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Eager to ascertain what had occurred on board the sunken ship, I hastened to the landing where a small remnant of the gallant crew were being put ashore and conveyed to a hospital.

Signal Man Tells Story.
Signalman Pochkov, who was slightly wounded, was able to give me a remarkably clear statement of the disaster. He said:

"We were returning to the harbor, the Petropavlovsk leading. Some of our cruisers which had remained in the harbor came out and steamed toward the enemy, firing sixteen shots at him with their bow guns; then retired. The enemy numbered fourteen heavy ships, nearly all armored, while ours were nine. Against their armored cruisers we had only the Bayan. I stood in the wheelhouse on the bridge of the Petropavlovsk looking up the signal book. The admiral's last signal had been for the torpedo boats to enter the harbor.

"The Petropavlovsk slowed and almost stood still. Suddenly the ship shook violently. I heard a fearful explosion, immediately followed by another and then another. They seemed to me to be directly under the bridge. I rushed to the door of the wheelhouse and I met an officer. I could not pass him and I sprang to the window and jumped out. The ship was listing and I feared that every moment it would turn over. On the bridge I saw an officer wailing in blood—it was our admiral—Makarov. He lay face downward. I sprang to him, grasped him by the shoulder and attempted to raise him.

"The ship seemed to be falling somewhere. From all sides flew fragments. I heard the deafening scream and a frightful din. Smoke rose in dense clouds and the flames seemed to leap toward the bridge where I was standing beside the admiral.

"I jumped on the rail and was washed out, but succeeded in grabbing something. 'On our ship was an old man with a beautiful white beard who had been good to our men. He had a book in his hand and seemed to be writing, perhaps sketching.' He was Vereshagin, the painter."

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Sunday Closing at Columbus.
COLUMBUS, Neb., April 17.—(Special.)—It was far easier today for the scriptural camel to pass through the eye of a needle than it was to get a drink in the saloons. Mayor Boettcher issued orders to the police department Saturday and the saloons were all notified that they would be required to keep closed up hereafter on Sundays, and so far as far as the letter, the order has been obeyed to the letter. As a consequence a good number of the old-timers sadly missed their "hops" today. The order is said to be made for good and will probably continue in force at least for a year.

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State Convention Meets in Lincoln Friday and Saturday.

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LINCOLN, April 17.—(Special.)—The Travelers' Protective association will hold its state convention in Lincoln April 22 and 23 in the Lindell hotel convention hall. There will be in attendance seventy-five delegates, as follows: Post A, Omaha, 21; Post B, Fremont, 5; Post C, Lincoln, 13; Post D, Nebraska City, 5; Post E, Grand Island, 4; Post F, Norfolk, 5; Post G, Hastings, 4; Post H, Beatrice, 4. Friday evening Lincoln post will give a banquet to the visitors. Mayor Adams will deliver the address of welcome on the part of the city and among the other speakers is W. J. Bryan, who will talk on "Influence, Power and Responsibility of the Traveling Man." The association now numbers 7,000, and it has organizations in thirty-two states and territories.

"Mother" Wheatley, prison evangelist, talked to the convicts at the state penitentiary last night. A number of citizens were present. Rev. Williams delivered the sermon.

Farewell to Rev. Wharton.

Lincoln, regardless of political affiliation or church creed, did honor to Rev. Fletcher H. Wharton last night at the Lindell hotel, the occasion being a farewell banquet given in his honor before he leaves for Seattle to become pastor of a church there. Among the speakers who paid tribute to Dr. Wharton's worth and who marked his departure as a loss to Lincoln, were Rev. J. Lewis Marsh, Dr. F. S. Stein, W. J. Bryan, J. W. Johnson, C. H. Morrill, H. M. Bushnell, C. H. Gere, General Thayer, and Mayor Adams. Letters expressing regret at not being present were read from Governor Mickey and Chancellor Andrews of the university. Preceding the banquet the various Grand Army of the Republic posts of the city met and adopted resolutions commendatory to Dr. Wharton.

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Finally Lands in Prison.

Tom Carr, many times arrested but through some means always able to elude his release heretofore, last night became a convict and began to serve out his six-year sentence, which was meted out to him by the courts of Dixon county on a charge of burglary. Carr is a Lincoln product and in years is still a boy, though his reputation and the claims of the law run back for a number of years. He begged the sheriff from Dixon county not to take him through the main streets of his old town in going to the penitentiary, but his request was refused.

A few years ago Carr was arrested in Omaha after having successfully robbed the Dunning hardware store, with some of the goods in his possession. His confederate made his escape from the officer though his disfigurement and the claims of the law were merely in bad company when arrested. The case was dismissed. Carr returned to Lincoln and within two weeks was arrested on a charge of holding up a man and robbing him. The jury acquitted him of this, though the judge announced from the bench that he did not see how such a verdict could be brought in under the evidence.

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