

THE GREAT NAVAL BATTLE.

Graphic Account of Togo's Wonderful Victory.

BY A JAPANESE OFFICER WHO TOOK PART IN THE FIGHT.

Russians Enclosed by a Circle of Death.

Tokio, June 3.—A Japanese officer who has returned to Sasebo, gives the following account of the sea fight off the Tsu Islands:

At 5.30 Saturday morning a wireless message reading:

"The enemy's squadron is in sight," reached the naval base.

This message was transmitted to all our ships by the flagship, with instructions to get ready for action. Our squadron left their rendezvous and headed for the eastern channel, off Tushima. Our men seemed to be filled with new inspiration and were eager for the long-delayed fight to begin.

When Tushima was sighted to the southwest the sea was rough and the torpedo boats were forced to run for the shelter of the island. Our third fighting squadron with the Takashio to port, reconnoitered the Russian course, and at 11.30 a. m. informed the main squadron by wireless telegraph that the Russian ships were passing into the east channel, whereupon our main squadron, changing its course somewhat to the southward, came in sight of Okinkima at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The third division arrived later and joined the main squadron. The first and second divisions, accompanied by the destroyer's flotilla, changed to a westerly course, while the third division and the fourth destroyer flotilla headed slightly eastward.

EMPIRE'S DESTINY AT STAKE.

"During the manoeuvre the Russian flagship appeared to the southward at 1.45 o'clock. The Russians steamed up in double column. The fleet was numerous, but no living being was visible. The Russian ships seemed to be in good order. Our ships hoisted the flag of action, the Mikasa signalling. The destiny of our empire depends upon this action. You are all expected to do your utmost." Our men seemed to silently weigh the significance of this signal.

"Our first and second divisions turned to the Russians' starboard, while the third division kept in close touch with the preceding two divisions. With the Japanese ships proceeding in this order, it was 2.13 o'clock when the Russians opened fire. The first two shots fell short of our line and it was some minutes later before we commenced firing.

Then the battle was on with firing from both sides. Our destroyers kept on the port side of the main squadron, and in this formation we pressed the Russians against the coast of Kinshui, and they were obliged to change their course to the east.

"We so manoeuvred our ships as to have their bows paralleled to the north side of the Russian line. The Mikasa, of our first division, which had been leading, changed to the rear of the line, while the Kasuga headed the line.

"The engagement now became very fierce. The Borodino was seen to be on fire. A little later the Russians headed west, and we changed our course accordingly. Five of our second division concentrated their fire on the Borodino. Our first division now began firing vigorously, proceeding parallel with the Russian line, and as we began to press against the head of the Russian line our third division veered to the rear, thus enveloping their ships.

LAW'S ARM LONG AND SEVERE.

How the Scotland Yard Men Tracked a Famous Criminal.

One of the most expert safe-openers in Europe has been arrested in London, with some of the proceeds of Paris murders and robberies in his pocket. He is under no suspicion of any share in the murders, for he was in prison at the time they were committed, says the Express. The sheaf of French bonds believed to have been stolen from Mme. Laurent—"La Mère la Frite"—when she was murdered in her cafe in the Montmartre district of Paris, were produced at Bow street by Detective Inspector Sexton of Scotland Yard.

Gaston Thiriot and Jean Sauvat, who were grieved in London, have already been remanded. The third prisoner is William Bielle, a trim, short, neatly-built man, with quick, lissom movements, a small brown mustache, an intelligent face, and a foreign accent.

RECOVERING THE BONDS. He leaned nonchalantly against the iron rail of the dock at Bow street and twirled his mustache while Inspector Sexton produced the bunch of eighteen Great Pontier bonds of the value of £20 each and a Russian

Russians Enclosed.

The engagement proceeded hotly. Our second division followed a course of parallel with the northern side of the Russians, and this movement completed the envelopment. The Russian ships were seen trying to break through, and our destroyer flotilla intercepted their new course. This state of envelopment continued until the following day, with the ships at varying distances. Thus enclosed on all sides the Russians were hopeless and powerless to escape the circle. Previous instructions had been given the destroyers and torpedo boats to attack the Russian ships. "Following the instructions the fifth destroyer flotilla advanced against a Russian ship, upon which the second division had been concentrating its fire, signalling, 'We are going to give the last thrust at them.'"

"The Russian ship continued to fight and seeing the approaching torpedo boats, directed its fire on them. Undaunted our destroyers pressed forward, the Chitose meantime continuing its fire. The torpedo flotilla arrived within two hundred metres of the Russian ship, and the Shiranusi fired the first shot. Two other torpedo boats fired on each. The Shiranusi received two shells, but the other boats were not damaged. The Russian ship was completely sunk.

"Shutdown saw the battle raging furiously. Our shells were evidently telling on the Russians, who showed signs of confusion. Our fifth torpedo flotilla, after destroying the Borodino, followed in the wake of our second division, the signal reading: 'Something like the Russians' submarines have been sighted. Attack them.'"

