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CHAIN OF FORTS TAKEN BY JAPS

Capture All Advance Positions West of Port Arthur.

TOWN NOW UNDER NOGI'S GUNS

Tokio, Dec. 27.—The most important announcement that has come from General Nogai since the capture of 203-Metre Hill was received, when he reported that the Japanese captured all of the advanced positions defending Port Arthur on the west. The area captured comprises a chain of forts reaching from 203-Metre Hill southward to Pigeon Bay. There are a number of fortified heights from which Port Arthur can be bombarded, and the guns on these heights can prevent the movement of troops by land from Port Arthur proper to Liaotai Mountain, where it has been expected that the Russians would make their last stand. If at any time the garrison should be compelled to evacuate the city it could not retreat to Liaotai Mountain only by crossing the bay in boats, and the boats would be within range of the Japanese guns for over a mile of the journey. General Nogai's report is as follows:

"A body of our right wing surprised the enemy at Housanyentao and Siofantun, the latter about six and a half miles northwest of Port Arthur, at 10 o'clock Saturday night, and occupied the villages, and, subsequently dislodging the enemy, occupied the whole of Talichiatun, five miles northwest of Port Arthur, at 2.55 o'clock in the morning.

"Our repeated attacks during the past few days were uniformly successful, and now the whole of the enemy's advanced position, fronting our right wing, is in our hands."

The continued success of General Nogai's operations have given renewed hope to the government that the fortress will soon be taken and that the third army will be able to reinforce Marshal Oyama at Liao Yang.

REFORMS IN RUSSIA

Imperial Ukase Makes Liberal Promises Under a Number of Heads.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—An imperial ukase just issued makes decidedly liberal promises under a number of heads. It promises a full and equitable enforcement of existing laws; assures the Zemstvos of the fullest possible measure of self-government, and the enforcement of the laws now existing in their behalf; promulgates a scheme of workmen's insurance, extends the liberty of the press, and promises a full legal trial of all persons accused.

M. Witte seems to be high in the favor of the emperor, and is almost a daily visitor at Tsarskoe-Selo.

Zemstvos. This may be fraught with immense significance later.

Dropped Dead Coming From Prayer. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Sister Farreria, of the Church of the Nativity, dropped dead as she was coming from evening prayers in the chapel of the church here, Apoplexy was the cause of death. She was Annie F. Boos, of Pittston, Pa., and leaves a sister and two brothers. She was 34 years of age.

Gives \$400,000 to Employees. Kansas City, Dec. 27.—As a Christmas present Crane & Co., manufacturing plumbers, have presented each of their employees who has been with the firm one year a check for 10 per cent. of his yearly salary. Mr. Crane, whose home is in Chicago, distributed \$400,000 this year in this manner.

CHARGES AGAINST BISHOP TALBOT

New York Lawyer Outlines What Presenters Will Take Up.

BASED ON LETTER OF 1902

New York, Dec. 28.—In a statement, Herbert Noble, a lawyer of this city, representing the presenters in the charges recently made against Bishop Talbot, of the central diocese of the Episcopal church in Pennsylvania, briefly outlined what those who will appear against the bishop will take up. The presenters Mr. Noble will not name, except to say that Dr. Irvine is not one, and he also declined to give out the text of the presentation, but his statement says that the presentation has its foundation in a letter said to have been written by Bishop Talbot to Rev. Samuel Upjohn, when the latter was president of the Philadelphia Catholic Club in 1902.

"The presentation is based on this letter," says Mr. Noble. "It is in the hands of the Rev. W. B. Bodine, D. D., of Philadelphia. It charges Bishop Talbot with 'a criminal libel,' 'immorality, to wit, false statements,' 'the circulating of a false, malicious and defamatory report,' 'falsifying,' 'breach of ordination and consecration vows' and 'conduct unbecoming a bishop.'"

These charges, said Mr. Noble, are the "headings" of the allegations made in the presentation. He added that he had communicated with Dr. Bodine, and would call on him tomorrow or Friday in Philadelphia for a consultation as to the method of procedure in the hearing of the charges against Bishop Talbot in Reading, Pa., January 10. These charges will come before a committee of investigation appointed by Presiding Bishop Tuttle, of St. Louis, this committee consisting of 12 clerical and 12 lay members, appointed from three dioceses adjoining that of Central Pennsylvania.

This committee was appointed about 10 days ago, and the investigation is a direct outcome of incidents relating to a case which for some time have stirred the Episcopal church, that of Rev. Dr. Ingraham W. N. Irvine, now a resident of Philadelphia, who was deposed from the ministry by Bishop Talbot several years ago.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.



What Will He Do With It?

THE OLD AND THE NEW YEAR.

Be very gentle, tender kind; Assist the old man down, Feeble in body, strong in mind, He leaves us with a frown, Man of affairs in better days, The world knows of his deeds, And thus despite his dubious ways, Man for his staying pleads.

