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Withstand Jap Assaults For Time-The Report, However, Is Only Down to Nov. 3, and There Have Been Happenings Since-Russia Thereupon Takes Heart.

Che Foo, Nov. 18.-The Russians have blown up the torpedo boat destroyer Rastoropny, which arrived here Wednesday. Commander Pelem said that the destroyer's object was simply to carry despatches. The other Russian ships remained in Port Arthur. The members of the crew of the Rastoropny have been taken on board the Chinese cruiser Haiyung and their small arms have been taken from them. They will be kept on board the Haiyung in order that Chinese authorities may completely

RASTOROPHY BLOWN UP GAIN WIFE

govern them, Carried Destroyer Orders. The Rastoroppy carried concealed orders providing that, unless there came a highly favorable opportunity to escape, the vessel should be blown up. Sufficient powder for this purpose was secreted before the destroyr left Port Arthur. Small charges of ordinary powder, placed in each of the five watertight compartments, were exploded.

Crisis Not Remote, London, Nov. 18.—Insofar as the contents of the report sent by Gen. Stoessel to Emperor Nicholas by the torpedo boat destroyer Rastorophy, which craft was sunk in the harbor of Chee Foo after accomplishing the purpose of her dash out of Port Arguery. purpose of her dash out of FOR Ar-thur, have come to public knowledge, it serves to indicate that the Rus-sian military commander at Port Arthur regards the crisis of the seige as not remote. The report as-serts that the inner line of defences is intact; that the damage to war-chine in the harbor by Jananes-Ladies' shetland wool vests, and drawers, heavy and warm, unshrink-able, all sizes, per garment \$1.38 and Ladies' superfine natural wool vests ships in the harbor by Japanese shells is not great, and that the garrison will be able to hold out against assault for some time. Conditions south of Mukden remain un-\$1,25 changed, although there are said to be indications that important deve-

sian military forces at Port Arthur,

the head during one of the latest as-saults on Port Arthur. Stoessel's Greeting to Czar.

grand duke Czarevitch. Our joy is all the greater because all the as-saults, which lasted nine days, have been repulsed up to this day, that

our Japanese enemies celebrate the anniversary of the birth of their Mikado, and whereupon they have sworn to take the fortress. God is with us."

Carried Extended Despatches.

from the date of the letter coming into his hand.

A fortune of two million dollars, a beautiful duchess for a wife, the certainty of a life of a multi-million-aire—all these are enough to make any man paiss. Whitecar seems, however, to be pretty cool through it all. In fact he was about the coolest man of all who knew of the offer yesterday. He has not accepted out of hand, but he yesterday cabled his uncle that he was considering the matter. A more definite answer will follow in a few days.

Here are some extracts from the letter that Whitecar yesterday received. Some personal references are omitted. The letter is dated Rome, Italy, Nov. 1st, and commences as follows:

"My Dear Nephew: I will send this under cover to Mr. Cordova, as I am not aware of your location. Ladies' natural wool unshrinkable vests and drawers, nade in Germany, lighter weight, all sizes, per garment 80c, 85c and lopments are at hand. Russia Taking Heart. St. Petersburg, Nov. 18.—As a result of despatches received from Lt.-Gen. Stoessel, commander of the Rus-

not aware of your location.
"There have been some clouds be-War Office expresses entire confi-ce that Port Arthur will be able "There have been some clouds between us for five years now, ever since you refused to accede to my urgent desire to quit your stage career. I have grieved over our estrangement, William, for you are all I have so love in this world. I have thought of you constantly, and longed to have you reconciled with me. We are both stubborn and hot headed, but I have only thought of your welfare. dence that Port Arthur will be able to hold out till the arrival of the Russian Pacific squadron.

Gen. Stoessel, in his despatches to Emperor Nicholas, reports the repulse of a Japanese attack Oct. 26 on the north front of Port Arthur. The Russian losses were 480 killed or wounded. All the attacks on Nov. 3, the day the anniversary of the Emperor's accession to the throne was celebrated, were repulsed. Gen. Stoessel was slightly wounded in the head during one of the latest as-

Stoessel's Greeting to Czar.

