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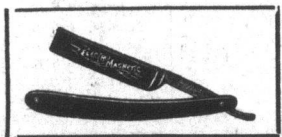
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THE RESULTS

The honor matriculation results for Chatham, published in yesterday's Planet, should have announced the honor standing, as follows:—

W. D. Ferguson, third class honors in English.

Allan Fritz, second class honors in English.

Maggie Lapp, first class class honors in English; third class honors in History and Latin.

The "definite information" referred to in yesterday's report has been received, and F. C. White and R. M. Campbell are entitled to the Senior Leaving standing, as was stated.

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TOUCHED THE BARBARIC

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Christening of Czar's Heir.

Autocrat of All the Russias Smiled, But Had No Place in the Ceremony Inside the Church—Baby Shrouded in Filmy Lace, Gave a Hearty Yell When It Was Immersed in the Warm Water of the Font.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 25.—The christening occurred at the church of the Peterhof Palace with imposing ceremony. The Empress left her bed Tuesday for the first time since the birth of her son. Both she and the infant are in excellent health. The heir weighs about ten and one-half pounds.

Within the royal port of the Peterhof Palace, from the moment the cortege issued from the gates of the Alexandra Villa to the instant the glasses were clinked around the imperial table in the great palace, the scene was one of magnificence and brilliancy almost touching the barbaric.

Over perfect roads, beneath stately overhanging trees, the procession moved through the royal park, a beautifully composed, slowly changing picture, perfect to its smallest detail.

The Guard of Honor.

The centre of interest of course was the golden State carriage, drawn by eight milk-white horses,



M. POBEDONOSTSEFF.
Procurator-General of the Holy Synod.

with out-riders and walking grooms, in which sat the Princess Galatzin, mistress of the Empress' household, with the Imperial heir. At the door of the coach on one side rode the grand equerry of the court, Lieut.-Gen. De Grunwald, and on the other side the commander of the household troops, Lieut.-Gen. Hesse, both superbly mounted and uniformed, like glittering equestrian statues. Following the coach came an armed escort, with poised lances, of the famous Blue Cossacks of the Don, of which the baby is now commander-in-chief.

The procession passed through the palace to the church. There was another picture in the waiting rooms.

Saw Him Smiling.

The Emperor, his face wreathed in smiles, and the Dowager Empress, led the procession, followed by the other members of the Imperial family, the grand dukes and grand duchesses in the order of their rank, the baby bringing up the rear, the youngest of all. His Majesty was met at the door of the church by the Metropolitan of St. Petersburg with a raised cross. But here the Emperor retired, as the rules of the church give him no place in the ceremony, in which the baby was presented by his spiritual parents to the Heavenly Father.

Inside the chapel were assembled M. Pobedonostseff, Procurator-General of the Holy Synod, and the members of the Holy Synod, the diplomatic corps and Imperial guests from every court in Europe.

The Ceremony Itself.

The christening party gathered at the jewel-crusted font. The baby was carried by Princess Galatzin, and the cushion on which it was borne was supported by Gen. Reichter and Prince Dolgorouki, aides-de-camp to the Emperor. The sponsors represented an Emperor and an Empress, two kings, one princess and four grand duchesses. The baby was so shrouded in filmy lace, dainty flannels and a purple silk overmantle that it was almost impossible to distinguish the form that lay so still and quiet as the Metropolitan of St. Petersburg anointed its hands, breast and forehead with the mystical holy oil, compounded for the purpose in solemn secrecy in the Kremlin. But when the moment came to complete the immersion in the warm water of the font, the royal infant showed its humanity by a lusty yell, which echoed through the chapel and was greeted by a murmur of amusement and approval as being a sign of luck and good augury for the future.

With Cannon and Chime.

The Te Deum, melodiously chanted by a hidden choir, was the signal to the bells overhead, which swung clamorously, while the royal yacht, off the shore of the gulf, thundered a salute of 301 guns. The signal was taken up at Cronstadt and St. Pet-

ersburg, and Moscow's 500 bells chimed while the guns of the Kremlin rolled.

As the message sped forth from the forts to the town the Emperor left the chapel and mass was celebrated. During the singing of the psalm His Majesty conferred on the heir the cross of St. Andrew and tenderly draped the distinguishing ribbon around the baby's shoulders.

Congratulations were pressed on the father through the crowded length of the salons where the baby passed, now the head of the royal party, next in rank to the Emperor himself.

Breakfast in the Palace completed the ceremony.

Decorations Conferred.

An Imperial autograph letter was published yesterday making a number of promotions and conferring decorations on the occasion of the baptism of the heir to the throne, including the bestowal on M. De Witte, president of the council of ministers, the Order of the White Eagle; on Foreign Minister Lamsdorf the St. Alexander Nevsky Order in Brilliance; and on Minister of Justice Muraviev and M. Vermoloff, the Minister of Agriculture, the St. Alexander Nevsky Order. Prince Hilko, the Minister of Railroads, is appointed a Secretary of State.

PREPARE FOR INFANTRY

Hundreds of Guns at Port Arthur
Clearing the Path.

Final Assault Is Imminent—Entire Line of Harbor Defences Now Within Range of Japanese Guns—Last Stand Expected at Liaotshan—Death Roll Will Be Heavily Increased, But Tokio Is Preparing to Celebrate.

