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DOOMED FORTRESS AN INFERNO

Many Fires Started by Jap Shells and Hospitals Crowded—Russia and Gromobol at Vladivostok.

Tokio, Aug. 18.—It is reported that the Port Arthur garrison has refused to surrender, and is disinclined to send out non-combatants.

London, Aug. 18.—According to the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Chefoo, refugees arriving there bring news of the serious condition of affairs at Port Arthur. They say that Japanese shells have ignited lighters in the docks, which contained supplies of coal, resulting in a terrific conflagration. Many of the buildings have been demolished and the hospitals are crowded.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—A special to the Daily News from Chefoo says: "Chinese refugees from Port Arthur, who arrived in Chefoo last night, report that the Japanese have captured the position at Palichuang, three miles out on the main road from the fortress. The road yards of Port Arthur have been ignited by Japanese shells and are now burning."

St. Petersburg, Aug. 17, 7:47 p.m.—A semi-official dispatch from Mukden, dated today, says that the Russian commander at Port Arthur, General Stoessel, has refused to surrender, and is disinclined to send out non-combatants.

Not Surprised. St. Petersburg, Aug. 18.—The report that Gen. Stoessel, the Russian commander at Port Arthur, declined to capitulate in response to the Japanese summons, creates no surprise. The war office would have been amazed if he had yielded.

Arrived at Vladivostok.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 18.—It is learned from official sources by the Associated Press that the Russian cruisers Gromobol and Russia have reached Vladivostok after the battle with Admiral Togo's squadron off Port Arthur. Both ships were considerably damaged. In addition to the loss of the cruiser Rurik, two officers were killed on the Russian side. There is no confirmation of the report that the cruisers Pallada and Diana have reached Vladivostok. The admiral had no news bearing on the whereabouts of the other vessels of the late Admiral Witthoff's squadron.

Their One Consolation.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 18.—12:18 p.m.—This morning, for the first time, the newspapers were allowed to print the fact that the cruiser Rurik had been sunk. The news was held back until the Government had received official confirmation from the admiralty. The tone of the press comment is summed up by a line in the Russ: "The Rurik died a hero's death. That is the only consolation we have."

Officers All Killed.

Tokio, Aug. 18.—The captain and all the superior officers of the Russian cruisers Rurik, which was sunk by Vice-Admiral Kammura, Aug. 14, were lost. Twenty-three of her officers were saved. Forty-four of the wounded men from the Rurik have been taken to the naval hospital at Raseo.

A Long Range Fight.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 17, 4 p.m.—Further interviews with details from the sea battles of Aug. 10 received at the admiralty from Capt. Matusevitch, of the Zvezditsa, which was sunk, show distinctly that it was a long range fight, and that the Russians, sailing in close formation, were not only at a great disadvantage, not only that, but the superiority of the Japanese numbers, and owing to the fact that, after the sinking of the Rurik, the Japanese were enabled to pour in a remarkable deadly fire on the Russian ships. Capt. Matusevitch says the Japanese kept at a distance of eight, and never less than five miles, and that the Russians, in an attempt to close with the Japanese, and sink some of their vessels by ramming them, were consequently at the bottom, were consequently unsuccessful. The Japanese would not permit the Russians to approach, but the rain of projectiles never ceased. The twelve-inch shell which glanced off the Zvezditsa's forward turret, and blew up the bridge on which the late Admiral Witthoff and his staff were standing, was fired at a range of eight miles.

Died for Another.

New York, Aug. 18.—Dr. John S. Conant, one of the most prominent physicians and dentists in Harlem and a graduate of the University of New York, has sacrificed his life at Navesink Highlands, in attempting to save a woman who while bathing in Shrewsbury River, stepped into a deep hole. He brought the woman to the surface after diving three times. The exhausted him, and he sank while another bathed took the woman to shore. Four doctors worked over her several hours, but she probably will die.

Sculptor Begins Suit.

New York, Aug. 18.—Sculptor Ernesto Biondi will begin a suit tomorrow for \$200,000 damages against the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the officers and trustees jointly for breach of contract in refusing to exhibit the group of statuary, "Sturnia," at the museum.

The World's Wheat Harvest.

London, Aug. 18.—J. K. Cartwright, a well-known grain expert, has compiled an estimate of the yield of the largest wheat-growing countries. He figures that the crops secured or being harvested in the United States total 75,000,000 quarters, in Russia 55,000,000, France 42,000,000, Germany 17,000,000, Canada 12,500,000, Britain 5,000,000.

