

DESPERATE FIGHT FOR RUSSIAN FORT

REPEATED CHARGES MADE BY BESIEGERS

Two Japanese Generals Wounded—Defenders Left Heads of Dead on Side of Hill.

Tokio, Nov. 30.—Imperial headquarters received the following announcement to-night: "One force operating against 203-Metre hill advanced at 10 o'clock today from trenches already captured near the summit of the hill, and are now struggling for the southeastern portion of the fort on the summit."

"A fierce battle was still in progress at 7 o'clock to-night."

Captured by the Besiegers.

Tokio, Dec. 1.—(Unlimited)—The Japanese have captured and now hold 203-Metre hill.

RUSSIAN TROOPS RESUME OFFENSIVE.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 30.—Official and private dispatches received here to-night indicate that the Japanese are falling back below Siantzin, where for several days they had apparently been attempting a turning movement. After four days of severe, but unsuccessful fighting, they are now retreating with several days' delay. It is impossible to say yet to what extent their movement has real strategic significance.

The Russian consul at Chefoo telegraphs that the Japanese captured two forts in the storming operations against Port Arthur on November 29th, but the news is not confirmed from any other source.

Losses were enormous and 5,000 men were sacrificed in two hours.

Gen. Kouropatkin, under date of November 29th, reports that the Japanese force which evacuated Tsinkhichen, near the village of Suidun, about seven and one-half miles southeast of that place, they carried out on the morning of November 29th resumed the offensive, advancing in the direction of Suidun under cover of artillery fire. Elsewhere all is quiet.

The city authorities have decided to grant \$30,000 to the defenders of Port Arthur and their families and appoint a committee to raise funds for the sick and wounded.

The official announcement comes from Tokio to-day that the Japanese have occupied the summit of 203-Metre hill.

This important position has been the object of severe and continuous fighting and cable reports from time to time have indicated that there has been sacrifice to capture it.

Two Hundred and Three-Metre hill is a dominant height in the range which lies to the westward of the town of Port Arthur, and according to reports it commands an artillery range of Port Arthur and a portion of the main town. Its approximate distance from the citadel of main defences is three to four miles.

Reports from both Tokio and St. Petersburg indicate that isolated engagements of a more or less severe nature are occurring along the front of the Manchurian armies, but it is not apparent that the main forces are engaged.

DESPERATE CHARGES BY THE JAPANESE.

Tokio, Dec. 1.—1 a.m.—The Imperial army headquarters announces that the Japanese troops besieging Port Arthur are in possession of 203-Metre hill. The following dispatch has been given out: "The army commenced a bombardment against 203-Metre hill at dawn, November 30th, and made several charges before 4 o'clock in the afternoon."

"Owing to the enemy's stubborn resistance the charges failed."

"At 5 o'clock in the afternoon our forces advanced against the southeastern part of the hill, made a fierce charge and reached within 30 metres of the summit."

"At 7 o'clock with reinforcements we charged to the top, which was occupied by our forces."

"Against the northeastern part of the hill we also charged, and at 8 o'clock the entire fort on the summit fell into our hands."

"The Russians left heaps of dead bodies on the eastern side of the hill, but we have had no time to investigate further."

JAPANESE CHERISHED WHEN NEWS ARRIVED.

Tokio, Dec. 1.—Noon.—Gen. Nogri's telegram announcing the storming and capture of 203-Metre hill was received with cheers by the Japanese people, and revived the hope of an early capture of Port Arthur proper.

The people have never despaired of the success of the siege, but the fortitude of the defenders and the prolongation of the siege, which exceeds by months the most preliminary estimate of the time required to accomplish the reduction of this stronghold, has been a source of deep regret, combined with the loss of life and disappointment over the fact that the siege has occupied such a large force of men, de-

creasing Field Oyama's strength at a time when he needed every available man.

To-day was the day set under the Conscription Act when recruits could join the army. The number of men who have joined the colors to-day under the Conscription Act has not been made public.

TWO JAP GENERALS AMONG THE WOUNDED.

Tokio, Dec. 1.—Reports from the Japanese army besieging Port Arthur say that Lieut.-Gen. Tsuchiya is among the wounded, and that Gen. Nakimori, the leader of the specially trained body of swordsmen, which charged into the Russian forts on November 29th, was injured in both legs.

WILL HAVE FLEET AT THEIR MERCY.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—The war office here is not yet prepared to accept the report that the Japanese before Port Arthur have taken 203-Metre hill, but it is subsequently officially confirmed, the war office admits that it will be a desperate blow for the gallant defenders of the fortress.

