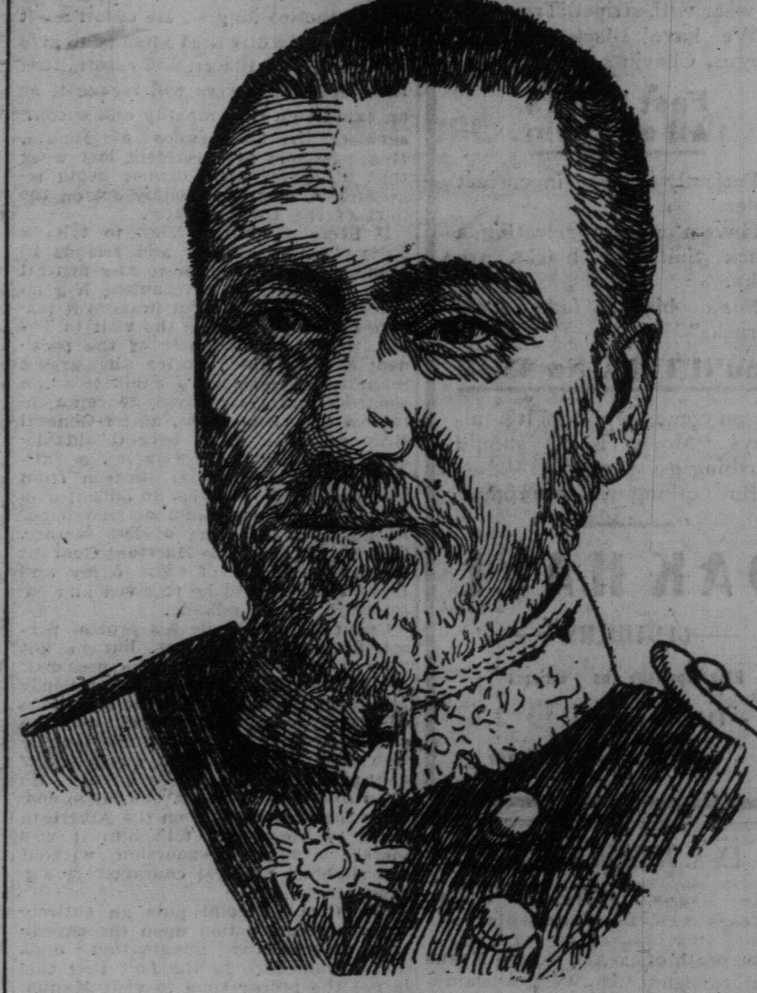
Washington, D.C., May 28.—The following is the text of a cable despatch received at the State Department to-day from the American consul at Nagasaki: "Japanese sunk the Russian battleship Borodin and four more warships and a repair ship."

Another from Tokio, dated Sunday, says: "Japanese fleet engaged Baltic squadron this afternoon in the Straits of Tsushima, which was held; cannonading heard from shore."

London, May 28.—The Tokio correspondent of The Daily Mail says that the Russian fleet has dispersed, that several Russian ships have been disabled and that the remainder are in flight, with the Japanese pursuing.

Tsingtau, May 29.—There is a running naval engagement between the Russian and Japanese fleets in the Straits of Korea, near the Islands of Oki. It is reported that the whole Russian 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 torpedo boats.

London, May 29.—The Times' Tokio correspondent says that telegrams from apparently trustworthy sources show that Rojestvensky approached Tsu Islands Saturday forenoon 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. There was a strong breeze blowing, with a high sea.

