

NO YIELDING OF PT. ARTHUR SAYS RUSSIAN COMMANDER

General Stoessel Informs Soldiers and Civilians That Fight Will Be to a Finish.

EXPECTS A DESPERATE ONSLAUGHT FROM ENEMY

120,000 Japs in Korea Close to Russian Outposts—China Secretly the Ally of Japan—British Colliers Released by Order of the Czar.

Port Arthur, Sunday, Feb. 28. — Gen. Stoessel, commander of the garrison here, has issued a general order directing the attention of the troops and civilians to the fact that the Japanese intend to land and seize the fortress. The general declares the Japanese consider the seizure of Port Arthur to be a question of national honor, and their obstinate attacks and bombardments of the fortress and bays she can only conclude that the enemy will make every effort to capture the fortress, failing which the Japanese will destroy the railroad and withdraw.

"The enemy, however, proceeds in the general order, is mistaken. Our troops know, and the inhabitants are here informed by me, that we will not yield. We must fight to the last, and to the death. Those who leave without fighting will not save themselves. There is no way out, on the sides there is the sea, and on the fourth will be the enemy. There is no means of escape except by fighting."

"Notwithstanding a heavy gale, the lights of Japanese scouting vessels were visible in the offing during the night."

TO STRENGTHEN PORT ARTHUR.

Paris, Feb. 28. — The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris says orders have been telegraphed to Port Arthur that that place be fortified and defended as completely as possible. The correspondent adds that he learned that no Russian vessel will leave the Black Sea, contrary to rumors appearing in foreign papers. The Manchurian railway and telegraph lines are admirably guarded from Port Arthur to Mukden and from Mukden to Harbin.

120,000 JAPS IN KOREA.

New York Feb. 28. — A cable from Chefoo to the Herald says that 120,000 Japanese troops have been landed at Seoul up to the present date, consisting of cavalry and infantry, but no artillery. Altogether 80,000 men have passed through Seoul, and 40,000 through Gen-san, within a fortnight, northward bound via Ping Yang.

The harbor of Chefoo and the approaches to the mouth of the Han River leading to Seoul are filled with submerged torpedoes. The army have being thereby protected from a sea attack, Japan fully controls Korea, and the Government is rendering assistance in the military operations. The Korean army barracks and also the disused imperial palace are used as quarters for Japanese troops.

There is much talk also of the offensive and defensive alliance between Japan and Korea.

CHINA, JAPAN'S ALLY.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28. — Discussing the attitude of China the Soviet today says it considers China is a secret ally of Japan, and that "like America and Great Britain she will eventually be possible to injure Russia."

The Soviet anticipates China eventually will become an open enemy, and says the Russian authorities in the Far East are already taking precautionary measures to ward off any sudden attack on the part of the Chinese.

BRITISH SHIPS RELEASED.

Suez, Feb. 28. — The Russian cruiser Aurora, with five torpedo boats, has arrived here. The British coal-laden steamers Etchikade, Lord Barry, and Hong Kong, were brought here by the Russian vessels which captured them. Both of them, and also the Norwegian steamer Matilda, from Penarth for Sasebo, also laden with coal, have been released by order of the Czar.

COTTON IN INDIA

Vast Fields Will Be Used for Relief of Lancashire.

Manchester, England, Feb. 28. — St. John Brodbeck, Secretary of State for India, replying Saturday afternoon to a large deputation of British Cotton Growing Association and representatives of cotton manufacturing centers of Lancashire, said the cotton acreage of India would be greater this year than ever before. The secretary added that he believed the viceroy of India would make every endeavor to further promote cotton growing with the view of supplying the British market.

The secretary assured the deputation that nothing would be left undone to utilize the vast fields of India for the relief of Lancashire.

TORONTO VERY ILL.

Hospitals of Queen City Are Overcrowded With Patients.

