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SEAPORT TOWN IN RUINS

Russians Destroy Port Dalny Twenty Miles Above Fort Arthur.

Capture by Japanese Feared and Railroads and Warehouses Dynamited.

St. Petersburg, May 13.—Viceroy Alexieff has telegraphed to the czar announcing that the Russians have blown up the docks and piers at Port Dalny, Liaoning peninsula, presumably to render more difficult a Japanese landing at that point.

Later telegrams received here indicate that the whole of Port Dalny has been destroyed by the Russians.

Port Dalny, on Tallienwan bay, on the east coast of the Liaoting peninsula, was intended by Russia to be the chief commercial emporium of its Eastern dominions. An edict providing for its construction was issued by the Russian emperor July 29, 1899, and Port Dalny, fully equipped with all modern improvements, docks, warehouses and railroad facilities, was opened to commerce in December, 1901.

Tallienwan bay is one of the finest deep water harbors on the Pacific. It is free from ice in winter time and ships drawing thirty feet of water can enter at low tide without difficulty and without the aid of pilots can sail or steam alongside the immense docks and piers, where their cargoes can be loaded into railroad cars and run direct for 6,000 miles into the city of St. Petersburg. Five large piers have been constructed, each supplied with numerous railroad tracks and immense warehouses and elevators, gas, electric lights and water, and a large breakwater was being constructed so that ships could lie at the piers and load and unload regardless of weather.

Docks for foreign vessels, steam and sail, extended along the piers and along the shore for two miles. There were two first class drydocks, one intended for ordinary ocean steamers and the other designed to accommodate the largest vessels of war or commerce.

Over \$6,000,000 had been expended on the harbor system before the end of 1902 and it was estimated that the cost of completing the work would be nearly \$20,000,000, but this does not in any way represent the total cost of the creation of this great commercial port, which, with Port Arthur, distant about twenty miles, was leased by the Chinese government to Russia in 1898.

WOULD EMULATE ANCESTORS.

Czar May Decide to Proceed to the Front.

St. Petersburg, May 13.—The Associated Press learns from the highest source that the emperor is exceedingly anxious to go to the front. To his intimates recently he has spoken much on the subject, but he realizes that conditions of state demand his presence at home. Nevertheless it is now considered not impossible that he will follow the example of all the Romanoff dynasty during the last century and undergo his baptism of fire. To fight with the army is one of the traditions of his house. Alexander I. entered Paris with the allies after the battle of Waterloo. Nicholas I. died in a common soldier's hovel in the Crimea and Alexander II. with his heir apparent, were at the front during the Turkish war. Should he finally conclude to go the emperor would not assume active command of the troops, but would have an imperial headquarters, taking with him all the members of his military cabinet. Being on the spot the emperor would more easily advise General Kuropatkin in the event of any question of great military moment which he might desire to submit to his majesty. But, of course, the chief advantage would be the stimulus which the personal presence of the sovereign would have on the officers and men.

PERFECT ORDER PREVAILS.

No Fighting Looked for in Vicinity of Newchwang.

London, May 13.—Lloyd's agency at Newchwang telegraphs by way of Chefoo under date of May 12 as follows: "Produce is arriving in great quantities from up the river. A fair amount of Manchester goods have arrived, but more would come if a British warship was here, which would promote trade. Newchwang is in perfect order. I do not anticipate any trouble or fighting in this vicinity. Great credit is due to General Kandravitch, in command of the Russian troops, and Civil Administrator Eitel."

DENIED BY JAPANESE.

Railroad Communication with Port Arthur Not Restored.

Tokio, May 13.—Official inquiry shows that Viceroy Alexieff's report that railroad communication with Port Arthur has been restored since Monday is untrue.

Firing Heard Near Newchwang. Shanhaiwan, May 13.—Firing is reported to have been heard during the day south of Newchwang.

CONTINUE TO ADVANCE.

Japs Begin a Forward Movement From Fenghuancheng.

