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THREE RUSSIAN DESTROYERS SUNK

CAUGHT BY JAPS AFTER LEAVING FOR ARTHUR

Daily Conflict Near Centre of Russian Army—Soldiers Are Comfortable in Their Dugouts.

London, Nov. 21.—The Standard's Shanghai correspondent wires that a steamship just in from Chefoo reports that three other Russian torpedo boats destroyed by the Japanese, together with the Rastropoy, the Japanese, the report goes, captured two of these. None of the destroyers have since been heard of.

New York, Nov. 22.—A London dispatch to the Sun says that a dispatch to the London Express from Nagasaki gives a new version of the report of the sortie of torpedo boat destroyers from Port Arthur, which is said to have occurred at the time the Rastropoy left. The correspondent of the Express says that the three boats left two days before the Rastropoy, carrying duplicates of a dispatch from General Stoesel. There were some badly wounded officers on board the boats who preferred to risk their lives at sea than to meet certain death in the unsanitary hospitals of Port Arthur.

The Japanese cruiser Kasuga sank the first destroyer after a fight lasting half an hour, in which all the Russians were shot or drowned except four, who were rescued from the sea by boats from the Kasuga after the destroyer sank. One of these thus rescued soon died. The cruiser Matsushima sank the second destroyer 25 miles from Port Arthur, receiving herself an effective blow from a torpedo.

Two Japanese torpedo gunboats sighted the third destroyer off Liao Tsiang at midnight, and after a short fight in the morning, when the engines of the torpedo boat broken down. The gunboats discharged their torpedoes at her, and she was sunk. The destroyer sank with all on board.

The correspondent adds that the Japanese naval authorities express the highest admiration of the bravery of the crews of the destroyers.

NOT CREDITED AT RUSSIAN CAPITAL.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 22.—2:45 p.m.—A special dispatch from Tientsin, printed here, stating that the American consul at Chefoo has warned the state department at Washington of the imminent fall of Port Arthur is received with considerable criticism, the allegation being made that the dispatch was prompted by a desire to help the Japanese war loan.

SIGNS INDICATE RENEWAL OF FIGHTING.

Beilin, Nov. 21.—A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Mukden, under today's date, says: "The reconnaissance fights have assumed a more violent character during the past few days; particularly hot was the fighting on Poutloff Hill (Lone Tree Hill), where the Japanese were repulsed with the loss of over 100 killed. All signs indicate that great events are imminent. The road to Siamantzin, owing to the excellent patrol service, is quite safe from Chinese bandits, thus guaranteeing unhindered communication with Tientsin, and establishing a second line of intercourse with the outside world. "The health of the troops is excellent. The Russian admire the cleanliness, perfect order and equipment of the Japanese. One does not see any trace of race hatred. It is a fact that the Japanese return through French intermediation all valuable found on dead Russians. This has made a deep impression here, and is reciprocated."

STRENGTHENING DEFENCES OF VLADIVOSTOK.

New York, Nov. 22.—A Woonsocket, Korea, dispatch to the Herald, November 10th, via Shanghai, November 21st, says: "A Korean, arriving overland from Vladivostok, reports a large number of men there engaged in throwing up a new line of fortifications outside of those already constructed, which have been greatly strengthened. "Meanwhile the harbor presented a scene of activity. Four large steamers were loading thousands of tons of supplies. "Three large warships have completed repairs and are ready for instant service. Eight torpedo boat destroyers are also ready and auxiliary gunboats have been prepared by mounting guns on small steamships. Troops arrive daily by railway and immediately begin work on the fortifications. "From Vladivostok to the Tumen

THE SITUATION IN MACEDONIA

CONFLICTS BETWEEN RIVAL NATIONALITIES

Responsible For Barbarities As Outrageous as Those With Which Turks Were Charged.

London, Nov. 22.—The Standard today prints a long letter from Constantinople dealing with the situation in Macedonia. The writer says there has been a marked change in the last six months. Formerly it was a question of protecting the Christian population against violence, but now it has become one of intervention between various Christian elements.

BOTH ARMIES ARE BEING REINFORCED.

Mukden, Nov. 22.—Both armies occupy such strongly fortified positions that neither appears inclined to attack unless possessing a preponderance of numbers for flanking movements.

ANOTHER QUIET DAY AT THE FRONT.

