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Hooker, the Alleged Banker of Shercliffe, Tells Where Money Ct \_ rom. SAYS DENNISON FURNISHE

Was Compelled to | = NO MONEY TELEGRAPHED

Two Witnesses Tell of Conv. on Held with Shercliffe. FORMER CONVICT WAS AFTER MONEY

Proposed to Work Moise, Dennison or Any Other Who Could Be Induced to Put it Up.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) RED OAK, Ia., May 29.-(Special Telegram.)-The defense in the Dennison case today undertook to controvert much of the evidence introduced by the prosecution and to establish the existence of a conspiracy

to railroad Tom Dennison out of Omaha

politics into the lows penitentiary. The evidence of M. E. Hooker, the alleged banker of Shercliffe, was that Hooker and not De inison paid the expenses of the the tide -irned agriest her. Shercliffe trial, that the money paid out Hooker and that Dennison had undertaken with all sails set. to look efter Shercliffe and his money at the request of Hooker, whose wife was ill. Lizard lighthouse at 9:15 p. m., when a His verbal testimony was substantiated by his account book, by a receipt from Dena card which he had given to Attorney Lloyds' signal station and fog horns Cochran at the time he employed Cochran to defend Shercliffe.

Attorney Beeson of the presecution tried in vain to shake the witness, but not once did he falter or show nervousness. During the time he was on the stand the audience frequently expressed its approval of him by applauding.

His story of the account book was substantiated by Ed Doyle, a druggist of Logan, who testified that he sold it to him and who swore that he had transferred the account from one book to the other. The new book, Hooker testified, was given to Dennison with Shercliffe's knowledge and consent and the original he (Hooker) retained.

#### No Money to Seattle,

W. W. Umsted, who had been summoned by the state, was turned down by the attorneys for the prosecution upon his arrival here but was at once gobbled onto by the defense. Mr. Umsted brought with him the records of his office for the year when it was alleged Dennison had sent \$1,000 to Seattle for bond for Shercliffe. The witness swore and substantiated with the records that Dennison had not sent the money to Seattle and that during the months mentioned the largest order so'd was for \$300.

J. M. Davis, a Logan newspaper men. and J. J. Wetmore, a private detective, touched on the conspiracy charge. Davis swore that Shercliffe had told him that he Metropolitan Traction system, \$6,025,184; was fighting Dennison so bitterly because Brooklyn Rapid Transit company, \$2,222,656; if Dennison was convicted he (Shercliffe), would be paid a large roll of money by

Wetmore attempted to tell of the conversation he had with Joe Sherry and Shercliffe in a room at a Logan hotel but ob ections to this were sustained. He said Shercliffe had told him he wanted money and that the Civic Federation of Omaha had been feeding him on promises long enough. He was endeavoring to get Wetmore to go into a deal to work Moise or Dennison or both, so the witness said. At the request of both the defense and

the prosecution there will be no court tomorrow. The jury in charge of an officer was granted permission to attend Memorial services.

## Routine Proceedings.

Owing to the fact that two cars of a freight train became derailed a few miles from Red Oak the passenger train out of Omaha was delayed and did not reach here until 19:30, consequently court did not convene until almost 11 o'clock.

The defense placed Ed Doyle, a druggist identified the Hooker expense book in which it is alleged the account between Hooker and Shercliffe was kept showing that Shercliffe had deposited money with Hooker to be used in his defense. Doyle testified that Hooker came to the store in which he was employed and bought one of the account books and at Hooker's request he copied the items from the other one into the new book. He identified the writing as his own. Later he said he had taken some cigars to the jail for Shercliffe and while there Hooker had submitted the account to Shercliffe and he had said the items were correct. He testified that Hooker told Shercliffe that he was going to turn the business over to Dennison and that Shercliffe said that was all

The cross-examination failed to shake his testimony. The witness said he did not remember of seeing Dennison in Logan at that time, though he might have done so, and in answer to a question said he might have taken Dennison to the Wood's bank and introduced him to the cashier. but he did not recall it if he did.

