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NO PEACE OVERTURES.

Minister Takahira Says None Have Been Made by Japan.

Statistics of Garrison's Loss—Terms of Capitulation—Crum's Nomination Is Confirmed—Abeel's Conviction and Sentence Affirmed—Monthly Crop Bulletin.

Japan has made no overtures for peace, directly or indirectly, through the United States or any other power; she contemplates no such action and, now that Port Arthur has fallen, proposes to press the war in the north all the more vigorously by reinforcing the Japanese armies at Liao Yang with the greater part of the troops which have been besieging Port Arthur.

This, in brief, represents the views of Kogoro Takahira, the Japanese minister.

Statistics of Garrison's Loss.

Some interesting statistics concerning the defense of Port Arthur have been received from Chefoo. Originally the army numbered 35,000. Eleven thousand have been killed; 16,000 are wounded or sick, and 8,000 remained in the forts, of whom, however, 2,000 were unable to fight.

During the siege 265 per cent of the garrison were put out of action. This remarkable fact was due to wounded men returning to the front. Cases have been recorded where men have gone to hospitals four times, returning convalescent to the forts.

The number of officers killed was proportionately greater than in any battle known in history. This was due to the frequent lethargic condition of the men, who, without food and without sleep, moved only when ordered by their officers.

The Russians estimate that the taking of the fortress has cost Japan \$100,000,000.

A report from General Nogai's headquarters sees the figures of the surrendered garrison, and intimates that the force handed over to the Japanese at Port Arthur will be 32,000, exclusive of 15,000 or 16,000 sick and wounded, making a rough total of 48,000.

Reports received up to date are as follows:

Eight generals, four admirals, 57 colonels and majors, 100 captains and commanders, 531 army captains and lieutenants, 200 naval lieutenants and naval officials, 99 army officials, 199 surgeons, 20 chaplains; of the rank and file of the army, 22,434; of the rank and file of the navy, 4,500; army non-combatants, 3,645; naval non-combatants, 500; total, 32,287.

Besides these there are about 15,000 or 16,000 sick and wounded in the hospitals. The volunteers are chiefly included in the list of non-combatants. One hundred saddle horses and 1,570 draft horses were surrendered.

Terms of Capitulation.

The text of the articles of capitulation of the Port Arthur garrison signed by the commissioners representing General Stoessel and General Nogai has been made public.

All Russian soldiers, marines and civic officials of the garrison and harbor are made prisoners; all forts, batteries, vessels, munitions, etc., are transferred to the Japanese in the condition in which they existed at noon of Jan. 3, violation of the clause to operate as an annulment of the negotiations, giving the Japanese army warrant to take free possession of the Russian military and naval authorities are to furnish to the Japanese army an exhibit of all their arms, under-ground and subterranean, a list of military officers, of sailors and the numbers of their regiments, of civilians of both sexes, of the baby and occupations, and all the property, as buildings, munitions, etc.

Officers of the fort are permitted to retain their pay, and then such of their pay as they desire. The directly necessary in Corry, soundance of life and preserving the charge each may, upon a natural right to take arms during the go of it by force of the war, retaining a wild Non-commissioned space writer rates will be held as being the benefit of the sick and wounded.

Russians are ordered to have accounts to be coming to the army under the Japanese seal of corps and accountants for such pay of time as may be deemed necessary.

Refertifying Port Arthur.

Advices from Japanese sources indicate that the condition of Port Arthur is chaotic, but that General Nogai and Stoessel rapidly are systematizing affairs there. General Nogai is reported to have a number of men at work on the fortification of Port Arthur immediately the Russians are expelled.

Vast quantities of cement and lumber are ready on the Yalu river, while steel plates and other manufactured necessities are being in Japan for transportation to the fortress. The Japanese are confident that the refortification of Port Arthur will place the fortress in a better condition than ever with the Russian defects eliminated, long before Russia can besiege it, if such a thing ever occurs. Ammunition, food and medical supplies to last for years will be sent to Port Arthur.

Most of the Cereals Are Lower.

Seasonable quiet rules distribution at present. Consideration of past favorable results and preparations for what is confidently hoped to be a prosperous year's trade engrosses wholesalers and jobbers.

Cold weather, however, makes for a fair retail trade in winter goods, and this, with necessary replenishment of broken stocks, induces a fair reassuring demand at leading centers.

