

## A JAP DISASTER

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FROM A SURE SOURCE

This Is Whence a Paris Correspondent Says He Gets Information of This Serious Disaster.

He Says Vladivostok Squadron Sank Transports With 4,000 Men on Board.

Paris, April 27.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Matin* says: "I learn from a sure source that the Vladivostok squadron yesterday sank four Japanese transports which were conveying 4,000 men."

Shanghai, April 27.—A rumor is current here that Japan intends to occupy a portion of the Fukien coast opposite Formosa with the object of preventing the Russian Baltic squadron passing through the Formosa strait."

St. Petersburg, April 27.—It is reported that an attempt of the Japanese to cross the Yalu has been frustrated.

Liao Yang, April 27.—The Japanese have forced a passage of the Yalu, two companies crossing between Tchangdjiou and Siaopoussikhe. Heavy firing was heard near Tatung Kau, in which it is believed the Japanese made a



GENERAL INOUYE.  
[Commander of the Twelfth division Japanese army, now on the Yalu.]

feint in order to distract attention from the real point of passage. So far no bridge spans the river. It is believed the Russian fire succeeded in destroying the floating parts of the Japanese bridges.

St. Petersburg, April 27.—The censor's committee did not give out today the dispatches received regarding the movements of the Japanese across the Yalu river. It was intimated that information had been received that the Japanese had crossed the river, but this was accompanied by a statement that the success of the enemy should in no sense be regarded as an important victory, the Russians having no intention of vigorously contesting the passage, their plan being to annoy the enemy as much as possible.

It is evident from the dispatches received here that in order to render a crossing feasible the Japanese made a feint on Tatung Kau while the troops actually crossed some miles up the river near Tchangdjiou. Two companies were first thrown into Manchuria and unquestionably entrenched and immediately, under the cover of their guns, reinforcements crossed.

It is regarded as probable that when these troops are in sufficient numbers they will march along the Manchurian bank of the Yalu in the direction of Antung, near which lies the road on which the advance can continue to Feng Hoang Tchang, where the first determined stand of the Russians will be made. No report has been received here, official or otherwise, showing casualties on either side.

### DUE TO MISAPPREHENSION

Reported Peace Tenders Were Not Based Upon Facts.

London, April 27.—Inquiries made here reveal no trace of any effort or intention to intervene in the Russo-Japanese war. No step looking to a pacific settlement of the conflict has been taken by the foreign office, nor, so far as is known in Downing street, by King Edward himself. Those who have discussed the war with the king within the last few days say that such a step is the last thing he contemplates.

Such a step, however, informally taken, so it is held here, might seriously endanger the vital negotiations now progressing between Russia and Great Britain with a view to the settlement of outstanding differences between the two countries.

King Edward and the foreign office are fully aware that any offer or even suggestion looking to peace at the present stage would be resented both by Japan and Russia, and it is emphatically denied that the king, even in the

family circle at Copenhagen, has suggested mediation, much less intervention. His majesty has expressed sympathy with his royal relative over the losses sustained by the Russian fleet, but he has been equally thoughtful toward the mikado.

It is believed here that all rumors bearing on the subject of pacific efforts, royal or otherwise, are due to misapprehension concerning the negotiations outlined in the dispatches of April 9, which said that after King Edward had given his personal assurance to Emperor Nicholas, that the anti-Russian comment in the British press did not represent the feeling of his government. Foreign Secretary Lansdowne informed the Russian ambassador, Count Benckendorff, that he would be glad to reopen the negotiations looking to a settlement of all matters in dispute between Russia and Great Britain. Lord Lansdowne did not stipulate any basis or enter into any details. Ambassador Benckendorff, as stated at the time, expressed his pleasure at the offer and transmitted it to St. Petersburg, where Lord Lansdowne was understood to have taken them as a material expression of King Edward's personal messages, and there for the moment the matter rested. These negotiations are progressing satisfactorily, although no immediate completion of them can be expected.

### UNDER FULL STEAM

A Japanese Squadron Is Seeking the Russian Fleet.

Kobe, April 27.—Under full steam a strong squadron of Japanese armored cruisers was observed yesterday mak-



CAPTAIN VIREN.  
[Commander of Russian cruiser Bayan.]

ing its way northward in the Japan sea. It is believed that the vessels are on their way to attempt to cut off the Russian squadron that appeared at Won San on the east coast of Korea, Monday. It is feared, however, that as the czar's cruisers are superior in speed to those of the mikado they may escape in safety to the shelter of Vladivostok.

It is also stated that the Japanese have succeeded in luring the Russians from the protection of the Vladivostok guns and that there is another Japanese squadron between them and their retreat, but these are mere rumors.

