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FORMING FOR LAST CHARGE;
JAPS ALMOST IN FORTRESS

Nogi's Men Carry Several of Strongest Redoubts and Train Guns On Besieged.

REPORTED THAT THE ATTACKERS LOST 7,000 MEN

Tokio, Nov. 29. — The imperial headquarters tonight summarized the Port Arthur situation as follows:

"With regard to the enemy's forts at Sunghu Mountain and eastward we have firmly captured the crests, glacis and counter-scarps and their vicinities, but the time to charge has not yet come. At present we are destroying the casemates and other caponiers.

"At 2:30, Meter Hill, by several charges, we succeeded in capturing the enemy's shelter trenches near the summit. At present our force is holding its position and endeavoring to capture the whole fort."

Almost In.

Tokio, Nov. 29. — It is reported that the attack upon Meter Hill by the Japanese light artillery is succeeding. It is estimated that 90 per cent of the work of the complete occupation of the fort is now in the hands of the Japanese. No part of the harbor of Port Arthur will then be concealed from the Japanese.

Tokio, Nov. 29. — Opinion as to the action of the British in furnishing coal to vessels of the Russian fleet has not been formed, because the facts and details are not yet known. No comment has been made by the press. It is understood that the question has not yet been raised diplomatically. The formal opening of the Diet will take place tomorrow.

Says Kuroki Lives.

Mukden, Nov. 29. — A Japanese cavalryman who has been captured by the Russians, declares that Gen. Kuroki is not dead, as has been rumored among the Chinese.

There has been no complete change in the situation. The Japanese are reported on the eastward, but there is no sign of a definite Japanese advance. The close proximity of the opposing lines in many places is leading to new and unexpected developments.

Japan and Korea.

New York, Nov. 29. — A Seoul, Korea, dispatch to the Herald, dated Nov. 24, and sent by way of Shanghai, Nov. 25, says: Japanese preparations against possible contingencies and the determination of Japan to prevent the Russians from obtaining a foothold on Korean soil are evidenced by a report from the Governor of Cholla province of the southwestern coast of Korea, asking instructions and stating that a steamship loaded of Japanese workmen with tools and machinery has arrived, and immediately began the construction of fortifications. The Japanese foreign office announces.

SHAH OF PERSIA

FEARS BRITISH

Sends Diplomatic Mission to St. Petersburg and Complications May Follow.

New York, Nov. 29. — A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Herald says that the Shah of Persia has developed much anxiety over the designs of Great Britain sending constantly so-called commercial expeditions to his country.

In view of this he is about to send an important diplomatic mission to St. Petersburg, headed by Mirza Riza Khan, the Shah's ambassador at Constantinople.

This action in view of Lord Curzon's departure to India is considered in diplomatic circles at St. Petersburg as a political event of the highest importance.

RUSH TO GET MARRIED

Serious Riot When Mayor Ordered All Negroes to Get Spliced.

Greenwood, O., Nov. 29. — A scramble for marriage licenses at the office of the city clerk here resulted in a riot in which five men and two women were seriously injured. The indirect cause of the riot was an edict issued by Mayor Carson to the 200 negroes of the town to get married and settle down or leave town within twelve hours.

Recently two patrolmen raided a house known as "The Pickers Nest," and the conditions revealed at the trial of those caught brought forth the mayor's edict. The rush for marriage licenses was so great that the entire police force of the town had to be called out to preserve order.

Men fought with each other to get to the clerk's desk and in the scramble two prospective brides were trampled under foot. Four of the rioters were clubbed by the police and another was shot through the hand by some one in the crowd.

FOR WEST HURON

Dudley Holmes, of Wingham, Nominated by Convention.

Wingham, Ont., Nov. 28. — West Huron Conservative convention was held today at Auburn. Dudley Holmes, of Wingham, was nominated by the convention as standard-bearer in the next provincial election.

A TACIT UNDERSTANDING

Defaulted Bartlett Accuses Government Official of Dishonesty.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 29. — A commission composed of Judges Walker and Myers began taking evidence yesterday in the matter of the charges of Bartlett, the defaulting clerk in the provincial department of agriculture, against Hugh McKellar, chief clerk in the same department. Bartlett was the only witness examined yesterday. He stated that he and McKellar had a tacit understanding to advance regard to the funds misappropriated. The defaulters began in 1902 and hundreds of dollars were probably taken.

CAMPBELL-LEITER WEDDING

Sister of Lady Curzon to Marry a British Captain.

Washington, Nov. 29. — A license was issued yesterday for the marriage of Miss Annie Leiter, daughter of the late Levi Z. Leiter, and sister of Lady Curzon, to Major Colin Campbell, of the English army.

The wedding will take place at noon today, at the home of Mrs. Leiter, on Dupont circle. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. John T. Johnson, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church.

THE SPANISH NAVY

Country Can Spend But \$15,000,000 a Year on It.

Madrid, Nov. 29. — In the Chamber of Deputies yesterday in discussing the proposed naval reforms, Foreign Minister of the Interior Moret complained of the insufficiency, contending that Spain ought to have a navy as large as that of Japan or Italy.

Moret, in reply, maintained that the situation of the country forbade the expenditure of more than \$15,000,000 a year on the navy, and said that the previous administration had done so much as that.

GORED TO DEATH

Farmer Cornered in Stable by Bull and Killed.