## No Money by Telegram.

W. W. Umsted, manager of the Western Union Telegra in company at Omaha, had been summoned by the prosecution, but upon his arrival here the state did not call him and the defense did. Mr. Umsted brought with him the records of his office ruary the largest amount of money sent out by his office was \$200; during March no money, and during April the largest

"Did Dennison send out of your office

"Not in excess of \$300," was the answer, "but I have no record of the parties sending the money. No person, however, sent more than \$300."

C. O. Fuller, manager of the Postal Tel-agraph company, testified that he could find San C. O. Fuller, manager of the Postal Telno records which would show that such an amount had been sent out of his office. Sam Sonnenberg was called shortly be- ard the 28th. fore noon, but during his cross-examination he suddenly became ill and dropped forward in his chair. The jury was dismissed and he was restored and court ad-

Sonnenberg testified that Dennison, Patsy Grant and Charles O'Connor were in the Sonnenberg store on the day of the Pollock robbery, November 4, but that his father was absent attending a funeral when Hamburg. the diamond trade occurred between Grant and Pollock. He swore that it was a com-

mon custom for jewelry salesmen to carry (Continued on Second Page-)

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour, Deg. Hour. 5 s. m..... 61 1 p. 1 Hour. 1 p. m..... 72 2 p. m..... 74 6 a. m..... 60 4 p. m..... 72 5 p. m..... 71 S a. m ..... 66 6 p. m .... 70 10 a. m..... 66 Acted as Disbursing Agent & 1 Hooker 7 p. m..... 65 8 p. m..... 62 11 a. m ..... 68 12 m..... 71

#### SEATTLE ATLANTIC WINS KAISER'S CUP Captain Barr's Ship Reaches The Lizard with No Competitors

in Sight.

THE LIZARD, May 20 - The Atlantic inished at 9:15 p. m. The Atlantic passed Wolf Rock with every stitch of sail set Her spinnaker was rigged to starboard and her ensign was at the peak. Shortly afterward the wind dropped and the spinnaker was taken in. Captain Barr was halled by the correspondent's boat. He said the Atlantic had made an average speed of ter and one-half knots since leaving Sandy Hook. As the Atlantic keeled her hulshowed rust, but there was no sign of seaweed.

The Atlantic was flying the internaional code letters "K. S. R. B." The wind continued to lighten and the

yacht was unable to finish before darkness set in Shortly before the Atlantic rencaed the mark the wind fell almost to a calm and

Crowse of people lined the cliffs watching had been deposited by Sheronffe with the yacht endeavoring to make the mark

The Atlantic passed the line south of the gun was fired from the German cruiser Pfell, the stake boat, which arrived early nison to him for Shercliffe's mone; and by in the evening, rockets being sent up from blown at the lighthouse

The Atlantic proceeded for Cowles by way of Southampton, intent on beating the

4:40 a. m.—None of the competitors of the American yacht Atlantic has yet been sighted.

### PRESIDENT'S LAW IS UPHELD New York Corporation Law is Decided Valid by Federal Su-

preme Court.

WASHINGTON, May 29 .- The New York special franchise tax cases were decided oday by the supreme court of the United States adversely to the corporations by which they were brought to the court. The act was advocated by President Roosevelt when governor.

The decision was handed down by Justice Brewer, and it held the law under which the tax was levied to be valid. NEW YORK, May 29.-Unpaid taxes imounting to almost \$18,000,000 in the

Greater New York, are made payable by he decision of the supreme court of the United States, upholding the state tax on corporation franchises. Among the companies affected and the sums due from them under the law are the following: The Manhattan Elevated Railroad company, \$4,221,-Brooklyn Union Gas company, \$931,368 and the New York & Hariem Railroad company.

