

PRESIDENT STARTS THE BALL ROLLING

His Talk With Count Cassini
Creates Sensation in Diplomatic
Circles in St. Petersburg

SATISFACTION IS UNCONCEALED

Ambassador's Report Will be Laid Before the Emperor by Foreign Minister, Lamedoff

HAS MORAL SUPPORT OF POWERS

In Most Delicate Manner They Have
Conveyed Their Conviction of Fu-
turity of Further Struggle.

St. Petersburg, June 3, 3 p. m.—The published reports of President Roosevelt's conversation with Ambassador Cassin at Washington yesterday, implying that the president has practically rendered his good offices to Russia, created quite a sensation in diplomatic circles here. While the idea that the president has taken such a step aroused surprise in some quarters, it was received with unconcealed satisfaction in the belief that it would hasten the decision of Emperor Nicholas as to the European powers being, it is pointed out, no matter how ardently they desire the conclusion of peace, more or less embarrassed.

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hats of stronger reiteration of his receptive attitude without in any sense diminishing the force of the rebuff which might subject him to a rebuff. Count Cassini's report of conversation has been cabled to Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, by whom, it is politically the message has the moral support of all the great European powers headed by Russia's ally, France, which have conveyed in the most delicate manner possible to the Emperor the conviction of the futility of a further continuance of the struggle. Emperor or William is known to have conveyed such information through Lord Salisbury, and through the Duke of Cambridge, and Michael, who arrived in Berlin yesterday, and Foreign Secretary Lamsdorff in behalf of King Edward, is reported to have conveyed Great Britain's views through the Duke of Devonshire, the British ambassador in Berlin, and the Duke of Cambridge, to the Emperor.

tiona Moyer has received fresh instructions from the State Department, and the State Department is now in a position embodying President Roosevelt's views along the line of the reported conversation with Count Cassini for presentation to Foreign Minister Lamson. The statement that the Japanese Ambassador's statement is incorrect.

**STORY OF CAPTURE OF
ADMIRAL ROJESTVENSKY.**

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only encountered a number of Russian patrol boats. The Kazan navy frigate, a collision with two Russian destroyers, the closeness of which seems to have saved the destroyers from being damaged by the heavy fire from the Russians and the Japanese. During the night the Japanese attack the vessels forming the destroyers or flotilla division. The Kazan and the Kuznetsov were damaged. The Japanese ships throughout the night and in the morning discovered two torpedo boat destroyers. One of them tried to turn away, but eventually did so only after a long chase. The Japanese also discovered a white flag flying from the foremast and the Red Cross flag from the stern. The ship proved to be the Russian ship Admiral Rojovskiy, and his staff on board. The Redovs signalled that her engines were damaged and that she was unable to move. An armed guard was sent on board the Redovs to receive her surrender. The Russians requested the Japanese not to allow Admiral Rojovskiy to be taken into their official Japanese custody.

wounds, and the Japanese complied with the understanding that the guards would execute Rojostvensky in the event of delay leading to a meeting.

with the understanding that the gnarled old executive might receive a safe event of delay leading to a meeting with Russian ships, thus running the danger of his re-capture. The Sazanami was towed by the Japanese tugboat, and was towing her. The line parted twice in the morning the Sazanami met the Japanese cruiser Akashi, which came over the horizon and towed her. During the trip the destroyers encountered heavy seas and their decks were awash during part of the time.

PIONEER OF '46 DEAD.

Caleb Baldwin Rhodes Passes Away at His Home Near Price, Utah.

News comes from Price, Utah, of the death there of Caleb Baldwin Rhodes, a celebrated pioneer and trapper, who preceded the emigrants into Utah, arriving

here in 1845. Mr. Rhodes has long been a well known character in eastern Utah where he has lived for the last 26 years. Prior to that time he crossed the mountains to California during the gold rush excitement, and afterwards returned to follow the avocation of a trapper in the Utah mountains. His death came

POSTMASTER FOR VICTOR, IDAHO
(Special to the "News.")
Washington, D. C., June 3.—Benjamin F. Hoadgett has been appointed postmaster at Victor, Bingham county, Ida., vice John Leynon, resigned.
