

# JAPS WIN SEA FIGHT

**TOGO REPORTS RUSSIANS LOST TWENTY-TWO SHIPS.**

**Seventeen, Including Flagship, Are Sunk, and Five Forced to Surrender—Official Japanese Report of Latest Details of Sea Fight.**

Washington, May 31.—The Japanese legation gave out the following cablegram from Tokio:

"Fifth report from Togo received on the afternoon of May 30: The main force of our combined fleet upon accepting the surrender of the remaining Russian main force, near Liancourt rocks, in the afternoon of May 28, as already reported, stopped pursuit and while engaged in the disposition of surrendered ships, found in a southwestern direction the Admiral Oushakoff, a coast defense ship. Thereupon Iwate and Yakumo were immediately dispatched in pursuit and invited her to surrender, but she refused, and was sunk at 6 p. m. Her crew of over 300 men were rescued. The cruiser Dmitri Donskoi was also



SCENE OF NAVAL BATTLE.

found in the northwestern direction at 5 p. m. and was immediately overtaken and fired on vigorously by our fourth division and second destroyer flotilla. She was attacked that night by the second destroyer flotilla and the next morning was found aground on the southern shore of Urelung island, off the Korean coast. Our destroyer Sazanami captured toward the evening of May 27, in the south of Urelung island, the Russian destroyer Bledovy, wherein were found Admiral Rojestvensky and another admiral, both severely wounded, together with eighty Russians, including staff officers from the flagship Kniaz Souvaroff, which was sunk at 5:29 p. m. on May 27. They were all taken prisoners. Our cruiser Chitose, while cruising to the northward on the morning of May 28, found and sunk another Russian destroyer. Our cruiser Nitaka and destroyer Murakamo attacked also at noon on May 28 a Russian destroyer, which finally went aground.

"Almaz on May 27 was observed in a disabled and sinking condition, but her final fate is yet unknown. The full particulars regarding the injury to our ships are not yet in hand, but so far as I could ascertain none were seriously injured, all being still engaged in operations. The whole casualties are not yet ascertained. Casualties of the first division are little over 400. Prince Yorhito is in excellent health. Admiral Misu slightly wounded May 27.

"Official statement of Russian losses so far as ascertained: Following six battleships sunk, Kniaz Souvaroff, Emperor Alexander III, Borodino, Osslyabia, Sissoi Veliky and Navarin. Following five cruisers sunk, Admiral Nakhimoff, Dmitri Donskoi, Vladimir Monomakh, Svetlana and Zemtchug. Coast defense ship, Admiral Oushakoff sunk. Two special service ships, Kamchatka and three destroyers also sunk. Two battleships, Orel and Emperor Nicholas I, two coast defense ships General Admiral Apraxine and Admiral Senilavine and one destroyer, Bledovy, captured. Thus Russians lost altogether twenty-two ships, the aggregate tonnage whereof amounting to 153,411 tons, beside cruiser Almaz suspected to have sunk."

## FLAGSHIP SINKS DURING FIGHT

**One Russian Cruiser and One Destroyer Reach Vladivostok.**

Vladivostok, May 31.—Two ships alone of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's powerful flotilla, the swift cruiser Almaz and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozny, lie at anchor here in the curving harbor of Golden Horn, they having separated from the fleet in the early stage of the battle, which began in the Korean straits Saturday, and headed, in obedience to orders, with full speed to Vladivostok. No other vessel of the Baltic fleet has yet arrived and the signal stations reported none in sight. Officers of the Almaz and Grozny say that both fleets had

already sustained terrible losses when the Almaz and Grozny broke through the hostile line. Of the Japanese fleet, two battleships had gone down before their eyes and two cruisers, their sterns high out of the water, seemed ready to plunge foremost to the bottom of the sea.

The Almaz bears scars of the battle. Her mizzen mast is shot away and one of her smoke stacks is pierced by a cannon shot, but the Grozny, though engaged for several hours in a running fight at short range with a large Japanese destroyer, shows no signs of the fray. After her commander, Captain Andrieffski, had been wounded and an officer and three men had been killed, the Grozny succeeded in sinking her opponent with a lucky placed shot and reached Vladivostok without further adventure.

