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Uninterrupted Assault on Port Arthur Forts For 20 Days.

Paul Kruger's Funeral — Mrs. Chadwick in Jail — Deaths on Burning Steamer—Rural Carriers Dismissed—Explosion on Battleship—Admission of New States—Trade Reports.

The story of the operations at Port Arthur, as contained in General Stoessel's report to the czar, is intensely interesting and shows that there had been an almost uninterrupted assault of the most desperate character from Nov. 20 to Dec. 10, when the Japanese after losing 23,000 men captured 203 Meter hill and were able from that position to shell the squadron in the Port Arthur roadstead. There the official account ends; but it is explained that the Japanese do not occupy the top of the hill which is still exposed to a deadly fire from the Russian artillery.

The Japanese are using a plunging fire from very heavy guns behind the crest of the hill, but that this fire is efficiently directed is shown by the damage suffered by the Russian squadron. The Japanese are credited with using 11-inch and 16-inch mortars and howitzers. The effect of these must be most deadly when turned upon the neighboring forts.

The public reception of General Stoessel's dispatches as a whole is not bad. Every one is loud in praise of the Japanese defense of Port Arthur, while the authorities assert that the main line of forts has not yet been broken. The Japanese so far have used every device of engineering skill in making approaches, but with enormous sacrifices have been able to take only the outer line of defenses. It is declared the garrison probably will be able to hold out a considerable time yet.

A matter of much speculation is why the orders to take out and sink the squadron in deep water were not carried out. The only explanation offered is that the crews and guns were drafted ashore and that at the last moment it was impossible to move the ships under the heavy Japanese fire.

Russ Fleet Entirely Destroyed.

Every part of the city and harbor of Port Arthur is visible from 203 Meter hill. The streets of the city are deserted and but few soldiers are doing patrol duty. Many buildings have been burned and others shattered. The shelters of the harbor present a strange appearance with the turrets, masts and funnels of warships showing just above the water. There is not a vessel afloat in the harbor. The docks and buildings on the water front are torn and burned. The Japanese shells reach every part of the city and harbor.

Paul Kruger's Funeral.
 Two thousand burghers attended an impressive religious service at Pretoria on Friday prior to the burial of the body of former President Kruger. Several ministers of the Dutch church spoke, eulogizing the ex-president for his exemplary religious life and as a lover of his people, and exhorting Boers while remaining loyal to the new flag never to forget the principles of their late leader or their own language.

An immense crowd filed through the death chamber throughout the morning. The coffin was draped with the Transvaal and Orange Free State flags and on it were the tributes of Queen Wilhelmina and the queen mother of Holland. At the hall speeches of eulogy were delivered by Generals Louis Botha, Schalk Burger and Christian De Wet. General Botha read a letter from Mr. Kruger exhorting them to preserve the Boer national spirit. The reading of this letter created a profound impression.

General Botha's speech strongly recommended unification of the white races in South Africa as that is the only means by which they can become a great people and realize Kruger's ideal. Around the grave where Mr. Kruger was laid beside his wife, were gathered near relatives, Boer leaders and many prominent personages. Including Sir Richard Solomon representing the British government.

By the king's special request a salute of 21 guns was fired as the coffin was lowered into the grave.

Mrs. Chadwick in Cleveland Jail.
 Five times indicted by the United States government on Wednesday last, at the exact minute that her train rolled into the station, Mrs. Caselle L. Chadwick came home to Cleveland. She was greeted with jeers, hoots and hisses by the crowds that gathered in the depot when her train arrived, howled at by hundreds gathered in front of the Federal building.

The last sound that reached her from the outside world, as she passed into the stuffy, ill-smelling office of Sheriff Barry in the county jail, was the hoot of derision from the people massed in front of the doorway. She made no attempt to give bail and after a brief stop in the office of the clerk of the United States court was taken to jail.

There is small chance that she will be able to leave the jail before her trial. There are now seven indictments against her—five additional charges having been laid against her in the federal court Wednesday after-

noon. It would require surety to the amount of at least \$100,000 to give her freedom. She has herself no idea of giving bail and will remain in jail.

Trade Conditions Favorable.

Bradstreet's summary of the state of trade says:
 Trade, crop and industrial conditions are mainly favorable, and with seasonable activity in retail and holiday distribution, in most sections, the year is drawing to its close with a decidedly cheerful tone pervading most lines of business effort.

The area in winter wheat will not equal that planted a year ago and conditions on Dec. 1 were low, but since the government report was issued the Western drought has been fairly well broken by rains and snow.

Cold weather has stimulated heavy dry goods, clothing and footwear and helped reorder business with jobbers East, West and North. Industry as a whole is active, iron and steel notably so, but building trades feel seasonable quieting influences and cotton manufacturing is not active in all its branches. Railway earnings for November show gains in gross exceeding 9 per cent.

