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"Part of the center, dislodging the enemy, occupied 'H' fort at 7 o'clock in the morning. The western side of the fort on Panlung mountain. Thus the line between 'H' fort, via Panlung mountain, fell firmly into our hands. This was a bombardment at 8 o'clock this morning and dislodged the enemy, who retreated stubbornly. The result was a bright, sunny day of Housanentao at 2 o'clock.

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HOPELESS AT PORT ARTHUR. Russian Newspaper Gives Pathetic Description of Besieged Town. CHEFOO, Jan. 1, 9 p. m.—Copies of the Port Arthur Novakir, dated Dec. 21 and Dec. 25, which have reached here, contain pathetic references to the last stand of the last ship of Russia's Asiatic squadron. Even Gen. Stoessel, who has been silent in respect to the navy since Aug. 19, is in an order to the commander of the Sevastopol's sides and Russia's Asiatic fleet was no more.

Nothing like the Novakir, "could exceed the unflinching devotion of the men who nightly and calmly went forth to the front, to the face of certain and ultimate destruction." For the first time since the siege began the Novakir, whose sole aim has been to resist to the last, has been captured. The "bill received on its breach" was hammering of eight hundred pound shells through eighteen-inch steel as through paper.

Who but Providence can save us from these thunderbolts? We do not expect the Baltic fleet. We do not expect relief, but we can fight till death. "What Port Arthur goes through it is impossible to describe. The battleship will know what her sons have suffered. "It is past human genius to paint or describe Port Arthur's sufferings as they really are."

The fighting at 200-meter hill, according to the Novakir, lasted sixteen days, unbroken, when the shells which were not shot for sixteen days, ceased her work. "The only other mention of the Russian fleet is an expression of the feeling of helplessness that every one has an inevitable, as ship after ship succumbed to the huge Japanese shells."

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PARIS, Jan. 1.—In connection with the approaching Russian war loans in Paris the following interesting statement of the Russian war finances was furnished from the highest sources: "The expense of the war up to November 31 amounts to \$25,000,000, of which \$10,000,000 was for the army, \$15,000,000 for the navy and \$5,000,000 for various military requirements, making about \$22,000,000 per month. The outstanding credits up to the same date amount to \$18,000,000, which \$5,000,000 was for the army, \$13,000,000 for the navy and \$1,000,000 for miscellaneous expenses. This makes the total war expenditures for the year \$34,000,000."

The statement then shows that the treasury possesses \$10,000,000, and that there is a stock of gold amounting to \$20,000,000 to secure the note circulation. "The statement also gives a special investigation of Russia's war finances by such students of finance as Leroy Beaulieu, a member of the institute; George Levy, professor at the School of Political Science and others equally eminent has shown altogether favorable results. Similar results were obtained from the research of the University of Berlin, who made the best comparative study of the Russian and Japanese war finances. The conclusions are to the advantage of Russia."

The statement reviews the fluctuations in Russian bonds during a four-year period, showing their general stability, and that virtually they have suffered no depreciation since the peace period, sets forth the details of the last loan, and adds: "It is quite probable that Russia will resort to another loan in 1905, of about an equal amount to those of 1904. A portion of it will be placed in Berlin."

NICE WORDS FOR ROOSEVELT Emperor William of Germany Sends Message to the President. BERLIN, Jan. 1.—Embassador Tower called at the palace today to present his New Year's congratulations to the Emperor and Empress of Germany. "I desire," said Emperor William, "to send to the President and the people of the United States my warm wishes for a fortunate and brilliant new year. President Roosevelt is leading the American people to an advanced position of power and influence in the world. Germany looks on the increasing greatness of the United States without concern because Germany has nothing to fear from the people of the United States."

The Emperor alluded to the recent unveiling of the statue of Frederick the Great in Washington. "I am glad," he said, "to see that the people of the United States are so proud of their history. I appreciate it. During the conversation, which continued for some time, the Emperor said: "I wish that an arrangement could be made under which American professors would give lectures in Germany, and German professors to go to American universities and deliver lectures there. I am sure that such an arrangement would be welcomed in America and he assured the Emperor that he would be happy in helping to carry it out."

