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TWO JAPANESE WAR SHIPS GO TO BOTTOM

Cruiser Yoshino Sunk in Collision and Battleship Hatsuse Strikes a Russian Mine.

ENTRANCE TO PORT HAS BEEN CLEARED OF CORK

Passing in and out Still Dangerous, and They are Ordered to Remain in.

Tokio, May 19, 9:30 p. m.—Vice Admiral Togo reports as follows: "A report from Rear Admiral Kasagi says that the cruisers Kasagi and Yoshino collided during a fog off Port Arthur on May 15. The Yoshino sank, only ninety of the crew being saved. "On Sunday the battleship Hatsuse struck a Russian mine and sank." Giving details of the disaster, Togo says:

"At fourteen minutes past 1 in the afternoon of May 15, in a deep fog off Port Arthur, the Kasagi rammed the Yoshino, sinking the latter in a few minutes. Ninety of the crew were saved.

"On the same morning the Hatsuse, while cruising off Port Arthur, covering the landing of soldiers, struck a mine ten knots southeast of the harbor entrance. She signalled for help and instantly struck another mine. She sank in half an hour. Three hundred of the crew were saved by the torpedo boats."

The Hatsuse was a steel battleship of 15,000 tons displacement. She had four torpedo tubes and a complement of 741 men. The Yoshino was a cruiser of 4,120 tons displacement. The cruiser Kasagi was formerly the Merimo, purchased from Argentine in Italy, which was brought to Japan together with the Nisshin by British officers just before the outbreak of the war.

Chefoo, May 19, 12:30 p. m.—A party of thirteen Russians arriving from Dalny this morning by junk, are authority for the statement that during the bombardment of Port Arthur by the Japanese Monday afternoon, the Japanese battleship Skikishima and the cruiser Asama struck mines and sunk.

The Russians say that the Skikishima sank two minutes after running on the mines and that the Asama was being towed away by a vessel of the bombarding fleet when she also went down.

Today's arrivals say that the entrance to Port Arthur was blocked but that one of the sunken steamers was removed and the entrance is now open, but it is still very dangerous and the Russian fleet has been ordered to remain in the harbor until the arrival of Admiral Skrydloff, who will take command.

Chefoo, May 19, 3 p. m.—People who have just arrived here from Dalny reported to the Russian consul that the Japanese battleship Skikishima sank in two minutes after contact with mines and there was no time to save the crew.

The accident happened, it is said, within sight of Port Arthur. It was the battleship Fuji and not the cruiser Asama which struck a mine on the port. The bow had heavy loss and the ship was down by the bow but was righted and went off in the tow of other cruisers. It is thought, however, that she could reach port.

Refugees coming in say that the town received no damage from the bombardment and that land fighting is going on north of Dalny.

NEW CHWANG NOT TAKEN.

Russian Admiral Hasn't Been Advised to That Effect.

St. Petersburg, May 19.—The admiralty denies that it has been officially advised of the Japanese occupation of New Chwang.

AMERICAN FLEET IN ORIENT.

Expect to Arrive at Chefoo Soon, Says Cable Message.

Chefoo, May 19.—A cable message from Rear Admiral Cloopin who is in command of the United States Asiatic squadron, announces that he expects to arrive at Chefoo soon with his squadron.

Continued Skirmishing. Washington, D. C., May 19.—The Japanese legation has received the

following cablegram from Tokio: "The commander of the landing forces in Liao Yang peninsula reports that between the 5th and 15th instants there have been daily skirmishes. The Japanese detachments successfully driving the enemy back and taking the telegraph and railroad station and vicinity. "On the 16th after serious fighting the Japanese occupied the heights three and a half miles from Kin Chow. The Japanese casualties were 146 men killed, including nine officers."

RUSSIANS AVOID COMBAT.

Kuropatkin to Fall Back on Mukden and Then Harbin.

St. Petersburg, May 19.—Confirming intimations that Kuropatkin's purpose is to avoid a decisive combat with the Japanese at the present stage of the war, have leaked out. A statement made by the general staff today says that the commander-in-chief is making preparations to fall back on Mukden and then on Harbin.

FIVE CUTS IN RAILROAD.

Japanese Have Lost 146 Men Between May 5 and May 17.

