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MAP LINE OF ACTION

Members of the Cabinet Discuss at Length the Situation in Turkey.

MINISTER LEISHMAN IS HEARD FROM

After Several Days of Silence Sends Message from Constantinople.

REPORTS RESULT OF CONFERENCE

Communication, Though Not Made Public, is Not

NAOUM PASHA CALLS ON MINISTER

Turkish Diplomat Assures a Speedy and Favorable Answer on the American Citizen's Rights.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Foreign affairs, to the practical exclusion of everything else, was considered at today's meeting of the cabinet. The Turkish situation was discussed at length and a line of action, in case Minister Leishman's efforts are unavailing, was agreed to, but its nature was not disclosed.

Secretary Hay also presented to the cabinet some important information cabled the State department by Minister Griscom at Tokio, confirming the reports of a great naval engagement off Port Arthur. It is said the discussion of the Japanese-Russian war was purely academic and not in any sense relative to the attitude of America toward either of the contending powers.

Leishman is Heard From.

After several days' silence, Minister Leishman has been heard from through a dispatch dated at Constantinople last night recounting the results of the exchanges between himself and the Foreign office officials there. The State department did not see fit to make public the minister's communication, but did make the general statement that negotiations had taken a more favorable turn and there was an expectation of a speedy and satisfactory adjustment.

There is, however, a vagueness about the Turkish statements and promises that has caused the department, having in mind past experiences in the way of promises, to instruct Mr. Leishman to see to it that these propositions are reduced to such concrete form and are made in such a binding manner that there cannot be any question as to their fulfillment hereafter by the Turkish government.

It is confidently expected that the Turkish negotiators will accede to such a demand on the part of Mr. Leishman and it is predicted that the negotiations will be concluded successfully by Monday next.

Turkey Promises Prompt Reply.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 11.—Naoum Pasha, under-secretary of foreign affairs, called on Minister Leishman this morning at Therapia, a town on the Bosphorus, nine miles northeast of Constantinople. He reiterated the assurances of the government regarding a speedy and favorable reply to the demands touching the rights of American citizens in Turkey.

Subsequently Izzet Pasha, secretary of the palace, and Minister of Mines Selim Pasha, had a long interview with Minister Leishman for the purpose of determining upon the text of a reply which may prove acceptable to America.

TURKEY MAY APPEAL TO GERMANY

Believed Porte Will Seek Advice Regarding American Naval Action.

BERLIN, Aug. 12.—Official circles here think it probable that Turkey will ask for Germany's advice regarding the situation created by the American naval demonstration off Smyrna. Answering a direct question of the correspondent of the Associated Press as to what Germany would do in such a case, the Foreign office answered that Germany would advise Turkey to at once satisfy the United States demands.

Paraguayan Insurgents Take Ports.

BUENOS AYRES, Argentine, Aug. 12.—It is rumored that the Paraguayan insurgents have captured the ports of Humaita, Villa Pilar and Conception. They also are said to have taken the steamer Villa Rica, which had on board the minister of the interior. The minister escaped.

Russians Buy German Steamer.

BERLIN, Aug. 12.—A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Bremerhaven says the North German Lloyd steamer Lahn has been sold to a private Russian firm.

KNIGHTS ADOPT NEW RATES

Supreme Council in Session at St. Louis Also Votes in Favor of Liquor Dealers.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 12.—The supreme council of the Catholic Knights of America, in extraordinary session today, adopted new insurance rates and decided that saloonkeepers and liquor dealers could be admitted to the organization. The convention also approved the appointment of Anthony Matre of Cincinnati to the office of supreme secretary of the Catholic Knights of America.

PARKER MADE NO INTERPOLATION

Judge Denies that He Made Changes in His Speech.

ESOPUS, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Judge Parker made no interpolation on the gold standard in his speech of acceptance at the ceremonies which occurred at Rosemount on Wednesday. His manuscript, as given in advance to the press, was followed to the letter insofar as reference was made to the gold standard telegram sent to the St. Louis convention. Some indignation is felt at Rosemount, however, at what appears to Judge Parker to be an attempt to create the impression that he had written one speech for national consumption and delivered another for the benefit of those who were present to hear for themselves what the candidate had to say.

Hints of double dealing on the part of Judge Parker aroused in him a feeling of resentment that such charges should be made without the slightest foundation in fact. The alleged interpolation is as follows:

I want my position on this question thoroughly understood. I thought it was understood before I sent my telegram to St. Louis. But in order that there may be no more misunderstanding in the future, I desire to reiterate on this occasion that I am unalterably, irrevocably and heartily opposed to any change in the existing money standard.

