

WHY FORTRESS FELL

General Stoessel Interviewed on Leaving Nagasaki.

LOSS OF METER HILL A DEADLY BLOW

Defender of Port Arthur Said: "It Is Not True That I Dissented From Decision to Surrender; We Had No Hope of Relief."

LONDON, Jan. 18.—A Nagasaki dispatch says that General Stoessel, who left that port yesterday with his family for Odessa, when interviewed before his departure, said:

"The capitulation of Port Arthur on New Year's day was merely a coincidence. The loss of Two Hundred and Three Meter Hill and the subsequent capture of fortis, combined with the deadly marksmanship of the terrible eleven inch shells, the depressing effect of the death of General Kondratenko and the fearful increase of scurvy, really fixed the time of capitulation. It is quite untrue that I dissented from the unanimous decision of the final council of war. Our final urgent requests for relief were never answered. As regards parole, I distinctly discouraged any concerted action. Every officer decided for himself. Generally commanding officers stuck with their men and chose imprisonment. Most of the naval officers also chose captivity, many probably being influenced by the fear of impending court martial."

There were actually surrendered at Port Arthur between nine and ten thousand soldiers and sailors, of whom many were unfit for duty. The sick and wounded numbered 16,000. Fifty per cent of the officers of the garrison were killed, and only 28 (probably per cent) went through the siege unscathed.

The fortress could have held out for some time longer but for the fire of the Japanese eleven inch howitzers, which destroyed the food depots, the workshops and the ammunition stores and made the repair of the defensive works impossible.

Interviews with other Russian officers revealed great bitterness against and denunciations of Admiral Alexeeff for his failure to properly fortify Port Arthur and "his cowardly flight" by the last train from the fortress. They say the torpedo boat destroyers that escaped before the surrender carried all the regimental and naval colors to Chifu. The junior officers denounce the incapacity and folly of the government in entering upon the war and declare that all the men who return to Russia from Port Arthur are revolutionists in spirit. These opinions were expressed in the presence of General Stoessel, who remarked: "Let me talk. They have earned the right to think as they please by braving untold deaths for our country."

A Mukden report details an attempt of a strong Japanese detachment of infantry, cavalry and artillery to cut off the column of General Mischtschenko's cavalry as the latter retired northward.

The Japanese under cover of a mist outflanked the Russians. A battle ensued, the Russian artillery with the column inflicting heavy losses on the Japanese at short range and then retiring. The Russian losses were five officers and forty men killed or wounded.

The Russian protest against the imposition that General Mischtschenko's cavalry violated Chinese neutrality, even if—of which there is at present no evidence—they crossed the Liao river above Newchwang, claiming that a small strip on the west bank is distinctly reserved as included in the sphere of hostilities.

Russia's Thanks to Hay. WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Russia, through Count Cassini, has expressed her thanks to the American government for its prompt action in calling to China's attention the charges that her neutrality was being violated. The Russian ambassador received a note from Secretary Hay acknowledging the communication of Count Lamsdorff and informing the ambassador that the American government had promptly called China's attention to the charges and expressed the fervent hope that China's neutrality as well as her administrative entity would be faithfully preserved.

Run on Buffalo Bank. BUFFALO, Jan. 18.—A run was started yesterday on the Citizens' bank, lasting only for the day, due, according to President Joseph Block, to the sending out of anonymous letters stating that "depositors would serve their interests by withdrawing their deposits" and possibly to the withdrawal of large sums of money by brewers which they sent around to saloons for the purpose of cashing pay checks of railroad men.

Mormon Senator's Defense. WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Attorneys for Senator Smoot put on the stand witnesses to discredit the testimony of the three witnesses for the protestants who gave what they alleged to be the oaths taken by Mormons who go through the temples and take the endowment ceremony of the Mormon church.

Strike in Oil Fields Ended. BAKU, Jan. 18.—The strike in the oil fields is nearly ended, owing to concessions having been granted to the employees. Only a small proportion of the men have failed to return to work.

Marconi Engagement an Invention. ROME, Jan. 18.—The Italian denies the reported engagement of Signor Marconi to Princess Giacinta Rossoli.

UNFAVORABLE TO HOOKER.

