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THE BIG GUNS ARE BOOMING;
ANOTHER GREAT BATTLE ONJapanese Have Crossed the Shakhe River and the
Fight for Mukden Has Commenced.

BOTH SIDES ARE BEING HEAVILY REINFORCED

Mukden, Oct. 31. — After several days of quietness big guns commenced booming to the southeast last night, continuing until early this morning. Fighting is taking place between reconnoitering parties, the Japanese having crossed the Shakhe River toward the southeast.

A big battle is expected this week, which, unless successful upon the part of the Russians, will probably be the last under the recent arrangement.

A complete reorganization of the army is now under way. Gen. Kuropatkin continues in supreme command. Viceroy Alexieff left on Oct. 30 for Russia.

Shelling From Lone Tree Hill.

Mukden, Oct. 31. — From an early hour this morning there has been a heavy bombardment of Pouloff (Lone Tree) Hill by the Japanese. Large masses of Japanese were moving eastwards during Oct. 29 and Oct. 30.

Ready to Leap.

Gen. Oku's Headquarters on the Schili River, Wednesday, Oct. 26. — 4 p.m.—Delayed.—The great armies of Field Marshal Oyama and Gen. Kuropatkin still lie facing one another, after a week practically devoid of action. The trenches along the front are now only 500 yards apart. Neither side dares raise a head above the parapet. It would be suicidal to do so. The artillery searches the lines during the day, and at night the Russians use searchlights. The lines are so close that outposts are impossible.

At night the pickets of both sides creep out a few yards to give warning of a sudden attack, and retire before dawn. The nervous tension is reaching the breaking point, and a great battle may be precipitated at any moment by a single man losing his mind under the strain. The casualties caused by the nightly artillery attacks are small, but the moral effect is strong. The Russians are using searchlights to sweep the plain between the trenches at night. This is the first time they have been used in field operations in the present war.

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Deadly Mines at Large.

Tokio, Oct. 31. — The steamer Chiyoda discovered a floating mine off Che Foo, and brought it to Moji yesterday. The gunboat Yamato sent a boat to secure the mine, and in transferring the mine it exploded, sinking the boat, injuring the Chiyoda and sounding several alarms. The navy has issued a warning to merchantmen plying the Gulf of Pechili, advising them to keep a close watch for mines. The storms and heavy winds are carrying the Russian mines from their moorings.

Mr. Blair Goes to St. Louis;
Later He Will Tour EuropeEx-Minister To Take Vacation
Before Entering New
Business.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Oct. 31. — The Hon. A. G. Blair was in his office at the railway commission headquarters this forenoon packing up his personal papers and books. As already stated his resignation was accepted by the Government.

CONVERTS FROM
THE OPPOSITIONProminent Conservatives Join
Government Ranks.

APPROVE THE RAILWAY POLICY

Think Change of Government Would
Retard Growth of Manitoba and
the Northwest.

Ottawa, Oct. 30. — At an enthusiastic Liberal meeting held here on Saturday evening Ex-Ald. Tom Cleary, always one of the most active election workers in the Conservative ranks, told why he became a Liberal, and why he wished to see the Government sustained. He had lately been in the Northwest, saw its immense area and saw that the present Government were awake to their duty of settling up our vacant lands. Settlers of the right sort were pouring into the Canadian West, and he was prepared to sustain the Laurier Government and Mr. Sifton, rather than run the risk of stopping this great movement, which he considered a great national work. He announced his intention of working hard to secure the return of Messrs. Belcourt and Stewart, the Government candidates.

The list of Conservatives throughout the Dominion who have publicly expressed their intention either of not supporting the Borden candidates or of helping the Laurier candidates continues to grow. An immense demonstration at Fredericton, N. B., the other evening was presided over by Messrs. Falmers, formerly a Conservative, now a supporter of the Liberal candidate. In Cape Breton County a meeting at Sydney was addressed by Dr. Ernest Kendall, all his life a Conservative, but now on the platform of Mr. Alex. Johnston, the Liberal candidate. He must not be confused with the late member for Cape Breton, whose name is also Dr. Kendall.