The statement above accredited to Judge Parker is not regarded at Rosemount to be as convincing as that which he did use, and which was printed as a part of Judge Parker's speech.

CAVALRY MARKSMEN COMPETE

Lieutenant Myers of the Fifth Leads in Preliminary Contest.

FORT RILEY, Kan., Aug. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Today's firing in the competition for the army team completed the preliminary firing and tomorrow morning the thirty-seven competitors will begin in grim earnest and for every point that can be made. Lieutenant H. B. Myers of the Fifth cavalry, who led at the close of yesterday's shooting, still keeps up his fierce work and tonight leads the best list with 407 out of a possible 500 points to his credit. Captain Hay of the Tenth cavalry skirmished particularly well and went up from ninth to second place. Captain Benson of the Fourth cavalry dropped off the team of the first twelve men, as did Lieutenant Forster of the Fifth cavalry. The firing today was at 200 and 300 yards, rapid-fire, with a time limit of twenty seconds per score of five shots. This developed some fine shooting, as several of the competitors made as high as 95 out of a possible 100. This afternoon two skirmish runs were made by each contestant. This kind of firing is particularly trying and consists in marking and running from six to twenty yards distant from the target, with halts at 600, 500, 400, 350, 300 and 200 yards and firing a specified number of rounds at each halt.

The target consists of the silhouette, of a man standing and lying down, placed one yard between centers. The best twelve men in the firing which was completed tonight, with the scores, which are out of a possible 500, are:

Lieutenant H. B. Myers, 5th cavalry	407
Captain Hay, 10th cavalry	395
Sergeant Rufus Skelly, 7th cavalry	394
Captain Patterson, 3d cavalry	392
Sergeant R. Johnson, 10th cavalry	384
Sergeant Berkely E. Barker, 3d cavalry	384
Captain Hedekin, 3d cavalry	383
Lieutenant Williams, Engineers' corps	381
Corporal Michael Kelly, Engineers' corps	378
Captain Donaldson, 8th cavalry	377
Sergeant Tarbohn, 4th cavalry	374
Captain Cavanaugh, 10th cavalry	374

Tomorrow firing will be slow fire at 200, 300, 500 and 600 yards and at rapid fire at 200 and 300 yards, all for records.

Yesterday afternoon, in spite of the high wind and the fierce Kansas sun beating down on the range, the scores were remarkable. Lieutenant H. B. Myers of the Fifth cavalry, from the division of the southwest, broke all the range records by making 176 out of a possible 200 points. Captain Benson of the Fourth cavalry and No. 13 on the northern division team, had a total of 135 when he reached the 600-yard firing point, but could make only 22 at that difficult range. The firing consisted of two complete scores of five shots each at 200, 300, 500 and 600 yards, making a possible total of 200. The first twelve men, or those who compose the army carbine team so far, are:

Lieutenant Hub Meyers	176
Corporal John Carlson, Fifth cav	171
Sergeant B. A. Anderson, Tenth cav	170
Captain Cavanaugh, Tenth cav	167
Captain Benson, Fourth cav	167
Captain Hedekin, Third cav	166
Corporal Kelly, engineer corps	166
Sergeant Rufus S. Kelly, Seventh cav	165
Captain Hay, Tenth cav	164
Lieutenant Foster, Fifth cav	164
Corporal Baker, Tenth cav	163
Captain Pattison, Third cav	162
Captain Donaldson, Eighth cav	162

Today the course will be rapid fire at 200 and 300 yards, with skirmish fire in the afternoon.

BALLOON BURSTS IN MIDAIR

Bag Explodes at Elevation of 500 Feet, but Settles to Earth Like Parachute.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 12.—The big captive balloon at the aeronautic concourse burst today 500 feet above the ground. The car was occupied by William L. Cochran of Dayton, O., and an employe of the balloon company.

Although a hole two feet long was torn in the silk covering and the gas escaped with a rush, the occupants of the car escaped injury, owing to the balloon bag forming a large parachute and causing the car to descend slowly to the ground.

DRUGGISTS TO MEET IN ABERDEEN

South Dakota Pharmaceutical Association Adjourns Meeting.

MITCHELL, S. D., Aug. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—With the election of officers at noon the South Dakota Pharmaceutical association adjourned to meet at Aberdeen in 1905. The following are the officers: President, I. M. Helmey, of Canton; first vice president, O. A. Griffis, Aberdeen; second vice president, Dr. Abbey J. Jarvis, Faulkton; secretary, E. C. Beut, Dell Rapids; Treasurer, W. A. Nye, Salem; local secretaries, A. A. Woodward and D. E. Crowley, Aberdeen; D. F. Jones, Watertown; W. F. Mitchell, Willow Lakes.