### ACTRESS PLEADS FOR SMEDES Nebraska Girl Would Have Man Who Shot Her Given His

Liberty. PHILADELPHIA, May 29.-Bessie Helen Davis, the chorus girl who was shot by Edward Smedes, a member of the same theatrical company, today appeared at the Members of the school board were pres police station to plead for her assailant's liberty. The girl, who had been in a stitution last night and with her mother,

who came from her home in Hebron, Neb., went to her boarding house. Several days ago the chorus girl wrote a letter from the hospital to Captain of Detectives Donaghy begging him to assist her in securing Smedes' freedom. She said she intended to withdraw all charges presented with a handsome cluster of white formerly of Logan, on the stand. Doyle against her sweetheart because, she said,

"he did not mean to hurt me." Smedes was arraigned before a magistrate charged with murderous assault.

## MAYOR WEAVER IS SUPREME

"Organisation" Decides Not to Oppose His Nominees to Fill Enforced

PHILADELPHIA, May 28-Israel W. Durham, "organization" leader, late this afternoon issued the following statement: I have advised my friends not to oppose the confirmation of Colonel Sheldon Pot-ter as director of public satety, or A. Lin-coln Acker as director of public works if their names are presented to select council.

This move foreshadows the withdrawal of the opposition of Durham and assoclates to the mayor for the present at Mayor Weaver today received the fol-

lowing telegram from Governor Folk of Missouri: Keep up the fight. The cost will some-times seem hard and the way dark, but remember no matter how mighty the forces of corruption may be you have behind you the strongest machine in the world—the hearts and consciences of the people of America.

## Green Case Goes Over.

WASHINGTON. May 29.-In the three cases of George E. Green, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government, the for the months of February, March and supreme court of the United States today April, 1838. He testified that during Feb- postponed consideration of the motion to dismiss until the hearing of the cases on their merits, and set the hearing for the first Tuesday of the next term. indicted in the District of Columbia with George W. Beavers, in conection with the money during those months?" was asked of sale of supplies to the postoffice department and has sought to evade removal to this city by habeas corpus.

Movements of Ocean Vessels May 29. New York-Arrived: Statendam Rotterdam; Zeeland from Antwerp. Hamburg-Arrived: Saxonia from Francisco; Tacoma from San Fran-

Glasgow-Arrived: Columbia New York Laurentia from Philadelphia. At Napies-Arrived: Citta Di Napoli from New York, Sailed: Gallia and New York. n-Arrived:

Grosser Kurfurt rom New York.
At Dover-Arrived: Vaderland from
New York.
At London-Arrived: Minnehaha from Boulogne-Sailed: Rhaetia from

Genos-Arrived: Canopia from Bos-via Pinta Delgada, Gibraitar and At Ger At Gibraltar-Arrived: Koenigin Luise from New York.

g-Salled:

Grand Army Ably Assisted in Program of Commemoration.

MONDAY VETERANS SPEAK AT SCHOOLS

General Manderson Compares Russia's Luck of Preparation to that of North at Outbreak of

Civil War.

## Memorial Day Events.

Decoration of graves at various com-eteries under auspices of Grand Army of the Republic, attended by the usual exercises.
Firage terminating at Hanscom park

for public ceremonies.

Bonemian societies' memorial.

Base bail at Vinton and Jetter's parks amateurs. Base bail and golf at Field and Coun-

soya's theater, Ferris Stock company, Krug theater, Melbourne McDowell; matines.
Gentry Bros. Famous Shows.
Usual demonstrations at the various parks and pleasure resorts.

"The reason that Togo is winning on th eas today and that Oyama is driving the Russians to the north is because the Japanese nation was prepared for conflict and the Russian nation, resting secure in its great wealth, was unprepared and entered this war with its hands tied by reason of his unpreparedness."

Thus spoke General Charles F. Manderson in addressing the pupils and teachers of the Omaha High school at the First Methodist church Monday afternoon.

"This was one of the main reasons o the prolongation of the great civil war which tore this country from border to border, and this was the reason there was a battle of Bull Run. The south had kept to a custom to a certain degree of maintaining town militia and had maintained the military spirit, while the north had not. The military days had passed away and when the signal came from Fort Sumter the south was ready and the north was not. These men had to be made into soldiers by the stress of battle.