Tokio, May 19.—An official report from the second Japanese army shows that the railroad north of Port Arthur has been cut off in five places between May 5 and May 17. The Japanese lost 146 men in that vicinity during that time.

Russians Driven Out.

Chefoo, May 18.—As a result of the engagement which the Japanese had on Monday with the Russian garrison at Kai Chow, the Russians were driven out of that place. The Chinese who recently arrived here from New Chwang, while confirming the above, also say that the Chinese are skirmishing on either side of the railroad north and south of Kin Chow.

RUSSIANS HOURLY MORE DANGER

Japanese Have More Men in Manchuria and are Closing Gaps—Wait is Disadvantageous.

London, May 19.—All news from the far east indicates that the Russian position is becoming more dangerous every hour that passes. The Japanese are closing up the gaps in the lines and are forcing the Russians backward. It is estimated that the Japanese have a much greater army in Manchuria than the Russians at this time.

It is thought that as the time goes on the Russians are becoming more and more at a disadvantage. There seems to be now but one question as to the situation and that is, where will the victories of the Japanese stop?

ATTEMPT BEETS IN HILLS.

Black Hills Country Will Try Norfolk's Trick.

Belle Fourche, S. D., May 19.—A good many experiments will be made this season by the farmers in the raising of sugar beets. Butte county has the record of the highest percentage of sugar in the beets of any county in the state, the amount being 22 per cent. The question is being talked over among the farmers what crop will be of the greatest value on the irrigated ground. The experiments thus far made show that from eighteen to twenty tons of beets can be raised on the irrigated ground per acre, and the net profit per acre would be from \$35 to \$50. It is understood that eastern capitalists have in mind the erection of a sugar beet factory in this vicinity, providing sufficient guarantee can be obtained from the farmers for a beet supply. A large quantity of beet seed has been received from Washington, which will be planted and experimented with this summer.

Threw Child in River.

Des Moines, Ia., May 19.—Swinging her 2-year-old girl about her head so as to give to the body the greatest momentum, Mrs. Trussler, a demented woman from St. Paul, today threw the child into the muddy waters of the Des Moines river.

Then, deliberately waiting until the waters had closed over the little form, she climbed upon the railing, stood poised for a moment and leaped close to the spot where her child went down.

A river man saw the act, rowed to the scene and was able to rescue them both.

The child may die.

THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-Four Hours Ending at 8 O'Clock this Morning. Forecast for Nebraska.

Conditions of the weather as recorded for the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. today.

Maximum	75
Minimum	43
Average	59
Total precipitation for month	2.05
Barometer	29.90

Chicago, May 19.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau this morning, gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows:

Showers tonight and Friday. Warmer tonight. Cooler west portion Friday.

Chicago, May 19.—The weather map shows clear and warmer everywhere. No northwest rains, but warmer up there. There are a few showers in Illinois, Missouri and Ohio valley. Heavy rains in Oklahoma.

IOWA SAYS TO "STAND PAT"

Tariff Reformers in Des Moines Convention are Completely Snowed Under.

Des Moines, Ia., May 19.—The state republican convention was a harmonious affair throughout. The "stand pat" party elected an entire delegation except in one district. The delegates-at-large are Governor Cummins, Senators Allison and Dolliver, and Joseph W. Blythe.

The tariff reformers were snowed under completely. In the selection of delegates to the national convention, there is no opposition to Dolliver, J. W. Blythe and Governor Cummins for delegates at-large. The most interesting feature in the selection of a committee on resolutions. Out of the eleven district meetings held, the "stand pat" party carried all except two.

WAYNE COUNTY DEMOCRATS.

Stand by Kansas City Platform and Want Bryan as Delegate.

Wayne, Neb., May 19.—The democratic county central committee has selected the following as delegates to attend the state convention to be held at Omaha, June 1: Phil H. Kohl, Henry Klokking, Robert Finsen, Robert Skiles, Charles Green, Charles Killam, Walter S. Goldie, J. H. Mitchell, R. H. James.

SIoux CITY OMAHA LINE.

Stockholders Intend to Have it Open by September 1.

Sioux City, Ia., May 19.—A meeting of the stockholders of the Sioux City, Homer & Southern Electric railway company, held at the Montanin hotel here lasted until early this morning. It was decided that the line from Sioux City to Dakota City, Neb., should be pushed to completion as rapidly as the entire line to Homer should be carrying passengers by September 1.