The position commands the harbor, and if the Japanese can mount siege guns on its summit, they can force out the Russian squadron or destroy it at its anchorage.

Those familiar with the supporting plans of the forts think it is by no means certain that even though the Russians are forced to retire from 203-Metre hill, the Japanese can place in position heavy guns against the fire which the other forts can bring to bear on it.

Still the war office officials reluctantly agreed that such a breach in the chain renders the position extremely critical, although the expedition might be able to hold out in the Golden Hill, Tiger's Tail and Laotia forts for some time, it may mark the beginning of the end.

The war office officials, with the approach of the Russian second Pacific squadron, the Japanese considered that the elimination of the Port Arthur position was a fighting force was absolutely vital, thus accounting for the reckless sacrifice of life in order to secure a position directly commanding the harbor.

SERIES OF SMALL FIGHTS BETWEEN TROOPS.

Tokio, Dec. 1.—Manchurian headquarters reports as follows: "At midnight yesterday a body of the enemy's infantry attacked Manchurian mountain. Our non-commissioned officers picked them repulsed it."

"Japanese scouts detached to Lichangshan heights were repulsed a number of times, and succeeded in discharging the duties required of them."

"A Japanese force in the neighborhood of Hataninguan reported that about two in the afternoon of November 28th a body of the enemy, consisting of infantry and cavalry, advanced on Siantzin heights. When they reached them at about seven in the evening."

"The same day at four in the afternoon the enemy's cavalry and artillery attacked Siantzin. Our fire drove them back to the westward."

"The same day our force caused some losses to the enemy's infantry and cavalry appearing north of Chefoo."

SUFFERINGS OF THE RUSSIAN SOLDIERS.

New York, Dec. 1.—A Berlin dispatch to the Times quotes the Kolnische Zeitung as saying that the Russian troops are suffering greatly owing to the lack of proper accommodations on the way to the Far East. On some of the military trains not even straw mattresses are provided.

STOCKS DROP ON RUSSIAN BOURSE.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—The reported capture of 203-Metre hill at Port Arthur was reflected on the bourse to-day. Imperial funds declining a quarter of a point.

KOUROPATKIN HAS NEARLY 200,000 MEN.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 30.—According to information which has reached the war office, Field Marshal Oyama's strength is much smaller than heretofore believed, leading to confirm the theory that a large force has been withdrawn to assist in storming Port Arthur.

This information is the effect that much more than 150,000 men are now confronting Gen. Kouropatkin, but that the Japanese lines are heavily fortified in order to check any aggressive movement which Kouropatkin might undertake, long enough to enable the Japanese to hurry up reinforcements by rail from the peninsula. The present activity of the Japanese along the front, these reports indicate, is only feigning to convince Kouropatkin that the offensive is imminent. Should this important intelligence be absolutely confirmed, it is possible that the Russian commander-in-chief may himself attempt to strike a quick blow. Kouropatkin is now supposed to have nearly 200,000 men.

RUSSIANS PURSUED RETREATING JAPANESE.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—Gen. Kouropatkin reports under yesterday's date the continued pursuit of the Japanese, who retreated from Tsinkhichen (near La Pass). The Russians on November 28th forced the Japanese rear guard to evacuate a pass ten miles southward of Tsinkhichen. The Russian losses were insignificant.

NO ADDITIONAL NEWS AT CHEFOO.

Chefoo, Dec. 1.—No further news regarding the progress of the siege of Port Arthur was received here to-day.

WEDDING PARTY KILLED.

Thirteen People Murdered by Greek Bandits, Who Escaped.

Belgrade, Servia, Nov. 29.—A wedding party near Monastir, Macedonia, has been attacked and slaughtered by Greek bandits, according to a telegram received at the foreign office. Thirteen of the party were killed, and five were wounded. The Greeks escaped to the mountains.

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NOTES FROM DUNCANS.

The logs from the Cowichan Lumber Company's camp at Cowichan lake have been coming down the Cowichan river for the past two weeks, so the greater portion have passed Duncan's. There is a large force of men employed, including a number of Indians, who are experts on the river.

The river will soon be in the rush of "cherry" breaks, which brings the water to a high stage. The Duncan's Camp includes the King's Daughters, the Flockmaster's banquet, Agricultural ball and musical entertainment, by the people of Mrs. E. F. Clark.

THE NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF CANADA

EARL GREY WILL BE SWORN IN AT HALIFAX

Ottawa & New York Railway to Be Transferred to New York Central.