Battle Flag of His Regiment. "For the first time in years I have

brought into public my most prized possession, the battle flag of my old regiment enlisted as a volunteer in April, 1861, and remained with those who did not pass to the great beyond until the last rebel and surrendered. It was given by the women of Canton, O., the home of William McKinley, who was dear to me and to you all, it had its baptism in blood at Shiloh and today, as I brought it out on my porch, there passed a comrade on his way to address some school children. It was Jonathan Edwards. I said: 'Edwards, here is the flag that your brother, Major Edwards, was fighting under when he met his death and it may be an inspira tion to you to see this old flag."

"Why was it this flag was carried? Why was it men left home to fight and to endure the fatigue of war and to face the bullets? You all know the story. There were two different schools in which men were taught. We appreciate better now than ever before that slavery was the not and honestly believed what was taught. am not one of those who have words o ondemnation for those who are taught in different school. They were misinformed. They realize now that the success of the edereal cause was the best for all and the best that could have happened to them. The great west would not have been peo by men of such virile strength and force had the cause not gone as it did.

At Other Schools. Two hundred pupils were assembled as Dundee school to listen to the patriotic address by Chaplain B. F. Diffenbacher. the principal speaker of the afternoon ent and made short addresses. Chaplain Diffenbacher's address treated largely upon hospital since the shooting, left the in- his personal experiences and the lessons of patriotism taught by the war, which

the living participants were still endeavoring to implant in the hearts and minds of this later generation, in order that they might know the price of liberty and the cost of peace. Upon the conclusion of his address, Chaplain Diffenbacher was roses, in appreciation of his visit to the

school. The exercises at Pacific school, under the direction of the principal, Miss Mac Carty, were beautiful and impressive. The children, nearly 400 in number, were assembled in the main hallway on the first floor, and many of them were provided with flags. The exercises opened with patriotic songs, in which all the children toined, and were followed with varied recitative exercises, in which adulation of the flag and loyalty to the country were the expressed feature. S. S. Peters was the Grand Army of the Republic speaker. His address was a narrative of the early opening of the war, the causes which led to it, and the participation that the school

Palmer and Edwards, Captain Henry E. Palmer was the principal speaker at the Park school, where the exercises were of particular interest. His address was along patriotic lines, in termingled with short stories of his own personal experiences on the battlefield that were listened to with the closest attention. The school exercises were specially appropriate to the occasion and consisted of

children of the early war days had in that

musical and literary exercises, with recitations from various American poets of a patriotic character. A group of little girls dressed in the costumes of long ago, represented the scene of the making of the first American fing. Captain Palmer spoke also at St. Catherine's academy, where the exercises were replete with patriotic sentiment Jonathan Edwards was the speaker at

Columbian school, where very interesting exercises were held. In brief the responses of the veterans to speak at the public and parochial schools were more general this year than for many years and in each instance the veterans were received with every evidence of loyal weicome and regard, making the occasion one that will be iong and pleasingly remembered by them.

## EVENTS THAT TRANSPIRE TODAY

Veterans, Their Wives, Sons and Daughters Will Celebrate. Memorial day will be observed in various

honor the nation's dead. The Grand Army of the Republic has ara ranged a program which includes decoration of the graves, firing of saiute and a the unknown soldiers' graves at the cemeteries. The Thirtieth infantry band will turnish the music.

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# NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST MEMORIAL DAY IN OMAHA SEA POWER OF RUSSIA IS DESTROYED---ONLY REMNANT OF BALTIC FLEET ESCAPES

President Roosevelt Ready to Offer Mediation Looking to Peace.

RECEIVES TAKAHIRA AT WHITE HOUSE

Chief Executive Has Extended Conference with Japanese Ambassador.

WASHINGTON GETS NEWS PROMPTLY

Diplomatic and Consular Officials Instructed

to Keep the Government Informed.

Csar's Representative Believes Talk of Peace is Premature.

MAY CONTINUE FOR YEARS WAR mbassador Says Japan Must Have a Taste of Defeat-Togo's Loss is Probably Greater Than Re-

ported from Tokio.