Signs that buyers are at last recognizing real conditions and will come into the shoe market more freely are noted in the Eastern trade, where, however, shipments for the year promise to fall 7.5 per cent behind 1903. Business failures for the week number 235, against 231 last week.

Long Island Steamer Burned.

By the burning of the Starin Line steamer Glen Island in Long Island Sound Saturday morning 20 passengers and seven of the crew lost their lives, and property roughly estimated at a quarter of a million dollars was destroyed. That more lives were not sacrificed undoubtedly was due to the personal courage of the officers and crew and the excellent discipline maintained while the two boats were being lowered. When the steamer was abandoned she was flame-swept from stem to stern, and yet the only persons who lost their lives were those whose escape had been entirely cut off by the fire before the alarm reached them.

Of the 10 passengers and the crew of 21, who sailed on the steambot, 22, including eight passengers, were brought back to New York after being picked up by a tug and put on the steamer Erastus Corning. The Glen Island left her dock in New York Friday night on her regular trip to New Haven.

Rural Carriers Dismissed.

As a result of an investigation of their activity during the recent campaign, Warren F. Tumber, a rural mail carrier at Lockport, N. Y., and H. W. Aldrich, a rural carrier of Concord, N. H., both officials of the National Association of Rural Free Delivery Carriers, were removed forthwith from the government service by Postmaster General Wynne. Tumber is secretary of the National Association of Carriers and he and Aldrich are members of its executive board.

The charges, the investigation of which by postoffice inspectors resulted in this action, were that the dismissed men sent out circular letters during the last campaign to candidates for congress, urging legislation in the interest of carriers and demanding that the men to whom the letters were addressed pledge themselves to vote for such legislation.

Congress Will Adjourn Wednesday.

The question of where the inaugural ball shall be held is the only matter in sight in the house for the week. This will come up under suspension of the rule, on a motion from Representative Morrell. The senate has approved the pension office and the house the congressional library. There are indications that a deadlock has been reached on the matter and that when it is discussed again the Capitol building will be proposed as a compromise. The senate will adjourn on Wednesday for the holidays and no business will be attempted previous to that time.

Admission of Territories.

Senate committee on territories, by a vote of 6 to 4, reported favorably on a statehood bill providing for the admission into the Union of Oklahoma and Indian Territory to become the state of Oklahoma, and of Arizona and New Mexico to become the state of Arizona. The bill is the one originating in the house in the second session of the 58th congress, but has been amended materially by the senate committee. The closeness of the vote practically makes it certain that there will be a minority report.

Explosion on a Battleship.

Caught in a trap and helpless to save themselves, three men lost their lives and four others, including Lieutenant William Cole, were terribly scalded by steam and boiling water in the fire room of the battleship Massachusetts lying at the League Island navy yard. The accident was caused by the giving way of a gasket or rubber washer on a boiler on the starboard side of the ship.

Way's Successor Dropped Dead.

Sergeant of Police John Clapp, formerly a National League baseball player, dropped dead at midnight Sunday in Ithaca. He had just assisted a patrolman in making an arrest when he was stricken with apoplexy. Dulevan B. Way, Clapp's predecessor as sergeant, committed suicide on Friday night.

The arbitration treaty between Great Britain and the United States was signed Monday.

RELIGION IN SCHOOLS.

Testimony of State Superintendent of Education in Utah.

Testimony That a Woman Was Excommunicated by Mormons Because She Would Not Obey Decision of a Bishop's Court Which Deprived Her of Property.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The senate committee on privileges and elections developed nothing sensational in the Senator Smoot investigation yesterday. Interest was evinced by members of the committee in statements by A. C. Nelson, superintendent of public instruction for Utah, concerning the use of school buildings for the teaching of the Mormon religion.

Other witnesses were Isaac Birdsell, a Mormon, who said that his daughter was excommunicated because she would not obey a decision of a bishop's court, which had deprived her of a piece of property to which she held the lawful title, and William Balderson, editor of the Boise, Idaho, Statesman, who testified to political affairs in his state.

William Budge of Paris, Idaho, was recalled by counsel for Mr. Smoot. He said that as a bishop of the Mormon church he has never entertained a case involving the title of land, for the reason that presidents of the church have given instructions that bishops and presidents of stakes should not bear such cases.

Apostle Smith was recalled and questioned by Chairman Burrows concerning the immigration from foreign countries. He had testified that from one-third to one-half of the converts to the church came from Europe. These immigrants, he said, are usually placed in charge of an experienced man brought over on steamships with which the foreign missionaries do business. There are about four sailings a year, he said.

Mr. Taylor he said he was present at the meeting at which Mr. Penrose was elected an apostle. The fact that Mr. Penrose was a polygamist was not mentioned or thought of, and he added: "That question does not enter into the election. It is settled in our country that the people must obey the laws of the land."