Tokio, Aug. 25.—The final assault on Port Arthur is imminent. Hundreds of Japanese guns continue to pour a destructive fire into the city and harbor along the lines of forts and entrenchments, preparatory for the infantry assault.

It is evident that the Russian lines have been weakened and partly penetrated in the vicinity of Autzshan, Itzshan forts.

The entire line of Russian defences immediately about the harbor is within range of the Japanese guns. A number of Russian forts and batteries continue to be vigorously defended. The Japanese death roll will be heavily increased before they are captured.

Final Stand at Liaotshan.

The direction of Japanese attack creates the impression here that the city and defences on either side of the harbor entrance will fall first. The final stand will be made at Liaotshan.

It is believed here that both sides have suffered heavy losses, and that the final record will make the siege the bloodiest since Sedan.

The Japanese are supremely confident of the ultimate result. The leaders of the Government await the outcome in calm assurance.

The people are everywhere decorating the streets and houses and erecting arches and flagstaves in preparation for a national celebration of the expected victory.

If Etsehsan Is Gone Position Critical.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 25.—Reports from foreign sources represent that the Japanese assault at Port Arthur has become exhausted. Others claim that they captured the Etsehsan Fort, on the western line of the defences.

If this position has been occupied, it is realized that unless the Japanese are at once dislodged the chain of forts will be breached and the position of Port Arthur rendered critical.

The simple fact that the day to which a large portion of the public looked forward to with superstitious dread passed without the fall of the fortress, suddenly encourages the popular hope that the christening of the Czar's heir will make a turn in the tide.

Golden Hill Silenced.

Che Foo, Aug. 25.—Information of undoubted authenticity states that the Japanese armored cruisers Nishin and Kasuga have bombarded and silenced the Russian forts cast of Golden Hill, at the entrance of Port Arthur.

FLAGS LOWERED AT LAST.

Shanghai Situation Relieved By Disarmament of Askold and Grozovoi.

London, Aug. 25.—The correspondent of The Times at Shanghai, in a despatch dated August 24, 11.35 p. m., says that orders from Emperor Nicholas have been conveyed to Capt. Reitzenstein, commanding him forthwith to disarm the cruiser Askold and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi, and that the flags on both vessels were lowered at 7 o'clock to-night.

Sebastopol's Bows Submerged.

London, Aug. 25.—A telegram from Tokio to the Japanese Legation says the Russian battleship Sebastopol was bombarded the Japanese land position Tuesday from outside the harbor at Port Arthur when she struck a mine. Besides a list to starboard, the battleship's bows were submerged.

Outward Bound.

Nyborg, Denmark, Aug. 25.—A large steamer flying the Russian flag passed through the great belt yesterday, outward bound.

UNDER THE POOL PRICE

C.P.R. Gets 60,000 Tons Steel
Rails at Discriminating Rates.

Purchase Was to Have Been Kept Secret, For It Meant Trouble For the Trust—Information Leaked From Canada and Now Harriman Says He Will Not Pay \$28 For What C.P.R. Pays Only \$26 For.

New York, Aug. 25.—A break in the rail pool is believed in Wall street to be imminent.

Official announcement is made that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has purchased 60,000 tons of steel rails at \$20 to \$21 a ton. This is \$7 to \$8 a ton under the pool price. The rails have been sold by the United States Steel Corporation, and the Pennsylvania Steel Company.

Technically, the officials of both companies declare the sale of steel rails at lower prices to Canadian buyers is not a violation of the pool agreement, as this is export business. It is said that the United States Steel Corporation wanted to keep the deal secret because of its political effect. It feared that an announcement that it was able to sell rails across the Canadian border \$8 a ton cheaper than it was selling them to American railroads would put a powerful weapon in the hands of the Democratic party in its fight against high tariff. The story came out from Canadian sources.

It is expected that the American railroads, especially the big eastern trunk lines, will make a fight over the discrimination in favor of the Canadian road. E. H. Harriman, who needs nearly 100,000 tons of rails for his various systems, has declared that he will not pay \$28.

Steel officials do not deny that the Steel Corporation would make a good profit on rails sold to the C. P. R. at \$20 a ton.

See Plant Operating.

Sault Ste. Marie, Aug. 25.—Without any hurrah, the first rails to be made as the resumption of operations in the steel plant were turned out Tuesday evening at 7.30. Operations were commenced with a full complement of men, and Superintendent D. D. Lewis says that as fast as material arrives the blast furnaces will be started.

A despatch was received yesterday, informing the management of the acceptance of the contract for rails to be used by the Government in the relaying of the Intercolonial tracks. This will need between 30,000 and 50,000 tons. This and other orders on hand ensure work, as far as market conditions are concerned, for some time to come.

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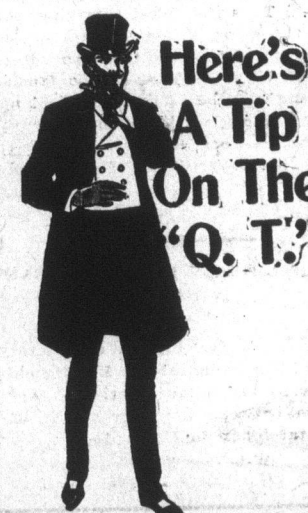
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25	"	3	"	2.50

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