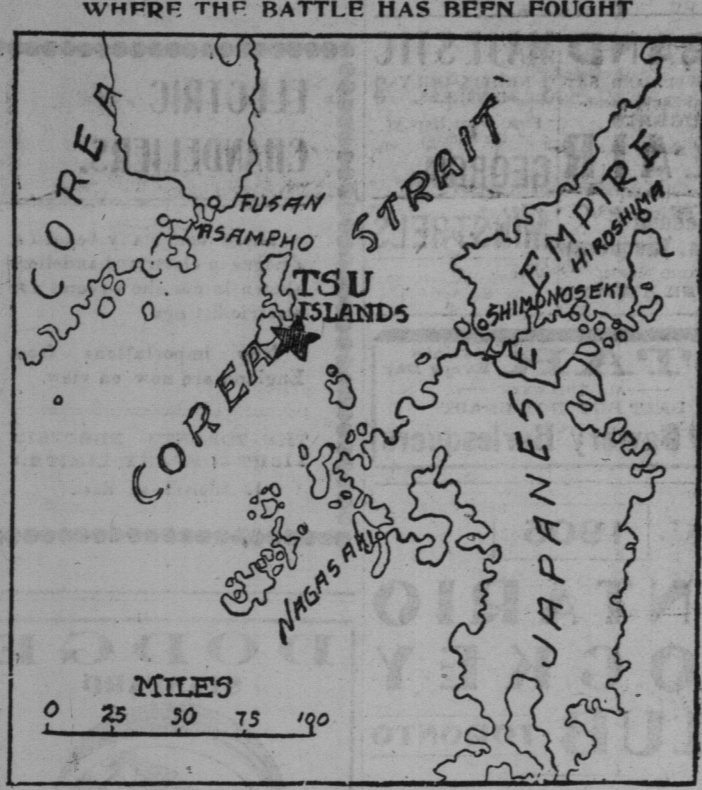


TOGO—WHO TRIUMPHS.

ST. PETERSBURG 'TWIXT DOUBT AND FEAR BELIEVES IT WAS A TORPEDO ATTACK

Experts Declare Togo Would Not Risk His Fleet in Battle at Night—Running Fight on Sunday.

St. Petersburg, May 28.—(2.15 a.m.)—In this momentous hour the emperor, the admiralty and the public are waiting breathlessly for the Japanese to furnish authentic news of the fate of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky and his fleet, in which the hopes of the Russians are centred. The official disposition is to construe Tokyo's silence favorably, but at the same time the strategic reason for such silence is recognized. The public, after the premature jubilation of Saturday, is inclined to reverse its attitude and to become pessimistic. 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 midnight and undoubtedly produced a deep impression. The fear was expressed that the battleship sunk might have been Rojestvensky's flagship, the Kniaz Souvov, on which the Japanese undoubtedly concentrated their fire. The sinking of the repair ship Kamchatka, 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 Sunday afternoon and evening, the opinion was expressed that if



Tsushima, or Tsu Island, where the Russian ships are reported to be in the middle of the Straits of Korea. At high water it becomes two islands, a deep channel then separating the highest parts. The western channel is about thirty miles wide and the eastern about twenty-five. The Russian fleet—such of it as may have escaped—still has 650 miles to go to reach Vladivostok, its destination. The Tsu Islands are about thirty-seven miles in length and possess a large sound containing a number of small harbors, as well as several smaller sounds and bays. Itsuhara, the capital of the Tsu Islands, is situated in a valley between high ridges of hills in a bight of Itsuhara Bay. The place has about 5000 inhabitants or more, according to estimates. At the outbreak of war between Japan and China in 1894 it was understood that the Japanese had established a strong naval base at the Tsu Islands, and that they had been fortified.

TOLD BY BULLETINS.

Washington, D.C., May 28.—Japanese Minister Takahira has received a despatch from Tokio, saying, in effect, that the fighting in the naval battle thus far has been with favorable prospects to the Japanese. The minister's despatch is from private sources.

London, May 28.—The correspondent of The Morning Post at Shanghai says that a telegram has been received there from Pekin announcing that Rojestvensky's fleet has been defeated off the Tsu Islands, and is fleeing northward, and that four Russian ships, including the battleship Borodin, have been sunk.

RUSSIAN LOSSES.
Tsingtau, May 29.—A telegram from Chinese sources says that in the naval battle in the Straits of Korea Saturday and Sunday the Russians have probably lost two battleships and two cruisers. This report has not been confirmed.

FAVORABLE TO RUSSIANS.
St. Petersburg, May 29.—The St. Petersburg Telegraph Agency publishes the following from Shanghai: "From all quarters telegrams are arriving here announcing that a naval battle is in progress between the Tsu Straits and the Japanese coast. No details are given, but the tone of the telegrams from Chefoo is favorable to the Russians. The telegrams say that the Vladivostok squadron participated in the engagements. 'There is the greatest excitement in Shanghai. All the warships in the harbor have cleared for action.'"