We would not have the old man leave, Because of friendships old, Though newer ones we might conceive, They might to us be cold, Hence, clinging to the old year we Are loth to let him go, His failures we decline to see, And so we pass them o'er.

JUDGE WILKINSON MEANS BUSINESS.

Many Lynchers Convicted—One Receives Life Sentence and Five Get Fifty Years—Others Convicted.

Brookhaven, Miss., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Judge Wilkinson passed sentence on the Lincoln County white-cappers to-day, sending one man to prison for life, five others were given 50 years each, and another 25 years. Other offenders were given lighter punishment.

This action is the most drastic ever applied in this section in the punishment of race rioters and has created consternation among the whites accused of harassing Negroes. Judge Wilkinson says he proposes to put an end to the reign of terror in this State. Those convicted are members of the Farmers' League. The following were sentenced:

LIFE IMPRISONMENT. Franklin, Oscar, life imprisonment for the murder of Eli Wilson, a Negro. Franklin, William, 50 years in prison for manslaughter, for killing Henry List, a Negro. Gill, Elbert, 50 years in prison, for killing Henry List, a Negro. McNulty, John, Negro, convicted of murder; life sentence. Posy, David, found guilty of killing Ben Bayless, a Negro; 25 years in prison. Posey, Sam, 10 years for highway robbery and 5 years each on two white-capping charges—a total of 20 years in prison. Smith, D. W., 50 years in prison for manslaughter in killing Henry List, a Negro. Smith, Elias, 50 years in prison for killing Henry List, a Negro. Smith, R. L., 50 years in prison for killing Henry List, a Negro. Smith, John, Negro, convicted of

murder; life sentence. Troy, J. A. P., Negro, convicted of burglary; 1 year in prison.

DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS. The "Farmers' League" some months ago inaugurated a reign of terror throughout the county. Negro homes were burned, many were shot into the darkness, many Negroes were killed or wounded or whipped. Notices were posted in many places throughout the county warning the Negroes to leave.

New York, Dec. 26, 1904. Mr. Richard F. Mason and Miss Virginia L. Minor of Beaver Dam, Va. were married on last Sunday eve the 25th by Rev. L. B. Twiss of the Mt. Gilead Baptist at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, No. 234 E. 127th St. Attendants were Miss Maria L. Howard and Mr. Chas. M. Taylor. P. W. BELL. 181 W. 134 St.

Misses Anna Howard, M. Nelson, M. E. Jones, A. Minor left the city (N. Y.) on last Sunday eve to spend the holidays at Beaver Dam, Va., with their parents.

To My Friends and Patrons. Thanking you very much for your past patronage, I respectfully solicit a continuance of the same. Your recommendation of my Fire Insurance Agency to your friends would be greatly appreciated, and any orders will be my prompt and careful attention. Respectfully, GEORGE C. JEFFERSON, Insurance Agency, No. 6 N. Tenth St. Times Building, Phone 2574.

\$150.00 Endowment Paid.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 21, 1904. This is to certify that I have received from John Mitchell, Jr., Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Knights of Pythias, N. A., S. A., E. A., A and A., (\$150.00) One Hundred and Fifty Dollars in payment of the death claim of Sir William Payne, who was a member of Royal Lodge, No. 26 of Richmond, Va. Signed:—BETTIE PAYNE, Beneficiary. Witness: John R. Cogbill.

\$100.00 Endowment Paid.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 22, 1904. This is to certify that I have received from John Mitchell, Jr., G. W. Counselor of the Grand Court of Virginia, (\$100.00) One Hundred Dollars in payment of the death claim of Elizabeth Miller, who was a member of Mechanics Court, No. 45, I. O. of Calanthe of Richmond, Va. Signed:—WILLIE THOMPSON, Beneficiary. Witness: Sarah E. Ellis.

—Mr. J. E. Chick of Mangochick, P. O., Va. called on us this week.

Christmas Bargains

Bargains in handsome Christmas presents. See what I make. C. E. NOBLE, 23 1/2 W. Broad St.

FOUR MEN SUFFOCATED

Three of Them Perished in a Trap Made By Themselves. Philadelphia, Dec. 27. — Four men were suffocated and eight other persons were rescued from fire in different parts of the city. At a boarding house at 1545 Wood street, Charles McCusker, aged 44 years; James Merry, aged 48 years, and Joseph McGill, aged 24 years, died in a trap made by themselves. Against the wishes and the knowledge of their boarding house keeper the three men took a quantity of whiskey to their room. They placed one of the two beds in the apartment against the door to prevent interference by the boarding house keeper. After the men had retired a lighted candle fell from a mantle on the greasy working clothes of one of the boarders. The clothing was ignited and the room was soon filled with a thick smoke. McGill was awakened by the smoke, but was unable to move the bed from the door and fell to the floor unconscious. The boarding house keeper discovered the smoke, and when the room was broken into McCusker and Merry were found dead. McGill died soon after being removed to a hospital.

CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY

Promoter of Fake Insurance Company Wanted in New York. Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Charges of conspiracy, false pretense and forgery, involving \$150,000, are made against John Bough, alias Baker, who was committed in the city hall police court to await requisition from the New York authorities. New York detectives arrested Bough as he was leaving the county prison, where he had served six months for swindling operations in the name of the Boyer Sign Manufacturing company, of Philadelphia.

According to information in the possession of the police department, Bough and other persons, who have since disappeared, established an insurance company under the name of Lloyd's Insurance Company of America. The concern, it is alleged, wrote \$4,000,000 worth of fire insurance and collected \$150,000 in premiums, the insured having been led, it is charged, to believe that Bough was the American agent of Lloyds of London. Six months ago a collapse followed the non-payment of a policy, and the prosecution claims that the discovery was then made that the safe was filled with assets in the shape of worthless deeds and mortgages.

WAS THROWING CHILD IN AIR

Bystander Interfered and Killed Father in Self-Defense. Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 28. — At Plains, a suburb of Wilkesbarre, Robert Elliott plunged a knife into the neck of John Clarke. The jugular vein was severed, and in one minute Clarke was dead. Elliott claims he used the knife in self-defense. Clarke had been drinking and was abusing his family and a warrant had been issued for him. Before it could be served Clarke began throwing one of his children in the air and threatened to kill it. Elliott interfered to

save the child, and Clarke struck at him with a butcher knife, and Elliott drew his pocket knife and struck Clarke in the neck. Elliott surrendered to the officers and was committed to jail to await action by the coroner.

MET HORRIBLE DEATH

Five Others in Blast Furnace Burned By Exploding Gas. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 28.—John Guy, foreman of bricklayers, was burned to death and five others seriously injured in an explosion in furnace "J" of the Edgar Thomson plant of the Carnegie Steel company at Braddock. Of the injured, who were all foreigners, Michael Pasnick will die.

The furnace had been blown out for repairs, and the men were at work re-lining it, when gas which had accumulated ignited from the heat, causing the explosion. At the same time the flash set fire to the trestle and the watchman's shanty adjoining the furnace, but the flames were quickly extinguished. The damage to the furnace will be heavy.

Murdered Family and Burned Home.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 27. — James Linkous, a Radford, Va., painter, was taken to Roanoke to prevent lynching at the hands of infuriated citizens after a coroner's inquest had returned a verdict that he murdered his wife and adopted son Christmas morning and burned his home to remove evidence of the crime. It is charged that Linkous beat the brains of his victims out with a blunt instrument and then fired the building. When the building was burning briskly he gave an alarm. The town's volunteer department turned out. Linkous' actions were suspicious, and the hose was kept on Mrs. Linkous' sleeping room and her form was not badly burned.

Tom Watson Starts a Magazine. Albany, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Thomas E. Watson, of Thomson, Ga., the candidate of the People's party for president at the last election, incorporated with the secretary of state a stock company called Tom Watson's Magazine, for the purpose of publishing and circulating a monthly literary periodical of that name. The corporation is capitalized at \$125,000, divided into 12,500 shares.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Thursday, December 22. Admiral Sir Erasmus Ommanney, the "father of the British navy," died at Portsmouth, England, after a long illness. The explosion of a gas tank at Pittsburg, Pa., resulted in a fire which destroyed four buildings, entailing a loss of \$90,000. Mrs. John Johnson and her two sons, aged 7 and 3 years, of Bangor, Me., lost their lives in a fire that destroyed their home. Willie Henderson, aged 14 years, of Laurel, Del., fell from a tree and was killed while gathering mistletoe for his school teacher. The cruiser Washington, being constructed by the New York Shipbuilding company, Camden, N. J., will be launched February 22. Friday, December 23. The new protected cruiser Chattanooga will have her final official speed trial over the Cape Ann course December 30. In a head-on collision between trains on the Atlantic Coast line, near Montgomery, Ala., one man was killed and 14 injured. The Dix wrapper factory, at Millville, N. J., was destroyed by fire, throwing 250 girls out of employment and causing a loss of \$40,000. Robert S. McCormick, American ambassador to Russia, who has been on a vacation in the United States, started on his return to St. Petersburg. A gang of bell boys organized to steal the property of guests in Chicago hotels has been discovered, and \$1000 in money and jewels was found in their possession. Saturday, December 24. Fire at Washington, Pa., destroyed a lumber yard, warehouse, machine shop and four houses, entailing a loss of \$85,000. William R. Wilcox has taken the oath of office as postmaster of New York and appointed Edward M. Morgan assistant. While opening the shutters of a second-story window, Mrs. Ella Reuss, of Philadelphia, fell out and was fatally injured. The four-story laundry building on Blackwell's Island, New York, was destroyed by fire and 65 women had narrow escapes. Loss, \$45,000. Tuesday, December 27. President Roosevelt has appointed H. Wells Harris as postmaster at Baltimore, Md. Monroe county, Pa., Christmas tree dealers claim to have cleared \$30,000 this year in Philadelphia.