O. W. Griffis of Aberdeen, F. G. Sickles of Melette and S. H. Scallin of Mitchell were recommended by the association to the governor to select one man for appointment as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy. Secretary Bent said that the attendance at the Mitchell meeting was the largest in the history of the association, and that it was a highly successful meeting.

Land Filings at Pierre.

PIERRE, S. D., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The land office at this city did not look for any great amount of business last month, as all interest in land matters appeared to be centered on the Rosebud land lottery. But regardless of that attraction the office at this city received 177 filings, taking out of the market 25,320 acres. Many of those who filed were among those who had registered for the Rosebud drawing, but after seeing the number of claimants and looking over this section of the state, decided that they could do better by filing here than by taking their chances. Since the Rosebud drawing is completed every day brings new land seekers to this city, and the record of this month promises to be much larger than that of last month.

Strike Hurts Stockmen.

STURGIS, S. D., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The packers' strike threatens to work an inconvenience to the stockgrowers of the Black Hills ranges. Beef is now ready and in many instances rounded up for shipment, but with stock yards full to overflowing, owing to the crippled condition of the packing plants, the would-be shippers do not fancy sending their cattle to a glutted market.

Bar Visits Deadwood.

HURON, S. D., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The excursion to Deadwood by the South Dakota Bar association, which leaves here on the evening of Monday, August 15, promises to be a large and jolly crowd. Special attention will be given the visitors by attorneys and others in Deadwood and other points in the Black Hills.

Pack Train for Meade.

STURGIS, S. D., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—A pack train of sixty-five mules for Fort Meade arrived here this week. They were unloaded at the Sturgis stock yards and taken to Fort Meade. The animals came from Fort Riley. A large amount of equipage accompanied them.

HEIR TO RUSSIAN THRONE

Son Born to Czar and Czarina at the Peterhof Palace.

HOPE OF THE NATION AT LAST REALIZED

Auspicious Event Announced with Much Acclaim and Mother and Son Reported to Be Doing Well.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 12.—2:35 p. m.—A son and heir to the Russian throne has been born. The empress and the child are doing well. The accouchement occurred at 12:30 p. m. The child will be christened Alexis.

The emperor and empress of Russia (formerly Princess Alix of Hesse) were married November 4, 1894, had previous to the birth of the child born today four daughters—Olga, born November 3, 1895; Tatiana, born May 29, 1897; Marie, born June 14, 1899, and Anastasia, born June 5, 1901.

The emperor and empress have for some time been residing at Alexandra villa at Peterhof, the summer palace of their majesties. The villa, so-called, is situated in one of the most beautiful parks of Russia, about one and a half hours' ride from St. Petersburg on the Baltic railroad, which runs northeast from St. Petersburg to the shores of the Baltic, extending as far as Riga. In the park are several lakes, at the end of one of which is the "Golden Staircase," with real gold. The palace is not a large building, when compared with the winter palace at St. Petersburg. In the park are several other palaces occupied by different grand dukes and their suites, and in the neighborhood are many country residences of the nobility and gentry.

Party at the Palace.

The queen of Greece, sister of the dowager empress, a great favorite with the Russians, and the other members of the imperial family assembled at Peterhof early last month and have been there ever since. Daily large crowds of people have also gathered at Peterhof, for it seemed as if all the nation was drawing near to the sovereign.

The people throughout Russia, notably the clergy, have been praying for an heir to the throne, and the famous Greek priest, Father John of Cronstadt, recently has been visiting the Alexandra villa at intervals to join in the prayers for an heir to the throne of Russia. Incidentally Father John, who is worshiped by the people and who has great influence over the emperor, is said to have stated to his majesty before his first daughter was born that the emperor would have seven daughters before he would have a son and that the eighth child of the empress would be a son. This prophesy is firmly believed by the Russian people.

Salute of Guns.

The announcement from Peterhof was followed by a salute of 101 guns from the imperial yacht lying at anchor off the palace, but it was 2:45 p. m. when the guns of St. Peter and St. Paul fortress, opposite the winter palace here, conveyed the glad tidings to the people of the Russian capital.

The effect was electrical. With the boom of the first gun the people in the streets, who had been momentarily expecting the event for twenty-four hours, stopped to listen and count the guns. Only thirty-one are fired for a girl. When the thirty-second boomed and the people were aware that at last an heir to the throne was born, there were scenes of rejoicing everywhere, and before the salute was finished the whole city had blossomed out with flags and bunting and the shipping in the harbor was dressed. Then the bells of the churches began to ring wildly.