According to the officers of the Almaz the fleet under Rojestvensky met the Japanese in the straits of Korea, near Tsu island, and the opposing fleets immediately closed in. Early in the battle an officer of the Almaz, while watching Rojestvensky's flagship, the battleship Kniaz Souvaroff, for a signal, saw the flagship shudder from stem to stern as if under a blow from a gigantic hammer and hesitate in her course, while the waves rose high from her armored sides. Then she commenced to list and sink.

The officers believe that the debut of the submarine boat as an effective agent in naval warfare, or perhaps a large mine, caused the disaster to the Kniaz Souvaroff. The damage, however, was so extensive that the flagship soon went down, leaving the deck officers and many of the crew struggling in the waves. One of the Russian torpedo boats picked up a number of the swimmers, one of whom was recognized through a glass as Admiral Rojestvensky.

Under a grueling attack by the Japanese warships, aided by torpedo boats, mines and submarines, the Borodino, Osslyabia and Orel were placed out of action and followed the flagship to the bottom. The fog, which had raised and lowered intermittently during the morning, began to settle down again and the distance of the Almaz, which had now succeeded in disengaging herself from the struggling ships, made it difficult for her to see clearly, but the officers are positive that they saw two Japanese battleships disappear beneath the sea before their eyes and that two Japanese cruisers appeared on the point of sinking.

## ADMIRALTY IS STUPEFIED.

**Russian Advices Paint Situation in Worse Colors Than Tokio.**

St. Petersburg, May 31.—The Russian admiralty is literally stupefied at the extent of the disaster suffered by Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's defeat, and its own advices paint the situation in worse colors than even the Tokio dispatches. The Associated Press' Vladivostok dispatch received this morning accounts for only two ships of the great Russian fleet—the cruiser Almaz and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozny—and the absence of news about the battleship Navarin and Oleg and Aurora, which are the only fighting ships of any value not enumerated in the Japanese lists of destroyed or captured vessels, renders almost idle any hope that they were able to shake off the pursuing Japanese cruisers and reach the shelter of the fortress of Golden Horn.

The officers of the Almaz dispute Admiral Togo's claim of victory with practically no loss and declare that they saw two battleships go down before their eyes and that two cruisers were on the point of foundering when they last distinguished the battling fleets. But they admit the distance of their ship from the scene of battle and the fog made the view difficult.

The Associated Press is informed that the unpublished portion of the official dispatch, the contents of which were sent by a wireless dispatch to Vladivostok before the arrival of the cruiser Almaz there, says that the Kniaz Souvaroff was blown up, Captain Chagin of the Almaz giving it as his opinion that the destruction was the work of submarine boats. The captain gives the number of Japanese torpedo boats participating in the attack as eighty.

Tokio's account of the arrival of captured warships at Japanese ports was more humiliating to the Russian naval authorities than the news of the defeat. The opinion expressed here is that nothing can excuse the failure of the Russian commanders to sink their ships under their feet rather than to allow them to fall into the enemy's hands, the admiralty advancing the supposition that the ships were stranded on some shoal before being surrendered.

The question of inaugurating peace negotiations is not likely to be opened until full reports of the Russian disaster have been received. The war party continues its defiant attitude, and declares that peace is impossible, while many Russians who heretofore have been in favor of peace, but who are now humiliated by the sting of the defeat of their navy, are giving their voice in favor of a continuation of the war. Nevertheless, the peace party

insists on the absolute futility of prolonging the struggle. Ever slow to reach a decision, it is improbable that the government will decide on the course it will pursue until after the battle has been fought in Manchuria.

The Associated Press dispatches indicate that Field Marshal Oyama is already in motion and that a grand engagement is imminent.

