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PORT ARTHUR IN SORE STRAITS

Japanese Are Urging the Besieged to Surrender.

SHELLS START CONFLAGRATION

Big Oil Warehouse Ablaze—Mikado Offers to Permit Non-Combatants to Leave Before Last Assault.

London, Aug. 17.—A dispatch to the Central News from Tokio says that a big oil warehouse at Port Arthur is blazing furiously, and that the position of the besieged people is such that the Japanese are urging them to surrender.

Jap Fire Too Hot.

Che Foo, Aug. 16, 9:30 p.m.—Today's sortie of the Russian warships from Port Arthur is regarded as a confirmation of previous reports that the Japanese have occupied an important land position, the fire from which compelled the Russian vessels to leave the harbor.

Junks which left Port Arthur on Aug. 13, report that heavy fighting was continuing.

Will They Surrender?

Tokio, Aug. 17.—The commander of the army besieging Port Arthur reports that Major Yamoka, a member of his staff, was dispatched under a flag of truce to the outposts of the Russians, where he delivered to a Russian staff officer the offer of the Emperor of Japan, granting the removal of non-combatants. He also demanded the surrender of Port Arthur. An answer is expected today.

Tokio, Aug. 17.—The Emperor's offer to release the non-combatants at Port Arthur, coupled with a demand for the surrender of the fortress was delivered yesterday (Tuesday). An answer is expected today (Wednesday).

Novik Sighted.

London, Aug. 17. — The Yokohama correspondent of the Daily Mail says the cruiser Novik, of the Port Arthur squadron, has been sighted off the Strait of Van Diemen, steering for Vladivostock.

T Diana Turns Up.

London, Aug. 16.—A dispatch to a news agency from St. Petersburg, says that a naval officer has telegraphed to his family that the cruiser Diana has arrived at Vladivostock.

Can't Leave Harbor.

Tsingtau, Aug. 16.—Governor Trupper today stated that the Russian ships were not permitted to leave the harbor until after the conclusion of the war. A Japanese flag lieutenant made an inspection of the Russian ships today.

Alex's Movements.

Vladivostock, Aug. 16.—Viceroy Alexieff arrived here yesterday. He was received at the railroad station by Admiral Skrydloff, General Linvitch, the Governor of the Maritime Province, and other notable persons. Escorted by mounted volunteers, the viceroy drove in an open carriage to the cathedral, where he attended a service conducted by the bishops of Vladivostock and Kamchatka. At the Governor's house the mayor presented the viceroy with bread and salt. He then received several deputations, including one from the Chinese inhabitants.

Where Are These Ships?

London, Aug. 17.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg, says that up to yesterday neither the armored cruiser Gromoboi nor the armored cruiser Rossia of the Vladivostock squadron, which were engaged on Sunday with a Japanese squadron commanded by Admiral Kamimura, had succeeded in reaching Vladivostock and that their whereabout is unknown.

Took Registersd Letters.

Nagasaki, Aug. 17.—11 a.m.—The Japanese steamer Oura, which has arrived here reports that she left Chemulpo with the former Russian steamer Sungari in tow, but owing to bad weather the Sungari was compelled to anchor. The Sungari was wrecked at Chemulpo by the Russians at the begining of hostilities to prevent her capture by the Japanese. The Japanese afterwards raised her. The Oura will shortly return to the Sungari and resume towing to this port, where she will undergo repairs.

The mails from the North German-Lloyd steamer Prinz Heinrich, which the Russians detained July 15, in the Red Sea, have been examined here in the presence of the British, German and French consuls, who found many registered and other letters missing. A strong protest is being prepared by the consuls.

Askold Will Disarm.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 17, 12:55 p.m. — Russia has agreed to the disarmament of the Russian cruiser Askold now at Shanghai.

Stopped by the Ural.