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—Mr. Justice Sedgewick, who is acting Chief Justice of Canada at the present time, on account of Sir Elzear Tache being administrator, will go to Halifax and swear in Earl Grey as Governor-General. J. McGee will accompany Mr. Justice Sedgewick. Some of the ministers of the crown will be present. Hon. P. Broderick, minister of inland revenue, has signified his intention of going down. Sir Frederick Borden will also be in attendance. Sir Frederick left to-day for Boston.

Negotiations have been closed for the transfer of the Ottawa & New York railway to the New York Central, and all that remains is the formal transfer of the bonds of the company on the advertised date of the sale, December 22nd.

TO BRING ABOUT REFORM IN RUSSIA

OPPOSITION PARTIES WILL WORK TOGETHER

Wish to Introduce a Democratic System Based on Universal Suffrage.—The Manifesto.

New York, Dec. 1.—A London dispatch to the Times says the London Times Paris correspondent sends a summary of a document purporting to be an account of a secret conference recently held in Paris by Russian reformers and revolutionists. It is stated that the conferees agreed to co-operate in an effort to reform the Russian government, recognizing the following principles and fundamental demands:

"First, the abolition of the autocracy and the repeal of all measures infringing on the constitutional rights of Finland."

"Second, the establishment of a democratic regime based on universal suffrage."

Third, the right of each nationality to dispose of its own destinies, and to be free from all restrictions in the part of the Russian government."

Nine societies, each of large membership, are said to have been represented at the conference.

Manifesto Issued.

Paris, Dec. 1.—The Socialist leader, M. Jaures, to-day made public the text of a manifesto of the revolutionary, Socialist and other opposition parties in Russia, which he says was issued simultaneously throughout Europe. The manifesto is signed by representatives of the various revolutionary and Socialist parties of the Empire, particularly in Europe, Russia, Poland and Finland, who recently have been holding secret meetings.

The manifesto leaves the individual parties free to pursue their own lines of opposition to the government, but pledges the union of all the elements of the opposition to secure "the abolition of autocracy and the substitution of a democratic system based upon universal suffrage, the revocation of the measures destructive of the constitution of Finland and the suppression of the Russian central government against the various sections of the Empire."

The manifesto closes as follows: "The parties represented herewith unite their efforts to the attainment of the inalienable goal of abolition."

M. Jaures says that the uniting of the opposition parties is part of the movement to reform the Russian government, and that the manifesto is a declaration of the most important historical achievement since the French revolution.

RUSSIAN ACTION APPROVED.

Commented For Prompt Acceptance of United States Arbitration Treaty Proposal.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—There is universal commendation of the promptness with which the Russian government has accepted the American arbitration treaty proposal, but by way of expressions of satisfaction at the fact that it will bind the two countries to a peaceful settlement, the only exception being the Bourse Gazette, which declares the understanding will dispel the false reports regarding the Russian attitude towards the United States as for Russia's ally, France, and her friend Germany.

THE NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

Earl Grey Will Sail From Liverpool For Quebec To-Morrow.

Ottawa, Nov. 30.—It is officially announced that Earl Grey will sail from Liverpool to-morrow for the Dominion. He is expected to arrive at Halifax on Friday, December 9th.

REAR-END COLLISION.

Car Repaired, Died From Injuries—Baggage Man Slightly Hurt.

Winnipeg, Nov. 29.—A rear-end collision occurred this morning, half a mile west of Kamnetic station, 24 miles from Winnipeg. A passenger train, three hours late, ran into a freight train which was backing up to get into a siding. Daniel Cameron, a car repairer, who was in the cab, was so badly injured that he died about two hours after the accident. Engineer George and Fireman Campbell escaped by jumping, after having the emergency brakes, which brought the train to a stop. Baggage man Fogg was slightly injured.

D. Cameron, the man killed, was about 40 years old, and formerly lived in Halifax.

RESPONDENT'S SIDE IS BEING HEARD

IN APPEAL IN THE HOPPER-DUNSMUIR CASE

A Proposal to Increase Working Capital of the B. C. Packers' Association.

Vancouver, Dec. 1.—Argument in the Hopper-Dunsmuir case on the point of whether an amendment of pleadings will be allowed plaintiffs to claim that Alexander Dunsmuir's will was not properly a testamentary document, is still proceeding to-day. It will probably be finished this afternoon, but the court has intimated that no decision will be given regarding this point until the entire argument in the case is completed. For the respondent E. P. Davis, K. C., this morning quoted California cases to show that in the absence of definite proof that witnesses did not know what the document was when signed, as in the case of a will, the court presumed that witnesses had this knowledge, and that prima facie the will was good. Thus, if a witness had it, was presumed, in absence of definite testimony to the contrary, that he knew the document was a will when he affixed his signature.

