

PROGRESS OF THE WAR

Slaughter at Port Arthur in Last Attack Was Appalling.

SOLDIERS WERE MOWED DOWN.

Guns from Forts Rained Shot and the Ground was Black with the Dead.

The last reported assault on Port Arthur was bloodiest and most desperate that has yet taken place.

The attempt failed after the most furious fighting that has been witnessed since Port Arthur was invested.

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Rifles, rapid-fire guns and machine guns blazed from the Russian position, where advances were made in the open.

The determination and fury of the Japanese assaults were equalled by the stubbornness of the resistance of the Russians.

The Russian shrapnel fire made the captured portion of the trenches shambles, while the Japanese shrapnel fire assisted the captors to push east and west along the trench line.

VESSELS SUNK OR DAMAGED.

Crews Landed from Men-of-War and No Effort Made to Save Them from Destruction.

The London "Daily Telegraph's" correspondent before Port Arthur, telegraphs that all of the Russian battleships and cruisers, together with the gunboats Giliak and Fusadneck, within the harbor have either been sunk or destroyed by Japanese shells, and that only the torpedo boat destroyers remain intact.

According to special dispatches from Tokio and Shanghai giving unofficial reports, the crews of all the Russian war vessels in the harbor of Port Arthur were landed and apparently no effort was made to move the vessels.

The Japanese will now turn their attention to the torpedo boat destroyers, and when these have been destroyed the guns will be directed against steamers and transports in the harbor.

The warships at Port Arthur on November 28 included the battleships Retvizan, Pobieda, Peresviet, Poltava and Sevastopol, the armored cruiser Bayan, the protected cruiser Pallada, the gunboats Vladimir, Giliak and Bobr, the coast defense vessel Otavshin, the transport Amur, the transport Angara, and the torpedo boat destroyers Strozimi, Shino, Smely, Serditi, Boiki, Bezshumi, Storosov, Ratsiastchi and Rastoropya.

Of the destroyers the Rastoropya was blown up at Chefoo by her crew, having gone there with dispatches. Of the other named ships, as the result of the Japanese bombardment from Two Hundred Meter Hill, the Poltava has been sunk, the Retvizan is listing to starboard and her upper deck nearly submerged; the Peresviet, according to report, has been sunk; the Pallada is beginning to list to port and is still undergoing a vigorous bombardment; the Pobieda, according to advice, is seriously damaged, listing aft, and submerged to the stern well; and the Bayan is aground and burning.

Mail advices to Japan describing the capture of Two Hundred Three Meter Hill state that the Japanese drenched the timber work of the trenches with kerosene and started a furious fire which was fanned by a strong gale. The Japanese advance was very slow. They were obliged to make roads with bags of earth. It was a sudden decision to make a night attack that brought victory to the Japanese. Nothing is yet officially known as to the extent of the Japanese casualties.

Turkey Yields to Austria.

The Porte has yielded to the Austrian demands regarding detention of Austrian mails and the incident may be regarded as closed.

The energetic attitude of Austria in ordering a squadron of warships to be made ready to sail induced the desired action on the part of the Porte, with the result that the difficulty was tided over.

President Arthur Hadley of Yale University will make a trip through the South next spring to meet Yale alumni associations in the principal cities.

Mormon Apostles Subpenaed.

The apostles of the Mormon church, John Henry Smith and Charles W. Penrose, were served with subpoenas by United States Marshal Heywood, to appear before the Senate subcommittee at Washington.

Apostle Penrose is editor-in-chief of the "Desert News," the official publication. Apostle Smith is a cousin of President Smith.

SAYS SHE IS MADAM DE VERE.

San Francisco Woman Claims She is Mrs. Chadwick's Sister.

Mrs. Alice M. York, of San Francisco, has reiterated her statement that she is a sister of Mrs. Chadwick, despite the latter's repudiation of the relationship.

"There was nothing peculiar about her as a girl, save that she was a deep thinker. She always seemed absorbed in thought and would sit in silence by the hour.

"She never indicated that she was possessed of any hypnotic power. At the time in Toledo, when she was convicted of forgery under the name of Madame De Vere, it is said she hypnotized a man named Joseph Lamb, an express agent, who was arrested with her.