Ajaccio, Corsica, Aug. 17. — The British steamer Scotian, coal-laden, from the Tyne, arrived here today and reported that she was stopped Aug. 12 by two blank shots followed by a shell from the Russian cruiser Ural, formerly the German Liner Kaiserin Maria Theressa. After an examination of the papers she was allowed to proceed.

A Russian official said that the Ural was seeking for over two hundred steamers carrying contraband for trans-shipment in Spanish and Italian ports.

Mukden, Aug. 17. — The Japanese have occupied Tsial Hill on the Russian extreme left. A small force of Japanese infantry occupied Dapindu Pass Aug. 15. The Russian outposts retired.

DR. OSLER'S APPOINTMENT

King Approves His Selection for a Chair at Oxford.

London, Aug. 17.—King Edward has approved the appointment of Dr. William Osler, professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, as regius professor of medicine at Oxford University.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE DONE

Last Bombarbment of Port Arthur Was Terrific.

Rome, Aug. 16.—The commander of the Italian far eastern squadron relates that the latest Japanese bombardment of Port Arthur caused enormous damage. It demolished several houses entirely. Gen. Stoessels was among those damage. He has had to change his quarters in consequence. All the horses except those indispensable for the transportation of ammunition to the forts have been eaten.

PORTE HAS HAD ENOUGH

Not Likely to Bring on a Fresh Crisis With the U. S.

Constantinople, Aug. 17.—The Porte has addressed a formal note to the United States legation, confirming its undertaking to accord equal treatment to all schools and kindred institutions, as granted to the most favored nation, subject to the accomplishment of the usual departmental formality. In spite of the seeming reservation it is not thought that the Porte will raise further difficulties in executing the agreement, or run the risk of creating a fresh crisis, which American diplomatic circles declare would follow promptly any failure to carry out the arrangement.

STOESSEL WILL FIGHT TO FINISH

General Staff Does Not Believe He Will Surrender

AT COMMAND OF THE MIKADO

Capitulation of Fortress Would Be the First Instance of Its Kind in the History of Russia.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 17, 12:56 p.m. — The announcement of the Mikado's offer to allow non-combatants to leave Port Arthur, coupled with the demand for the surrender of the garrison caused a revulsion of feeling here.

The original report that non-combatants would be permitted to depart before the storming operations began was regarded as a humane and considerate act. The war office is without official confirmation of the summons served upon General Stoessel, but not the slightest idea exists in military circles that he will yield so long as food and ammunition hold out without a fight, even to protect defenseless women and other non-combatants, from the horrors of bombardment.

Gen. Stoessel, as an independent commander, would have a perfect right under the Russian military regulations to surrender, said a member of the general staff to the correspondent, but it may safely be assumed that a man of Stoessel's temper will not create a new precedent in Russian history. Our military annals do not show a single case where a commander yielded a fortress upon the demands of the enemy in order to avoid a fight. Sebastopol was taken by storm.

BIG NAVAL FIGHT WAS TERRIFIC

Russian Lieutenant Describes Dash From Port Arthur.

BATTLE AROUND THE RETVIZAN

A Midshipman Took Charge of the Czarevitch When All the Superior Officers Had Been Killed.

London, Wednesday, Aug. 17. — The Telegraph prints a Tsing Chou dispatch giving an interview with the captain of the Russian destroyer Bezchumni. He says that after the fleet got in parallel lines there was continuous war from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fleets turned, and then there was a lull in the firing. The Askold recommenced firing at 2 p.m. The ships were then steaming six knots southeastward. The engagement was equal until 3:15. Then the ships turned again during another lull. Firing recommenced at 4:50. At 5:55 a 12-inch shell struck the Czarevitch and killed Admiral Withoft, and wounded the second admiral and commander. Both navigating officers were killed. Soon after nobody was left to command. The engines and steering gear broke down. The ship turned twice. Then a midshipman took command. Meanwhile the Retvizan was firing without intermission, and kept the Japanese at bay. She did splendid work. Again and again the Japanese neared the Retvizan, but were driven off.

