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NAVY DEPARTMENT APPALLED BY NEWS OF THE DISASTER.

- #### THE DEAD.
- W. C. DAVIDSON, Lieutenant.
 - E. A. WEICHERT, Lieutenant, junior grade.
 - J. V. P. ORIDLEY, Lieutenant of Marines.
 - W. E. T. NEUMANN, Midshipman.
 - THOMAS WARD, JR., Midshipman.
 - J. K. PETERSON, Boatman's Mate, first class.
 - J. HADJOPOLOUS, crewman.
 - W. J. HOWARD, seaman.
 - O. N. SONDER, seaman.
 - E. R. H. ALBION, seaman.
 - C. RICE, ordinary seaman.
 - C. H. MEYER, ordinary seaman.
 - R. C. TOBIN, ordinary seaman.
 - J. W. CALL, ordinary seaman.
 - C. J. KILLEN, ordinary seaman.
 - J. GEDRIS, ordinary seaman.
 - J. F. KENNEDY, ordinary seaman.
 - J. P. STARR, ordinary seaman.
 - J. C. NUNN, ordinary seaman.
 - C. H. M. FRANKS, ordinary seaman.
 - H. S. CHERBARTIS, landsman.
 - B. J. MULLIGAN, landsman.
 - J. M. ROACH, landsman.
 - T. F. ROWLANDS, electrician, second class.
 - A. SMITH, Gunner's Mate, second class.
 - T. E. BRAUN, Chief Gun Captain.
 - W. L. SHIPMAN, private marine.
 - C. F. HARRY, apprentice, second class.
 - P. R. GASTLER, apprentice, second class.
- #### DYING.
- J. T. DONNELLY, ordinary seaman.
 - O. B. MOE, apprentice, second class.
 - HERBERT W. HUNTER, ordinary seaman.
 - J. E. KNIGHT, seaman, may recover.
 - R. S. STARR, seaman, will recover.
 - F. C. SCARF, apprentice, second class.



JUNIOR LIEUTENANT WILLIAM RUSSELL WHITE
Of St. Louis, who was on board the Missouri, was uninjured in the explosion. Lieutenant White's relatives reside at the Usona Hotel.

MISSOURI ESCAPES

DESTRUCTION SECOND

NEWS IS TWO MONTHS

Washington, April 13.—The Missouri on March 11 crashed into the Illinois, when the two vessels were bound for Pensacola for target practice. For some reason the steering gear of the Missouri failed to work, and the stem of the Missouri struck the port shaft and propeller of the Illinois, breaking one of the shafts and making two holes in the side, which let considerable water into the steering compartment and breaking one or more shafts of the propeller. The Missouri was not so much damaged, but water came into the forward trimming tank, which was kept down by pumps. Criticism of the findings of the Court of Inquiry, which exonerated Captain Cowles from all blame for the collision, has been made. Captain Cowles was appointed acting midshipman July 21, 1883, and was graduated in 1887. He served as Ensign until March 21, 1870, when he was appointed master. He was made Lieutenant in 1871, Lieutenant Commander in 1882, and on June 18, 1888, was made Commander.

REPORT OF DISASTER.

News of the disaster was conveyed to the commandant at Pensacola by wireless telegraph from the Missouri, and thence by him transmitted to Washington, while the big ship was creeping back to port with the dead lying on her decks. The account sent to Washington of the accident was contained in the following official dispatch from Admiral Barker: "Secretary Navy, Washington—Five officers and twenty-four men are dead. Two more cannot live, result explosion on Missouri. Three rounds had been fired from after 12-inch gun and shell had been seated and two sections of powder rammed home when explosion occurred, killing every officer and man in the turret and all but three in the handling room. "Commanding officer has informed relatives."

BARKER'S COMPLETELY OVERCOME.

Captain Cowles completely overcame by the disaster, referred to newspaper men to Lieutenant Hamner, the ordnance officer. The latter gave out a statement of the explosion and its probable cause. According to him, about noon, after the first pointer of the after 12-inch piece had fired the third shot of his string, the charge ignited. The fourth shot was being loaded and, from all indications, the first half of the charge had been rammed home, and the second section was being rammed home, when gases from the shot just fired, or portions of the cloth cover, ignited the powder. The breech was open and a dull glow gave notice of something unusual. No loud report was made, but flames were seen to leap from every portion of the turret.