Report of Bar Association Made Public at Albany.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 18.—The New York State Bar association last night rounded out the first day of its twenty-eighth annual meeting with a reception at the Fort Orange club in honor of Hon. William Lindsay of New York city, formerly United States senator from Kentucky and later chief judge of the highest court of that state.

This session of the association is made more than ordinarily important and interesting by reason of the report of the grievance committee upon the accusations against Warren B. Hooker of Fredonia, Chautauque county, a justice of the supreme court in the eighth judicial district, whose name was involved by postoffice department officials in the so called "postoffice scandal."

The accusations were called to the attention of the association by the bar association of Jamestown and were referred to the grievance committee, whose report is, on the whole, unfavorable to Justice Hooker, and the subcommittee's recommendation is that "a further investigation be had by the legislature before a tribunal having compulsory process."

SWAYNE VOTE TODAY. House Agreed to Settle Impeachment Case at Once.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—With an agreement reached to vote on the Swayne impeachment articles at 3:30 this afternoon the debate in the house was carried on at high pressure for more than five hours. Mr. Grosvenor furnished the text for a very vigorous speech by Bourke Cockran by the reading of a letter from Judge Pardee of New Orleans declaring that politics was at the bottom of the impeachment proceedings. The fact of a judge transmitting such a letter, Mr. Cockran declared dramatically, was "a monstrous spectacle."

Mr. Grosvenor asserted that there was no ground presented for impeachment in the report of the committee. The other defenders of the Florida Judge during the day were Messrs. Lacey of Iowa, Nevill of Ohio, Moon of Pennsylvania and Crumpacker of Indiana. Mr. Lamar of Florida closed the debate for the day, reviewing the sentiment of his state and the record of Judge Swayne. He declared there was ample ground for impeachment.

Talbot Case to Be Aired in Court. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 18.—The controversy between Right Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of central Pennsylvania, and Rev. Dr. I. N. W. Irvine has taken a new turn, and it is probable that the whole affair will be aired in the civil courts. Mr. Irvine has filed notice of a suit for slander against Bishop Talbot, asking damages. The papers were served on the bishop when he came to this city to preside at the meeting of the general committee on Sunday school instruction.

Not Body of Mrs. Silk. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 18.—The unidentified body recovered from the hull of the steamer Glen Island, burned on Long Island sound, is not that of Mrs. Rosa Silk of this city. When the body was recovered an envelope bearing her address was in the clothing. Mrs. Silk's son Isaac went to claim the body, but he was convinced it was not that of his mother. In the opinion of a New York surgeon the body is that of a man. Members of the Silk family now are mystified over the disappearance of Mrs. Silk.

Second Cabinet Dinner. WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The second cabinet dinner of the season in honor of the president and Mrs. Roosevelt took place last night, with the secretary of the treasury and Mrs. Shaw as hosts. The additional guests were the British ambassador and Lady Darnley, the French ambassador and Mme. Jusserand, Senator and Mrs. Elkins and others.

McCue Granted a Reprieve. RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 18.—The governor last night granted a reprieve to J. Samuel McCue, who was to have been hanged at Charlottesville on Friday for the murder of his wife, until Feb. 10 to give time for the state supreme court to consider his amended application for a writ of error.

Emperor Receives Fushimi. TOKYO, Jan. 18.—Prince Sadunaru Fushimi, who has arrived here from a tour of the United States, was received in audience by the emperor. The prince expressed his appreciation of American hospitality and said he was much impressed by the friendliness manifested for Japan.

Wealthy Newburger's Bequests. NEWBURG, N. Y., Jan. 18.—The will of David F. B. Carson, a wealthy resident of Newburg, who died recently, leaves, among other bequests, \$5,000 to the Methodist church at Dalton, Mass., his birthplace, and \$10,000 to the Chapin Home For the Aged and Infirm in New York.

Russians Occupy Kashgar. LONDON, Jan. 18.—A Shanghai dispatch says that the Chinese government complains that Russians have occupied Kashgar, the governor of which has appealed to the Chinese foreign board to open negotiations for the withdrawal of the Russians.

Germany Objects to Name. BERLIN, Jan. 18.—Foreign Secretary von Richthofen has again conveyed to the American chamber of commerce of Berlin information of the government's unwillingness to recognize a foreign institution in Berlin under that name.