Simultaneously the Bezchumni was a mile away, waiting to torpedo the Russian ships should the Japanese seem likely to capture them. These were awful moments. No smoke from the funnels were visible, only the flashes of the guns. Then five ships returned to Port Arthur. The Bezchumni reached Chemulpo and tried to join the Vladivostock squadron, but as this proved hopeless, she turned south. The Japanese cruiser Nisshin chased her 79 miles, and then turned off towards Port Arthur. Later the Bezchumni's engines failed. Had the Nisshin continued her chase she must certainly have captured the destroyer. The Japanese fired most from their heavy guns, using 12-inch melinite and 10-inch lyddite shells. The experience, the captain adds, was sufficient for them to the end of their days.

Kaiser as a Godfalher.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 17.—It is reported, apparently on good authority, that Emperor William of Germany has asked for the privilege of acting as one of the godfathers to the heir. The christening will occur Aug. 23, when a number of important liberal measures, including the abolition of corporal punishment, will be announced.

GREAT BRITAIN TALKS PLAIN

Again Protests Against Russia's Right to Sink Ships,

AND DEMANDS COMPENSATION

For Destruction of the Knight Commander—Objects to All Foodstuffs Being Made Contraband.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 17, 2 p.m.—Great Britain has formally raised the whole question of foodstuffs as contraband of war and the legality of sinking neutral ships in a communication to the Russian Government represented through Ambassador Hardinge. The views are practically these embodied in the King's speech at the proroguing of Parliament. The communications take exception to the Russian doctrine that foodstuffs are contraband, takes a position against the right of Russia to sink neutral merchantmen and demands compensation in the case of the Knight Commander.

With regard to foodstuffs consigned to an enemy's ports, the communications maintain that proof that they are intended for a belligerent military or naval force is necessary in order that they can be considered contraband. It illustrates in this contention the case of the flour on board the Arabia, which was consigned to a British firm at Yokohama and which was declared contraband by the Vladivostock prize court. Great Britain contends that the Russian doctrine is equivalent to a declaration that all foodstuffs consigned to an enemy's port are unconditionally contraband. The British note argues the question at length against the right to sink neutral ships as being contrary to international law and usage. Although the note is couched in friendly terms it presents the British position clearly and emphatically.

NEW DUCAL HOUSE

Roxburghe Acquires Property of the Late Baron Hirsch.

London, Aug. 17.—It is stated that the Duke of Roxburghe has bought Grafton House, at Newmarket, which was formerly the property of the late Baron Hirsch, and subsequently that of Ernest Cassel. The race horses and training establishment are included in the purchase. It was stated last April that the Duke of Roxburghe had bought for his own use the cottage and training establishment at Newmarket which belonged to the late Marquis of Queensberry.

CUNARDS NOT TO CUT

Reported Reduction of Trans-Atlantic Rates Denied by Them.

London, Aug. 17.—At the London office of the Cunard Line today it was said that the officials had no knowledge of the report published in America of a reduction of the first and second cabin rates, as well as the steerage rates. All the Cunard steamer lists, it was added, are full up to Aug. 20.

It was pointed out that the winter rates enter into force in the middle of October, and, therefore, it is not believed that Lord Inverclide, chairman of the line, has any intention of further cutting rates.

AN ULTIMATUM TO CHINA GOV'T.

Japan Says Askold and Grozovi Must Be Dismantled.

OR A FLEET WILL BE SENT IN

If Pekin Permits Abuse of Neutrality Mikado Threatens to Take Law Into His Own Hands.

London, Aug. 17. — The Associated Press learned this afternoon that Japan has made a demand of China, practically in the nature of an ultimatum, that she immediately enforce her neutrality in the case of the protected cruiser Askold and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi, now at Shanghai. Japan pointed out that the time limit, 24 hours permitted by international law, had expired and that Japan therefore was at liberty to take such action as seemed to her expedient.