A cloud on the industrial activity in New England is, however, the stagnation in the bituminous coal trade growing out of the car shortage in that section.

Telegraphic advices to Bradstreet's report the view taken as to the coming year's trade optimistic, except at the South, where lowered cotton prices tend to depress dealers' views, cloud the outlook and affect collections.

The movement of staple prices has been irregular. Most of the cereals are lower. Wheat displays a noticeable lack of public interest in a slightly weaker market. Corn feels the influence of larger receipts overtopping the current export demand.

The strength of iron and steel prices, if anything, outruns demand, which though quiet still exceeds other years at this period in the volume of new business coming to hand.

Monthly Crop Bulletin.

The weather bureau's monthly crop bulletin says: Severe and protracted drought prevailing in October and November continued during the greater part of December in the Ohio valley, but was generally relieved by rain and snow during the last decade.

The greater part of the winter wheat belt was protected by snow covering most of the month, but was exposed during the cold period of the 27-29th.

A BLACK HAND MURDER.

Contractor's Wife Strangled in Her Room at Hotel.

HUSBAND WAS AWAY FROM CITY

Police Learned That Last Thursday Two Men Visited Her, Since Which Time She Was Not Seen Alive—Had Received a Letter Demanding \$200 on Penalty of Death.

Buffalo, Jan. 10.—With a rope securely tied around her neck, the knotted ends cutting deeply into the flesh, Mrs. Josephine Desanti, wife of Antonio Desanti, a contractor, was found dead in her room on the third floor of the Terrace Park hotel at Church street and the upper Terrace, shortly after noon yesterday.

The police say the woman was a victim of the "Black Hand" society, and as a result the police drag net is now out for everyone whom the police have suspected in the past of being connected in any way with the organization.

Mrs. Desanti had been threatened by the Black Hand, a demand being made that she pay to the society \$200 on penalty of death should the money not be forthcoming.

Last Thursday night, the police believed, two men visited her and it is believed Mrs. Desanti refused to comply with their demands, and they then tied her hands and feet and slipping the noose of a clothes line about her neck attempted to force her into giving up the money. She refused and her death resulted.

Then the men searched the room. They broke open a trunk, but whether they secured any money the police have been unable to learn.

Antonio Desanti, the husband, was in Cleon at the time the murder was committed. He returned to Buffalo Monday morning and failing to get in to his wife's rooms, he called in the police.

Chief of Detectives Taylor accompanied him to the rooms and forced open the door. The woman's body was found on the floor of her sleeping room. She was fully dressed, and from the condition of her features it was evident she had suffered terrible agony before death relieved her sufferings.

Mrs. Desanti was 24 years old. She was married to Antonio Desanti about five years ago and the couple have since lived in various hotels and rooming houses in the Italian district. Desanti was a contractor and is said to be worth considerable money. He was well known to the Italian not only in Buffalo but in several of the cities in this end of the state and Pennsylvania.

About three months ago with his wife he moved into the Terrace Park hotel. They were given a small suite of rooms on the third floor facing the Terrace. They were well liked by the Italians and people who occupy adjoining rooms say they had many visitors.

They were thrifty and for several years had been carefully saving their money. With a substantial bank account they had finally announced their intention of returning to Italy. They had made all arrangements to leave Buffalo on the 20th of this month.

About three weeks ago while the Black Hand excitement was at its height in the Italian district, the Desantis were among those who received demands for money.

They received a letter in which Mrs. Desanti was instructed to give to two men \$200 by a certain date. The letter said should she fail to pay the money she would be put to death.

The Desantis did not become frightened over the letters. They laughed at them and did not even notify the police, as many other Italians had done upon the receipt of similar letters.

The police now believe the time for turning over the money expired last week and the Black Hand agents boldly visited the woman and strangled her upon her failure to give them the money.

Desanti said that when he left Cleon, about a week ago, his wife had something more than \$2,400 in her trunk. It was this money, in whole or part, that she intended to use for the trip to Italy. A search of every part of the Desantis' rooms revealed only a few dollars in change.

Estate of Oliver Harriman.

White Plains, Jan. 10.—The report of the state transfer tax appraiser shows that the estate of Oliver Harriman, the well-known railroad man who died at Mt. Kisco a year ago, is estimated at \$4,216,301, of which \$377,900 is in real property. The bulk of the estate is divided among Mr. Harriman's eight children. Ann H. Vanderbilt, wife of William K. Vanderbilt; Oliver Harriman of White Plains, James Low Harriman of Paris, France; Emeline H. Olin, Jefferson Zenden Harriman of Mt. Kisco, Joseph Harriman of Newport, Lillie Travers and Herbert M. Harriman of Westbury, L. I.

