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If Story is True, Port Arthur Has All But Fallen---Russian Anticipates Change of Tactics.

ing of Port Arthur, which the foreign dispatches say is progressing, is inviting ttention. The brave resistance which Gen. Stoessel is making is evoking high praise, and the war office and public are hoping almost against hope that he will be able to hold out in spite of the heavy odds against him, that the Japanese are unable to gain a foothold in the inner defences is considered to be encouraging. An official dispatch from Rear-Admiral

Prince Oukotomsky at Port Arthur, by way of Chefoo, officially states that only two officers were killed on board the ships which returned to the harbor after the fight of August 10th, but his information about the condition of the ships is unsatisfactory, the admiralty explaining that he probably avoided going into specific details owing to fear that the dispatch might fall into the hands of the

News that Port Arthur squadron has again sailed out is expected at any hour, as Rear-Admiral Prince Oukotomsky's orders are imperative to go out or de-stroy his ships beyond the possibility of epair before the fortress falls.

CLAIM THEY SILENCED JAPANESE BATTERIES.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23 .- A dispatch from Chefoo, dated August 22nd, says that according to Chinese reports the Japanese yesterday bombarded Port Arthur from 6 o'clock in the morning until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, pounding n a heavy fire, but that the Russians

The official reports of the destruction f the Novik says that the gallant ship which was in the harbor of Korsakvosk on sighting the two Japanese ships ned out to meet them, and upon

SAYS JAPS HAVE LOST '

the Associated Press:

"With each additional report from Port Arthur wonder increases both at the persistence of the Japanese attack and the heroic stubborness of the defenders of the fortress. The Japanese are literally throwing away thousands of lives in the hope of shaking the courage of the Russian troops. Gen. Fock says he is confident that the fortress cannot be in the fortress cannot be inforced her neutrality, thereby establishing a precedent, which make China take action to enforce her neutrality, thereby establishing a precedent, which may prevent a recurrence of similar incidents in the future.

In the case of the Ryeshitelni, no answer has been returned by Great Britain to Russia's protest, and her attitude in thanked the Russian surgeons.

leaving the trenches to follow their it is alleged, the same course has been

sand men were hurled against our right to leave together and not neces-een thousand, but we drove them sarily separately.

collected 20,000 Japanese rifles. The action of Japanese vessels. "The Japanese had twenty siege guns

on Wolf's hill August 1st. Four of these are 12-inch guns. They have not yet ENFORCE HIS C reached our shore batteries, which are still out of range, but they have damaged the dry docks and the railway station. by a Chinese engineer, who recently deserted to them."

STOESSEL SAYS FORTRESS WILL BE HIS TOMB.

London, Aug. 23.-According to the Moscow correspondent of the Morning Post Lieut.-General Stoessel concluded a telegram to an intimate friend with the words. "Farewell forever, Port Arthur will be my tomb."

The Paris correspondent of the Daily Chronicle sends an extraordinary story to the effect that Russia is trying to induce France to buy Argentine and Chilian men-of-war for her, for the pur-pose of reinforcing the Baltic fleet. The news that the Russian volunteer fleet steamer Smolensk is again stop-ping British vessels, leads the London newspapers to question the value of the assurances given by the Russian govern-ment that the St. Petersburg and Smolensk would no longer be utilized as

THE NEUTRALITY OF THE CHINESE.

London, Aug. 22.-Interest in London steamed out to meet them, and upon finding herself unable to sustain the unequal combat ran back to the harbor and was beached. Full details of casualties are not ascertained except that one officiently included in the control of the neutrality of China, but she did not agree to enforce it. Throughout the discussion relative to the Askold out the Consequence of the Askold of the Consequence of and the Grozovoi, she had thus far held to the view that it is none of her business and the extent Great Britain has TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND. gone to has been to point out to China the importance of maintaining her Liao Yang, Aug. 22.—The following is neutrality by which every belligerent is affected. The British government hopes that the pressure of the consular body at each additional report from Shanghai will make China take action to