WASHINGTON, May 29.-Quick to realize the far-reaching effect of Admiral Rojestvensky's disastrous defeat in the Corean straits and in keeping with his promise announced a long time ago to do all in his power to bring the belligerents in the far east to direct negotiations at the proper time, President Roosevelt tonight received by special appointment Mr Takahira, the Japanese minister, and a conference followed for the greater part of the evening. Mr. Takahira called at the White House shortly after 9 o'clock this evening and was immediately received Earlier in the day the minister had called and left for the president the report of the battle later given out at the legation.

Ambassadors Discuss Situation, Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador, will lunch with the president Wednesday, when the whole situation will be thoroughly discussed. Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, said tonight that he expected to see the president before the week is over and Baron Sternberg, the German ambassador, who was early at the Russian embassy today, where he remained for some time in conference with the ambassador, is constantly in touch with the president through his intimate acquaintance with Mr. Roosevelt. The German ambassador is observing a discrete silence, but is thoroughly posted on both the Russian and Japanese point of view as represented here and stands ready to give the predient all assistance fundamental cause of this conflict. The possible. The result of the conference at south had been taught that a state had the White House tonight could not be the right to secede and the north taught obtained at a late hour, but it is understood the minister assured the president that he had received official advioverwhelming character of the Japanese

The promptness with which Washington has been able to furnish the world with the first news of the great battle is due primarily to the intimation conveyed to he American diplomatic, consular and naval officers abroad that the president desired prompt and full details of the impending naval battle at the earliest pos-

tible moment. The conference of Mr. Takahira at the White House tonight was not generally known here. At the interested embassies and legations during the evening the opin ion was firmly expressed that Presiden Roosevelt would undoubtedly lead the neutral nations in the effort to bring about peace. In tonight's conference it is though that the president's first object was to as certain on what basis Japan can discushe question of peace.

#### Cassini Says War Must Go On. At the Russian embassy tonight, Count

Cassini, while naturally greatly depressed at the loss of life, expressed belief that when fuller details came in it would be found that Admiral Rojestvensky had saved a part of his squadron and that his passage f the straits had been accomplished not without inflicting great damage on the op-

posing fleet "The talk of peace is premature," the amassador declared. "If the victory be as stupendous an the Japanese would have the world believe, the neutral powers can scarcely wish for Japan to be allowed to remain without a taste of defeat. Much as should welcome an end of the war, for some reasons, my belief is that the effect of Rojestvensy's defeat will be the indefinite prolongation of the war. Russia must fight on, perhaps for years, but until the tables are turned."

At the Japanese legation Minister Taka hira had earlier in the day expressed his keen satisfaction at the victory of Togo. "I cannot discuss the effects of this bat tle," he said, "until the final reports are received; until we know Rojestvensky's fate Ask Russia, not Japan, if the hour of peace has arrived. Our fleet is still pursuing the enemy. It is to Russia not to Japan that the initiative toward peace is to be looked for."

On returning to the legation from the White House, Minister Takahira declined to discuss in any particular his conference with the president. Regarding the possible effect of the outcome of the battle on peace negotiations, the minister said; "After this sweeping victory Russia alone

can be held responsible for a prolongation of the war." EFFECT OF FIGHT ON THE MARKETS

#### Belief it Will Bring Peace Causes Strength.

NEW YORK, May 20 .- Stocks had buoyant opening today in sympathetic response to the London market. The Russian naval feat was interpreted there as making for early peace. Three classes of Japanese government issues are dealt in on the New York Stock exchange. Bankers certificates for the 414 per cent bonds opened 4% higher than Saturday and then reacted 1% on realizing. Certificates for the 6s second series rose 3% and the first series ways in Omaha today and many plans of 6s 1%. Leading international stocks and have been prepared for ceremonies to industrials opened 1 to 2 points higher than Saturday. The demand proved dull at these advances and part of the gains were lost during the last hour.