Premier Tweedie, of New Brunswick, who has been a Conservative all his life, and is so described in every Parliamentary Companion, including that of last year, addressed a meeting at Moncton on Monday last, and he too referred to the West, from which he had just returned. He told his audience that British Columbia and the territories would certainly elect nearly all Liberal members. In his own Province Mr. Tweedie for ten seats out of the thirteen. He declared that the result would show Mr. Borden's Government a stronger force in New Brunswick than Mr. Blair had been.

Mr. C. E. Gregory, barrister, the Conservative standard-bearer for Guysboro in two general elections, is out squarely against Mr. Borden's railway policy. He says he prefers the Government's policy, and that his leaders, Sir John Macdonald and Sir Charles

107 YEARS OLD

Death of a Former Slave in Windsor
—Not Victim of Old Age.

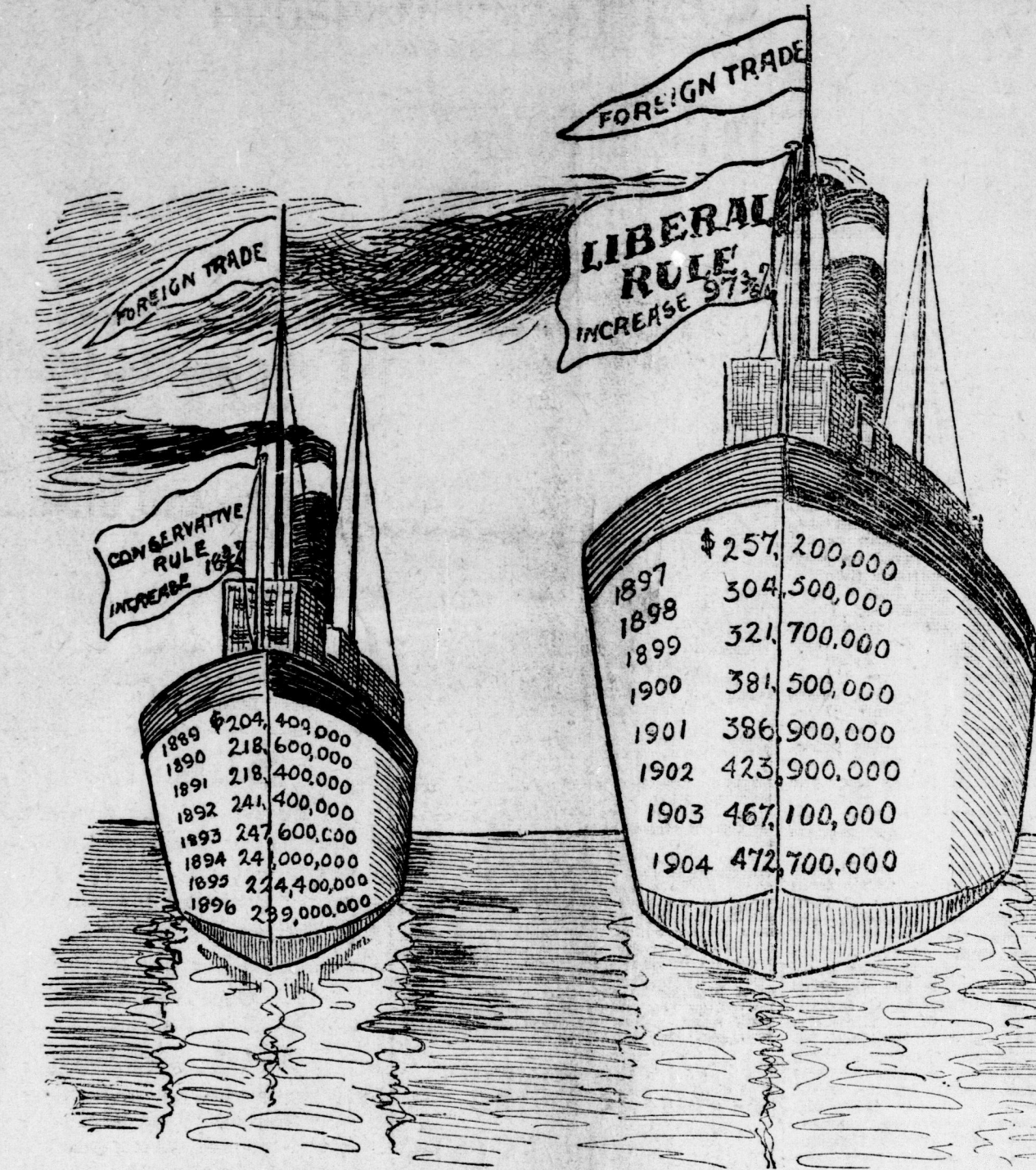
Windsor, Ont., Oct. 31. — In the death of Mrs. Pauline Winslow, which occurred here today, Western Ontario, and probably Canada, loses one of its oldest residents. Mrs. Winslow is said to have passed her 107th birthday in June last, and her demise is attributable to causes other than old age. Mrs. Winslow was born into slavery in Ohio in 1797, and came to Windsor years ago. She was a devoted Christian, and a most useful member of the community, being unable to make his escape at the same time as his wife.