"It seems to me that my sister had a mania for doing just such things that have now involved her in this trouble. She did not need money, as she had plenty of it. In speech she talks slowly and lisps slightly. She is quite deaf. She was always extravagant. After the affair in Toledo, when she was released from prison she came to live with me at my home.

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QUEEN DRAGA'S JEWELS SOLD.

Famous Tiara Brings \$6,100 at Auction in London.

The jewels and costumes of the late Queen Draga, of Serbia, were sold at auction in London.

Her famous tiara, which she wore on the day of her wedding, brought \$6,100; the bracelet, set with emeralds and brilliants, Czar Nicholas's gift at the occasion of her wedding, went for \$2,400; the Persian Order of the Sun was bought for \$575; the Turkish Order of Mercy for \$750; her bridal gown went for \$150, and her state costume for \$350.

NATIONAL BANKS INCREASE.

Corresponding Increase in the Aggregate Reserves.

W. B. Ridgely, comptroller of the currency, in his annual report, says the number of National banks has increased from 5,118 in 1903 to 5,412 in 1904.

These banks from \$6,310,429,966.37 to \$8,975,986,594.95, the increase being \$664,656,587.58.

POPULAR PLURALITY, 2,546,169.

Practically Complete Canvass of Presidential Vote.

The New York Times publishes a canvass of the popular vote at the Presidential election complete except as to one county in Tennessee and four counties in Michigan.

FABULOUS SUMS.

Mrs. Chadwick Had Carnegie's Name on Papers for Millions.

Andrew Carnegie has been subpoenaed to appear before the United States grand jury at Cleveland to swear that he never signed any of the famous Chadwick securities which reach the astounding total of \$35,996,000.

TERSE TELEGRAMS.

Fire at St. Joseph, Mich., destroyed the Martin block and other buildings, doing damage estimated at \$100,000.

Burglars at Harrison, N. Y., rifled the postoffice safe, securing \$180 in cash, \$700 in stamps and several registered letters.

The annual intercollegiate debate between Yale and Princeton, in New Haven, was won by Yale on a unanimous decision of the judges.

The Senate confirmed the nominations of Francis W. Dickens, F. F. Wilde, Charles H. Davis, Charles J. Train, George W. Pigan and George A. Converse to be rear admirals in the navy.

Arrangements between Panama and the canal zone postal authorities have been made, as specified in Secretary Taft's executive orders.

Can Resume Excavation.

Director E. S. Banks of the Chicago University expedition to Babylonia, has been informed that he may resume the excavation.

RUSSIAN RIOT AGAINST WAR

Big Demonstration in St. Petersburg Quelled by Officers.

MANY PERSONS WERE WOUNDED

Women Resisted Officers, Many Being Struck and Trampled Upon Before They Surrendered.

A popular anti-government demonstration, the participants in which included large numbers of students of both sexes, began at midday, Sunday, in the Nevsky prospect, St. Petersburg, and lasted about two hours.

Hundreds of police and mounted gendarmes, who were hidden in the courtyard of the public buildings, recognizing that the critical moment was approaching, tried in vain to keep back the human tide.

Dismounted police made a single attempt to force their way into the crowd, waving frantically their bayoneted rifles, but the students and workmen, armed with sticks, stood close and beat back their assailants.

NATIONAL FINANCES.

Receipts and Expenditures Increased Last Year.

The report of Secretary of the Treasury Shaw on the financial condition of the country says:

COMING NOTES.

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INSANE MAN CONFESSES.

Started \$150,000 Fire That Resulted in Loss of One Life.

Anthony Laird, 19 years old, who recently escaped from the insane ward of the Mercer county (Pa.) infirmary at Greenville, confessed to the police to setting fire to the plant of the Summit Lumber company and the Dickson building, Akron, O., causing one man's death and \$150,000 damages.

WHOLE FAMILY MURDERED.

Planter, His Wife and Two Daughters Slain.

Benjamin B. Hughes, a wealthy merchant and planter of Trenton, S. C., and entire family were murdered and the house burned. Next morning the fire was discovered by residents living near the Hughes home.

