

STOESSEL IN THE LAST DITCH; PORT ARTHUR ABOUT TO FALL

Entire Force of Besiegers Is Being Hurlled Against
Doomed Fortress and Russia Expects the Worst.

JAPS REACH WALLS AFTER TERRIBLE SLAUGHTER

Paris, Sept. 24.—The Matin's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs as follows:
"Telegrams of which the general staff have as yet no knowledge, reached the Emperor at 4 o'clock this morning. I can affirm that they concern Port Arthur, regarding which place the greatest anxiety prevails at court.
"The Japanese are now engaged in a general assault, which is more furious than its predecessors, attacking the town on three sides simultaneously, and employing their whole force, being determined to finish the business.
"Russian lines blew up whole battalions.
"Gen. Fock distinguished himself, directing the fire from the walls, which the Japanese reached after indescribable massacres.
"The whole of Admiral Togo's and Vice-Admiral Kamimura's squadrons are adding the struggle, which, it is feared here, will be final.
"The besieged forces are fighting as in a furnace. A perfect storm of shells is falling on the town, port and fortress from the whole hill and roadstead. Gen. Stoessel is going from fort to fort, encouraging the defenders in their desperate efforts.
"In St. Petersburg the tragic event, which perhaps will terminate by a glorious fall of Port Arthur, is wholly unknown. At court hope has not yet been entirely abandoned.
"Tshin, Sept. 24.—A Russian naval officer here has received official advice that cholera has appeared at Port Arthur. Up to Sept. 19 there were only a few cases, but there were grave fears that the disease would become epidemic.
Began on the 19th.

Gen. Fock, Sept. 24.—Noon.—A Japanese who has arrived here from Dally says that the battle which began at Port Arthur Sept. 19 continued during the night.

BOULDER ON THE TRACK

Attempt Made to Wreck an Express Train Near Brockville.

Brockville, Sept. 24.—What looks like a desperate attempt to wreck the B. W. and N. Express, which passed here yesterday but a short distance from the town, and at the most dangerous spot on the whole line, after this time, the press which left here at 4:10 was running slowly over the first trestle when Engineer John R. Graham noticed a huge rock lying in the middle of the track between the first and second trestles. The train was brought to a standstill before the boulder was reached, and with the assistance of the fireman, the boulder, which would weigh between two and three hundred pounds, was rolled off the track. That more than one party was concerned in this villainous act is a certainty, for the rock could not be handled by one.

AFTER KAISER'S LIFE

Threatened in a Letter Received by a German Consul.

New York, Sept. 24.—The German consulate in Tokyo telegraphs that it is a threat to the life of Emperor William contained in a typewritten letter delivered to the consulate. A short time after this letter was written information reached the consulate that a packet of letters, written in French, had been found on the corner of Wall and William streets. The German consul or his assistants were also informed that these letters contained threats against the Kaiser. The letters are supposed to contain in detail the formation of a plot in this country and in Europe against the life of Emperor William.

Shells Exploded.

New York, Sept. 24.—A special cablegram to the Sun from Manila, says: While a ship of 4-inch shells, and a quantity of smaller shells, surrendered by the Spaniards in 1898, were being loaded on a lighter today in front of arsenal, preparatory to being dumped in the bay, there was an explosion that killed two men and mangled seven. The victims were all Filipinos.

Run Down by a Train

Toronto, Sept. 24.—Thos. Timble, a C. P. R. sectionman, was run down morning. He is now in the Emergency Hospital here. One of his legs probably will be amputated.

NOVELIST MEREDITH PREDICTS MARRIAGES FOR LIMITED PERIODS

Prophecies a Radical Change in the Legal Condition of Matrimony.