RUSSIAN'S CHARGE AGAINST JAPANESE.

Chefoo, Nov. 20.—General Balashoff, the head of the Red Cross society at Port Arthur, sent to the Associated Press on November 16th, and which was subsequently destroyed by her crew in this harbor, a personal letter charging the Japanese with a violation of the rules of civilized warfare.

RUSSIANS REPULSED BY THE BESIEGERS.

Tokio, Nov. 23, 3 p.m.—A telegram from headquarters of the Japanese third army, dated November 22nd, says: "On Monday night, November 21st, the enemy made a counter attack on our forces in front of the north fort of the eastern group of forts on Kelawin mountain. The attack was repulsed."

CHEFOO WITHOUT NEWS FROM PORT ARTHUR.

Chefoo, Nov. 23.—No news regarding the operations at Port Arthur has been received here today.

URGES THAT MORE WARSHIPS BE DISPATCHED.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 23.—A naval correspondent of the Navey Vremya urges the formation of a third squadron for service in front of the north fort of the island, and discovered a mine making a formidable barrier. The writer suggests incidentally that there is still a possibility of getting out the Black Sea fleet, which, added to a complete squadron, would wholly overmatch the remnants of Japan's sea power.

DARING DEED OF FOUR RUSSIAN SOLDIERS.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 21.—Gen. Kourpakin, telegraphing under yesterday's date, reports a daring deed accomplished by four volunteers of a Russian patrol November 16th. While reconnoitering the patrols discovered a Chinese building occupied by twenty-five Japanese. Four riflemen volunteered to blow up the place, and armed with grenades loaded with proxynin, the riflemen succeeded in evading the sentries, placed the grenades and retired undetected. A few minutes later the building exploded and was completely wrecked. When Japanese reinforcements arrived they found all the occupants, dead or wounded, among the ruins.

SYNOF OF RUPERT'S LAND.

Meeting Will Be Held in January to Select an Archbishop.

Winnipeg, Nov. 21.—The diocesan synod of Rupert's Land will meet January 12th, 1905. This was decided at a meeting of the executive committee held on Friday afternoon.

The selection of an archbishop is at the bottom of the matter. The name of Bishop Matheson has already been sent up to the house of bishops, but the canon explicitly states that two names shall in all instances be chosen, and it is for this purpose that the synod has been called for an early date next January.

PARLIAMENT HAS BEEN SUMMONED

WILL MEET ON THE ELEVENTH OF JANUARY

Hon. R. Prefontaine Will Introduce a Bill During Session to Establish Naval Militia.

Ottawa, Nov. 22.—Parliament has been summoned for Wednesday, January 11th. Hon. R. Prefontaine will bring in a bill during the session to establish a naval militia. He will not go to England for training ships until after the session. He will also bring in a bill to abolish the harbor commissions at Montreal and Three Rivers.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

Sandon & Sutherland, Kingston, have got the contract for the Canadian mint for \$202,000. The contract for the museum goes to George Goodwin at \$500,000.

LEAVES FOR SOUTH.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier left at 4 o'clock this afternoon for Montreal, and leaves there to-night for California.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Student Attacked Woman on Street at Salt Lake City—Is a Homicidal Maniac.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov. 20.—Roy Scott, a young college student, was captured yesterday after making his second attempt at murder. He narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of an infuriated mob, but was safely landed in jail by the police.

LORD MINTO'S SUCCESSOR.

Earl Grey Entertained at Farewell Banquet in London.

London, Nov. 21.—Lord Strathcona presided at a farewell banquet to-night to Earl Grey on the eve of the latter's departure to assume the Governor-Generalship of Canada. There were 200 guests, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, Earl of Aberdeen, Mr. Brodrick, secretary of India, and a number of other prominent gentlemen. Lord Strathcona proposed the toast, "The Dominion of Canada and Governor-General-elect."

SHOT BY NEGROES.

Two of Murdered Man's Assaults Lodged in Jail.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 21.—Wm. Moore, a laboring man, was killed last night by three negroes who attacked him in a saloon. The three negroes, James Garfield, John Taylor and Edward Taylor, came into the saloon and with the help of a man stepped from the front door, began firing. Moore fell dead without a word.

KROONLAND REPORTED.