Sale Blown Open.

Ampten, Ont. Aug. 18.—Burglars entered the Canada Atlantic station here late last night. The safe was blown open, but fortunately no money was obtained. The burglar effected their entrance through the office window and succeeded in making their escape in the same manner.

FINLAND'S NEW TYRANT

Prince Obolensky Arrives at Helsinki and Is Installed.

Helsinki, Finland, Aug. 18.—Prince Obolensky today assumed his functions as Governor-General of Finland, succeeding Gen. Bobrikoff, who was assassinated on June 16. Upon his arrival here he was driven to the Uspensky Cathedral, where he attended divine service. Subsequently the governor-general held a grand reception at the imperial palace. The governor will start at once on a tour of inspection of the grand duchy.

PLENTY OF GAME

Quail, Partridge, Duck and Snipe Swarm in Essex County.

Windsor, Ont., Aug. 18.—The outlook for game in Essex County this year is bright, and when the partridge season opens on Sept. 17, there will be a plenty of birds for the hunters in the vicinity of Mersea and Gosfield. Quail are the most numerous, and if the Government does not place a closed season on the birds this year, there will be plenty for the ducks and snipe also will be plentiful.

WILL RECOGNIZE IT

Russia Falls In With G. B. and U. S. Views of Contraband.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 18.—It is understood that Russia will recognize the validity of the British and American view, differentiating between conditional and absolute contraband of war, and that the Russian reply will be couched in this sense. Claims on the part of the Allies for the seizure of vessels and cargoes will probably be reserved for later consideration.

ASUNCION BOMBARDED

The Revolution in Paraguay Has Reached an Acute Stage.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 18.—Dispatches received here today from Formosa, Argentina, confirm the reports that Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay, was bombed yesterday by the insurgents. The steamers Salsola and Villa Rica fired on the city for 20 minutes, after which the diplomatic corps intervened and obtained an armistice of 24 hours, to permit the non-combatants to leave Asuncion.

BLOW AT CANADA

Premier Combes Tells Bretons It's a Poor Land for Settlers.

London, Aug. 18.—Premier Combes, according to La Patrie of Paris, has just issued a circular to the mayors of Brittany, calling attention to the emigration to Canada that has been in progress for several years from Brittany, stating that the French people settled in the west represent the situation as unfavorable, and asking the mayors what action they suggest.

Lost His Nerve.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—George R. Bailey, an Englishman, who was employed by the packers agents in Ellis Island, as soon as he had landed, lost his presence of mind, when his Canadian friend, who was with him, fired five shots and was reloading his weapon, when a policeman arrested him.

Redmond Sails.

Liverpool, Aug. 18.—John Redmond, the Irish leader, and Messrs. Patrick O'Brien and Capt. Dolen, Nationalist members of Parliament, sailed for New York today on board the White Star liner Teutonic. Mr. Redmond and his companions, who are going to the United States to attend the convention of the Irish Nationalist League in New York, will be accompanied by a large number of Irishmen.

Visit to General Macdonald.

London, Aug. 18.—The General Sir Hector Macdonald memorial committee, at a meeting held in Glasgow, has selected a site on the brow of Green Hill, Dingwall, Ross-shire. The situation is very prominent, overlooking the Highland railway, and commanding a splendid view of Cromarty Firth and Black Isle, the birthplace of Macdonald.

A Corn Duty Proposal.

London, Aug. 18.—Hon. T. Brassey writes to the Times that Mr. Chamberlain's proposed duties on footstuffs are justifiable on an imperial basis, but that the British grounds, he ascertained in the long run to be effective off the Zvezditsa's forward turret, and blew up the bridge on which the late Admiral Witthoff and his staff were standing, was fired at a range of eight miles.

JOHN CHINAMAN WILL BE GOOD

France and Germany Are Not Worrying Over Japan's Ultimatum.

Paris, Aug. 18.—The news that Japan has practically secured an ultimatum from China concerning the enforcement of her neutrality in the case of the protected cruiser Askold and the torpedo boat destroyed Grozovoi causes surprise but no alarm, the impression being that China will be only too willing to carry out her neutrality obligations.

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G. T. PACIFIC CONSTRUCTION

Will Begin at Winnipeg and the Coast Simultaneously.

SO SAYS MR. PREFONTAINE

The Eastern Section, From Winnipeg to Moncton, Will Be Built at the Same Time.

