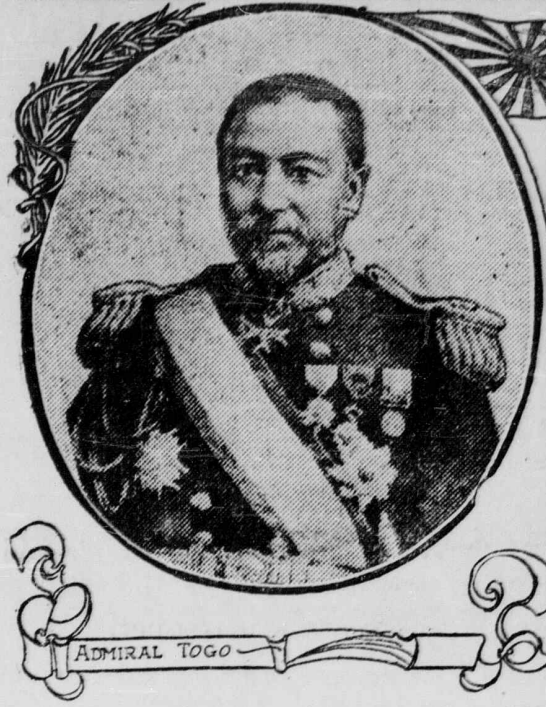






# THE BATTLE OF THE SEA OF JAPAN

## History's Greatest Naval Fight-



ADMIRAL TOGO



WHERE RUSSIA'S FLEET WAS ANNIHILATED BY TOGO'S WAR SHIPS.

"The Battle of the Sea of Japan" is the name which Admiral Togo has given to the great naval fight in which Russia's sea power was destroyed. So complete was his victory and so firmly has he established Japanese naval power in Asiatic-Pacific waters that it may well be that never again will a sea fight of comparable magnitude be fought in the same sea and that this battle will indeed remain forever "the" battle of the Sea of Japan. Such an overwhelming victory for Togo no naval expert had dared predict. It will be the wonder and the study of coming generations of sailor men. Doubtless it has furnished material which will go far toward deciding the future of the battle ship and the torpedo boat.

The Russian Baltic fleet sailed from Madagascar March 16, ordered by the Czar to retrieve the disaster of Mukden by destroying the Japanese fleet and regaining control of the far eastern seas. The fleet was sighted twice on its way across the Indian Ocean. Rojestsvensky passed Singapore April 8 and arrived at Kamranh Bay, on the French Indo-China coast, April 14. Here he reloaded his ships, overhauled them, and awaited the arrival of Rear Admiral Nebogatoff with the third division of the fleet. Nebogatoff arrived May 8, and May 14 the united fleet sailed from the French coast. May 29 the fleet was sighted in the Bashee channel, south of Formosa. May 23 several of the Russian ships appeared



VICE ADMIRAL ROJESTVENSKY.

at Shanghai, and the whole fleet was reported at Saddle Islands, sixty-five miles away. On the night of May 25 Rojestsvensky, with a fleet of thirty-six ships, including eight battleships, three coast defense ships, three armored cruisers, five protected cruisers, four hospital and repair ships, and thirteen destroyers, sailed from Saddle Islands. The morning of May 27 the entire fleet was sighted at the entrance of the Korean straits, steaming northward.

At noon May 27 the fleet was passing Tsushima Island, at the narrowest part of the straits, midway between Japan and Korea. There Togo gave battle.

Togo's battle plan was as masterly as it was simple. He sent Kamimura with a comparatively weak squadron to the entrance of the Korean Strait.