Bankers' Association.

A general meeting of the shareholders of the B. C. Packers' Association has been called for December 19th, and in a circular to the shareholders Secretary Ker states that owing to the large amount of money spent in litigation, etc., of canneries it is imperative to increase the working capital by the issue of bonds for half a million dollars. It is the most prominent feature of the meeting, and the shareholders are urged to attend.

Union miners in charge of the cars on which it is alleged imported miners rode and were guarded by armed men, were the witnesses before the grand jury.

TEMPORARILY INSANE.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury Which Investigated Death of E. R. Chapman in London.

London, Dec. 1.—"Suicide during temporary insanity" was the verdict of the coroner's inquest of Elverton H. Chapman, who died in London on November 28th at the Carlton house by throwing himself from the third landing of the vestibule.

The inquest showed that Chapman, while in Paris, exhibited signs of derangement. He therefore was closely watched at the Carlton, but as he continued to show the vigilance of his attendant and succeeded in throwing himself into the vestibule, Chapman never recovered consciousness.

It was stated that his last act was to hand his banker letters addressed to his father and sister, expressing regret if they had any disagreement in the past and wishing them long and happy lives.

FINE RETURNED.

United States Government Could Not Accept Another View of British Attaché.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—Announcement is made at the state department that it received from the British ambassador at Washington a cheque for \$25, the amount which a Massachusetts magistrate fined Hugh Guiney, third secretary of the embassy, charged with exceeding the speed limit of automobiles in Massachusetts. The cheque was returned after the magistrate apologized for his conduct and was returned to the ambassador by the department with a cordial note, informing him that the fine was irregular, and could not be received. The announcement of these facts is made by the state department, and it may be known that the British embassy was ready from the start to make all appropriate amends.

TRANSPORT WRECKED.

Portuguese Passengers and Troops Were Rescued by a British Steamer.

Island of Perim, Dec. 1.—The Portuguese transport Sao Thome, from Lisbon, November 10th, with troops and passengers for East Africa, has been wrecked on the Red Sea, and abandoned. The British steamer Clan Mackay rescued all on board.

ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED.

Houquian, Nov. 30.—F. Hoesberg, second man on the schooner A. F. Coates, was accidentally drowned here yesterday while passing over a boom of logs with a line with which the vessel was to have been made fast to the wharf of the Gray's Harbor Lumber Company. He shipped from San Francisco about two weeks ago.

AN AMERICAN DISEASE.

Indigestion is Responsible For More Sickness in America Than Any Other Disease.

Some doctors go so far as to say that indigestion is the national disease of America. Repeated attacks inflame the lining of the stomach, cause the glands to secrete mucus instead of the juices of natural digestion. Consequently the blood is poisoned, nerve force is weakened, and the vitality of the entire system is weakened.

There is but one national remedy for indigestion, and that remedy is Dr. Hamilton's Pills, which are used by thousands with marvelous success.

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LAST DAY OF FAIR.

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition Will Close To-night.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 1.—The Louisiana purchase exposition came to an official end to-day. President David R. Francis was the guest of honor. Ceremonies were conducted commemorating the services he has rendered in making the exposition a success, and at the same time bidding farewell to the world's fair, the magnificence and greatness of which have been heralded and acknowledged throughout the entire world.

The attendance to-day at the fair grounds is expected to equal that of any previous day, but the figures will not be known until the exposition has closed.

The official announcement made last Sunday night showed that 18,457 admissions have been recorded since the exposition opened on April 30th. The banner month was September, when the total attendance was 3,651,823. To-day was declared a holiday throughout the state.

CHARGE AGAINST J. LEITER.

Alleged to Have Taken Armed Men Into the State of Illinois.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 30.—A special from Duquoin, Ill., states that it became known there to-day that three weeks ago Jos. Leiter was indicted on three counts on the charge of bringing armed men into the state contrary to recently passed statutes.

Indictments have also been returned against Attorney Henry R. Platt, of the Ziegler Mining Company. The charge is bringing armed men through the state without permission from the governor.

The punishment for the offense on which the men have been indicted, is confinement in the penitentiary for from one to five years, with no fine as an alternative.