It was announced that the company had decided to enter into an agreement with the Sioux City Traction company to furnish the needed power to run the cars to Dakota City until the company should be able to get its own power house completed.

The meeting was attended by L. A. Jennings and W. D. Jennings of Newcastle, Ind., Joseph Crow, Colonel Henry C. Atkin and Edgar Williams of Omaha, C. H. O'Conner of Homer and R. A. Talbot of Sioux City.

The board of directors was increased by the addition of two members, Edgar B. Williams and W. D. Jennings.

BILBY MURDER CASE.

Little Doubt that Victim Was Deliberately Enticed to Country.

Aberdeen, S. D., May 19.—Developments in the DeWitt C. Bilby murder case appear to leave little doubt that the murdered man was the victim of Will Viegler, and that the murderer deliberately enticed his victim into the country for the purpose of getting his money. Bilby was spending a short time in Groton and Viegler joined him on Friday night and hired a rig to go to the home of Chet Lucas in the country to attend a party. The two men left the Lucas home at 11 o'clock the same night and Bilby was not seen again alive. Viegler returned the livery team alone. Sunday morning Viegler hired another team and drove to the McFarland place, and was told of the discovery of the body of Bilby, which had not yet been taken from the well and identified. Viegler declined to help get the body from the well, saying he would return after driving to another place four miles away. He did not return, but drove to Houghton, where he hired another team which took him within a mile of Hecla, where he failed to secure another team, and where he was last seen Sunday night. An examination of the buggy used by the two men Friday night shows blood stains on the cushion and back, and the probability seems to be that Bilby was shot while riding in the buggy after they left the Lucas place Friday night. Bilby's people live in New York city, and he had been about Groton for two or three years.

GALUSHA TIE-UP WINS

REPUBLICANS SETTLE CONTESTS ON FIRST BALLOT.

ROBERTSON WAS CHAIRMAN

PLEDGE FULL ASSESSMENTS OF CORPORATIONS IN STATE.

WILL EQUALIZE REVENUE LAW

Adopt Resolution for Nomination of

Burkett as Senator—Endorse Roosevelt and Webster—Harmony Prevailed Throughout—Ended at 7.

For United States senator, E. J. Burkett.

For governor, J. H. Mickey.

For lieutenant governor, E. G. McGilton.

For treasurer, Peter Mortenson.

For state superintendent, J. L. McBrien.

For attorney general, Norris Brown.

For secretary of state, A. Galusha.

For auditor of public accounts, E. M. Searle.

For commissioner of public lands and buildings, H. M. Eaton.

For delegates at-large, H. C. Bromo, I. F. Piper, C. B. Dempster, Lefflang, Lincoln, Neb., May 19.—From a Staff Correspondent: The republican state convention, one of the largest attended and most enthusiastic that has ever been held in Nebraska, convened yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, called to order by Temporary Chairman Baldwin. Hon. W. M. Robertson of Norfolk was made permanent chairman of the convention.

The recommendation of the committee appointed, was adopted by the convention to the effect that Hon. E. J. Burkett should be nominated for United States senator, Mickey, McGilton, Mortenson, McBrien and Brown were nominated for their several positions by acclamation.

Galusha First Ballot.

On the first ballot, A. Galusha of Red Cloud, was nominated for secretary of state. Searle was nominated for auditor and Eaton for commissioner of public lands and buildings, also on the first ballot.

The delegates-at-large nominated were Bromo of Omaha, Piper, Dempster and Lefflang. Piper is from Tekamah and was endorsed at Columbus by the republicans of the Third district only Monday of this week.

Harmonious Throughout.

The convention was harmonious to a degree throughout the session. The stirring speech of Baldwin at the outset called forth much applause and put the convention in good humor. The work was all over within a very short time, comparatively.

Northern Nebraska stood in the top of the band wagon that won. It was solid for Galusha of Red Cloud and the northern Nebraska delegation was much courted by the other elements in the assembly. The Galusha-Searle-Eaton combination that was made carried the candidates through without a murmur or a ripple.

Platform is Strong.

The platform adopted is a strong one. It endorses the renomination of Theodore Roosevelt for the presidency, instructs the delegates to the national convention for John L. Webster as vice president of the United States and pledges the republican party to a correction of any inequality, if such inequality exists, in the new revenue law. It pledges the assessment of all property corporate and private at the full face value of such property and favors rigid economy in the state expenses.

