

# JAPS FLEET WINS

TWO OF THE RUSSIAN WAR VESSELS ESCAPE TO THE NORTHWARD

## RURICK SUNK IN BATTLE

CRUISER TAKASHIKI REPORTS NAVAL BATTLE STILL RAGING.

Story indicates that if neutrality laws were violated the Russians themselves are largely responsible

TOKIO.—The Imperial prince, Hiroyasu Kwacho, was slightly wounded abroad the battleship Mikasa in last Wednesday's engagement. The Russian armored cruiser Rurik was sunk in the engagement in the Strait of Korea. The armored cruisers Rossia and Gromobli escaped to the northward heavily damaged.

WASHINGTON.—The Japanese legation has received a cablegram from Tokio, saying that Admiral Kamimura reports that his squadron, after five hours' severe fighting with the three ships of the Vladivostok squadron on the morning of the 14th, in the mouth of Tushima Island, sank the Rurik. The other two ships which appeared to have suffered heavily, fled northward. "Our damages" say the report, "are slight."

Another cable from Tokio to the legation says:

"The commander of the Takashiki naval station says that our fleet reported by wireless telegraphy that the Vladivostok squadron was silenced on the 14th. The cruiser Takashiki subsequently reported that a naval battle is being fought."

The Japanese government has declined to make a statement regarding the Che Foo incident preceding the receipt of a report from Admiral Togo.

The naval engagement in the Strait of Korea is still in progress.

The following casualties have been reported on the Japanese side during the action of August 10. The battleship Mikasa has four officers killed and twenty-nine men severely wounded. Six officers and twenty-nine men were slightly wounded.

The armored cruisers Yakumo had one officer and forty-nine men killed and one officer and eleven men wounded.

On board the armored cruiser Nishin ten men were killed and seven officers and nine men wounded.

The armored cruiser Kasuga had two officers and fifteen men wounded. Torpedo boat No. 39 had one man killed and eight wounded.

The Navy department has issued the following statement covering the Che Foo incident:

"According to reports received to date the Asahiwo and Kusumi, belonging to the first destroyer flotilla, Captain Fujimoto commanding, were dispatched in search of the enemy's ships scattered during the engagement on the night of August 10. They found a vessel resembling one of the enemy's destroyers and gave chase, but lost it in the darkness."

Continuing the search they discovered that it had entered the port of Che Foo. The Japanese ships waited outside the port, but the Russians failed to leave. Captain Fujimoto anticipated its escape during the night if possible to attack merchant vessels, and entered Che Foo with the two destroyers and found the Russian destroyer Ryschiteini remaining undismasted.

Lieutenant Terashima was then sent to the Russian vessel with a message to the effect that the Japanese commander expected him to leave by dawn or surrender.

The Russian commander refused to comply with either demand and while the conference was still going on he was heard instructing his men to blow up the ship. At the same time he caught hold of Lieutenant Kerashima and threw him overboard. Our interpreter was next thrown overboard and other sailors showed signs of resistance. While this progressed the forward magazine exploded, killing some of our men. We then captured the destroyer and retired. Our loss by the explosion was one man killed and four men mortally wounded. Lieutenant Kerashima, our interpreter and nine others of the boarding party were wounded.

Find Evidence of a Crime.

NEW YORK.—The body of a woman thought to be that of Mrs. Kathleen Barry Vottier, once well known in New York society has been found in the woods at White-stone, L. I. The body was expensively attired and appeared to be that of a woman about forty years old. It bore marks of abuse, several teeth being knocked out, and a part of the clothing torn as though in a struggle. A veil had been twisted about the neck like a cord.

# RESISTS WITH THE MAYOR

HARRISON TO TRY HIS HAND AT SETTLING STRIKE.

Packers Willing to Treat, But Offer Little Encouragement—Donnelly Ready to Waive Some Demands.

CHICAGO.—There were few developments in the packers' strike and it is not probable that there will be any right away. A committee of retail dealers will call upon Mayor Harrison and ask him to act as mediator in the strike. The mayor declines to say what he will do until after he has received the committee, but has expressed himself as anxious to do anything in his power to end the strike. The packers declined to say whether or not they would accept the mediation of the mayor. They declared that they would, on the contrary, receive him and hear any proposition that he cared to advance, but it was manifestly impossible for them to say in advance what action they would take. They intimated very plainly, however, that the answer they had given to the committee of retail dealers who they declined to have any further conference with the strikers was not likely to be modified under present circumstances.