St. Petersburg, May 13.—Lieutenant General Sakharoff has sent a dispatch to the general staff, communicating a report of General Zassilich, dated May 10, as follows: "Troops which appeared to be a division of the Japanese guard have been advancing for the past two days from Fenghuancheng westerly in the direction of Halcheng."

"It is reported that a Japanese force, consisting of about a division of infantry, intended to march on Saimadza with forty guns and 1,500 cavalry. "From reports received from the river Dazaw, it may be concluded that the Japanese army is concentrated in three groups, the two southern groups being on the lower section of the river Tayang at Hondonhanya, on the left bank of the river at Dayan and at Donamyo in the same locality, and the northern group opposite Halabina on the road from Fenghuancheng to Saimadza, fourteen to sixteen miles from Fenghuancheng."

"It is difficult to obtain information from the local Chinese. In one case we discovered that the Chinese had warned the Japanese troops of an ambush which had been arranged by Cossacks."

CLEARING HARBOR ENTRANCE.

Explanation of Explosions at Port Arthur.

New York, May 13.—An explanation of the explosions heard at Port Arthur, which led to reports that the Russians were destroying their warships in that harbor, is furnished in a World dispatch from St. Petersburg. It is to the effect that the garrison at Port Arthur is endeavoring to clear the harbor entrance of the stone laden ships sent in by the Japanese. In order to remove the obstructions divers are said to have been sent down, who placed charges of dynamite in position and succeeded in blowing away enough of the cement and rock cargoes to admit the passage of torpedo boats through the channel.

NOT BEFORE REPORTED.

Russian Torpedo Transport Blown Up April 25.

New York, May 13.—Through the posting by the general staff of a list containing twenty names of officers and men killed on board the torpedo transport Amur April 25 a naval disaster not before reported has just become public, says a World dispatch from St. Petersburg. According to the correspondent the Amur, which was a sister ship of the ill fated torpedo transport Yansen, was laying mines in the Port Arthur roadstead when she struck one and sank.

Grand Duke Cyril in Bad Shape. St. Petersburg, May 13.—Grand Duke Cyril's whole nervous system and his heart are somewhat seriously affected as the result of his experiences at the time of the blowing up of the battleship Petropavlovsk off Port Arthur, April 13. The official report of his medical attendants says that the grand duke will require the closest attention and most careful treatment.

HOOSIERS FOR PARKER

Indiana Democrats Instruct Convention Delegates for Judge Parker Yesterday.

Indianapolis, May 13.—The Democratic state convention, in session here, sent a delegation to the St. Louis convention instructed for Judge Alton B. Parker of New York for president. The Hoarist men were outnumbered 3 to 1, but made a desperate fight to prevent the sending of an instructed delegation. The contest began with the election of a temporary chairman and continued throughout the entire proceedings. The following resolution was adopted: "Recognizing the fitness, ability and party loyalty of Alton B. Parker of New York, to be selected as the stand-

and bearing of the Democratic party in the United States, the democrats of Indiana hereby resolve that the delegates selected by this convention to the national convention at St. Louis are instructed to cast the vote of this state as a unit for that distinguished jurist, Alton B. Parker."

HEARST DELEGATES BOLT.

Washington, May 13.—The Demo-

cratic convention of the District of Columbia resulted in a split. The eighteen Hearst delegates bolted and threatened to send a separate delegation to the national convention. The split occurred over the election of a temporary chairman. The Hearst men declined to vote and appealed from the decision of the chair that a motion to elect a temporary chairman was carried. The appeal was overruled and the Hearst delegates immediately adjourned to another meeting place, where they held a separate convention. The regular convention elected Edwin B. Hay temporary chairman.

RUMORED BATTLE AT PORT ARTHUR

St. Petersburg Hears Vague News of Fierce Battle at Port Arthur.

News Lacks Official Confirmation But Causes Widespread Consternation.

St. Petersburg, May 13.—Rumors are widely current here that fighting is in progress at Port Arthur, but there is no official news confirming the reports.

The Russians still hold Newchwang. St. Petersburg, May 13.—Major General Pflug, telegraphing from Mukden, describes the reports that Newchwang has been evacuated and troops guarding the railroad are to be withdrawn and to be replaced by Chinese as being devoid of foundation.