### Stirring News Expected.

London, April 27.—No further news from the seat of war has reached London, and there is no confirmation of the reported Japanese reverse on the Yalu. Stirring news, however, is hourly expected, both from the regions of the Yalu and Vladivostok. The general opinion is that Vice Admiral Togo is waiting for the Vladivostok squadron is confirmed by a Tokio correspondent, who says there is no doubt that the Japanese are taking steps to cut off the retreat of the Vladivostok warships.

### Russians Growing Bolder.

Tokio, April 27.—In connection with Monday's descent of a Russian squadron from Vladivostok upon Gensan, and the sinking of the small Japanese coaster Goyo, it is reported that Russian land force of from 3,000 to 4,000 men is moving southward from Kyong-Syong along the coast road. This force, after burning Song-Chin, is said to have arrived at Tai-Chen, about thirty-five miles farther down the coast. The Koreans south of Tai-Chen are fleeing.

### Will Fight Under Water.

St. Petersburg, April 27.—The entrance into the service of four submarine boats at Port Arthur means the addition of new and formidable weapons for the defense of that stronghold. The dispatch of the boats in sections over the railroad has been shrouded in secrecy, and even today many in St. Petersburg are inclined to doubt the report by officials of their presence at Port Arthur or to accept the information as trustworthy.

### TERSE TELEGRAMS

It is reported upon good authority that the Japanese fleet bombarded New-Chwang.

It is believed in Russian military circles that the Japanese have begun a movement to cross the Yalu river.

Premier Maru, of Spain, was shot at but not wounded, while on his way to Madrid from the Balearic islands.

The senate committee on education and labor has decided to postpone further consideration of the eight-hour bill until next session.

Crazy Snake, chief of a warring tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, has decided to "be good." He has asked all to be loyal to the government.

Benny Simmons, colored, on trial at Austin, Tex., charged with murdering Miss Herzog, confessed that he killed seven persons in the past four years.

Warsaw, Russia, has been placed under martial law. Polish revolutionary plots have recently been reported as extant in Warsaw. Eighteen plotters were executed.

By the collapse of a cage in the shaft of a mine, at Johnsburg, forty-three miners were precipitated to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of 2,000 feet and their bodies crushed into a pulp.

## BOUT IN THE HOUSE

Dalzell and Cockran Renew the Verbal Combat of a Few Days Ago.

### GREW QUITE PERSONAL

Cockran Demanded an Investigation of the Charge That He Had Sold His Political Services.

Speaker Declined to Pass on Resolution Until He Had Examined the Precedents.

Washington, April 27.—The heavyweights had another bout in the house yesterday, with Messrs. Dalzell and Cockran as the combatants. The speeches were a renewal of last Saturday's debate, but were more personal in their character. As on Saturday, the speakers were greeted with vociferous applause by their respective colleagues, and the bitterness of party feeling ran high. Mr. Dalzell had Mr. Cockran on the rack for nearly two hours, during which time he dealt largely with that gentleman's political



W. BOURKE COCKRAN.

history, which he said showed him to have been consecutively a Greenbacker, a sound money man and a free silver man. He reverted to his statement of last Saturday that he had been informed that Mr. Cockran had accepted money to support the campaign of McKinley, and read extracts from several newspapers to show that was the general impression at the time. A man, he said, who would not have replied to Mr. Cockran as he did on Saturday would have been a poltroon and a coward.

Mr. Cockran, indignant at times, denied the accusation of Mr. Dalzell, whom he arraigned for making statements which could not be substantiated. If what Mr. Dalzell had said were true, he declared, he was unworthy of membership. In emphatic and positive language Mr. Cockran denied that he had received money from the Palmer and Buckner campaign committee or that he had ever received money for supporting McKinley in 1896. If Mr. Dalzell, he said, believed the charges against him, it was nothing but a confession of the Republican party's corruption and proof that the presidential election had been purchased.

The climax came when he offered a resolution providing for the appointment of a select committee of five members of the house to investigate the charge which had been made against him by Mr. Dalzell. He and other Democrats, including Mr. Williams, the minority leader, demanded immediate consideration, but the speaker declined to pass on a point of order against the resolution until he had examined precedents.

### In the Senate.

Washington, April 27.—The senate has passed the military academy appropriation bill, the last of the supply measures. The amendments suggested by the committee on military affairs for a reorganization of the medical and ordnance departments of the army and for the establishment of a number of camp sites were thrown out on points of order. It is expected that a final adjournment will be secured Thursday.

### Striking Miners Deported.

Trinidad, Col., April 27.—Under the guard of a lieutenant and a squad of soldiers, twenty men were last night placed on a special southbound train and under orders of Major Zeph Hill, commanding the military here, deported to New Mexico. All of the deported men were arrested during the past week for violation of martial law.

### Olney's Boom Growing.

Boston, April 27.—Democratic conventions for the election of delegates to the national convention at St. Louis were held in the fourteen congressional districts of the state yesterday and in all but four of the districts delegates either pledged or favorable to the nomination of Richard Olney for the presidency were chosen.