London, Sept. 24.—A silly-season newspaper discussion of the marriage question has provoked a remarkable statement from the novelist George Meredith, who, in an interview in the Daily Mail, welcomes free discussion of the subject, though, as he confesses, "everything that ought to be said has been cut in half." He predicts a change in the legal condition of marriage and forebodes a state of society permitting mar-

riages for certain limited periods, the state enforcing a provision of money during that period to provide for and educate children, the Government possibly taking charge of this fund, Mr. Meredith says.
"There will be a devil of an uproar before such a change can be made, and see what shreds there have been of the marriage laws in the past."
Mr. Meredith foresees great difficulties in English conservatism, notably revealed in criticisms of America, "indicating the Englishman's persistency in regarding any new trait as a sign of disease."
"Yet," Mr. Meredith says, "it is a sign of health and I am very glad that words of mine can help in the subject."



Scene of Collision on G. T. R. Near Wharfedale Road Bridge.

MARRIES A PRINCESS

Divorced Woman Escaped From an Imperial Harem of Sultan.

Monte Carlo, Sept. 24.—Princess Marie Hilmy, the divorced wife of the Turkish prince imperial, who escaped from the harem some time ago, reached Paris, where Prince Oussouff, a Russian, became enamored of her. The couple were married at a registry office in London at the end of July, and the marriage registered at the Russian embassy in London, where the princess embraced the Orthodox faith. The prince and his bride then returned to France and have been staying at the Riviera. They learned that the Sultan had communicated with the Turkish ambassador in Paris on the subject of the marriage, and they have decided to start for America immediately to escape possible trouble.

KNEELS BEFORE CAR

Crowd on Street Sees a Woman Deliberately Suicide.

Cleveland, Sept. 24.—Unwilling to longer continue the struggle for mere existence, Golden Ansell, a woman, 24 years of age and a seamstress, knelt on the street car tracks, and was ground to death beneath the wheels of a fast car. The act of self-destruction was most deliberate, and was witnessed by a large crowd of pedestrians, who were powerless to interfere. The unfortunate woman arrived in this country but a short time ago, and soon found that she was physically unable to stand the strain of her work. Her friends and neighbors, who had seen her face, decided on death, and she knelt but a few feet from the car, clasped her hands together and turned her face upward as if in prayer. The car passed completely over her before the motorman could bring it to a stop.

CLENDENNING RETIRES

Conservative Nominee for South Oxford Leaves the Field.

Woodstock, Sept. 24.—James Clendenning, of North Oxford Township, who was nominated for the House of Commons by the Conservatives of South Oxford, has decided to retire from the race. Mr. Clendenning states that he finds his other duties will not allow him to remain in the field.

Yankee Poacher Seized By a Dominion Cruiser

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 24.—The American steamer Alert, of Bellingham, and two large scows, one of them loaded with salmon and \$1,000 worth of nets, were seized by the Ruth, a Dominion Government fisheries protection vessel.

TRYING TO FIX UP A CHARGE

So as to Free Mr. Dunlop, M. P., From Representing North Renfrew.

Toronto, Sept. 24.—The counsel in the North Renfrew election case against E. H. Dunlop, M. P., stated today that the trial would proceed at Pembroke on Tuesday. Some negotiations undoubtedly have been going on, but counsel will not explain their object. It is believed, however, that Mr. Dunlop does not wish to defend the seat, and that the lawyers are trying to fix up a charge on which he may be unseated without going fully into the case.

A Good Idea

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 24.—A proposal has been made for the establishment of a museum in this city, to contain interesting products of Canada, as well as photographs descriptive of the country's business interests, and its resources, to be visited by the thousands of tourists who come to this city annually.

Packer's Plant Gutted.

Toronto, Sept. 24.—Fire broke out at 6:30 this morning in the singeing room of the plant of Blackwell & Co., Bathurst street, near the river. The third floor was gutted. The loss is estimated at \$35,000, fully insured. Considerable quantities of goods in lower floors were destroyed or injured by water.

Allans Sell Ships

Montreal, Sept. 24.—It is announced that the Allan Line have sold two of their oldest steamships, the Austrian and the Phoenix, to a European firm. These ships have been prominently identified with the Canadian trade.

