

## BLOODY BATTLE ON THE PARAPETS

Fierce Attack of Swordsmen  
on Port Arthur Forts.

## RUSHED UPON THE BAYONETS

Defenders and Assaults Rolled In  
Death Embrace Over the Top  
of Breastworks.

Tokio, Nov. 30.—Official advices received at the war office from Japanese headquarters at Port Arthur state that the attack upon the fortress, which began in the afternoon of Nov. 25, was most desperate.

That day was one of disappointment to the Japanese. Generals Nakamura and Saito, leading specially trained bodies of swordsmen, charged into the forts, utterly regardless of the withering fire directed at them. Many of the attackers were shot in their tracks, but the others continued the wild rush over the bodies of their dead and wounded, and finally reached the parapets.

The attack was directed against the Sunghusan and Ehrungshan fortifications and the northern forts of east Keekwanshan.

Simultaneously other Japanese detachments brought mountain and field guns within range of the points of attack. While the swordsmen scaled the parapets and hurled themselves against the defenders, the guns shelled the breastworks with awful results. The meaning of the assault was clear to the defenders, developed into a hand-to-hand fight of such fury and fierceness as eclipsed any that has occurred since the beginning of the siege.

The valor of the defenders might well be termed unparalleled. In the face of the well-aimed slashes of determined swordsmen and the havoc wrought by the Japanese shells from below, they held out, at first only defending every inch of ground, but later gradually driving back the attackers.

It seemed as though every available fighting man at Port Arthur had been pressed into service at one time or another where the Japanese onslaught occurred. Hundreds fell, killed or disabled. Their bodies, piled high, served as an additional means of defense. Rifles were thrown away and swords took their place, and after a while even these weapons became useless, so close was the fight. As the evening progressed it developed into fights of man against man, hundreds of them locked in deadly embrace at one time. The Russians endeavoring to drag their antagonists over the edge of the breastworks, the Japanese straining every muscle to hurl themselves with their victims down the inclines, leading to the Japanese approaches. When this stage had been reached at one time Japanese guns had become useless.

A single shell would have killed as many friends as foes, for, perhaps, the former, owing to their exposed positions. Then the fight began to grow uneven, and the order was given to retire.

Half an hour later the fortress was

stepped in darkness. Not a sound proceeded from the spot where shortly before the most awful struggle of the past month had occurred.

## RUSS REFORMERS' DEMANDS

Asks the Abolition of the Autocracy  
and a Democratic Regime.

New York, Dec. 1.—A London dispatch to the Times says the London Times' Paris correspondent has a summary of a document purporting to be an account of a secret conference recently held in Paris by Russian reformers and revolutionaries. It stated that the conference agreed to co-operate in an effort to reform the Russian Government, recognizing the principles and fundamental demands:

"First, the abolition of the autocracy and the repeal of all measures infringing on the constitutional rights of Finland.

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Nine societies, each of large membership, are said to have been represented at the conference.

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## THE SARNIA TUNNEL

G. T. R. Considering Practicability of  
Using Electricity.

Montreal, Nov. 30.—Mr. F. H. McGuigan, manager of the G. T. R., said yesterday that the company, for some time prior to the recent accident at the St. Clair Tunnel, had been considering the practicability of using electricity as a motor power in that part of the system. The high grade, which in the tunnel reaches two per cent, compared with eight-tenths of one per cent in the Baltimore and Ohio tunnel at New York, creates a difficulty. The Baltimore and Ohio engines could handle only 40 per cent of the freight that passes through the G. T. R. tunnel, according to Mr. McGuigan's estimate. To overcome the difficulty large engines would have to be built and proved to be a success.

## THE NEW ICEBREAKER

Will Keep the River Clear Between  
Montreal and Quebec.

Halifax, Nov. 30.—The new icebreaker Montcalm, built in Scotland for the Dominion Government, to be employed in keeping the River St. Lawrence open later and earlier in the season, arrived at North Sydney for bunkering coal. The steamer, which left Greenport eleven days ago, had a terrible experience in the gales, but, under the conditions, made a wonderfully quick passage. She is commanded by Capt. Koenig, of the Dominion Government steamer Druid, and has a crew of 40 men. The Montcalm is 245 feet long, 40 feet beam and 18 feet deep. She will endeavor to keep the river clear all winter between Quebec and Montreal, and will also be employed as lighthouse tender.

## ADMIRAL DEWEY REFUSED TO ACT

Declined to Take Seat on the  
North Sea Tribunal.

## WOULD BE MADE PRESIDENT

And Feared That Complications Might  
Ensnare Upon His Flaking  
Any Decisions.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The invitation extended by the President by Great Britain and Russia to name a member of the North Sea tribunal was considered at a cabinet meeting, especially by the President, and Secretaries Hay and Morton.

Admiral Dewey was considered for the appointment, and the desire was generally expressed that he should have it, but he has let it be understood that he does not care for it.

Admiral Dewey would, had he accepted, been the ranking member of the board and by etiquette would be made presiding officer. The controversy over the issue of great importance, which may materially affect, if not seriously impair, the relations between Great Britain and Russia. The possibility of the attitude of this Government being misinterpreted through some ruling of the admiral as the presiding officer, and of great embarrassment if he actually strained relations, resulting, led the admiral to express the opinion to officials of the state department that he should not be considered in connection with the appointment.

