Commander of Port Arthur Rejoices That All Assaults Have Been Repulsed.

Believed He Will be Able to Hold Out Until the Arrival of the Baltic Squadron.

## No Real Reason Discovered for the Blowing Up of the Rastoropny.

Your Majesty that the Japanese bombarded very vigorously October 25, our forts and entrenchments north and entrenchments north and northeast. The following day they also ranks, notwithstanding a clever cover-

"Engineer Capt. Sakharoff, formerly overnor of Port Dalny, died Oct. 27, of typhus fever.
"It is difficult to single out individ-

In a telegram dated Oct. 30, General

Stoessel says:
"Since my despatch of Oct. 28 the bombardment continues with great Under date of Nov. 3, Gen. Stoessel

"We greet the Emperor. This day is a solemn one for our country. We offer prayers to God, and send to our Emperor felicitations in the shape of reverberating hurrahs. On bended knees we pray to God to give health to your Majesty and their Majesties the Empress and the Grand Duke Cxarethe Empress and the Grand Duke Cxare-vitch. Our joy is all the greater be-cause all the assaults, which lasted nine days, have been repulsed up to this great day, the anniversary of your acces-sion to the throne, the same day that our Japanese enemies celebrate the anniver-sary of the birth of their Mikado, and whereupon they had sworn to take the whereupon they had sworn to take the fortress.. God is with us."

Rejoicing over the undaunted spirit displayed by Gen. Stoessel in his telegram of congratulation to Emperor Nicholas on the anniversary of his accession to the throne, and officially announcing the failure of Gen. Nodzu's nine-day attempt to present Port Arthur to the Mikado as a birthday gift, is tempered by private information that the gallant commander of the garrison has been wounded. Gen. Stoessel was struck in the head by a splinter from a shell while he was personally directing the repulse of a particularly desperate assault, but fortunately the wound is not serious, and Gen. Stoessel has not been obliged to relinquish command. General

arrived, and Gen. Stoessel expressed confidence that the defence can be successfully maintained until the arrival of ice-Admiral Rojestvensky's second Pa cific scuadron

# MAKE SORTIES NIGHTLY.

Garrison Attack the Besiegers With Hand Grenades.

about fifty men each make numerous men are well protected from the sapsorties nightly, and throw grenades into the Japanese trenches. They storm well fed and well clothed. They are be

wall and enceinte are intact, and the big permanent forts are not impairhuge inner fortifications ed. The huge inner fortifications at there may be some big encounters Bordi and Kikwan are untouched. Even during the winter, but a decisive batthe outer fort at Panlung has not been tie is not to be expected before spring. taken. More than once the Japanese have badly blundered. They provided ladders only thirty feet long for use in fifty foot moats. The younger officers are grumbling, and talk of taking matters in their own hands.

# SHELLS, THEN BAYONETS.

Terrific Nature of Japanese Attack on Ridges.

A London cable: The Daily Tele graph's correspondent with the Japanese army before Port Arthur, describing the attack of the Japanese on the cust-ern fortified ridges on Ocmt. 30, says: "The terrific and continuous bombardment, night and day, from Oct. 27 to Oct. 30, culminated in wonderful prac-tice, quite beyond criticism. With appal ling rapidity countless bursting shells mingled their smoke into a dense, oscillating mass of vapor laden with earth and gleaming with flashes of fire, the climax being reached at 1 o'clock with a tremendous fire of shroppel across the

St. Petersburg cable: As a result of despatches received from Lieut. Gen. Stoessel, commander of the Russian military forces at Port Arthur, the War Office expresses entire confidence that Port Arthur will be able to hold out till the arrival of the Russian second Pacific squadron.

The text of Gen. Stoessel's despatches of October 28 is as follows:

"We have the honor to report to Yeny Meigety that the Language hom."

