

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. The fighting lasted from noon of November 26 until after dawn of the following day without cessation.

The front lines of infantry, having been strongly reinforced, began an attack simultaneously along the entire line from East Kikwan mountain to the open. The men went down by hundreds. The forts were belching smoke and bursting shells, and the rampart walls were black with assaulters, who on reaching the crests met with an awful fire from within the forts, which swept down line after line of Japanese.

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As fast as the assaulters were replaced more Japanese swarmed up, only to be mowed down in turn. The determination and fury of the Japanese assaulters 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-o-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 Glikk and Fusadnek, 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 official 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 23 included the battleships Retvizan, Pobieda, Peresviet, Poltava and Sevastopol, the armored cruiser Bayan, the protected cruiser Pallada, the gunboats Vladimir, Glikk and Bobr, the coast defense vessel Otavshin, the transport Amur, the transport Angara, and the torpedo boat destroyers Strohini, Shino, Smely, Serditi, Boiki, Bezshumi, Storozev, Ratsiastchi and Rastoropy.

Of the destroyers the Rastoropy 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 reports, 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. Threatened complications have, therefore been averted. 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 tidied 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 in the Reed Smoot investigation at Washington. Apostle Penrose is editor-in-chief of the "Deseret 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. She said:

"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 would come out of these thinking spells as if bewildered. She would never discuss her strange actions nor the many troubles in which she became involved."

"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. The papers were full of it at the time and all the talk was hypnotism. The hypnotism talk was nonsense."

"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. She was then the widow of C. L. Hoover, who left her considerable money."

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. The gold pendant and earrings, both of Serbian design and known as her favorite jewelry, sold for \$350.

NATIONAL BANKS INCREASE.

Corresponding Increase in the Aggregate Resources.

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. There has been a gradual increase in the aggregate resources of these banks from \$6,310,429,966.37 to \$8,975,086,504.95, the increase being \$2,664,656,578.58. The paid-in capital stock has increased \$17,055,193, the total being \$770,888,854. The surplus and undivided profits aggregate \$583,137,047.94, a big increase during the year. The deposits aggregate \$5,130,235,940.31, a net increase of \$597,804,693.93.

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, for which estimates are given. This shows that President Roosevelt defeated Judge Parker by 2,546,169. He polled the largest vote ever given for a President of the United States, 7,540,560. This is more than 400,000 in excess of the vote cast for McKinley in 1900. "A comparison," says the Times, "with the popular vote table of 1900 shows a marked change in the Socialist vote. Debs' vote shows an increase of more than 300,000. Watson, the Populist candidate, ran strongest in his own State, Georgia, where he received 22,635 votes. He received most of his votes in the South and West, but only one was cast for him in South Carolina." The total vote is given as 13,534,173 and that for each of the Presidential candidates is given as follows: Roosevelt, R., 7,540,560; Parker, D., 5,094,391; Debs, S., 392,357; Swallow, P., 248,411; Watson, Pop., 124,381, and Corregan, S.-L., 33,519. The electoral vote will be 326 for Roosevelt and 140 for Parker.

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. Pignam and George A. Converse to be rear admirals in the navy.

The Canton rolling mill will resume operations January 1, with a full force of between 300 and 400 men. The plant has been idle for about three years, having been shut down after its purchase by the American Sheet Steel Company.

Deputy Syveton, who struck Gen. Andre, the French chamber of deputies, died from gas asphyxiation. Suicide is indicated.

The Governor of Maryland has refused to interfere in the case of Sidney Johnson, colored, convicted of murder at Cumberland. The Governor has fixed January 27 as the day for execution.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says definite instructions have been sent by the Czar to Admiral Rofestvensky, commander of the Baltic fleet, not to proceed to the Far East.

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 Surrender.

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 on the Nevsky, charged the crowd at full gallop, driving the demonstrators in headlong confusion and screaming with terror upon the sidewalks and into adjacent streets. This led to serious encounters, 50 persons being more or less severely injured. Large numbers were arrested.

The streets were black with people when the trouble began. In throngs on the sidewalk was practically the whole student body of the capital, and thousands of workmen belonging to the Social Labor party. The police, recognizing that the critical moment was approaching, tried in vain to keep back the human tide. Then, when there was not a single mounted policeman in sight, a blood-red flag suddenly shot up. It was the signal. Other flags appeared in the crowd, waving frantically overhead, and they were greeted with a hoarse roar, "Down with autocracy!" The students surged into the street singing the "Marseillaise."

Dismounted police made a single attempt to force their way into the crowd, waving the flag from the demonstrators, but the students and workmen, armed with sticks, stood close and beat back their assaults. Then, like a flash, from behind the Kagan cathedral came a squadron of gendarmes. The doors of adjoining courtyards were thrown back and battalions of police came out. A double squadron charged the flank of the demonstrators with drawn sabers. Five other squadrons circled the mob, cutting through the fringe of spectators, who gladly scurried to cover.

The sunlit \$500,000 was paid during the year for the right of way of the Panama canal. Compared with the fiscal year 1903, the receipts for 1904 decreased \$10,406,743.90. There was an increase of \$85,661,495.37 in expenditures.

CAPITAL NOTES.

The President nominated as postmasters Robert S. Davis, at Leesdale, Pa.; John Reed, at Bolivar, O., and W. H. Hollinger, Waverly, O.

For the erection in the District of Columbia of a monument to Benjamin Franklin Senator Hale introduced a bill providing for an appropriation.

The committee which has charge of the arrangements for President Roosevelt's inauguration held its first meeting and decided to hold the inaugural ball on Saturday night, March 4.