Toronto, Feb. 28. — The city hospitals are crowded, and scores of deserving patients are being turned away. Pneumonia, influenza, grippe, rheumatism and bronchial affections, all due to the severity of the winter, are swelling the ranks of the ill. In the charitable institutions there is an unusual demand for beds for the sick who are too poor to go to the hospitals. Not in the history of Toronto has such a state of affairs ever existed. It is almost impossible for the most urgent cases to find a bed in any one of the five large hospitals at the present moment. Prominent physicians say that sickness more general than winter has been seen in Toronto. The homes, as well as the hospitals, are full of sick people.

REVOLT IN WEST AFRICA

Native German Troops Take Warpath Burning and Looting.

Berlin, Feb. 28. — The native troops in the Congo and Neassan Rivers region, of German Kamerun, equatorial West Africa, have revolted. Dispatches reached the colonial office today saying that several factories of the Northwest Kamerun Company have been burned and that four Germans were killed.

All the German African colonies are in a ferment over the statements spread by Hereros runners, that the Germans are being driven into the sea.

CHINKS IN DISTRESS

Three Captured in Attempt to Cross the Border.

Marine City, Mich., Feb. 28. — Three Chinkmen were captured by detectives while crossing from Canada at this port last night. The third Chinkman, a Chinese, was captured by the police and taken to the police station. It is said that the Chinkman, took to their heels, but were captured at Mount Clemens.

The entire party is now in jail at Port Huron. It is said that the captured Chinkman have been in hiding back of Sombra, Ont., for some weeks past, looking for a good opportunity to cross.

HERE'S A GOOD SHOWING

An Increase in Customs Revenue of Three Millions in Nine Months.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 28. — The customs revenue of the Dominion for the nine months ending today, was \$23,604,012, compared with \$23,436,942 for the same time last year, an increase of \$167,070. For the month of February the revenue was \$2,975,570, an increase of \$298,320 over February, 1903. The result of the financial year will be that every dollar added to the public debt during the time of the Laurier Government will be wiped out.

CANADIAN WITH MIKADO'S TROOPS

Captain Thacker of the Royal Canadian Artillery Will Witness Operations.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Feb. 28. — Capt. H. C. Thacker, of the Royal Canadian Artillery, Quebec, and a graduate of the Royal Military College, Kingston, has been appointed by the militia department to be attached to the Japanese army in the war now going on between Japan and Russia, with a view of observing the military operations. The report of Captain Thacker will be used for educational purposes in Canada. The reason for sending an artillery officer is that the infantry good experience from the South African campaign, while the present war is likely to be one for artillery. Capt. Thacker is a garrison artilleryman. He resided in Toronto for a number of years. He was recommended by Lord Dunsford, and Sir Frederick Borden, who has just returned from Boston, has approved of the report.

JAP HEROES OF PT. ARTHUR FIGHT

Volunteers Who Manned the "Bottling" Hulks Expected to Die—Will Be Decorated.

Tokio, Feb. 28. — Naval officers commanded the Japanese fleet, which were sunk at the entrance to Port Arthur harbor last Wednesday morning. Merchant crews volunteered for the dangerous undertaking, but their services were not accepted, Vice-Admiral Togo desiring to trust the perilous mission only to the navy. There were sailors in the crews, and all volunteered for service. They had farewell to their comrades, expecting to die under the fire of the batteries of the enemy. The rescue of the entire crews surprised the Japanese. The steamers did not carry lights, and were not armed, and consequently were not discovered until the operation of sinking them was practically completed. Japan is singing praises of the volunteer crews who participated in the dangerous work. It is expected that the Emperor will publicly thank them and give them medals to commemorate the daring act. It is understood that Vice-Admiral Togo's main fleet is still in the vicinity of Port Arthur, and it is expected that this fleet will continue bombarding the place until it is untenable or until the Russian fleet is destroyed.

PATTI A RACK NUMBER.

Chicago, Feb. 28. — Madame Adeline Patti will not sing here tonight, having suddenly canceled her Chicago engagement. A telegram was received from Indianapolis today saying that Mrs. Patti was unable to come because of a cold.