Vancouver, Aug. 17.—"The surveys have been almost completed, and it is the intention of the authorities of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway to begin construction at both ends of the line from Winnipeg west and from the Pacific coast towards Winnipeg, and it is the intention of the Government, who have control of the construction from Winnipeg to Moncton, to begin construction from Winnipeg east and from Moncton west. This question has been finally settled, and the Laurier Government will be known as having given to the Dominion of Canada the largest and most important enterprise of the century."

The foregoing announcement was made here last evening by Hon. Mr. Prefontaine at a most enthusiastic Liberal meeting held in O'Reilly Hall, and was received with tremendous cheering. When Mr. Prefontaine rose to speak, the audience and the "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Mr. Prefontaine has made a most favorable impression here in the west and great confidence is felt in his ability to handle the fisheries question satisfactorily. He spoke at considerable length last evening, and with the Grand Trunk Pacific affairs at the close of his speech, making the announcement given above, which has caused great gratification on this coast.

THE PREMIER'S HEALTH

Tired After the Session's Work But Not Under Treatment.

Ottawa, Aug. 18.—With reference to the reports concerning the Prime Minister's health, which have been appearing in certain papers, Dr. Provost, Sir John's physician, has stated that "You may say that while Sir Wilfrid is tired after the arduous work of the session, he is in good health, and is not under treatment of any kind whatsoever."

RUSSIA'S NEW \$500,000,000 LOAN

Has Been Issued in the Form of State Rente Notes, Which Are Popular.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 18.—Referring to the issue of a new loan in the form of state rente notes, amounting to \$50,000,000, the realization of which it says is already provided for, the Official Messenger points out that the official piece of luck it is presumed that the new issue is explained by the fact that in time of war the punctual replenishment of cash on hand is especially important, and rente notes are a popular form of security.

CAUGHT IN COWCATCHER

And Was Carried Miles Before Fast Train Was Stopped.

Pittsburg, Aug. 18.—The glare of the headlights as the Cumberland express on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad dashed by Lavinia town last night on its way to Pittsburg revealed to Operator Charles Bain the body of a man who had been caught in the cow-catcher of the engine. The operator communicated the fact to West Newton, and a switchman on the train was flagged, and Gaslie Driford, horribly mangled, was removed to the baggage car and taken to the hospital.

Was Known at Windsor.

Windsor, Ont., Aug. 18.—Edward T. Kelroy, who cut his throat at Waterloo, Ont., on Saturday, was a former well-known resident of Windsor, and is a son of Thos. Kelroy, a former well-known resident of Windsor, who now resides in Detroit. Mr. Kelroy was appointed to the inland revenue staff in 1892 at Walkerville.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Tomorrow—A Little Warmer.

London, Thursday, Aug. 18. Sun rises, 5:25 a.m. Moon rises, 1:30 p.m. Sun sets, 7:15 p.m. Moon sets, 11:52 p.m.

The weather has been fine today from the Pacific coast to Ontario, and showers and local thunderstorms have occurred in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Port Simpson, 44-50; Victoria, 50-72; Kamloops, 54-62; Calgary, 58-70; Qu'Appelle, 46-58; Winnipeg, 42-70; Parry Sound, 50-62; Toronto, 54-70; St. John, 50-60; Montreal, 58-72; Quebec, 56-72; Halifax, 50-60.

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VEGETABLE CULTURE

New Farming Industry Springing Up About Leamington.

Leamington, Aug. 18.—Many farmers in this vicinity are going into vegetable culture with great success. Some are raising early crops under glass, and have them ready for the market in February and March. The demand for early vegetables from the farmers in the vicinity of Leamington is growing, and the Canadian growers are gradually superseding the Americans.

NEW AUSTRALIAN MINISTRY

Hon. G. H. Reid, Former Leader of Opposition, Heads the Cabinet.

Melbourne, Victoria, Aug. 18.—A new cabinet has been formed, with Mr. Reid as Premier and Minister for External Affairs. The other members of the cabinet are as follows: Treasurer, Sir George Shaw; Attorney-General, Sir Josiah Simon; Minister of Home Affairs, Mr. Thompson; President of the Board of Trade, Mr. McLean; Minister of Defense, Mr. Murray, and Postmaster-General, Mr. Smith.

The Right Hon. G. H. Reid was the leader of the straight Opposition party in the Australian Parliament prior to the division of that body into three parties, with labor party holding the balance of power, and Mr. Watson, one of its members, Premier. Mr. Reid has occupied many public offices, and from 1891 to 1899 was Premier of New South Wales. Mr. Watson's ministry was defeated on an arbitration bill.

