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PT. ARTHUR'S DOOM AT HAND; JAPS DOMINATE EAST FORTS

The Mikado's Men Are Now Closing In On the Last Line of Defense.

SUPREME EFFORT TO CARRY STRONGHOLD TODAY

Chefoo, Nov. 3. — Noon. — Japanese arriving from Dany today report that the Japanese have captured Rihlung Mountain and Sungshu Mountain, which lies between the railroad and Rihlung Mountain. They also report that the Japanese have captured East Keekwan Mountain.

Conservative Japanese, realising the intense desire of the Japanese for good news on the Emperor's birthday, received the above reports with reserve. Regarding the capture of Rihlung and Sungshu Mountains, the report is not considered improbable, but Japanese say that it is not intended to occupy East Keekwan Mountain. In August the Japanese succeeded in entering East Keekwan fort, as was related in these dispatches at that time, but under the concentrated fire of the other forts, they were compelled to retire. Japanese officers here say that it is impossible to hold East Keekwan, and that, therefore, an attempt on that position is presumably only a feint.

When the Japanese occupied the Russian trenches on Rihlung Mountain it is said that the Russian turned a current of water into the trenches, but the Japanese held fast. Previous to this Japanese exploded two land mines on Rihlung Mountain.

BEGINNING OF THE END

The Japs Have Captured the Dominating Positions.

Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army in front of Port Arthur, Nov. 2, via Chefoo, Nov. 3, 2 p.m. (Censorship). — The Japanese are now in a position to commence the beginning of the end of operations. For the capture of East Port Ridge and the siege of Port Arthur proper they have completed placing eleven-inch Howitzers.

On the night of Oct. 22 all the reserves advanced through a network of trenches in front of East Port Ridge from South Keekwan to West Rihlung Mountain, called by the Japanese Sieghosen.

The bombardment began at dawn on Oct. 20. The infantry attacks were planned at noon against the two Rihlung mountains, an entrenched hill between East Danjusan and East Keekwan forts. Tremendous excitement prevailed among the troops, who were convinced that success meant the capture of East Port Ridge and the surrender of Port Arthur in time for the Emperor's birthday celebration on Nov. 3.

PORT ARTHUR DOOMED

Mikado's Flag Will Soon Wave Over Wrecked Capital.

Chefoo, Nov. 3, 4:30 p.m. — Port Arthur is doomed. The correspondent of the Associated Press here has received information, the reliability of

A VILE FRAUD

Conservative Plot to Entrap the Hon. Mr. Brodeur.

Montreal, Nov. 3. — Frank Picotte, of Montreal, was arrested yesterday at Marville, county of Rouville, where Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Minister of Inland Revenue, is the Liberal candidate. The charge is fraud. It is alleged that he went into the county and distributed various sums of \$2 and \$5 to electors, saying the money was from Mr. Brodeur. The minister heard of what had been going on and at once sent a scheme was afoot to entrap him on a charge of corruption. Picotte, when arrested, was in a hotel in company with the chief Conservative organizer of the district. In his pocket was an electoral list with certain names crossed.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARIES MENACED BY BOXER SOCIETY

Were Obligated to Flee From Their Posts Because of Threats.

Toronto, Nov. 3. — It was reported some time ago that the Presbyterian missionaries in Honan were in danger of their lives through an uprising, which had been threatened by the secret societies in that province for some time. Some time after that report a dispatch announced that there was no danger from any such uprising. The Honan correspondent of the Presbyterian, writes from Hwaching, Sept. 1, says that very disquieting news had come to him from various quarters. The missionaries at Changtsefu had again had to call the attention of the officials to the Taishan sect, who were showing signs of fresh activity. The missionaries of Taimingfu had fled from that city owing to their lives

being threatened by this same society. "At Hwaching," continues the correspondent, "there is considerable excitement owing to the magistrate having issued proclamations giving the details of the arrest of a leader of this same society by Rev. M. Gerrard, a Roman Catholic missionary in Weiwei City. This leader, who is a native of Shanai, had the assurance to call on Mr. Gerrard to have a debate on religion. After leaving he was followed by some natives belonging to the mission to the village, where he was residing in semi-official style. They arrested him and handed him over to the Sinhsinghsien magistrate. Amongst his personal effects were found a seal for signing documents issued by the society, a list of the members living in the district, and a yellow flag bearing the device I have mentioned before as the one that Boxers in that region had on their flags in 1900. Remove the Tartars and destroy the foreigners." It has been said that the magistrate is going to make more arrests, on the strength of the information contained in the list.