While this is the formal reason advanced, it is generally understood that the real cause of the singer's sudden change of plan is the result of an unsatisfactory advance sale of seats.

TOTTERMAN CONVICTED.

New York, Feb. 28. — A verdict of murder in the first degree was found on Saturday against Emil Totterman, a Danish sailor, charged with the murder of Sarah Martin in a railway resort in Front street, about a month ago. The prisoner was remanded until Wednesday, when he will be sentenced. The murder is known as the "Ripper" murder, the woman's body having been terribly hacked by a knife.

THE WAR SITUATION.

Vladivostok blockaded by a Jap fleet, skirmishes between scouts of rival armies in Korea and preparations for another desperate onslaught at Port Arthur, are the most interesting war items from the Far East.

The Mikado has an immense army in Korea, 120,000 strong, and reports indicate that he will permit the Russians to take the aggressive. Russians are hurrying troops to strengthen the garrison, and as the Japs seem determined to invest and carry the great fortress heavy fighting by sea and land may develop within a very few hours. Eye-witnesses of the latest attempt to "bottle" up the czar's fleet say nineteen members of the crews were captured upon landing close to Port Arthur, while many are thought to have been drowned.

ENGLAND DEMANDS NAVAL INCREASES

Public Is in No Mood to Quarrel With Estimates.

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A GERMAN REPULSE

Hereros Held Position Despite Heavy Artillery Fire.

Berlin, Feb. 28. — Colonel Leutwein, governor of German Southwest Africa, telegraphed from Swakopmund yesterday that Major Estoroff's column Feb. 27, had a severe ten-hour fight with the Hereros, near Ojibanaaka. The Hereros held their position, against which artillery was not available. Towards the evening, Estoroff's company broke through the enemy's formation and the natives retired. Their strength and the number of their losses are not known. The German officer was killed and four officers, among them Baron Schoenau Wehr, and four men were wounded.

RECEIPTS FALL SHORT

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MANY OTHERS DROWNED IN DESPERATE ATTACK

St. Petersburg Expects to Hear of Heavy Land Fighting at Any Moment as the Russians Are Now Well to the South of the Yalu River.

Chefoo, Feb. 28. — Fifteen survivors from the Jinsen Maru, and fourteen from the Bashu Maru, which were sunk at Port Arthur, landed Thursday at Tanghai, near here. They traveled overland and arrived at the Japanese consulate Friday in a greatly exhausted condition. One Japanese was killed as the Jinsen Maru's boat was lowered. Lieut. Saito, who commanded the Jinsen Maru, declares that the steamer got so close to the Retvizan at the entrance of the harbor that the Japanese could have fired into her if the crew had had rifles. When it was found that the scheme blocked the harbor was a failure the vessels anchored, and their crews crowded into small boats. A strong wind and then blown up. A strong wind and the glare from the searchlights prevented the men in the boats from reaching the torpedo flotilla. By daylight they were out of sight of the Japanese fleet. They were driven to the eastward, to the Minto Islands, which were reached by evening. The boats did not land together. The men found each other on the islands. They chartered a junk and went to Tung Choo Fu, whence they walked forty miles to Chefoo. They do not know the fate of the crews of the other steamers. The officers have shaved their heads, and indicated sorrow for the failure of the expedition.

NINETEEN JAPS CAPTURED.

Yin Kow, Feb. 28. — The first reports by eye-witnesses of the engagement at Port Arthur in the early morning of Wednesday last have been received here. They say one Japanese coal hulk was sunk, and one was holed near the Retvizan, and that nineteen Japanese in civilian clothes escaped ashore, where they were afterwards captured. From long range two shells struck in the city.