## Outpost Skirmishing in Manchuria.

Gunshu Pass, Manchuria, May 31.—The foreposts of General Kawamura's army, on the Japanese right, are pressing forward and coming into contact with the Russian position, drove in the Russian vanposts for a short distance, but the activity is now momentarily suspended. The Russian general staff is shrouding all movements in mystery and is withholding the usual details of small affairs. Reports of a naval battle in the China sea are current among the general staff, where it is expected the outcome will be favorable to Russians.

## EMPLOYERS PUSH FIGHT.

**Chicago Firms Will Make Aggressive Effort to Move Lumber.**

Chicago, May 30.—Renewed aggressiveness on the part of the employers in the teamsters' strike is expected tomorrow. Taking advantage of the legal holiday today, plans will be formed for extensively increasing the amount of deliveries to be made from the lumber district. Downtown business houses, where strikes have existed, have about 400 unemployed drivers they cannot use on account of the inability of the police department to furnish protection for them, and tomorrow these men will be sent to the firms in the lumber district which are in need of drivers and a strong and determined effort will be made to increase the volume of business done in that section. The lumber dealers now have 200 teams in operation.

There was but little disturbance during the day, and none of the fights were sufficiently fierce to call for the interference of any large body of police. Sixty of the teamsters employed by the hardwood dealers in the lumber district are now out and the soft lumber dealers are tied up, with the exception of one firm, which continues to do business with union teamsters. Notwithstanding the shortage in lumber deliveries, the building contractors express themselves as highly confident that there will be no strike of their men and no tieup in the building industry.

## MAYOR WEAVER IS IN CONTROL.

**Machine Decides Not to Oppose His Nominees for Enforced Vacancies.**

Philadelphia, May 30.—State Insurance Commissioner Israel Durham, leader of the Republican organization in Philadelphia for the last ten years and whose influence reached far into the interior of Pennsylvania, unconditionally surrendered to Mayor John Weaver, who opened the war on the organization last Tuesday. Mr. Durham made the following announcement: "I have advised my friends not to oppose the confirmation of A. Lincoln Acker as director of public works and Colonel Sheldon Potter as director of public safety if their names are sent to the select council by the mayor."

The mayor is now practically in control of municipal affairs.

## Baron Rothschild Is Dead.

Paris, May 27.—Baron Alphonse de Rothschild, head of the French branch of the banking house bearing the name of Rothschild and governor of the Bank of France, died from acute bronchitis, aggravated by gout.

## Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, May 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,500; steady; good to prime steers, \$5.00@6.40; poor to medium, \$4.00@5.40; stockers and feeders, \$2.75@5.00; cows, \$2.00@5.00; canners, \$1.50@2.40; heifers, \$2.50@5.25; bulls, \$2.00@4.00; calves, \$3.00@5.50. Hogs—Receipts, 18,000; steady to 5c higher; mixed and butchers, \$5.20@5.42½; good to choice heavy, \$5.30@5.37½; rough heavy, \$4.75@5.25; light, \$5.30@5.40; bulk of sales, \$5.35@5.40. Sheep—Receipts, 13,000; steady; good to choice wethers, \$4.00@5.00; fair to choice mixed, \$3.50@4.40; western sheep, \$4.00@5.00; native lambs, \$4.75@6.25; western lambs, \$5.50@7.25.

## South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, May 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,000; steady; native steers, \$4.25@6.00; cows and heifers \$3.50@4.75; western steers, \$3.50@5.70; canners, \$2.00@3.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.00@3.25; calves, \$3.00@6.00; bulls, stags, etc., \$2.50@4.50. Hogs—Receipts, 7,200; 5c higher; heavy, \$5.15@5.25; mixed, \$5.15@5.17½; light, \$5.15@5.20; pigs, \$4.00@5.00; bulk of sales, \$5.15@5.17½. Sheep—Receipts, 2,000; steady; westerns, \$4.75@5.25; wethers, \$4.40@4.80; ewes, \$4.00@4.50; lambs, shorn, \$3.15@5.10; woolled, \$6.50@7.15.

"Maria," said Boggles to his wife, with an idea of instructing her in political economy, "do you know what civil service is?"

"Jasper," said Mrs. Boggles, with memory of recent contact with the cook, "there isn't any."

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