

RUSSIA'S GREAT HUMILIATION.

It is the Thought that While Her Fleet Was Annihilated the Japs Sustained no Losses.

OZAR BROKE DOWN AND WEPT.

Peace Talk Begins—Radical Liberals Rejoice at Defeat—War Party Still Wants War.

St. Petersburg, May 29, 1:35 a. m.—After waiting vainly all day and evening for direct news from the scattered remnants of Vice-Admiral Rojstvensky's destroyed and beaten fleet, the Russian admiral at midnight no longer attempted to hold out against the overwhelming evidence pouring in from all directions that the fleet on which all Russia's hopes were centered had suffered a greater disaster than did the combined French and Spanish fleets at Trafalgar.

More bitter even than defeat is the Japanese claim of virtual annihilation of the Russian fleet with practically no loss on their side, and many officers cling doggedly to the belief that Vice-Admiral Togo must have suffered heavily.

With every ship of Rear-Admiral Nakhodatoff's reinforcing division either sent to the bottom or forced to strike its flag, and only six of Rojstvensky's original 36 fighting ships afloat, Togo and the last vessels still prepared and with the Japanese pursuit still continuing, no naval authority has the temerity to dream that Russia can again attempt to wrest the mastery of the sea from Japan in the present war.

The captured warships alone will furnish Japan with ready-made reinforcements which will enable her to make a dash for the Fourth Pacific squadron now about to sail from Cronstadt.

The emperor was completely prostrated by the news, and, according to reports, he broke down and wept.

The effect of the disaster will be a terrible blow to the government. The czarists try to magnify on land what is everywhere recognized, and the cry for "peace at any price" is sure to be raised. This time it is believed the government cannot resist such a cry. Indeed, the radical Liberals are openly rejoicing in this hour of their country's humiliation. They say that the disaster means peace and a cessation, and that the death of thousands of their fellow-countrymen and the loss of over \$100,000,000 worth of warships is not too big a price to pay.

The friends of peace in the government are already reapproaching the war party with forcing the issue between them. When the fleet appeared in the straits of Miasica they tried vainly to persuade the emperor that the time was opportune for the opening of peace negotiations; but the war party convinced his majesty, and Rojstvensky, for the honor of the navy, insisted that the fleet should be given a chance to retrieve the disasters suffered on land.

Diplomats entertain no doubt that the belligerent faction will continue to urge that the war be fought to the bitter end, but the friends of Russia abroad especially France, are now bringing overwhelming arguments to bear in favor of peace.

The Associated Press has excellent reason to believe that the Russian government in this crisis will turn to M. Delcasse, the French foreign minister, in whose ability and in whose loyalty as Russia's friend the emperor and his ministers have full confidence.

Some think it appears likely that President Roosevelt would play a big role in the peace negotiations, but why his share is apt to be determined by M. Delcasse's decision. The latter may, of course, consider it wise to place the negotiations in President Roosevelt's hands.

The war party, however, will insist now, as they did after the battle of Mukden, that peace is impossible on the heels of defeat. The members of this faction are already proclaiming the latest disaster in no wise alters the situation on land. Gen. Ilenevitch has no plans as if the fleet did not exist.

The censorship is taking the position that it is improper to accept the Japanese reports in the absence of official news, and has forbidden the publication of foreign dispatches giving details of the defeat. Nevertheless, news of the catastrophe has already spread like wildfire throughout the city, and the main facts were embellished in picturesque detail notwithstanding the official declaration.

The admiralty is without reports of the defeat. Private advisors are said to have reached the city from Vladivostok, according to the Russian press. He is silent, but had a narrow escape. He is said to have transferred his flag from the *Kuzas Souvaroff* to another battleship, subsequently sunk, and to have been wounded and picked up by a torpedo boat.

A large portion of the officers and sailors of the fleet were residents of St. Petersburg, and their families and lamentant grief are seen on every hand. Wives and families are besieging the admiralty and are visiting the churches to pray for the escape of their loved ones.

Many of the people of St. Petersburg refuse to believe the reports of the news from Tokio, and are clutching at the belief that perhaps it is not official. The government undoubtedly fears the effect of the news of the disaster upon the country, as evidence of which Gov. Gen. Trepoff has taken personal charge of the situation in St. Petersburg.

Peace demonstrations were not expected, though pending the decision of the government with regard to the opening of negotiations, it is impossible to predict what stand the anti-government forces may take.

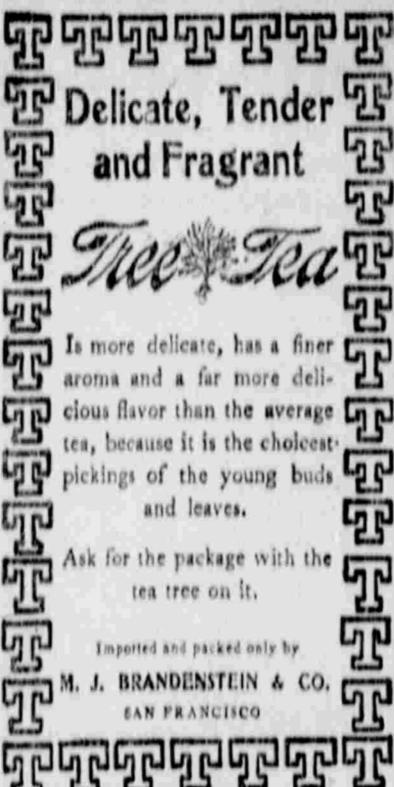
PANAMA PURCHASING AGENT

D. W. Ross of Ill. Central Gets Appointment.

Chicago, May 29. The Post today says: "David W. Ross, general superintendent of transportation of the Illinois Central railroad, has been made public purchasing director for the Panama canal. The place is considered one of great power and responsibility. In view of the millions of dollars' worth of supplies that have to be bought during the course of the construction, and the possible tariff trouble involved, which has already been discussed by the president and secretary of war, Mr. Ross will move at once to Washington and will have his headquarters there after June 1."