Harmsworth Pulp and Paper Co. St. Johns, N. F., Jan. 10.—Sir Alfred Harmsworth heads the Anglo-Newfoundland Development company, incorporated here with a capital of \$5,000,000 to manufacture pulp and paper in this island.

Pneumatic Tube Mail Service. The request for pneumatic tube mail service in Buffalo will be taken up shortly by the commissioner recently appointed by the postmaster general to investigate the question and a visit to Buffalo probably will be made.

A PATHETIC SPECTACLE.

Long Procession of Remnants of Port Arthur Garrison.

Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army at Port Arthur, via Yinkow and Tien Tsin, Jan. 10.—Five thousand men of the Russian garrison at Port Arthur were marched from Yankow to Changlingtzu and the other detachments followed soon after. Each detachment was accompanied by six loaded transport carts.

The Russians during the night will be taken on special trains or open trucks to Dalny and there they will immediately embark for Japan.

The long procession of the remnants of the gallant Russian garrison was a pathetic spectacle. The first arrivals at Changlingtzu were four droves drawn by sorry looking horses. They contained the staff officers who had refused to give their parole. All wore their swords, as they were allowed to do under the terms of capitulation compact.

A few minutes later the first detachment arrived. The regimental officers marched with their men, their heads bowed and their faces seamed with lines, showing the result of the mental and physical strain they had undergone during the long defense.

As the Japanese soldiers crowded about them with evident curiosity the faces of the Russian officers were an interesting study. All of them appeared to feel their humiliating position keenly and though some seemed to be resigned to their situation others were resentful at being regarded with curiosity.

The men looked to be well fed, but their faces, like those of the officers, indicated the awful physical strain they had undergone. The officers were clean and well clothed but the men were clad in dirty looking sheepskin coats and appeared to be resigned and glad that the end had come.

The horses drawing the transport carts were suffering with fatigue, though the loads were small. They were tied to the carts and led by orderlies. In the procession were many lean looking pet dogs belonging to the officers.

In many cases officers refused to wear their swords, but had them carried behind them by orderlies. The officers saluted the European and American correspondents with the Japanese army and appeared to be both pleased and astonished at seeing the Europeans and Americans there.

The prisoners were treated with the greatest respect and kindness, though they were regarded with much natural curiosity. The soldiers were given food, cigarettes and beer and the correspondent even saw Japanese soldiers voluntarily carrying the effects of the prisoners when they were overcome by fatigue. The railway has been repaired and gauge changed almost to the city of Port Arthur, into which trains will enter in a few days.

The telephone and telegraph lines have been completed to the city and already Japanese engineers are surveying the destroyed forts on the eastern fortified ridges.

GANG OF BOY BANDITS.

Two Have Confessed to Thefts at Instance of a Junk Dealer.

Binghamton, Jan. 10.—The police have arrested Edward Aekley, aged 14, and Peter Burke, aged 17, charged with being members of the gang of boy bandits, who attempted to shoot Lineman Richard Smith on Saturday afternoon. The fourth member of the gang has not been captured.

These boys with "Mickey" Forbes, who was arrested Sunday, have confessed to a large number of thefts, largely copper wire and other articles that they could sell for junk, which they admit stealing during the past two weeks.

They claim that they were encouraged in the theft by John Martino, an Italian junk dealer, who was arrested and is now in jail. A large amount of wire and other junk, which the boys confessed stealing, was found in Martino's store when it was searched yesterday afternoon. The boys pointed out where it was hidden.

Harvard in Inaugural Parade.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 10.—The Republican club of Harvard will head the collegiate department in the inaugural parade at Washington on March 4. President Roosevelt in a recent interview with W. B. Flint, the secretary of the club, spoke enthusiastically of having his alma mater represented and expressed a desire that the marchers should wear the same crimson technology torchlight parade here last fall. Already about 100 Harvard men have signified their intention of taking part in the parade.

His Malady.

Tess—She's a professional nurse, I believe. Jess—Not at all. What gave you that idea? Tess—She remarked that she sat up last night with a sick man. Jess—Lovesick; that was all. It was that fiancee of hers.—Philadelphia Press.