### Illinois Veterans in Session.

Springfield, Ill., April 27.—Two thousand veterans of the civil war are in Springfield to attend the annual encampment of the Illinois G. A. R. Gen. John C. Black, the national commander, cannot attend owing to illness. Governor Yates delivered the address of welcome.

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### MANY HORSES BURNED

Fire in New York Soap Factory Entails Disaster.

New York, April 27.—A fire that started on the top floor of the John Stanely soap works in W. 30th street this morning was followed by three loud explosions in the basement of the building and the whole structure was soon in blaze, and the entire factory was burned to the ground. The property taken in half a block between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues. Twenty horses were in the 30th street side of the building and it was impossible to rescue them. The big lumber yards adjoining were in imminent danger. The cause of the fire is unknown. Explosion after explosion occurred while the firemen were working at the building. Three-quarters of an hour after the fire was discovered one of the heaviest explosions occurred, blowing out the side walls of the main building. A little later an explosion blew out the back wall of the building and spread the fire to the lumber piles, fifty feet high in the lumber yard of Dunbar Bros. Many horses on the property were burned to death.

### STEAMER RAN AMUCK

Engineer Fell Dead and Pilot's Signals Went Unheeded.

New York, April 27.—As the ferry-boat America, after leaving the foot of Grand street, Manhattan, last night, was nearing its slip at the foot of Broadway, Brooklyn, with 500 passengers on board, Charles Kelly, the engineer, fell dead of apoplexy, and there was no one in the engine room to answer the pilot's signals. The boat crashed into the bulkhead, which tore away the rail of the starboard side of the boat and wrecked the ladies' cabin. Then it careened to the other side of the slip and the rail and cabin on the men's side were wrecked. There was great excitement on board and several passengers were injured, none seriously. The steam was not shut off until after the landing bridge had been wrecked. Kelly was found lying on the floor, dead, his hand still grasping the lever.

### THE NATIONAL GAME

Current Scores Made in the Big Leagues Given Here.

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At New York, 2; Brooklyn, 4.

#### AT BOSTON, 3; PHILADELPHIA, 1.

At Chicago-Cincinnati—Cold.

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Detroit, 5; St. Louis, 6.

#### AT PHILADELPHIA, 1; BOSTON, 2.

At Washington-New York—Rain.

#### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

At Columbus, 5; Minneapolis, 4.

#### AT TOLEDO, 8; ST. PAUL, 6.

At Indianapolis—Rain.

#### LOST NO TIME IN WOOLING.

Chicago, April 27.—In recognition of his heroic conduct at the time of the explosion on the battleship Missouri, Chief Engineer Studdard of that vessel was given a furlough of several months. He came to this city to visit his brother, Gustave Studdard, and at once fell in love with Miss Catherine Hurley, the sister of his brother's wife. Yesterday he procured a marriage license and today the wedding took place. Engineer Studdard will leave with his wife for a visit to his former home in Ireland.

#### DYNAMITE DRIED OUT.

Owosso, Mich., April 27.—William Francis and his baby were killed and Mrs. Francis and two other children were badly hurt by an explosion of dynamite that destroyed the Francis home near Corunna. Francis had a quantity for use in blowing out stumps and placed some of the explosive in the oven of the stove to dry.

#### SHOCKING WISCONSIN TRAGEDY.

Richland Center, Wis., April 27.—Henry Morrison killed his wife and daughter at Woodstock, an inland village thirteen miles north of this city. He and his wife had been having trouble for several years. Morrison was arrested.

#### MARKET REPORT

Prevailing Prices for Grain and Livestock on April 26.

#### INDIANAPOLIS GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK.

Wheat—Wagon, \$1.00; No. 2 red, weak, \$1.01. Corn—Steady, No. 2 mixed, 47c. Oats—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 39 1/4c. Hay—Clover, \$8@9; timothy, \$12@14; millet, \$8@9. Cattle—Steady at \$4.00@5.25. Hogs—Strong at \$5.10. Sheep—Steady at \$3.25@4.50. Lambs—Steady at \$5.50@6.25.

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#### LIVESTOCK AT CHICAGO.

Wheat—No. 2 red, 89@92c. Corn—No. 3, 45 1/2@46 1/4c. Oats—No. 2, 37c. Cattle—Steady; steers, \$3.00@5.65; stockers and feeders, \$2.75@4.25. Hogs—Steady at \$4.80@5.15. Sheep—Steady at \$2.50@5.25. Lambs—Strong at \$4.00@7.00.

#### AT NEW YORK.

Cattle—Slow at \$4.30@5.40. Hogs—Steady at \$2.75@5.85. Sheep—Firm, \$3.50@5.75. Lambs—Steady at \$5.50@6.40.

#### EAST BUFFALO LIVESTOCK.

Cattle—Steady at \$3.75@5.35. Hogs—Active at \$4.40@5.30. Sheep—Active at \$3.25@5.00. Lambs—Steady at \$4.00@7.30.

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