

PT. ARTHUR'S FATE IN BALANCE; TERRIFIC COMBAT IS RAGING

Reported That Japanese Have Been Repulsed After
Carrying Several Important Positions.

IF ASSAULT FAILS MIKADO WILL RESORT TO SIEGE

London, Monday, Aug. 22. — A Chefoo dispatch dated 11 a.m. today, says: "The Japanese have swept the Russians from Pigeon Bay and captured the northernmost fort of the line of inner defenses at Port Arthur. The Russian artillery prevents the Japanese from occupying the fort on Pigeon Bay."

Chefoo, Aug. 22. — Noon. — The first detailed news of the general assault on Port Arthur indicates that a tremendous conflict is raging, and that victory is hanging in the balance. Chinese who left Port Arthur yesterday, and arrived here today, state that the Japanese, by making desperate charges, have driven the Russians back from the main fort. The Japanese are now in a position to capture the fort, and are expected to do so in the near future. The Japanese are now in a position to capture the fort, and are expected to do so in the near future.

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Attaches Saw Little. — According to what Major Hoffman, the German naval attaché at Port Arthur, has just arrived here, says in a dispatch today, the foreign naval attachés during the last few days of their stay there were quartered on the Tiger's Tail, where a battery 600 feet high prevented them from witnessing the naval battle on Aug. 10. Shots of ten burst in their vicinity, but they did not consider themselves in a dangerous position, and that accounts for their being there. The attaches were treated with great consideration, but allowed no place from which to view the naval operations. Before leaving, Lieut. McCutty, the

PT. ARTHUR UNDER RUSSIA LOSES HAIL OF SHELLS ANOTHER CRUISER

A Chinese Theater Hit and Twenty of Audience Killed.

THE GARRISON IS CONFIDENT AFTER A RUNNING BATTLE

Believes It Can Hold Out Against the Besiegers—Large Number of Russian Officers Killed.

Chefoo, Aug. 22. — Noon. — The Chinese just arrived, who bring the latest information from Port Arthur, employed by the Russian authorities carrying the dead of the field and ammunition, which, they say, is plentiful, confirm the statement that the Russian position was not assailed for any reason that is impenetrable from the sea, and that the Japanese are unable to move on it from the north. The Japanese main attack has been the heaviest against the Russian center, and right, particularly the center. Pigeon Bay had been the scene of fighting several days before the final assault had begun. The Japanese were being able to hold for long any territory they might gain. Their attacks were made mostly at night, during foggy days and misty mornings. The Japanese believe that their superior physical condition will win the battle for them, and that the Russian garrison, which is constituted of less hardened material, down to the point of exhaustion by the persistence of their attacks and their refusal to accept a repulse.

The temperance of the Russian garrison is dogged and determined. General Stessel, who is heavy, rides carefully his charger, which is showing the strain upon them, although the general changes his mount frequently. Both officers and soldiers have grown indifferent to the shells which enter the town frequently. Recently the Chinese theater was hit, and a score of people were killed and wounded. One shell exploded in the corner of the Chinese, who tell the story, killing five donkeys.

Civilians are allowed to leave the bomb-proofs during the lulls in artillery fire, but their movements are rare, and everybody is worn and anxious over the situation. An unusually large proportion of young company officers have been killed, which is partially owing to the duties and partly to reckless daring.

While the Russians apparently believe they will hold the Japanese in check their confidence in their successful resistance is absolute. The Japanese have guns mounted on nearly all the hills, which formerly formed Russian outposts.

FALL MEET AT WINDSOR

Windsor Driving Club Likely to Have a Trotting Fleet.

Windsor, Ont., Aug. 22. — The Windsor Driving Club has decided to hold a fall meeting, Sept. 20 to 22, immediately after the conclusion of the Michigan circuit. The programme will be announced in a few days. The chances will be much the same as those given at the summer meeting, while the purses are substantial. Negotiations are pending for a special attraction, and it is probable a couple of the fastest horses will be seen in a matched race.

LEAPS AT ABYSS' EDGE

Roumanian Crown Princess Has a Narrow Escape While Riding.

Bucharest, Aug. 22. — Crown Princess Marie of Roumania is still suffering from shock caused by her narrow escape from a frightful death the other day. The Princess, who is a fine horsewoman, was riding a white horse when she fell from the saddle. She was able to walk to the palace, but her nervous system was so shattered that for a time it was feared she would go mad.

A SENSATION AT SHANGHAI

Jap Destroyer Enters Harbor and Anchors Close to the Russian Warships.

