

## ONE RUMOR AT TOKIO

Bombardment of Port Arthur of Which the People There Didn't Know.

### SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN FICTION

Makarov Reports the Capture of a Jap Vessel—Estimate of the Forces at the Front.

London, April 2.—A dispatch to The Central News from Tokio says vice Admiral Togo made another attack on Port Arthur during the night of March 30-31. The dispatch adds that it is understood the attack was for the purpose of taking soundings and ascertaining the effects of the last attempt to bottle up the Russian fleet.

St. Petersburg, April 2.—The Associated Press is officially informed that up to the present the government has received no news to confirm the statement sent by a news agency from Tokio that the Japanese made another attack on Port Arthur during the night of March 30-31.

St. Petersburg, April 2.—A semi-official dispatch from Port Arthur bearing yesterday's date, says: "Our entire squadron left the harbor March 28, making for the Mactas Islands. At 11 o'clock the cruiser Novik sighted a steamer towing a Chinese junk. She would not stop until the torpedo boat Vrmanly fired two shots. It was the Japanese steamer Hanien Maru, on board which were found ten Japanese and eleven Chinamen, various papers, telegrams and maps, and two Whitehead torpedoes. The crew was taken on board our ships, after which the vessel was taken in tow and subsequently sunk. The Novik and accompanying torpedo boats rejoined the squadron, which returned to Port Arthur.

Religious Services and Funerals. "On March 29 the anniversary of the Russian occupation of Port Arthur was celebrated with a religious service and a military review. On March 30 occurred the funeral of the men killed on board the torpedo boat destroyer Sili during the Japanese attempt to block the port March 27. A large concourse attended the funeral. Grand Duke Boris arrived on the same day, and was given a public welcome. Viceroy Alexieff, accompanied by General Zhilinski, arrived on March 31. All is quiet."

### RUSSIA'S FORCE AT THE FRONT

Correspondent Figures It at More Than Twice That of Japan.

Paris, April 2.—The Figaro's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs as follows: "A detailed list of the Russian troops in the Far East was semi-officially communicated to me today. It was drawn up on the evening of March 28 by the general staff at Harbin. There were then in Manchuria 170,000 infantry, 17,000 cavalry, and 256 cannon. Of this number 20,000 infantry, 5,000 cavalry and 32,000 cannon have been sent out to guard the railway.

"Although the bulk of the troops is concentrated opposite Korea, the strategical front extends 1,600 kilometers from Vladivostok to New Chwang, on the left bank of the Liao river, the right bank being considered neutral territory. By June 28, 130,000 more infantry, 30,000 cavalry and 250 cannon will have been sent out. It is estimated that the Japanese troops landed do not exceed 80,000, and that 100,000 are waiting until the communisat is assured before being transported, as it is impossible to feed them in Korea."

### SOME ADVERSARIAL FACT

Correspondents Going to the Front—In Harmonious News from That Front.

London, April 2.—A Tokio dispatch says that the sixteen newspaper correspondents were permitted to leave for the front yesterday, and the conclusion is that an important battle has taken place, because the conclusion previously was that no correspondents were to be allowed in front until after the first general land engagement.

Another Tokio dispatch says that the Japanese forces that repulsed the Russians at Chong-Ju have advanced to Yang-Chun, forty-five miles west, and driven the Russians out of that latter place after a brief fight. No details are given.

A Seoul report is that the Cossacks are retreating toward Wiju in much distress, having to cut down telegraph poles for fuel and being out of food for their horses, which are rapidly dying.

On the other hand St. Petersburg "semi-official" dispatch says that in the fight at Chong-Ju the Japanese loss was ten times that of the Russians, according to Korean reports, and that the Japs were so "distracted" that they looted two Red Cross signs in tokens of surrender during the fight. The dispatch also speaks of the fight having been "crowned with victory for the Russian arms."

A dispatch from Paris says: "It is said the Russian forces in the engagement near Kasan on March 27 numbered 500 Cossacks and that the force of the Japanese consisted of about 1,100 infantry and 1,200 cavalry."

### RETURNING HEROES WELCOMED

Crews of the Varing and Korietz Licensed by Odessa People.

Odessa, April 2.—Expressing the feeling of the whole Russian nation Odessa enthusiastically received the survivors of the gunboat Korietz and the cruiser Varing, destroyed by the Japanese in the battle of Chemulpo. The Russian steamer Malaya with the survivors on board was sighted at 2

p. m., and a salute from the great guns announced her arrival. A great flotilla went out to meet her and escort her to port, and the cheering afloat and ashore were continuous. All the officers and crews were decorated with crosses of St. George before they went ashore.

Where Commander Stepanoff, of the Varing, walked down the gangway he received a blessing from a priest. When the crews marched ashore the police could hardly restrain the people, who finally brushed them aside and almost smothered the heroes with rough and kindly attentions. The day was full of good cheer and festivity to the returned sailors. At the city hall where the official reception took place, the city fathers offered Captain Stepanoff bread and salt upon a silver platter inscribed with the words "The welcome of Odessa to the heroes who astonished the world."

### DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION

Apparently, This News of a Japanese Naval Defeat.