Minister Averts a Panic. CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—A panic was averted tonight at St. Peter's Episcopal church by the coolness of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Demouilly. The Yuletide decorations about the altar caught fire and the flames quickly shot upward. The minister at once raised his hand and dismissed the congregation in perfect order. The fire was extinguished with slight damage.

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Due to His Failure. It is generally believed that the brevity of his visit was due to his failure to influence the vestrymen, which resulted in their signatures on the presentment to permit their names to remain on that paper.

It is understood that an effort was made by Dr. Irvine to communicate with John Langdon, one of the men who repudiated the presentment, but without success. When asked today whether he had seen Dr. Irvine, Mr. Langdon said: "No, and I don't want to. He knows better than to come to my house. I feel deeply grieved at the publicity my name has been given in the matter and would gladly disown it if it were not for the fact that it seems that Irvine's sole purpose is to destroy the tranquillity of our parish."

Did Receive the Telegram. It is now definitely known that Vestryman W. G. Miller did receive a telegram from Dr. Irvine, but that he refused to sign it. Dr. Irvine's chief counsel, Herbert Green, denies that such an agreement was sent by the deposed clergyman. Since the receipt of this telegram, Vestryman Miller, come to the church, and refused to sign the presentment, has brusquely refused to speak further on the subject.

In expectation of Dr. Irvine's appearance at St. John's church, the church was attracted to the little church could accommodate. The pastor, Dr. Johnson, made no reference to the presentment, very, which has its origin in the parish under Dr. Irvine's rectorship.

Mrs. Emma D. Elliott, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the presentment, was denied communion by Dr. Irvine, attended the services today.

IRVINE'S CASE COLLAPSES. Reputation by Presenters Leaves Nothing Against Bishop Talbot. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—The North American will say tomorrow: "The complete collapse of Dr. Irvine's attempted presentment against Bishop Talbot is foreshadowed in an admission made last night (Sunday) by Dr. Bodine. Dr. Bodine said that after his conference with the other members of the board of inquiry he may, within the next day or two, have a formal statement to issue touching the case."

It is understood the Huntingdon vestrymen who declare they have not signed a presentment are protesting against a formal repudiation of their desire to appear as presenters against the bishop. Dr. Bodine, however, has already declared that if these repudiations are filed with Dr. Bodine, the presentment will be uncanonical and that it will fall of its own weight.

These same canonical authorities were of the opinion that Dr. Bodine could make only two statements at this stage of the case. These are: "First—That the presentment has been withdrawn by the presenters. Second—That the members of the board, being officially in possession of sufficient repudiation of signatures to deprive the presentment of its canonical character, have decided among themselves that there was nothing before the board for its consideration."

INQUIRY MAY FALL THROUGH. Reputation of Signatures to Presentment Likely to Have That Effect. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—Weariness and almost worn out from the strain he has been under during the past week, the Rev. Dr. I. N. W. Irvine returned here from Huntingdon, Pa., tonight. He was met at the railroad station by his son-in-law and newspaper reporters. He refused to sign any statement and returned to his home immediately to his home.

After dinner he attended services at the Church of the Savior, of which the Rev. Dr. W. B. Bodine, chairman of the board of inquiry, is rector. After the services Dr. Irvine was again met by newspaper reporters, but he refused to sign any statement. There is a growing feeling among clergyman here tonight that the proceedings brought by Dr. Irvine against Bishop Talbot will fall through if the Hunting-

Cruiser Chattanooga Stands Speed Test

New War Craft Makes More Than Averages Required of Her by the Government.

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 1.—The projected cruiser Chattanooga completed her two days' speed trial today, averaging between 16.1 and 16.55 knots per hour over the measured mile course in Narragansett bay yesterday and 16.65 knots per hour in a four hours' speed run off shore today.