Suddenly every gun ceased fire, and the Japanese infantry rushed out from the pagence of the pagence infantry rushed out from the pagence infan

The correspondent details how the attacked one of the forts on the north side, but our heavy artillery and shrap nel fire dispersed their reserves, and the mises of their ability to withstand the assault was repulsed. Our losses were one officer and about 70 men killed and how the Russians, despite the heavy bombardment, replied from their fort. ress guns, although 1,800 500-pound shells had been fired that day, not counting thousands of smaller projectiles. It is estimated that the day's bombardment cost the Japanese \$20,000, representing nearly 20 per cent. of the total cost since the opening days of the siege in August. siege in August.
"Before half an hour had elapsed,

"Before half an hour had elapsed, and after losing 600 men, the Japanese abandoned the actack against the south Keekwan fort. By 4 o'clock the Japanese fire had diminished in intensity, and the assaults ceased shortly before sunset, when fire broke out in the new town of Port Art hur, and at nightfull the Japanese opened as shrapnel fire on the eastern ridge to cover the retirement of their isolated assaulters, whose situation was critical between the

the castern rage to cover the retirement of their isolated assaulters,
whose situation was critical between the
east and the south Keekwan forts. The
total Japanese casualties exceed 2,000.

"Although the assaults failed in the
capture of the main objective, they absolutely unmasked the eastern Russian
positrons and their strength. The casualties are relutively small, for, although
seven regiments were engaged, not half
the troops issued from the parallels,
owing to the attacks being so skilfully
manipulated, nad finally ceasing without supports being utilized. For
strength, the Russian position was unasaultable, and it would have been
ueless to endanger double the force
and incur double the casualty list in
the same assault.

After dusk the Russian

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After dusk the Russians sortied and recovered the ground lost between the east and the south Keekwan forts. the east and the south Keekwan forts. They recovered the P fort at 10 o'clock in the evening. Gen. Ichinoye gallantly restormed the hill, and, despite 250 casualties, expelled the Russians by sheer dash and courage. Indeed, his personality won the hill for the Japanese.

sault. but fortunately the wound is not serious, and Gen. Stoessel has not been obliged to relinquish command. General Stoessel is regarded as the heart and soul of the defence, and his death or disnibility, which would cause him to relinquish command, would be regarded as an irremediable misfortune.

Other information sent by General Stoessel, which has not been divulged for strategic reasons, it is stated by the War Office, is by no means unfavorable, while the garrison is now hemmed in the citadel itself, not one of the main The garrison has

# DANGER LIES IN ATTACK.

of German Correspondent Does Not Loc for Early Battle.

A Berlin cable says: Col. Gaedke, mili tary editor of the Tageblatt, in a despatch, dated Mukden, Nov. 14, says he regards an immediate battle improbable. The positions of both armies are so strong that neither is likely to attack at present because an attack A London cable: A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Tien-Tsin says the latest reports fom Port Arthur state that the Russians are persistently atacking the ebsiegers. Small parties of about fifty men each make numerous sorties nightly, and throw grenades in the state of the cold. They are surject to the Daily Telegraph from the Japanese artillery and the cold. They are to the Japanese trenches. They storm the enemy's outworks with the greatest daring, displaying absolute contempt for death. Their ordinary mortality is about seventy, but the Japanese losses are greater. The Japanese fleet is not assisting in the bombardment of the fortress. Admiral Togo has been ordered sisting in the bombardment of the for-tress. Admiral Togo has been ordered not to lose any of his ships, and he therefore keeps them out of range of the Russian batteries.

The Japanese army has only captured a few advanced field works. The Chin-base wall and enceinte are intact, and whething army.

whelming army.

There is still much artillery fire, and

# ALEXIEFF TALKS OF WAR

With Kouropatkin. A Paris cable: The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris had an interview yesterday with Admiral Alexieff, late viceroy in the far east. He is reported as saying that he foresaw and foretold the war, and did not desire it, knowing what daugers would result from a struggle between two civilized powers:

ilized powers:
Speaking of the admirable military organization of the Japanese, Admiral Alexieff is reported to have said it was too perfect and too minute. The Japanese prepared their plans so carefully beforehand that they often overlooked opportunities to inflict rapid biows upon the Russians.