Shanghai, Aug. 21. — Shanghai was thrown into a state of excitement this afternoon by the arrival of a Japanese destroyer, which was sighted in the harbor at half-past four o'clock. She passed the Russian fleet and started up the river for Shanghai. The United States torpedo boat, the Chauncey, which was in the harbor, followed the Japanese vessel. She was followed by the Russian cruiser Askaniya, which was in the harbor. The Japanese destroyer was seen to be a very fast ship, and was followed by the Russian cruiser Askaniya, which was in the harbor.

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Shanghai, Aug. 22. — A long meeting of the consular body was held today for the purpose of discussing the landing of the Russian cruiser Askaniya and the destroyer Gromobol, which put into this port on Sunday. The decision was reached, but it is believed that the final action will be the same as that which took place at Port Arthur. The Japanese destroyer was seen to be a very fast ship, and was followed by the Russian cruiser Askaniya, which was in the harbor.

IMMENSE NEW SHIP

Largest Freight Carrier in the World for the Pacific Trade.

New York, Aug. 21. — Coming directly from the yards of her builders at New London, Ct., the steamer Minnesota, the largest American cargo vessel afloat, and in point of tonnage ranking the fourth largest vessel in the world, arrived at this port tonight. She was built by the Bethlehem Steel Company, and is expected to return to the harbor tonight.

SKRYDLOFF'S MEN PLAYED HEROES

How Russia and Gromobol Fought the Japanese.

DECK SLIPPERY WITH BLOOD

Russian Cruisers Became Shambles Under the Hail of Shells From Kamimura's Guns.

Vladivostok, Aug. 21. — Delayed. — Capt. Skrydloff, who was wounded in the battle with the Japanese squadron on Aug. 14, was buried last Wednesday with most impressive military honors. Nearly all the inhabitants of the town attended the funeral.

Most of the wounded officers now in the hospital are expected to get well, and of the wounded men, the recovery of 312 is now assured. Vice-Admiral Skrydloff has visited the hospital, complimented the survivors, and distributed among them crosses of St. George.

The death of Lieut. Brash, of the cruiser Gromobol, is reported to have been particularly tragic. He was hurled from the bridge of the cruiser by the explosion of a shell. Although mortally wounded, he pulled himself together, and continued to give orders, and encouraged the men until he was seriously wounded by the same shell, continued doing his duty, and did not report to the surgeons for treatment until the next day.

A battered appearance. Their smocks show great rents, while the masts, bridges and ventilators look like sieves, and there marks of battle everywhere. Guns are dismantled, boats shattered and there are enormous holes in the cruiser's hulls through which a man could easily pass. Many of the cabins were completely wrecked.

Some of the Japanese shells performed queer actions. On the Russia a shell burst in a clothes cupboard, garments were scattered about, and a mirror was sent flying. Photographs and knickknacks on a writing table near by were not disturbed. In another part of the cruiser the walls were blackened by the smoke of a fierce fire, in which eight men were burned to death. The ship was not even scuttled.

Aboard the Gromobol a shell entered the ward-room and wrecked the furniture, but a parrot cage was untouched. All the officers are full of praise for the coolness and bravery of the men who died in the battle without a murmur. Commander Skrydloff, who is now awaiting orders. It was deadly work on the upper decks, where the gunners were without protection, and shells striking burst into a thousand fragments, killing and wounding men. The deck became a shambles, strewn with dead and dying, and slippery with blood. Not a single gun was protected by casemates lost its life. The value of protective armor was demonstrated whenever projectiles struck the armored portion of the vessels.

There were many deeds of heroism during the five hours of the battle. The greatest praise of all belongs to Capt. Dabich, of the Gromobol, who remained at his post on the bridge from the beginning to the end of the fight, when wounded in the back, he persisted in resuming command and again the ship, the captain, though severely wounded, dragged himself to the wheel and managed it until another quarter-master had been summoned. Subsequently learning that the men were depressed by the fact that he had been wounded, he insisted that the captain insisted after the second dressing, on being continued on page 4.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Tomorrow—Fair and cooler. Sunday, Aug. 22. — Moon rises 5:27 a.m. Sun sets 7:11 p.m. Moon sets 2:19 a.m. Toronto, Aug. 22. — Fair. Since Saturday morning heavy rains have fallen over Eastern Canada, and thunderstorms are reported this evening from the Lake Superior region. Owing to the heavy rains, the water level in the St. Lawrence River is rising. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 45-52; Southampton, 38-52; Toronto, 36-50; Ottawa, 54-73; Montreal, 44-58; Quebec, 42-58; Halifax, 56-72.

FIRED ON TRAIN CREW

Refused to Pay Fare and Were Ejected by the Conductor.