confident that the fortress cannot be that matter has not been developed thus taken, but if it is taken the whole Japan-far by the exchanges of communications ese army will have to immolate itself between the powers. The Russian emupon the slopes of the fortifications. "There were five desperate assaults on tations regarding the Ryeshitelni, but Green hill July 26th, the Japanese re- Foreign Minister Lamsdorff is expected turning each time with apparently inex- to make a rejoinder to Japan's explanhaustible reinforcements. On the final ation of her attitude, as set forth in the assault, however, the Japanese broke statement made to the Associated Press hadly, throwing away their guns, cart- from Tokio. Russia, according to the inridge belts and even their boots to facili- formation obtainable in London, will tate their flight, and leaving seven thou- deny any violation of the neutrality of sand dead or wounded. Our surgeons Ohina in establishing a wireless station worked heroically, partially aiding at Chefoo, and will claim that in any Japanese and Russians. The Japanese event she was justified in taking such were so touched that they tearfully steps as Japan was sending torpedo boats to Chefoo and communicating to and ob-"The assault on Green hill was repeated on July 27th, and there were frequent hand-to-hand encounters, the Russians Japanese consul. Frequently since then,

enemies.

"The assaults of July 28th and July 29th on Wolf hill were not followed up, the Japanese being too severely shaken.

"The assaults of July 28th and July 29th on Wolf hill were not followed up, the the mere fact of a cruiser repairing that the mere fact of a cruiser repairing evacuated Wolf hill chiefly for and in doing so putting herself in a stagical reasons, as the hills made seaworthy condition is no violation of line of defences too long to effectual- China's neutrality, and that after the withstand the furious attacks of the repairs are completed the question whether the ship shall be dismantled of The assault of July 30th was made must put to sea can be determined. n the darkness of the night in the is further claimed that should the Asktope of surprising the Russians. Sixty old and Grozovoi go to sea, they have the

again and again at the point of the | There is also a question which it is It was another Shipa pass, asserted will be discussed at Shanghai, panese poured in fresh battalions whether the ships have not the right to e slopes were covered with dead refuse to go out in face of the superior lying and literally ran with blood. force outside the harbor.

Thirteenth regiment was forced In German diplomatic circles here it is

NO INSTRUCTION TO

tion of Chinese neutrality by any special instructions. No instructions have been St. Petersburg, Aug. 22.—The storm- shock. After this fight General Stoessel sent to Admiral Stirling to interfere with

ENFORCE HIS ORDERS. Paris, Aug. 22.-The officials here confirm the statement that the Taotai at Shanghai has informed the Chinese The Japanese are maping out the town by sections for the purposes of bombard-ment, and they are assisted in this task the neutrality of the port. In spite of pro-Russian sympathies, serious opinion here considers that Russia's conduct in the difficulty is not justifiable, the peo-ple here holding that the Askold and Grozovsi should disarm or leave Shang-

> ST. PETERSBURG IS DISAPPOINTED.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.-The news that the navy department at Washington absolutely denied that the United States warships at Shanghai had received in Japanese torpedo boat turns out to have structions to assist in the protection of the neutrality of China or to in any way interfere with the Japanese warships, which did not arrive until late to-night, put a damper on the feeling of satisfac-tion with which the earlier reports had been received

Nevertheless the question relative to the cruiser Askeld and the torpedo boat Grosovoi is expected to be adjusted as soon as China and Japan come to an agreement, and the ships will be discoved by the state of the cruiser Askeld and the torpedo boat ing spasmodically heavy firing at Louisa and Pigeon bays respectively, northwest and west of Port Arthur, between 10 o'clock last night and 1 in the morning. agreement, and the ships will be disarmed, the admiralty having decided that it would be suicidal to send them out against the superior force of the Japanagainst the superior force of the Japan-ese lying in wait.

Japan has not replied to Russia's protest against the capture of the Ryeshitelni at Chefoo, and the latter does not telni at Chefoo. London, Aug. 22.—Interest in London to-day centered at Shanghai, where the interests are strongly appealing for protection. Great Britain, however, would prefet that the United States take the initiative in maintaining the neutrality of China, Great Britain's position as the ally of Japan making her situation delicate unless her interests are situation delicate unless her interests are directly menaced. It is true, the officials fully armed with even her small arms

JAPANESE SUCCESSES.

Chefoo, Aug. 23.-Noon.-According to re from Port Arthur by a junk, the Japanese were hotly pressing the Russian centre along the railway, and the Russian right in the vicinity of Golden hill. These advices are brought by Chinese who departed from Taipangtze, which is one mile from the city near Golden hill, between the city and the forts of the

Russian right wing. The Chinese declare that the Japanese along the railway to Gen, Stoessel's resilence on August 21st.