CONVICTION IN LAND FRAUDS.

Jury Brings in Verdict of Guilty in Oregon Cases.

The jury in the land fraud case, which has been occupying the attention of Judge Bellinger's court for over two weeks, brought in a verdict of guilty for all the defendants, with the exception of Miss Marie Ware.

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RUSSIAN WARSHIP SUNK

Shells Also Damage the Retvizan in Port Arthur Harbor.

JAPANESE INCREASE DEFENSES.

All-Night Attacks to Recapture 203 Meter Hill Fail—Assaulters Slaughtered.

It is officially announced at Tokio that the Russian battleship Poltava has been sunk in the harbor of Port Arthur as a result of the Japanese bombardment and that the Retvizan has been severely damaged.

The Russians are nightly attacking 203 Meter Hill in a determined endeavor to retake the summit.

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CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

Tuesday.

In addition to listening to the reading of the President's message the Senate received a preliminary report from the Merchant Marine Commission.

The message was delivered to the Senate by Mr. Barnes, assistant secretary to the President.

The extension was granted. The Senate at 2:07 p. m. went into executive session and at 2:20 adjourned.

Representative Littlefield reintroduced his bill requiring corporations to make annual reports to the Commissioner of Corporations.

Representative Roberts (Mass.) introduced a bill providing a pension of \$15 a month for the widows of Union soldiers, sailors and marines.

Wednesday.

The House was in session 15 minutes today. Mr. Bingham of Pennsylvania, offered the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill.

On motion of Mr. Payne of New York, the Republican floor leader, the House agreed to the usual distribution of the several parts of the President's message to the committee of the House having jurisdiction.

The House passed the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriations bill practically as it came from committee.

The House passed a resolution to adjourn on December 21 until January 4, 1905, for the usual Christmas holiday.

The House Judiciary Committee reported, with a recommendation that it lie on the table, the resolution offered by Representative Baker of New York asking a combination of steel concerns and calling on the Attorney General for information as to what steps he has taken looking to prosecutions.

Mrs. Jennie Owen, who is serving a life sentence for the killing of her husband, Calvin Owen, was refused a new trial in error proceedings in Circuit court at Steubenville, O.

Mining Disaster.

Meager details of an explosion in a coal mine at Burnettsville, about 50 miles from Tacoma, Wash., have been received.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Gross fraud and corruption is charged in some of the awards made at the world's fair.

John A. Merritt of New York was reappointed by the President as postmaster of Washington.

The directors of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad have declared an extra dividend of \$10 a share on the company's stock.

Daniel C. Best, Sr., of Harrisburg, Pa., pleaded guilty in United States District court, to forging his own government pay warrant for \$30.

The official canvass of South Dakota's Presidential vote shows: Roosevelt, 72,083; Parker, 22,002; Debs, 3,338; Watson, 1,248; Swallow, 2,965; Roosevelt's plurality, 50,081.

Samuel H. Yonley, a freight engineer of the Pennsylvania Lines West was caught between the bumpers of a tank and first car of his train at Alliance, and was killed.

Thomas Mercer, of East Lackawanna town, Mercer county, Pa., committed suicide by shooting himself with a shotgun. He was 27 years old and was a son of William Mercer.

Secretary Hay is preparing a circular note to the Powers Senators to The Hague convention informing them of the gratifying reception which his note of October 23, inviting them to a second peace conference, has met.

Boston Wool Market.

Trading in the wool market is quiet. The foreign market maintains a firm tone. Leading quotations are as follows: Ohio and Pennsylvania—XXX and above, 35@36; X, 30@31; No. 1, 27@28; No. 2, 23@24; No. 3, 19@20; unwashed, 24@25; unmercurated, 27@28; 1/4-blood, unwashed, 32c; 3/4-blood, 31 1/2@32c; 1/2-blood, 30c; unbleached delaine, 27@28c; fine washed above, 29@30c; No. 1, 23@24c; No. 2, 33@34c; fine unwashed, 21@22c; 1/4-blood, unwashed, 31@32c; 3/4-blood, 31

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