NEWS OF THE DISASTER CAUSES CONSTERNATION IN OFFICIAL WASHINGTON.

Washington, April 13.—The receipt of the message announcing the terrible accident on the Missouri caused consternation at the department. Secretary Moody conveyed it to the President at the White House, and officers and clerks at the department were soon engaged in making out dispatches to the relatives and friends of the officers who were killed, so that they might not have to receive their first news from the morning newspapers. It can be stated that officials of the department, for more than a week past, while rejoicing in the world-breaking records in target practice on our warships, have feared just such an accident as has occurred on the Missouri. A naval expert to-night said: "The Missouri accident is too appalling to discuss. But I fear that enthusiasm in making world records has led us past the danger line. In our anxiety to surpass the world in the rapidity of big gun fire I fear we have permitted our enthusiasm to get the better of our judgment. It would seem from the dispatch that not enough time had been allowed to elapse between the firing. It is only recently that we have passed the breech to be opened almost the moment the gun was fired."

TWO CONVENTIONS IN JASPER COUNTY

Folk Delegates Withdraw From Meeting Dominated by Reed Men.

CONTEST IN COMMITTEE.

Majority and Minority Reports on Credentials Call Forth Fervid Debate Which Precedes Split.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Joplin, Mo., April 13.—The Folk adherents withdrew from the County Convention at 4 o'clock this afternoon and went to the Joplin Courthouse, where another set of delegates was chosen. The fight began as soon as the convention was called to order at the Courthouse. The room was not large enough to accommodate all the delegates and a motion was made to adjourn to the Club Theater.

The motion was put by Temporary Chairman Frank Yale, a Reed supporter, and he declared it carried. The Folk contingent expressed themselves as being dissatisfied with the move and voted against it. They immediately called a caucus of the Folk supporters and the Reed men fled out of the room, but for fear the Folk delegation would capture the convention Mr. Yale occupied his seat until after every man had left the room.

REED FORCES CONTROLLED

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

After the convention had reconvened at the Club Theater, five men were chosen from each of the three legislative districts to compose a Committee on Credentials. This gave the Reed men control of the committee by a vote of 10 to 5. There were contesting delegations from eight precincts. The Reed men contesting about 100 names and the Folk one ward in Webb City and five precincts in Joplin. Two hours' time was occupied in hearing these contests, and the committee brought in a majority and minority report. The majority report provided that none of the contesting delegations be seated, and the minority report provided that all the contesting delegations be seated, except those favorable to Reed in Carthage. A motion was made to adopt the majority report. Then Thomas Hackney of Carthage moved a substitute of the minority report. The question was debated by both sides and the chairman was about to put the question on the substitute when A. I. Thomas of Carthage, a Folk delegate, addressed the chair. He was informed that he could not speak further on the subject, and J. W. McArthur of Joplin, also a Folk delegate, arose, hoping to present the minority side of the question, but the chairman refused to allow him to talk. The motion was put and defeated, and while preparation were being made to vote on accepting the majority report the Folk delegates left the convention hall in a body and returned to the Courthouse, where another convention was held.

LEADING TOPICS

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

- THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 5:21 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 6:58. THE MOON RISES THIS MORNING AT 4:54.
- WEATHER INDICATIONS.
Partly cloudy, with showers; somewhat warmer; variable winds.
- Page.
- Two Conventions in Jasper County.
- Court Considering More Boodle Cases. Planning Dog-Bake.
- Judge Gray Joins Parker Support. Sullivan Boxes O'Brien To-Night. Western Union Wires for New Race Track.
- Promising Race Meet at Fair Grounds.
- Kingsbury Does Not Want Office. Leaders Discuss Postal Inquiry. Railway News.
- Real Estate Transfers.
- Editorial.
- Society News.
- Water Pressure Holds Diver Fast. Silverware Given to Superintendent Cook. Killed by a Street Car.
- Daly and Corrigan Are on Carpet. Race Results and Entries.
- Financial News. Local Grain Market.
- Republic "Want" Ads. Birth, Marriage and Death Records. New Corporations.
- Rooms for Rent Ads.
- Happenings in Near-by Cities.
- Jenkins Gives Bond in Sum of \$5,000. River News. Negroes Barred by White Pupils. St. Louis Man Offers Prize.