In a telegram dated Oct. 30, Gen. Stoessel says: "Since my despatch of Oct. 28, the bombardment continued with great fierceness." Under date of Nov. 3 Gen. Stoessel telegraphed: "We greet the Emperor. This day is a solemn one for our country; we offer prayers to God and send to our Emperor felicitations in the shape of reverberating hurrahs. On bended knees we pray to God to give health to your majesty and the grand duke Czarevitch. Our joy is

we fare, we fare the constituency at the close of the present Parliamentary term. I may say to you that I have made my intentions known to the Premier and have intimated to him that my portfolio was at his disposal at any time convenient for his acceptance of my resignation.

I have to thank you, the Liberal party, and my supporters in West Peterboro, for the most pleasant character, and my retirement from the Government have been of the most pleasant character, and my retirement from the Government have been of the most pleasant character, and my retirement f

was in madrid tast week and was most graciously received by the Queen Mother and the young King. The Queen is almost as beautiful as when I first met her, when Alfonso was a baby.

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"I have also had a most pleasant audience with His Holiness the Pope. Cardinolli Fonandrelli (†) procured the high honor for me, for which I can never be sufficiently grateful.

"My sojourn in this country of our ancestors has been productive of much that is pleasurable to me. I have visited all the places made famous by them. Florence especially again claimed my attention. Italy and the world owe all to them. In fact the Renaissance was the work of the Medicis.

dicis.
"Sometimes I fear that my veneration for what was accomplished is sinful, but when I have taken my trouble to my confessor he has always given me comfort.

## DISSOLUTION AT HAND

Ontario Government Reconstruction Begun in Earnest.

Resignation As Provincial Secretary, and Premier Ross Has Accepted It Leaves Politics For Business-Messre Davis and Gibson Also to Ge Out-Messrs. Charlton, Graham and MacKay

Toronto, Nov. 18.-Hon, J. R. Stratton has resigned his portfolio in the Ross Government and his re-signation has been accepted by the The reasons advanced the resignation of his portfolio and his seat are set forth in letters to Premier Ross and Peter Hamilton, president of the West Peterboro Lib-eral Association. The letter to Mr. he Mummy and the Humming Bird g.v.ng Day engagement at the Grand Ross is as follows: Letter to Mr. Ross.

Toronto, Oct. 12, 1904.

opera mouse and aguest at the disht look to be anything out of the ordinary and the leading man opened it quite cateleessly, but carelessness changed to earnest attention the moment the first few lines had been read. The My Dear Premier,
As I have already intimated to you that it is not my present intention to seek re-election at the close of the first few lines had been read. The letter was from an eccentric uncle, a multi-millionaire, and it offered a fortune and a handsome wife to the actor nephew from whom he had been estranged for five years past.

The wealthy uncle is named William A. Riugi, and he is reputed to be worth at least twenty millions, the famous Italian family whose fate s so woven into the story of that once great family. Though an American born, Whiteear traces his decent back to the same proud stock. In a note accompanying the enclosure the uncle has authorized him to make a draft for ten thousand dollars conditionally upon his cabling him that he would accept the offer and start for Rome within four weeks from the date of the letter coming into his hand.

A fortune of two million dollars a draft to part from you, but my present intention to seek re-election at the close of the present Parliamentary term, I feel that it is not my present intention to seek re-election at the close of the present Parliamentary term, I feel that it would be only justice to you now to place my portfolio at your disposal, so that you may, at a time convenient to yourself, accept my resignation as Provincial Secretary of Ontario. I shall remain in charge of the department during your pleasure, but shall be pleased to be eighted of official responsibilities at the earliest possible date.

I beg to assure you that as a member of the library party I shall continue to have the same great confidence in your ability, integrity and honesty of purpose, and success in administering the affairs of this province as I have always had as one great family. Though an administering the affairs of this province as I have always had as one for your colleagues.

I take this step with great regret at having to part from you, but my present and future business interests

at having to part from you, but my present and future business interests are such that I cannot, in justice to myself and the Government, continue myself and the Government, continue the double responsibility of attend-ing to increasing public and business matters.

