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TRAWLER CASE VERDICT

Hull Inquest Puts Blame On the Czar's Warships.

Verdict of Willful Murder Or Manslaughter Not Found Because "Delicate Negotiations Are Going On Which Should Not Be Made More Difficult"—A Significant Hint to the Verdict—British Warships Watch Rejoystovnsky.

Hull, Nov. 3.—That George Henry Smith and William Leggett were, at about 12.30 a.m. on October 22, while fishing with trawls about the British steam trawler Crane, with board of trade marks exhibited and regular lights burning, killed by shots fired without warning or provocation from certain Russian war vessels at a distance of about a quarter of a mile.

This is the text of the jury's verdict at the coroner's inquest on the fishermen victims of the North Sea tragedy. At the request of the British Government, represented by the Earl of Dysart, solicitor of the treasury, this conservative award was rendered by the first court of inquiry presiding the sessions of the international tribunal. The Government asked the jury not to find a verdict of willful murder or manslaughter, because "delicate negotiations are going on, which should not be made more difficult; and they ought not to let anyone think they had pre-judged the case before having heard both sides."

In consequence, the jury simply set forth the facts proven by the evidence of persons, experts on explosives and the trawlers themselves.

A Rider Added.

To the verdict the jury added the following rider: "On this occasion, probably the most momentous in the history of the British Empire, the jury would record their appreciation of the efforts made by the Government interested to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion of the matter, which we feel has no parallel in the history of the world."

St. George's Hall, a large auditorium which had been specially fitted up for the occasion, was quite inadequate to accommodate the crowd that wished to hear the evidence.

The interest was intense, but there was some excitement, but no demonstration occurred. A great number of persons gathered in the vicinity of the building to await the verdict, and the space inside the hall was filled. The British Government, the Board of Trade, the owners of the Gamecock fleet and the relatives of the deceased and wounded fishermen were represented by counsel; but the Russian Government did not participate. The proceedings occupied only about three hours.

The testimony consisted of medical evidence, by which it was proved that the death of Smith and Leggett was the result of shell and machine gun wounds. Then an expert identified fragments of shells by private marks, which he said were undoubtedly Russian, and the stories of captains and mates of the trawlers. These latter related that while they were engaged in their regular work the ships of the second Pacific fleet in two squadrons, emerged suddenly from the haze and, throwing the glare of their searchlights on the Gamecock fleet, without warning and disregarding flare green lights, the fishermen's signal, and though within actual speaking distance of one vessel, commenced a cannonade, which the fishermen, at first not realizing the danger, enjoyed, thinking it was a sham fight. The firing lasted half an hour.

No Torpedo Boats.

To each of the witnesses was put the vital question regarding the presence of a foreign vessel or torpedo boat. Each, with equal positiveness, denied that at any time preceding or during the firing was a Japanese, British or any foreign vessel seen by them or by the accompanying fishing fleet. It was also stated that there were no Japanese among the crews and that none of the trawlers carried arms of any description. One of the skippers, replying to a question by the coroner, said that during the five weeks he was in the North Sea he had not seen any warships until that night.

This closed the evidence. Counsel for the treasury then made the suggestion with regard to the nature of the verdict to which the coroner agreed, and without delay it was returned, with an added expression of sympathy for the relatives and friends of the dead and injured and of appreciation of the calm and courageous manner in which the fishing fleet remained at its duties after this terrible experience.

Signaled Before Firing. Capt. Giffard added that the trawlers were distinctly lettered and carried fishing lights. The Russian squadron signalled each other and then two vessels fired on the Crane. He denied that the trawlers carried arms of any description and was positive that no Japanese vessels were among the fishing fleet.

A sensation was created by the appearance of James Nixon of the trawler Crane, who was brought to the hall from the hospital swathed in bandages. He testified that while looking at what he imagined to be a sham fight he was struck on the

head and became unconscious.

After further corroborative evidence, Reginald Acland, junior counsel to the Admiralty, addressed the jury on behalf of the treasury. Counsel suggested that a verdict be rendered according to the facts and not prejudicing the case before the international inquiry.

The coroner suggested that if he assented to Mr. Acland's suggestion the verdict should read that the men were killed by shots fired without warning and without provocation from certain vessels.

The jury returned a verdict as suggested. British Warships Watch Rejoystovnsky. London, Nov. 3.—Some of the morning papers consider the fact that Russia was not represented at the coroner's inquest at Hull yesterday as a virtual admission of her inability to controvert the fishermen's plain, unvarnished story of the North Sea affair.