ATTACKED ALL NIGHT.

"According to orders previously given for a torpedo attack after dark all the destroyers, flotilla, dividing into two squadrons, proceeded to attack the Russians during the whole night. The Russians frustrated the first and second attack with searchlights. A third attempt was carefully made and the Yugirl sank a ship of the Borodino type, and also hit others. During the night the Russians continued to move, and we preserved our enveloping movement, some distance from the Russian position. The Russian ships headed northeast after daybreak hoping to reach Vladivostok.

"Our officers and men were determined that not a ship should escape, and resolved not to relax their efforts until they had succeeded in capturing or sinking every Russian ship.

"Our ships always kept ahead of the Russians. The battle was resumed at nine o'clock Sunday morning, twelve miles east of Chiyuyon Bay, and lasted all day. Here the Russians suffered their heaviest losses. They seemed unprepared to repel night attacks. During our first night attack the Russians showed nine searchlights, and frustrated the attacks, but clearly gave us the location of the fleet, which brought success later."

SHADOWED AND ARRESTED.

As soon as possible after the discovery of the crime particulars of the suspected men were telegraphed to New Scotland Yard, and Inspector Sexton, the Soho expert and linguist at once set to work to track the men on the English side of the channel. Inspector Sexton instructed Detective-Sergeants McIntyre and Ashley to watch a number of persons. As he was strolling along Rathbone place with Inspector de Bisschop, Mr. Sexton suddenly saw two French men answering the descriptions telegraphed from Paris. He walked quietly to the back of the men, crept right up to them, and seized one with each hand.

"My God!" cried Thiriot.

"Your name?" demanded Mr. Sexton.

"Thiriot!" he answered, writhing under the strong twist of the detective's grasp on his coat collar.

When the two suspects were under lock and key Bielle was dealt with. A quiet little meeting was arranged by Inspector Sexton, at which a disguised officer was to pose as a French buyer of stolen bonds. "Fifteen per cent," was the offer. "No," answered Bielle, "make it 17 per cent."

Although the interview closed, the detectives had not finished with Bielle. They shadowed him about for their own purposes, and one night Detective-Inspector McIntyre walked up to him and placed his hand on his shoulder.

BLOOMFIELD RIDGE.

June 2.—The weather for the past few weeks has been excellent, and nearly everyone is through with farming.

Alex. Norrad had the misfortune of getting kicked in the breast by a horse last Monday, but we are glad to say that he has almost recovered from the effects of it.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bell of Tay, north, drove to her father's, Joe. Norrad's, on Friday, accompanied by Miss Gertrude McLean and Mr. Charles MacLean.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sanson of Boiestown, took dinner here on Sunday.

Our new Baptist minister, Rev. C. W. Sables, preached to large congregations in the Baptist Church on Sunday morning and evening.

Miss Stella S. Fairley presided at the organ at the Baptist Church on Sunday, and did much credit, both to herself and her instructors in music.

We expect to have the Rev. C. W. Sables with us for the ensuing year. The Presbyterian minister, Rev. J. Keith, preached here in the Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, and he seemed to be a very able and eloquent speaker.

Mrs. E. W. Norrad has re-opened her grocery store at the corner of River and High Streets, and the corner has assumed the cheerful appearance of old.

The greatest event of the season took place at Parker's Ridge on Wednesday night. It was a large ball. A large crowd was present and all passed off having a good time. Another one takes place at Avery's Portage on the fourteenth of this month, which we hope will be at least equal if not exceed the one at Parker's Ridge, as there is nothing we enjoy as much as a good ball.

Mrs. Bert Carson and son, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Fred Fairley and son, spent last Wednesday afternoon with the Misses Lena and May Cameron.

Mr. Kenneth Hunter, while attending a concert at Parker's Ridge, had the misfortune to run into a barbed wire fence, and injure his hand quite badly.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Calhoun of Pleasant Ridge, are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a pair of twins, both girls.

Mr. Mark Carson is also wearing a smiling face over a new little daughter.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Abraham Munn of Flora Hill, who has been confined to her home from nervous prostration, is convalescent, and we hope to see her cheerful face among us soon again.

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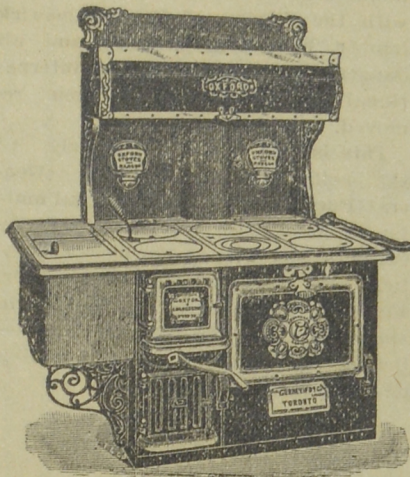
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