Chief of Police O'Neill and police Inspector Hunt, who has direct charge of the stock yards district, laid formal charges before the mayor against Justice John Fitzgerald who, it is claimed by the police has discharged the great majority of the rioters brought before him no matter how strong the evidence against them might be. The mayor sent a summons to Justice Fitzgerald calling upon him to appear at the city hall and answer the charges. The justice failed to appear during the afternoon, and will be called upon on Monday. The justice declares that he was doing this most to render fair decisions, but the police claim to have much evidence against him.

Turkey Has Given In.

CONSTANTINOPLE.—After prolonged haggling on the part of the Turks a satisfactory solution of the American school question has been arrived at. This matter, which is the most important of the American demands, was settled by extending to American schools the same treatment as that accorded to schools under the protection of other powers.

A settlement of other matters affecting American interests in Turkey, of secondary importance, has also been effected, and Minister Leishman had telegraphed to Rear Admiral Jewel, in command of the United States squadron sent to Smyrna, instructing him to salute the batteries on land and depart.

The sitting of the council of ministers at which the settlement was agreed upon, was a long one and it was not until near its close that an agreement was reached. The delay in settlement is believed to have been caused by the intervention of the palace functionaries, whose policy in order to retain the sultan's favor consists of combating the rights and advantages of foreign subject.

Fatality at Fair Grounds.

ST. LOUIS.—Mrs. Jones, the wife of Breckenridge Jones, one of the wealthiest men in St. Louis, died in the tent of Captain Blakely, in the Boer war encampment, as the result of injuries received in a runaway, caused by the horses being frightened by the sudden firing from the war exhibition.

Find Three More Bodies.

PUEBLO, Col.—Three more bodies of the victims of the Eden disaster were discovered by the searching party and all were identified soon after being brought to the morgue.

DENVER, Col.—General Manager J. A. Edson of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad said that the company was in no way responsible for the wreck at Eden.

He further stated that the bridge was subjected to the regular inspections of the company's bridge superintendent and was as safe as any bridge on the Rio Grande or in fact on any road, and that no bridge could withstand the torrent that destroyed this one. The under benches of the bridge, he said, were undoubtedly knocked asunder by the washed out county bridge, thereby leaving no supports.

Murderer Shoots Himself

CHICAGO.—Michael Burns, an convict, shot and killed his wife, because she refused to return to him after he had driven her away by cruel treatment. Ever since the murder the police have been vainly trying to find the man. Burns went to the home of his father and attempted without cause to kill his sister. He fired one shot at her, but the bullet went wild. Burns then shot himself through the body.

# NOTRACE OF FLEET

WHEREABOUTS OF RUSSIAN WARSHIPS NOT KNOWN.

## ST. PETERSBURG UNEASY

LACKS TIDINGS OF MANY SINCE ESCAPE FROM PORT.

Thinks Japanese Admiral Togo Could Tell if He Would—Germans Compel Bauling Down of Flags.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The admiral's report has no information that Lieut. Newton A. McCauley of the United States navy and Lieutenant de Quiverville of the French navy, the only two naval attaches at Port Arthur, joined Rear Admiral Withoft's squadron when it left the port. Had they joined the squadron they would presumably have been on board the flagship Czarevitch. The absence of news as to their presence with Admiral Withoft is taken to indicate that they remained on shore, and it is pointed out that it would be perfectly within the admiral's province to decline to take the attaches in case he considered the enterprise too hazardous, and so as not to expose the representatives of neutral nations to danger.

It is reported that Viceroy Alexieff has left Mukden hurriedly for Vladivostok on receipt of news that the illness of Vice Admiral Bezobrazoff had taken a serious turn and that the admiral was not expected to recover.

The exact whereabouts of the Port Arthur battleships is still a mystery on which hinges Russian naval fortunes in the far east. Telegrams reporting them back at Port Arthur have not been confirmed.

It is apparent that Vice Admiral Togo either cannot or will not say where they have gone. Admiralty officers declare they do not know, but they refuse to believe that of five battleships not a single one managed to break through to Vladivostok. The cause of this uncertainty is attributed partly by a distinguished naval attaché to the natural consequences of a sea fight in the night time. Vessels on either side might become separated and be unable to rejoin their respective fleets at daybreak or possibly be tempted to chase an individual enemy who might be in sight, rather than to proceed to their rendezvous.