At the Japanese legation here it was expressly stated that the Tokio Government had no intention of remaining quiescent if Russia attempts to compel China to give asylum to her men-of-war, and repairs at her ports which would enable them to resume belligerent operations. Should China fail to comply immediately to Japan's demands the division of Japanese warships now in the vicinity of Shanghai will, the legation declares, be instructed to enter the port and capture the Askold and Grozovoi, as was done in the case of the Ryeshitelni. Japan has made no secret of her intention, but has not consulted the powers, believing that the matter is one which concerns herself alone.

Japan is prepared, the legation further asserts, to recognize Chinese neutrality only so long as it is respected by Russia.

With regard to the Ryeshitelni, Japan, it is asserted, is determined not to comply with the Chinese demand submitted in compliance with the Russo Che Foo. Japan insists that to all sian note, that the vessel be returned intents and purposes Che Foo has been a Russian base during the war, Chinese junks having been fitted out there and sent through the Japanese blockading vessels to Port Arthur. No answer has yet been given by Japan to the Russian protest in the case of the Ryeshitelni, but when it is made it will be communicated to all the powers.

Ends Successful Voyage.

Plymouth, Aug. 17.—The Newfoundland steamship Terra Nova, which successfully relieved the British steamer Discovery in the Antartic, arrived here today and left tonight for Sheerness, where she will be dismantled.

TROLLEY CARS CRASH

Back End Collision on Grade in Which Twenty Were Injured.

New York, Aug. 17. — Twenty or more persons were injured, two seriously, in a trolley collision at Fort Lee, N. J., early today. Three cars loaded with excursionists were going down a slight grade, when a passenger on the second car lost his hat, and the car was stopped while he got out to secure it. The third car was following closely behind, and crashed into it before a stop could be made. Both cars were badly wrecked. The motorman of the third car received injuries that may prove fatal.

HOME RULE BLAMED

Tug Held Responsible for Escape of Seized U. S. Boat.

Amherstburg, Ont., Aug. 17.—The Canadian customs officers are disposed to place the blame for the escape of the steamer H. B. Tuttle upon the tug Home Rule, which released the vessel from Bois Blanc Island, where she ran aground after being seized by the customs officers. Dr. Smith, collector of customs at Windsor, has reported the circumstance to the department at Ottawa, and is awaiting instructions as to the manner of procedure. Capt. Trotter, of the Hackett Wrecking Company, disclaims all responsibility for the escape of the seized steamer. His company had his official notice, he says, that the vessel had been seized.

WILL NOT OPEN FAIR

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Cannot Attend the Toronto Industrial.

Ottawa, Aug. 17. — After giving the matter the most careful consideration, the Prime Minister has reluctantly decided that he will be unable to accept the invitation to open the Toronto Industrial. It was at first thought that Sir Wilfrid might be able to do so, but he needs all the rest he can obtain after the laborious session which has just closed. At the best Sir Wilfrid's vacation will be a short one, but it would be greatly curtailed by the proposed visit to Toronto, while the journey from the Baie de Chaleur would be most fatiguing. Under the circumstances the Premier's decision to devote the most of his short holiday to recruiting his strength at the seaside is a wise one.

THE RURIK'S CREW AT SASEBO, JAPAN

Six Hundred and One Naked Survivors of Cruiser in Hands of Japs.

Tokio, Aug. 17, 11 a.m. — Six hundred and one of the crew of the Russian armored cruiser Rurik, sunk in the engagement Sunday with the Japanese squadron commanded by Admiral Kamimura, have been landed at Sasebo. One man died there, and 177 of the survivors are wounded, many of hem, seriously, and a number mortally. The number of officers rescued has not been determined as all the survivors were naked when captured, having stripped off their clothes when the cruiser sank. Thus it is impossible to distinguish the officers from the other men, as the former are concealing their rank. A supplementary report of Admiral Togo's casualties on Aug. 10 increases the total of killed and wounded to 225.

