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## PORT ARTHUR FALLEN AND DALNY LAID IN WASTE

### DESPERATE BATTLE OF TORPEDO CRAFT AS A PRELIMINARY.

Details of Japan's Latest Attack on Russia's Southern Manchuria Base Full of Thrilling and Exciting Incidents and Situations.

TWO OF THE MOSQUITO VESSELS ENGAGED IN A BOW-TO-BOW ENCOUNTER—JAPS HURLED 120 HUGE PROJECTILES INTO THE DOOMED CITY—BRAVE STAND IS CREDITED TO THE RUSSIANS.

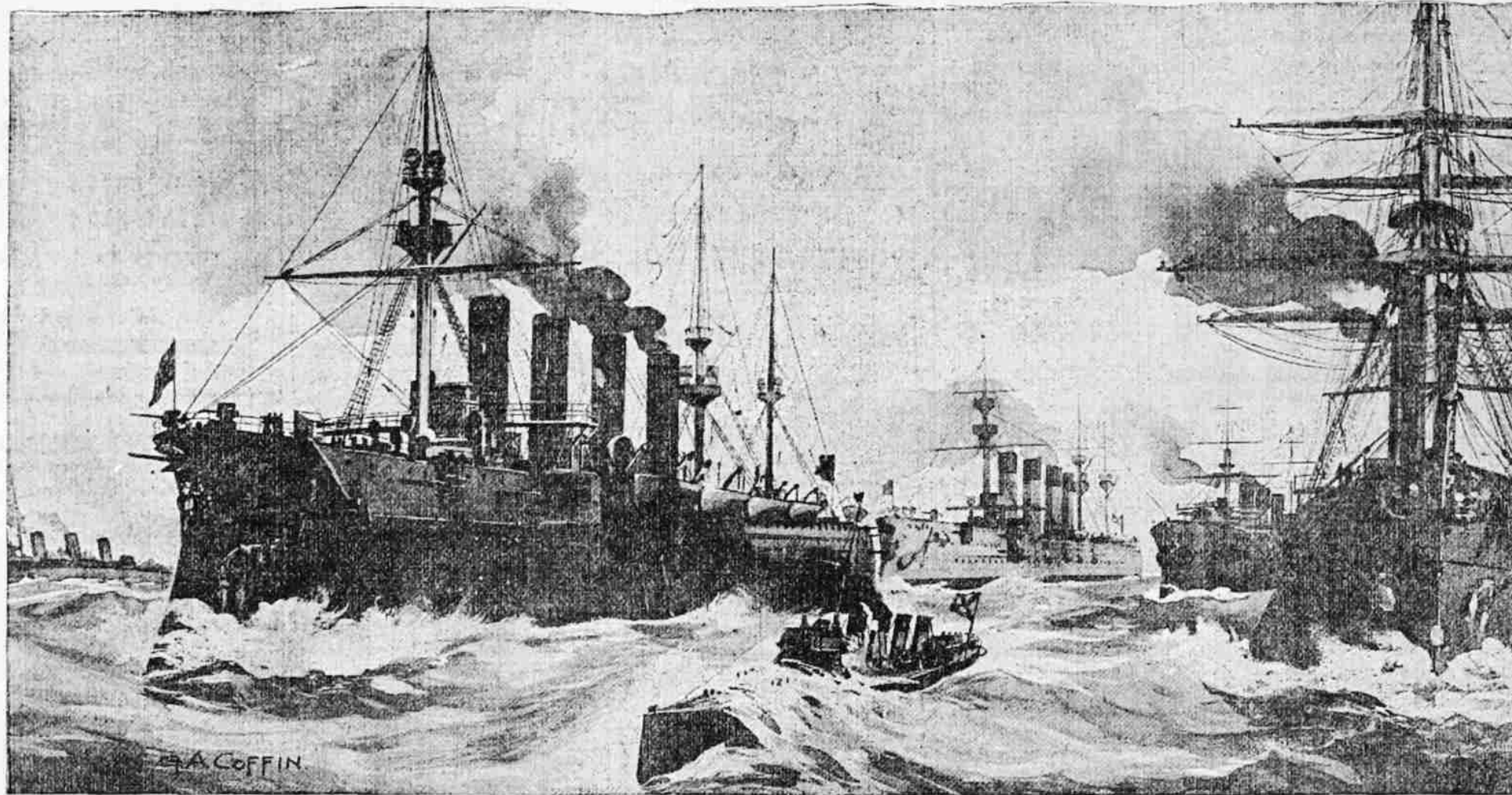
TOKIO, March 12.—Official and private reports both indicate that Admiral Togo's fourth attack on Port Arthur on the 10th inst. was the most effective since the first assault of a month ago. One Russian torpedo boat destroyer was sunk and several Russian torpedo boat destroyers seriously damaged. The fortifications and city were subjected to a heavy bombardment, lasting nearly four hours. The naval bombardments of the land works have generally been ineffective, yet the peculiar topographical conditions of Port Arthur make immunity from serious loss from bombardment almost impossible. Admiral Togo's torpedo flotilla opened the action by boldly steaming in under the batteries and successfully placing a number of mechanical mines at the mouth of the harbor. Following that there was a desperate bow-to-bow encounter between the torpedo boat destroyers, in which the Japanese appear to have scored a clear victory. Then followed a long range duel between the cruisers, ending in the retirement of the Novik and Bayan, the only Russian cruisers engaged. The closing action was the bombardment of the inner harbor by the Japanese battleships. The latter took a position southwest of Port Arthur and used only their twelve-inch guns.