Vice Admiral Togo's report of his own damage mentions only a few ships, which is believed to indicate that the others have not rejoined his fleet. It is more than probable that Admiral Withoft, before going out, fixed a rendezvous to which the vessels would proceed if separated, and it is likewise more than probable that this rendezvous was anywhere except at Port Arthur, the most likely point being between Shanghai and Kisu (the most southerly of the three principal islands of Japan) which is on the circular route to Vladivostok.

BERLIN.—The hauling down of the flags of the Russian vessels at Tsingtau took place in accordance with instructions of the German foreign office, which, having ascertained that the damages sustained by the warships were too serious for repairs to be made within a reasonable time, gave orders for them to disarm and be detained during the rest of the war. Japan has been officially informed of the action taken by Germany.

Attempt to Blow up House.

WHEELING, W. Va.—Unknown persons attempted to kill superintendent F. M. Horcher of the Austen Coal and Coke company and his family by blowing up the residence at Austin with dynamite. The charge was placed on the front porch directly under the room in which the family were sleeping.

Butte Has a Bull Fight.

BUTTE, MONT.—An alleged bull fight was held here. The affair was widely advertised as a "human bull fight." The animals were not pierced or otherwise maltreated, the bull fighter using only a red cloak to excite the animals. He avoided their mad rushes by his alertness. Butte ministers attempted to stop the exhibition by appealing to Governor Toole, who referred the matter back to the county authorities.

Drug Clerk's Fatal Error

ST. LOUIS.—Charles Farthing, an extra drug clerk employed at the Lindell hotel pharmacy, was arrested and is held for the coroner on a charge of having caused the death of Mrs. Jennie Helms, wife of Morris Helms, of New York. Mrs. Helms died after suffering great agony for several hours, after taking a dose of what she supposed was cream of tartar, which her husband, it is alleged purchased from Farthing.

# ALL FAIL TO GET OUT

TAKE TEMPORARY REFUGE IN BAY OF KIAO CHOW.

Report From Admiral Togo to Tokio Claims Czarevitch Was Sunk—Japanese But Little Damaged.

TOKIO.—Admiral Togo reported as follows:

"On August 10, our combined fleet attacked the enemy's fleet near Gagan Rock. The Russian vessels were emerging from Port Arthur, trying to go south. We pursued the enemy to the eastward. Severe fighting lasted from 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon until sundown. Toward the close the enemy's fire weakened remarkably. His formation became confused and cruisers Askold and Novik and several of the ships scattered. The Russian torpedo boat destroyers fled to the southward. Other of the enemy's ships retreated separately toward Port Arthur.

We pursued them and it appears that we inflicted considerable damage. We found life buoys and other articles belonging to the Russian battleship Czarevitch floating at sea. The Czarevitch probably was sunk. We have received no reports from the torpedo boats and the torpedo boat destroyers which were engaged in the attack on the enemy.

"The Russian vessels, with the exception of the Novik, the Askold, the Czarevitch and the Pallada, appeared to have returned to Port Arthur. Our damage was slight. Our fighting power has not been impaired. Tokio has not been informed of the details of the result of the dash of liberty made by the Russian fleet from Port Arthur on Wednesday, August 10, or of the fight which followed off Port Arthur on Wednesday afternoon and night, beyond a brief report from Tallewan reporting the engagement, a message from Chee Foo announcing the arrival there of a Russian torpedo boat destroyer and a telegram from Tsing-chou, at the entrance of Kiao Chou bay, reporting the arrival of the Russian cruisers Novik and Askold. The navy department here declares that it is without any further information.

It is presumed here that the Russian vessels dispersed in several directions and that the Japanese warships, under Admiral Togo, pursued them.

It now appears that Admiral Togo did not send the report which was credited to him. The department was not heard from him. It is anticipated that the Japanese government will immediately make representations to Germany concerning the Russian warships which have taken refuge at Tsingchou.

Bryan Loves His Bequest.

NEW HAVEN.—The supreme court which has been considering W. J. Bryan's application for the lower court decision which excluded the sealed letters in the Bennett will case adjourned having found no error. By this decision Mr. Bryan loses the \$50,000 bequest.