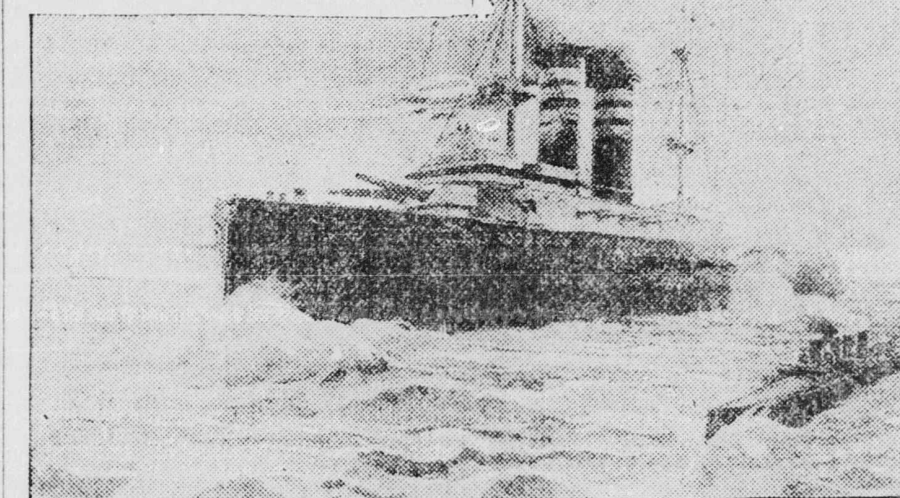
Rojestsvensky did not even fire a shot at it. Sweeping on to the northward the Russian fleet attempted to pass between Tsu Islands and the coast of Japan. His battle formation was childishly weak. His fleet extended in two long lines, the battleships in the eastern column, the cruisers and lighter craft in the western. As he passed Iki Island, southeast of the Tsu Islands, Urit's squadron, which had been concealed in one of the deeply indented bays on the Japanese coast, dashed out to attack him. At the same instant a cruiser squadron and a torpedo flotilla appeared in his pathway, and Togo with his heavy battleships and armored cruisers appeared from behind the Tsu Island and attacked from the west, Kamimura, in the meantime, coming up from the south.

The Russian fleet was surrounded. Its battle formation was broken up. Of the thirty-six ships Rojestsvensky took into battle one small cruiser and two destroyers have arrived at Vladivostok. A second cruiser escaped to the Siberian coast, but ran upon a reef and was blown up by its own commander. Three cruisers found shelter

at Manila, where they were interned. Togo sunk or captured twenty-five Russian warships. Only the little cruiser Almaz and a few destroyers escaped to Vladivostok. Vice Admiral Rojestsvensky, seriously wounded, was taken prisoner, as was Rear Admiral Nebogatoff. Rear Admiral Voelkersam and Rear Admiral Enquist were killed. The loss of life was frightful. More than 5,000 Russian sailors were killed or drowned, and more than 3,000 were taken prisoners. Togo's battleships and cruisers escaped practically unscathed, and he lost only three destroyers in the battle. About 200 of his men were killed and wounded.

Togo's victory has made his country for the future securely immune from all danger of wanton aggression by occidental nations. There is no safer nation in the world to-day, unless it be the United States. Japan has no widespread colonies to defend as has England. It has no weak borders and hostile neighbors as have Germany and France. Only on the most serious provocations will any western nation quarrel with it, and then only perhaps if western nations are unani-

mous as to the rights and wrongs of the quarrel. Japan can easily use her power to her own ruin. That she will not go thus astray we may confidently be-



THE MIKASA, ADMIRAL TOGO'S FLAGSHIP.

lieve, because of the wisdom she has shown in the recent years while she has been deciding upon her policy toward Russia and preparing to carry it into execution.

Something of what this victory has guaranteed to Japan it will also guarantee to China. That Japan will henceforth be the dominant spirit in Chinese affairs is as good as assured. The vivisection of the Chinese empire will no longer have ardent advocates among the nations. "Spheres of influence" are much more apt to decrease than to enlarge as the years go on.

### ADMIRAL TOGO.

Personal Peculiarities of the Japanese "Tiger of the Sea."

