

# RIHLUNG MOUNTAIN FORT CAPTURED BY JAPANESE.

### Made a Breach in the Wall With Dynamite Under Cover of Big Guns, And Lost a Thousand Men in the Fight, the Russian Garrison Escaping. Kouropatkin's Men Bombard Positions Held by Oyama Not Far From Mukden.

A Tokio cable despatch: After months of fighting, sapping and mining, the Japanese forces finally occupied Rihlung Mountain last night, Dec. 28. A report received from headquarters of the Third Japanese army, before Port Arthur, received here on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at midnight, says: "On Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 10 o'clock in the morning, the left centre column of our army, following some heavy explosions on the frontal parapet of Rihlung Mountain, charged and occupied the parapet under cover of fire from heavy guns and constructed defence works despite the enemy's fierce fire.

"At 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when our occupation was practically assured, we charged and occupied the inner lines of heavy gun positions, subsequently dislodging a remnant of the enemy's force stubbornly holding the Gorge fort, which we captured, and occupied the entire works."

### RUSSIANS MAKE ATTACK.

Bombard Shakhe River Railroad Bridge and Shell Other Positions.

A Tokio cable despatch: Manchuria headquarters, reporting to-day, says: "On Dec. 27 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon the Russians with heavy field guns bombarded the Shakhe River railroad bridge in the neighborhood of the station and the Russian guns at Taliuntzu shelled Chihsiangtun and Shuliantzu. Russian cavalry attacked Heilintun at sunset on the same day, but were repulsed by Japanese cavalry. At 8:30 o'clock on the same evening the Russian cavalry enveloped the Japanese pickets, who were reinforced and finally repulsed the enemy. The Japanese casualties were three men killed."

### CANNOT RAISE THE VARIAG.

Few Japanese Troops at Seoul, but Reinforcements Expected to Arrive.

A New York report: A Seoul, Corea, despatch to the Herald, dated Dec. 24, says: The Japanese attempts to raise the Variag have been discontinued. It is impossible to recommence the work before spring, by which time the three quarter inch steel plates forming the hull will be so badly pitted by the action of air and water that the damage will be irreparable except at prohibitive expense. It is probable that further salvage operations will be abandoned.

### ONE THOUSAND JAPANESE.

Casualties in the Capture of Rihlung Fort—Japs Charged Through Breach.

Headquarters of the Japanese army before Port Arthur, via Fusan cable:—Rihlung fort was captured at 3 o'clock this morning, with a thousand Japanese casualties. Several dynamite bombs exploded at 10 o'clock yesterday, made breaches in the front wall through which

### WEARIED WIFE LEAVES HOME.

Tired of Washing Dishes and Household Cares, and So She Ran Away.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Frank Schelleff, of Welland, Ont., spent an unhappy Christmas Day in Buffalo, making frantic but unavailing efforts to find some trace of his wife and two little boys, who disappeared Friday. He thinks Mrs. Schelleff took the children and went to some other city to hide herself. She left him a message to the effect that she was tired of washing dishes and household cares, and he would never see her or the children again.

additional buildings. A large brick block was added this year and was recently occupied by him with one of the largest and most up to date department stores in northern Indiana. In this place he has a restaurant, grocery, meat market, dry goods, boots and shoes, clothing and furnishing goods. He employs a large number of clerks in this store, but customers are allowed to help themselves and turn the cash over to a clerk.

### TO DIVIDE THE GARRISON.

Object of Present Jap Plan at Port Arthur.

Tokio cable: It is officially stated that the Japanese sapping of the northeastern forts at Port Arthur is proceeding on steadily and successfully, preparatory to another attack at an early date. It is expected that the attack will be made concurrently from the east and west sides, the object being to try to divide the garrison.

### WILL HOLD OUT.

Port Arthur Garrison Sanguine—One General Killed and Stoesel Hurt.

A Tokio cable despatch: Trustworthy advices from Port Arthur confirm the report that Gen. Kondrachenko has been killed and that Gen. Stoesel has been injured by falling from his horse. Gen. Smilhoff is also reported wounded. The advices further say that the steamer of the battleship Sevastopol has sunk in shallow water. Her bow is damaged in two places, and the steering gear is also damaged.

### PLANS COLONY AS CHRIST WOULD.

Indiana Man Will Buy Land in Washington for Uniqe Enterprise.

Marion, Ind., Jan. 2.—To found a colony as Christ would do. To build and conduct a city as Christ would do it, is the scheme of A. F. Norton, of Marion, who has thirteen department stores in Marion and surrounding towns that he conducts as he says Christ would conduct them. He sells for cash, he himself, and he refuses to sell tobacco, cigars or anything that would be an injury to anyone.

### TO WELCOME TOGO.

Tokio Preparing to Give Him and Kamimura a Right Royal Reception.

A New York report: A Tokio despatch to the Times says: Both Houses of Parliament have commissioned their Presidents to proceed to the railway station to meet Admiral Togo and Vice-Admiral Kamimura, who are expected to reach Tokio on Friday.

### PERE MARQUETTE.

TWO AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS TO BE SPENT.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 2.—The Pere Marquette System will spend two and a half million dollars for betterments on taking over the road. The present manager found the equipment in a condition that called for immediate and extensive repairs and renewals on the Ontario division, where conditions have aroused such stormy protests from towns in Essex, Kent and Lambton counties. Larger yards at Sarnia, St. Thomas, Blenheim and Walkerville, are to be made. About forty new passenger tracks will be put in. Heavier rails are to be laid on new slip and dock are to be built at Walkerville as well as an adjustment of crossing arrangements with the Grand Trunk can be made. Twenty-five thousand dollars is being expended in repairs to the ferry on the Sarnia-Port Huron route. The new shops at St. Thomas opened yesterday and are to be run day and night. The company has bought seventy new locomotives for delivery early next year.