FIGHT BY NIGHT.
London, May 28.—A despatch to The Times from Paris 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, one on each side of the Tsu Islands. Heavy firing is said to have been heard in the strait between 9.30 and 10.30 o'clock at night. Then it ceased.

GREAT VICTORY.
London, May 29.—According to The Daily Telegraph, a private telegram was received in London last night in a very high quarter to the effect that Vice-Admiral Togo had gained a great victory. Based on the news details already received here, most of the newspapers are ready to believe the Japanese have secured a victory.

THE INDICATIONS from many of the despatches are that Rojestvensky sent some of his vessels thru the Tsuguru Straits, with the view of mystifying the Japanese.

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THE BATTLE, AS IT IS KNOWN IN DETAILS FEW; END IN DOUBT

Reports, However, Indicate That Japanese Have Scattered the Invading Force.

On Saturday at noon the first gun was fired in the fateful naval battle, the issue of which the nations have been awaiting with such keen anxiety. The Russian fleet, it is reported, came from the United States consul at Nagasaki, who cables the state department on Sunday afternoon that the Japanese had sunk one Russian battleship—afterwards reported to be the Borodin—four other warships and a repair ship. That the Russian fleet had actually been broken up and scattered from various sources, but definite information regarding the course and issue of the engagement is still wanting. The most favorable account for the Japanese is that of the Tokio correspondent of The London English Daily Mail, who cables that the Russian fleet has been dispersed, that several Russian ships have been disabled and that the remainder are in flight with the Japanese pursuing.

The course of events, which have led up to the battle, seem to be pretty clear. Rojestvensky's massed fleet of battleships, heavy cruisers and smaller craft sailed from Saddle Islands, near Shanghai, for the last time, and far as the Korean side, the straits are divided midway by the Tsushima Islands, and the Russian fleet took the eastern channel, which is 25 miles wide at the narrowest part.

Admiral Togo's fleet, which had been stationed almost constantly at Masampo, his naval base in Korea, there encountered the Russians, and appear to have maintained a running fight in which torpedo boats probably took a leading part. A cable from Tsingtau states that the slower vessels of the Russian fleet were sent round the Japanese islands, and there are obvious reasons why Rojestvensky would prefer not to be hampered by this class of craft.

While a final estimate cannot yet be formed regarding the result of the battle, the agreement in the reports so far received, indicate that victory has again remained with the Japanese, who are stated to be holding the bulletin boards. They will consider a small price to pay for the holding of the bulletin board of the Russian fleet, which unless it has managed in whole or in part to break thru and head for Vladivostok has no port of refuge where it can avoid being interned. Great anxiety over the result is displayed by the Paris press and glowing tributes are being paid to Rojestvensky's "skill and audacity."

Just as remarkable is the fact that Togo's fleet happened to be on hand just when it was required, and should the Japanese victory be finally confirmed, their conduct of the naval operations can scarcely be over-estimated. Nothing is reported concerning the land campaign, both combatants apparently having suspended their movements, pending the meeting of the fleets.

TWO BATTLESHIPS GONE.
Orel and Borodin of 13,000 Tons Each and Heavily Built.

Washington, May 28.—From information received in Vladivostok, Tsingtau today it is believed that two of the Russian ships reported to have been sunk were the Orel and the Borodin. The other vessels reported to have been sunk are believed to have been cruisers, the remaining one being a repair ship.

JAPS AMBUSHED.
St. Petersburg, May 27.—A despatch from Gen. Linevich, dated May 26, says: "Japanese on May 24 assumed the offensive from Ehradaga in the west towards Bankhang. Our troops ambushed a company of Japanese, killing or wounding over 30 of them."

PLAYING FINAL CARD IN MONGOLIA RUSSIA SEEKS TO EMBROIL POWERS

Latest Move of Linevich Regarded as Greatest Menace to Peace Since War Began—Russian Excuses Are Based on Menacious Assertions.

London, May 27.—There is one opinion in diplomatic circles of Russia's action in enlarging the field of operations to Mongolia. It is regarded as the greatest menace to the general peace which has arisen since the war began. Taken in connection with the developments at St. Petersburg in the past few days, it is interpreted to be the deliberate intention of those who control Russia's policy to cover her defeat by embroiling other powers. Such certainly has been the desire of the Russian reactionaries since they recognized the helplessness of Russian arms. They strove first to embroil Great Britain by intolerable interference with British commerce. Then they tried to compromise their own ally by the con-

duct of Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet. Diplomacy succeeded in defeating both attempts and Count Lamoriniere, the minister of foreign affairs, has succeeded in gaining the czar's support in a pacific attitude and the military party have failed for the time being in their nefarious designs.