Togo stands alone. There is none with which to compare him. Farragut, Decatur, Lawrence, Nelson—such famous sea fighters simply upheld the records of their race and added glory to the fame already possessed by the flags under which they fought. But Togo comes of a race with no naval record; his career and the rise of Japan as a sea power are one and indivisible. He is the most brilliant example of what occidental means may accomplish when grafted upon oriental methods. If Japan has many men of his caliber to hurl into the marts of

peace as well as into the arena of war, then must the white men of the west look well to their laurels.

The persistence, the patience, the self-sacrifice, the bravery, the energy, the adaptability, the initiative, the accuracy of judgment, the power of discrimination—these traits of character displayed by Togo, by those whom he has directed and by those who have directed him, if turned into the channels of manufacture and trade as they have been utilized in war, will make of the despised yellow race of the east a competitor capable of rivaling if not excelling the best efforts of those races whose energy and ingenuity have been the drivewheels of progress and modern civilization. Japan has but just now discovered herself. She is in the self-asserting mood. She is the marvel of the present and the enigma of the future.

Of a family of the lesser nobility, he was sent to England at the time when Japan was waking from her long sleep. There he was educated. There he drank in the ways of the occident without losing in the smallest degree the nature of the orient. There he served on a training ship and spent years in a naval school. When still a lad, he went back to the Land of the Rising Sun prepared to do his full share in that marvelous transformation which has changed Japan from a sleeping land of romance to a place among the great powers in a modern and progressive world. He was placed in charge of the Japanese navy yard. He watched and directed every detail.

When the war with China broke out ten years ago he commanded a battleship and aided in bringing the Flowery Kingdom to her knees. He, like his race in general, accepted the victory as silently as was accepted the theft by Russia of the benefits of that war. The indignity forced upon Japan by Russia and the powers of the west at that time was met with scarcely a protest. Japan had not yet been awake long enough to stand upright and defiant in the face of her oppressors. But there would come a time.

Patience Togo waited. Patiently the people of Japan waited. But while they waited they prepared. The time came. Russia, domineering, aggressive and false, pushed the yellow men too close to the wall. Then came the blow straight from the shoulder. The world woke up. It laughed, while it cheered the island nation in its defiance of the great Muscovite empire which stretched its huge bulk from the Baltic to the Pacific, all the way across Europe, all the way across Asia. It was the defiance of Lilliput to Brobdingnag. It was the coming out of David to meet the Goliath of nations.

From the moment of that first blow in the harbor of Chemulpo to the obliteration of the Russian fleet in the straits of Korea, from Port Arthur to Mukden, the yellow man has known nothing of anything but victory. Victory often hard won, but always victory.

Russia has been hurled from her place high up among the naval powers almost to the bottom of the list, while Japan assumes a position from which she may dictate, with a reasonable assurance of being listened to, for the

## MAD MAN SHOOTS DOWN NINE PERSONS.

MANIAC BARRICADES HIMSELF IN SAN FRANCISCO HOTEL AND USES SHOTGUN.

Kills Himself as the Police Break Into Room—Used \$100 Bills for Ammunition.

San Francisco, Cal., June 21.—After holding 1000 persons at bay for two hours in Eddy street, early today, shooting nine people and defying the police, Thomas Lobb, a maniac, killed himself.

The dead: LOBB, THOMAS.  
The wounded:  
W. S. Koffmann, shot three times; wounds in cheek, nose and forehead.  
C. T. Chevalls, shot in the eye.  
W. Jones, wounds in cheek.  
Emil Roberts, a boy, shot in leg.  
Guong Do (Chinese), rifle bullet in hand.  
George A. De Launay, nine wounds, six in arm, two in hand and one in cheek.  
Vicente Romano, shot in cheek and ear.  
Joseph Larbee, two shots in chin, one in lip, others in shoulder, face and arm.  
Policeman Patrick Kassane, shot in cheek while firing from adjoining room as he held a rifle.  
Seven shots passed through Kassane's helmet.

All the victims were hit with No. 4 shot, except the Chinese, who received a rifle ball.