The Retvizan is serviceable as an auxiliary fortification, and the engineer, who has been at work on her, has abandoned the hope of raising her, as the patching on the forty-foot clef made by a Japanese torpedo has given way, and because the Russian engineers have interfered with the original plans for raising the vessel. The Retvizan is kept afloat by constant pumping. The Novik has been repaired, and the Pallada has been docked. Reports indicate that the Japanese during the past week have resulted in

THE KING'S FIRST LEVEE

Royalty, Diplomats, Ministers and M. P.'s in Attendance.

London, Feb. 28. — King Edward held the first levee this year in the room of St. James Palace at noon. The function was unusually largely attended. The Prince of Wales, most of the members of the diplomatic corps, the cabinet ministers, and many members of the House of Commons, and naval and military officers were present.

LORD HOPE MARRIED

Former Husband of May Yohé Takes a New Wife.

London, Feb. 28. — Lord Francis Hope (the former husband of May Yohé, the American actress, now Mrs. Putnam Bradlee Strong) was married at a registry office, Whitechapel, to Olive Thompson, daughter of a Melbourne banker. Only a few relatives and friends were present.

CLAN NA GAEL PRO-RUSS

Scores the Policy of the United States Towards Russia.

New York, Feb. 28. — A meeting at the Academy of Music under the auspices of the Clan Na Gaelites' 126th anniversary of the birth of Robert Emmet has adopted resolutions scoring the so-called policy of the United States in the far east, and asking that the burden of favor be turned to Russia rather than to England.

The resolutions, which were of considerable length, inveighed against all entangling alliances with foreign nations.

Many recent acts of the state department were singled out and criticized by the resolutions, which attributed to Secretary of State Hay's motives of most entirely to friendship for England and hostility toward Russia.

SOO EXPRESS DERAILED

Several Injured in Accident Near Spanish River.

Montreal, Feb. 28. — According to advices received by the C. P. R., the Soo train which left Montreal on Saturday night left the track as it was nearing Spanish Station, but was quickly stopped, and owing to the amount of snow the passengers escaped injury. Those reported to have been injured are J. B. McMillan, Peterborough, Ont., driver; Sault Ste. Marie; Mrs. John Garners, Sault Ste. Marie; Mrs. Pierre Gordin, Sault Ste. Marie; and a young girl of 18 years, was killed. She was in the barn, pulling on a rope attached to a loose piece of timber overhead, used as a hoist, when the beam fell, crushing out the girl's life almost instantly.

KILLED BY A BEAM.

Winton, Feb. 28. — A fatal accident occurred at Lake Charles yesterday, by which Susan Spicer, a young girl of 18 years, was killed. She was in the barn, pulling on a rope attached to a loose piece of timber overhead, used as a hoist, when the beam fell, crushing out the girl's life almost instantly.

LIGHTNING STRIKES BARNS.

Dutton, Ont., Feb. 28. — During an electrical storm Sunday morning, the barns belonging to William Marshman, who resides about four miles north of this place, were struck by lightning and burned. All the contents, except the stock, were destroyed. The total loss is estimated at \$1,200; insurance, \$700 in Dunwich Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

GAMBLING AT FAIRS

The Government Taking Action to Head Off the Evil.

Toronto, Feb. 28. — To further prevent gambling at fairs, Mr. Dryden will introduce in the Legislature a bill empowering any constable or peace officer to immediately seize, without warning or notice, any "devices or instruments" used by any person in connection with gambling or games of chance. The constable may also arrest on sight, without a warrant, the person running the same games and take him before the nearest magistrate having jurisdiction, who may fine or imprison him and order the destruction of the instrument used. Under the present act it has been possible for fakers, with the collusion of a little tact and foresight, to evade the law, owing to the fact that it was necessary for constables to obtain warrants before taking any action.

BALEFOUR ON DEVONSHIRE.

London, Feb. 28. — Never physically strong, influenza plays havoc with Balfour's constitution, the last attack being the sixth.

In talking with a friend at Brighton yesterday, Balfour remarked that the main in the cabinet, abruptly withdrew, being ill. Balfour remarked that it was being ill at the church door.