

VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON DEFEATED.

The Rurik Sunk and the Other Ships Flee Toward Their Home Port.

BIG BATTLE LASTED FOR FIVE HOURS' SUNDAY.

Victorious Admiral Kamimura Says The Damage Inflicted On His Ships Is Slight—Many Russians Probably Killed.

Tokio, (By Cable).—Vice Admiral Kamimura encountered the Russian Vladivostok Squadron at dawn Sunday north of Tsu Island, in the Strait of Korea, and attacked the enemy at once. The battle lasted for five hours, and resulted in a complete Japanese victory. The Russian cruiser Rurik was sunk and the cruisers Rossia and Gromoboi fled to the northward, after having sustained serious damage.

Vice Admiral Kamimura cables the Navy Department that the injuries inflicted upon his vessels were slight.

The fate of the crew of the Rurik is not known. It is presumed that many of them were killed or drowned. The strength of the fleet under Vice Admiral Kamimura is not known, but it is presumed that he had the Adsuma, Idsumo, Iwate, Takashiko and other light cruisers.

Flags are flying, lanterns are glimmering and cries of "Banzai!" are ringing in the streets of Tokio in honor of the victories gained at sea by Admiral Togo and Vice Admiral Kamimura.

Underneath the jollity of the populace lies a feeling of deep satisfaction and gratification at the disposal of a desperately serious problem of the war.

The Russian squadron which confronted Admiral Togo refused battle. It was stronger than Admiral Togo's squadron in battleships and armored cruisers, and had it elected to fight the result might have altered the fortunes of war. The strength of the squadron which opposed Admiral Togo compelled him to draw vessels from the squadron under Vice Admiral Kamimura, and left the Japanese navy powerless to operate against the Russian Vladivostok squadron and unable to prevent the raids of these vessels.

The raid conducted by the Vladivostok squadron in July was extremely expensive to Japan, and not only was retaliation tempting, but it was demanded by commercial interests.

The Navy, however, grimly refused to make a diversion and stuck to Port Arthur. It was confident that the harbor soon would be untenable for the Russian warships, that it would eventually get a fair fight in the open sea away from the Russian land batteries, and that the Japanese would win. These calculations of the Navy were correct and the Russians, with the chances even, have been hopelessly defeated.

Vice Admiral Kamimura, after months of wear and patient waiting, finally got his chance at dawn Sunday off Tsu Island.

He sunk the Russian cruiser Rurik and sent the cruisers Gromoboi and Rossia fleeing back from the fight.

Japanese guns dominate the dock yards at Port Arthur, and in view of this fact it would seem to be impossible again to make seaworthy or fightable the Russian battleships which have returned to Port Arthur. It is probable that the Russian battleship Czarevitch will disarm at Tsingchow.

The best possible naval force that Russia can now concentrate at Vladivostok is four cruisers.

In the fight of August to the squadron under Admiral Togo was practically unharmed. The battleship Mikasa suffered the most, but she continues on the fighting line.

The cruisers Yakumo, Nishin and Kasuga also were hit, but temporary repairs already have been made, and they are fully serviceable.

Eleven wounded officers and 66 wounded men arrived at Sascho today. The imperial prince Hiroyasu Kwacho, who holds the rank of commander in the Japanese Navy, was hit in the region of the heart. His wound, however, is slight.

The steamer Gaelic, bound for Shanghai, at 10 o'clock Saturday morning sighted a Russian cruiser, evidently the Novik, steering southeast by east. This course showed her to be heading for Van Diemen Strait.

Japs Lose Up to August 1.

Washington, D. C., (Special).—The Japanese Legation has received a revised list of casualties on the Japanese side from the battle of Chongju, March 28, up to and including the battle of Yangtse pass, August 1, showing the total estimated casualties to be 12,055.

The largest losses resulted from the battle of Kinchow, or Nanshan Hill, the first in the Port Arthur campaign, when 33 officers and 716 men were killed and 3,455 men wounded. The next largest loss was suffered in the battle of Telissu, or Vafangow, June 15, when the total casualties were 1,173, including 7 officers killed and 43 wounded.

The actual known losses for the period of this report are given as follows:

Killed—Officers, 54; men, 1,509; total, 1,563.

Wounded—Officers, 96; men, 6,330; total, 6,426.