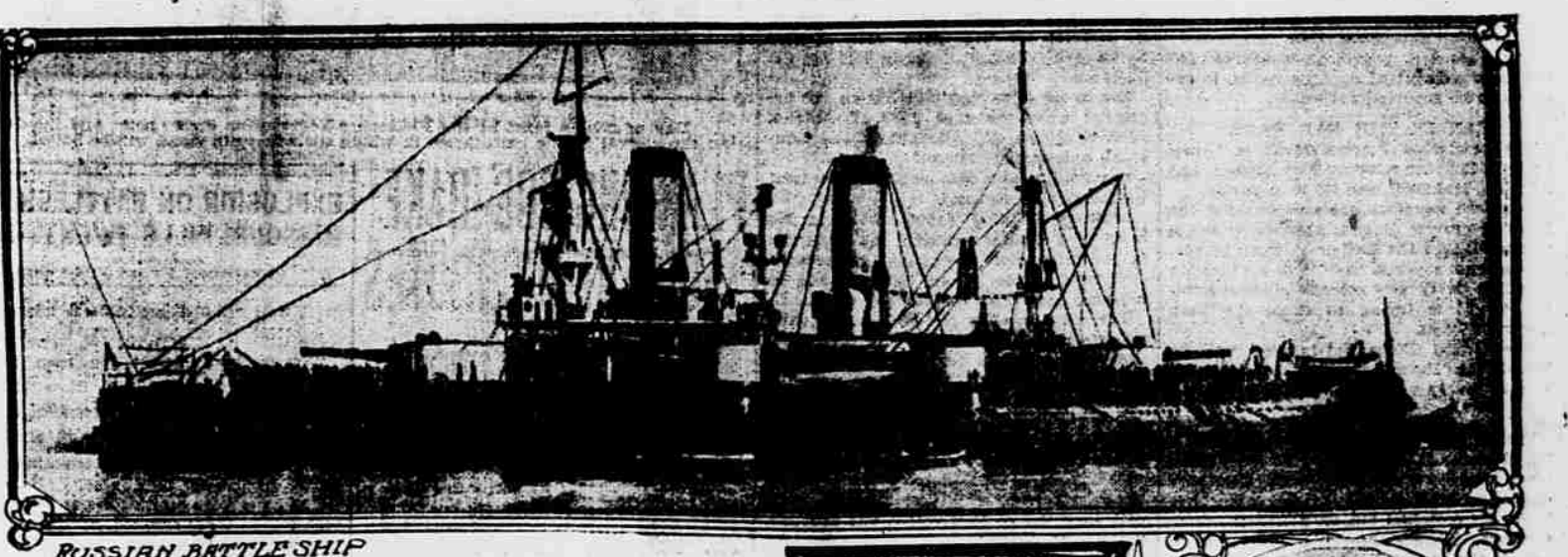
MAYOR SETS CLEANING DAYS.

April 21, 22 and 23 Designated to Rid City of Dirt.
Mayor Wells yesterday designated April 21, 22 and 23 as general city cleaning days. These days were set aside at the request of the Civic Improvement League, an organization that promoted the plan last spring. Last year residents in all parts of the city responded to the Mayor's call with a will, and the streets and gutters received a thorough cleaning. The city is now preparing to repeat the feat for the summer. This year, it is expected, the people will respond as heartily, as the World's Fair is about to open, and the reputation of the city for cleanliness will depend upon the first impressions of early visitors.

ADMIRAL MAKAROFF AND 600 MEN PERISH AT PORT ARTHUR; BATTLESHIP PETROPVLOVSK SUNK, PRESUMABLY BY A MINE; REPORT THAT FLEET HAS GONE OUT TO FIGHT JAPANESE

Disaster Overtakes Big Fighting Machine While Maneuvering in Outer Harbor Preparatory to Defense Against Expected Attack by Japanese Fleet—Explosion Makes Ship "Turn Turtle," and Only Thirty-Two Men and Six Officers of the Regular Crew Escape, All Being Injured.

GRAND DUKE CYRIL, HEIR PRESUMPTIVE TO THE THRONE, IS RESCUED, BUT HAS SUSTAINED VERY SERIOUS INJURIES.



RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP PETROPVLOVSK

St. Petersburg, April 13.—The Russian battleship Petropavlovsk was blown up and sunk in the outer harbor of Port Arthur this morning. The great craft turned turtle and Rear Admiral Makaroff and 600 of his men perished. According to unofficial reports the Petropavlovsk struck one of the mines planted by Russia to protect her harbor. The official dispatches from Viceroy Alexieff and Rear Admiral Grigorovitch to the Czar intimate that the destruction of the battleship was due to coming in contact with a mine, but do not state whether the mine was one planted by the Russians or one of those the Japanese torpedo flotilla recently succeeded in planting in the roadstead. Other reports state that the battleship was struck by five torpedoes.