All reports of dissensions between himself end Care

himself and Gen. Kouropatkin were, he said, lies and calumnies. Gen. Kouropatkin was all jost completely independ.



GEN. STOESSEL,

Commander at Port Arthur, Reported Wounded and in Hospital.

direct orders. The Admiral said he had anever interfered with Gen. Kouropat-kin's plans. There had been no unfriend-liness between them, and he had always refrained from giving the General any advice upon matters concerning strategy or tactics.

#### MOVEMENT ON THE SHA

Believed That Kuroki is Attacking the Russian Left.

A London cable: Unofficial reports A London cable: Unofficial reports seem to indicate that there is some movement of the Sha Rive. The Tientsin correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says the Japanese suddenly advanced, and are now within twelve miles of Mukden, where the sound of their machine guns and rifles can be heard. This is supposed to indicate that Gon of Mukden, where the sound of their machine guns and rifles can be heard. This is supposed to indicate that Gen. Kuroki is attacking the Russian left. This despatch harmonizes with press reports from Mukden that have been received in St. Petersburg. These reports, however, forecast attacks on the Russian centre and right. According to one of these, the Japanese have landed 30,000 troops at Pitsewo. Thirty thousand from Yinkow will be employed in an attempt to outflank the Russian right, cutting off its retreat to the town of Tieling.

# Japs Ambuscaded.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post reports Russian activity on the Sha River, in preparation to check a Japanese ofensive movement.

# SIGNIFICANT OF THE END.

The Real Reason for Sacrificing the Destroyer.

A London cable says: It is still impossible to shed any light on the real reason for the Russians sacrificing the destroyer Rastoropny. The idea that she was thrown away for the purpose of conveying the batch of colorless despatches since issued in St. Petersburg patches since issued in St. Petersbur, is regarded as absurd. The belief in many quarters is that the Rastoropny' mission was significant of the end Port Arthur. It is reported, but with-out confirmation, that the destroyer took to Chefoo a number of naval ofto the defence of the fortress.

# ARRIVED TOO LATE.

Jap Torpedo Boat Told the Destroyer Had Been Blown Up.

A Chefoo cable: The three ese torpedo-boat destroyers which en-tered the harbor this morning to as-certain if the Russian torpedo-boat destroyer Rastoropny was here, disappear ed for a time, but reappeared this even-ing. The Japanese Consul sent a cutter out to meet them, and informed the nearest destroyer, the Kasumi, that the Rastoropny had been sunk. The Con-sul says this was ten ships which knew of the sinking of the Rastoropny. The Kasumi transmitted the information by wireless telegraphy to the Japanese flagship, whereupon the destroyers disappeared in the direction of Port Arthur

The sinking of the Rastoropny by the Russians relieved the Japanese embarrassing position.

# A GNUUER'S SUICIDE.

Arrested, Broke Away and Jumped Into the Sea at Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., Nox. 21.-A sensationa icide occurred at midnight. when oung gunner of the Royal Artillery, ar rested for fighting on the street, broke from his captors, plunged into the icy water of the harbor, and was drowned. Denies That He Has Had Any Quarrel He had been arrested by the military police and was taken to the main guard rooms at the Queen's Wharf. When the sergeant on duty was removing the prisoner's belt he broke away, dashed down the wharf, and with a wild shrick jumped into the water. Every effort was made to rescue the man, but he disappeared immediately. His name is un-known. He was about twenty-three years old. The authorities will hold an

investigation. England has for many years given prizes for the destruction of venomous serpents and dangerous wild beasts in India, but it does not seem to diminish the annual number of their victims. In 1903 over 23,000 persons were killed by snake bites, over a thousand by tigers, and almost a thousand by bears. and almost a thousand by bears, eight English possessions, was found, pards and panthers, together a total of over 25,000 victims. Of domestic anione time mentioned to her that his wife mals the loss from all these sources was dead, and that her name too had in no way under his foots up over 80,000.