St. Petersburg, April 2.—The Novik, of Port Arthur, dated March 8, has just arrived here. It contains a telegram from Captain Reitzenstein, commanding the Russian squadron at Vladivostok, referring to the Japanese attack on Vladivostok, from which it appears that his squadron was not only in port when the enemy was sighted but that it got up steam, went out and engaged the Japanese, who turned tail, Captain Reitzenstein, according to his telegram to the commander-in-chief, pursuing the Japanese till 5 p. m., when he returned to Vladivostok.

He gives the composition of the Japanese squadron as follows—the battleship Fuji, the armored cruisers Idzumo, Yukumo and Iwate, and the Togano (?).

An occasional correspondent of The Novik Vremya at Vladivostok says he has been informed by an officer that following the bombardment of March 6 Japanese marines landed on the island of Putiatina, thirty miles from Vladivostok, and killed fourteen Russian families. This information was brought by Chinese and is considered unreliable.

### Followed a Bad Example.

ROME, April 2.—The apocryphal plot against the life of the pope, which was reported in a London newspaper a few days ago, and promptly ridiculed by the Vatican authorities, has had a sequel in an ill-timed "April fool" story published by an insignificant newspaper here. This story was that two anarchists who intended to make an attempt on the pope's life had been arrested at a door of the Vatican with bombs in their possession. The story was false.

## IN SKIRMISH CONTACT

### RUSS AND JAP EXPENDING LEAD

Many of the Mikado's Men Killed—Armies Must Be Getting Into Fighting Distance.

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### PETTIGREW A DEMOCRAT

That Party Has His Entire Sympathy—Hearst Gets the South Dakota Delegates.

Sioux Falls, S. D., March 31.—At the Democratic state convention the resolutions reaffirm the principles of Democracy, "as enunciated by Jefferson, Jackson and Bryan," and instruct the delegates to the St. Louis convention to support William R. Hearst, "first, last and all the time for the presidential nomination."

One of the features of the convention was an address by ex-Senator Pettigrew, who stated among other things that this, he believed, was the first time he had ever addressed a Democratic convention, but that his entire sympathy was with the Democratic cause.

### Girl Who Has Lost Herself.

St. Louis, March 31.—A girl of about 18 years of age is being detained at the emergency hospital because she is unable to remember anything about herself beyond the facts that her name is either Annie Von Kresse or Rose Von Kresse, and that she was born in New York. She was picked up while wandering around the streets and could not tell the officer where her home had been or anything about herself.

### Mrs. Manning to Entertain.

St. Louis, March 31.—Negotiations have been completed whereby Mrs. Daniel Manning, president of the board of lady managers of the World's fair, leased a new three-story brick residence on Berlin avenue during the period of the exposition. She will take possession on April 15 and occupy the house until Dec. 15. The house is large and commodious, and well adapted for extensive entertaining.

### Great Day for the Royal Arsenals.

Chicago, April 1.—Last evening the Royal Arsenals held a union meeting in the First Regiment armory and initiated 3,100 members. The day was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the order in Illinois, and 10,000 members attended the initiation.

### Strike of Machinists Likely.

Chicago, April 1.—A general strike of the 1,000 machinists on the Santa Fe road from Chicago to California may be called within twenty-four hours, according to T. L. Wilson, fourth vice president of the International Association of Machinists.

## POLITICS SUSPECTED

In an Invitation for a School Principal to Send in His Resignation.

### CITIZENS PUT IN OBJECTIONS

Matter Is Shelved—Crank Steps a Fair Rural Carrier on Her Route—Hoosier State News.

Frankfort, Ind., April 2.—The regular meeting of the school board was an animated affair, a large number of citizens being present to speak their minds in the controversy that has arisen during the last few days, namely, the threatened discharge of Professor John J. Mitchell, principal of the high school. L. M. Palmer, one of the members of the board, informed Professor Mitchell a few days ago that his resignation would be acceptable. Professor Mitchell demanded the reason, and emphatically refused to accede to the implied request.

### People Were for the Professor.

The matter became public and the people took Professor Mitchell's side of the case. It was freely charged that the request was a bit of politics, and that the only cause for the board desiring to secure Mitchell's removal was in order to make a place for Professor Frank Smith, at present teacher of mathematics in the high school. Smith is an ardent Republican, and during the recent campaign for nominations for city officers, as alleged, he worked industriously to secure the nomination for mayor of W. A. Tull, president of the school board. Tull did not win.

### Expected to Come Up Again.

When the board met more than 100 taxpayers were present, and several warning speeches were made, assuring the board that the people were with Mitchell. The board said that Palmer's action in asking for Professor Mitchell's resignation was unauthorized. Thus the affair ended for the present, but it is said that the controversy will be carried into the forthcoming city election, the citizens being determined to see that Mitchell is not forced out, either now or at some future time.

### Rev. Laslie's Election Is Sure.

Owensville, Ind., April 2.—The Owensville schools have closed after a term of six months. Owensville schools gained much notoriety when the superintendent, Rev. T. A. H. Laslie, whipped a roomful of primary pupils. Miss Bertha Montgomery, the teacher, soon after developed mental trouble. This caused a sensation throughout the country. Superintendent Laslie later issued a card disclaiming all blame for the condition of Miss Montgomery, and the parents of the girl followed with a statement severely criticizing Laslie. The condition of the girl is much improved. Professor Laslie will have charge of the Owensville school next term.