These are added to the estimated casualties for some of the engagements, amounting to 4,066, making the grand total of 12,055.

Revolution in Paraguay.

Buenos Ayres, (Special).—The Paraguayan revolutionists have occupied several districts and are rapidly approaching Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay. One officer and eighteen men were killed and several others wounded in an attempt to board a rebel vessel. An attack on the capital by insurgents is believed to be imminent. The Argentine government has dispatched two gunboats to protect its interests in Paraguay.

NEWS IN SHORT ORDER.

The Latest Happenings Condensed for Rapid Reading.

Domestic.

The coal miners have decided to submit to Judge Gray the entire question of check-weighmen and check-docking bosses.

Hereafter the conventions of the Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen will be held every two years instead of annually.

Dr. Frank G. Sanft, a prominent physician, of Roxbury, Mass., has been arrested on a charge of counterfeiting.

Seymour D. Thompson, former associate justice of the Court of Appeals at St. Louis, died at East Orange, N. J.

Chairman Cortelyou announced that President Roosevelt will not make any political speeches during the campaign.

The Interstate Commerce Commission announced its decision regarding the fruit transportation charges.

Half a dozen men were injured in various encounters between strikers and nonunion men in Chicago.

Former Congressman George Bricker died suddenly of heart trouble at Shegoygan Falls, Wis.

Prince Henry, of Prussia, his wife and eldest son will visit the St. Louis Exposition.

Three persons were killed and three were injured in a trolley car wreck at Defiance, O.

Twenty-one mines of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company will shut down for a week.

Eight men were arrested for counterfeiting in a raid at Chicago.

A meteor struck the earth near Concord Station, Pa.

A \$15,000,000 mortgage from the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company to the Guaranty Trust Company of New York was filed for record at Columbus, O.

The International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen endorsed the action of the packing-house firemen in going out in sympathetic strike.

A summer trolley car ran away in Beaver Run Valley. It turned over at the bottom of a grade and 10 people were injured, 1 fatally.

Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks was tendered a reception during the celebration of the Old-Home Week at Marysville, O.

The Citizens' Alliance has threatened the bondsmen of the miners charged with the riot at Victor with deportation.

President Roosevelt has appointed Regis H. Post to be secretary and E. S. Rockwell to be auditor of Porto Rico.

Carrie Nation has given over a thousand dollars to the Home for Wives of Drunkards, at Topeka, Kan.

Mrs. Ida Stebbins shot and killed her husband near Golden, Cal.

Vincenzo Mannino, the Italian contractor, of Brooklyn, whose six-year-old son, Antonio, has been kidnapped, offered a reward of \$500 for the return of the boy, and also offered to pay liberally for any information concerning his lost child.

Willie Mungen, alias Frank Davis, colored, who was hanged at Johnstown, Pa., for the murder of John Taylor, also colored, confessed to the murder of another colored woman, in Jacksonville, Fla., years ago.

At Southaven, Mich., J. E. Reinger, formerly president and treasurer of the Reinger Lumber Company, was arrested on the charge of embezzling funds of the company amounting to \$43,000.

At Helena, Mont., Isaac Gravelle, on trial for dynamiting the Northern Pacific Railway last year, committed suicide in an ante-room of the courtroom.

Ready-made clothing manufacturers of Chicago declined to meet striking cutters, busshelmen and trimmers.

Mines in the Birmingham district are working on small scale with union and nonunion men.

JUDGE PARKER ACCEPTS

Democratic Candidate for Presidency Notified of His Nomination.

Simple Ceremonies at Rosemount.

The Notification Was Brought to Judge Parker by Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, as Chairman of a Committee Representing Every State and Territory in the Union.

Esopus, N. Y., (Special).—Alton Brooks Parker, whose home is at Rosemount, near this village, was Wednesday afternoon formally notified of his nomination for the Presidency by the Democratic party.

Accompanied by other prominent Democrats, a committee of one from each State and Territory, appointed by the recent Convention in St. Louis, came to Esopus on the steamboat Sagamore, from New York, and took part in the exercises. The party numbered more than 500. They were joined by relatives and neighbors of Judge Parker.

The programme of notification was a simple one. Congressman Champ Clark of Missouri, chairman of the committee, addressed the candidate, and handed him a written notification, signed individually by the members of the committee. Judge Parker responded with a speech which was the first since his nomination, and is of greatest importance, because it declares his views on the great public questions before the country in this campaign.