Gets Five Year Sentence

ST. LOUIS.—Robert B. Taylor, formerly interest clerk in the Citizen's bank of New York city, who pleaded guilty to the charge of uttering forged bank notes and passing them, was today sentenced in the United States district court to pay a fine of \$1 and serve five years in imprisonment. Taylor was arrested in St. Louis last July with unsigned bank notes in his possession amounting to more than \$6,500 belonging to the bank with which he was employed.

Taylor appeared in court accompanied by William M. Seuffert, a New York attorney who was employed to represent him by Taylor's friends and the secret order of which Taylor is a member.

Shoots His Way Out.

HELENA, Mont.—Isaac Gravelle, on trial for robbing a powder house near Helena last September of giant powder, which was used in wrecking Northern Pacific trains escaped from the Lewis and Clark county jail after probably fatally shooting Tony Korizek, a deputy sheriff. Pursued by deputies and Rabb, a butcher who was armed, Gravelle took refuge in an alley beside the residence of Joseph K. Toole, where a pistol duel took place. After an exchange of shots Gravelle ran into the basement of the governor's house where he shot and killed himself.

Many Down With Smallpox.

CHICAGO.—Smallpox has broken out in Zion City the home of Alexander Dowie, the so-called "divine healer." All told there are said to be fifteen persons ill with the disease but eight of the patients have isolated and Dowie and all his elders daily offer prayers for recovery. There are no physicians there and as Dowie will not permit his followers to use drugs, fears are entertained that the disease may spread.

# 30TH ARE BURNED BY MOB

TWO NEGROES DIE AT THE STAKE IN GEORGIA TOWN.

Clothing Saturated With Kerosene While Crowd Looks on—Vain Appeal to Mob Which Knows No Mercy.

STATESBORO, Ga.—With clothing saturated with kerosene, writhing and twisting in their agony, screaming to heaven for the mercy the mob would not show, Paul Reed and Will Cato, negroes, two of the principals in the murder and burning of Henry Hodges and family, six miles from Statesboro, three weeks ago, were burned at the stake.

A determined mob charged on the court house, overpowered the military guard, secured Cato and Reed, who had been found guilty after a legal trial and sentenced to be hanged, took them two miles from Statesboro, and there burned them alive. The climax came quickly and unexpectedly.

The forenoon had passed quietly. The trial of Reed, the ringleader in the murder, being concluded, a verdict of guilty rendered, both he and Will Cato found guilty the day before, were sentenced to hang September 9. The crowd assembled about the court house was not as large as the day before nor was it so threatening, though for that matter there was never much parade the countrymen always being quiet.

In the trial of Reed little delay had been caused, and its conclusion the prisoners, as before, were hustled into the witness room where a strong guard of military was mounted over them. In the corridors the agitation began. The spectators left the court room from the lawn outside man entered the hallways.

Shortly before 1 o'clock the crowd was addressed by a tall man who seemed to inflame it greatly. He called on those about him to follow him. Then Captain Hitch of the Oglethorpe light infantry, who was in command of the forces realized that the situation was desperate. He posted guards on each of the stairways that led to the floor above where the prisoners were confined. With fixed bayonets but unloaded rifles the guards stood.

The mob surged toward them but were repulsed several times. The determined effort was yet to be made. At the rear stairway the gravest danger threatened. Prominent men, among them the Rev. Mr. Hodges, brother of the murdered man, sprang to the front to address the crowd.

Before they could be prevented they had caught two of the guards wrested their weapons from them and thrown open the breach locks. The weapons were empty. That was what the crowd wanted to ascertain. The troops had been given orders not to load their rifles. The captured soldiers were held prisoners.

Mormon Question Foremost.

LEWISTON, Idaho.—Consideration of the Mormon question is blocking the proceedings of the democratic state convention which is in session here. United States Senator Dubois proposed a radical anti-Mormon resolution. His resolution was softened to simply denounce polygamy and the mixing of church and state and promising to favor legislation to carry into effect those views. The prospect now is that this resolution will be defeated and the national democratic plank be simply reaffirmed. Should the Dubois resolution fall it is considered likely that ex-Senator Henry Heitfeld, who was regarded as almost certain to be nominated for the governorship, will withdraw in favor of Maj. James H. Haley of Boise, though ex-Governor Frank Steunberg is now being vigorously upheld for the candidacy by members of all factions.

Twenty-Six Thousand in Line.