LONDON, May 28.-Operators on parade. A program will be carried out at Stock exchange were cheerful over the far eastern news, hoping that the battle might prove decisive and lead to peace. Consois went up 5-16 and Japanese bonds rose from Owing to the rain Sunday the Bohemian 2 to 34 points. In Russians no business was lowing bands. Plans are afoot for an transacted. Nominally prices were unchanged. Americans were 1 to 15 points tory,

## LATEST NEWS OF THE BIG SEA FIGHT

#### BULLETIN.

TOKIO, May 29.—9 p. m.—The number of Russian vessels of all descriptions sunk and captured by Admiral Togo's fleet now stands at nineteen. It is possible that three additional warships were sunk in the fight Saturday and others later.

The Navy department refrains, however, from crediting reports of this nature until it is assured of their correctness. It is believed the Ural is the name of the captured transport which INTERVIEW WITH COUNT CASSINI has been omitted in the list previously cabled.

## BULLETIN.

TOKIO, May 29.-5:30 p. m.-The personal fate of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky is not known. There is some belief that he possibly perished.

#### BULLETIN.

TOKIO, May 29 .- (2:50 p. m.)-In the battle fought Saturday in the Straits of Corea the Russian battleships Borodino and Imperial Alexander III, the armored cruisers Admiral Nakhimoff. Dmitri Donskoi and Vladimir Monomakh, the coast defense ironclad Admiral Oushakoff, the protected cruisers Svietlana and Jemchug, the repair ship Kamchatka and the cruiser Iretessim

The battleships Orel and Nikolai I and the coast defense ironclads Admiral Seniavin and General-Admiral Apraxine were captured.

### BULLETIN.

TOKIO, May 29.-(3 p. m.)-Rear Admiral Nebogatoff (former commander of the fourth division of the Pacific fleet, and recently ing at least four ships and inflicting commander of the information squadron, composed of scouts and merchantmen) with 3,000 other Russians, is among the prisoners captured by the Japanese. Vice Admiral Rojestvensky appears to have escaped.

The battle began Saturday morning and the Japanese are still in pursuit of the Russians.

### BULLETIN.

LONDON, May 29 .- A despatch to the London Evening News from Tokio says eight captains of Russian warships were drowned sets surrendered. No damage to our ships. during the naval battle of Saturday in the straits of Corea.

## BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, May 29 .- According to advices received by Rear Admiral Nebogatoff and about 2,000 the Navy department from Tokio the Japanese, in addition to the ships already named, captured the Russian battleship Sissoi Veliky, and the Russian flagship was seriously damaged.

orices higher. The failure was announced of the Sconomic bank on Bishopsgate street, a mall concern of no importance whatever PARIS, May 29.-The Associated Press lispatch from Tokio today officially anouncing the Japanese naval success, un expectedly produced a firmness on the Bourse here, owing to the belief that it

oreshadows peace. BERLIN, May 29.-Prices on the Boers oday generally, were somewhat higher, owing to London advices and hopes of peace in the far east. Russians were 4-10 per cent lower.

Although the tone on the Boerse was affected favorably by peace hopes, following the lead of London and official news f the Associated Press from Tokio of Togo's victory, caused a spontaneous mo nentarily suspension of trading. Then cusiness became more active and prices generally were higher. Russian 4s fell four-tenth of a point to 87.60 and then gained one-tenth. Russian funds were held with extreme tenacity, mostly by investors who are determined to hold onto them until they rise when the war is over. The Russian government bankers are also always

## watchful in order to prevent a tumble.

Togo Makes Flank Attack. LONDON, May 30 .- According to the cor espondent of the Daily Mail at Scoul, lorea, early on Saturday Vice Admiral Togo, with practically all the powerful fighting ships of the Japanese navy, was at Masampho, Corea, when wireless signals from his scouts between Tsu and Quelpart islands announced the approach of the Rus-

sian fleet in full force. A few hours later the scouts reported that the Russians were not ascending the western channel, as had been anticipated, but hat they were coming up the eastern chan nel, which caused some surprise.

