

NINETEEN SHIPS AND NEBOGATOFF

TOKIO, May 29, 2.15 P. M.---It is officially announced that Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet has been practically annihilated. Twelve warships have been sunk or captured and two transports and two torpedo boat destroyers have been sunk.

Tokio, May 29, 2.50 p. m.---In the battle fought Saturday in the Straits of Korea, the Russian battleships Barodino and Alexander III, the armoured cruisers Admiral Kahimoff, Dmitri, Donskoi and Vladimir Monomach, the armoured defence ironclad Admiral Oushakoff, the protected cruisers Svitlana and Jemtchung, the repairship Kemstchatka and the cruiser Irrssin were sunk. The battleships Orel and Nicolli I. and the coast defence ironclads Admiral Seniavin and General Apraxine were captured.

TOGO SAYS NINETEEN. WASHINGTON, May 29.—An official telegram from Tokio states that Admiral Togo reports to his government that the total losses sustained by the Russian fleet Saturday and Sunday were: two battleships, one coast defence ironclad, five cruisers, two special service ships and three destroyers, all sunk. In addition there were captured two battleships, two coast defence ironclads, one special service ship, one destroyer, and over two thousand prisoners. Admiral Togo adds that the Japanese squadron was undamaged.

Nebogatoff Captured. TOKIO, May 29, 3 p. m.---Rear Admiral Nebogatoff, former commander of the fourth division of the Pacific fleet and recently commander of the information squadron, composed of scouts and merchantmen, with 3,000 other Russians, is among the prisoners captured by the Japanese. Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky appears to have escaped. The battle began Saturday morning and the Japanese are still in pursuit of the Russians.

Will Hasten Peace. NEW YORK, May 29.—Advices received from London and other leading continental financial centres by local bankers were all of the opinion that Japan's decisive victory would hasten peace. Reports that the government in Washington had signified its willingness to act as mediator in the event of peace proposals were current and added to the hopeful feeling in financial circles that the end of the war might be looked for.

Russian Formation. WASHINGTON, May 29.—The following belated despatch has been received by the navy department, dated May 27, showing the formation of the Russian fleet just before the battle: "The Russian fleet was sighted at six o'clock a. m. between Golo Island and Quinsung Island, Korea, in double column, Quinsung leading the way. Borodino, Orel, Kniaz Sukoroff, Alexander III, Osewabia, Sissoi Veliky, Nevarin, Nicolai I, starboard; Admiral Nakhimoff, Admiral Oushakoff, Admiral Seniavin, General Admiral Apraxine and other cruisers, port."

A Crushing Blow. ST. PETERSBURG, May 29.—The receipt of the Tokio official bulletin announcing that Rojestvensky's fleet was practically annihilated was a crushing blow to the admiralty officials, destroying the hope to which many of them had clung that the silence of the Japanese government might be favorably construed. The wording of the official despatch was interpreted to mean that Admiral Togo had succeeded in barring and holding the entrance of the Straits of Korea against Admiral Rojestvensky.

Togo's Report. WASHINGTON, May 29.—Official announcement of the result of the naval engagement between the Japanese and Russian fleets was received at the state department today from Minister Griscoom as follows: "TOKIO, May 29.—Admiral Togo has informed his government concerning the fight which took place on Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening. According to his report the Japanese fleet under his command destroyed and sunk one battleship of the Borodino class and four other large warships. Two other warships were captured. None of the Japanese men of war received serious injury. The battle was still in progress on Sunday. A great Japanese victory is announced here as the general result of the engagement, but few details have been received."

The Lost Ships. The Borodino was a first-class battleship, completed in 1904, of 13,513 tons displacement, with a speed of 18 knots. She had an armored belt of from 4 to 10 inches of Krupp steel and from 6 to 10 inches of armor over her gun positions and bulkheads. Her armament consisted of four 12-inch guns, twelve 6-inch guns and over forty smaller rapid fire guns. Her crew numbered 740 officers and men. The Alexander III was a sister ship of the Borodino, and was also completed in 1904. The Admiral Nakhimoff was an armoured cruiser of 8,254 tons displacement and 9,000 indicated horsepower, giving her a speed of 16 knots. She had eight inches

of compound armor over her gun positions, carried eight 8-inch guns, ten 6-inch guns and about twenty smaller rapid fire guns. She had a complement of about 667 officers and men. The Dmitri Donskoi was an armoured cruiser of 6,200 tons, sheathed, of 7,000 indicated horse power, and having a speed of about 16 knots. She had an armored belt six inches thick and had ten inches of armor over her bulkheads and heavy gun positions. Her armament consisted of six 6-inch guns, ten 4.7-inch guns and sixteen quick firing guns. Her crew numbered 510 officers and men. The Vladimir Monomach was a sheathed cruiser of 5,503 tons and 7,000 indicated horse power. She was completed in 1885, had a belt of compound armor six to ten inches thick, a protected deck of two inches of steel and carried five 8-inch guns, twelve 6-inch guns and 18 quick firing guns. Her crew numbered 550 officers and men.

The Admiral Oushakoff, a coast defence ironclad, was of 4,648 tons displacement and 5,000 indicated horse power. She was completed in 1895, had an armored belt ten inches thick, a protected deck of three inches of steel and from 7 to 8 inches of armor over her heavy gun positions. Her armament consisted of four 9-inch guns, four 6-inch guns and six 1.8-inch guns, in addition to a number of smaller rapid fire guns. Her speed was estimated at 16 knots and she carried 318 officers and men.