FOR LAURIER
AND LIBERTYVast Majorities in the Old
Land Desire a Liberal
Victory.

Toronto, Oct. 31. — The Globe has received the following cable message from London, England: "The vast majority in the mother country (including the press) follow with the keenest fraternal interest the brilliant fight for a strong, free, progressive Canada. Regardless of party, they ardently wish a decisive victory for the Premier and the Government whose constructive and far-sighted policy has enormously advanced the prosperity and solidified the relations of the Dominion, as is evidenced everywhere and was abundantly revealed during my recent visit. Maintained unbroken, that policy will increasingly strengthen, for mutual benefit, the commercial, fiscal and friendly bonds of Canada with the empire, and give her, as the Premier has declared, a place foremost amongst the great powers of the world. True citizens should rally to the standard of Laurier and Liberty.—Sir Hugh Glazier Reid, president World's Press Parliament."

Nothing in It

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 31. — "Neither President Hunt nor myself have heard anything regarding the Grand Trunk having secured an option on the Detroit Southern, nor have we heard of any negotiations," said T. D. Rhodes, treasurer and assistant to the president, when asked about the Montreal story. It is safe to say if any such deal was on the tapis Mr. Hunt and Mr. Rhodes would be the first ones to hear of it.



The eloquence of the speaking contrast between the columns of figures on the ship above representing Canada under Conservative rule and the columns on the ship representing Canada under Liberal rule requires no re-emphasizing. It makes its own irresistible appeal. In the eight years of Liberal rule in Canada the percentage of increase in the population of Canada is a little over one-third; of Great Britain not much over one-fourth. The actual results secured under the Liberal Government form the strongest argument in favor of the continuance of Liberal rule.

WHAT DO GRAND TRUNK MEN
THINK ABOUT HARVEY HALL?

It is well that Grand Trunk employees should know something about Harvey Hall, who has been brought to London in the present campaign. He represents a large force in the party, and if chosen would make a first-class representative.

He failed again to get the nomination. This is the man who says he has no politics! What do Grand Trunk men think of him?

He is paraded in London as their legislative representative, but he is first, last, and all the time a politician. Instead of looking after the business of Grand Trunk and C. P. R. employees, as he is paid for doing, he is stumping the country and trying to get a seat in Parliament.

Railway men have a right to demand that their paid representative shall look after their interests before his pocket is paid for doing his job, and have the right to demand that he shall not make that job a footstool for his personal and political ambitions.