Esopus, N. Y., (Special).—When formally notified that he had been nominated for the Presidency by the Democratic party, Judge Parker addressed the notification committee and others present in part as follows:

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Committee:

"I have resigned the office of Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of this State in order that I may accept the responsibility that the great Convention you represent has put upon me, without possible prejudice to the Court to which I had the honor to belong, or to the eminent members of the judiciary of this State, of whom I may now say as a private citizen I am justly proud.

Famous Message Recalled.

"At the very threshold of this response, and before dealing with other subjects, I must, in justice to myself and to relieve my sense of gratitude, express my profound appreciation of the confidence reposed in me by the Convention. After nominating me and subsequently receiving a communication declaring that I regarded the gold standard as firmly and irrevocably established, a matter concerning which I felt it incumbent upon me to make known my attitude so that hereafter no man could justly say that his support had been secured through indirection or mistake, the Convention reiterated its determination that I should be the standard-bearer of the party in the present contest. This mark of trust and confidence I shall ever esteem as the highest honor that could be conferred upon me—an honor that, whatever may be the fate of the campaign, the future can in no degree lessen or impair.

The Platform.

"The admirable platform upon which the party appeals to the country for its confidence and support clearly states the principles which were so well condensed in the first inaugural address of President Jefferson, and points out with force and directness the course to be pursued through their proper application in order to insure needed reforms in both the legislative and administrative departments of the Government.

Executive Power Usurped.

"Occasionally, by reason of unnecessary or impatient agitation for reforms, or because the limitations placed upon the departments of Government by the Constitution are disregarded by officials desiring to accomplish that which to them seems good, whether the power exists in them or not, it becomes desirable to call attention to the fact that the people, in whom all power resides, have seen fit, through the medium of the Constitution, to limit the governmental powers conferred and to say to departments created by it: 'Thus far shalt thou go and no farther.' To secure the ends sought the people have by the Constitution, separated and distributed among the three departments of Government—the executive, legislative and judicial—certain powers, and it is the duty of those administering each department so to act as to preserve, rather than to destroy, the potency of the co-ordinate branches of the Government, and thus secure the exercise of all the powers conferred by the people.

Tariff Law.

"The present tariff law is unjust in its operation, excessive in many of its rates, and so framed in particular instances as to exact inordinate profits from the people. So well understood has this view become that many prominent members of the Republican party and at least two of its State Conventions, have dared to voice the general sentiment on that subject. That party seems, however, to be collectively able to harmonize only upon a plank that admits that revision may from time to time be necessary, but it is so phrased that it is expected to

DEATH CAME TO TEN

Naphtha Launch, With Fourteen Passengers Capsized.

Ten Persons Were Drowned in the Upper Potomac in the Course of the Regatta of the Potomac River Regatta Association—The Victims Were Passengers Aboard a Steam Pleasure Launch.

Washington, D. C., (Special).—Ten persons out of fourteen in a steam launch, all of this city, who were spectators at the twelfth annual regatta of the Potomac Boat Club here were drowned through the overturning of their craft.

The Potomac was lined with spectators in canoes and larger pleasure boats to witness the races. A few of these boats were late in starting and, contrary to instructions, kept to the Washington shore of the river. The launch that was upset was loaded to twice its normal capacity and was steaming slowly up the river during the running of the second race.

The race was an unusually close one and aroused considerable enthusiasm and commotion among the crowds both ashore and afloat. Amid the clamor of shrill whistles, clanging of bells and loud cheering, the racers were rowing a neck-and-neck contest as they approached a point opposite the fateful launch. Those in the latter were keyed up to a high pitch of excitement and were entirely unaware of the dangerous course of their boat as it was steered directly toward a large waste flume of a mill gushing forth big volumes of water that caused a heavy undertow and eddy. The launch ran into this dangerous current just as the single scullers were passing opposite on a line, and everyone in the launch crowded over to one side to get the best view of the race.