**Barricade in Hotel.**  
The insane man was barricaded in his room on the fourth floor of the United States hotel, 123 Eddy street.

Lobb went to the hotel last night about 12 o'clock and this morning just before 7 o'clock began throwing furniture from the windows to the street. Several persons narrowly escaped being struck. Then he began firing, using a shotgun. He placed \$50 and \$100 bills in the muzzle of the weapon and fragments of the paper were scattered over the street. The first person he hit was shot at 7:15 o'clock. A big crowd quickly gathered and hundreds of men were prevented from passing the place by fear of being killed. Street car traffic was entirely suspended, after one car had been fired on and its windows broken.

At 8 o'clock, Lieut. John Green of the police rushed a strong squad to the scene, among the officers being five men of the crack rifle team of the department. They were unable to accomplish anything, however, as the maniac was strongly entrenched in his room and appeared to have an unlimited amount of ammunition.

**Besiege the Maniac.**

It was determined that the maniac must be captured, dead or alive, and all the rooms adjoining the one he occupied were filled with armed officers. A lively fusillade was begun through the door, transom and walls of the madman's stronghold, to which he responded with remarkable rapidity. The plaster was scattered from the ceiling and walls and the police were soon covered with the white flakes and nearly blinded by the lime. Officer Kassane attempted to peer through the transom, when he received a charge of shot which disfigured his face and completely riddled his helmet. Then Officer Hutchins descended from the roof to the room window, while the other policemen made an attack in force on the door. When Hutchins saw the maniac's attention was diverted he gave a prearranged signal by firing his revolver. Hearing the report from an unexpected quarter, the murderous lunatic rushed to the window, which was open, and literally blew off the top of his own head. The brains and fragments of skull flew through the air into the street to the horror of the thousands of spectators who had assembled in the neighborhood, which is near the heart of the city.

Lobb was about 28 years of age. He apparently was an Englishman, and a stranger here. In his pocket was a card bearing the address of the British consul general, and a receipt for baggage, showing that he was a recent arrival in San Francisco.

## WILL EXONERATE PAUL MORTON.

President Does Not Blame Secretary of the Navy for Santa Fe Rebates.

Washington, D. C., June 21.—Paul Morton, secretary of the navy, will be completely exonerated by President Roosevelt from any wrongdoing in connection with the granting of rebates by the Santa Fe Railroad company to the Colorado Fuel and Iron company. President Roosevelt will say in his statement, which will be made public today that there is not a scintilla of evidence to show that Mr. Morton and the other officials of the Atchafalaya, Popoca & Santa Fe were guilty of violating the law or that they are deserving of prosecution.

Nor does the President stop at this in giving the retiring secretary of the navy a clean bill of health, but he holds him up as a public benefactor for the testimony he gave in the "meats products case," which resulted in a federal injunction against the Santa Fe and a number of other roads.

## ALEXANDER AND HYDE GO

Paul Morton Accepts Resignation of Both Equitable Officials and Hurries Matters.

New York, June 21.—Paul Morton, new head of the Equitable Life Assurance society, has removed the two most prominent figures in the controversy within society by accepting the resignations of James W. Alexander and James M. Hyde as president and vice president of the company. There were those who saw a suggestion that a message from Mr. Ryan had hastened Mr. Morton's action.

Mr. Hyde said he had no statement to make. At the home of Mr. Alexander's daughter it was said the late chief of the Equitable was too ill to see visitors. Attorney Untermeyer says Morton acted on Hyde's express wish.