DID NOT DISPLAY FLAG.

Japanese Deny Firing on Russian Red Cross Train.

London, May 13.—The Japanese legation here has given out an official telegram from the foreign office at Tokio regarding the Russian charge that the Japanese, May 6, fired on a train from Port Arthur flying the Red Cross flag. It says the train did not carry any special marks until after the Russian soldiers had fired on the Japanese and the latter had responded. When the train stopped the Red Cross flag was hoisted and the Japanese immediately stopped firing and proceeded to examine it, whereupon the train went on at full speed and escaped.

The Japanese foreign office telegram also said that while there is no reason to apprehend that China intends breaking her neutrality the Japanese government has found it advisable to warn the Chinese government to observe strict neutrality.

London, May 13.—Subscriptions to the Japanese loan of \$50,000,000 closed at 4 p. m. It was estimated that the loan was over subscribed twenty times. There was a great rush to subscribe and an enormous number of applications for small amounts.

New York, May 13.—Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the National City bank and the National Bank of Commerce announce that the imperial Japanese government's 6 per cent loan has already been heavily over subscribed.

PROTEST IS EFFECTIVE.

China Attempts to Prevent Sailing of American Vessel.

Washington, May 13.—Several days ago the Chinese government, through Mr. Conger, gave notice that it could not permit a ship belonging to the American Trading company to sail from Shanghai, for its branch in Yokohama, carrying tin plate and tea lead, on the ground that this would be a violation of neutrality as the articles were contraband. The state department instructed Mr. Conger to enter a vigorous protest pointing out that neither tin plate nor tea lead appeared in the list of articles described as contraband by the proclamation of Russia or Japan. The minister called the state department during the day that the protest had been effective and the ship will be allowed to sail.

Czar Will Pray for Victory.

St. Petersburg, May 13.—The emperor will go to Moscow Saturday to pray for victory at the Trinity Sergius monastery and thence, after a few days, will proceed to Kharokoff to bid farewell to the Tenth and Seventeenth army corps previous to their departure for the Far East.

RULES ARE STRICT.

African Methodists Place Ban on Many Popular Amusements.

Chicago, May 13.—The general conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church, after a heated discussion, passed a law prohibiting members of the church from attending theaters, from dancing and playing cards and strongly condemned "can rushing." The salaries of the bishops were raised from \$2,000 to \$2,500 a year.

KILLS THIRTY-ONE NATIVES.

German Force Engages Detachment of Hereros.

Berlin, May 13.—A dispatch has been received from the governor of German Southwest Africa, Colonel Lentwin, announcing that Lieutenant Volkman, with twenty-two men, engaged a detachment of Hereros east of Okankawindi, April 28, killing thirty-one of the natives and losing one man killed.

Iowa Town Damaged by Fire.

Chariton, Ia., May 13.—Fire of incendiary origin damaged all buildings on two sides of the public square, the total loss being about \$25,000. Two men who were caught stealing goods from one of the burned stores are held on suspicion of being the firebugs.

New Low Record in Steel.

New York, May 13.—United States Steel common broke to 3 1/2 at the opening of the market. This is a new low record. Transactions in the stock were comparatively small. The preferred stock also was heavy, yielding a point on pressure.

PUGILIST DIES AT FRESNO

Johnny Ryan Dies After Preliminary Bout Before Athletic Club.

Rendered Unconscious by Blow on the Jaw and Did Not Recover.

Fresno, Cal., May 13.—In a ten round preliminary before the Central California Athletic club Johnny Ryan was pounded into insensibility by Walter Robinson, a negro of this city, and received injuries from which he died several hours later. The fight ended in the ninth round. Ryan was practically out the whole of that round. He was floored six times. His second had thrown the sponge into the ring when the blow on the jaw that rendered Ryan unconscious was struck. Robinson has been arrested.

Passengers and Crew Escape.