Admiral Togo immediately started at full speed round the north of Tsu Island, and when he doubled the island he saw the Russians coming in two columns. He then brought a terrific fire to bear upon the flank of the port column and as the Russians fell into disorder he forced them steadily eastward towards the Japanese coast, where they were attacked by every vessel that flew the Japanese flag Repeated torpedo attacks were delivered,

some of them with great success. The vessels which escaped, the correspondent says, will probably be able to reach Vladivostock, and he adds that other operations of the utmost importance are proceeding.

Shanghai Reports Japanese Losses ST. PETERSBURG. May 29.-The St. Petersburg Telegraph agency has received

the following from Shanghai "News has been received here that seven Japanese ships, two of which were armored, and four Russian ships have been sunk. It is confidently believed here that the Japanese are awaiting the publication of Vice Almiral Rojestvensky's official dispatches from Vladivortok before admitting the extent of their own losses."

## Rejoicing in Tokio.

TOKIO, May 29.-9:15 p. m.-Tokio cele brates Japan's great naval victory tonight. The main thoroughfares, streets and leading government buildings of the capital are thronged with joyous, cheering crowds. Impromptu processions move in various directions. The paraders carried lanterns and went singing through the streets folorganized formal celebration of Togo's vic-

## over parity. Orders from Paris forced the WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW

OPPOSING COMMANDERS. JAPAN. Admiral-M. Togo, commander-in-chief. Rear Admirai-T. Nashiha, first fleet. Vice Admiral-H. Kamimura, second fleet Rear Admiral-S. Dewa, third squadron. Rear Admiral-S. Uriu, fourth squadron.

RUSSIA Vice Admiral-S. P. Rojestvensky, com mander-in-chief. Vice Admiral-Enquist, first fleet.

Rear Admiral-Von Voelkersen, second ficet. Rear Admiral-Nebagotoff, commanding

## information division. TOGO'S FLEET. BATTLESHIPS. Heavy Guns. 12-in., 14 6-in. 12-in., 10 6-in. 12-in., 14 6-in. 12-in., 14 6-in. 12-in., 4 8-in. Crew COAST DEFENSE VESSEL 4 9.4-In., 4 6-in..... ARMORED CRUISERS.

wate. PROTECTED CRUISERS S.R.BR.g.1 Hashidate ... 12.6-in., 12 4.7-in.... tsukushima... 12.6-In ... Takshiho ... 10.2-in., 6 5.9-in. 6-in. 6 4.7-in. CRUISERS. 2 6-in., 6 4.7-in... 2 6-in., 6 4.7-in... 10 4.7-in... 2 6-in., 6 4.7-in...

Destroyers—Twenty (some destroyers built in Japan may have been completed by this time.)
Torpedo Bosts-Twelve large, fifty-five smail. mail.

Submarines—Thirteen.

Auxiliary Cruisers—Exact number in comnission is not known, but before the war
he steamers on the list of auxiliaries numbered thirty-eight. The Japanese fleet, ar
shown by the experience of the 1904
campaign, was amn' provided with fleet
uttendants such as tank vessels remained. on by the experience of the 1804 paign, was amy provided with flee adants, such as tank vessels, repairing

vessels, hospital ships, etc. ROJESTVENSKY'S FLEET. BATTLESHIPS. Heavy Guns ivaroff. Alexan 12-in., 13 6-in.... 4 12-in., 12 6-in.... avarin mperator Ni kolat I 2 12-in., 4 9-in., 8 6-in.,604 COAST DEFENSE SHIPS. ... 3 10-in., 4 6-in., Apraxine. iral Ousha-

### ARMORED CRUISERS. Adm. Nakhime#8 8-in., 10 6-in... Dmitri Donskoi. 6 6-in., 10 4.7-in. ir Mono-5 8-in. 12 6-in PROTECTED CRUISERS. Aurora..... Almaz.. Destroyers-Thirteen Cruisers—Six Fleet—Five.

Commander of Fourth Russian Division Falls Into Hands of Enemy.

RUMOR THAT ROJESTVENSKY IS DEAD

Belief at Tokio that the Vice Admiral is Among the Slain.

EIGHT RUSSIAN CAPTAINS ARE DROWNED

Two Battleships, Five Cruisers, One Defense Vessel and Five Others Sunk.