The thousand delegates who were here from all parts of Nebraska consider that they have one of the strongest and most formidable tickets launched that has ever been put forth. Galusha is a leader and a winner at the outset. The other nominees are likewise intensely strong and it is thought the election will be by the highest majority known in years.

Robertson Honored.

The naming of Robertson of Norfolk for the place of permanent chairman was an honor to his personality, an honor to Norfolk and an honor to the northern half of the state of Nebraska. He presided with most becoming dignity and made many new friends.

In his opening speech at 2 o'clock H. W. Baldrige, temporary chairman, said:

"The bugaboo of free silver has lost its terrors even to the unthinking; it has been consigned to the tomb of buried issues and only the political shade of William Jennings Bryan, playing the role of the resurrection angel keeps the vigil and hovers o'er its resting place. But it's dead—its dead to smell—and even the idocy of the democratic party, always to be

demonstrated on to do the wrong thing, is not blithe enough to resurrect it.

"And the tariff, well, the tariff is like the poor—it's always with us. It has been drawn into every campaign by the democratic party when all other issues have failed it and the same old creature in the same old grab may be drawn out again in the coming campaign for the amusement if not for the instruction of the people, but the tariff cannot be made an issue between the parties during this campaign. No line of cleavage can be drawn now between the parties about this question. The old democratic doctrine of free trade has been repudiated time and again by the people and it is as dead as free silver.

"The death of leaders is as great as the death of issues. It dare not point to its former standard bearer, twice defeated, nor its other former standard bearer, twice elected. Its ranks disorganized and shattered, it has few to champion and none to lead. And we have the sad spectacle of a once glorious democracy approaching a campaign, torn by internal dissensions, defeated, dispirited, without an issue or a leader, not knowing what to do, but Micawber-like waiting for something to turn up at St. Louis in July, only to be turned down by the people in November."

The convention finished its work and adjourned at 7 o'clock last evening.

W. N. H.

THE WORLD'S PRESS PARLIAMENT

First Series of Great International Congresses, Planned for St. Louis—Opened Today.

St. Louis, Mo., May 19.—The first of the series of great international congresses planned in connection with the world's fair was opened in Festival hall today. It is the World's Press parliament and is attended by invited journalists and newspaper men from many parts of the world. The presiding officer is Sir Hugh Gilzean-Rod of London, and the participants include men of such prominence as Paul Adam, editor of Le Temps, Paris; Charles H. Taylor, editor of the Boston Globe; A. B. White, governor of West Virginia; Prince Esper Oukhtomsky of Russia; M. McD. Bodkin, editor of the Freeman's Journal, Dublin; M. Buhler, of Der Bund, Bern; J. K. Verdoren, governor of Mississippi; E. W. Hoch, republican nominee for governor of Kansas; John A. Cooper, president of the Canadian Press association; P. V. Collins of Minneapolis, president of the National Editorial association; Crosby S. Noyes of the Washington Star; Fritz Rotters, of the Chronicle, Brussels; Frank H. Noyes of the Chicago Record-Herald; H. von Kupffer, of the Local Anzeiger, Berlin, and numerous others. The congress will continue in session through the remainder of the week.

OUT OF RACING BUSINESS.

Western Union Will no Longer Distribute Turf Reports.

New York, May 19.—Following his action in discontinuing to all subscribers in this city a report of the racing at various tracks in this country, Colonel Robert C. Clowry notified the general superintendents of the company at New York, Chicago, Atlanta and San Francisco that the collection and distribution by the Western Union Telegraph company of horse race reports would be discontinued forthwith.

Dakota County Delegates.

Jackson, Neb., May 19.—The delegates from Dakota county to the democratic state convention will be Thomas Ashford, Jr.; J. M. Brannan, W. Bartlett, Thomas Sullivan, Jr.; D. C. Heffernan, W. A. Morgan, J. M. Barry and John Duggan. The delegation is unrestricted.

INSTALL NEW BISHOP OF ALBANY

Rev. Richard H. Nelson of Philadelphia Made Bishop Coadjutor of Episcopal Diocese.