Mr. Ross' arrival in Washington has been, exceptionally rapid. Within a comparatively few years he became assistant to the second president of the Illinois Central. Mr. Ross also acted as purchasing agent for the road and was finally given charge of its transportation department."

Bicycle races tonight at Salt Palace saucer.



for it a new department. In an interview today he said: "I do not believe that the reclamation service should be regarded as a division or subsidiary part of any department. It should be accorded distinct recognition as a feature of the administration of this government. It is, therefore, obviously the duty of those in charge of the government and of the service involving it to make laws to disregard the wishes of bureaus and aspiring subordinates and place this mighty task in charge of the best available talent that the country can produce."

Senator Carter condemned the policy of the service in spending vast sums in Arizona, Nevada and southern California, while neglecting the northern states which have contributed so heavily to the reclamation fund.

MAGIC BEER.

Wisconsin Chemist Claims to Have Discovered One.

St. Paul, Minn., May 29.—A special dispatch from Rhinelander, Wis., says a local chemist has produced a liquid which is claimed to be the best beer in the world, made from the best quality of hops, and one drop of it placed in a large beer glass and filled with ice water produces a glass of pure beer of the finest grade.

The extract contains an alkaloid from hops just 3,595 times stronger than crude hops, and the active principle of malt, 12,500 times the strength of common malt, comes from the heat barley. With the above is combined an article which in contact with water produces beer instantaneously, forming 3½ per cent alcohol, the amount existing in the best brand of beer. A ordinary bottle of beer will make 480 schooners, or about 20 gallons of pure beer.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 29.—When shown the dispatch from Rhinelander regarding the alleged new discovery in the manufacture of beer, two of the most prominent chemists connected with Milwaukee's brewery interests ridiculed the statement as being an utter impossibility.

A DRAMATIC INCIDENT.

Jury Dismissed by Judge Reed For Attempted Bribery.

Washington, May 29.—In the cases of Frederick A. Hyde and Henry P. Dimond, charged with complicity in western land frauds, the supreme court of the United States, today affirmed the decision of the circuit court of the Northern district of California. That decision directed the removal of the two men to the District of Columbia for trial and denied the petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Justice Brown delivered the opinion.

Hyde and Dimond were indicted under section 544 of the revised statutes, with John A. Benson and J. T. Schneider, for conspiracy to defraud the United States out of large tracts of public lands. The indictments in their cases, as in that of Benson, were returned by the supreme court of the District of Columbia, which had been given full access to all processes to bring them into this jurisdiction, even to the extent of carrying the case to the supreme court of the United States, where it was today decided against them.

The defendants are all residents of the Pacific coast, and some are reported to be very wealthy, others open associations with which they are charged were carried on in California and Oregon, where it is asserted that they had fraudulently secured hundreds of thousands of acres of valuable land. The plan of the alleged conspirators, as outlined by the government, was to obtain by illegal means titles to state school lands located in forest reserves in California and Oregon, and to relinquish the titles thus secured to the United States under the exchange provisions of the act of 1890, and to thus gain possession of lands in the United States not other lands outside of the reserves. In these operations they used either real or fictitious names, as circumstances seemed to suggest.

TRUE TO HER LOVER.

Chorus Girl Pleads for Man Who Shot Her.

Philadelphia, May 29.—Bessie Helms, the chorus girl who was shot by Edward Smedes, a member of the same theatrical company, today appeared at the police station to plead for her assailant's liberty. Several days ago she wrote a letter from the hospital to Capt. Wm. D. Davies, demanding that he assist him in securing Smedes' freedom. She said she intended to withdraw all charges against her sweetheart, because she said: "He did not mean to hurt me."

Smedes is charged with murderous assault.

The magistrate refused to release Smedes and he was held for the action of the grand jury. That body later ignored the indictment and Smedes was released from custody.

FIGHT AMONG CHINAMEN.

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RECLAMATION SERVICE.

Senator Carter Would Have It in Separate Department.

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TEA

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Your grocer returns your money if you don't like Shilling's Best.

LT. WESSEL SENTENCED.

Thornton, Pa., May 29.—Former Lt. Leon Wessel, at the time instructor in the Artillery and Engineers school at Charlestown, pleaded not guilty today to the charge of swindling and embezzlement in fraudulently ob-

taining \$15 from a captain of the Union named Becker, since deceased. Wessel was sentenced to a year's imprisonment on the charge of forgery. The charge of treason has not yet been adjudged.

Rio Grande Slowly Rising.

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