As this report would indicate that Port Arthur had all but fallen, the Japanese expert attached to the local consulate re-ceived the information with great re-The information is accepted, however,

as a confirmation of previous reports that the Russians have been driven from Itzshan, and that the Japanese are very close to the southern forts and the east-

The local Japanese, under the leader ship of their consulates, are subscribing money and are preparing to celebrate the expected fall of the fortress. The Chinese who arrived to-day furpedoed and sunk on July 16th while ther report that a Russian warship was passing Pigeon Bay. The findings of the ther report that a Kussian warship was hit by a shell recently and sunk in the court are as follows:

"A Russian torpedo boat destroyer.

been sunk. This is probably the vessel referred to. THINKS JAPS WILL

CHANGE THEIR TACTICS.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.-12.35 p. m. Despite the popular feeling that Port Arthur is doomed, the success with which Lieut.-Gen. Stoessel has been beating off the Japanese assaults and the heavy losses suffered by the besiegers offer considerable encouragement to the

dying and literally ran with blood. Thirteenth regiment was forced in its position, but the Fourteenth inderstood that Berlin will support the inner came up and with the bayonet in dislodged the victors. As near as the ascertained this assault cost the manese 10,000 men.

The papanese losses since the siege fan have been 28,000 men. The exion of one mine wiped out 500. In the sinking of the British steamer for the moment the negotiations be ascertained this assault scene. A volcano of swas an awful scene. A volcano of the general staff this mornight of August 22nd by way of Chefoe, saying that a desperate assault by the Japanese losses incompletely sheer its might of August 22nd by way of Chefoe, saying that a desperate assault by the Japanese losses the single of the general staff this mornight of the army before Port Arthur, is a small estimate of the enemy's losses up to date. If the storming operation, which we understand is now progressing, fails to give them a foothold in the ring of the inner defences, the Japanese losses since the siege for the moment the negotiations be seen it is might of August 22nd by way of Chefoe, saying that a desperate assault by the Japanese losses up to date. If the storming operation, which we understand is now progressing, fails to give them a foothold in the ring of the inner defences, the Japanese losses will be compelled by sheer exhaustion to stop and recuperate while awaiting additional reinforcements, and I, personally, together with some of my collegates, believe they will alandon the great and the mud walls of the British government is confident, however, from information received through the August 14th, with the intention of going an officer of the general staff this morning. "A fifth of the army before Port Arthur, is a small estimate of the enemy's losses up to date. If the storming operation, which we understand is now progressing, fails to give them a foothold in the ring of the inner defences, the Japanese had been in progress during the previous forty-eight h

a section of the southern army and en-able it to co-operate with the armies in Shanhaikwan.

A semi-official journal, while paying tribute to the heroic defenders of Port Arthur, does not withhold praise for the extraordinary valor of the Japanese besiegers. It says: "Neither a rain of ion shors, walls of bayonets, nor earth strewn with putrifying corpses can acrest their stubborn assaults."

There are a number of veiled intimaions in both the newspaper dispatches from Liao Yang and at the headquarters here that Gen. Kouropatkin is preparing a diversion against Gen. Kuroki to prevent the dispatch of reinforcements to aid the attackers of Port Arthur.

The Novoe Vremya considers that the

nestion of China's attitude is very serious, and contends that the Chinese are quite incapable of preserving neutrality, adding: "How otherwise could Japanese warships enter Chinese ports at will? The idea that the United States is going to preserve the neutrality of China is an illusion. The American torpedo boat

OF HEAVY FIRING.

Chefoo, Aug. 22. - Evening. - The steamer Victoria, which arrived here this evening from Newchwang, reports hearto hear or see anything further.

TO FALL SHORTLY.

JAPANESE WARSHIP

BOMBARDED KORSAKOVSK

St. Petersburg, Aug. 22.-The Em peror has received a report, dated yes-terday from the Russian commandant at August 22nd. Korsakovsk, Island of Sakhalien, as follows:

"Since 7 o'clock this morning the ene occupied Taipangtze and penetrated my has bombarded Korsakovsk. A few houses have been destroyed. One of the enemy's ships appeared on the horizon about 6 o'clock in the morning, approached within 51/4 miles of the shore and bombarded Korsakovsk until 8.15. when the vessel turned and disappeared The damage done to the town was quite onsiderable. There was no casual

HIPSANG WAS SUNK WITHOUT JUST CAUSE.