### THE PERILS OF THE SEA.

Pounding on Oak Island Bar Ever Since Christmas Morning.

New York, Jan. 2.—Still pounding on the bar off Oak Island, where she struck Christmas morning, there is practically no change to-night in the condition of the steamer Drumelzier. Throughout the day the crews of the two life-saving stations were unable to render assistance and could only gaze helplessly across the mile or so of raging surf, far beyond the possible range of the breeches gun, that separated them from the helpless crew, which could now now and then be seen between the clouds of spray that crowded the breakers. A heavy wind blew all day, and as night came on its force increased and a half per cent. of the blowing a veritable gale. There was scant hope of either wind or sea going down by morning.

### VERMONT WOMAN TO BE HANGED.

Legislature Refuses Mercy to Mrs. Mary Rogers.

Her Fate Now Rests With the State Governor.

Story of Revolting Murder of Her Husband.

Montpelier, Vt., Jan. 2.—Vermont's legislature has decreed by an overwhelming majority that a woman must hang in this State in a few months. The doomed woman is Mrs. Mary Rogers, who has been convicted of the murder of her husband. The vote refusing commutation of her sentence was 139 to 91.

So far as can now be seen this action by the legislature destroys the woman's last hope. She stands sentenced to be hanged in the state prison at Windsor, on Feb. 5, 1905, between the hours of 10 and 2 o'clock.

When escape from the horrible fate seemed at hand the only prop was drawn from under her. The judiciary committee of the Vermont legislature recommended a bill that extended to her executive clemency, but the House itself by an overwhelming vote rejected the humane plea.

### A CHURCH CASE.

THE TROUBLE BETWEEN BISHOP TALBOT AND MR. IRVINE.

Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—"Can a bishop or ought a bishop, write defamatory letters in secret in order to injure any member of the ministry?"

### TRAGIC RETRIBUTION.

Leader of Attack on Catholic Missionaries Killed With His Mother.

Sydney, Jan. 2.—The steam yacht Seestern, belonging to the German government, reports that eighty natives of the Bismarck Archipelago were shot for the murder of ten Roman Catholic missionaries.

### TO ABOLISH GRAND JURIES.

Overwhelming Vote in Minnesota in Favor of the Proposal.

St. Paul, Jan. 2.—As the result of the vote of 121,000 majority, by this amendment the State Legislature is directed to enact laws abolishing the grand jury. After the passage of the bill it will not be possible to indict under suspicion unless contributory evidence is in the hands of the prosecuting attorney in taking action.

### WOMAN WANTS TO SEE EXECUTIVE.

Though the women of the State have shown little interest in the fate of Mrs. Rogers, there were many women in the galleries and seated on the floor of the house during the debate, and the cry was the loudest seen during the session.

No petition for commuting the sentence of Mrs. Rogers has been received. The only petition for clemency is the letter written to members of the Legislature by her mother.

The only woman who has written Governor Bell regarding the case asked for a ticket of admission to the execution. The crime of which she was convicted was so revolting that there was no exemption, and no plea for clemency could be made except that she was a woman and had been the subject of immoral influences from her birth.

### AT THE DEATH SCENE.

After the meeting and a pretended reconciliation Leon led the way into Morgan's grove, and by a winding path to the river. A great stone wall separated the grove from the river bank. The distance from the wall to the bank was less than half a dozen feet.

"Mary and I walked along with Rogers until we came to a break in the wall," said Leon. "She went through and we followed. It was cold, and I had on a big overcoat. I spread this on the ground and all three of us sat down. We were only a few feet from the edge of the river."

When they reached this spot the dramatic recital came. It was a grassy bank. Near by stood a huge oak tree. The wall was behind the party. Before them flowed the narrow river.

"Mary said she had a new trick with a rope," Leon told the officers. "Her husband said to her: 'Oh, you've always got some new trick.'"

"He laughed when he said it. May laughed, too, and then drew out a piece of clothes line. Then she said she could tie me so that I couldn't get loose." "I'll bet you can't," I said. "She tied my hands loosely and I broke away again."

"Try it on him," I said. "I'll bet you can't tie me," said Rogers. "He was as strong as an ox. May tied him and tried to tie the big tight, but he just gave a heave and broke away. She tried it a second time and she broke loose without any trouble. She was getting worried. She tried it a third time and when he broke loose again I saw that she couldn't tie him."

"I took the rope, a piece of clothes line, I said to Rogers. 'Kneel down and put your hands behind you.'"

"He thought it was fun and knelt down. I tied his hands behind him and he struggled but could not get loose. His back was toward May."

"I gave her a signal and she drew the vial of chloroform and the handkerchief from her bosom. She poured a few drops on her handkerchief—not very much—and put her arms around his neck."

"Suddenly she drew his head back in her lap. The move threw him on his hands which were behind him, so he was doubly helpless. Then she put the handkerchief to his nose. He sputtered: 'Why, May, that smells like chloroform,' he said."

"She pressed the handkerchief harder on his nose. Suddenly she emptied the vial on the handkerchief, completely saturating it. He began to struggle. 'May, what does this mean?' he said, heaving his body. 'What does it mean?'"

"Jump on his legs," she said. "I jumped on his legs to hold him. May had him gripped around the neck, and pressed the handkerchief against his nose. His struggles were terrific. He threw me off as if I had been a kitten. He got on his hands free, and used it to help himself."