CUSTOMS REVENUE

Receipts for October, \$3,659,126, the
Largest in Canada's History.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 31.—The customs revenue for the Dominion for the month of October was \$3,659,126. This is the largest in any month in the history of the country. It is \$18,657 over the same month last year. In October, 1896, the revenue was \$1,620,999. Receipts this month are two and a half times larger.

DAN LENO DEAD

The Famous English Comedian and
Pantomimist Passes Away.

London, Oct. 31. — "Dan" Leno, the principal attraction at the Drury Lane pantomimes for many years, and the most noted music hall comedian in this country, died this morning of heart failure. Leno broke down mentally in 1903, but recovered sufficiently to appear at Drury Lane at Christmas. His malady recently developed again.

ABANDONED AT SEA.

Officers and Crew Obligated to Leave
the SS. Kelvin.

New York, Oct. 31. — Eight officers and twenty-five seamen of the crew of the British steamer Kelvin, which was abandoned at sea Oct. 7, arrived here today on the steamer Police from Port Rico. The Kelvin sailed from New York, Oct. 5, for Buenos Ayres. When one day out the steamer sprung a leak, but all efforts to repair it were unavailing. Saturday, rough weather increased the ship's peril, and finally Capt. McLennan ordered the men to the boats, and the Kelvin was left to her fate. Ten hours later, on Oct. 7, the men were picked up by the American schooner Cordilla, E. Hays, by which they were landed at Ponca.

Jews Arming.

Gomel, Russia, Oct. 31.—Evidence is being adduced to prove that the whole Jewish population of Gomel was organized for an armed revolt, the city being divided up into quarters and arms distributed.

KRUGER'S BODY
AT ROTTERDAM

Will Be Placed On Steamer and
Taken to South Africa
for Burial.

The Hague, Oct. 31. — The remains of former President Kruger, of the Transvaal Republic, who died in July last, were removed from the cemetery today and taken to Rotterdam for conveyance to South Africa on board the steamer Batavier. Six wreaths from Queen Wilhelmina, the Prince Consort and former President Steyn, covered the coffin. Not much public interest was shown. A chapelle ardente has been prepared on the steamer, covered with black drapings embellished with inscriptions in silver letters, among them: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

"WEE KIRKERS"
SERVE NOTICE

United Free Church Told to
Quit and Hand Over the
Property.

Edinburgh, Oct. 31. — The Free Churchers, now commonly called the Wee Kirkers, owing to their paucity of numbers have taken steps to put in operation the decision of the House of Lords giving them control of the Free Church property. They have served the general trustees of the United Free Church with a notice to quit and hand over all the church property, including the assembly hall, three colleges, at Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen; all the missions abroad and the churches and manse in Scotland, numbering 1,100 and valued at \$55,000,000.

HE TOOK IT BACK

Conservative Candidate Said Premier
Was Disloyal, but Retracts.

Ottawa, Oct. 30. — At the nomination for Carleton County at Richmond on Thursday the Conservative candidate, Mr. Kidd, gave as a reason why he believed Sir Wilfrid to be disloyal. Three times the question was asked before Mr. Kidd made answer, the audience in the meantime listening intently to catch the reply. At last Mr. Kidd, with apparent reluctance, said: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a loyal enough fellow for me." This answer was received with a burst of applause. The incident illustrates the difficulty of the Conservative candidates are prepared to go in the effort to arouse prejudice against the Prime Minister. In the case of Mr. Kidd, however, when forced into a corner, he was compelled to eat his own words.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Tomorrow—Fine and Warmer.