The sudden pressure of fourteen persons to one side of the boat, together with the strong current under the lightened side of the launch, made it turn turtle, and nothing but the keel could be seen for a moment. Then several heads were seen to rise at the stern of the boat, where a rope was fastened, and gave support for a few moments. The press boat, containing half a dozen newspaper reporters, was passing within a few yards at that moment, and by reversing engines came to an almost immediate stop. Life preservers and ropes were thrown to those in sight, who had all gathered about the single end of the boat that showed above water. Half a dozen were clinging to the boat rope, which was the only thing in reach that offered them support.

All were quiet, apparently in complete confidence that they would be rescued. Two of the women were being supported by the men at the top of the rope when the press boat had approached within five yards of them, when they all suddenly sank from view and never appeared above the surface until dragged out dead.

The weight of six people on one rope, all clinging together so that it must have been impossible for anyone to disentangle himself, together with the strong undercurrent at this point, must have made it impossible for any of the drowning persons to rise to the surface where they would have had every chance for being rescued.

BRYAN LOSING RESPECT.

The Bennett Will Case Decided Against Him—"Sealed Letter" Rejected.

New Haven, Conn., (Special).—The Supreme Court of Errors handed down a decision here sustaining the verdict of the Superior Court in rejecting the evidence of the "sealed letter" by which William J. Bryan was to receive \$50,000 from the estate of Philo S. Bennett. The opinion is written by Chief Justice Torrance, and all the associate judges concur.

Bennett was killed in an accident August 9, 1903. November 6, 1903, the Probate Court approved his will, but declined to admit to probate a sealed letter referred to in the will. Mr. Bryan, as an executor, and individually, appealed from the decision of the Probate Court and also instituted an action requesting a construction of the will by the Superior Court. Simultaneously counsel for the testator's widow and other heirs appealed from the decision of the Probate Court in admitting the will, alleging undue influence on the part of Bryan.

Judge Gager, in the Supreme Court, ruled that the sealed letter was dispositive in character and therefore came within the statute governing wills, which provides that every paper that is codicil or testamentary must be attested by three witnesses. Judge Gager also ordered the Bennett appeal stricken from the trial list.

Adrift on a Raft.

Lowell, Mass., (Special).—By the breaking of the chains which had held it to the shore, a landing raft crowded with picnickers was set adrift in Lake Kabnasset at West Chelmsford and in the panic which ensued 25 women and children were pushed overboard into 15 feet of water, while many others received painful bruises. The most seriously injured was Mrs. Gertrude Weaver, who was trampled upon and who suffered from nervous shock.

FINANCIAL.

Money continues to be a drug on the market. The banks hold more than they desire.

Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway Company, sailed for Europe.

P. W. Harding is dead. He was the "specialist" in Erie on the New York Stock Exchange.

The American Telegraph & Cable Company will on September 1 pay the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4 per cent.

Mrs. Maybrick Sails.

London, (By Cable).—Mrs. Florence Maybrick left Rouen alone and did not announce her destination. She possibly joined her attorney, Mr. Hayden, and sailed on the Red Star Line steamer Vaderland from Antwerp. A dispatch to a news agency from Brussels says it is asserted at Antwerp that Mrs. Maybrick sailed for America under an assumed name on the Vaderland.

RECEIVER FOR LEGION OF HONOR.

Action Taken on Recommendation of Insurance Commissioners.

Boston, (Special).—Henry A. Wyman was appointed permanent receiver of the Supreme Council of the American Legion of Honor, a beneficial organization, with headquarters in this city. The insurance commissioners claimed that the condition of the organization was such as to render its continuance hazardous to the public.

A few weeks ago the supreme council of the organization applied to the state insurance department for \$11,000 if the emergency fund kept on deposit with the state treasurer, in order that the association might meet death claims then pending. This request was refused. The emergency fund in the state treasury amounts to \$300,000.

One hundred thousand dollars of this is represented by real estate in this city.

State Insurance Commissioner Cutting said that there is a deficiency of \$10,000 in the organization's financial standing, as accounted for June 23. He also said that death claims aggregating \$200,000 remained unpaid.

Life Imprisonment for Boy Bandit.

Chicago, (Special).—David Kelly, a member of the "Boy Bandit" quartet, has been found guilty of complicity in the murder of John Lane, a stage carpenter at the Illinois Theater, by a jury in Judge Chytraus' court and he was sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary. James and William Formby and Peter Duffer already have been sentenced to life imprisonment for their part in the killing of Lane, they having pleaded guilty.

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