In the meantime the announcement had been telegraphed to the most remote corners of the empire. In all the towns and cities the glad tidings were spread with the clamor of bells and the booming of cannon. Thanksgiving services followed in all the churches.

At the chapel of Alexandra villa the emperor and the imperial family attended a Te Deum.

The hearts of the Russian people are likely to be more deeply touched by the good fortune of the imperial family than by a dozen victories or defeats in the far east, and the superstitious Russian character will read in it an augury of a better time. St. Seraphim, who was canonized last summer by thee mperor at Saroff, has now become a favorite patron saint, as the birth of the heir is attributed chiefly to his interposition. The heir's name will be Alexis Nikolaievitch, and if he reigns he probably will assume the title of Alexis III.

The last Alexis was emperor of Moscovitch in 1645.

BREACH IN TEMPERANCE UNION

Knights of Father Mathew Likely to Secede from National Catholic Society.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 12.—Delegates to the national convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence union, having completed the business for which they met here, spent today sightseeing at the World's fair. Much interest is still centered in the proposition, which was defeated, to change the constitution so as to make it unnecessary for all societies to enter the national body through the state organizations.

In speaking of the matter William O'Brien, supreme grand knight of the Knights of Father Matthew, who are fighting for the change, said that, so far as he could determine, no benefit accrues to the knights by their affiliation with the union. He said:

"Because the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America refuses the individual councils of the Knights of Father Matthew the right to vote in convention, except they are represented through the district unions of the first-named society, I firmly believe we will unanimously vote to secede from the organization at our next grand council meeting, October 10."

WHITECAPPING WILL STOP

Believed Sheriff's Proclamation Will Have Wholesome Effect on Colorado Lawlessness.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Aug. 12.—Sheriff Bell's proclamation, which was signed by Mayor French of Victor and Mayor Shockey of Cripple Creek, declaring that the laws will be enforced and all citizens protected, has been favorably received, and it is believed there will be no more whitecapping. The citizens are very much aroused over the outrages of the last few nights and business men in general declare they would turn out and deal summarily with anyone known to be implicated in another whitecapping episode.

CONCURS IN EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Typographical Convention Considers Several Important Questions at Sessions in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 12.—At the opening of the fifth day's session of the International Typographical union, the report of the committee on government ownership of type founderies was presented. It indicated that the prospect of government ownership had not been brightened since 1903 and that nothing to bring it about can be done. The convention accepted the report, as it did also the report of the committee on labor labels for text books. This report urged that subordinate unions appoint local committees to further the introduction of union labor labels on text books.

Action was taken by the convention concurring in the favorable report of the committee on laws favoring the instruction of International Typographical union delegates to the American Federation of Labor, to advocate the establishment of a universal union label. The convention then endorsed the union label of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

The convention of the International Typographical union today concurred in the report of the committee on eight hour week day, which advocated the adoption of an eight hour law and fixed January 1, 1906, as the time when such a law should be effective or a strike declared. The question is left to the subordinate lodges for final decision on a referendum vote.

When the convention reconvened after the recess, B. M. Spencer, representing the Western Federation of Miners, was granted permission to address the delegates. Mr. Spencer touched upon the recent mining troubles in Colorado and severely criticized the action of Governor Peabody towards the strikers.

A proposition that subordinate unions be urged to set apart a day to be known as typographical memorial day, for the observance of memorial ceremonies in commemoration of deceased members, was adopted.

By unanimous consent the convention endorsed the cause of the strike of the United Garment Workers of America, now in force in New York, and pledged its suport, moral and otherwise, both the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers' Union of America in its present strike against the packers and to the 25,000 striking cotton operatives in Fall River, Mass.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the International Typographical union at today's session of the convention elected the following officers:

President, Mrs. Frank Kennedy, Omaha; vice presidents, Mrs. J. B. Huston, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. H. H. Eads, St. Louis; Mrs. C. W. Fear, Kansas City; Mrs. J. Lee, Louisville, Ky.; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Edward D. Donnell, Cincinnati; chaplain, Mrs. Charles McKea, Indianapolis; guide, Mrs. Fred Ihringer, Lincoln.