Shanghai, Aug. 23 .- The finding of the naval court of inquiry in the case of the British steamer Hipsang was delivered this morning. The Hipsang was tor-

now identified as the Ratstoropuy, came A report was cabled several days ago up at-daylight with the Hipsang, whose that a gunboat of the Otavjni type had lights were burning brightly, and which had the British flag flying. The de-stroyer fired shells, killing and maiming passengers. The Hipsang stopped directly, but the Russian vessel fired a torpedo, sinking her. There was no contraband aboard her nor any Japanese. Her capfain was experienced, and he acted per fectly correct. "The court desires to draw the atten

tion of the board of trade and the foreign office that the steamer, while proceeding with due caution and on her course, was torpedoed and sunk without any just cause or reason. The loss of life was due "There is a limit beyond which troops cannot go, no matter how gallant," said an officer of the general staff this morn-by the Russian destroyer Ratstoropuy."

ed him with every courtesy.

ANOTHER STEAMER STOPPED BY RUSSIANS

Durban, Aug. 22.-The English steam er Comedian, from Liverpool, July 24th, arrived here to-day and reported that she was stopped by a Russian converted cruiser yesterday off the mouth of Basho river, in the southeastern part of Cape Colony. After the Comedian's papers had been examined she was all ed to proceed.

AMERICAN PROPERTY WILL BE PROTECTED. Shanghai, Aug. 23 .- The vicerov Nankin has refused the request of Taitai Yuan that a Chinese fleet be dispatched to Shanghai. American Consul-General Goodnow declares that he has no intention of interfering beyond pro-

Another meeting of the consular body has been called for 3 o'clock this afternoon to further consider the Askold and Grozovoj case.

FEAR JAPS MAY DESTROY WIRELESS SYSTEM. Washington, Aug. 22.-United States

tecting American property.

department to-day from Chefoo that the Chinese local authorities there, as well as the Chinese population, are greatly alarmed over the prospect that the Japanese fleet will land at Chefoo and seek to destroy the wireless telegraph system, which has been operating with Port Arthur.

FORTS OCCUPIED BY THE JAPANESE.

Chefoo, Aug. 24.-9.30 a. m.-A junk which left Liaoti promontory the night Tientsin, Aug. 23.—Lloyd's agent at Newchwang reports as follows:

"The Russians are detaining produce from the interior. Liao-Yang is expected to fall shortly.

"Newchwang and the country under Japanese jurisdiction are progressing wonderfully.

"The consuls get every assistance from the administrator."

which left Liaoti promontory the night of August 21st, has just arrived here. She reports that the Japanese have succeeded in occupying Antsuzushan fort, as well as other forts, probably Rizshan. About a mile southwest of Antsuzushan they have driven the Russians from the Japanese jurisdiction are progressing wonderfully.

"The consuls get every assistance from the administrator." and they have advanced to a point near REPORTED REPULSE

Chaochanko. This news confirms information received here previously, and which the local Japanese were not inclined to believe. The junk heard firing until midnight of

Scarcely a building in Port Arthur remains undamaged. The town hall, which was used as a magazine, has been de-Four large warships unable to fight are

at Port Arthur. Only one ship, with two masts and two funnels, has guns on The fire of the forts not captured by the Japanese, together with the effect of land mines, is given as the reason why the Japanese have not as yet conquere

NOT ABANDONED HOPE.

the Russian stronghold.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 24.—(3 a. m.)— With all Russia hanging breathlessly on the fate of Port Arthur even such a national event as the christening of the Czarevitch is robbed of much of the prominence which would otherwise be accorded it, and St. Petersburg is dimmed in silence with no sign of activity. Although the fairy-like grounds of Peterhoff are gay with flags and decoration in readiness for to-morrow's celebration, and though the great palace is filled with distinguished guests, the scene resembled a great international conference rather than a gathering of

merry makers.

The capital to-night is filled with sinister rumors of Port Arthur's desperate straits. The superstitious are predicting the fall of the fortress on the day of the baptism of the Czarevitch, but this is easily traceable to the fact that several Russian fete days. It is reported that a message was re

ceived from Lieut.-Gen. Stoessel to-night which was sent from Port Arthur on the night of August 22nd by way of Chefoo,

quite as effective a way of reducing a fortress. The Japanese purpose in rushing matters has doubtless been to release helm, the German military attache, left their predecessors, were beaten off with French attache, and Lieut. Von Gilgenheavy loss.

