Once More In Deadly Grip

Both Armies Face to Face in Utmost Strength Ready for Grapple

Japanese Have Been Reinforced Until Oyama is Now Superior.

News From Port Arthur Is Not Encouraging and Siege Closely Pressed.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 1.—(3:05 a. m.)

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General Kuropatkin reports that the Japanese have received reinforements from the south and Fengwangcheng. Their concentration seems to have been accomplished, and they are both ready to resume the offensive both east and west of the railroad. There is no official estimate of the strength of the Japanese reinforcements, but correspondents place it at forty to sixty thousand.

It is believed that the Japanese force has been largely augmented both from Port Arthur, where an engineering siege has been begun and from whence it is understood every available man is being drafted. It seems to be assured that the Japanese will be able to meet Gen. Kuropatkin on an almost, if not quite, an equal numerical footing.

The mere fact that they are again threatening a double flanking movement indicates Field Marshal Oyama's confidence in the sufficiency of the force at his disnosal. It is believed here the

U. S. CONSULATE BURNED.

Master of Fishing Schooner Asks Com-pensation From Russia.

Berlin, Oct. 31.—The German government has presented to Russia a requestrom the owner of the German fishin vessel Sonntag, recently fired on by ships belonging to the Russian Pacific squadron, for indemnity as the result of damage to his nets and loss of time.

Japs' Successful Night Attack

Russian Outpost is Captured and Counter Attacks are representable to reserve the same of t

Japanese attacked the Russian entrenchments east of Sinchippu, but were repulsed, the bombardment continuing throughout the night.

A Japanese advance has also been begun against the Russian positions at Tunganon, a mile and a half north of Bentsiaputze, where they encountered heavy Russian fire. Thus it appears that the Japanese are becoming aggressive along the whole front.

The latest reports from Port Arthur are by no means encouraging. Gen. Stoessel is making a good defence, but the Japanese are now very close to important Russian positions.

While this form of attack is less spectacular than repeated assaults, it is no less conclusive in its results, demanding a sleepless defence and being almost impossible to frustrate.

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Washington, Oct. 31.—The American state department today received a cable gram from United States Consul John H. Fesler, at Amoy, China, announcing the destruction of the American consulate there, together with valuable papers. The message follows: "Consulate burned with most of records."

After Many Weeks of Trench Digging and Gun Mounting the burned with most of records."

Japanese Make Their Third Assault On the Fortress.

CAPTURE OF ANOTHER COMMANDING POSITION

Believed That Two More General Assaults Will Be Necessary Before Final Attempt is Made on the Main Forts.

Fight Ends In Control of Control

Arrangements Being Made for Improv

THE OKANAGAN.

Mr. R. M. Palmer, Commissioner of Freight Rates of the Provincial Government, and Mr. W. M. Kirkpatrick, Assistant General Freight Agent of the C. P. R., have returned from a trip to the Okanagan district, having gone also into the Similkaneen as far as Keremeos. The trip was made to enquire into the conditions which might obtain next year, and to prepare for the moving of the larger fruit crop of 1905.

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"There will be much more fruit shipped next season," Mr. Palmer said in an interview, "and the object of our trip was to size up the situation and see what facilities would be required. Mr. Kirkpatrick has a clear grasp of the situation, and he will make recommendations to the head offices at Montrea', which will result in great benefit to the fruit-raisers of the Okanagan District. Mr. Kirkpatrick will recommend that the tariff of rates be extended to points not before accommodated, both on the main and branch lines. These, of course, will not be issued for some time, nor is it certain that his recommendations will be adopted, but it is very likely, as Mr. Kirkpatrick fully realized the importance of the situation."

Enquiry at Vigo

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It is believed that the international investigation here of the North sea incident has begun. The British cruiser Lancaster, which was here for some time yesterday and departed in the evening after her commander had conferred with Vice Admiral Rojestvensky on board the Russian flagship, Kniaz Souvaroff, returned and there was another conference between the British and Russian naval commanders on board the flagship of the latter. Subsequently the Lancaster sailed for Villa García, where, it is supposed, the British Channel fleet was assembled.

Expected at Every

Wage Earners Ask Justice

wenty Thousand Working Men of Montreal Appeal for Protection.

Ask for Adequate Protection to Canadian Industries and Lebor.

Movement Causes a Tidel Wave In Favor of Conservatives In Quebec.

Montreal, Oct. 31.—The workingmen of Montreal to the number of upwards of 20,000 are out with a manifesto in favor of all Conservative candidates. The manifesto reads as follows: Has Now Opened

Russian Court Sitting to investigate the North Sea Affair.