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CROWDS ATTEND CATHOLIC BAZAAR

ANNUAL FAIR AT THE INSTITUTE HALL

Ladies of St. Andrew's Cathedral Provide Excellent Entertainment—Splendid Decorations.

The annual bazaar under the auspices of the ladies of St. Andrew's Catholic cathedral, which has been in progress at the Institute hall since Monday, continues on Wednesday. The ladies of the cathedral through gathered about the different booths, and the ladies in charge were kept busy supplying the wants of all. The concert included a number of meritorious selections, and was thoroughly appreciated. Besides these attractions the first raffie since the opening of the fair was participated in by almost all present, while the contest for a gold-headed cane to be presented to the most popular local medical practitioner created considerable excitement, as first one and then another gained a lead over his opponents.

Those who have not yet visited the Institute hall should not fail to make a call before the bazaar concludes on Saturday night. The energy and enterprise displayed by the ladies deserves patronage. Through their untiring efforts a veritable fairground has been created. Entering the hall one is first struck by the splendour of the beautifying of the decorations. The various articles are recognized by their distinguishing marks, and no difficulty is experienced to places where desired articles are for sale. Festoons of evergreen are suspended from the centre of the ceiling to the walls, and between them, running in the same direction are strings of magnificently colored lanterns, and Chinese lanterns of every imaginable design hang overhead and lend a subdued light to the glare of electricity in the evening.

But the most prominent features are the booths. These are placed along each side of the hall, and in the centre is a circular structure handsomely decorated, where choice candies are to be had in any quantity. It is adorned with dark red bunting, flowers and tiny electric bulbs of the same color. To the right of the main entrance is the grocery corner. Here are all manner of useful articles, and, needless to say, this stall is well patronized. Next door is a fancy work booth, artistically adorned in pure white bunting, flowers, etc. Besides the beautifully worked cushions, and other pretty nick-nacks which always find a ready sale, a handsome clock presented by Mrs. Macaulay is on exhibition. This will be raffied.

Then there is a fish pond arranged in the usual way, next comes another booth, at which more fancy work is for sale, while at the end on the right side of the hall is a soda water fountain.

At the lower end, directly in front of the stage, is a flower stand. Here are to be found many varieties of plants, flowers, etc., and many have already taken advantage of the opportunity to secure a supply of seeds and bulbs for the garden. A refreshment booth, sumptuously furnished is located at the lower left hand corner. Next in order is a table ladies' fancy work stall, and on the left side of the entrance is a booth at which crochets, etc., can be obtained at a reasonable figure.

As already mentioned the first raffie took place last night. The results follow:

- 1. Naget pin—won by Mr. M. Sweeney.
2. Autumn leaf cushion—won by Mrs. Father Kuehn, Seattle.
3. Burs and trap—Rev. Father Mar. Bouquet, Dunsmuir.
4. Pinkie doll—Hazel Johnson.
5. Linen table set—Mrs. F. Murray.
6. Electrical engine—Mrs. M. O'Connor.
Dunsmuir place—Mrs. W. Harris, Port street.
7. Four chickens—Mr. W. H. King.
In the contest for a gold-headed cane referred to, the competitors stood as follows: Dr. O. M. Jones, 75; Dr. F. Hall, 122; Dr. H. Robertson, 38; Dr. Holden, 65.
Meals are served both at noon and in the evening by the ladies at the hall. These were well attended, and the ladies hoped that the liberal patronage be continued.
The ladies deserve every praise for the thoroughness of their arrangements, and the unqualified success of the affair.

THREE SOLDIERS FIRST GET DRUNK AND THEN INTO TROUBLE.

Three soldiers from Work Point, Thompson, Smith and Burns by name, were arrested by Sergeant Walker, Constable Harper and Constable Carlow on Chatham street early Thursday. They were out on a time, and created such a disturbance in the house they were in that the woman occupying it asked the police to take them out. The patrol wagon was summoned, and the trio had a ride to the police station. Two of them wore coats and hats that looked rather the worse for wear, and Constable Harper discovered that they belonged to Proprietor Aronson, of the Rock Bay hotel. The soldiers were then charged with two offences, namely, those of being drunk and of being in possession of stolen property. They pleaded guilty and were fined for the first offence, but vigorously denied the second. They scorned the intimation that they stole the coats, vests, hats and a comb claimed by Mr. Aronson. Thompson was especially emphatic, and observed that men of sense such as he and his companions were would steal something of worth stealing if they were that way inclined. Those articles, he said, were given to a man who got them at the hotel. He gave them to the accused because it was raining hard and he didn't want them to get wet.

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