WESTERN MATTERS AT CAPITAL

Number of Rural Mail Routes Established and Carriers Are Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Rural free delivery routes ordered established September 1: Nebraska—Albion, Boone county, one additional; area, twenty-eight square miles; population, 500. Ayr, Adams county, two routes; area, fifty-seven square miles; population, 1,060. Iowa—Red Oak, Montgomery county, one additional; area, twenty-five square miles; population, 520. South Dakota—Naples, Clark county, one route; area, fifty-four square miles; population, 428.

Rural free delivery carriers appointed: Nebraska—Hubbard, Thomas M. Cullen, regular; Thomas P. McGee, substitute; Iowa—Buffalo Center, N. A. Fibelstad, regular; Trina Fibelstad, substitute.

F. B. Chaney has been appointed postmaster at Prussia, Adair county, Iowa, vice George A. Shike, resigned.

The application of John S. Muller, Christian Rempfer, John Deering, John Tiede and Gottlieb Winter to organize the First National bank of Parkston, S. D., with $25,000 capital, has been approved by the comptroller of the currency.

BEREA UNION IN SESSION

Baptist Church Society Holding National Convention at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 12.—At the eighth national convention of the Berea union, which is being held in the Delmar Baptist church, delegates are present representing nearly every Berea club in the country. This is the first convention of the kind held in the west, all the previous meetings having been held in the east, where the headquarters is located. The order was organized thirteen years ago at Syracuse, N. Y., by M. A. Hudson of that city, who is at present at the convention.

Among the addresses made was one on "The Cruise of the Christians," by M. A. Hudson, who told of his recent trip to the Holy Land as a delegate to the world's fourth Sunday school convention at Jerusalem.

BRYAN LOSES THE BEQUEST

Decision of Supreme Court Denies His Title to the $50,000 Letter Bequest.

NEW HAVEN, Aug. 12.—The supreme court which has been considering W. J. Bryan's application from the lower court decision, which excluded the sealed letters in the Bennett will case, adjourned tonight, having found no error. By this decision Mr. Bryan loses the $50,000 bequest.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 12.—William J. Bryan was in Indianapolis tonight for a short time while on his way to Freeport, O. When told of the decision of the Connecticut supreme court of appeals in the contest over the will of the late Philo Bennett and asked for a statement Mr. Bryan refused to discuss the matter further than to say:

"It was a close question to decide."

Telephone Companies Combine.

YANKTON, S. D., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—It is authentically reported here that a combination has been formed between the New Yankton Telephone exchange, the Bruce lines, the Citizens' exchange of Sioux Falls and the new exchange now being built by the business men of Sioux City, together with the Ward lines and the several smaller companies in the small towns between the three cities. Lines will be built by the new company to Mitchell, Aberdeen, Watertown and Brookings and all the principal towns east of the Missouri river and in western Iowa. The headquarters of the company will be in one of the three large cities, Sioux City, Sioux Falls or Yankton, but the announcement has not yet been made of the location. The work of building the toll lines to the north will be pushed rapidly until cold weather.

STATESMEN IN PANIC

Japanese Seize the Russian Destroyer in Che Foo Harbor.

DISMANTLED BOAT TOWED OUT TO SEA

Captain and Crew Escape After Fierce Fight on Deck.

INTERNATIONAL COMPLICATIONS FEARED

Action of Japanese Raises Gravest of Diplomatic Questions.

CHINA MAY BE FORCED INTO THE WAR

All Great Governments Anxiously Look for Authentic Information as to Details of the Violation of a Neutral Port.

CHE FOO, Aug. 12.—6:30 a. m.—At 3:30 o'clock this morning the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers Asahio and Kasumi, which entered the harbor under cover of darkness last night, sent a boarding party against the Russian boat destroyer Ryeshitelni, which had previously been disarmed by the Chinese. After a fierce fight the boarding party hoisted the Japanese flag on the Ryeshitelni and towed it out from the harbor in a northerly direction.

Of its crew of forty-seven seventeen have been accounted for. Captain Shastakovsky is reported killed. Seven swam ashore, landing near the American consulate. Some were picked up by sampans and three, including a lieutenant, were rescued by a lightship.

The Japanese claim that they sent in a gig to the Ryeshitelni under a flag of truce a lieutenant and interpreter, who made a demand that the Russians come outside and fight. The Russian captain replied that his ship had been disarmed, its engines disabled and that the whole matter was in the hands of the Chinese. The Japanese were asked to investigate the disarmament. The Japanese interpreter claims that he overheard the Russian captain give a hurried order in a low tone, the words not being distinguishable to the interpreter. Immediately following the captain seized the Japanese lieutenant and jumped overboard with him.

Fight On the Deck.