Ottawa, Aug. 21. — The drunkenness of two men attempting to beat their way on an east-bound train, 12 passengers on Sudbury probably saved the lives of Conductor Aubrey, Beakman, Lefebvre, and Bernard. Yesterday morning, the men boarded the train at Sudbury, but refused to pay their fare when requested to do so by Conductor Aubrey. Calling the brakeman and a road engineer to his assistance, the men were ejected from the train, whereupon they turned on the crew and fired five shots in rapid succession. None of the shots took effect, however, the desperadoes being too badly intoxicated to shoot with any degree of accuracy. In fact to which Conductor Aubrey attributes the fortunate escape from injury, and perhaps death, of the three train employees. The men were captured and lodged in Sudbury jail, where they now lie under a degree of accuracy. Fact to which Conductor Aubrey attributes the fortunate escape from injury, and perhaps death, of the three train employees.

LOST IN THE WOODS

Girl Found After Five Days—Boys Still at Large.

Port William, Aug. 21. — Two children of Joseph Collins, of the mission, disappeared last Monday. The family were camping out seven miles from the mission, and the girl, 16 years of age, and boy, 12 years of age, were found picking berries in the bush and lost their way. On Friday the girl found her way home, after being out night and day in the bush since Monday. She is dangerously ill from the exposure and from being without food. A search party is being scouring the woods for the little boy.

GOLD CARRIAGES FOR CZAR'S BABY

Gorgeous State Coaches Sent to Peterhof in Preparation for Christening.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 22. — The golden carriages which are used only on the time of imperial christenings have been taken from the museum to the Winter Palace, where state coaches and sleighs of every conceivable shape and size, kept, and drawn by six pairs of milk-white horses, are being prepared for the christening of the heir to the throne. The golden carriages, which are being prepared for the christening of the heir to the throne, are being prepared for the christening of the heir to the throne.

The christening ceremony will take place in the beautiful little palace church, in which the brilliant assemblage of diplomats, courtiers, statesmen, generals and admirals to be present will be seated. In the church, two of the highest persons in the empire, the Emperor and Empress Nicholas will be absent. The christening is in progress, because it is contrary to the rules of the Orthodox church for the emperor and empress to be present at such ceremonies, the godparents being considered to represent them before the Almighty.

It is now known that little Alexis will be born to the emperor and empress, Prince Henry of Prussia and Prince Louis of Battenberg, representing the godfathers, Emperor William and King Edward VII, the godmothers, the Empress Dowager.

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"BEDELIA" DISGRACED

Edward Bore It Once But Drew the Line at Second Rendering.

London, Aug. 22. — The King of England has boycotted "Bedelia" and "Hilawatha." His majesty has declared that he will not permit his subjects to be tortured by the ceaseless strains of these two songs. It needed one of the thirteenth vocalists with a strident cockney accent who, at the last night of the course to bring about this much-needed reform.

A troupe of negro minstrels had stationed themselves in front of the royal box at Gaiety. They sang "Bedelia," the King smiled indignantly while the Queen gave a look of disapproval. The troupe then started on "Hilawatha." The King looked sad, remarking that the Americans plainly merited their reputation of being a most patient and long-suffering people. The troupe then reached fever height, and they once more turned to "Bedelia." They sang it three times, oblivious of the gathering storm on the royal countenance. Then at last the King's patience gave way. "Will somebody," he cried, "for heaven's sake, tell those fellows to stop!"

AMOUNTS TO AN ULTIMATUM

Britain's Note Couched in Peremptory Terms.

THE DEMANDS MUST BE MET

Prize Courts Will Be Ignored and Commerce Will Be Looked After by the Navy.

New York, Aug. 21. — The Sun today has the following from London: "The correspondent of the Sun is enabled to state that the British note to Russia in reference to the recent seizures of vessels and the whole question of contraband of war is a document of supreme diplomatic importance. It is couched in the strongest terms consistent with diplomatic custom, and amounts almost to an ultimatum. It permits no peaceful reply except acquiescence to the British demands. It is set forth in polite but firm language that Great Britain will not tolerate a repetition of Russian action similar to that in the cases of the steamers Malacca and Knight Commander, and that it is the British determination to take all necessary steps to protect the country's commerce, and to sweep away definitions of contraband are repudiated, and a distinction between arbitrary and constructive contraband is insisted upon."

The note includes specific demands for compensation in all cases of irregular interference with British ships. The document is, in fact, one of the most peremptory communications ever sent to a foreign power from the British foreign office, and concludes with the intimation that it is the final word upon the subject.

Its grave suggestion as to how future infractions of international law will be dealt with lacks practical merit, perhaps, in view of Russia's latest naval disasters, but the danger of complications has not altogether disappeared. This change in the situation will tend to make Russia's reply conciliatory, so it is expected, unless, as is still feared in some quarters, Russia desires to keep the question open for the creation of a diversion when the far eastern situation becomes more desperate.