FIVE MEN HURT

Runaway Near Brantford Results in a Lot of Broken Bones.

Brantford, Nov. 3. — A remarkable accident happened here on Monday night, in which five men were injured, four of them having bones fractured. The injured are all moulders in the employ of the Buck Company. On the night in question they engaged a two-seated covered rig and drove out to Enford. On their way back they encountered a street car and the horses shied and then broke. The buggy struck a telephone pole and was turned over and the occupants were spilled into the street. Unfortunately they were caught between the rig and the pole and badly crushed. John Tyrill had a leg broken and a rib fractured, William Coleman had one leg broken, George Walters had two legs broken, Charles Wisler two legs broken, and William McMeans a bruised knee. The horses were not captured until they had demolished the rig. They themselves were not injured, however.

THE WHEAT CROP SAFE

Threshing in Manitoba and Northwest Almost Completed.

Winnipeg, Nov. 3. — The C. P. R. weekly crop report indicates that threshing in the Northwest is well advanced. The report shows that the average yield of wheat in the Northwest is 28.2 bushels per acre, for which the sum of \$10,447 was realized, an average of nearly 40 per cent.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's land sales of 1904 aggregated 2,802,841 acres, for which the sum of \$10,447 was realized, an average of nearly 40 per cent.

Conductor Goldstone, of the street railway company, was held at 5:20, while going to work, and relieved of \$55.90. A misadventure occurred in connection with the Manitoba and Northwest Methodist Conference in session here. Rev. Dr. Carmichael and Rev. Dr. Sutherland, of Toronto, are present.

Burned at Sea.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Nov. 3. — The steamer Beta, which arrived here yesterday, landed the captain, his wife and the crew of the British barkentine Sunny South, from Pensacola for West Africa with lumber, which was burned at sea.

PREMIER ROSS TO GO TO COUNTRY

Rumor That He Will Ask Lieutenant-Governor to Dissolve House at an Early Date.

Toronto, Nov. 3. — There is a rumor that before the end of the week Premier Ross will seek the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor to dissolve the Legislature preparatory to a general provincial election. Whether the reconstruction of the cabinet will be completed and ready for announcement as soon as that is not known. So far, according to reports, only changes that have been arranged with a degree of definiteness are the advent of Hon. W. A. Chalmers to the portfolio of Commissioner of Crown Lands and of Mr. G. P. Graham to the Provincial Secretaryship. Both of these gentlemen are members of the House, and their advent is understood, given the Premier their consent to enter the cabinet. If dissolution takes place as early as predicted, the elections will be over before Christmas.

HEADS ON PIKES

Shah of Persia Punishes Murderers of Missionaries.

Washington, Nov. 3. — The Shah of Persia has wreaked remarkable vengeance for the murder of Rev. Benjamin W. Labaree, who was killed by six Kurds near Urumia, Persia, last March. Minister Richmond Pearson, who has just returned to the United States, reported to the state department that an expedition sent to punish Dr. Labaree's murderers, executed the heads of two of them to Tehran on pikes.

