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## Swordsmen Corps of Gen. Nogi's Army Hew a Way into Port Arthur's Fortress

### "Fort Stormers" Specially for Final Assault Now in Action —Peace Negotiations.

Tokio, Nov. 27.—A report was received here late last night stating that a special detachment of Japanese swordsmen, under Major-Gen. Nakamura, effected an entrance into a certain fort at Port Arthur at 9 o'clock last night, and were fighting fiercely at the time the dispatch was sent. Another detachment, under Major-Gen. Salto, entered the Russian camp through the fortifications.

New York, Nov. 28.—Relative to the Japanese general assault upon the defenses at Port Arthur, a Tokyo dispatch to the Times says that according to unofficial advices from the besieged city the Japanese escalated the parapets of the forts and transported mountain and field guns, which they employed against the enemy.

The attack was directed against Sunghien, Erh Lung Shan and the north forts of Port Kokevanshan. Commenting upon the Associated Press dispatch that bodies of specially trained swordsmen were at the front of the Japanese troops who charged into the Russian forts and engaged the defenders, the Times says the information confirms various vague reports that have come from Japan in recent months.

These reports told of a corps of "Fort Stormers" that had been formed in the Japanese army. It had been trained for years, and its special province in this war was to capture Port Arthur.

Of the nature of this body no correspondent has been permitted to speak, as it was evidently intended to surprise the Russians.

Probably the troops belong to the Samurai class and are descendants of the men whose skill in wielding the sword has never been surpassed.

Berlin, Nov. 28.—A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Mukden under yesterday's date says: It is believed about headquarters that the Japanese will make extraordinary efforts to win a land victory before the arrival of the Russian second Pacific squadron. The movements of the fleet are reported in each issue of the Army Gazette, the 100th number of which was printed Sunday.

The paper is circulated throughout the army, and is the only medium of news from the outer world. As soon as it appears, the privates gather in groups, while one who can do so, reads the whole paper, the soldiers listening. The soldiers are convinced that the arrival of the second Pacific squadron will end the war, as they believe the Japanese will be beaten on the sea and seek peace.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 27.—The ministry of foreign affairs is emphatic in its declaration that any form of mediation between Russia and Japan would be untimely. Nevertheless, it is understood that several lengthy conferences during the last few days between Sir Charles Hardinge, the British ambassador, and M. Bompard, the French ambassador, relate to bringing to Russia's knowledge the substance of a declaration the Emperor of Japan intends to make should Port Arthur fall. The declaration, it is said, will repudiate categorically that Japan is carrying on a campaign of conquest in Manchuria, and will affirm that that province will remain an integral part of China. It is understood that Great Britain and

the United States are prepared to express approval of such a declaration. If Russia will similarly renounce the idea of absorbing Manchuria it is held that a basis will be afforded for direct negotiations between the two principals with the view of ending hostilities. This contention does not meet with support from any publicists here. Japan's contention that she will annex Port Arthur and the Liao Tung Peninsula in the event of Port Arthur falling is considered an insuperable bar to a settlement by negotiation.

The expectation of the duration of the struggle is indicated by arrangements Germany has made to send relays of cadets to Manchuria in the spring to learn how great military operations are conducted. Each relay will remain for two weeks.

London, Nov. 28.—The Tokyo correspondent of the Times says: "Both the great political parties have issued manifestos declaring the resolve to grant ample supplies to prosecute the war to the end. Both insist upon a strong policy towards Korea and for opening Manchuria to foreign trade, but whilst the leader of the Seiyukai (the party founded by Marquis Ito), merely speaks of prosecuting Japanese commercial and industrial influence in China, the progressives explicitly regret the weakness of Chinese diplomacy and urge an increase of Japanese influence in the interests of China's welfare."

LATER.  
St. Petersburg, Nov. 28, 7:25 p.m.—The war office has received information from Che Foo that the Japanese assault on Port Arthur Saturday was repulsed with enormous loss.

### DALAI LAMA TURNS UP

Arrives at Urga, Mongolia, and Enters a Monastery.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 28.—A telegram from Troitskossavsk, Asiatic Turkey, reports the arrival of the Dalai Lama at Urga, Mongolia, Nov. 27, where he was welcomed by a big gathering of Mongolian priests and inhabitants. The Dalai Lama has taken up his residence at the Buddhist monastery at Chandam.