Richmond, Va., May 13.—Passenger train No. 39 over the Southern Railway, southbound, was wrecked at midnight at Rockfish trestle. The engine and six coaches left the track and the two Pullmans were left hanging over the trestle. Passengers and crew escaped unhurt.

Big Elevator Destroyed.

Port William, Ont., May 13.—Fire has destroyed elevator B, owned by the Canadian Pacific railway and valued at \$250,000. There were about 200,000 bushels of wheat in the elevator at the time and the grain, together with the structure, is a total loss.

MAN HUNT STILL CONTINUES.

J. F. Dietz Holding Posses at Bay Near Hayward Wis.

Hayward, Wis., May 13.—Sheriff Peterson and a posse of deputies, armed with Krag-Jorgensen rifles, are still on a man hunt for J. F. Dietz on the Lower Chippewa.

Since Monday, when he resorted to a plan of Sheriff Elliott for refusing to pass logs of the Chippewa Lumber company through a dam near his home, he has been holding the posse at bay in the woods.

Pat Magin and Frank Tracy have been severely wounded by Dietz and are in an abandoned lumber camp.

Fresh supplies of ammunition and more men are being sent to aid the sheriff. Dietz has declared that he will not be taken alive.

POSTMASTER EXONERATED.

Result of Investigation of New York Office.

Washington, May 13.—Exhaustive inquiry into affairs of the New York city postoffice recently was completed by Charles H. Robb, assistant attorney general for the postoffice department. The report, including the recommendation, has been approved in its entirety by President Roosevelt. The report shows that Postmaster Van Cott himself has been entirely innocent of any intentional wrongdoing. Some irregularities were discovered and they did not, it is said, involve the integrity of Postmaster Van Cott. The president not only has approved the report and its recommendations, but he has directed that the recommendations be carried into effect. He will not remove Postmaster Van Cott and it is not regarded that ground for removal exists.

BRAZILIANS REPULSED.

Sustain Many Casualties in Battle With Peruvians.

New York, May 13.—Reports have been received that another battle over the Acre dispute has been fought in the Upper Purus valley, says a Herald dispatch from Rio Janeiro. Brazil Colonel Arujo, who started from Chandless with 220 men, attacked the Peruvians at Santa Rosa. The fight lasted twenty-four hours. Finally Colonel Arujo had to withdraw after losing many killed and wounded. Colonel Arujo says the battle was fought under unfavorable conditions. It is announced that the negotiations are continuing with favorable indications. Meanwhile the military and naval preparations continue. It is understood that the war vessels Desolado, Fonseca, Tralense, Tambara and Tamayo will go to Manaus.

Waitress Burned to Death.

Rochester, Minn., May 13.—At 4 a. m. the restaurant belonging to John Ziegler was destroyed by fire and the head waitress, Emma Dandys, lost her life by being burned. She made her escape once, but went back into the building to get some clothing.

Woman Given Life Sentence.

Dover, Del., May 13.—Conrad for Mrs. Mary A. Powell, who was convicted of murder in the second degree for killing Estelle Allen, withdrew their motion for a new trial and Mrs. Powell was sentenced to imprisonment for life.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

Governor Herrick of Ohio has ordered a court martial in connection with the recent riots at Springfield, at the time the negro Dickson was lynched.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison Easton, a sister of the late President Benjamin Harrison, is dead at the old family residence at North Bend, a suburb of Cincinnati.

The Illinois appellate court has affirmed the sentence fining seventeen members of the Northern Illinois Soft Coal association \$500 for participation in an illegal combination.

Secretary Hay has left Washington for St. Louis, where he is to represent the president of the United States and deliver the address of welcome to the international press congress on the 19th inst.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Minneapolis Wheat.

Minneapolis, May 13.—Wheat—May, 92c; July, 91 1/2c; Sept., 89 1/2c. On track—No. 1 hard, 95 1/2c; No. 2 Northern, 94 1/2c; No. 3 Northern, 92 1/2c; No. 4 Northern, 91 1/2c.

St. Paul Union Stock Yards.