A Strong Word.

Dr. Blunt—We must wake her, because I want to ask her if she has obeyed my orders. The Patient's Husband—Er—ah—doctor, it might be as well to—ah—put that question in a somewhat different form.

Much Blazer.

Y—Do you think he ever lies about the fish he catches?—C—No, I don't, but I think he lies about the fish he doesn't catch.—Stray Stories.

Being Asked the Name of the World's Greatest Composer.

A smart university young man said "Chloroform."

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.

The Japanese troops took possession of a number of the Port Arthur forts on Tuesday.

More than 500 automobiles, appraised at above \$1,700,000, were imported at New York in 1904, breaking all previous records.

The house of Frank Nowacki, a Polish miner at Morris Run, Pa., was burned and the entire family of nine was cremated.

The terms of capitulation of Port Arthur indicate that the rank and file of the garrison will go to Japan as prisoners, but that the officers will be paroled.

The presentation against Bishop Eitelbert Talbot in the Irvine case will be withdrawn and a new presentation, with additional charges, will be substituted.

Thursday.

Work on constructing a lake four miles long and a mile wide at Princeton, N. J., will begin early next spring. The emperor of Russia has cabled to General Stoessel saying that the giving of their parole or the alternative of imprisonment is optional with the officers.

Secretary Morton, speaking for the administration, issued a statement to the public favoring the construction of battleships and arguing against torpedo boats and destroyers.

By the explosion of the boilers on the tugboat Defender, in the Ohio river, near Huntington, W. Va., a number of lives have been lost. Of the crew of 38 men, only nine escaped serious injury.

Friday.

A rear-end collision occurred Wednesday night on the Lake Shore near Angola by which eight passengers were injured, none fatally.

According to ancient regulation, the Russian general staff announces that General Stoessel will have to come home and stand court martial for having surrendered.

Miss Muriel Bryan, whose beauty was praised by Prince Henry of Prussia, was accidentally killed in her Chicago home by the accidental discharge of a rifle she was cleaning.

Briefs were filed with the supreme court by both sides in the government's suit against the beef trust to break up its monopoly, and Attorney General Moody charged conspiracy.

Street sales of the St. Petersburg Russ were suspended by official order owing to the tone of its editorial articles since the fall of Port Arthur. The Narodnaya has received first warning.

Saturday.

Japanese are about to fortify Port Arthur, beginning the work this week, as soon as the Russians leave. All the regular Russian troops have left Port Arthur for Dalny. Japanese troops entered the city to keep order.

A freight train of 40 loaded cars was wrecked at Glencoe, Pa., on the B. and O. railroad and five men were killed.

Justice Greenbaum of the New York state supreme court has denied the application of Nan Patterson for bail pending a new trial on the charge of the murder of Caesar Young.

Senator Bailey has submitted to the senate a proposed amendment to the constitution fixing the term of the president at six years and making him ineligible for re-election.

Munday.

Iowa census to be taken this month will include an extensive inquiry designed to help good roads.

William E. Curtis writes of the discovery of Paul Jones' log book in the chart room of Douglas castle, Scot land.

Four passenger trains were stalled all night by huge drifts near New York and the passengers were forced to spend the night in the cars.

Net work of tunnels beneath London threatens to wreck the principal buildings. St. Paul's cathedral and Westminster Abbey are in such condition that experts are alarmed.

Japanese naval officers express regret that the Baltic fleet is to be recalled and that a sea battle is not at hand. It is expected that the Russians will strengthen their squadron greatly before sending it out again.

Tuesday.

By the arrest of four youths the discovery of an oath-bound band of boy robbers and murderers was made in Washington.

The British tramp steamship Zam best reached New York surviving collision with a derelict, wracking gale fire in cargo and suffocation of many of the crew.

The transfer of the prisoners of war at Port Arthur has been completed, and General Stoessel and the paroled officers leave this week for Russia by way of Japan.

With a rope tied around her neck the knotted end cutting into her flesh Mrs. Josephine Desanti, wife of Antonio Desanti, a contractor, was found dead in her room at the Terrace Park hotel, Buffalo. Black Hand murder it suspected.

POOR PEOPLE WHO SUFFER.

Some of the Victims of the Broken Wooster National Bank.