### CONAN DOYLE PROTEST

Says Great Britain is Proving Unstable Ally of Japan.

London, Nov. 28.—Conan Doyle, in a letter to the Times, asks: "There is no law to touch the man, who it is alleged, ran the torpedo boat Caroline to Libau, adding: "We have earned throughout our history a reputation of being an unstable ally. We abandoned Prince Eugene and we abandoned Frederick the Great in the midst of a joint war. I can forgive the Japanese, who seek the ruin of a torpedo boat to Russia, supply the Russian fleet with Welsh coal and allow that fleet to coal at Port Said, believes we are following our worst traditions."

## Autonomy for the West; One or Two Provinces?

Ottawa, Nov. 28.—A conference between representatives of the Territorial Government and the Dominion Government will be held in Ottawa in the first week in January to consider the question of granting provincial autonomy to the Territories. It is not yet known here who will attend the conference from the west, but Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Clifford Sifton will undoubtedly be for Canada. That legislation to grant autonomy will be passed at the coming session of Parliament is now beyond all question. But it remains to be decided whether the Territories shall be created into one or two provinces. Were only one province to be created the matter would be greatly simplified. But there is a growing opinion that the interests of the Territories will be best served by making two provinces, one in the north and the other in the south. The conference will determine whether there ought to be one or more provinces, and will also settle the terms upon which the youngest sons of confederation are to enjoy a provincial status.

## NEW WARRANTS IN BALLOT BOX CASE

One of Them Is Said To Be For Postmaster Harriett—Lott Not Yet Located.

Belleville, Ont., Nov. 28.—Two new warrants have been issued by Magistrate Flint in the conspiracy ballot box case in this city. Mr. Flint said that one of the warrants is for Mr. Sam Harriett, postmaster at Bancroft. Rutland has been bailed by his father, a man of considerable property; \$2,000 was put up. Reilly has not yet been bailed, and remains in the county jail. B. O. Lott has not yet been located.

### THRESHING FATALITY

Arm and Head of Young Man Driven Into Machine.

Stratford, Ont., Nov. 28.—An accident which proved fatal occurred on Saturday afternoon at the farm of Stewart Campbell, on the north-west corner of the town. With his brother, was running a threshing outfit, and while engaged in threshing a start in life on their arrival at their destination. It is estimated that fully ten thousand of these emigrant laborers are now in the country. The traffic is becoming so large at Scandinavian ports that the Hamburg-American Steamship Company is arranging a new service to Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Christiania, and the western coast of Norway, supplementary to its regular service to America.

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### WANTED MR. STRATTON

West Peterboro Unanimously Offered Him the Nomination.

Peterboro, Ont., Nov. 28.—The Liberal convention Saturday afternoon for West Peterboro was largely attended. The nomination was unanimously tendered Hon. J. R. Stratton, who declined the offer. Mr. Stratton said he did not mean that he would not enter a political contest if called upon at some future time, but would give his support to the nominee.

### BADLY SCALDED

Boiler Blew Out and Engineer and Fireman May Die.

Barrie, Ont., Nov. 28.—At 6:30 Saturday morning, as a double-header freight for Toronto was pulling up the grade out of Allandale, the boiler of one of the engines blew out badly scalding Engineer Ford and Fireman Holmwood, who are now in Barrie hospital, and may not recover. Holmwood is unmarried and comes from Copper Cliff. Ford is a Scotch engineer, who has not been long in the railway service. He is married, his home being in Allandale.

## NO GENERAL ELECTIONS IN ONTARIO THIS WINTER

Reported at Capital Bye-Elections Will Be to Test Feeling for New Platform.

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[Special to The Advertiser.]  
OTTAWA, ONT., NOV. 28.—INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED HERE FROM TORONTO THAT THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL ELECTION IN ONTARIO THIS WINTER. IT HAS BEEN DECIDED

TO HOLD THE BYE-ELECTIONS, AND THIS WAY TEST THE FEELING OF THE PROVINCE ON THE REORGANIZED GOVERNMENT WITH ITS NEW PLATFORM. THERE WILL BE SOME TWELVE ELECTIONS IN ALL.

## WEST OF IRELAND FACES A FAMINE

Potato Crop Rots While Still in Ground.