St. Paul, May 13.—Cattle—Good to choice steers, \$4.00 to \$5.00; common to fair, \$3.50 to \$4.25; good to choice cows and heifers, \$3.25 to \$4.25; veals, \$3.25 to \$3.50. Hogs—\$1.40 to \$1.75. Sheep—Good to choice yearling wethers, \$4.75 to \$5.15; good to choice lambs, \$5.10 to \$5.50.

Duluth Wheat and Flax.

Duluth, May 13.—Wheat—In store—No. 1 hard, 92c; No. 1 Northern, 91 1/2c; No. 2 Northern, 89c. To arrive—No. 1 hard, 94 1/2c; No. 1 Northern, 93 1/2c; No. 2 Northern, 91 1/2c. On track—No. 1 Northern, 91 1/2c; No. 2 Northern, 89c; No. 3 Northern, 87c; No. 4 Northern, 85c. Flax—On track to arrive and May, \$1.07 1/2; July, \$1.08 1/2; Sept. and Oct., \$1.09 1/2.

MENTALITY LOST BY FASTING

St. Paul Woman Who Worshipped Sun Loses Her Mind.

Weeks of Excessive Fasting One of Strong Tenets of Crank Creed.

Chicago, May 13.—Crying incoherently that her name was Minnesota and that she was in the cathedral of St. Paul, Miss Emma Reuse, a member of the so-called "Sun Worship" cult here, was declared insane during the day. The young woman will be taken to the state hospital at Elk. Mrs. John Tradap of St. Paul, a half sister of the young woman, was the principal witness at the hearing. In her testimony Mrs. Tradap declared that the condition of her half sister was caused by weeks of excessive fasting. The woman said Miss Reuse had been in Chicago three years and during that time had been a follower of a "Sun Worship" leader.

SEEK TO REDUCE WAGES.

Action Taken by Glass Bottle Manufacturers.

Pittsburg, May 13.—At a general meeting of glass bottle manufacturers of this country here it was decided to close the factories on June 15 for ninety days and to demand a reduction of 10 per cent in wages on all bottles up to eight ounces, with an additional 8 per cent cut on all sizes above eight ounces.

It was also decided to insist upon a uniform scale on tank and blowing wares. This will mean an additional cut for blowers in the pot factories, making the reduction range from 12 1/2 to 20 per cent.

Among other changes to be demanded in the scale were clauses providing for more apprentices and physical certificates showing that the men are of duty for legitimate causes. The meeting was a joint conference of the Western Glass Bottle Manufacturers and Eastern Vial and Bottle Manufacturers.

TAKE THE OFFENSIVE.

Tibetans Steadily Bombarding the British Position.

Gyangtse, Tibet, May 13.—The Tibetans have taken the offensive against the British mission camp here. From a fort about six furlongs away they are steadily bombarding the camp with a half dozen guns carrying solid cannon balls of a pound weight. Another large gathering of Tibetans is reported from the Romg valley and, although the British communications in the rear are still open, the mission is practically helpless.

Did Not Desecrate Flag.

Denver, May 13.—Justice Hynd has discharged William D. Hayward, secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, charged with desecration of the flag. The charge was based on the issuance of a circular bearing a picture of the flag and headed "Is Colorado in America?"

Department Informed of Philippine Ambush.

Washington, May 13.—The war department has received from General Wade, commanding the United States troops in the Philippines, the following cable report of the ambushing of a detachment of Company F, Seventeenth Infantry, in Mindanao:

"While on a reconnaissance to locate Datto Ali, who had been sending in threatening messages and trying to stir up trouble, a detachment of Company F, Seventeenth infantry, consisting of thirty-nine enlisted men, was attacked by Moros near Lake Laganan, Mindanao, on the 1st inst. First Lieutenant Harry A. Woodruff, Second Lieutenant Joseph P. Hall and fifteen enlisted men were killed and five enlisted men wounded. General Wood has ordered troops to proceed and recover bodies and arms of our killed and to punish the offenders."

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 - Little girls' black taffeta coat, trimmed with ecru lace and applique at from \$1.50 to \$3.00 each.
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