The Grand Duke Cyril, heir presumptive to the throne, who was on the bridge, escaped, though severely wounded. He was taken to a hospital at Port Arthur. Captain Jakovlev and five other officers and thirty-two men, all more or less injured, managed to escape.

Rear Admiral Prince Ouktomsky, who succeeded to the command of the fleet, ordered the remainder of the vessels to the inner harbor. Late to-day it was asserted here that the Prince had again emerged into the open sea and had engaged the Japanese in battle. The report lacks official confirmation. Viceroy Alexieff, it is stated to-night, will at once assume personal command of the fleet and will continue to direct its operations until the arrival of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, who succeeded Makaroff as commandant at Cronstadt, and probably will be ordered at once to the far East.

DEATH OF FIGHTING ADMIRAL FULL OF HIGHLY TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES.

The death of Admiral Makaroff was surrounded by tragic and exciting circumstances. Though official accounts are of the most meager nature, it is clear that the Japanese appeared off Port Arthur this morning in greater force than on the occasion of any previous attack. Makaroff, with his accustomed readiness for a fight, steamed out to meet the enemy. To pacify his friends, who had urged him not to venture out in the light cruisers which he liked, he transferred his flag to the battleship, a type of vessel for which he has always shown a marked aversion.

The squadron sailed out boldly, but discovered that the Japanese were in overwhelming force, and returned to the outer harbor, where the ships were ordered to form under the guns of the land batteries. While the Petropavlovsk was maneuvering, it encountered a mine on the starboard side and immediately began to heel.

GREAT FIGHTING MACHINE TURNS TURTLE BEFORE CREW CAN SET HER ON EVEN KEEL.

Before the crew could fill the port compartments with water the big craft turned turtle, just as the British battleship Victoria did in 1803 when rammed by the Camperdown. A similar occurrence marked the China-Japanese War, when a Chinese battleship turned over, many of the crew remaining alive for days, hammering desperately on the upturned hull.

Just how the Grand Duke Cyril escaped is left a matter of surmise here, but it is known that he was on the bridge of the battleship and, being a fine swimmer and a trained athlete, was able to save himself. After this disaster, which was witnessed by the Japanese, Admiral To-go's ships withdrew behind the promontory of Liao-Thie-Shan.

THIRD DISASTER OF ITS KIND AT PORT ARTHUR SINCE BEGINNING OF THE WAR AGAINST JAPAN.

The accident to the Petropavlovsk is the third of the kind to befall a Russian warship since the present war began. On March 12 the torpedo transport Yenisei blew up while laying mines, and ninety-four men perished. The records of mines already placed by the vessel on that day were lost, and it may have been one of these that the battleship struck to-day. On February 13 the cruiser Boyarin was blown up by one of the mines and 197 men were lost.

In addition, it was learned to-day that the battleship Poltava was rammed several weeks ago by the battleship Sebastopol while the latter was maneuvering in the harbor.

The first official news of the disaster was received to-day in the following message to the Czar from Rear Admiral Grigorovitch: "Port Arthur, April 13.—The Petropavlovsk struck a mine, which blew her up, and she turned turtle. Our squadron was under the Golden Hill. The Japanese squadron was approaching. Vice Admiral Makaroff evidently was lost. Grand Duke Cyril was saved. He is slightly injured. Captain Jakovlev was saved, though severely injured, as were five officers and thirty-two men, all more or less injured. "The enemy's fleet has disappeared. Rear Admiral Prince Ouktomsky has assumed command of the fleet."

Later dispatches showed that the Grand Duke was badly hurt. The following dispatch to the Czar has been received from Viceroy Alexieff: "VICEROY ALEXIEFF SAYS HIS NATION HAS SUFFERED IRREPARABLE LOSS IN MAKAROFF'S DEATH. "Mukden, April 13.—A telegram has just been received from Lieutenant General Stoessel, commander of the military forces at Port Arthur. I regret to report to your Majesty that the Pacific fleet has suffered irreparable loss by the death of its brave and capable commander, who was lost, together with the Petropavlovsk."