JAP ADVANCE SHOWS CAUTION

Oyama's Armies Move North With Extreme Slowness.

JUNKS COME UP THE LIAO RIVER

Cold Wave Sweeps Across Manchuria Causing Great Suffering Amongst Japanese.

Mukden, Sept. 23 (delayed in transmission).—The Japanese continue their advance northward with extreme slowness. Gen. Kuroki's headquarters are close to Pashan, about forty-five miles east of Liao Yang.
A Turkestan regiment is reported to have killed eight Japanese cavalrymen in the brush near Yenlai.
Junks are coming up the Liao River regularly with supplies for the Japanese.
The return of Lieut.-Gen. Rennkampf to the command of the cavalry division has been signalled by renewed activity on the part of the Russians.
General Oku's headquarters in the field, via Fusan, Sept. 24.—Before the retreat northward began Russian officers told foreigners that the reinforcements brought into Manchuria since June last were only enough to counter-balance the casualties up to that date. It is true the Russian forces now in Manchuria are no larger than when the battle of Liao Yang was fought.

Winter Sets In

General Kuroki's headquarters in the field, via Fusan, Sept. 24.—(delayed in transmission).—The first touch of the Manchurian winter, which follows the summer abruptly, came yesterday with a sudden cold wave, the thermometer registering 44 degrees during the night. Much discomfort was experienced by the soldiers, who, clad in khaki, were sleeping outdoors. A supply of winter clothing has begun to arrive, and all the men will soon be provided for in this respect.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 24.—A dispatch from General Kurapatkin, dated yesterday, announces that not any of the Russian detachments were engaged during Thursday.

Raiders Out Again

St. Petersburg, Sept. 23.—Two destroyers belonging to the Russian squadron at Vladivostok returned to that port from a cruise today. While en route they captured a Japanese transport and a sailing ship. No announcement has been made as to the place where the capture took place.
The cruisers Rossia and Gromobol, which have been repairing at Vladivostok, have sailed for the Japanese harbor of Pashan, where they will be joined by the Russian battleship Gensan, Korea, together with three torpedo boats and three destroyers.

BRITISH CREW MUTINED

Terrible Affray on a British Sailing Ship in Fiume Harbor.

Vienna, Sept. 24.—A terrible mutiny on board the British ship Andromeda is reported from Fiume. The vessel, a four-masted schooner, was on a voyage to the Adriatic. The crew, consisting of 100 men, mutinied against the captain and the officers. The vessel was captured by the Italian navy and taken to Fiume. The mutiny was suppressed, but several crew members were killed and many wounded.

TEN REPORTED KILLED

Fatal Collision Between Two Passenger Trains on Southern R.R.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 24.—Two passenger trains on the Southern Railway collided at a point 30 miles east of Knoxville. Ten persons are reported killed, and about twenty-five injured.

Installed by a Londoner.

Allentown, Pa., Sept. 24.—Grand Sire-Elect Robert E. Wright, of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Oddfellows, was installed at a public ceremony today by Past Grand Sire Clement T. Campbell, of London, Ont., in the presence of a score of officials of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Tomorrow—Fair and Mild.

London, Saturday, Sept. 24. Sun rises, 5:56 a.m. Moon rises, 5:13 p.m. Sun sets, 6:53 p.m. Moon sets, 4:12 p.m. Rain has fallen generally today in the Lake Superior district, and a few light scattered showers have occurred in the Northwest Territories and in the Ottawa Valley.

FORECASTS.

Today—Moderate to fresh southerly with south winds; fine and mild.
Sunday—Mostly fair and mild.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
London	59	54	Rain
Windsor	59	54	Cloudy
Paris	59	54	Cloudy
Montreal	59	54	Cloudy
Ottawa	59	54	Cloudy
Quebec	59	54	Cloudy
Father Point	59	54	Cloudy

Local showers are reported in the Territories, Manitoba and the Lake Superior district. Elsewhere the weather remains fine.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Friday were: Highest, 62°; lowest, 52°.