The Chattanooga was built to make 14.5 knots and her speed yesterday was over the lay course of Jamestown, where torpedo boats are tested, and the Chattanooga went over the course many times, finishing late last night.

Shortly before noon today the cruiser started out on the lay course of the four hours from Brenton's Reef lightship, during which she averaged above her designed speed, making 16.55 per hour.

Tomorrow the Chattanooga will start on her final trial, an endurance run of twenty-four hours during which she will fire her guns singly and in broadsides, be run in a sea way and put through her paces in a way that will test her endurance. Commander I. K. Reeves, chairman of the engineer trial board, was taken to the naval hospital at Coasters Harbor today, suffering from a severe attack of the grip.

As soon as the Chattanooga returns the trial board will designate to Constable board Blikeley, over the measured mile course. Her contract calls for a speed of twenty-six knots per hour.

ROME, Jan. 1.—The fact is commented on that the holy see, instead of announcing directly to the pope the appointment of a new apostolic delegate to Constantinople, communicated the fact of the designation through the French ambassador there, who is an ancient foundation, has been the rupture between the Vatican and France. There has been no change regarding the French protectorate over Catholics in the Orient.

For an American Embassy. PARIS, Jan. 1.—A project is afoot among the American residents here to subscribe a considerable sum to purchase the premises of the American Embassy of Gramont, on the Avenue Hoche, and present it to the United States Government for the use of the American Embassy.

Catholics Begin Religious Record. BALTIMORE, Jan. 1.—The cathedral was filled almost to overflowing today with worshippers who had made up their minds to start the new year with a religious record. Cardinal Gibbons at the close of the nuptial mass held his usual friendly colloquy in the cathedral, the Archbishop's residence and greeted hundreds of persons of all creeds.

Herbert's Orchestra Played. NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The Victor Herbert orchestra played at the Metropolitan theater last night. The soloist was Clifford Wiley, baritone, his selections being the prologue to "I Pique" and "The Prologue to 'I Pique' from Traviata. In response to an enthusiastic recall, Mr. Wiley sang the Toreador song from Carmen.

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Tragedy in Which Man Plays Part of Murderer and Suicide at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 1.—After attempting the life of his wife, Mrs. Lizale Gleeson, and in the belief that he had succeeded in his efforts to kill her, George Gleeson, a liverman of St. Joseph, Mo., leaped far out of the second-story window of his mother-in-law's home here today and cut his throat with a razor from ear to ear, in sight of several hundred persons who had been attracted by Mrs. Gleeson's screams.

There was no witness to the first part of the tragedy except the young wife, who is now dying in the city hospital. Mrs. Gleeson was terribly wounded. Her throat and face were slashed and her hands and arms were badly cut while she struggled with the desperate man.

After cutting his throat Gleeson knocked down Mrs. Rolter, his mother-in-law, who tried to interfere, and, rushing outside, was chased two blocks by the crowd before he fell exhausted and succumbed to his wounds.

The couple had been separated and Gleeson had followed his wife here in an endeavor to effect a reconciliation. When the woman refused to return home, he had attacked her. Gleeson was 25 years old, and his wife is 15.

Blacksmith and Pugilist. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 1.—George Skinkum, a blacksmith and pugilist, having participated in a number of bouts in both places. He was known in Denver as "The Blacksmith," on account of having worked at that trade while there.

Ancient Fountain Unearthed. MEXICO CITY, Jan. 1.—In excavating for the foundation of the new National Palace, an ancient fountain has been found, covered with hieroglyphics and on which are figures of Indian warriors, priests, etc. The foundations of the old buildings of great size also were discovered.

Washington Building Sold. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 1.—The Washington State building at the World's fair, recently offered to the city of St. Louis, has been sold for \$120,000. Missouri stock raiser. The bill of sale does not include the marble staircase nor the building cost about \$120,000.