END OF AUTOCRACY

Hebrew President Prophecies Its Fall.

ROOSEVELT CHAMPION OF HUMANITY

Board of Congregation Delegates Have Done Great Work in Helping Jews in Russia—Were Aided by President.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—"The overthrow of Russian autocracy will be the last echo of the voice of Kishineff." This was a prophecy in passing over the subject of Jewish civil and religious rights in America by President Samuel Woolner of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in making his report to the nineteenth council of the organization assembled here. He advised united effort to oppose possible future immigration legislation which might be inimical to Jewish interests. Speaking of the work of the board of delegates on civil and religious rights, President Woolner said:

"While the Kishineff protest was not officially the work of our board of delegates, yet our chairman, Simon Wolf, was one of the workers who, together with the late lamented Leo N. Levi, framed this historical document and stirred the American citizens to indorse it in righteous wrath. The overthrow of the Russian autocracy will be the last echo of Kishineff."

"More than a year ago our board of delegates met in Washington to lay before the president of the United States and the department of state the continued disregard on the part of certain foreign governments of the passport when presented by American citizens of Jewish faith. So successful has this informal petition been that the matter has been brought officially before the new Russian minister of the interior, from whom the whole world now expects a favorable recommendation to the czar.

"The interpretation of the immigration laws, which often works hardships to Jewish immigrants, has, through the agency of Chairman Wolf, often been modified in favor of the victims of religious persecution. There is no doubt but that the immigration question will soon require the combined wisdom of the American Jews to prevent the framing of national laws which might prove inimical to the Jewish immigrant."

In the course of his report President Woolner styled President Roosevelt "champion of humanity."

Editors Criticize Pennypacker. HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 18.—The Pennsylvania State Editorial association at its annual meeting here adopted resolutions criticising Governor Pennypacker for his reference to the press in his recent biennial message to the legislature. Dietrich Lamade of Williamsport, the retiring president, made an address, in which he said that he hoped to see the day when no public officer, no matter how high his office, will dare to suggest for the members of the association the ducking stool, the assassins' pistol or annihilation at the request of six citizens.

Wheelock-Dix Wedding at New York. NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Miss Catherine Margaret Dix, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, was married in Trinity church to William H. Wheelock, the ceremony being performed by the bride's father, the rector of Trinity, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Manning, vicar of St. Agnes' chapel. Among those present were Miss Alice Roosevelt, Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robinson.

McCumber For Senator. BISMARCK, N. D., Jan. 18.—Both houses of the North Dakota legislature have voted in separate session for United States senator. The entire Republican vote in each house was cast for Senator P. J. McCumber. Today at the joint session the formal ballot was cast for Senator McCumber.

Trainmen Deny Strike Report. CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 18.—Officials at the headquarters of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen in this city deny that any count of the vote relative to a contemplated strike on the Pennsylvania system is being made here. The matter is entirely in the hands of Vice Grand Master Lee at present.

Swept Over Niagara Falls. BUFFALO, Jan. 18.—Joseph Labroso, employed on the crib construction work of the Electrical Development company just above the cataract at Niagara falls, lost his balance while on a crib, fell into the swift current and was swept over the falls. Nothing has been seen of his body.

Want Tax on Oleomargarine. HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 18.—A meeting of representatives of the agricultural and dairy interests of Pennsylvania was held here to take action against the proposed attempt to repeal the Groat bill taxing colored oleomargarine 10 cents a pound by the present session of congress.

White Star to Have Marconi Magic. NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—A contract has been signed with the White Star line for the equipment of their vessels with the Marconi wireless telegraph apparatus. The first vessel to be installed will be the Oceanic, which will leave England toward the end of the month.

Knox Elected Senator. HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 18.—Philadelphia C. Knox has been elected United States senator for the short and long terms to succeed the late Senator Quay by the Pennsylvania legislature.

MONTE A WINNER.