ORLOFF DISMISSED.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 24.—Major-General Orloff, who has been held responsible for the retreat of the Russian forces from Liao Yang, has been dismissed from the army. The action was taken in accordance with a decision of Gen. Kuropatkin.
Brigadier-General Fomin, of General Orloff's division, who was reported to have been killed at Liao Yang, is now found to be only severely wounded. There is some hope of his recovery.

GATHERING OF NOTABLE PRIESTS

Episcopal Bishops to Meet at Boston October 5.

THE TRIENNIAL CONVENTION

Proposal to Drop the Present Name of Protestant Episcopal Will Likely Be Discussed.

Boston, Sept. 24.—A number of bishops from abroad who will participate actively in the proceedings of the triennial general convention of the Episcopal Church, to be held in this city Oct. 5 to 26, have arrived in the United States. Among them are Right Rev. Charles E. Brent, Bishop of the Philippines; Right Rev. Henry B. Restarick, Bishop of the Hawaiian Islands; Right Rev. James H. Van Buren, Bishop of Porto Rico; Right Rev. Peter T. Rowe, Bishop of Alaska; Right Rev. Lucien Lee Kinsolving, Bishop of Southern Brazil; Right Rev. John McKim, Bishop of Tokyo, and Right Rev. D. S. Ferguson, colored, Bishop of Cape Palmas, Liberia.
In addition to Most Rev. Randall T. Davidson, Archbishop of Canterbury, the Church of England will have as representative here Rev. William Boyd Carpenter, Lord Bishop of Ripon, Canada, who will be represented by Right Rev. Charles Hamilton, Lord Bishop of Ottawa; Right Rev. James Carmichael, Bishop coadjutor of Montreal, and a number of prominent priests and laymen.
At the opening service the preacher will be Right Rev. William Cowell Doane, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Albany. The Archbishop of Canterbury will preach on the following Sunday of the convention and probably address missionary meetings and also a meeting at Harvard University.

The Live Stock.

No entry was so strong as the horses. The entry around Petrolia is famed for breeding splendid stock, and this year it has excelled itself in this respect. In all 206 animals were exhibited, and many of them were able to carry away some prize or other. At the conclusion of the judging they were taken around the ring, and along with the other classes of animals they made a splendid display.
The cattle exhibit was also very strong in numbers and quality, and there was a large number of prize winners. Sheep and swine also made a creditable showing, and the same could be said in a general way of every other class of display on the grounds. The figures in each were as follows: Sheep 84, swine 48, poultry 187, dairy 48, horticultural 184, apples 165, trees and vegetables 225, grain and seed 68, domestic 101, ladies' fancy work 182, fine arts 20.

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Excellent Exhibits and the Best of Management.

RECORD-BREAKING ENTRY LIST

A Great Display of Live Stock—Spirited Speeding Events—Rain Only Drawback.

The bright little town of Petrolia was never stirred to such a pitch of enthusiasm as it was yesterday, when the annual fall fair for Petrolia and Bonifield took place. Through the day the streets literally swarmed, and at the fair grounds everything was astir with a variety ranging from a first-class midway to a splendid stock show and fine races. All through the past years the exhibition has gained in importance and in numbers, until now it can be classed beside any fair in Canada, excepting those of one of the wealthiest districts in Ontario; its people are wide awake, and all it needs to insure a good exhibition is the executive ability. It is needless to say that the fair is complete in this respect.

The Attendance.

During the day in the neighborhood of 4,000 people paid admission at the fair, and the attendance was very satisfactory to the directors in regard to finances. There were quite a number from London present, and each town in the vicinity was represented. The agricultural population contributed largely to the attendance. The grounds had the appearance of a big, well-conducted fair, and several of which were secured through the management of the Western Fair. The building was completely filled by the various exhibitors of the district.

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