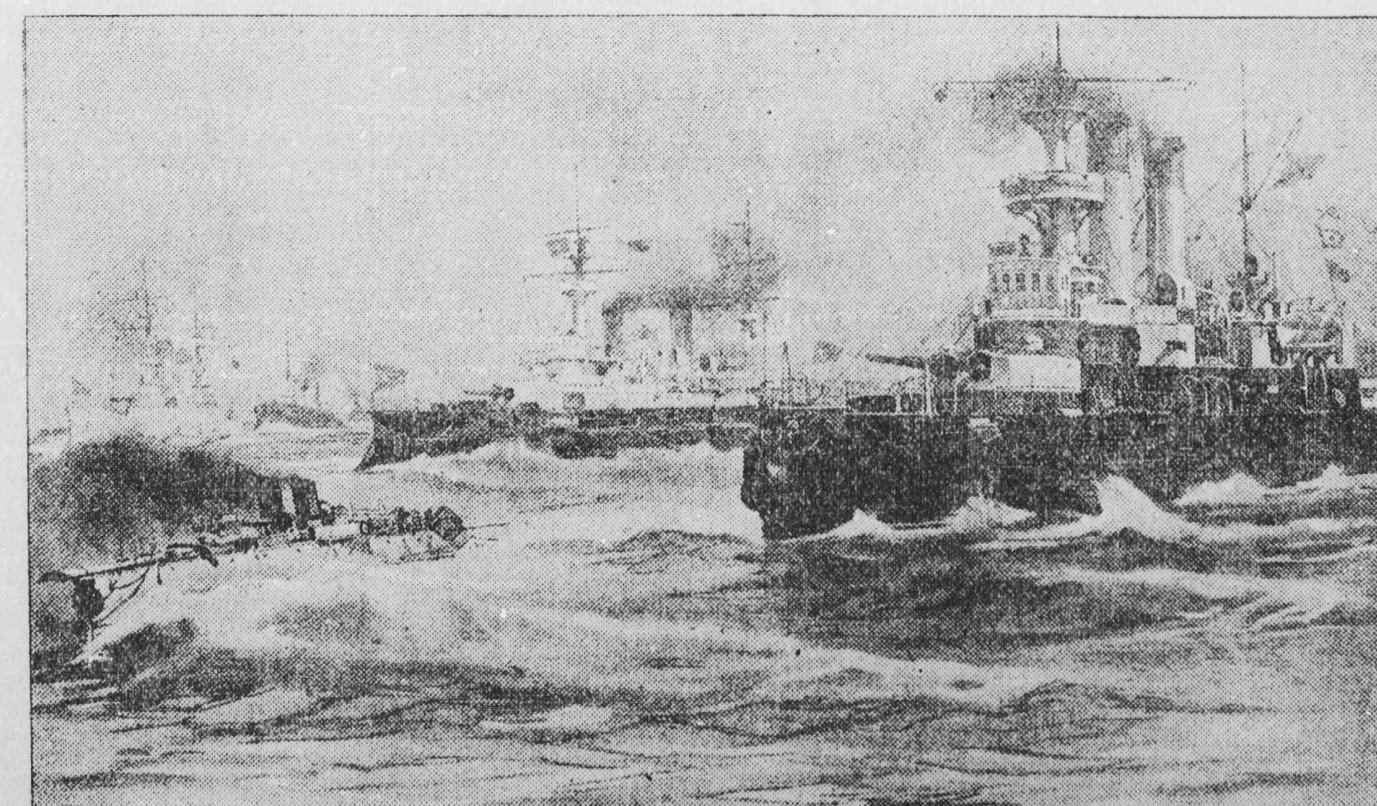
## THREE BADGERS GET DEGREES.

Lake Forest (Ill.) College Commencement Is Held.

Lake Forest, Ill., June 21.—[Special.]—The following Wisconsin students were graduated today at Lake Forest college and received the degree of B. A.: De-nary Andersen, Hudson; Roy L. Heindel, South Wayne; Miriam Elieue Washburn, Racine.

## Kaiser in Auto Races Train.

Hanburg, June 21.—Emperor William, while coming from Hanover to this city in an automobile, ran a race with an express, hoping to prove that the automobile would win such a contest. He maintained a speed of sixty miles an hour until, to his chagrin, the road made a curve. Near Colle a tire burst and the automobile tilted until it almost overturned.



RUSSIAN BALTIC SQUADRON WHICH WAS DESTROYED.