**FIRE WAS HEAVY.** There were twenty-four twelve-inch guns in the squadron of six battleships, and each gun fired five rounds, making a total of 120 huge projectiles that were hurled at the city. The bombardment was deliberate and carefully calculated. In order to aid in perfecting the firing Admiral Togo stationed the cruisers in a position due east of the entrance of the harbor and at a right angle to the battleships. The cruisers observed the range and effect of the firing and sig-

LONDON, March 14.—The rumor of the evacuation of Port Arthur is repeated this morning from different points, but is absolutely without confirmation. Special dispatches from Tokio and Yinkow give reports of heavy Russian casualties at Port Arthur, amounting to forty men killed and 100 wounded, but they are conflicting in details. In a dispatch from Tokio dated March 13th, a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph

says that in the latest attack on Port Arthur two Russian torpedo boat destroyers were sunk and great damage was done to the docks, forts and arsenals, including the explosion of a powder magazine. Dalny is reported to have been almost entirely destroyed. Several guns there were dismantled and the crew of four torpedo boats in the inside harbor are said to have deserted.

### FOUR OF THE PRINCIPAL SHIPS IN RUSSIA'S VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON.



ROSSIA. (Armored Cruiser.)

GROMOBOI. (Armored Cruiser.)

BOGATYR. (Protected Cruiser.)

RURIK. (Protected Cruiser.)

### PORT ARTHUR LIKE A CITY OF DEATH.

LONDON, March 14.—In a dispatch from Chefoo, dated March 12th, a correspondent of the Daily Mail describes an inspection of Port Arthur made on the 11th instant from a boat. The new city seemed to be on fire, three columns of smoke were ascending from it. The Bread Hill fort appeared to have suffered severely; the defenses were shattered and the earthworks torn up. No guns were visible. The line of forts on the Tiger's Tail also appeared to have suffered damage. At sunrise no sign of life could be seen anywhere, and Port Arthur looked like a city of death. The torpedo-boat destroyers inside did not appear to have steam up.

### HEBER GRANT MAY TESTIFY IN SMOOT-MORMON HIERARCHY CASE

It Is Reported in Washington That the Noted Mormon Chief Has Cabled a Willingness to Return and Tell the Senate Committee What He Knows About Polygamy.

Special to The Tribune.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—With the departure of the witnesses summoned here to testify in the Smoot hearing, interest in the most sensational case in the history of Washington is waning somewhat. It has not died out by any means. On the contrary, it is being discussed extensively both in public and private. As stated in these dispatches, the public is on the qui vive of speculation as to what the result of the investigation will be.

It is generally believed that Smoot's position as an officer in the Mormon church, which controls the actions of its members both material and spiritual, is sufficient to disqualify him from holding the position of Senator, and that his seat will be declared vacant.

The possibility of Utah losing its Statehood charter is still being discussed in some circles, but it is not considered seriously.

Such action would require a long time and the procedure would be complicated.

The new subpoenas for Apostles Merrill, John Henry Smith and Teasdale were mailed today, and if quick service is obtained it is thought that the hearing can be resumed within ten days.