Another dispatch from Viceroy Alexieff to the Czar says: "According to reports from the commandant at Port Arthur, the battleships and cruisers went out to meet the enemy, but in consequence of the enemy receiving re-enforcements, making his total strength thirty vessels, our squadron returned to the roadstead, whereupon the Petropavlovsk touched a mine, resulting in her destruction. Grand Duke Cyril, who was on board, was saved. The whole squadron then re-entered port. The Japanese are now off Cape Liao-Thie-Shan. No reports had been received from the acting commander of the fleet up to the time this dispatch was sent."

SERVICE OF PRIZE FOR CYRIL'S ESCAPE; CEAR SENDS NEWS TO THE ADMIRAL'S WIDOW.

A religious service was immediately held at Grand Duke Vladimir's palace, in which thanks were returned to the Almighty for the sparing of the life of Grand Duke Cyril, but the Emperor was so overwhelmed with grief at the death of Vice Admiral Makaroff that neither he nor the Empress attended the service.

Instead, the Emperor sent a member of his personal staff to break the news to Vice Admiral Makaroff's widow, who is living at Peterhof. Meantime, the city was filled with the wildest rumors, but the official dispatches were so meager and private dispatches so conflicting regarding what had occurred that the public was kept in suspense for six hours. Then, although the report was incomplete, dispatches were posted on the Nevsky



GRAND DUKE CYRIL

RUSSIANS DISHEARTENED.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—The new disaster at Port Arthur has had an indelibly depressing effect. "Reverses we can endure," said a prominent Russian, "but to have the Petropavlovsk go the way of the Venisei and the Boyarin is heart-breaking."

Prospect and other war-bulletin boards. The grief of the crowds, whose worst fears were thus officially confirmed, was touching. The Ministry of Marine was soon surrounded by thousands of persons eagerly asking for more details. In the crowd of inquirers were the stricken relatives of those who were on board the Petropavlovsk.

BOMBARDMENT OF PORT ARTHUR SOON FOLLOWED DISASTER TO BATTLESHIP

London, April 14.—The Times's correspondent at sea off Port Arthur, under yesterday's date, reports a Japanese torpedo attack, followed by a desultory bombardment. He does not mention the disaster to the battleship Petropavlovsk. His wireless messages, dated yesterday afternoon, state that Japanese torpedo boats attacked Port Arthur in the early morning. The bombardment of the port began at 9:30 o'clock and at 1:10 the fleet was still shelling the forts.

Chefoo, April 14, 11 a. m.—An unconfirmed report from Japanese sources states that the Japanese reopened the bombardment of Port Arthur at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, the vessels maneuvering in a circle before the port. This action evidently followed one reported earlier in the day.

BRITISH GUNBOAT REPORTS SEEING JAPS CHASE CRUISER BAYAN TO PORT

three funnels, came out of Port Arthur to assist the Bayan. At 6:45 o'clock the Russians got under the shelter of the forts, but the Bayan was evidently damaged, as quantities of steam were seen escaping from her. At 8:05 o'clock the Japanese ships opened fire with their heavy guns upon the forts, but the latter did not reply. After a fifteen minutes' bombardment the Japanese retired toward the east.

LAWRENCE AND NASHVILLE MAKING RECORD RUN FROM NEW ORLEANS TO ST. LOUIS

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
New Orleans, La., April 13.—With its four stacks emitting immense columns of smoke and four engines driving the vessel's twin screws through the water at a frightful clip, the United States torpedo-boat destroyer Lawrence, Lieutenant Andre M. Proctor of Frankfort, Ky., commanding, passed Vicksburg, Miss., at 10:10 a. m. to-day, traveling at the rate of twenty miles an hour. The subcat Nashville, in charge of Commander John Hubbard, is following, five miles astern, and both boats are now engaged in making the fastest time between New Orleans and St. Louis in the history of navigation on the Mississippi. The Lawrence and Nashville are en route to participate in the Louisiana Centennial Exposition ceremonies, and left here last Sunday morning. They passed Natchez without stopping, and, although a big crowd had assembled on the river front at Vicksburg expecting the boats to stop, the flyers crowded on more steam and shot by unnoted of the multitude. The wash caused by the boats' passage smashes against the levees, occasioning the people considerable alarm, as they fear the banks will not stand the pressure. They are lying at anchor to-night below Greenville, fearing to navigate the treacherous stream in darkness.