BOSTON.—Twenty-six thousand survivors of the union forces which fought in the civil war marched through the winding streets of historic Boston and over 500,000 people who have assembled from all sections of the United States, saw pass in review the G. A. R. This was the great feature of all the events of national encampment week, the occasion being made a holiday throughout greater Boston, whose residents flocked to the state capitol to view the veterans. Through streets, brilliantly decorated, between ranks of spectators who cheered, waved banners applauded in every possible way, sought to show them honor, the veterans marched for hours.

Steps in Front of Engine.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia.—Floyd E. Mitchell, a carpenter, aged fifty-one, was instantly killed by Northwestern passenger train No. 15 at the Broadway street crossing here. He had been drinking, it is alleged, and started across the tracks behind one train only to step in front of another. His head was crushed in behind, both legs cut off and his left arm severed above the elbow. The remains will be buried at Logan, Ia.

# NEBRASKA NOTES

Theodore Johnson of Lincoln has been chosen principal of the Beatrice high school.

Miss Addie Reynolds of Boone county has been elected principal of the Albion high schools.

Charles H. Taylor has been appointed postmaster at Quinton, vice M. I. Flight, resigned.

Jesse G. Moren has been appointed rural carrier and George F. Moren substitute at Johnson.

Dr. Blackburn, manager of a small show, was "touched" for \$200 while pitching his tent at Beatrice.

Beatrice is to have a new creamery plant. A cigar factory is also contemplated for that town.

County Superintendent J. L. Adams died at Geneva the result of an operation for appendicitis.

State Superintendent Fowler will speak at the Dodge county teachers' institute on August 16 at Fremont.

The old settlers of Otoe county will hold their thirty-seventh annual reunion at Nebraska City on September 5.

Frank Wylis, a young farmer near Beatrice, slid from a load of hay and was seriously injured by falling on a pitchfork.

A rural delivery route has been ordered established September 15 at Sterling, with an area of twenty-five square miles; population 400.

Miss Frances Knight Wilson of Nebraska City will sing the prima donna role in the comic opera, "The Tenderfoot," the coming season.

Herman Smith, a farmer residing near Plattsmouth, had his hand crushed in a corn sheller. The limb had to be amputated at the shoulder.

The election for fighting bonds at Oakland, held some time ago, was declared illegal. A second election was held and the bonds carried by a majority of 19.

Troop A, Nebraska National Guard, has received new equipment and now has Krag-Jorgensen rifles, instead of its former ancient carbines.

John Jotman, a prosperous farmer residing five miles east of the city, was thrown from his wagon a mile east of Beatrice and sustained a broken leg.

John Casey a well known resident of Pawnee City died last week from stomach trouble. He was a member of the Masonic order and held a high rank.

Allan D. May, a newspaper man, recently connected with the Falls City Tribune, has bought from E. F. Sharts a half interest in the Enterprise of Humboldt.

Mrs. Elizabeth Paddock, an elderly woman, of North Loup, fell off the stone wall which was being laid for an addition to her residence in that city and broke her arm.

Miss Addie Reynoldson, a Boone county girl and a graduate of the state university, was elected to the position of assistant principal of the high school at Albion.

Herman Smith, a farmer residing west of Plattsmouth, had his left arm so badly mangled in a corn sheller that it was found necessary to amputate that member at the shoulder.

Columbus has been in darkness for several nights. The council would not enter into a contract for lights for five years and as a result the light company turned off the "glimmer."

Mrs. Mary Wilson of Beatrice died at her home this week, aged 54 years. Deceased suffered a paralytic stroke several months ago, from the effects of which she never recovered. She is survived by a family of seven children, all grown.

Captain Ashby, an attorney of Beatrice, was in Lincoln and made application for the pardon of Kelley and Himebarger, two boys sent from Wymore to serve three years in the penitentiary for highway robbery. They have served but one year.

The worst electrical storm of the season passed over Albion recently accompanied with a light rain. The thunder was terrific while the lightning, which was almost continuous, kept telephone bells busy and brilliantly lighted the otherwise dark night. No damages has been reported, but from the deafening reports of thunder it is likely the lightning did some execution not far from that city.

The United States Fish commission car, in charge of Superintendent Johnson of Washington, is stocking the lakes near Lodge Pole with croppie, black and red bass.

W. L. Taylor, who disappeared from Table Rock in a mysterious manner, about a year ago, was seriously hurt by falling from a load of lumber near Joplin, Mo., where he now lies in a critical condition, the wheel of the wagon running over him and crushing his chest.