It is announced from Gibraltar that the experimental land and sea mobilization is now concluded. According to a story published in The Chronicle, this alarming experiment was the outcome of new ideas which Admiral Sir John Fisher has taken to the Admiralty. His contention is that tests in time of peace are much less valuable than when "war is in the air." Accordingly, The Chronicle says, he seized upon the incidents of Tuesday as a psychological opportunity to test the nerves as well as the skill and efficiency of the forces.

It is reported that the Channel, Mediterranean and East India squadrons have received instructions to shadow Admiral Rojestovnsky's squadron throughout its progress. Admiral Rojestovnsky is expected to arrive at Tanager to-day.

A British man-of-war at Malta is busily coaling, preparing to watch the second Pacific squadron.

Three Officers to Paris.

Paris, Nov. 3.—Three officers of the Russian squadron, Capt. Calde and Lieuts. Otto and Ellis, who are the principal Russian witnesses in the North Sea incident, arrived here yesterday morning from Vigo and held a conference at the Russian Embassy. The report of the North Sea occurrence is being conveyed to St. Petersburg by Capt. Calde. The latter was on board the flagship Kniaz Souvaroff with Vice-Admiral Rojestovnsky, who entrusted Calde with the task of drafting the official account. After the conference the officers left for St. Petersburg. There continues to be an understanding in Russian diplomatic quarters that two reports will be sent separately, one from Hull and the other from St. Petersburg to The Hague for final hearing.

Negotiations Progress Satisfactorily.

London, Nov. 3.—The negotiations between the British and Russian Governments in regard to the international commission which is to investigate the North Sea incident are progressing apparently to the satisfaction of both sides. The Foreign Office stated to the Associated Press last evening that nothing yet had been definitely settled regarding the personnel, date or place.

BUFFALO BILL BATTLES.

Murderers of Bank Cashier Being Chased to Their Capture Or Their Death.

By Col. Cody.

Cody, Wyo., Nov. 3.—Several battles have been fought between the posses and the outlaws who attempted to rob the First National Bank at Cody Tuesday, and who murdered Cashier L. C. Middaugh. But the bandits are still at large, although their capture or death is but a matter of a few hours. At dawn yesterday the officers came upon the bandits in camp, on the Grey Bud River, 65 miles from the scene of Tuesday evening's battle. The robbers refused to surrender and put up a hard fight. The horse of one of the officers was killed and some of the men had narrow escapes. The robbers got away. The posse followed slowly because of the necessity of avoiding a possible ambush. The outlaws were again overtaken at Enos Creek, 20 miles from Meeteetse and 80 miles from Cody, and another fight occurred. One of the bandits was wounded in the thigh, but his companions hoisted him onto his horse, and after a running fight for four miles the outlaws again got away. A courier came into Meeteetse last night with the news that the bandits had been surrounded in a forest on Cottonwood Creek and that their capture was likely to occur at any time.

Col. Cody arrived at Cody last night with his Indian trailers, scouts and cowboys, accompanied by a large party of English noblemen and New York clubmen. Cody will take the trail of the outlaws at once, and guests have been invited to accompany him and some of the younger members of the party will accept.

An Unusual Charge.

Hamilton, Nov. 3.—Yesterday morning James Campbell, 398 West Jackson street, was summoned to police court on this unusual charge: "That through excessive drinking you waste and lessen your estate, endanger your health, and take away the peace and happiness of your family." Campbell did not appear, and the police magistrate said that his supply of drink would be cut off, as his Worship will issue an order threatening hotelkeepers with heavy penalties if they sell him liquor.

Why, shure, an' I hate to be lavin' ye, Dennis.

Ach, Nora, me darlin', I can't bear the siperation. Thint, if we centre part, let's go t'gether.

RUSSIANS ARE ANXIOUS

Not Much in the War Situation to Cheer Their Spirits.

Deadlock Around Shakh, and Decidedly Gloomy Reports From Port Arthur—Popular Russian Feeling Ascribes to Gen. Steessel "A Gallant Defence, Which Must Be Near the Limit of Human Endurance."

St. Petersburg, Nov. 3.—There is considerable anxiety here over the military situation. Little news has been received from Mukden, General Sakharoff's telegram of Nov. 1 merely indicating that matters were at a deadlock around Shakh. The Japanese have made some tentative moves on both flanks, which were checked; but there are no signs yet of a general advance by their army. Foreign reports from Port Arthur are decidedly gloomy. While the authorities continue to profess confidence in General Steessel's ability to hold out, the popular feeling is that the heroic garrison, which has already made a gallant defence, must be near the limit of human endurance.

Russian Cavalry Beaten.

Tokio, Nov. 3.—Manchurian headquarters, in a report dated Nov. 1, says:

"On the afternoon of Oct. 30, in front of the left detachment of the left army, a force of the enemy, consisting of a regiment of artillery, advanced from Litewentun, Hansantal, and then northward."