Albany, N. Y., May 19.—The consecration of the Rev. Richard H. Nelson of Philadelphia as bishop coadjutor of the Episcopal diocese of Albany took place in this city today and was the most brilliant ceremony of the kind that has ever taken place in Albany. It began in All Saints' cathedral at 10:30 o'clock this morning and consumed several hours. The vast auditorium was crowded to the doors and hundreds would have liked to secure tickets of admission, but were refused.

Interest in the occasion was increased by the prominence of the participants. The three consecrating bishops were the Rt. Rev. William Crosswell Doane of Albany, Rt. Rev. Oxi W. Whittaker, D. D., of Philadelphia, and Rt. Rev. Chauncey B. Brewster of Connecticut. The presenters were the Rt. Rev. Alexander Mackay-Smith, bishop coadjutor of Pennsylvania, and Rt. Rev. Charles T. Olmstead, bishop coadjutor of central New York. The sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. Arthur C. A. Hall, D. D., bishop of Vermont.

will be in session.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY

GENERAL CONFERENCE OPENS THIS MORNING AT BUFFALO.

RETIRING MODERATOR PREACHES

Questions to Receive Attention at the

Gathering—Southern Meeting at Mobile and Cumberland Branch Meets at Dallas, Texas, Today.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 19.—The Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian church, spacious though it is, was scarcely able to accommodate the crowds who sought admittance this morning at the opening of the 116th annual session of the Presbyterian general assembly. The gathering was called to order at 11 o'clock by the retiring moderator, the Rev. Robert F. Coyle, D. D., of Denver. Two hours prior to the formal opening the chapel was thrown open to receive the credentials of the commissioners, numbering nearly 700, and an equal number of alternates, and from that hour until the assembly convened the Rev. Dr. William H. Roberts the stated clerk, was kept busy distributing badges and assigning the delegates to their places. The galleries of the edifice were crowded to suffocation when the opening hymn was sung, the spectators joining with the commissioners and alternates in the rendition of the anthem.

The sermon of the retiring moderator occupied the entire morning session and at its conclusion the assembly adjourned until a late hour in the afternoon to prepare for the election of the new moderator for the most important practical business of the day.

The session began today will continue for ten days or longer. As constituting the highest court in the church, the assembly will be a matter of wide-spread interest and many matters of importance will be brought before it for discussion and settlement. There are no heresy trials, and no revision of the confession of faith is expected, but the many questions of doctrine and discipline which are constantly coming up in all sections of the country, and which have been brought to the assembly for adjudication, will inject plenty of doctrinal discussion into the sessions.

Foremost among the questions to receive attention is the proposed consolidation of the Presbyterian and Cumberland Presbyterian churches. Doctrinal differences have separated these churches for years past, but of late they have been drawing closer together and now there seems to be little difficulty in the way of bringing about a consolidation. A joint committee has arranged a plan of consolidation, which must now be ratified by the two denominations. It is expected that this will be done, though there will be opposition to the step, both at the assembly here, and at the assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterians, which meets today at Dallas.

Another question of far-reaching importance touches the color line in the Presbyterian church. For some years past overtures have come to the general assembly asking the privilege of establishing separate presbyteries for white and colored ministers in the same territory. Such a proposition has always been defeated and it is expected the committee in charge of the question, and which has been deliberating on it for the past year, will again report against it.

Southern Presbyterians Meet.

Mobile, Ala., May 19.—The annual session of the general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church was called to order today by the retiring moderator, Rev. Abner C. Hopkins, D. D., of Charleston, W. Va. About two hundred commissioners were in attendance, half being ministers and half ruling elders. They represented about eighty presbyteries and more than 1,000,000 communicants, scattered variously over the states of Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Missouri, and Indian Territory.

Assembly at Dallas.

Dallas, Texas, May 19.—The general assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian church convened in Dallas this morning. It is estimated that the attendance is over 500. The commissioners represent presbyteries in the territory extending from Pennsylvania to California and from Iowa to Louisiana. The sermon of the retiring moderator occupied the most of the opening session.

At the opening session telegrams of congratulation were exchanged with the Presbyterian general assembly, which began its session in Buffalo today. The consolidation of the two denominations, which has been agitated for years, is one of the foremost matters to receive attention at the present assembly. It is expected that both assemblies will take action favorable to the proposed amalgamation. Other matters affecting the doctrine and discipline of the church will be considered and acted upon.