LOU SCHOLES WEDS

World's Champion Oarsman Marries Miss Tanzer at Toronto.

Toronto, Aug. 17.—Lou Scholes, champion amateur oarsman of the world, was married this afternoon in St. Paul's Anglican Church on Bloor street, his bride being Miss Jennie Tozer. Rev. Mr. McIntyre, in the absence of Rev. Canon Cody, performed the ceremony. The bride was given away by her father, Matthew Tozer, of Bleeker street, and she had as bridesmaid her younger sister, Miss Margaret Tozer. Miss Hilda Pascoe acted as flower girl, Robert Greves was best man, and the ushers were Harry Berriman, Fred Pyne, W. Tozer and Herbert Robinson.

The Premier's Movements.

Ottawa, Aug. 17.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not yet left for the Lower St. Lawrence, but will go some time this w ek. Today he visits the International Portland Cement Works in Hull.

Session or an election is still the great question for speculation in political circles, and only the Premier can answer the question.

A night gang has been put on at the printing bureau to work on the voters' lists, which is taken as an indication of a campaign.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Tomorrow—Fair and Cool.

London, Wednesday, Aug. 17.

Sun rises..5:24 a.m. Moon rises..12:36 p.m.
Sun sets...7:19 p.m. Moon sets...11:11p.m.

Toronto, Aug. 16—8 a.m.

Showers have occurred in Ontario and Western Quebec, and also locally in Manitoba, and thunderstorms have been general in the lower lake region. In other parts of Canada the weather has been fine, and in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba somewhat cooler.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 35—64; Port Simpson, 46—64; Victoria, 50—63; Kamloops, 58—86; Calgary, 52—68; Qu'Appelle, 54—68; Winnipeg, 48—74; Port Arthur, 48—70; Parry Sound, 54—72; Toronto, 62—76; Ottawa, 52—68; Montreal, 56—62; Quebec, 48—68; St. John, 54—68; Halifax, 58—72.

FORECASTS

Wednesday, Aug. 17—8 a.m.

Today—Light to moderate west and north winds; fair and a little cooler.

Thursday—Fair and about the same temperatures.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	40	38	Clear
Winnipeg	50	42	Clear
Parry Sound	64	54	Fair
Toronto	60	54	Cloudy
Ottawa	62	54	Fair
Montreal	62	58	Rain
Quebec	58	56	Rain
Father Point	48	46	Rain

WEATHER NOTES.

Showers and thunderstorms have occurred from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and also locally in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba. This morning fair weather prevails from the Pacific coast to the Ottawa Valley.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 78.5°; lowest, 63°.

TIBETANS BALK AT INDEMNITY

Supplies Now Coming In to the British Camp.

THE DALAI LAMA READY TO FLY

Is Watching Events From Neighboring Monastery and Has a Bodyguard of 1,000 Men.

Lhassa, Tibet, Aug. 17.—Supplies are now coming in more freely to the British camp. The Tibetans have the draft of the treaty proposed by the British, and a formal reply concerning it is expected shortly. It is reported that the main objection to the proposed convention is the amount of indemnity to be paid by the Tibetans.

Colonel Younghusband, the civil commissioner accompanying the expedition, has rented a large house and garden.

The Dalai Lama is reported to be watching events in a monastery eight marches away. He is preparing to flee further in case the British advance.

There are 1,000 Kham men east of Lhassa. It is believed that their object is to cover the retreat of the Dalai Lama if necessary.

LADY JOLY DEAD

Wife of Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia Passes Away.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 17.—Lady Joly de Lotbiniere, wife of Sir Henri G. Joly de Lotbiniere, Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, died Monday night after a lingering illness, aged 67 years. Lady Joly was the daughter of Mr. Hammond Gowen, of Quebec City, and married Sir Henri Joly in 1856, and is survived by six of her eleven children. The remains will be taken to Quebec for interment, his honor the Lieutenant-Governor leaving Victoria on Wednesday morning, accompanying the body to the east.