UP GOES SOFT COAL

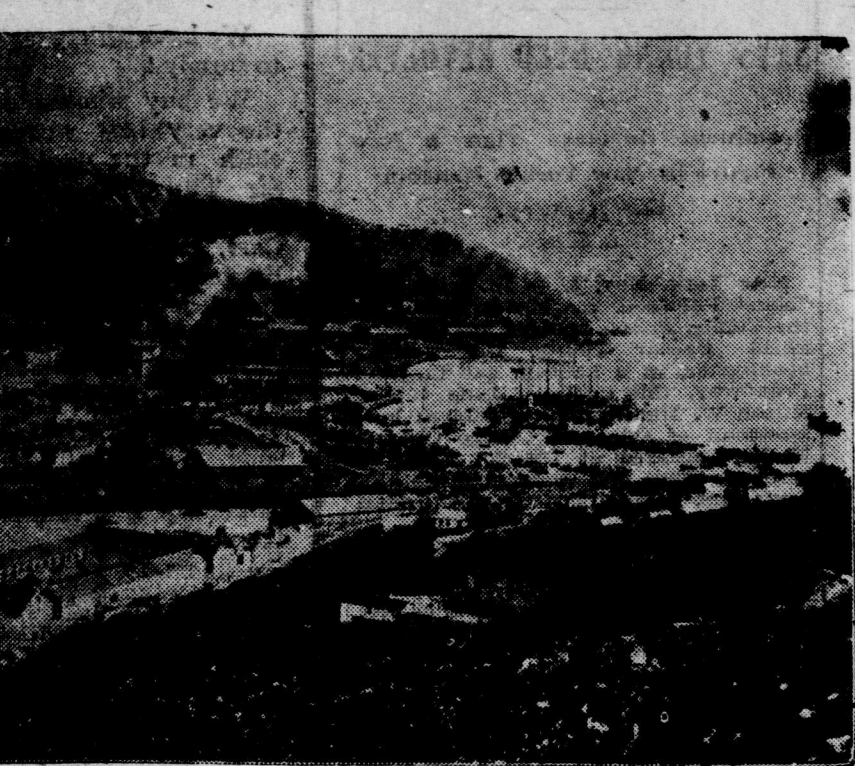
Trouble in Western Mines Sends Price Up 35 Cents.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 3. — Prices of all grades of soft coal have been advanced 35 cents a ton, as the result of the increased demand for coal and the strike of engineers in Illinois, which has practically closed all the mines in that state. The price of run-of-mine coal was recently advanced from \$1.05 a ton to \$1.15, f. o. b., at the mines. The rates now quoted for Pittsburg district coal are as follows: Run-of-mine, \$1.50 a ton; three-quarter-inch screen coal, \$1.60; one-and-one-quarter-inch screen coal, \$1.70; and slack, 85 cents a ton.

THE PRINCE OF WALES

London Paper Says His Royal Highness Has Consumption.

London, Nov. 3. — In an article evidently calculated to create a sensation, Reynolds's Newspaper says that it is common gossip in the vicinity of Sandringham, that the Prince of Wales is afflicted with consumption. The prince, the paper states, has frequently been examined by physicians and it is known that the subject of their examination was the condition of his lungs. The result of these examinations the paper says has not been divulged, but it is no secret that the prince's family feels great anxiety over the matter. While Reynolds's Newspaper, representing the extreme Democratic wing, is prone to publish sensational stories relating to the royal family, it is remembered that the first report of King Edward's illness was published in its columns.



Port Arthur, the Russian Gibraltar in the Far East.

Early fall of which is conceded by the Czar's military and naval experts.

STUDENTS AND POLICE FOUGHT WEATHER FINE; VOTING IS HEAVY

This Rush of College Youths Looks Like a Record Poll in All Sections.

TWENTY-FIVE BADLY INJURED A HOT CONTEST IN TORONTO

150 Boston Policemen in a Wild Much Challenge at the Capital Scrimmage With Six Hundred Wild College Boys.

Boston, Nov. 3. — At least twenty-five persons were injured during a clash between students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and police reserves, which broke out last night. Most of the injuries consisted of scalp wounds and body bruises. Four students and four officers were so seriously injured as to necessitate their removal to hospitals. Others were treated at near-by drug stores, and private residences. Those sent to the hospitals were: Students Herbert G. Spear, Frederick Backman, Victor Gebner, H. S. Higgins, Volney B. R. Olds, Wm. A. Donahue, F. C. Rich, C. B. Kelly.

Other students who required medical attendance were: Blakman, Frank Stevens, Richard Marsh, K. W. Richards, Charles E. Allen, P. M. Berkman, John M. McMillin. Many others whose wounds were dressed on the spot left for their homes without giving their names.

The trouble occurred on the steps of Rogers' hall, one of the technology buildings on Boylston street, where the students had gathered, following the joint parade last night of the Republican clubs of Harvard University and the Institute of Technology. The police had determined to keep the students from the steps of the building, and when the college men made a rush for the steps they were met by the officers with drawn clubs and a free fight ensued. The officers used their clubs freely and many of the college men were bleeding from wounds on the face and head.

