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The Japanese are now expected to redouble their efforts before Port Arthur, whence the news received is not encouraging; in spite of the success which hitherto attended the defence. The Russian lines are being drawn closer, and their resisting power is weakening under the strain. A final sortie of the Russian squadron at Port Arthur may be expected at any time.

When the commander of the squadron was turned over to Rear-Admiral Wierens, he received strict instructions that if the fortress falls not one of the Russian ships must be allowed to fall into the hands of the Japanese.

Paris, Sept. 16.—The Matin today published a long interview with Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister in London, who is quoted as saying: "Before the war we demanded that Russia recognize China's sovereignty over Manchuria; to-day, after our victories and expenses, we are no longer content with our former demand. After the fall of Port Arthur conditions will be still more extreme and after taking Vladivostok they will be yet more extreme."

"The next battle will be at the pass. We shall continue hostilities throughout the winter. We have given up the plan of taking Port Arthur by assault, and will compel its capitulation by famine. Its fall would cost 50,000 men and enable them to reinforce our northern army, but we do not need them just now."

Foreign military attaches and newspaper correspondents in numbers left the Japanese side after the fighting at Liao Yang. The correspondents are also leaving the Russian army.

Native refugees are still crowding the trains to the south, but the damage done to the natives is insignificant. Manchuria throughout is reeking with huge crops, and the people have been enriched by Russian expenditures. The economic and moral administration of Newchwang by the Japanese is in great contrast to the Russian administration. The prosperity of the port is prevented only by the arrest of commerce from the interior by the Russians.

The general belief is that the Japanese fully intend to proceed north until shipping is stopped at the head of inland navigation.

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RUSSIAN CRUISERS IN THE PACIFIC

AT LEAST TWO ALLEGED TO BE ROAMING SEAS

The Vessels Are Not Likely to Put In at Any Port While Their Coal Lasts.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Sept. 17.—The Chronicle today says:

"From a reliable source it has been learned that the Lena was not alone in her wanderings in the eastern Pacific Ocean, and it is stated with authority that somewhere east of a line drawn from the Hawaiian islands to Unalaska, in the Aleutian chain, at least two of the Czar's cruisers are roaming the seas, and apt at any time to seek the safe haven found by the Lena last Sunday. Whether the Korea is one of these vessels or whether she is a third vagrant cruiser is not settled."

"It is generally believed in naval circles that the cruisers referred to are converted auxiliaries like the Lena, but there is a possibility that they are regular men-of-war, which were forced to escape to the eastward. The machinery being still in good shape they are keeping the sea as long as possible, and will probably not make port until their coal runs out."

"It is pointed out that the mere knowledge that these cruisers may be encountered anywhere between San Francisco and Honolulu or along the great circle route between Puget Sound and Japan will have a marked deterrent effect upon those engaged in shipping contraband from American or British Columbian ports. At any rate the New York and the Marblehead, which will remain indefinitely, are on the qui vive, and ready at any time to greet one or both of the newcomers with the promptness with which they greeted the Lena."

CHICKEN HUNTERS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Two Fatalities on First Day of Season—Lord Minto's Tour in the Northwest.

(Associated Press.)

Winnipeg, Sept. 18.—The chicken shooting season opened yesterday and two fatalities were reported, both accidental—George Bishop, P.M., at Coalfield, near Estevan, W.M., Godson, proprietor of the Shakespeare house, Calgary, N. W. T.

Alleged Abduction.

Winnipeg, Sept. 16.—Wm. Rennie, a sheep rancher at Calgary, is charged with abducting seven-year-old Maude Maclellan, an adopted daughter.

Sir Howard Vincent.

Winnipeg, Sept. 16.—Sir Howard Vincent, K. C. M. G., arrived in the city today on his return from St. Louis, where he attended the international parliamentary congress. He remains here until Monday.

Lord Minto's Trip.

Winnipeg, Sept. 16.—His Excellency the Earl of Minto arrived at Lloydminster, N. W. T., at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, accompanied by Major Johnston, an escort of Royal Northwest Mounted Police. His Excellency camped about one mile outside of the town and left early in the morning for Saskatoon, taking a special train from there to Regina. A large number of citizens turned out to welcome him, and a short address was given by Mr. Lloyd, to which His Excellency replied in a very neat speech.

Liberal Candidate.

Winnipeg, Sept. 16.—S. J. Jackson, of Stonewall, was nominated to-day by the Liberals of Selkirk, as a candidate for the Commons.

The Motor Car.

Skeamons Junction, B. C., Sept. 16.—To-day's run of the Napier motor car on the tracks of the C. P. R. terminated here to-night, making the tenth day on the rails from Minneapolis, four thousand and sixty-eight miles. It is the one hundred and sixty-fifth day in the world's tour by motor car, with a total of 10,728 miles. Unusual care is necessary on wet rails in case of a sudden stop, as at a speed of thirty miles per hour the car would slide half a mile. They hope to make North Bend to-morrow.

Y. M. C. A. Conference.

Toronto, Sept. 16.—One of the most important gatherings ever held in Canada in connection with the work of the Young Men's Christian Association is now in session here. The main question which is being considered is extension of work for young men and boys in non-Christian lands. Prominent representatives are here from the United States, China, India and other places.

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