PORT ARTHUR REPORTED FALLEN

St. Petersburg Hears a Rumor to That Effect, But Does Not Believe It.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 17.—A rumor is again in ciruculation here that Port Arthur has fallen, but the source is not traceable and it seems to have no more foundation than the previous rumor to the same effect.

As cabled to the Associated Press from Tokio today the answer of the commander of Port Arthur to the Japanese demands for the surrender of the fortress is only expected today. Consequently it is not possible that news of the fall of Port Arthur can have reacahed St. Petersburg.

HAMILTON PLAYED WELL

Basketball Team Won Two Games at the St. Louis Fair.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 17.—Y. M. C. A. basketball teams of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Denver, Colo., were vanquished today by that of Hamilton, Ont., at the World's Fair stadium, the occasion being the semi-finals of the Olympic Y. M. C. A. basketball championship. Games today resulted as follows: Sioux City 55, Joplin 8; Chicago 53, Denver 19; Hamilton 43, Cincinnati 23; Chicago vs. Joplin, forfeited to Chicago; Hamilton 44, Denver 16; Sioux City 38, Cincinnati 24. The championship will be decided tomorrow by a game between Chicago and Sioux City, both of which teams have won every game they have played.

THE HERERO FLED

Rebellious Natives Completely Routed by German Columns.

Berlin, Aug. 17. — Gen. Von Trotha, commander of the German forces in South Africa, reports that the Hereros after the battle of Aug. 12, fled panic-stricken eastward. The divisions of Deimling and Mulhelmfels pursued the natives by forced marches to Omatjajeeva, where the pursuit was abandoned owing to the dispersion of the Hereros and the lack of pasturage and water. The Estroff column pursued the natives from the north and defeated several bands Aug. 15, on the river, inflicting heavy losses on them. The Germans had only five men killed and seven wounded.

PRESENTED WITH A BABY

Young Girl Makes Unique Offering to Factory Employe.

Toronto, Aug. 17.—At 9 o'clock yesterday a young and pretty girl walked into 201 East Queen street, deposited a package on the counter and walked out. The young lad in charge of the place opened the package and found a pretty little girl baby smiling at him. Before the boy recovered from his surprise the girl had vanished. Attached to the baby's clothing was a note addressed to Mr. Ivey, which read: "This is yours. Take good care of it." The note was signed "A. P. A." The boy rushed upstairs and informed his employer, who notified the police. The child was taken to the Infants' Home."

Ivey, who is an employe of this place, when questioned by the police, denied the paternity of the youngster, but thinks he knows who the mother is.

Fontainebleau Wood Burns.

Paris, Aug. 17.—Serious fires have broken out in the ancient forest of Fontainebleau, and the garrisons at Fontainebleau and Melun have been mobilizing to assist the firemen in fighting the flames. The line of the fire extends a distance of more than six miles.

GAS LIFE BUOYS

Go Overboard at Night It Lights the Way to Rescue.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—Some of Chicago's passenger steamers are to be supplied with gas lifebuoys to rescue those who fall overboard at night. The buoy, above which will burn a brilliant gas jet for a considerable time, is lighted as soon as it strikes the water. Extended tests of the buoys have proved satisfactory. Sailors and passengers falling from steamers in the night time, although in many cases able swimmers, have almost perished through inability to find life-preservers cast overboard for their use.

M. C. R. CLAIMS DEFICIT

In Amount of Controllable Freight Turned Over by L. E. and D. R. R.

Toronto, Aug. 17.—Lake Erie and Detroit Railway has entered an appeal from the order of the chancellor for the master to ascertain the amount of deficit in controllable freight which it agreed to turn over to the Michigan Central. The agreement was that controllable freight to the amount of $35,000 a year should be turned over, but a year, but the Michigan Central claimed there was a deficit of $14,000 in the last two years.