The situation at Liao Yang itself is quiet. But the improving weather pre-sages the renewal of military activity

NO INSTRUCTION TO INTERPERE WITH JAPS.

Washington, Aug. 22.—United States Consul-General Goodnow cabled the state department to-day from Shanghai, telling of the appearance of a Japanese of folly if it went out now. He adds: "Although a portion of Admiral States ("Although a portion of Admiral States the Peresviet, Poltava, Sebastous He also mentions the valuable American property in the docks near where the Russian chuiser Askold is, and also said that the Russian edisul-general had refused to disagram the Askold.

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Tokio, Aug. 24.-9 a. m.-Admiral Kataoka reports that as the Russian bat-talship Sebastopol was emerging from Port Arthur yesterday, she struck a mine. After she was seen to be listed to starboard. She was towed back into the harbor.

RUSHING REPAIRS ON RUSSIAN CRUISERS.

Vladivostock, Aug. 23.-Repairs to possible to complete them without docking the vessels, and that they will therefore take a comparatively short time. There is a big reserve of naval guns here all ready for installation, and officers and men have been already chosen ber of available sites for target prac-from the Siberian reserves to fill up the tice, so that when the population in-Kamimura's squadron. The reserves responded to the call eagerly, despite the ed. fact that most of them are married and that they have had a terrible object lesson in the crowd of wounded already in the hospitals here. The wounded, on the other hand, are not viewing these pre-parations with equanimity. The first complaints they have uttered have been against having their places filled.

The condition of the wounded gener ally is good, and only one has died since they were brought ashore. Those whose cases are the most severe are pleading not to be removed from Vladivosteck in the fear that they will not get back to

The funeral of Capt. Berlinski, of the

Rossia, who was killed at the outset of the fight, and who was buried last Wednesday, was most impressive. Viceroy Alexieff, Vice-Admiral Skrydloff, Lieut, Gen. Linevitch and all the military and naval officers who were able to attend, waited at the pier to receive the coffin. The flags on all the vessels in the harbor

OF THE JAPANESE Liao Yang, Aug. 23.-According to the latest information from Port Arthur a furious Japanese attack throughout August 19th and August 20th was repulsed with terrific loss. This news was eceived here with the greatest joy. There has been no serious fighting in this region, but there has been a small skirmish at Anshanshan, where the Japanese troops attacked a Russian outpost and were driven off with loss.

RUMORS THAT JAPS ARE WITHDRAWING.

Berlin, Aug. 24.—In a dispatch from Liao Yang under date of August 23rd the correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger and the second cabin by \$12.50.

"The indications are that the initiative is about to pass to the Russians. The Japanese plan of campaign including the attack upon Liao Yang has apparently been deranged by the unexpectedly stubborn resistance at Port Arthur. Gen. Kuroki has withdrawn to the north of Taitze river and only outposts are near the river. Japanese troops under Gen. Ukashima are reported to be in the Liao Yang valley.

It is rumored that the Mikado has recalled Gen. Nogi and ordered Field

Marshal Yamagata, chief of the general staff at Tokio, to assume command of the besiegers at Port Arthur. ORDERED TO STOP

WORK AT SHANGHAI.

Washington, Aug. 23.-Consul-General Goodnow at Shanghai to-day cables the 200, is 133 feet long and is capable of state department that the Chinese Tao-tai of Shanghai, through the British con-built in 1889. big Russian reverses have occurred on sul, ordered that repairs to the Russian cruiser Askold and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi be stopped. The order was made through the British consul, because of the fact that the repairs were made by a British company of Shanghai. delia Botkin was sentenced to-day by DRYING KILN DESTROYED.

> Loss Is \$6,000. Winnipeg, Aug. 23 .- Fire was discovered

thousand feet of lumber, was completely evidence of emotion.

An appeal to the Supreme court will around. The loss is \$6,000.

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PREPARING CONTRACTS FOR SEVERAL NEW RANGES

Department of Militia Makes Provision for Future Requirements-Exports and Imports for Year.