The Svietlan was a protected cruiser of 3,862 tons displacement and 3,828 indicated horse power, was completed in 1897 and had a speed of about 20 knots. She had a two inch protected deck of steel and four inches of armor over her gun positions. Her armament consisted of six 5.9 inch guns and ten 4.3 inch guns. She had a complement of 360 officers and men. The protected cruiser Jemtchung was of 3,106 tons displacement and 17,000 indicated horse power, giving her a speed of about 22 knots. She was completed in 1903, and had a protected deck of two inches of steel and carried six 4.7 inch guns, six 1.8 guns and two 1.4 inch guns. Her crew numbered 340 officers and men. The repair ship Kamschatka was a most important unit of Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet. She is understood to have been fitted up with every scientific appliance available for the repair of warships and was described as being a "floating workshop." She was launched at the new admiralty yards, St. Petersburg, Nov. 1, 1902. She was of 7,200 tons displacement, was capable of carrying 3,500 tons of coal and mounted six small quick firing guns. She had transport accommodation for 32 officers and 1,000 men. The Irrssin was probably an auxiliary cruiser but her name is not given in any of the naval lists available. The battleship Orel is a sister ship of the Borodino. The battleship Nicholas I is of 9,672 tons displacement and 8,900 indicated horsepower, giving her a speed of about 14 knots. She is sheathed and although completed as far back as 1892 was thoroughly overhauled in 1900. She has compound armor belt six to four inches thick, has a steel protected deck 2 1/2 inches thick and has six to ten inches of armor (compound) over gun positions. Her armament consists of two 12 inch guns, 9 inch guns 8 inch guns and 12 quick firing guns. In addition to a number of small rapid-firing guns. Her complement is 604 officers and men. The coast defence ironclad Admiral Seniavin is a sister ship of the Admiral Oushakoff, sunk by the Japanese in the Straits of Korea. The coast defence ironclad General Admiral Apraxine is of 4,128 tons displacement and 5,757 indicated horse power, giving her a speed of about 15 knots. She was completed at St. Petersburg in 1888, has iron belt of Harveyized steel ten inches thick, a steel protected deck 2 1/2 inch thick, a steel protected deck two inches thick and has from seven to eight inches of Krupp steel over her heavy guns' positions. The armament of the Apraxine consists of three 10-inch guns, four 6-inch guns and 14 rapid fire guns. It has a crew numbering 318 officers and men.

Japs Get Another. WASHINGTON, May 29.—According to advices received by the navy department from Tokio, the Japanese, in addition to the ships already named, captured the Russian battleship Sissoi Veliky and the Russian flagship was seriously damaged.

Tokio Reticent. PARIS, May 29.—The Journal's special war correspondent Ludovic Nadeou, who was taken prisoner at Mukden and sent to Japan, cabled from Tokio under date of May 28, that the authorities there were observing the strictest secrecy regarding the naval battle. He said that on the morning of May 27, a large Russian fleet

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The indications point to an early winter. Having learned that he was dead and had no living relatives in this part of the country, the city fathers decided to name the new ferry steamer after Mayor Ludlow. Some citizens are evidently not aware that the Old Burial Ground has been set apart as a receptacle for old papers and rubbish of various kinds. There is room for several more loads. Mr. Peter Binks states that the ice men, in delivering ice about the city, do not leave as much sawdust on the sidewalk as the law allows. Sometimes the ice is perfectly clean, and he is afraid the habit is growing. As Mr. Binks understands it, the person who buys ice is entitled to some sawdust, a little straw, and a modicum of dirt. But in some instances that have come under his observation the ice actually looked as if it had been washed. He will bring the matter to the attention of the company. As soon as the painters and decorators have finished their work, the mayor and the Times new reporter will hold receptions. The mayor will have more carpets, but the new reporter will have more paint. The corporation barbers will be busy on the squares this week. The people on Carmanthen street, between Duke and Mecklenburg streets, have secured a promise that one of the city watering carts will pass their doors some day next month, and they are preparing to celebrate the event. Only fifteen or twenty dogs visited the flower beds in the Old Burial Ground yesterday. The others may have scruples with regard to Sabbath observance, and will no doubt get busy again this week. A high medical authority is said to have discovered that stiff high collars press against the pneumogastric nerve, and may cause serious organic derangement. This appears to contradict the theory that a stiff high collar is a sign of previous mental derangement, which has been generally accepted. But the medical authority may be wrong, after all. Mr. Jamesey Jones went to the mayor's office and to police headquarters today and entered an indignant protest against the apathy of the public with regard to a recent mysterious disappearance. He said it was scandalous and even criminal that a group of our very best citizens should disappear and no effort be made to locate them. He alluded to the Citizens' League. The city, he said, had a detective, and a police force; yet not a single effort had been made to discover the fate of more than one hundred persons who had disappeared as if swallowed up into the earth. Jamesey is determined to organize a searching party at once. Having whitewashed his fence on Victoria Day, Mr. Jamesey Jones had his flag flying yesterday. It is now stated that the new ferry boat may not be called the Ludlow after all—but the Slocum.

HUMORS OF HISTORY---50.



A Royal Burglar. H. D. 1100. "Henry (surnamed Beauchero, or 'fine scholar'), the youngest son of the Conqueror, no sooner heard of his brother William's death than he hurried to Winchester and seized the royal treasure."

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