BULLS SPREAD FALSE REPORTS

Crop Prospects in Manitoba Misrepresented

TO AID AMERICAN SPECULATORS

Canadian Northern Report Says Wheat Is Filling Out and Ripening Fast.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 17. — The weekly crop report issued by the Canadian Northern Railway today, covering practically all districts in the province, is one of the most satisfactory that has yet been given out. In only one instance, at Giroux, is there the least complaint, and that is because of the dry weather. Over the entire province weather conditions during the week have been ideal, wheat is filling out and ripening fast, and cutting will be general in a week or ten days.

If half the reports sent south by local speculators, who are long on large amounts of wheat, were true, Western Canada would have no crop at all, and nothing but ruin would stare the farmer in the face. Having started a campaign for higher prices in the winter wheat States, and helped the movement by the scare over the rustin Minnesota and the Dakotas, where no doubt some damage has been experienced, the bulls now think that reports from Manitoba that there will be no crop grown in the Canadian west will force prices up to a point where the wise ones will unload and take their profits. Some of the stories sent out have been outrageous, but they have the desired effect. Leading business houses and newspapers are every day anxiously wiring their representatives here, inquiring whether or not there is any truth in them. Export houses have kept their wires hot asking for accurate information.

Yesterday a report from Chicago came over the private wire of a local commission office to the effect that Mr. Pringle was in Canada, and from what he had seen of the crop conditions there, the outlook was serious. Mr. Pringle is a member of one of the leading grain firms of Chicago, and his opinion carried weight. As a matter of fact, he was in Toronto, and was no nearer the west than that. Consequently his opinion on anything in the west, crops or otherwise, was not worth the paper it was written on, but it helped the bull movement.

MR. SUTHERLAND'S ILLNESS

The Minister's Friends at Woodstock Are Somewhat Concerned.

Woodstock, Aug. 16.—Reports received here indicate that the condition of Hon. James Sutherland remains unchanged, and much anxiety prevails among his friends over the length of his illness. Inquiry at his home here shows that his nephew, Mr. Henry A. Little, is now in Danesville, N. Y., with his uncle. Nothing definite concerning the nature of Mr. Sutherland's illness has been received recently.

HELD CANADIAN CHARGE

Death of Rev. Robert Webb-Peploe in England.

London, Aug. 17.—Rev. Robert Webb-Peploe, son of Rev. Hannier Willam Webb-Peploe, a well-known prebendary of St. Paul's, and former incumbent of Christ Church, Sheep Creek, Canada, is dead, aged 38.

A THIRD NEGRO BURNED AT STAKE

Handy Bell, Implicated in the Hodges Murder, Lynched by a Mob.

Savannah, Ga., Aug. 17. — A telephone message to the Savannah Press from Statesboro says Handy Bell, the negro implicated as the ringleader in the murder of the Hodges family by confession of the negroes burned yesterday, has been burned at the stake a few miles from Statesboro. The report is generally credited.

Dr. Ami on Canada.

London, Aug. 17.—At the British Association meeting Dr. Ami gave an account of the geological resources of Canada. Prof. Ramsay Wright, of Toronto, is attending the zoology section.

NEGROES BURNED AT THE STAKE

Two Self-Confessed Murderers Lynched by Mob.

HAD BUTCHERED WHITE FAMILY

Victims Were Taken From a Large Body of Guards, Soaked With Kerosene and Set Ablaze.

Statsboro, Ga., Aug. 16. — With clothing saturated with kerosene, writhing and twisting in their agony, screaming to heaven for the mercy that the mob would not show, Paul Reed and Will Cato, negroes, two of the principals in the murder and burning of Henry Hodges and wife and three of their children, six miles from Statsboro, three weeks ago, were burned at the stake today.