Meanwhile the Japanese destroyers had their searchlights turned on the Russian ship. From the deck of the lightship observers could see this act, which was followed by the shooting of rifles and saber strokes and Russians jumping overboard. The fighting had lasted ten minutes, when an explosion followed. The explosion blew away the main bridge, but did no damage to the hull. The Russians by this time were mostly all overboard. The Japanese at once hoisted their flag.

Presently a searchlight from the Chinese cruiser Hai Chi disclosed a Chinese cutter alongside the Asahio. It remained here only a minute and then went alongside the Kasumi, where it stopped an equal length of time. The cutter then returned to the Hai Chi. The inaction of the Chinese fleet is unexplained so far. It is believed serious international complication will result from the incident.

There are unconfirmed stories in circulation that the Japanese fired at the Russians when they were in the water and that they refused to rescue any of them.

Captain Ching Chagrined.

Interviews with Admiral Sah and Captain Ching, who is in command of the Hai Yung, indicate that the Chinese naval authorities were more active than was at first supposed. When the first Japanese torpedo boat destroyer, towing the Ryeshitelni, departed to the northward the second Japanese destroyer steered a course past the flagship and the cruiser Hai Chi. The latter cleared for action and signalled to the destroyer to stop. This was done.

Admiral Sah informed the commander of the Japanese destroyer that the Ryeshitelni must be returned, as neutrality had been flagrantly violated. To this the commander of the second destroyer replied that he would overtake the first destroyer and return to Che Foo. Admiral Sah accepted the word of honor of the Japanese commander and allowed him to depart. The Chinese admiral is deeply chagrined at the occurrence and is ill as a result. He has turned the command of his squadron over to Captain Ching.

Captain Ching says that when the Japanese destroyers entered the harbor of Che Foo he sent an officer on board and assured Commander Fujimoto that the Ryeshitelni was disabled and that his officers and crew had signed a parole. Later the admiral followed his messenger and personally repeated this information at length, whereupon Commander Fujimoto said he had no designs on the Ryeshitelni. Admiral Sah next sent an officer in a small boat to the lightship, which was near the Ryeshitelni, to watch developments.

Captain Shastakovsky, feeling insecure, requested that his ammunition and one torpedo boat be returned to him or a Chinese cruiser to guard him. To this the Chinese officer on the lightship replied that he had been ordered merely to report developments. Accordingly Captain Shastakovsky assembled his crew and addressed them, saying that an attack was possible.

Prepare to Blow Up Ship.

All the men of the Ryeshitelni slept that night on deck with their life preservers under their heads. When the lieutenant from the Japanese destroyers boarded the Ryeshitelni at 3:30 o'clock in the morning the crew which brought him to the vessel, with bayonets fixed in their hands, followed the officer. Captain Shastakovsky protested against this, saying: "We are unable to resist, but this is a breach of neutrality and courtesy."

Captain Shastakovsky then secretly commanded one of his lieutenants to prepare gunpowder with which to blow up the Russian destroyer. To gain the time necessary to make ready for this step, Captain Shastakovsky argued international law with the Japanese officer, whose reply to all the contentions of the Russian officer was:

"Come to the open sea and fight or be prepared to be towed out."

In the meanwhile the command was issued quietly to the Russians to resist the Japanese with their fists in the manner which would be shown them by the captain. Continuing the account of the occurrence, Captain Shastakovsky said:

Free-for-All Fight.

"The Japanese officer told me to surrender, and that as a prisoner my life would be spared. This insult so stung me that I struck the Japanese before I intended to. I was afraid that the explosive to blow up our vessel had not yet been prepared. My blow knocked the lieutenant overboard. In going he dragged me with him. He fell into his small boat alongside, while I fell

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NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Fair Saturday and Sunday.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	71	1 p. m.	87
6 a. m.	70	2 p. m.	88
7 a. m.	71	3 p. m.	88
8 a. m.	74	4 p. m.	88
9 a. m.	76	5 p. m.	89
10 a. m.	80	6 p. m.	88
11 a. m.	83	7 p. m.	87
12 m.	85	8 p. m.	84
		9 p. m.	81

NAVY REDEEMS ITS LAURELS

Russians Think Exploit of Port Arthur Fleet Wipe Out Past Disgrace.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 12.—(New York Herald Cablegram, Special Telegram to The Bee.)—News that the Port Arthur fleet succeeded in cutting its way through the Japanese lines, escaped and proceeded on its way to join Admiral Skydloff's squadron, has created a sensational interest such as has scarcely been known since the beginning of the war, all the more as the event was quite unexpected. The navy is looked upon now as having quite recovered the laurels it lost in the earlier portion of the war.