#### SEEK GIRL'S ASSAILANT. Deed Committed Two Weeks Ago Near Park Hill.

Parkhill, Nov. 21.—On Friday evening Nov. 4, about 6 o'clock, when Miss Nellie Davidson, doughter of John Davidson, of the 21st con. BF. West Williams, was driving home along the 18th con. whe was forcibly taken from the buggy, assaulted, and tied to the adjoining fence with one of the lines. The outrage was perpetrated a short distance from Andrew Elliott's place on the 18th con cession. The young woman was able to get as far as Elliott's gate, where her screams attracted attention. She was carried to the house and driven to her parents' residence, her own horse in the

parents' residence, her own horse in the meantime having gone home.

An effort is being made to find the guilty party. The county of West Williams offer a reward of \$500 for the capture of the man who assaulted Miss Davidson. The description of the guilty party is not very clear. Although Miss Davidson has regained her mental faculties, she is yet very ill. She says her assailant was of ordinary height and wore moustache: face rough as though assailant was of ordinary height and wore moustache; face rough as though unshaven for two or three weeks; wore a coat like leather or waterproof that felt hard and stiff, shorted than overcoat. Half a plug of tobacco was found in the buggy next morning ,two leather thongs like laces for shoes with large eyelets were found where the assault occurred.

Miss Davidson bit him on the face traces of which must still be visible. His face felt fleshy and he had thick, rough hands. An unknown character boarded the 6.25 p. m. train from the west at Thedford that evening, and, having no ticket, was put off at Carpenter's sid-ing not more than fifteen minutes before Miss Davidson drove along and was as-

Amy passenger on that train who remembered the description of the manput off between Thedford and Parkhill as to clothing or anything else, or any person who has since seen a man bearing a mank on his face as though from a bite, should communicate at once with High Constable McLeod, London, or Wm. Dawson, Sylvan.

# BURNED TO DEATH. -

Robert Baldwin, of Seaforth, the Victim in a Manitoba Hotel.

Winnipeg. Nov. 21.-Robert Baldwin, aged 69 years, of Seaforth, Ont., was burned to death in the Elgin Hotel at Elgin, Man., last night. The fire started in the laundry, and had made such progress that nothing could be done to save the house from total destruction. Attention was then direct ed to arousing the inmates, of whom there were many, the train which ar-rived two hours previously having two hours previously having brought quite a number of guests. It was with great difficulty the alarm was conveyed to the inmates, owing

to the dense smoke. Mr. Birdwin, who perished, intended starting for his home near Seaforth this morning. He was suffering from illness, and it is supposed was overcome with smoke. There was little or nothing saved either of the contents of the house or the personal effects.

Marshall's implement warehouse was

# CAPT. RGUSE'S SUICIDE.

A British Naval Reserve Man Kills Him self in New York.

New York, Nov. 21.—Despondent because of a lawsuit, which he believed was going against him, and because he could not obtain a berth, Captain A. T. Rouse, of King Edward's naval reserves, committed suicide in a light furnished room which he had occupied for two weeks at No. 236 West Sixteenth street. Considerable mystery surrounds the cap-tain's suicide, and Mrs. Mary Morton, the woman he boarded with, is not able the woman he boarded with, is not able to clear it up. She said that the captain had come to her three weeks ago, stating he had just arrived from Canada, and engaged her light rear room, paying for it first by the week, but later each night as he came home, because he said that was the only way she could be sure of getting it. Apparently desiring to keep word of his self-destruction from his friends, the captain left no letters explaining his act, but a box filled with missives addressed to him, some to the house where he had killed himself, and others in care of a Mrs. Wright, self, and others in care of a Mrs. Wright at No. 328 West 113th street, all from English possessions, was found. Mrs. Morton said the captain had at

# TORONTO CAR TRAGEDY. THREE PEOPLE KILLED.

Street Car Ran Into a Freight Train at Railway Crossing.