It Was Rumored That the Liner Had Foundered.

New York, Nov. 21.—The steamer Kroonland was reported in communication with Nantucket lights at 5 o'clock this morning, and that an attack meant wholesale bloodshed. The leader returned to his fellows, who were armed with firearms of all kinds, and counselled abandonment of the undertaking. Within five minutes the mob had disappeared, and the authorities are confident that the jail will not be attacked.

DIED FROM INJURY.

San Francisco, Nov. 21.—Thomas Wackford stepped on the skirts of a woman last night on Mission street and was struck on the head by her skirt. As a result of the blow Wackford died today at the central emergency hospital from fracture of the skull. His assistant, whose name is unknown, escaped.

BY THE BEHRING STRAITS.

Scheme For Long Distance Cable and Telegraphic Communication.

Seattle, Nov. 23.—Cable and telegraphic communication with Siberia, the Orient and the old world countries by way of Behring Strait is proposed by John Essen, managing director of the Northeastern Siberian Company. He intimates that if the United States government will extend its Nome telegraph line from Nome to Cape Prince of Wales and thence establish the wireless system across the Behring Straits, between Cape Prince of Wales and East Cape, the nearest point of the Siberian coast, the intervening distance being only from 28 to 30 miles, that the Northeastern Siberian Company will build an overland telegraph line across Northeastern Siberia, for the whole of which it holds a concession from the Russian Imperial government, to a connection with the telegraph line extending the full length of the trans-Siberian railway from Vladivostok to St. Petersburg. This would place, by means of existing cable connections, Japan, China, the Philippines, Korea, Manchuria and other Far East countries, as well as all of those of the continent of Europe, in cable and telegraphic communication with all points on the north and south American continents. It could be done, Mr. Essen points out, at a much more reasonable telegraph and cable tariff than now obtains.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Rancher's Daughter Dropped Loaded Rifle and Contents Entered Her Father's Back.

Touchwood Hill, Nov. 23.—Thomas Eaton, a rancher, residing near Kutawa, was accidentally killed on Monday night. He had been out shooting, and on his return laid a gun on the table. His eldest daughter, not knowing it was loaded, picked it up, when it slipped from her hands, and striking a chair was discharged, the contents entering her father's back, killing him instantly.

VILLAGES ISOLATED.

Snowfall Continues in United Kingdom—Children Dug Out of Drifts.

London, Nov. 23.—An unprecedented snowfall continues in the British provinces. Many places and villages are isolated, and everywhere in the north railway communication is delayed, and in some parts entirely stopped. There are instances of funerals being snow-bound between the house and the cemetery. Children have been dug out of the drifts between their houses and the school. Even in West Cornwall and Jersey, where snow is very rare, there has been quite a fall. Twenty degrees of frost were registered in the United Kingdom last night.

LADYSMITH NOTES.

Ladysmith, Nov. 22.—Owing to the increase of Ladysmith's trade the branch of the Bank of Commerce, now under the supervision of the Nainimo branch, is to be made an independent one, reporting to the head office direct.

A canvass of the merchants and business men generally brings out the fact that business this year in Ladysmith is far ahead of what it was a year ago, and collections are much more satisfactory.

Mr. Cecil, of the Victoria mine, passed through for Victoria to-day. He says that three shifts are now drifting on the big body of ore recently struck, and are forty feet in on it now. The mine will ship to the smelter in a day or two, the recent bad weather preventing it owing to the state of the roads.

INDIAN POPULATION.

Ottawa, Nov. 23.—The department of Indian affairs has received the figures of the Indian population for the year ending June 30th, 1904. The population is 107,578, compared with 108,233 for last year, a decrease of 655. There was, however, an increase in the population last year over 1902. In 1902 the Indian population was 99,717, so that the figures show a general increase, and point to the fact that the red people are being carefully looked after as wards of the Dominion.

RETURNING TO PORT.

Italian Steamer Damaged in Collision With Car Float.

New York, Nov. 23.—The Italian steamship Nord American, which sailed to-day for Naples and Genoa, is returning to-day dock with a hole in her hull about 50 feet from the stern. The passengers are gathered together forward. The ship is badly lashed.

While off Liberty Island, the Nord American was struck by a car float. About 15 feet on the starboard side was stove in. The hole was about two feet above the water line.

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