SIX WARSHIPS ARE CAPTURED BY TOGO

Among These Are Two Battleships and

JAPANESE LOSS IS SAID TO BE SLIGHT

Two Coast Defense Vessels.

Togo Says Fleet Was Unburt, While Another Report Gives Three Cruisers and Twelve Torpedo Bonts Lost.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 29.-The folowing official report from Tokio was received at the Japanese legation today:

TOKIO, May 20.-Reports received from Admiral Togo at the Japanese headquarters. First report received on morning of May 27. Immediately on the receipt of the report that the Russian squadron was in sight our combined squadron started for an attack. Weather is fine.

Second report received on night of May 27. Combined squadron attacked Russian squadron today near Okinoshima (southeast of Tsushima) and defeated it, sinkheavy damage on others. Damage to our ships is insignificant. Our destroyer and torpedo flotillas delivered attack after sun-

The report received Monday, May 29: Main force of our combined squadron continues pursuit since the 27th and attacked on 28th near Liancourt rocks (northeast of Okinoshima) squadron consisting of Imperator Nikolai I (battleship); Orel (battleship); Seniavin, Apraxine and Izumrud. Izumrud fied, while remaining four ves-According to statements of prisoners, vessels sunk in engagement May 27 were Borodino (battleship); Alexander III (battleship); Jemchug and three other ships, other Russians were taken prisoners. The following are damages suffered by the enemy in addition to those given above

since commencement of battle, as re Commanders not under immediate command of Togo and by observation stations: Sunk Admiral Nakhinroff, Dmitri Donskoi, Svietlana, Admiral Oushakoff, Kamtschatka, Irkusth and three destroyers. Captured Viadimir Monomach; foundered after cap-

ture. One special service ship, whole name

unknown, and one destroyer captured. Russian losses definitely known so far may be classified as follows: Two battleships, one coast defense ship, five cruisers, two special ships and three destroyers were sunk; two battleships, two coast defense ships, one special service ship and one destroyer were captured. It is not yet clear whether three vessels, as stated by prisoners to have been sunk, are included or not in above list. There are more than 1,000 prisoners besides 2,000 taken by main force of combined squad-

The naval engagement is still in progress. so that it will take some time before the

## final results can be known.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 30 .- (1:55 a. m.)-After waiting vainly all day and evening for direct news from the scattered remnants of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's destroyed and beaten fleet, the Russian admiralty at midnight no longer attempted to hold out against the overwhelming evidence pouring in from all directions that the fleet on which all their hopes were centered had suffered a greater disaster than did the combined French and Span-

ish fleets at Trafalgar. More bitter even than defeat is the Japanese claim of the virtual annihilation of the Russian fleet, with practically no loss on their side and many officers cling doggedly to the belief that Vice Admiral Togo must have suffered heavily. With every ship of Rear Adimiral Nebagatoff's reinforcing division, either sent to the bottom or forced to strike its flag, and only six of Rojestvensky's original sixteen fighting ships absent from the list of the vessels sunk or captured, and with the Japanese pursuit still continuing no naval authority has the termerity to dream that Russia can again attempt to wrest the mastery of the sea from Japan in the present war.

The captured warships alone will furnish Japan with ready-made reinforcements. which will be more than a match for the fourth Pacific squadron now about to sail from Cronstadt.

## Emperor is Prostrated.

The emperor was completely prostrated by the news and, according to he broke down and wept. The effect of the disaster will be a terrible blow to the government. The futility of trying to stagger on on land is everywhere recognized and the cry for "Peace at any price is sure to be raised. This time, it is be lieved, the government cannot resist such a cry, Indeed, the radical liberals are openly rejoicing in this hour of their country's humiliation. They declare that the disaster means peace and a constitution and that the deaths of thousands of their fellow countrymen and the loss of over \$100,000,000 worth of warships is not

too big a price to pay. The friends of peace in the government are already reproaching the war party with forcing the issue between Togo and Rojestvensky When the fleet appeared in the straits of Malacca they tried in vain to persuade the emperor that the time was opportune for the opening of peace