Enthusiasm seems high, it being supposed that the Japanese must be much more crippled than was supposed. It is thought that shquld the Port Arthur fleet manage to combine with Admiral Skyrdloff's cruisers, together, they would be quite a match for the Japanese.

As night be expected, there is no news of the Russian ships beyond what comes from London and Cheefoo. The latter is quite unreliable.

St. Petersburg is usually lacking in news from Port Arthur, but the departure of the fleet is interpreted to mean that the situation is critical.

GERMANY ENFORCES NEUTRALITY

Russian Ships Must Put to Sea or Be Disarmed.

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BERLIN, Aug. 12.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The news that the Russian warships, the Askold, the Novik and the Diana, with two destroyers, had taken refuge in German waters at Kiao Chau created no little sensation here. The sensation became greater in the evening, when it became known that the Czarevitch and three torpedo boats had also taken refuge there.

There seems, however, no doubt as to the line Germany is going to take. From official sources I learn that Germany will observe complete neutrality, and this is confirmed by the Nord Deutscher Aligemeine Zietung. I further learn that as soon as the news of the arrival of the Russian ships in German waters reached Berlin the naval authorities cabled to have German warships sent at once to Kiao Chau, and in accordance with prompt orders issued the flagship Furest Bismarck left Che Foo and the Sealadler and Thetis left Ching Jan Chau and proceeded to Kiao Chau.

If the Russian ships refuse to leave Kiao Chau they will be taken possession of by the German authorities and disarmed, and it is for the purpose of carrying this out that the eGrman vessels have been sent to Kiao Chou.

As, however, the Russian vessels there represent a fairly powerful naval force they way prepare again to make for the open sea in the hope of reaching Vladivostock. In this case they will be escorted to the three-mile limit by the German warships.

CZAREVITCH IS BADLP DAMAGED

Ship Being Repaired and Japs Are Laying for Russian Squadron.

CHE FOO, Aug. 12.—10 a. m.—A late report from Tsing Chou says that the Russian warships still there are the battleship Czarevitch, the protected cruisers Pallada and Novik and three torpedo boat destroyers. The Czarevitch, which is badly damaged, is being repaired with German assistance, it is alleged.

A report has been received here to the effect that Admiral Withöft was killed in the naval battle of Round Island last Wednesday.

A strong detachment of Japanese warships is reported to have sailed south for the purpose of intercepting the Vladivostok fleet, which it is believed has not yet effected a junction with the vessels reported to have been purchased by Russia from the Argentine government.

JAP SHELLS DO SERIOUS DAMAGE

One Bomb Wounds or Kills 200 People at Port Arthur.

CHE FOO, Aug. 12.—7 p. m.—It has been learned that four Russian sailors were carried away on the Ryeshitelni.

A junk which has arrived here, having left Port Arthur on August 8, brings confirmation of the previous reports of severe fighting day and night. One Japanese shell struck the corner of a building in Port Arthur and killed or wounded 200 people. Fifteen six-inch shells fell at one shot on the water front in one day, but hurt no one. It is roughly estimated that the Japanese are from five to eight miles from Port Arthur.

FORCES IN COREA CONCENTRATE

Two Thousand Russians Advancing on Wonson.

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SEOUL, Aug. 12.—(New York Herald Cablegram, Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Two thousand Russians are between Ham Lung and Wonson, concentrating on Yong Houng, whither the Russians who engaged the Japanese outposts on Monday retired after an ineffectual attempt to cross the river.

RUSSIA SUPPORTED IN PROTEST

Asserted that Germany and France Sustain St. Petersburg.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 12.—4 a. m.—It is stated here that both France and Germany are supporting at Peking the protest of the Russian government against the action of the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers in attacking the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Ryeshitelni in the harbor of Che Foo.

France Cannot Explain Sortie.

PARIS, Aug. 12.—The Foreign office here, though officially confirming the reports of the sortie of the Port Arthur squadron and the fact that a naval engagement occurred, cannot give a reason for the sortie or the result of the combat.

SHIPS SEEK SHELTER

Scattered Squadron Sends Reports from Various Southern Harbors.

VESSELS BATTERED BY JAPANESE GUNS

Czarevitch Reaches Tsing Tau Unable to Go Further on Way.

PART OF FLEET RETURNS TO PORT ARTHUR

Retvizan, Pobeida and Others Get Back to Starting Place.

SOME DETAILS OF DASH ARE GIVEN

Meager but Positive Reports from Tokio Indicate that Togo Was Watching for the Russian Move.