Ottawa, Aug. 23 .- The militia department is now engaged framing contracts for new rifle ranges all over Canada, for which provision was made by parliament during the recent session. Sir Frederick Borden has both sides of the House with him in his efforts to promote rifle prac-tice, and is furnished with ample means to carry his ideas into effect. Con-tracts have been awarded for new ranges at Cobourg, Ont., and Winnipeg, while the cruisers Rossia and Gromoboi are proceeding rapidly. It is believed it will be Agnes, in Megantic county, P. Q.; Godernich, Ont.; Sussex, N. B., and Woodstock, N. B. The government will take over the private range at Amherst, N. B. In the Territories and British Columbia the minister of militia has reserved a numplaces of those who were killed or creases and corps are organized the gov-wounded in the fight with Vice-Admiral crnment will have land of its own avail-

In the financial year up to July 1st Canada's experts to Great Britain to-talled \$117,591,376; to the United States, \$73.173,519, and to Newfoundland, \$2,898,761. Australia was our third best customer with purchases of Canadian goods totalling \$2,622,756. In the same twelve months we imported \$61,770,379 from Great Britain; \$150,826,515 from the United States: \$8,175,604 from Gernany; \$6,206,525 from France; \$4,196,-800 from British West Indies; \$3,129,513 from Belgium, and \$3,164,717 from the

Brilish East Indies. Returns Wednesday. W. A. Galliher, M. P. for Yale-Cari-

oo, leaves for the West on Wednesday. RATE WAR CONTINUES.

Leading Trans-Atlantic Liners Lower Cabin Rates to Meet the Cunard's

New York, Aug. 23 .- All of the leading Trans-Atlantic lines now have reduced heir minimum first and second cabin rates eastbound to meet the Cunard's reduction made several days ago, says the Journal of Commerce. Both the North German Lloyd and the French line yeserday took a hand in the cut rate war by making a sweeping reduction in first class rates both to Plymouth and Cherbourg and to Bremen on the largest ves sels of the line and also on steamships of the Barbarossa class. On the Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse, the Kaiser Wilnelm II. and Kron Prinz Wilhelm, the inimum first class rate to Plymouth and Cherbourg was cut \$40, and a reduction of \$30 made in the same class to Bremen. A cut of \$30 was announced the first class rate to Plymouth and Cherbourg on vessels of the Barbarossa type and of \$20 to Bremen. The reduction in second cabin rates is not as heavy as in the first class rates. On the steamships La Lorraine and Lasavoie the French line made a cut of \$30 in the second cabin rates. On all other vessels the first class rates were reduced by \$20,

GUNBOAT ASHORE.

St. Johns. Nfld., Aug. 22.-The British gunboat Columbine, one of the vessels of the squadron patrolling the Newfoundland fisheries, struck on a rock to-day in Snooks arm, Green bay, and it feared that she will become a total

The whaling vessel Cabola tried to gunboat Fantome left here to-night to try to refloat the Columbine, and if that should be found impossible, to save her

The Columbine, formerly the Kiarta, is a single screw, steel vessel, and was purchased by the British government in 1897 to assist in the supervision of the fisheries in Newfoundland waters. She has one funnel, is of 260 tons displacement, has an indicated horse-power

LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

San Francisco, Aug. 22.-Mrs. Cor-Superior court Judge Carroll Cook to life imprisonment in the state prison Thousands of Feet of Lumber Burned—The John P. Dunning in Dover, Del., by means of poisoned candy mailed from this city.

In passing sentence, Judge Cook exin No. 2 mill at Norman, Ont., at midnight, in the dry kiln of the Rat Portage Lumber.

Co. The Rat Portage brigade went over on the ferry. The kiln, containing several Rotkin received the sentence without

s hereby given that 60 days after tend to apply to the Hon. Chief mer of Lands and Works for perpurchase the following described and, to wit: Commencing at a southwest corner of Margaret ot, thence in an easterly directains, thence in a southerly directains, thence westerly 20 chains seen River, thence in a northerly along the Skeena river to beginating forty acres more or less, and being situated about five miles zelton, B. C., and directly opposition of the company MINERAL ACT. NOTICE.

Mineral Claim, situate in the fining Division of Victoria Discrete located: On Mount Brenton: ice that I, Chas. E. Clarke, Free Certificate No. B89,214, intend, from the date hereof, to applying Recorder for a Certificate of ents, for the purpose of obtaining frant of the above claim. her take notice that action, undermust be commenced before the f such Certificate of Improve-

CHAS. E. CLARKE.