Thirteen Persons Injured Including an Infant That May Die of Its Injuries.

## Motorman Lost Control and the "Scotch Dogs" Failed to Stop it.

employ of a downtown departmental store.

Russell T. Stephens died at 8.45. He lived with his sisters at the address given elsewhere, 12834 Morse street, and was in the employ of the Bell Tlephone Company. Russell was a member of F company, Royal Grenadiers, and was returning home from the sham fight.

William J. McKay was the conductor of the motor car, and came to Toronto from Uxbridge. He leaves a widow but no children. His wife is in very poor health and was unable to go to the Lospital, where McKay, for whose 1023/2079 no hope was entertained from the first, died at about 8 o'clock. He had not been long in the company's employ. A heen long in the company's employ. A telegram was sent to his mother, who is at present at Stouffville.

The Injured.

nands.
Armstrong, Willis, 115 Sackville street formerly of Caledon, Ont., motorman, bruised left leg, hip and back.
Sheffer, Wilfrid, 613 King street east, sprained right knee, fractured rib, scalp wound, abrasions on face.
Moss, Emily, 24 Kew Beach, single, bruises about chest, cuts on forchead.
Campbell, Bella, 5 Wilcox street, single, abrasions on nose, forchead, lacerations on the back of head, bruised chest.

McDonald, Agnes, 25 Wardell street, At their homes:

bruised on various parts of body. Crombie. Mrs., wife of W. T. Crowlie, severe cuts on head and face, and also bruises on various parts of the body.

Hoskins, Thomas, 56 Caroline street, cut about the head and face.

Talks With the Injured. In bed was Thomas Johnston, a mach inst, who yesterday had been just four weeks in Toronto, having come from Forfarshire, Scotland. "I landed in this city, about 8 o'clock at night, just four weeks ago," he said, "and at 8 o'clock to-night I came to my senses here, having been unconscious since the crash. I was an

dition would not permit of it.

Story of the Disaster. It is easy enough telling how the accident happened. The difficulty is to explain why it should have happened at all. The Toronto Railway officials refuse absolutely to give any explanation of the causes leading up to the disaster, although ready enough to give such in although ready enough to give such in-formation as they possess about the kill-ed and injured. The Grand Trunk main line to Montreal crosses Queen main line to Montreal crosses Queen street east, running in a north-easterly direction. There is a watchman on duty at the crossing night and day. In addition to the gates, there is an automatic flange on the street car tracks, known as a "Scotch block," or "Scotch dog," placed about fifteen or twenty feet west of the gates. This "dog" automatically rises to a height of four or five inches as the gates of down so that

Toronto, Nov. 18.—Three personsmen and a woman—dead, an infant probably fatally injured, and thirteen or fourteen people more or less seriously hurt. This is the result of an accident which took place at the Grand Trunk Railway crossing, Queen street east, shortly before 7 o'clock last night. In some manner, not yet clearly explained, a motor car with about twenty people on board broke through the dropped bar just as the fast G. T. R. freight for Montreal was nearing the crossing, and was smashed to pieces by the heavy eagine, with the result stated.

The Dead.

Mahaffy, Minnie, wife of James A. Mahaffy, Minnie, wife of James A. Mahaffy, 25 Wardell street, fractured base of skull.

McKaý, William J., 65 Sackville street, aged 20 years, single, fractured base of skull.

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Mrs. Mahaffy died at twenty minutes past 9 o'clock. Her husband, Mr. James

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Mrs. Mahaffy died at twenty minutes past 9 o'clock. Her husband, Mr. James A. Mahaffy, who was at the hospital when she died, was so grief stricken that he could not talk of the occurrence. Mr. Mahaffy was not with Mrs. Mahaffy at the time of the accident. He is in the employ of a downtown departmental store.