London, Monday, Oct. 31.
Sun rises, 6:52 a.m. Moon sets, 11:30 p.m.
Sun sets, 5:11 p.m. Moon rises, 1:37 p.m.
Toronto, Oct. 30-31 p.m.
Fine cold weather has prevailed today in Ontario and Quebec, while elsewhere it has been warm. Showers have occurred generally in British Columbia and locally in Nova Scotia.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Port Simpson, 29-32; Victoria, 48-54;
Kamloops, 42-58; Calgary, 26-52; Qu'Appelle, 26-56; Winnipeg, 28-56; Port Arthur, 28-40; Parry Sound, 22-38; Toronto, 26-38; Ottawa, 26-38; Montreal, 26-34; Quebec, 24-30; Halifax, 44-52.

FORECASTS.

Monday, Oct. 31.—8 a.m. with slowly rising temperature.
Friday—Fine and a little warmer.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary 28 22 Fair
Winnipeg 28 22 Cloudy
Parry Sound 22 22 Cloudy
Toronto 26 30 Cloudy
Ottawa 26 30 Cloudy
Montreal 24 28 Clear
Quebec 22 28 Clear
Father Point, N.S. 24 28 Clear

The weather is fair and cold from the great lakes to the Maritime Provinces. From 10° to 15° of frost occurred this morning in Ontario and Quebec. In Manitoba and the Territories it continues fine and dry, and the temperature was above 60° yesterday in nearly all districts.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Saturday were: Highest, 8.5°; lowest, 28°. Sunday: Highest, 42°; lowest, 24°.

THE M'CLARY WORKS ARE
TO BE ENLARGED AT ONCEPlans Being Prepared for a Large New Warehouse
in the East End of the City.

STAFF OF EMPLOYES WILL BE LARGELY INCREASED

The announcement was made today that the McClary Manufacturing Company intends making extensive additions at once to its already large plant in the east end.

Plans are now being prepared by Messrs. Moore & Henry for a large frame warehouse (with a stone foundation) 160 feet wide by 240 feet long. This building will be located on the company's property on the northeast corner of Adelaide and Trafalgar streets, just across the street from the big stove mounting shops.

It is also the intention of the company to construct an addition to the moulding shop which runs east from William street. It is said this addition is to be made to accommodate the moulders now working in the Hamilton branch and who are to be brought

here at once. In all probability 30 additional moulders will be put to work in this new shop.

It will, of course, be necessary to employ a large number of stove-mounters, polishers and others to finish the work of the extra moulders, and it is said that when all the additions are completed the McClary's staff in the east end will be increased between 50 and 60 per cent.

Colonel Gartshore, manager of the McClary Manufacturing Company, when seen by a reporter, verified the statements as to the proposed additions. He said it was very difficult to say just how many additional men will be employed, but, of course, the new extensions meant a vast increase in the McClary staff. Colonel Gartshore also added that work on the new warehouse is to begin at once.

RUSSIAN PRESS
IN BAD HUMOR

Says Great Britain Wishes to
Humiliate the Czar.

INCIDENT MAY YET CAUSE WAR

Warns Russian Public Not To Be
Too Sure That Affair Will
Terminate Amicably.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 31. — The Russian papers this morning, notably the Gazette, give much credit to France for the favorable turn in the North Sea incident. The paper says:

"To French diplomacy belongs in a great measure, the credit for the peaceful settlement, this being the first happy consequence of the French-Anglo understanding, enabling our ally to enjoy the confidence of both countries. All sincere desirers of peace must once more congratulate themselves on the benefit conferred on the world by our beloved monarch in initiating 'The Hague conference.'"

Some of the papers, however, continue to display unrestrained bitterness toward Great Britain. The Soviet warns the Russian public not to be too sanguine of an amicable settlement saying: "The reference of the matter to a commission leads people to suppose that the incident is closed, but a whole series of other events shows that the crisis is not ended. We must be ready for any eventuality."

"The conviction exists in France that Great Britain promised Japan to detain the Russian second Pacific squadron, which would explain the double dealing of the English Government and produce a repetition of the Hull incident, or, worse still, arrange a Japanese blockade, which would make a Russian naval victory impossible. Altogether Great Britain's attitude does no good to Russia. Great Britain's chance to injure and humiliate Russia was never so good as now."