Ship's Machinery Breaks. EUREKA, Cal., Jan. 1.—The steamship Tuleka, loaded with lumber for San Pedro, went ashore when crossing the Humboldt bar. She was pulled off later by a tug. Her machinery broke down and she was towed to San Francisco. She had on board 80,000 feet of red wood. Her deckload was lost.

Postponed One Month. MEXICO CITY, Jan. 1.—The Mexican permanent exposition, which it was expected would be opened on January 1, will not be opened until February 1.

DEATHS OF ONE DAY. RHEIMS, Jan. 1.—Cardinal Benedict Marie Langueux, archbishop of Rheims, is dead, aged 89 years.

BROOKLINE, Mass., Jan. 1.—Chief Justice Albert Mason of the Massachusetts Superior court, died this morning at his residence here of pneumonia, aged 63 years.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Sanders W. Johnston died here today aged 81 years. During the Mexican war he raised and commanded a company of volunteers and was especially mentioned for bravery in the battle of Monterey. In 1854 he was appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme court of Kansas.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Benjamin W. Thomas, 31 years old, probably known in Europe and America because of his scientific investigations and writings, died at his home here today after a short illness.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Margaret Traylor, aged 81 years, who for several months has predicted that she would die as the bells heralded the dawn of the new year, died at the home of her daughter here today, while the bells were ringing.

THROWN FROM CAB OF ENGINE

Locomotive Bounded on Unguided.

DOVER, N. J., Jan. 1.—One of the most extraordinary accidents in the history of railroading in the United States happened here when Patrick Fortin, the engineer of a heavily laden westbound Lackawanna milk train was blown out of his cab into a ditch and the train sped on, gathering speed every minute, without any hand at the throttle for five miles.

The milk train is known as "No. 43." It was drawn by one of the big clam-bucks, in which the engineer and his fireman are cut off from all personal communication by the hump that separates the man at the lever from the man at the firebox. The fog was dense, and No. 43 was running, or rather, groping along on a narrow gauge track, and kept plugging its way after passing Port Morris a connection leading from the top of the boiler to the engine's side of the cab blew out, and the concussion was so great that Fortin was hurled out, just as if a pair of giant hands had picked him up and tossed him into the air. He fell into the mud and water of a ditch at the roadside.

Fireman Ignorant of It. The rumble of the running train and the chug, chug, of the exhaust drowned the noise of the explosion, so the fireman knew nothing of it and kept plugging in fuel while he watched the gauge to see if the steam was holding up to the standard. "Nipue," was sent with the coal, and the needs of the engine told him to get ready to take water into the tank at Waterloo. He climbed out on the tender, but to his amazement, the train, instead of reducing speed, ran faster.

The fireman clambered back and shouted "No answer came, and he persisted. The cab was vacant. In an instant he was in the engineer's place with his hand on the throttle. He brought the train to a standstill with a suddenness that sent the milk cans rattling. He didn't know what had happened, but he did know that the train was plunging through the fog without a guiding hand or an eye ahead. Meantime Fortin, five miles back, bruised and shaken as he was, realized the peril of the train. His groans attracted the attention of a yardman.

"Quick," he cried. "He quick! I'm hurt. I can't move. Run for your life to the operator, and tell him '43' is running wild. He must stop her or she will tear the road loose!"

Without waiting to aid the injured man, who waved him away, the man did as he was told. The operator broke in on the message by a call for the emergency try on every telegraph line.

News to Dispatcher. He "got" the Hoboken dispatcher. Swiftly as fingers could tap, he clicked out a brief message. The dispatcher, in providing a cure for the trouble on the spur of the moment, called Hackettstown, ten miles beyond Port Morris. In two minutes a crew had made for the runaway, and fast engine with orders to run out ahead of the wild cat, slow down as it approached, and then pluck up and send a man crawling over the tender into the cab and take control.

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The milk train is known as "No. 43." It was drawn by one of the big clam-bucks, in which the