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Brake Would Not Work. at present at Stouffville.

The Injured.

At the General Hospital:

Robertson, Andrew, aged one year and three months, son of Mr. Andrew I'obertson, 24 Mercer street, left leg cut off about the knee; probably fatal.

Johnston, Thomas, single, 64 Robinson street, bad bruises about the head, hips and face, and cuts on face and nands.

Armstrong, Willis, 115 Sackville

of the engine with sufficient force to break the coupling and damage the front platform. It was, however, in a condition to be run into the Don barns. twas impossible to examine satisfactorily the mechanism of the Scotch dog, or block, to see if it was working right, because the force with which the carstruck it had knocked it flat and broke the spring. The Street Railway repair gang had considerable difficulty in removing the "dog" before traffic could be recurred.

Smashed Through Gates.

At their homes:

Robertson, Andrew, 24 Mercer etreet, severe cuts and bruises on face, head of G. T. R., had been in the company's emand body.

Robertson, Mrs., wife of Andraw P.-b., ertson, severe bruises on body, fwo gashes on temple and head.

Crombie, W. T., 9 Lenty avenue, severe wounds ion head and face, and bruised on various parts of body. gates went down. In about a couple of minutes after a car came from the also approaching at a fair speed. ruises on various parts of the body. saw the street car rush on, smash Nugent, W. E., Queen street east, cuts through the gates, and then the disaster

A Searching Investigation.

Superintendent George C. Jones, of the Grand Trunk Railway, arrived at the wreck as the wounded were being removed. He made a personal investiga-tion, and two hours later the folweeks in Toronto, having come from Forfarshire, Scotland. "I landed in this city about 8 o'clock at night, just four weeks ago," he said, "and at 8 o'clock to-night I came to my senses here, having been unconscious since the crash. I was on the south side of the car, and did not see the train appreaching. In fact, I knew nothing of what had occurred until they told me of it here.' Johnston came to Canada on the same boat with Mr. and Mrs. Robertson and Miss Bella Campbell, all of whom were injured. They were together by prearrangemnt, having planned to spend the evening at the home of another Scotch friend in the eastern part of the city.

The hospital authorities declined to allow Willis Armstrong, the motorman, to be interviewed, saying that his candition would not permit of it.

Story of the Disaster. it ran on the Queen street crossing.
As near as can be learned there were

As near as can be learned the twenty people in the car."

The investigation by the railway company will not take place for several days, and it is not probable that employee iww be found guilty of the converse of the carry with the aceral days, and it is not probable that any employee iww be found guilty of negligence in connection with the ac-cident. Engineer Johnston is consid-ered to have handled his engine splen-didly in bringing the heavy freight train to a standstill within a short distance. Both engineer and conductor-age Torento men B.S. Norten the are Toronto men. R. S. Norton, the conductor, lives at 218 Adelaide street

known as a "Scotch block," or "Scotch dog," placed about fifteen or twenty feet west of the gates. This "dog' automatically rises to a height of four or five inches as the gates go down, so that the "dog' should effectively stop a car going slowly.

About 6.30 Inst night the Montreal fast freight train drew past the old Don station, and at almost 6.34 it was within a hundred yards of the street railway crossing, which is immediately so the collection and arranged, he said, for an inquest, and he had asked the Crown Attorney Drayton. From the scene of the collision his worship went to the hospital to make any statement about the accident last night. Cordner said he could not make any statement about the accident last night. Cordner to the hospital to make any statement about the accident last night. Cordner said he could not make any statement about the accident last night. Cordner said he could not make any statement about the accident last night. Cordner said he could not make any statement about the accident last night. Cordner said he could not make any statement about the accident last night. Cordner said he could not make any statement about the accident last night. Cordner said he could not make any statement about the accident last night. Cordner said he could not make any statement about the accident last night. Cordner said he could not make any statement about the accident here by City Engineer Rust Mayor Urquhart, as soon as he heard