British Warships are Keeping I ab on Czar's Eccentric Squadron.

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"Montreal, Oct. 31, 1904.

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promises to carry the workingmen by tens of thousands to the support of the Conservative candidates. Mr. Tarte says no man could have foreseen the change of feeling and the effect it will have in Quebec.

Hon. R. F. Green on Campaign Issue

Arraigns the Liberals for The Administrative incapacity and Weakness.

Neglect of the Claims of Britis Columbia - Speech at Metchosin.

At Captain Phillips-Woiley's meeting a Metchosin on Thursday evening, the Hor R. F. Green, Chief Commissioner of Land and Works, made a striking speech in support of the Conservative cause, to which only brief reference could be made in Fray's Colonist. A more complete reportfollows:

of the duestions of the day present for your earnest consideration during the campaign, I wish to congratulate Capt Wolley and Metchosin on the splenturn-out tonight, which augurs well his success. It is especially cheering me to see so many of the fair sex present for not only is their influence an undoned factor in the result of elections, I also their participation in political me migs serves to raise the tone of a capaign. (Hear, hear.) Now, in the fiplace, I wish to appeal to you to vote Ceptain Wolley, not, as he says, uppersonal grounds, but because he is terpresentative of the Liberal-Conservati plause.) But still, I think you will agree with me, that in view of the very important issues in this contest, party principles must come first. I do not intend to appeal to you for support on the past record of the Liberal-Conservative party, although that record is one that the people of Canadada may well be proud of. (Hear, hear.) The Liberal-Conservative party has always carried out its promises and initiated the great national policy which alone is responsible for the prosperity of Canada. The Liberals, on the other hand, if they ever had a policy, never dared to carry it out. Thew have in turn advocated reciprocity, to the extent of annexation in theory and free trade, both of which policies would have resulted in ruin to Canada, and when they attained power they adopted the Conservative policy of protection. Who could place any faith in the ante-election pledges of such people? (Hear, hear.) The Liberals and their policy of free trade puts me in mind of a story I heard about a deaf old gardener, who was digging in his garden one day, when, on looking up from his work, saw a deer standing near by regarding him without fear. The old gardener said to himself, what a pity that I haven't got a gun, and thinking of what he would do if he had had one handy, raised his spade to his shoulder and pointed it at the deer. Just then it so happened that a sportsman atmed with a gun came up behind the old gardener without making any noise, and fired over his shoulder and shot the deer. The gardener was very much astonished to see the deer fall, and addressing his spade, said: I have handled you for close on twenty years and never knew that you were loaded! (Laughter.) So it was with the Liberals and their free trade, and when they found it was loaded they dropped it and made a sort of betwirk and between tariff which was no good to anybody. (Hear, hear.) They found that they dared not interfere with the established policy, but they tinkered with it sufficiently to do a considerable amount of harm to Canada. Our neighbo

of the Northwest by reason of the competition of the United States product. Repeated efforts have been made by the lumbermen of the Province to persuade the Laurier Government to come to their rescue with, a moderate duty on the imported lumber, and if the Liberals cared for the interests of British Columbia they would have acceded to this reasonable demand. But it received no attention.

"Another matter in which the Dominion Government has treated this Province with injustice is in the matter of the control of our fisheries, and the revenues dealved from that industry. A decision of the courts made it apparent that we had the right to the revenue derived from fishing licenses, but the Dominion Government claims that it has spent \$120,000 more on our fisheries than it has derived in revenue from them. An examination of the figures shows that this money was spent on new fishery cruisers of no use to the existing fisheries, but possibly of use to provide billets for the faithful and to transport Liberal candidates from one part of a northern constituency to another." (Laughter.)

On the subject of better terms, Mr. Green said in part: "This is not a new question. It was brought before the Dominion Government on two occasions by delegations from Victoria before party lines were introduced in British Columbia, and when, therefore, it could not have been looked upon as a party question. Recently the Attorney-General, Mr. Wilson, and I went to offer the representatives of British Columbia to meet use at the Russell House and discuss the Province they represented. Mr. Galliner and the others came to the meeting, but declined to help out the Province they represented. Mr. Galliner and the others came to the meeting, but declined to help out the Province they represented. Mr. Galliner and the others came to the meeting, but declined to help out the Province they represented. Mr. Galliner and the province they represented. Mr. Galliner and the move deed to the province of the MeBride of the MeBride of the MeBride of the

THE "BIG-MIT" MAYOR. Minneapolis, Oct. 31.—In the fourth trial of former Mayor Ames, charged with illegally receiving money from women, the jury to-day disagreed, after being out several hours. The indictments may be dismissed.