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### Fair Substitute Rural Mail Carrier Has an Adventure While Performing Her Duties.

Shelbyville, Ind., April 2.—While Miss Pearle Lane, a substitute carrier on a rural route from Morristown, was driving by the Muth farm her horse was stopped suddenly. She was sorting out letters and papers, and did not look up to see why the animal had come to a halt, but commanded it to move on. The animal did not obey, and the carrier saw a man holding the animal by the bridle.

All he said was: "I am McKinley's own brother. Have you got your dinner with you?" Miss Lane said she had nothing to eat with her. The man loosened his hold on the horse and went on. Miss Lane usually carries a revolver when going over the route, but had left it at home on this trip.

### Fatal Trick of Natural Gas.

Carmel, Ind., April 2.—Calvin Bond, 72 years old, was fatally injured, and Roscoe Mann, and Davis seriously hurt by an explosion of natural gas which wrecked a two-story business block here. A grocery store on the first floor of the building was filled with gas from a defective main. The gas was ignited by a heating stove. The roof was blown into the air and the building collapsed. None was killed.

### Hoisting Engineers Must Submit.

Berea, Ind., April 2.—The miners of the block coal field have decided they will not resume work until the hoisting engineers abandon their union and become part of the mine workers' union. A meeting between the miners and the engineers will be held here tonight, when it is believed the engineers will yield rather than precipitate a strike.

### Nearly Always on Hand.

Bloomington, Ind., April 2.—William F. Browning has written to Chairman Goodrich of the Republican state committee, accepting an invitation extended to men who attended the first state convention. Browning is in the 79th year, and attended with two or three exceptions, every state Republican convention in Indiana.

### Two Miners Found Dead.

Indianapolis, April 2.—A dispatch from Chicago says: "Frank Wielke and Peter Oken, miners from Jacksonville, Ind., were found dead in a room of a hotel on Clark street. Death was due to asphyxiation.

### Indiana Postmaster at the Fair.

Evansville, Ind., April 1.—Miss Dale Pritchett, of Oakland City, has been appointed postmistress at the Indiana building of the World's fair, at St. Louis.

### Traction Company Loss \$20,000.

Indianapolis, April 1.—Officials of the Indiana Union Traction company announces that their losses resulting from the flood amounts to \$20,000.

### Death of a Cousin to Dewey.

Indianapolis, April 1.—George K. Perrin, one of the oldest lawyers of the state and a first cousin of Admiral George Dewey, is dead.

### Her Grandmother Obituated.

Chesterville, Ind., April 1.—Miss Mary Mott, of Keweenaw, Henry county, and Bert Hamilton were married at the home of the bride, her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Saint, an ordained minister, officiating.

## RUSS EDITOR IS SORE

Wants John Bull to Join with the Bear in Opposing Your Uncle Sam's Policy.

### GIVES US A VERY ROUGH ROAST

Says We Want the Pacific for a United States Pond.

Lull Occurs in the Fighting Against United States Flag to Fly at New Chwang—War Notes.

London, March 31.—A correspondent of The Times at New Chwang, cabling yesterday, says: "The Russian police have apologized and have re-hoisted the United States flag over the correspondents' mess."

St. Petersburg, March 31.—The Novik Vremya has executed a face-about strongly supporting the idea of a Russo-British understanding, in an editorial entitled "The Blindness of England," in which the paper argues that the success of Japan would be more injurious to Great Britain than to any other European nation, and points to the United States as the common rival of both. It describes Japan as "America's sharp shooter," and says: "Remember what nation, in the person of the commander of one of its men-of-war at Chemulpo, refused to join in the collective protest of the other foreign commanders before the Japanese destroyed the Varig and the Korietz."

People Have Been Warned.

Flood signals have been given out not only around the reservoir but also to people along the canal to be ready to vacate. The St. Mary's river has broken its record, doing much damage to the railroads and other property. A very large force of men is also at work on the dam on the Celina side of the reservoir. The exodus of people from the reservoir district is very large, on account of the high winds which make the waters surge along the banks. These people know that if there is a break at any point a great calamity will follow.

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The superintendent of the canal has notified the people occupying houses on the south side of the Lake Erie and Western railway in this city to vacate at once. The railroads also have very large forces of men bracing their culverts against the dashing waters. Besides the gangs of workmen and patrols, ready to give warning in case of a break. The residents of the reservoir district, as well as the railway and the canal officials are more apprehensive over the high winds than over the high waters.

### Would Make the Pacific Our Pond.

"The Americans wish to convert the Pacific into an American Mediterranean. Would that be to the advantage of England? Does England not understand in her blind policy and hatred toward Russia that she is turning this ocean into an American Mediterranean? Sooner or later the European countries will recognize that America is their mutual enemy. Why should not Russia and England, in view of their possessions outside of Europe, be more apprehensive over the high winds than over the high waters.

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