Even Admiral Abaza, who is attached to Emperor Nicholas's military suite, is quoted as indulging slightly in veiled reflections on Great Britain, declaring that as "Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky had not torpedo boats with him, it must have been Japanese torpedo boats, which shelter at the English fishing ports. In any event, Abaza insists, Ro-

jestvensky was justified in taking every measure to protect his squadron, costing \$150,000,000.

The conviction on board the ships of the Russian squadron that the Japanese would make an attempt to destroy some of them is conclusively shown by a letter just received here by an official and mailed at Copenhagen in which the writer describes the precautions taken to protect the squadron from an attack on the part of the Japanese, "whose cunning makes them capable of anything." For this reason, he says, the squadron passed through the great belt in daylight, with travelers ahead to protect them from mines.

Cabinet Meets Again.

London, Oct. 31. — Foreign Secretary Lansdowne and Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador, further discussed this morning the composition of the international commission, which will inquire into the North Sea incident. Subsequently there was a meeting of the cabinet.

NEWFOUNDLAND
ELECTS TODAY

A Government Victory in Sight
After Island's Fiercest
Campaign.

St. Johns, Nfld., Oct. 30.—The legislative general election will be held tomorrow. The campaign closed last night. It is the prevailing impression that the Government will win, though by a smaller majority than four years ago. The struggle has been the fiercest in the political history of Newfoundland.

One War He'd Like.

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 31. — In his sermon at the St. Paul's Methodist Church last night Bishop McCabe said: "I do not want wars and I do not like them, but there is just one war I would like to live to see. I would like to see the United States and the British Government form an alliance and make Turkey stop her murders."

New Oil Strike.

Leamington, Ont., Oct. 31.—The Erie Lake, Oil and Gas Co. has brought in a ten-barrel well on the Evans farm, directly south of here. This strike is nearly two miles from any other well and adds considerably to the oil territory of the district. The company is now putting down another well on the same farm.

All Central America
On the Verge of War

Mazatlan, Mexico, Oct. 30.—The news that reaches Mexico, west coast ports through visitors from Guatemala, is that this little republic is on the verge of another revolution which is said to be the result of an act of war on the part of the Republic of Salvador. Gen. Salvador Toledo is now preparing to invade Guatemala at the head of forces furnished by the Salvadoran Republic, and it is feared that the trouble, once started, is likely to involve all Central America. President Cabrero, of Guatemala, who owes his power to General Toledo, has turned against Toledo, who is now to be forced into the presidency of Guatemala through the aid of 20,000 Salvadoran troops.

Conditions in Guatemala are reported worse than in many years. An American dollar is worth \$15 of the currency of the country.

NOGI FLINGS MEN AT FORTRESS;
ANOTHER GENERAL ASSAULT ON

Japs Creep Nearer to the Main
Forts—End of the Siege
Near at Hand.

Che Foo, Oct. 31, 2 p.m. — The general assault upon Port Arthur, which began in a preliminary way on Oct. 24, developed into a fiercely raging battle yesterday, when, according to a hitherto infallible authority, the Japanese flung heavy forces against the fortress in their third attempt to secure a commanding position.

The result of yesterday's fighting is unknown. The Japanese have been preparing for this assault for a month. It is believed that the Japanese did not expect to capture the town on this occasion, but

to accomplish another important forward step. This plan was adopted following the first assault, when thousands of lives were sacrificed in an attempt to swim over the fortifications by a mere force of numbers regardless of loss.

This assault, like the previous one, was a climatic incident of weary weeks of trench-digging, gun-mounting and small engagements.

In the opinion of experts the assault will cease when the Japanese have secured such positions as will enable them to creep steadily closer, under the noses of the Russian guns. It is believed that two more general assaults will be necessary before the distance between the belligerent lines is sufficiently shortened to make an attempt to enter the main forts and make the end of the siege practicable.