WON'T GIVE IT UP

Japan Tells Britain She Will Keep the Captured Ryshettin.

London, Aug. 18.—Japan has officially notified Great Britain that she does not propose to give up the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Ryshettin, captured in the harbor of Chefoo, Aug. 12.

JESSEN'S SHIPS

BADLY RIDDLED

Engines and Guns of the Russia and Gromobol Partially Dismantled.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 18.—6:05 p.m.—The official dispatch from Vladivostok shows that every officer of the Russia and Gromobol, were either killed or wounded. Rear-Admiral Jessen was killed. The Russian vessels from the narrow escape of the fate of Admiral Witthoff. He was standing on the bridge of the Russia when it was wrecked. The Russian vessels from the narrow escape of the fate of Admiral Witthoff. He was standing on the bridge of the Russia when it was wrecked.

ALEX. GATHERS

A FRESH ARMY

Viceroy's Latest Move Means Diminishing of General Kuropatkin's Power.

Paris, Aug. 17.—A dispatch to the Echo de Paris from St. Petersburg, says that the Russian viceroy, Kuropatkin, is now in Vladivostok, is engaged in organizing a second Russian army, to be sent to the front. The Russian viceroy, Kuropatkin, is now in Vladivostok, is engaged in organizing a second Russian army, to be sent to the front.

DOWN THE EMBANKMENT

Spreading Rails Wreck a Limited on the Rock Island Road.

Altmo, Mo., Aug. 18.—The Chicago Limited, on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific road, which left Kansas City for the north last night, was wrecked by spreading rails, two miles east of here. Two persons were probably fatally hurt, and fifteen others were seriously injured. The train, which was carrying 400 passengers and two cars, a Pullman sleeper and an observation car, was running at the time the accident occurred. The baggage car, smoker and one chair car were turned over and went down the embankment. The other cars remained upright.

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Calgary, Aug. 17.—The railway commissioners arrived here this morning, intending to go to Edmonton. Mr. Blair is ill, and the proposed visit is abandoned. The party will go to Banff instead.

Cyril to Fight Again.

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Cures Hydrophobia.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Consul-General Guenther, at Frankfurt, Germany, has supplied the state department of health statistics touching the efficacy of vaccination as a preventive of hydrophobia. The substance of these is that one and a half per cent of persons bitten by mad animals and vaccinated have died. The consul-general says the figures again show that Russia is the breeding place of hydrophobia.

HAMMERS ONE BAR FOR MANY HOURS

Pianist Refuses Neighbors' Request to Cease Playing, AND POLICE CAN'T INTERFERE

No Code to Fit Case of Musician Who Plays for Fifteen Hours at a Stretch.

Washington D. C., Aug. 18.—J. T. Southard, of 1300 Yale street, plays his piano fifteen hours a day, and apparently all Washington cannot stop him. His neighbors have begged and implored him to "give them a rest," but he has turned a deaf ear to their entreaties.

They say it would not be so bad if he would play attractive music, but he plays the same bar for hours at a time, using the loud pedal almost constantly, and hammers away at the instrument as if bent on breaking it.

The district commissioners have been appealed to, and likewise United States District Attorney Morgan has been asked to try to find a way to stop the dreadful noise, but so far there is no promise of relief for the sufferers. In their desperation Mr. Southard's neighbors have addressed the following complaint to the district commissioners:

"He takes a portion of the bar and repeats the same some times for two hours, then he will change to a combination of notes. We can be sure of those for an hour if not longer. The loud pedal is used. He pounds as hard as it is possible to pound. Sunday is no exception, and far from being a day of rest, it is one of the worst we have. Pardon our going into details so strongly, as we wish to impress upon you the fact that this is not an ordinary piano nuisance, but the most unheard of as well as the most unbecoming."

"Now, we ask, gentlemen, that you will give your earliest and closest attention to this petition, allowing us the privilege of using our homes for the purpose of music, and please to act in the afternoon and our laws after 8 o'clock in the evening."

The police officers there is no law by which Southard may be halted. Real estate brokers whose tenants threaten to move after his scalp.

Consul-General Guenther has notified the complainants he will present the case to the federal grand jury for relief.

STRANGE SOCIETY

IS SUICIDE CLUB

Faint Hearted Spanish Woman Who Drew Number Reveals Oath to Police.

Madrid, Aug. 18.—The police of Lerida have notified what is believed to be a woman's suicide club and made several arrests. Recently a young woman named Isabel Rodriguez, belonging to a well-to-do family, was found wandering about the streets at night in a state of great excitement.