Feature at New Orleans Was Defeat of Ascot Belle in Third Race.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 18.—Favorites fared as badly on a fast track here as they did in the deep going of a few days ago. Lineal and Monte were the only decided choices to finish first. Homestead, who was out to the last ounce to win the fourth race, closed in the betting on even terms with Lady Charlot, but the mare carried more money, having been backed down from five. Summaries:

First Race.—Darius, first; Sadducee, second; Dalesman, third. Second Race.—Lineal, first, Harpoon, second; Judge Sandley, third. Third Race.—Monte, first; Ascot Belle, second; Montebank, third. Fourth Race.—Homestead, first; Handspringer, second; Little Boy, third. Fifth Race.—Mezzo, first; Moweta, second; Hoodwink, third. Sixth Race.—Rian, first; Miss Betty, second; Rachel Ward, third.

Hunt Fox on Foot or Horseback? HARRE, Mass., Jan. 18.—L. W. Campbell of Woonsocket, R. I. took a long chance at a fox in the Moose brook region at the opening of the Brunswick Fur club winter hunt, and P. A. Dowd of Worcester took the fox at long range in the rear legs, but the animal got away. There were six hunters out. More are expected at the annual meeting to see whether the Brunswick Fur club shall change into a hunt club or keep its present policy of laying in wait for foxes on foot.

The Reprobate Win Suspected. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—The judges are investigating the third race at Oakland, which was won by The Reprobate. Albemarle, on her recent form, was the legitimate favorite, but went back in the betting, closing at 3 to 1. The coup was on The Reprobate. Opening at 4 to 1, his price was hammered down to 8 to 5, and several of the bookmakers held him out entirely. The Reprobate won easily by half a dozen lengths. Lady Kent beat Meada for the place.

Waswift at Ascot. LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18.—Waswift was the only successful favorite at Ascot. The track was soft, but not muddy, and several of the outsiders found it to their liking. Emperor of India won the best race of the day by a neck from Hans Wagner.

Surprises at Hot Springs. HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Jan. 18.—The bettors had rather a bad day of it at Essex park. Wild Irishman and Ethics were the only winners whose victories put money in the pockets of the form players. The two surprises were Voltale and Billy Moore.

Maid Shot by Coachman. DANBURY, Conn., Jan. 18.—Helen Sheridan, forty years old, a maid in the family of Edward Stone, a dry goods merchant of this city, was shot and instantly killed here by John Andersen, Mr. Stone's coachman. Andersen picked up a revolver which lay upon a table in a room in which both were, and while he was examining the weapon it was discharged. The bullet struck Miss Sheridan in the head, and she expired at once. Andersen gave himself up to the police.

Would Steal Canada Away. LONDON, Jan. 18.—Lord Minto, former governor general of Canada, speaking at Minto, near Hawick, last night, on the proposed colonial conference and the question of preferential treatment, said Canada could not wait forever, and if she received nothing but a bucket of cold water she would be justified in saying there were other opportunities before her. The United States was seeking reciprocity with Canada in the hope of stealing her away from Great Britain.

Boiler Explosion at Graves Mountain. WASHINGTON, Ga., Jan. 18.—Two persons were killed and two more very seriously injured near here by a boiler explosion at Graves Mountain, in Lincoln county. Two negroes who were standing near the engine at the time of the explosion were blown over a rail fence, a distance of twenty feet, but not hurt. The engine and a small tool house were completely demolished.

A Third Victim Discovered. RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 18.—A third victim of the drowning accident at Reservoir park here was disclosed when the body of E. P. Weber, twenty-seven years old, was taken from the waters of the lake. The bodies of R. Barton Thompson and Ernest J. Bland were recovered yesterday. The three broke through the ice while skating.

Farmer Suicide Used a Poker. GREENWICH, Mass., Jan. 18.—Ephraim Hattaway, fifty-six years of age, a farmer of this place, committed suicide near here by placing the butt of a shotgun against the barn door and, with the muzzle at his left breast, firing the weapon with a poker. Death was instantaneous.

Six Thousand For Loss of Husband. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 18.—At Oswego a supreme court jury awarded Mrs. Margaret Gleason a verdict of \$6,000 against the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company for the death of her husband. He was killed in a collision at Oswego exactly one year ago.

Radium in Solar Photosphere. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 18.—Professor Monroe B. Snyder, director of the Philadelphia observatory, announced that he has discovered the existence of radium in the solar photosphere and of radium emanation in the solar corona and in the auroral streamers of the earth.

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