It may be added upon high authority that it is the British intention to ignore all proceedings of Russian prize courts, and that the British government will complete and prompt compliance with her demands. A copy of the note was sent to all the powers.

ENGLAND FACES COTTON CRISIS; ELEVEN MILLIONS ARE AFFECTED

Efforts to Relieve Britain of Dependence on United States for the Raw Article.

Cambridge, England, Aug. 22. — The most interesting matter before the British Association today was a discussion of the cotton crisis. Premier Balfour, president of the association, participated in the discussion, and declared that the cotton crisis was a serious one, and that the British government was doing its best to relieve the situation. The cotton crisis was a serious one, and that the British government was doing its best to relieve the situation.

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HIBERNIANS CONVENE

The Annual Provincial Convention Is Opened at St. Thomas.

St. Thomas, Ont., Aug. 22. — The eighth annual provincial convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians opened in the city hall here this morning. About 60 delegates are present from different points in the Province. Mayor Maxwell, on behalf of the city, welcomed the delegates in a brief address, after which the whole party marched in a body to the Church of the Holy Ann, for divine services, and Rev. M. J. O'Neil, parish priest, of Bothwell, delivered an address, the keynote of which was unity and the maintenance of the Catholic faith. A banquet given to the visitors by the flourishing local branch will be the feature this evening. The convention is expected to last four days.

Beheaded by a Train; Is He St. Thomas Man?

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 22. — The mangled body of a man was found on a strike-breaker in the stockyards. It is thought that he jumped on the moving train at Michigan avenue and rode some blocks to Junction avenue, when, catching his foot in a frog in the track, he was torn from his hold.

THE SULTAN GOES BACK ON PROMISE

Ignored Pledge Given to U. S. Minister Leishman.

LATTER SENDS ANOTHER NOTE

Fresh Difficulties and Another Serious Crisis Is Expected Before Long.

Constantinople, Aug. 22. — A note from American Minister Leishman, dated Aug. 16, was handed to the Turkish authorities within twelve hours after the receipt by the minister of the Turkish note of Monday. In this note Mr. Leishman holds the Government to its solemn undertaking, coming direct from the Sultan, respecting equal treatment with other nations for the United States concerning the question of educational institutions. This allusion to the imperial pledge apparently embarrassed the Porte, which had previously announced that it would ignore the formal verbal assurances which Minister Leishman declared he had received. It is considered improbable that the Porte will reply to the minister's note, and, therefore the question is looked upon as shelved pending the execution of the process of recognition, when, it is considered not improbable fresh difficulties will arise.

Notwithstanding the assertion by Izet Pasha, the secretary of the palace, that \$25,000 has been deposited as compensation due to an American citizen of Smyrna, for land illegally taken, no such deposit has yet been made.

London, Aug. 22. — The Constantinople correspondent of the Standard considers that the diplomatic triumph of the United States in the matter of that Government's demands upon Turkey, rests upon a slender foundation and proceeds to give a detail of the developments already announced in the dispatches to the Associated Press. The council of ministers there recommended yielding to the American demands, but that the Sultan absolutely declined to agree to them. This attitude is emphasized, says the Standard, by the fact that the Sultan in audience after Friday's telegram, as it had been expected he would.

British Cotton Growers' Association, in which he detailed the effort to relieve Great Britain from dependence upon the United States for raw cotton. He said that the cotton crisis was a serious one, and that the British government was doing its best to relieve the situation. The cotton crisis was a serious one, and that the British government was doing its best to relieve the situation.

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SHOCK KILLS A ST. MARYS MAN

Night Constable Swales Found Dead Grasping an Electric Wire.

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GREAT STORM IN NOVA SCOTIA

Big Wind Sweeps Across the Province and Does Considerable Damage.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 21. — This province was hit by a night of one of the most severe wind and rain storms of the year, the registered velocity of the wind at the Annapolis Royal station, during the night the rainfall was 2.5 inches.

Under the trees in front of a west end residence this morning 40 dead sparrows were found, and under trees in other parts of the city there was similar destruction of bird-life. Six sailboats were driven ashore on the opposite side of the harbor and broken up. The steamer Seneca, from St. John, broke from her moorings, early this morning, and fouled one of the Dominion Coal Company's barges, sustaining considerable damage. The steamer Olivette, from Boston, was several hours late, and her officers report that the gale was the worst ever experienced. Her decks were under water continually, and a sea, which boarded her during the night, stove in several windows. The apple orchards in the Annapolis Valley suffered severely.