Questioned by a policeman she stated that she had drawn a number at the club which, according to the rules, would be her number for death. She added that at the last moment her courage had failed her.

Acting on this information the police watched the premises used as a clubhouse. They found it was attended by a woman named Maria, who met ostensibly for social purposes.

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Canadian Delegates for the World's Congress at St. Louis.

Windsor, Ont., Aug. 18.—P. H. MacPherson, of this city, vice-president of the Ontario Chartered Accountants Association, has been selected to represent the association at the congress of professional accountants of the world to be held in St. Louis, Mo., on Sept. 26, 27 and 28. The convention is to be held under the auspices of the Federation of the Society of Public Accountants of America. Among the other guests will be John W. Ross, president of the Association of Chartered Accountants of Montreal.

MANIFESTO TO THE CZAR

Nihilists at Geneva. It Is Said, Will Send It to the Emperor.

London, Aug. 17.—It is rumored here that at a secret meeting of Russian terrorists held last night at Geneva, a manifesto was drawn up to be sent to the Emperor of Russia, demanding the establishment of a constitution if future nihilist outrages are to be avoided.

REFUSED TO MOUNT STEPS

Girls Do on Strike Owing to the Elevator Not Running.

Toronto, Aug. 18.—Because the elevator was out of order, and they objected strongly to walk to the seventh story of the warehouse, about 75 employees of the Lowndes Clothing Company, chiefly young girls, refused to work yesterday morning, and walked away from their place of employment, which is on Front street west, opposite the Union Station.

The official of the company state that the elevator was put out of order by the lightning, and that they considered the action of their employees uncalled for. The employees, on the other hand, say that the elevator was not in working order, that they have not to walk up the stairs upon more than one occasion, and that they intend to remain away from work until the elevator is repaired. The walk up the stairs, state, exhausts them, and renders them almost unfit for their work. A number of the girls who refused to stay out, were hoisted by their fellow workers.

"I understand you refused to walk to the seventh story," said a reporter to one of the girls.

"You bet I did," she replied. "Why, we are so tired when we get up there that we are useless until dinner hour."

Another of the girls said: "I have only been working here about three weeks, and I have never worn out a pair of boots walking up and down those stairs; no more of it for me."

RELIC OF DISASTER

The Destruction of Admiral Walker's Fleet Recalled by Find.

Pointe des Monts, Que., Aug. 18.—Victor Laford, keeper of the lighthouse here, has lately made a find which recalls the early history of the Canadian colony. All students of history will remember the ill-fated expedition of Admiral Walker, who left England in 1711 with 11,000 men and a large fleet, to take Quebec and Montreal. It will be remembered that when he got to Seven Islands, which is a few miles from here, he was overtaken by a dense fog, and a great storm arose, and he refused to take the advice of his officers, and sailed on. The British commanders saw their ships dashed to pieces on the rocks of Egg Island. Next morning 900 bodies were lying on the rocks. A few days ago, while shooting on Egg Island, Mr. Laford and some friends came upon the sand an old style sword, bearing on its blade the date "1711." He has not the least doubt that it is a relic of the eight British ships, which left themselves and their friends on the reefs and rocks of the treacherous little island.

A GIANT COMBINATION

Three German Steel Companies to Pool Their Interests.

Berlin, Aug. 18.—A giant industrial combination, second only to that of the Krupp in Germany, will result from a meeting at Hanover of directors of the Gelsenkirchen Coal Company, the Schalker Steel and Iron Company, and the Aachen Steel Company, which it was decided to pool the interest of 700,000, and exchanging its shares for shares of the other companies. The Aachen Steel Company, which is capitalized at \$2,750,000, owns large foundries, steel works and rolling mills at Roserode mines, at Lohrninge and Luxembourg.

The agreement, which is subject to the ratification of the shareholders, assigns \$2,750,000 to the Schalker stockholders at \$7,500,000 to the Aachen owners.

AYLESWORTH, K. C.

FOR THE CABINET?

Report Current at the Capital That He Will Enter the Federal Ministry.

Ottawa, Aug. 18.—The report is current here that the entrance of Mr. A. K. Aylesworth, K. C., into the cabinet may be looked for at an early date. Although ministerial confirmation of the rumor is lacking, it nevertheless meets with ready acceptance in political circles. The rank and file of the party in Ontario would welcome with enthusiasm the appearance of Mr. Aylesworth in politics, and it would be regarded with no less favor in other provinces. Mr. Aylesworth's firm and dignified conduct as a member of the Ontario