"Do you?" said Mr. Taylor.

"Well I try to."

"But you have not succeeded very well," asked Chairman Burrows.

"Well not so far."

Apostle Smith was then discharged and William Balderson, editor of the Boise, Idaho, Statesman, and formerly connected with the Salt Lake Times, testified in regard to political conditions in Utah about the time of the issuance of the Woodruff manifesto, and in Idaho after 1891.

Asked concerning the passage of a resolution calling a constitutional convention which was believed by Gentiles to be for the purpose of repealing the Idaho test, he said that during the session of the legislature Apostle Smith asked him if he thought the time had come when an amendment could be made to the constitution to eliminate that portion "so distasteful to his people." Shortly afterward the resolution passed both house and senate without comment.

The witness said that polygamists living in Idaho have increased despite the fact that there have been few plural marriages within the state. He said that up to the last campaign both political parties in Idaho were disposed to go to Salt Lake to "get a straight tip" as to which would get the Mormon support.

Mr. Taylor asked if they got this tip and received the response: "Yes, but they never knew whether it was straight."

It was brought out by Mr. Taylor that the Idaho attorney general is reported to have taken a plural wife within the last two or three years.

A. C. Nelson of Salt Lake, state superintendent of public instruction and a Mormon, was sworn. He now is making an investigation of the extent in which religion classes are maintained in the schools. Answers have been received, he said, from all county superintendents except three. Classes are held in about 300 buildings. These classes are assembled after the adjournment of the regular school day, which varies from 2:30 to 5 p. m.

Governor-Elect at Albany.

Albany, Dec. 20.—Governor-elect Higgins arrived here early yesterday morning from his home in Olean and spent a busy day at his office adjoining the senate chamber in the Capitol. Besides announcing the composition of his military staff and completing arrangements for his inauguration he held conferences with several state officials, with whom he discussed prospective legislation to be recommended in his message to the legislature. In the morning he had a long conversation with Senator John Raines regarding changes in the present election laws, the purport of which has already been announced.

Two Deaths From Snowball Quarrel.

New York, Dec. 20.—In a quarrel growing out of a snowballing bet between the children of Felipe Scilabero and Joseph Sverinoff of East 39th street, Saverino was shot to death and Scilabero was fatally wounded. Antonio Scilabero, the father of Felipe, is missing and the police are searching for him. The children had complained of one another to their elders and the shooting followed.

PLENTY OF WORK.

Demoted Engineers and Firemen of the Pennsy Re-Employed.

Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—Ten former engineers, demoted and again put to firing last spring when freight traffic was not so heavy, were Saturday put back to their old positions on the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania. This makes 77 demoted engineers who have been reinstated within two weeks. Many demoted firemen also were put back in their old places.

Eight firemen Saturday were sent from Pittsburg to Conemaugh and Altoona.

On account of the heavy freight traffic and the breaking up of numerous engines by the bad water the Pittsburg division is short of motive power. Four engines were borrowed from the Bessemer and Lake Erie Saturday and another was received yesterday.

The greatest scarcity of water for engines still exists. Five tank trains are kept busy hauling water to Grapeville, some going as far as Latrobe for their supply. At Derry the company has a dam encircling 60 acres, with a normal depth of 17 feet. Although much water is being taken from this lake the supply has fallen only nine feet. The Allegheny Valley also is troubled with its water. The Pennsy lines West have been doing well thus far, but the danger limit, it is feared, is not far off.

The Baltimore and Ohio is hauling water out of the Allegheny river in large quantities and taking it to the Glenwood yards and as far up the Youghiogheny river as Versailles.

TRIED TO MEET CARNEGIE.

Mrs. Chadwick, When She Was Mrs. Hoover, Failed to Get Acquainted With Him.

Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—That Mrs. Caselle L. Hoover, before she became Mrs. Chadwick, had laid her plans to engage Andrew Carnegie, if possible, in some of her big financial deals is now known by Pittsburg friends of Mr. Carnegie, and it is also known that she failed completely and ingloriously, as Mr. Carnegie refused to even have an introduction to the woman at Crescon.

Almost 10 years ago, when Mr. Carnegie and his family were enjoying their usual summer outing at the top of the Allegheny mountains in one of his large cottages there, a strange woman known as Mrs. Hoover came and took up her residence at the Mountain House. She dressed richly and showed evidence of having much money at her command. She quickly ingratiated herself into the good will of many of the men visitors at the hotel and she made no secret of her wish to penetrate the wall of conservatism which Mr. Carnegie and others had thrown round their cottages.

She approached several persons after a week's acquaintance, asking that she be introduced to Mr. Carnegie, but this was never done, for those who knew Mr. Carnegie well knew that to introduce a woman to him would cost his friendship.