Wooster, O., Jan. 9.—The creditors of Louis P. Ohlinger and Jacob R. Zimmerman, the missing officers of the broken Wooster National bank, have elected John C. McClarran trustee. A large number of creditors hold Ohlinger's notes, while quite a number gave him sums ranging from \$5,000 down to \$500 so much as taking his note. The \$5,000 and \$2,500 loans were secured in this way a short time before Ohlinger left for Paris unknown.

One creditor was Mrs. George Howard, a widow, who gave Ohlinger \$2,500 which she earned at the wash tub. Another was Miss Kittie Brown, for 20 years a domestic in Ohlinger's family, who had entrusted nearly \$2,000 to Ohlinger to invest for her.

Still another was aged and crippled Aaron Beck who, at Ohlinger's solicitation, a few months ago had the absent banker \$3,500, all he had in the world, and the savings of a lifetime. Beck told the other creditors that, being out of money and having no relatives, he had been forced to apply at the poorhouse for lodging over night.

ATTEMPTED BLACKMAIL.

Lebanon Ironworker Said to Have Threatened Hungarian Premier.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—Chief Willie of the secret service has received a telegram from Lebanon, Pa., saying Ignaz Wenzler, a laborer in an iron mill, had been arrested and held under a \$3,000 bond for attempting to blackmail and threaten the life of Count von Tisza, premier of Hungary.

Some weeks ago, it is said, Wenzler wrote the count, signing three fictitious names to the letter, stating that Wenzler, a distant relative of his, was in great need, and demanding \$2,000, in default of which a representative of the Black Hand would go to Budapest and kill the count.

The letter came to Chief Willie through the state department, and secret service operatives were at once put on the case. A letter carrier obtained a written statement from Wenzler that he expected \$2,000 from Count Tisza.

Nearly \$3,000,000 in Deal.

Washington, Pa., Jan. 9.—Negotiations were closed for the option of 9,300 acres of coal land in Washington county, owned by J. V. Thompson and Isaac B. Scamans of Uniontown. The company making the option is said to be the United States Steel corporation. The option price an acre is \$333, the total amount involved being almost \$3,000,000. The land is in East Bethlehem, West Bethlehem and West Pike Run townships and Deemston and Bealville boroughs. The land fronts on the Monongahela river just below Frederickstown. Every acre of the tract is of the Pittsburg vein.

Married Her Father's Brother.

Rome, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Maud Letson, aged 19 years, testified before Justice Scripture that on March 11, 1902, she had married innocently her dead father's brother, Milford Letson. The girl was placed in an orphan asylum at the age of 2 years and her relatives lost track of her until last September, when her sister, Mrs. Vernevale of Allentown, Pa., wrote "you've married your Uncle David." Justice Scripture granted a decree of annulment.

Bishopric of Harrisburg Unsettled.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 9.—The designation of the Reverend Dr. William F. Manning of Trinity parish, New York, to become the bishop of the new Harrisburg diocese of the Episcopal church has brought out several prominent new candidates. The election will be held by the convention which meets in St. Stephen's Episcopal church, Harrisburg, on Jan. 31 and a systematic canvass is being made by friends of certain aspirants.

Indiana Town Ordered Sold.

South Bend, Ind., Jan. 9.—The sheriff of LaPorte county was given authority in a writ of execution issued in the circuit court here to sell Michigan City, Ind., to satisfy a judgment against that city for \$11,000 in favor of Agnes H. Phillips. The writ is the result of a suit by Agnes Phillips, who slipped on a defective sidewalk and was badly injured.

Negro at Least 100 Dies.

Meadville, Pa., Jan. 9.—James Jackson, a negro, the oldest man in North-western Pennsylvania, died at the county infirmary, near Sagartown last week. His age is not exactly known, but he was at least 100. He had lived here all his life and was a bachelor.

Firing Atlas Coke Plant.

Uniontown, Jan. 9.—The H. C. Frick Coke company has begun firing the old Atlas coke plant, near Topwood, purchased recently from J. V. Thompson and others of Uniontown. A new pit mouth will be opened and a test to be run.

Strikes Blow at Mormon Evils.

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 9.—Bills were introduced in both houses of the legislature making the practice of polygamy and adultery criminal, and imposing severe penalties. It is stated that bills will have the support of Mormons as well as gentiles.

Opposition to President Roosevelt's Suggestion of the Whipping Post for Five Beaters Developed in Washington.