At 1:21 this afternoon a determined mob charged on the court house, overpowered the military guard, secured Cato and Reed, who had been found guilty after a legal trial, and were sensenced to be hanged, took them two miles from Statsboro, and there burned them alive. The climax came quickly and unexpectedly. The forenoon had passed quietly, the trial of Paul Reed, the ringleader in the murder, being concluded, and a verdict of guilty rendered. Both he and Will Cato, found guilty the day before, were sentenced to hang on Sept. 9. The crowd assembled about the court house was not as large as yesterday, nor was it so threatening.

In the trial of Reed, there was little delay, the prisoners as before, were hustled into the witness room, where a strong guard of military was mounted over them. In the corridors the agitation began. The spectators left the court room, and from the lawn outside entered the hallways. Shortly before 1 o'clock the crowd was addressed by a tall man, who called on those about him to follow him. Captain Hitch, of the Ogiethorpe Light Infantry, in command of the forces, realized that the situation was desperate. He posted guards on each of the stairways that led to the floor above, where the prisoners were confined. With fixed bayonets, but unloaded rifles, the guards stood. The mob surged toward them, but were repulsed several times. At the rear stairway the gravest danger threatened. Prominent men, among them the Rev. Mr. Hodges, brother of the murdered man, begged them to disperse. Sheriff Kendrick cautioned the crowd against violence and pleaded with them to leave. The crowd demanded that the sheriff let the prisoners remain in the Statsboro jail.

During the excitement, some 25 men crowded around the guards, and, before they could be prevented, they had wrested their weapons from two of them and thrown open the breach locks. The weapons were empty. The captured soldiers were held prisoners. The same policy was followed with others of the soldiers. Man after man caught isolated, was relieved of his rifle after a struggle. At the front, a member of the mob crept along the wall until he got close to the guards. He threw himself upon them. In the breach thus formed, his companions threw themselves. Two hundred wildly-cheering men followed him and soon the soldiers, though they fought desperately and inflicted bayonet charges upon some of their assailants, were overpowered. One young soldier, of the Oglethorpe Guards, surrendered. He fought his way through his captors and out upon the lawn. A weapon was raised to strike him. "Shame," shouted the crowd, and struck down the man who had raised the weapon. Then they threw themselves upon the boy and overpowered him. The small guard about the prisoners withdrew into the room and closed the door. The mob burst it in and the prisoners were at their mercy. Cato, Reed, Handy Bell and the other prisoners cowered before the crowd. They dragged Cato, and Reed, and releasing Bell into the hands of the few soldiers, left there as soon as they learned that he was not Reed, for whom they had mistaken him.

Reed was taken down one stairway with a rope about his neck, and Cato down the other, both pleading for their lives. The doomed men were dragged along the roadway leading to the Hodges homestead, where the five members of the family had been murdered and burned. That was their destination.

The heat was so intense that the crowd soon wearied. Going seventy-five yards from the road the crowd halted. The two negroes were forced to seat themselves on a log. They were told that they had only a short time to live, and they should confess. Reed complied, implicating other negroes, as he had in the court room. He denied, however, that he had taken an active part in the murder. Cato answered incoherently. The crowd moved across a field to a strip of woodland. Several men climbed to branches and called for ropes.

"Burn them."

"Slay them!" "Burn them!" shouted the crowd.

Cato begged to be shot or hanged.

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CRETE THREATENS A REVOLUTION

Claim That Prince George Is Misruling Them—Ask Annexation to Greece.

Rome, Aug. 17.—Inhabitants of the Island of Crete have addressed a strong petition to the Italian Government asking to be freed from the government of Prince George of Greece, the high commissioner of the protective powers whom they accuse of misrule. They ask annexation to Greece and threaten, should their request not be granted, to start a revolution. The petition is addressed to Italy because Cretan affairs are under the supervision of the Italian foreign minister, assisted by the Russian, French and British ambassadors. Prince George, it is reported is about to start on a visit to the capitals of the protective powers.