TOKIO, Aug. 12.—6 p. m.—Admiral Togo has reported as follows:

On August 10 our combined fleet attacked the enemy's fleet near Gugan 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 then the ships scattered. The Russian cruisers Askold and Novik and several 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 and Askold and the Czarevitch and Pallada, appear to have returned to Port Arthur. Our damage was slight. Our fighting power has not been impaired.

5:30 p. m.—The casualties in the Japanese navy on Wednesday, August 10, numbered 170.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 12.—A Russian torpedo boat destroyer arrived here today.

It is reported that four Russian battleships are off the Saddle islands, about seventy miles southeast of this port.

Three Russian cruisers are reported to have arrived at Tsing Tau, at the entrance of Kiao Chou bay.

The Saddle Islands are about 550 miles from Port Arthur, which place the Russian squadron left at 7 a. m. Wednesday, August 10.

12 Midnight.—The Russian protected cruiser Askold arrived at Woosung today with its fifth funnel gone close to the deck, all the funnels riddled with shell holes, one gun on the port side dismounted and several large shell holes above the waterline. One lieutenant and eleven men had been killed and fifty men wounded.

Tokio Claims Victory.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—A dispatch from Tokio to the Japanese legation here says:

"According to reports received up to the present the Russian squadron emerged from Port Arthur, was attacked by our fleet south of Yen Tao and dispersed. The Askold, Novik and another cruiser and a destroyer took refuge at Kiao Chou. Another destroyer took refuge at Che Foo. On August 11 five Russian battleships, a cruiser—probably the Diana—a hospital ship and several torpedo destroyers seemed to regain Port Arthur.

"Our fleet is believed to be undamaged."

Yentao, or Yangtan, is a small island of the Elliot group in the Corean gulf. It is about 110 miles northeast of Port Arthur.

Fleet Coaling at Tsing Chou.

CHE FOO, Aug. 12.—7 p. m.—An undoubted authority confirms the reports that Russian warships have arrived at Tsing Tau. He says they consist of the protected cruisers Novik and Askold and a battleship of the Czarevitch type. Two of them and one torpedo boat destroyer, he adds, are taking Cardiff coal on board. One cruiser and one torpedo boat destroyer are now nearing Shanghai. There are indications that the remainder of the Russian squadron has returned to Port Arthur. The Japanese are guarding all points.

The German armored cruiser Furst Bismarck has just left for the port of Tsing Tau, in Kiao Chou bay. Its preparations were made in the greatest haste. Private interests seeking information from Tsing Tau can get no replies, as the wires are jammed with official telegrams to and from Peking.

The report that two Russian cruisers and one torpedo boat destroyer had entered the port of Tsing Tau, Kiao Chou bay, last night (Thursday) is confirmed. Two Russian torpedo boats are said to have been captured on the Chinese coast.

It is believed that the attempt of the Russian ships at Port Arthur to join the Vladivostok squadron has been thwarted.

German Action is Prompt.

BERLIN, Aug. 12.—The Foreign office confirms the arrival last night at Tsing Tau, the entrance of Kiao Chou bay, the German concession on the Shan Tung peninsula, of the Russian battleship Czarevitch (not the protected cruiser Askold), the protected cruiser Novik and an unnamed torpedo boat. The Czarevitch is in an unseaworthy condition, having been damaged in Wednesday's fight. The Foreign office is sending instructions today to the German authorities at Tsing Tau to the effect that the Novik and the torpedo boat must leave the harbor within the twenty-four hours prescribed by international law.

BERLIN, Aug. 12.—Vice Admiral von Prittwitz, commanding the German east Asiatic squadron, telegraphs to the navy department that he sailed today from Che Foo, on board the armoured cruiser Fuerst Bismarck, for Tsing Tau.

The German cruiser See Adler has sailed from Ching Wantao for Tsing Tau.

Depart or Disarm.

The government's instructions to Captain Truppel, governor of Kiao Chou, which is in the jurisdiction of the Naval department, although explicit that the Novik and torpedo boat must leave Tsing Chou within the twenty-four-hour limit, do not, it is understood, provide for the possible refusal of the Russian vessels to leave that port. The Czarevitch, being unseaworthy, most naturally remains in the harbor.

The Foreign office probably will take no further action until Admiral von Prittwitz arrives at Kiao Chou and reports on the situation. It is suggested by one in authority that if the Russian ships refuse to depart they will be required to disarm.

The North German Gazette, in behalf of the government, affirms that Germany will enforce neutrality and observe international law strictly. The other newspapers here print the news agency's dispatches without comment.

Report From Tokio.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—The following cablegram was received at the State de-