The members of the committee are anxious to conclude the hearing as soon as possible. As one of them put it, "It's a nasty mess, and the sooner we get through with it the better."

The expression "nasty mess" seems to fit the case, and that such a condition of affairs, as has been confessedly shown could exist in an American State, and in this enlightened age, is almost beyond comprehension.

Early this afternoon it was reported that Apostle Heber J. Grant, who is in Europe, had telegraphed Senator Burrows that if the committee desired his presence at the hearing of the Smoot case he would return and give his testimony. The story could not be veri-

fied, as Mr. Burrows was not at home. The case and its attendant disclosures does not appear to set very heavily on Senator Smoot's mind. He is as gay and debonair as usual and goes about his Senatorial duties with an I'm-here-to-stay sort of an air that is refreshing.

### SECRETARY-TREASURER OF T. P. A. SUSPENDED

ST. LOUIS, March 12.—The national board of directors of the Travelers' Protective association has suspended from office Louis T. Lebeaume, who for fourteen years has occupied the position of secretary-treasurer.

J. W. McDonald, chairman of the national board, stated tonight that this action was taken pending an investigation into Mr. Lebeaume's books. Mr. Lebeaume is at present confined to his bed by illness.

### JAPANESE FORCES NOW OCCUPY FENG HUAN CHENG

LONDON, March 12.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Yankow declares that the presence of Japanese at Feng Huan Cheng (the Manchurian town about ninety-seven miles northwest of Wifu) has been confirmed.

PARIS, March 14.—"It is almost certain," telegraphs the St. Petersburg correspondent of Gil Blas, "that the Emperor will assume the command of the troops in the far East after the first important engagement."

### WILL BE MORE STRENUOUS THAN BREAKING A BUNCH OF BRONCHOS

Attorneys for Wife of "Buffalo Bill" Promise Him the Most Exciting Time in All His Wild West Career When He Gets Into Court to Prove Divorce Court.

Special to The Tribune.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 12.—News of the fact that William F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill") has instituted suit against his wife for divorce has caused much excitement and considerable indignation throughout this section of Wyoming and the State, where both are well known. Sympathy is all on the side of the woman, and the allegation in the complaint that Mrs. Cody attempted to poison her husband is pronounced preposterous. Mrs. Cody's home is at North Platte, Neb., but she is a frequent visitor to this section and counts her friends here by the hundreds. In all the years since Cody started his "Wild West" show on the road Mrs. Cody has occupied the unenviable position of a neglected wife. But she has never complained even to her most intimate friends.

The nearest thing to a complaint she was ever known to give voice to here was during a recent visit.

One of her friends had asked her why she did not accompany her husband on some of his European tours.

"Oh, I don't know," she is quoted as having said, "I suppose I am getting too old and would be in the way. Besides, he always has plenty of gay young females about him."

With that the matter was dropped. At that time no hint of any divorce proceedings had reached Mrs. Cody.

**CODY'S ACTION CONDEMNED.** The action of Cody is severely condemned here by men who have in years gone by braved hardship and peril with him, and by others who have been lifelong friends of the scout-showman.

"It's a mean trick and it won't do him no good." This expression by one of the old-timers who discussed the news aptly expresses the opinion of Cody's conduct for many.

The suit was filed at Cody, in this State, and the complaint, after setting forth that he and the defendant intermarried at St. Louis, Mo., in 1896, al-

leges that the defendant has repeatedly since 1899 threatened to and did attempt to poison him.

In addition to this allegation, which is made to substantiate a charge of cruelty, a second cause of action is specified. It reads: "That the marriage relations between plaintiff and defendant are incompatible and intolerable, for defendant, without cause or provocation on the part of plaintiff, has at divers times driven plaintiff from his former home in North Platte, Neb., and has at divers times refused to let plaintiff bring his friends and guests to said former home; and many times when plaintiff has taken his friends and guests to said former home defendant would make it so unpleasant for him and his guests that they were forced to leave the house. Plaintiff further says that such indignities offered to and placed upon him by defendant has rendered the condition of his married life unbearable and intolerable."

**WHAT THE WIFE SAYS.**

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., March 12.—Mrs. William F. Cody, who after nearly forty years of married life is being sued for divorce by the man whose spectacular success as the proprietor of a "Wild West" show, lives in a pretty home on the outskirts of this city. She is a pleasant-faced woman, comely to look upon and of genial disposition.