1505 Its Busiest Year.

Bradock, Pa., Dec. 20.—General Superintendent Charles E. Dinkey of the Edgar Thomson Steel works and blast furnaces of the Carnegie Steel company predicts that next year will be the busiest year in the history of the Carnegie Steel company. The employees will get off for Christmas day and New Year's day, but the usual holiday shut down will have to be foregone this year.

National Biscuit Manager Killed.

Indianapolis, Dec. 20.—William A. Barnett, department manager of the National Biscuit company, was instantly killed and Stuart R. Johnson, member of the Joseph M. Le Rosa company, was fatally injured in a grade crossing accident. The men were driving a spirited horse across the Pennsylvania railroad tracks near the fair grounds when the vehicle was struck by a passenger train.

To Protect Horse Owners.

Mork, Pa., Dec. 20.—The Glen Rock Mutual Horse Thief Detective society, the oldest society in the state for the protection of farmers and other horse owners, which has been in existence 64 years, met at Glen Rock and elected the following officers: George W. Heindel, president; D. R. Bortner, vice president; E. M. Peterman, secretary, and Nelson Kront, treasurer.

Outlaws Use Dynamite on Home.

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 20.—The residence of Samuel Hatcher, a wealthy business man, was partially destroyed Sunday night by outlaws dynamiting the structure. Mel Marshall and Frank Hatcher have been arrested, charged with the crime. None of Hatcher's family was injured.

Elks Arrange Treat For More.

New Castle, Pa., Dec. 20.—More than 1,600 children will be made happy here at Christmas by New Castle lodge of Elks, which will give away presents and food to every poor and needy child in the city.

Oklahoma Judge Is Acquitted.

Lawton, Okla., Dec. 20.—Judge E. M. Payne of Chickasha, United States commissioner, has been acquitted in the federal court here of the charge of drunkenness and permitting the sale of liquor in the Indian Territory.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Summary of the Week's News of the World.

Cream of the News Culled From Long Dispatches and Put in Proper Shape For the Hurried Reader Who is Too Busy to Read the Longer Reports and Desires to Keep Posted.

Nelson Boggiano, from Buffalo, was electrocuted at Auburn for the murder of Henry Bender on June 29, 1903.

At a dinner of the Asiatic society in Delmonico's, New York, Prince Fushimi said his farewells to the United States.

Senator Stewart of Nevada has introduced a bill to double the salaries of the president, vice president, senators and representatives.

Postmaster General Wynne removed Frank H. Cunningham of South Omaha, president of the National Association of Rural Carriers, and James C. Keller of Cleveland at the head of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Thursday.

Hotel and cafe proprietors in New York have barred Salvation Army girls who are soliciting contributions for Christmas charities.

Mrs. Chadwick waived examination before United States Commissioner Shields in New York and started for Cleveland to face her accusers.

Sasonoff, the murderer of M. Von Pichew, Russian minister of the interior, was sentenced to penal servitude for life and his accomplice to 20 years' servitude.

By an almost unanimous vote the house of representatives passed the resolution impeaching United States Judge Charles Swayne for a high misdemeanor.

Negotiations are pending at Washington for the reconvening for a discussion of Canadian reciprocity of the joint high commission representing the United States and Great Britain.

Friday.

It is reported from Tokio that the Japanese have successfully torpedoed the battleship Sevastopol at Port Arthur.

The suspension bridge over the Elk river at Charleston, W. Va., fell, precipitating six teams and 30 children into the water 50 feet below.

John B. McDonald became an officer and director in the Metropolitan Securities company, and will build an east side subway in New York.

The administration's plan of interstate commerce legislation includes a central interstate court with final jurisdiction in the matter of interstate railroad rates.

Saturday.

Paul Kruger's body was buried in Pretoria, British guns firing a salute.

A Pittsburg dispatch says the Standard Oil company has reduced the price on crude oil 5 cents.

Mrs. Chadwick was identified as Mme. De Vere by two former matrons of the Columbus penitentiary.

Two thousand burghers attended an impressive religious service prior to the burial of the body of former President Kruger.

After engaging six Japanese torpedo boats the Russian battleship Sevastopol was reported in a sinking condition, but one of her assailants is missing.

Sunday.

The Standard Oil company started an oil large in tow of a steamer to San Francisco by way of Cape Horn, as an experiment.

Japanese bombard the arsenal at Port Arthur and the lack of an explosion is taken as an indication that the ammunition is running low.

The sub-committee of the grievance committee of the State Bar association reported its findings on the investigation of charges against Judge Warren B. Hooker.

Steamer Glen Island is destroyed by fire in Long Island Sound and nine persons perish, two being passengers. Twenty-two are rescued by courageous work on the part of the crew.

Monday.

Protes is filed with the president against the alleged action of the Panama canal commission in shipping lumber in German vessels to the exclusion of American-owned ships.

Tuesday.

Dr. L. S