These objections impressed the state department authorities, and they stated that the conference agreed to co-operate in an effort to reform the Russian Government, recognizing the principles and fundamental demands:

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## "FAMILY JEWELS" DID THE TRICK

How an Englishman Fooled  
Big Montreal Hotel.

## WIFE THOUGHT HIM REAL THING

Box of Gems Deposited With Hotel  
People When Opened Proved  
To Be Worthless.

Montreal, Nov. 30.—A case that well illustrates the recklessness that characterizes some persons was disposed of in court here yesterday by the acquittal of a young Englishman, who gave the name of Parker Thompson. This young man arrived in Montreal about a month ago, accompanied by an attractive young woman, and engaged a suite of three rooms at the Windsor Hotel.

He let it be understood that he belonged to an English family of distinction, whose jewels, prized for their antiquity, he deposited in a sealed package in the hotel safe. Shortly after their arrival the young couple drove to a leading outfitter's, and soon a large quantity of expensive furs and other garments were delivered. In the day the two were married, and, according to the evidence of the young woman in court, it was not until her husband had spent all the money and the remittances that he had talked about had repeatedly failed to arrive that she began to feel uneasy.

There was no money to pay for other things already ordered, but that would be all right, so the young husband assured her. A night or two later Mr. Thompson did not come back to the hotel, but he was located the next day in a hospital, where the doctors declared he was feigning illness. Meantime, the manager of the hotel swore out a warrant for his arrest on a charge of fraud, and as soon as the accused felt well enough he appeared in court. The wife went down as a witness, and told a sad story of misplaced confidence. All of the belongings had been seized at the hotel, and she herself, in order to prevent greater embarrassment, had been humbled from the position of guest to that of domestic.

The case dragged along on the chance of a remittance from the accused's relatives coming to hand. No remittance came, and so it was decided to express the family jewels. The box was opened, but all it contained was an old brass watch case and chain. A further adjournment was granted, and yesterday Judge Choquet, in dismissing the case, held that no false representation had been made by the accused.

Thompson had gone to the hotel, engaged the rooms, had ordered wines and other extras, but had made no promise of payment. All that could be done in the circumstances was to enter a civil suit to recover the amount of the indebtedness. Meantime the Windsor Hotel Company might retain all the baggage.

## BRUCHESI AT ROME

Canadian Catholics Have an Audience  
With the Pope.

Rome, Nov. 30.—Archbishop Bruchesi and Bishop Delaney were received by the Pope today. The audience with Archbishop Bruchesi lasted half an hour. His holiness said he was pleased to hear the condition of ecclesiastical affairs in Canada, and in general, and in Montreal in particular.

The archbishop presented to the Pope the letter of his holiness, which brought with him, and also a special offering for the jubilee of the Immaculate Conception, and informed his holiness that the great function to be held on the anniversary of the dogma of the canonization of the Virgin Mary, which was celebrated in Montreal for the evangelization of the church. He gave Archbishop Bruchesi a souvenir for his mother and his children, and a blessing to the Catholic Club of young men of St. James' parish, the president of which club, Mr. Costin, and his wife, were present with the Pope.

The archbishop also presented Father Roy, chancellor of the archdiocese, and several other Canadian priests and communicants in the diocese, and the proportion between Catholics and others of the residents. Bishop Delaney, who has been in the diocese, and the proportion between Catholics and others of the residents. Bishop Delaney, who has been in the diocese, and the proportion between Catholics and others of the residents.

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## "RETALIATION ACT"

Whatever It Is It Has Uncle Sam  
Scared.

New York, Nov. 30.—It is evident from advices at hand that Canada is expected to enact a manufacturing law which concerns to invest many millions of dollars in branch factories in the Dominion territory before Oct. 1, 1905, when the "Retaliation Act" goes into effect. It is said that on the completion of the Canadian Niagara Power Company at Niagara Falls, Ont., work will at once be commenced upon the construction of several large manufacturing plants, which are to be built with capital supplied by United States corporations, with a main office in New York and which will serve as Canadian branches of these houses.

The new industries are brought to the Canadian side by the Laurier act and also by the legislation which imposes additional heavy duty upon articles imported to Canada and sold cheaper than in the country of their manufacture.

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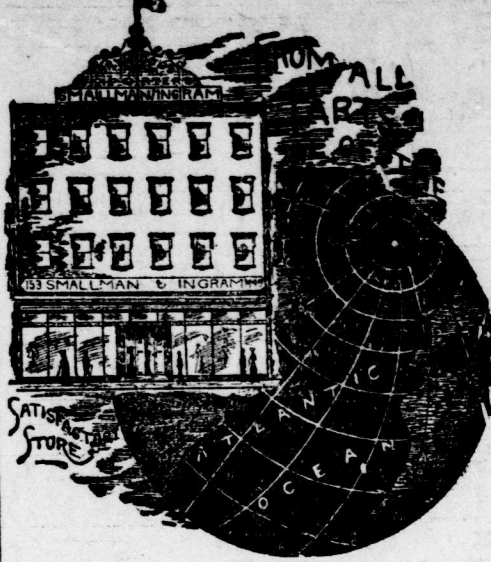
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