Wishing you and your Government every success, I have the honor to be, sir, yours faithfully,

I B Stratton

J. R. Stratton.

Hon. G. W. Ross, Premier of Ontario,

Toronto, Ont. Letter to Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Stratton's letter to Peter Hamilton of Peterboro is as follows: Toronto, Oct. 12, 1904.

Toronto, Oct. 12, 1904.

Dear Mr. Hamilton,
As I have intimated to you on
numerous occasions during the past
number of years, and particularly
prior to the last general election,
that in deference to my business interests, I should be released from my
representative duties, I wish now to
intimate that this desire and the
conditions which give rise to it reconditions which give rise to it remain, and I would be pleased if you would, at the earliest opportunity convenient, make known to the Liberal Association of West Peterbaro, that it is not my desire to again contest the constituency at the close of the present Parliamentary term. I may say to you that I have made

Yours faithfully, J. R. Stratton.

Peter Hamilton, Esq.,
President West Peterboro Reform
Association, Peterboro, Ont.
Cablest Reconstruction.

Cabinet Reconstruction.

The announcement of the acceptance of Hon, J. R. Stratton's resignation indicates that Premier Ross will probably meet the Liberal convention to be held this month with his reconstructed Cabinet. Mr. Stratton's resignation follows closely on the heels of E. J. Davis' retirement from politics, and these two will be followed from the Cabinet by Attorney-General Gibson and in all probability by Hon. F. R. Latchford.

Three of the men who are to succeed the retiring Ministers have been definitely chosen. These are W. A. Charlton, South Norfolk; George J. Graham of Brockville, and A. G.

ways given me comfort.

"You will, of course, be compelled to be taken into the church before you marry the Duchess, but as you have never been a member of any denomination it will not be difficult to bring about.

"You will remain in Rome some time before going to Madrid.
"By coming to me at once, all neters arrangements can be gone through with and the marriage arcomplished before winter sets in Gable me that you will accede to this request, and I will have Mr. Cardova supply you with whatever money you need. Your leving uncle.

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are spending a few days at home.

C. M. Van Vallensburg spent
Thanksgiving Day visiting Strathrog elatives. John Cryderman, of Windsor, is at

John Davis and David Sherman Angus Graham is visiting relatives

at Glencoe. Mrs. Mooney is home for a few lays. Wm. Fox, of Glencoe, was a visi-

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# Tokio, Nov. 18.—The opinion is expressed here that the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Rastorophy carried to Chee Foo extended despatch-

es explaining to St. Petersburg the situation at Port Arthur, the condi-tion of the Russian squadron and the shortage of food and ammunithe shortage of food and ammunition, referring the question of further resistance to the Russian Government. The nature of the Russian fire indicate a scarcity of certain kinds of ammunition. All prisoners taken by the Japanese tell a story of increasing hunger. It is claimed that the Russian commanders are divided on the question of continuing the defence. If this is true, it fits the theory that the Rastoropny carried despatches passing the question to the Emperor.

to the Emperor. A Significant Date.

London, Nov. 18.—The fact that the Russian torpedo boat destrover Rastoropny (which arrived at Che Foo Wednesday) left Port Arthur much later than the date of General Stoessel's published report which relates nothing later than Nov. 3, is regarded as significant. Apparently, however, Tokio has not yet received as late news as is contained in the report of American Consul-General Fowler at Che Foo which was transmitted to the State Department at Washington on Wednesday.

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Special despatches from Tientsin.

Special despatches from Tientsin report a heavy bombardment of Port Arthur as late as Nov. 12 and nightly sorties by small parties of Russians who lost heavily by bayonet fights. These reports give no reliable details, but concur in statements that guns are wearing out and that the Russian ammunition is becoming scarce.

The Daily Telegraph's Tientsin correspondent says he has received a report that the Japanese have suddenly advanced in the direction of Mukden, from which place they are now only twelve miles distant.

Nov. 18. - Thanksgiving services

hooting. Geo. Hanley and wife, of Detroit

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