PEAT INDUSTRY ALSO FAILS

Mortality Is Expected To Be Very Great in Counties of Galway and Mayo.

Dublin, Nov. 28.—The western counties of Ireland are for the first time in decades on the eve of a famine. Thousands in the counties of Mayo and Galway are already feeling the pinch of starvation. The potato crop, which is the chief staple of the country, is a pitiable failure, and the peat, which in dry years is a good source of revenue to the poor people, is useless owing to the continuous rains.

It is the worst season known in the western counties since 1879, when prepared the way for the Land League. Priests, who have labored among the people for a generation, state that the present crisis is worse than that of 1879. In many places the potatoes are not worth the trouble of digging. Unless the Government provides immediate relief the mortality this winter will approximate that of the plague year.

John O'Donnell, the member of Parliament for Mayo, said to a correspondent last night: "Without adequate and speedy relief there is nothing for my people but death. The local means of relief are exhausted, and recent Government efforts to help the people failed because they were inadequate."

John Dillon, M. P., last night sent a letter to the county council of Mayo, urging it to call mass meetings in order to attract the attention of the Government to the state of famine and the necessity of measures of immediate relief.

The Galway County Council has adopted resolutions urging the Government in view of the pressing need, to afford assistance by providing relief works, especially in the congested districts, and by supplying cheap potatoes for the coming season. The council suggested, among other things, the development of mineral resources.

Reports from various districts of Ireland state that the pinch of hunger is already severely felt, especially on the Mayo seaboard.

### GOMPERS STILL LEADS

Pittsburg Will Be Next Year's Convention City of Labor.

San Francisco, Nov. 28.—Samuel Gompers was re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor on Saturday, Victor Berger, of Milwaukee, a leader of the socialist element, alone voting in the negative. Mr. Gompers was given a great ovation. He promised the delegates to try to do more for the labor movement in the future than he had done in the past.

Secretary Frank Morrison and Treasurer John B. Lennon were re-elected. These vice-presidents were re-elected: James Duncan, John Mitchell, James O'Connell, Morris Thomas, I. Kidd, D. A. Hayes, Daniel J. Keefe and W. J. Spencer.

John Moffitt, of the United Hatters, was elected as a fraternal delegate to the institution of the British Trades Union Congress, Frank Feely, of Philadelphia, of the Elevator Constructors' Union, was chosen fraternal delegate to the Canadian Trades and Labor Council.

### WILL EXHIBIT IN LIEGE

Canada to Have Pavilion in Belgium Exposition.

Ottawa, Nov. 28.—When Hon. Sydney Fisher returns to the capital he will decide upon the purchase of a site for the Canadian pavilion which is to be erected at the Liege Exposition. Liege is a great iron town in Belgium, and any display which Canada makes there will be brought prominently before the notice of an immense consuming population. The exhibition grounds amount to 145 acres in extent, and are intersected by the Meuse and Arthe Rivers. The cost of the Canadian building, including the site, may run to \$40,000, but it will be a good investment for this country to make the best possible showing in the presence of the industrious and thrifty Belgians, to say nothing of the people who will be attracted from other parts of Europe.

### MINTO IN LONDON

Delayed by Fog He Arrives in Liverpool on Saturday.

London, Nov. 28.—After being delayed by the fog the Earl of Minto and his family arrived at Liverpool on Saturday and immediately proceeded to London. He said his term of office had been a most enjoyable time. The Standard says Lord Minto's departure, much regretted as it is, at least seemed to show what never has been so clearly demonstrated before, that the two great races in Canada, although speaking different languages, are nevertheless inspired by the same national ideals, and are equally attached to the British connection.

## REFORMS FAILED SAYS SARAFFOFF

Insurgent Leader Announces Fresh Operations in the Spring.

London, Nov. 28.—A letter from Boris Saraffoff, the Macedonian leader, to a friend in London, says it is the intention of the revolutionary committee to defer the next general rising until the spring of 1906, after the expiration of the two-year term of the Austro-Russian reforms. Saraffoff adds that the reforms are utter failures, and that the condition of the peasants is worse than before the late revolution. Their homes have not been rebuilt, and the people are on the verge of starvation, some of them freezing to death.