According to the annual report of Herbert Putnam, Librarian of Congress, the total number of printed books and pamphlets in the library is 1,179,713, a gain of 78,791 for the past fiscal year.

President Roosevelt began an investigation of the tobacco trust by appointing A. E. Garner of Springfield, Tenn., an Assistant Attorney General. He is assigned to inquire thoroughly into the tobacco growing industry and ascertain the extent to which it is controlled by the trust.

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 \$35,990,000. That total will be increased to \$20,000,000 seems certain, for the United States secret service agents are on the trail of other notes dispensed by Mrs. Chadwick. The \$35,990,000 represents only the forged paper that has actually been recovered by the officials.

Receiver Herbert W. Bell, appointed in common pleas court, took charge of all the Chadwick papers in the possession of Iri Reynolds, including the marvelous trust agreement alleged to be signed by Andrew Carnegie and held by Iri Reynolds for Mrs. Chadwick, and instead of being for \$5,000,000 it actually is a forged receipt for \$10,246,000.

Secretary Iri Reynolds, of the Wade Park bank, Cleveland, declared that his implicit belief in the statement made to him by Mrs. Chadwick in which she declared herself to be the daughter of Andrew Carnegie was the impelling cause of his financial dealing with her.

NEWS NOTES.

Adolph Weber, on trial at Auburn, Cal., on the charge of murdering his father, mother and a brother, has been indicted by a Grand Jury for robbing the Placer county bank, at Auburn.

The Bethlehem steel corporation, with an authorized capital of \$30,000,000, was incorporated at Trenton, N. J. The corporation will succeed the United States Shipbuilding Company, now in the hands of a receiver.

The family bible of Robert Burns was sold at auction in London for \$3,250.

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. Differences resulting from the assertion of the Turkish authorities that the researches were being made contrary to law were settled through the efforts of the American legation here.

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. He told the police that he was to have had \$25 for setting fire to the planning mill, a strange man whom he met on the street promising to give him that amount.

He said that after he fired the mill he went into the basement of the Dickson building and started a fire in some rubbish. On account of his mental condition he will not be prosecuted, and J. A. McConnell, poor director of Mercer county, was permitted to take him back to the institution.

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, who raised an alarm. Members of the family could not be found. Investigation revealed the fact that unknown parties entered the house through the rear door, murdered Mrs. Hughes in her room with an ax, then went to the room occupied by the daughters, Emma, aged 19, Hattie, aged 14, and killed them in like manner. Hughes evidently heard the noise and went from his room into the hallway where he was shot down, a revolver being found near his side.

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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. No recommendations as to punishment were made. Miss Ware was acquitted, following the instructions of the court.

The verdict of the jury follows: "We, the jury, find the defendants Emma L. Watson, S. A. D. Puter, Horace G. McKinley, D. W. Tarpley and Frank H. Wolgamot, guilty of the crime of conspiracy to defraud the government out of a part of its public lands situated in township 11 south of range 7 east, as charged. We find the defendant, Marie L. Ware, not guilty."

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Writer of Famous Song Dead.

Orson E. Woodbury, author of the campaign song of 1840, "Tippecanoe and Tyler Too," died at Madison, Wis., at the age of 80. He was one of the three men who called the first Republican meeting in Wisconsin in 1854.

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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. The Japanese are increasing their defenses and have succeeded in repelling all assaults. The Russians have suffered the heaviest losses and it is estimated that they have sacrificed 3,000 men in their effort to recapture the ground.

The works against Sungshu and the forts to the eastward are progressing speedily and all indications point to an early general assault.

The effective bombardment of the Russian battleships in Port Arthur which began Saturday was one of the results of the capture of 203 Meter Hill.

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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, witnessed the induction of Senators Knox and Crane into office and in executive session referred the Presidential nominations to the proper committees.

The message was delivered to the Senate by Mr. Barnes, assistant secretary to the President, at its reading was immediately begun. At its conclusion Mr. Gallinger submitted a partial report from the Merchant Marine Commission, detailing its work and asking that the time for its completion be extended until January 5. The extension was granted. The Senate at 2:07 p. m. went into executive session and at 2:20 adjourned.

After listening to the reading of the message the House adjourned until Wednesday. Minor routine matters were disposed of, but no other business was transacted.

Representative Littlefield reintroduced his bill requiring corporations to make annual reports to the Commissioner of Corporations. His former bill provided for a report to a commission.

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

The expense of conveying the votes of electors for President and Vice President to Washington amounts to \$12,500.

Wednesday.

The House was in session 15 minutes today. Mr. Bingham of Pennsylvania, offered the legislature, executive and judicial appropriation bill carrying \$28,388,709 for expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1905. The appropriation for the current year for the same purpose is \$28,506,828. Mr. Bingham gave notice that he would call up the bill for consideration tomorrow.

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 committees of the House having jurisdiction. There being no further business before the House Mr. Payne's motion to adjourn, made at 12:15, was carried.

In the Senate today there was but a feeble response to the chaplain's request to join him in reciting the Lord's prayer. The attendance of senators was large. Upon request of Mr. Proctor, a resolution of the Vermont legislature, opposing Canadian reciprocity was read. Mr. Cullom introduced petitions relating to the drafting of international arbitration treaties. The credentials of Senator-elect Proctor of Vermont were read and ordered filed.

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 then, at 5:25 p. m., adjourned until Monday.

Senator Latimer has given up hope of the passage of his good roads bill at the present session.

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

New Trial Refused.

Mrs. Jennie Owen, who is serving a life sentence for the killing of her husband