Ottawa, Nov. 29. — A retired farmer named Peterson, living in Spencerville, was gored to death by a young bull named Maure, on Saturday. He was visiting his son, who lives on the old homestead, about two miles from Chesherville, and went out to the stable. A few minutes later the son heard agonizing cries for help. Rushing to the stable he found his father cornered by a bull, the infuriated animal maddly piercing the old man's chest with his horns.

There was a gaping hole in his breast, and in less than two minutes after the son's arrival the father was dead. The bull was killed. The son got his father out, Mr. Peterson was 65 years of age, was well-to-do, and had lived in the Spencerville district for many years.

Death of John Bertram

After Lengthy Illness

Toronto, Nov. 29. — There will be deep regret at the news of the death last evening of Mr. John Bertram, one of the leading lumbermen of Canada, a man identified with various industries, and one whose services to the public leave behind a debt of gratitude. As president of the Collins and Macdonald, chairman of the Dominion commission on transportation, and in 1897 a member of the Ontario forestry commission, Mr. Bertram's public and private life were marked by great loyalty and capacity, which will be difficult to fill. Though often urged since to enter public life, he declined to do so, and his experiences were limited to serving in the House of Commons as a supporter of Alexander Mackenzie from 1872 to 1878, and occasional appearance on the Liberal platform.

Tried to Bribe Aldermen

Sensation Over Appointment of Montreal Police Chief.

Montreal, Nov. 29. — A sensation was sprung at a meeting of the city council called for this afternoon to appoint a chief of police. When the day was called, Mayor Laporte rose and stated that he had received information that an attempt had been made to bribe certain of the aldermen in connection with the appointment. After some discussion, it was decided to defer the appointment until an investigation should be held.

SAVED FROM THE SEA

Survivors of Shipwrecked Crew Arrive at New York City.

New York, Nov. 29. — Seven more victims of the terrific gale which swept the Atlantic coast two weeks ago were brought here today on the steamer Trinidad from the Bermudas. The men were the survivors of the crew of the old barkentine Elmira, which was abandoned off the Florida coast Nov. 12. One member of the crew, William McLaughlin, of Weymouth, N. S., was swept from the deck of the waterlogged craft by a gigantic wave and the survivors were sighted by the British steamer Horus soon after the Elmira had been abandoned. The shipwrecked sailors were rescued and landed at Bermuda. They were secured passage on the Trinidad, which brought them here today.

The survivors are Captain T. J. Corbett, John McPherson, George Williams, Charles Boswell, William Smith and George McKinney. The Trinidad also brought a seaman from the American ship W. P. Babcock, from Port Blakeley, for Boston, which put into Bermuda.

AUSTRALIA AND THE JAP

Commonwealth May Raise Restriction on Mikado's Subjects.

Melbourne, Victoria, Nov. 29. — The Federal House of Representatives will next week discuss the question of withdrawing the restriction placed on the entry of Japanese into the Commonwealth. The motion, that they have placed themselves in the front rank of nations, have granted religious freedom, have established consulates, and have become the honored ally of Great Britain.

Windsor, Ont., Nov. 29. — The coroner's jury in the case of Mrs. Barnwell, killed last Friday while driving over a railroad crossing in the drive, brought in a verdict last night that death was brought about by the negligence of the Michigan Central Railway.

BALLOT BOXES

TAKEN FROM LAKE

Nine Fished Up by Government Officer Parkinson.

A MESSAGE FROM B. O. LOTT

Says He Will Come Back Rather Than Let His Three Bondholders Suffer.

Kingston, Ont., Nov. 28. — Nine of the alleged bogus ballot boxes which Ed Rutland testified had been cast into Lake Ontario by Government Detective Parkinson and Rutland, were fished up by a fisherman on Saturday.

After a long search, which was greatly handicapped by the ice, which had formed on the surface, the two were successful in securing nine boxes, which will be taken to Belleville tomorrow morning.

A Message From B. O. Lott.

Belleville, Nov. 28. — A message signed by Byron O. Lott was wired to Magistrate Flint today from Syracuse, N. Y. It says he will come back and suffer sooner than see three honest men who went his bonds suffer.

Where Is Phil Lott?

Belleville, Nov. 28. — The case against Byron O. Lott, charging conspiracy, will come up before the magistrate tomorrow morning. It is a fact that Lott's whereabouts are unknown here, and the same is also true of Phil Lott, his brother, though it is known that he returned to his home in Springbrook on Saturday night as his wife is seriously ill.

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NORTH SEA COMMISSION

France Assigns Administrator Four-nier to Sit On Case.

Paris, Nov. 29. — The council of ministers today designated Administrator Four-nier to sit on the Anglo-Russian North Sea commission. Foreign Minister Delcasse, informed the council that the foreign minister's presence on the Quai D'Orsay would be placed at the disposition of the commission which will assemble at an early date.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION

Tri-y-First Annual Gathering Opens in Baptist Temple, Boston.

Philadelphia, Nov. 29. — The thirty-first annual convention of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union began here today in the Baptist Temple. Sessions will be held day and night during the remainder of the week. The union numbers more than 300,000 members, and includes in its ranks members of every Christian denomination. Five hundred delegates from every state and territory in the Union are in attendance at the convention.

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COMMITTEE BLOCKS

COMBES' BILL OF OXFORD COUNTY

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