"Our detachment after the fight succeeded in repulsing the enemy."

"Our detachment sustained only a slight loss, while the enemy's cavalry lost heavily. Fifty of the Russians lost their horses. The Russian cavalry retreated in all directions and in disorder, leaving thirteen dead."

"The left column of the left army, on the night of October 30, seized and burned a village about four hundred yards northwest of Cheng-lienspo."

Japs Near Hun River.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 3.—General Sakharoff telegraphs under yesterday's date that last night was quiet, the Japanese, however, showing marked signs of recommencing the offensive against the Russian left wing. They have also reoccupied the Village of Sandiapu, near the Hun River, in front of the Russian right flank.

Little Change.

Gen. Oku's Headquarters, Nov. 1, 9 a.m., via Fusan, Nov. 3.—There is little change in the positions of the Japanese and Russian armies.

"On Sunday last detachments composed of Russian infantry and Don Cossacks attacked the Japanese cavalry on the extreme left along the Hun River, but were driven back, leaving twenty dead soldiers and thirty horses."

This is the first time that the Cossacks of the Don have taken part in the operations.

The Japanese line now follows the bank of the Shakh River, except on the extreme left, where it crosses the river.

Port Arthur Will Fall.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 3.—The official report from Tokio describing the desperate assaults on Port Arthur, beginning Oct. 26, have created visible depression at the War Office. The sustained character of the bombardment, with siege guns and the breaching of the walls by underground mines, but above all, the fact that the Japanese Government, after weeks of silence regarding the operations of the besiegers, has given out these reports before actual success has crowned their efforts, convinces the military authorities that after long preparation Gen. Nogi is not only making a supreme effort to carry the fortress, but feels confident of success.

They believe the assault was timed for the announcement of the fall of the fortress to be made upon the birthday of the Mikado to-day, which, by a strange coincidence, is the tenth anniversary of the succession of Emperor Nicholas, and a great Russian holiday. To-day, therefore, is expected to be marked by fate for a day of rejoicing either for Japan or Russia, according as the present assault succeeds or fails.

Struggle Since Aug. 1.

Tokio, Nov. 3.—The official reports of the Port Arthur operations since Aug. 1, form a recital of almost continuous fighting of a desperate nature. The Russians first struggled desperately to block every Japanese advance, and then met the concentrated artillery fire of the Japanese with its kind. Latterly, since the Japanese began running parallels and transverse and extending mines, the Russians have been constantly making sorties. They rushed into the Japanese trenches and engaged in ferocious struggles with the engineers and pioneers. With desperate courage the Japanese continued to close in upon the fortress, progressing stage by stage. The Japanese infantry never failed to respond when asked to make an assault on almost impossible positions, and when the troops gained a foothold they generally held it with unflinching determination.

Oct. 12 and 13 Japanese shells set fire to the Peresviet, apparently disabling her. They also set fire to another warship, name unknown.

Oct. 16, the Japanese centre, taking advantage of a bombardment, stormed and captured a fort in the centre of Rihlung Mountain, after a Continued on 8th Page.



Our Annual Doll Sale is on This Week

Get ready for Christmas. We will lay away any doll on which we receive a deposit, and keep it for you until Christmas Eve.

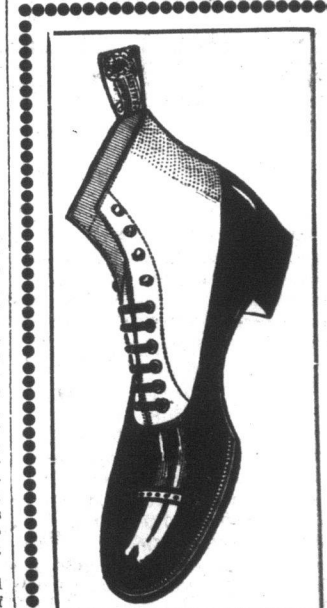
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\$20.00 Wood's Dinner Sets, 97 pcs., \$15.00
\$10.00 Wood's Dinner Sets, new sets, new goods, \$8.00.
\$15.00 Ridgeway Dinner Sets, 97 pcs., \$13.00. These Sets have just been placed in stock to-day.
\$2.50 Toilet Sets for \$2.00. 36 New Sets just arrived, in colors Blue, Pink, Green, full size sets, 10 pcs.
\$6.50 Tea Sets, English China, Blue or Green, with gold trimmings, \$5.00 to Per Cent. Off all Our New Lamps. They are all new, too. No left overs last year.

to Per Cent. Off all Fancy China and Vases. This includes our new Christmas Goods which have been coming in lately.

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