When interviewed regarding the action of her husband, she said that she was greatly surprised. She did not show anger in speaking of the matter, but said that she regretted that the matter had become public.

"His action is not voluntary, of that I am sure," she said. "He is being prompted by younger women who have designs upon his wealth and by a sister whose husband manages the ranch in Wyoming, and who thinks that if I am out of the way she will get more of her brother's money."

Speaking of the charges in the complaint, Mrs. Cody declares that they are absurd. "I can't imagine how he originated that poison story," she said. "There isn't the semblance of founda-

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**MIGHTY INTERESTING.** As the man from Missouri would say, "Things is getting mighty interesting over Japan way." As a consequence you had better subscribe for THE TRIBUNE at once. It will keep you posted.

### ADMIRAL TOGO'S STORY OF LATEST ATTACK ON ARTHUR.

Fire From the Ships Last Thursday Very Effective, and Great Damage Is Reported to Have Followed the Attack on the Forts.

STORY OF DESPERATE BATTLES BETWEEN MOSQUITO VESSELS OF OPPOSING FLEETS—LOSS OF LIFE AND THE NUMBER WOUNDED GREATER THAN WAS AT FIRST REPORTED.

LONDON, March 13.—According to a cable from Tokio, Admiral Togo's report of the bombardment, which reached Tokio Saturday, but was not made public until today, adds little to the story as related. Relative to the earlier attack by the torpedo fleet, the report says:

"Our two torpedo flotillas reached the mouth of the harbor at Port Arthur at 1 o'clock on the morning of the 10th. Finding no enemy and waiting until dawn, one flotilla engaged in sinking special mines in the harbor entrance. Notwithstanding the enemy's fire, our flotilla succeeded in sinking the mines."

**A HOT BATTLE.** "The other flotilla met the enemy's torpedo flotilla, consisting of six boats, in the Lao Tze Shan channel south of Port Arthur, at 4:30 o'clock. A hot engagement occurred at close range for thirty minutes. The enemy then took flight."

"Our fire greatly damaged the Russian ships, one of which was badly crippled by a shot through the boiler, and another was observed to be on fire. So close were the two flotillas to each other that our destroyers, the Asashio, Kasumi and Akatsuki nearly touched the enemy's ships and our crews could even hear the cries of agony of the injured men on them. We sustained some damage and loss."

**KILLED AND WOUNDED.**

"The Akatsuki had a steam pipe broken and four stokers were killed thereby. Our loss was seven killed and eight wounded. Among the latter is Chief Engineer Minamisawa of the Kasumi."

"Our main 273 cruiser squadrons arrived off Port Arthur at 8 o'clock and the cruisers immediately advanced toward the harbor entrance to protect the torpedo flotilla. The main squadron advanced near Lao Tze Shan and opened an indirect cannonade against the inner harbor from 10 to 149. According to the observations made by one of our cruisers facing the entrance, the bombardment was remarkably effective. During our cannonade the enemy's land batteries fired, but none of our ships suffered any damage."

### APPROVES ANTI-MORMON MOVE

How News of Action of Salt Lake Citizens Was Received at Capital.

BY A. F. PHILIPS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—Announcement of the action by representative Gentlemen of Salt Lake City in forming a non-Mormon party, as contained in dispatches printed here today, is well received.

It shows to Congress that Utahns resent the statements of Joseph F. Smith, and that the fire upon Smoot by the protestants in the statement submitted to the Senate committee is backed by the people.

A flood of letters from Utahns indicates that the move of the character mentioned will be gladly welcomed by the people, including many of the younger Mormons. The letters commend the members of the committee for the searching manner in which the investigation is being conducted.

The postoffice at Thresh, Millard county, Idaho, will close on the 21st inst. Mail will be sent to Clear Lake.

Effective on the 20th inst, these changes on star routes in Utah postal service occur:

Redmond to Redmond Station, new office, increase service to fourteen times a week. Schedule to be twice daily, hours as at present.

Monroe to Elsinore Station, new office, increase service to fourteen times a week. Schedule to be daily, hours as at present.

Centerfield to Gunnison Station, new office, increase service to seven times a week. Schedule to be daily, hours as at present.

Sterling to Sterling railroad station, new office, increase service to seven times a week. Schedule to be daily, hours as at present.

E. B. Critchlow, wife and sister will leave for Salt Lake City tomorrow.