Now, however, the Russian foreign office admits the negotiations which will hardly fail to result in the destruction of Chinese neutrality, the object of which Secretary Hay and the European diplomats have successfully preserved until the present moment.

It is not to be wondered at that the diplomatic corps at Pekin and St. Petersburg have been thrown into consternation by the situation thus created. It was this development which caused the interruption of the French ambassador's journey from St. Petersburg and which has now brought the resources of diplomacy thruout the world into action to combat the peril which has arisen. The St. Petersburg statement to the effect that the Russian army were making preparations for a forward movement into Mongolia, but that they would avoid any action at Pekin that would likely bring them in conflict with Germany or necessitate the intervention of the powers. Russia, the statement says, is resolved to enlarge the radius of operations towards Mongolia solely for the purpose of defending herself against Japanese enterprise in this region.

Russia to Blame.
The utterance is as mendacious and untrustworthy as any of Russia's lying declarations which led to the present war, and will change the attitude of neutral nations toward her. It is Russia herself and not Japan which has overstepped the agreed limits of operations during the war. The Japanese have kept strictly within the range from the start to the present day. Russia now boldly and unecessarily proposes to invade China, not for a genuine military purpose, as everyone acquainted with the military situation recognizes. The desire to raise international complications is, therefore, regarded as Russia's obvious motive in making this move. The immediate effect will be the prompt protest of the powers.

There has been, therefore, a virtual change in the control of Russia in the past few days, and the first evidence of this is the ominous move against China. What its consequences are not yet clear, but the diplomatic world fears the worst and it is seeking to avert the heaviest calamity which could occur.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED IN
MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE
OF PRETTY KATE WELLINGS

Girl Disappeared from Her Home on Saturday, and Search Proves Unavailing.

"What has become of Kate Wellings?" Since 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon the girl has been mysteriously absent from the home of her parents at 17 Austin-avenue, and all efforts to locate her or to learn of her movements have proved of no avail. So far no trace of her has been found, as she has completely disappeared as if she had been swallowed up by the earth.

When last seen she wore a pink blouse with a green skirt and straw hat, and was riding a Redbird bicycle. She is 15 years of age, also she might pass for a year or so older.

The girl lives with her parents on Austin-avenue, and is employed at the factory of her father, Geo. Wellings of Wellings Co., Limited, of 71 West Richmond-street. She came home at noon on Saturday, and after spending some time about the house she announced her intention of going bicycling.

Her mother was in the garden of their pretty little home at the time, and when she returned she found her daughter gone. She immediately set out to look for her, but she was unable to find her. She then called on her mother, who suggested that she should change her dress, which was soiled. "Oh," the girl replied, "I'm only going to be gone a short while and I don't think that is necessary."

She then wheeled her bicycle to the front of the house and mounting it rode off. A few minutes later Mrs. Thomas Clayton, wife of the butcher at Pope-avenue and Gerrard-streets, saw her wheeling down Logan-avenue in the direction of the Kingston-road.

When the girl failed to come home at supper time, her mother was later and later when her bedtime arrived and there had been no word of her whereabouts made known to the family they were much perturbed. Supposing that she had gone visiting friends a few miles out of the city and had been induced to stay for the night they dismissed her absence and retired. When no word came yesterday morning from the missing girl they determined to make inquiries. A brother rode to the place where they supposed that Kate would be staying, and a short time later reported to the family that she had not been there for some time.

It was then that the family became thoroughly alarmed. The two brothers and the father then visited all of the

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FINE AND WARM.
Meteorological Office, Toronto, May 28.—(8 p.m.)—A few local showers have occurred to-day in the Maritime Provinces; elsewhere the weather has been fine and for the most part warm.

Probabilities.
Lower Lakes, Georgian Bay, Ottawa Valley and St. Lawrence—light to moderate winds; fine and warm.

POSITIONS UNCHANGED.
St. Petersburg, May 28.—General Linevich, in a despatch, dated May 28, reports that there is no change in the position of the armies in Manchuria.

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