The insurgents under Danien Grueff are maintaining the revolutionary organization with 70 bands of 10 to 50 men each, and are collecting funds in Macedonia for the next rising. Saraffoff is in Bulgaria for the same purpose. In Macedonian circles in London the mobilization of the Albanian regiments and Turkish reserves and the appointment of Nahir Pasha as special envoy with instructions to take all the measures necessary to suppress the Bulgarian movement by the quickest possible methods, creates uneasiness, as Nahir is regarded as being the most relentless Turkish commander in suppressing the Christian risings. He conducted the repressive operations of last year and participated in the suppression of the Armenian disturbance.

### SNOW AT SEAFORTH

Roads Were Blocked and Folk Could Not Get to Church.

Seaforth, Nov. 27.—Between midnight and daylight on Sunday morning over two feet of snow fell on the level in this district, being the heaviest fall of snow ever known here in such a short space of time. Very few were in attendance at the church services this morning, the streets in town and the country roads for both pedestrians and conveyances being almost blocked.

### VISCOUNT RIDLEY DEAD

Former Secretary of State for Home Department Passed Away.

London, Nov. 28.—Matthew White Ridley, Viscount Ridley, formerly secretary of state for the home department, died suddenly this morning at Blagdon, his seat in Northumberland. He was born in 1842.

## Cossacks Use the Knout On Reservists' Wives

Terrible Scenes of Cruelty During Mobilization in Poland.

New York, Nov. 28.—Infuriated by the unwillingness of the Polish troops to leave their wives and children, the Russian authorities at Kutno, a town on the Polish frontier, have, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Times, treated the people in a manner almost incredibly cruel.

It is known that one woman has been knouted to death and that a number of others have been injured. Fifty per-

## SHOT COSSACKS BEFORE BRIGADE

Russians Take Strong Measure to Put a Stop to Marauding.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 28.—Severe measures have been taken against marauders. Twelve Cossacks of one regiment were sentenced to death. One was shot in front of the brigade, while the sentences of the remaining eleven were commuted to penal servitude. Discipline, generally, is good. Patriarchal relations exist between the officers and men and the former are doing everything possible for the latter.

### AN UNEXPECTED COMMENT

Speaker Asked Prayer For Women Who Were Not Candid.

London, Nov. 28.—"Any of you women who have never had a cross word with your husbands stand right up now!" commanded Dr. Teney at a woman's meeting in Cardiff, and a number of ladies stood up, looking the incarnation of sweetness.

"Thank you," said the doctor, and then asked all those who had at some time or other had differences with their husbands to stand up, and the majority present rose with subdued looks.

Then the doctor remarked, "Now will you who have stood up and acknowledged that you have sometimes been responsible for the differences between your husbands and you, please pray for those women who say they have never had a cross word with their husbands, for I know they haven't told the truth."

### DOUGERBANK OUTRAGE

London Morning Post Thinks Britain Got Worst of Convention.

London, Nov. 28.—Regret is expressed in the London morning newspapers that there is no provision in the Anglo-Russian convention for the punishment of those who may be found responsible for the Dougerbank affair, and the Morning Post sarcastically declares that Great Britain has created a precedent for permitting foreign navies to fire on British vessels with virtual impunity. Otherwise the editorial articles merely echo previously expressed opinions.

Lord Lansdowne's warning to coal shippers is universally approved by the newspapers, some declaring that the letter has been issued none too soon.

### OPPOSED TO CHINESE

New Zealand Criticises Britain For Introducing Them in Transvaal.

Wellington, N. Z., Nov. 28.—Parliament has passed a resolution protesting against the introduction of Chinese labor into the Transvaal. The Premier described the system as semi-slavery, adding that the fair game of Britain had been tarnished, and that after the colonial assistance given in the Boer war the Government's action was dishonouring and almost heart-breaking.

The leader of the Opposition, while not opposing the motion, deprecated interference with the Government of another colony, and suggested, doubling the entry to assist the Russian Jews in emigrating to America through Danish ports. Funds are being collected to facilitate their passage and give them a start in life on their arrival at their destination. It is estimated that fully ten thousand of these emigrant laborers are now in the country. The traffic is becoming so large at Scandinavian ports that the Hamburg-American Steamship Company is arranging a new service to Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Christiania, and the western coast of Norway, supplementary to its regular service to America.

### JEW'S LEAVING RUSSIA

Organization to Assist Them to Reach the Danish Ports.

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