The police were hurried to the support of their fellows and the police in turn summoned assistance with the aid of the police. The police were engaged with four times as many students. It was half an hour before the police were masters of the situation.

President Henry J. Pritchett, of the Institute of Technology, was on the scene soon after the fight started, and assisted in caring for the injured. While Pritchett was in the building, President Pritchett expressed his opinion that the police had acted somewhat hastily.

THE GOMEL TRIALS

Counsel for Jews Endeavoring to Overthrow Jewish Indictment.

Gomel, Russia, Nov. 3. — During the last ten days only one case of the prosecution in the case of the indictment for the rioting in September, 1903, have been heard. Counsel for the Jews is endeavoring to overthrow the indictment of the Jewish defendants. Moscow, is defending the Christians without fee. The court today took a recess until Saturday.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Tomorrow—Fair and Warmer.
London, Thursday, Nov. 3. Sun rises, 5:56 a.m. Moon sets, 3:04 p.m. Sun sets, 5:56 p.m. Moon rises, 1:24 a.m. The weather continues fair throughout the Dominion, with unseasonably high temperatures in Manitoba and the Territories, and more moderate temperatures from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. The storm which appeared over the Gulf of Mexico this morning is moving towards the Middle Atlantic States. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 14-22; Victoria, 48-51; Calgary, 26-33; Edmonton, 23-31; Prince Albert, 23-31; Qu'Appelle, 26-30; Winnipeg, 34-40; Port Arthur, 36-46; Parry Sound, 31-36; Toronto, 34-43; Ottawa, 35-42; Montreal, 32-38; Quebec, 32-38; St. John, 23-36.

FORCASTS.

Thursday, Nov. 3—8 a.m. Moderate winds; fair and warmer to day and Friday.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary, 22, 22, Cloudy. Winnipeg, 32, 32, Cloudy. Parry Sound, 42, 42, Cloudy. Toronto, 34, 34, Fair. Ottawa, 34, 34, Fair. Montreal, 32, 32, Fair. Quebec, 32, 32, Fair. St. John, 23, 23, Snow.

SIR WILFRID'S MOVEMENTS

Quebec, Nov. 3. — Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in company with Hon. Mr. Pape of Quebec, is visiting the different committees in his county this afternoon. The Dominion Premier, on the eve of the general election, while he looks somewhat fatigued, has a happy smile for the many friends he meets on the way.

THE DESPERATE TACTICS OF THE CONSERVATIVE MACHINE

Discovery of a Wholesale Attempt to Deprive London Liberals of Their Votes.

SHINPLASTERS SENT WITH NOTE TO VOTE FOR HYMAN

One of the most dastardly attempts to rob voters of London of their franchise was made by the local Conservative machine today. While shouting corruption against their opponents to draw a herring across the trail, they deliberately and systematically planned, and put the plan into execution, to so compromise respectable voters as to make it impossible, as they thought, for these voters to take the oath.

This morning Brigadier Robert Hargrave, who resides at 23 Cartwright street, and who is the highly-respected commander of the Salvation Army in this city, received a letter containing a slip of paper, on which was typewritten the words: "Vote for your friend, Charles Hyman." In the envelope was also a 25-cent Canadian "shinplaster."

The insult to his manhood was so provoking that Brigadier Hargrave walked straight to the Liberal committee rooms, and handed the letter and its contents to those in charge. They at once instituted inquiries, and ascertained in a very few minutes that the scheme was a widespread one, and that the Conservative managers are leaving no stone unturned to elect Mr. Gray by fair means or foul.

The scheme is intended to work as follows: The voter receives the letter containing the money, and when he appears in the polling booth, his vote is challenged by the Conservative scrutineers, and he is sworn. Though the voter may be ever so innocent of any wrongdoing, yet the "bluff" is relied upon to prevent his taking the oath, and thus a vote may be lost to Mr. Hyman.

As a matter of fact, the sending of a letter containing money to any voter does not compromise his vote, but Mr. Hyman's opponents hoped to be able to disfranchise some citizens of London by this dastardly scheme.

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