

JAPS MASS FORCES

Concentrate In Final Effort to Capture Port Arthur.

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Russians Believe That In Spite of Japan's Mighty Onslaughts a Long, Indefinite Siege Will Result—Main Fortress Now Said to Be Threatened.

Chifu, Aug. 22.—According to the Japanese consul general at Tientsin, H. M. Ijain, who has just arrived here on the British steamer Pechili and who had a conversation lasting forty minutes with the commander of a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer which overhauled the steamer off Liaotung promontory, the battle now raging at Port Arthur is directed against the main fortress itself. It is taking place along the entire line, and it is Japan's supreme effort, to which the recent battles were but preliminary contests.

Consul General Ijain further said: "I firmly believe that Port Arthur will soon be in our hands. One after the other the outer defenses have been taken by the Japanese, and when the latter had completed their preparations for the grand assault General Stoessel was asked to surrender. He refused. Now comes the final test."

Late advices from Port Arthur say that Palungchang, although retaken by the Russians, has not been occupied by either side. The Russian batteries have contented themselves with preventing the Japanese from recapturing this position and planting guns which would command the Russian warships in the harbor.

Russian naval officers believe that the Japanese battleship Mikasa was sunk in the engagement of Aug. 10. They declare that while the Japanese concentrated their fire on the Cesarevitch the Russians centered theirs on the Mikasa, Admiral Togo's flagship.

It was the Mikasa which the Retvizan tried to ram during the fight. The Retvizan had been receiving severe punishment, and her captain suddenly gave an order to steer into the midst of the Japanese vessels and head for the Mikasa.

Retvizan's Great Fight. So fully surrounded was the Retvizan that at one time she was using every one of her guns. One Japanese shot rendered her turret unworkable, but repairs were made in ten minutes.

The Russian warships which returned to Port Arthur declare that Admiral Witthoff's last order was to return to Port Arthur. This disagrees with a previous statement from Klaochan alleging that the admiral's last order was not to return.

Commercial business at Port Arthur is said to be at a complete standstill. The people are living in bomb proof houses.

A belief on both sides of the contending forces that the other side is abusing the Red Cross has led to the feeling that that emblem is of little protection. The Russians assert that the Japanese use the flag to cover reconnoitering parties.

Fire on Red Cross Flag. Recently a Russian sharpshooter noticed a Japanese officer and a party of fifteen carrying a Red Cross flag. He reported that he believed the Japanese were shamming that they were wounded. The Russian officer in command gave the sharpshooter permission to fire on them.

The sharpshooter killed or wounded all of them. As fast as one dropped the Red Cross flag another one picked it up.

The Russians declare that Takushan is doing the Japanese but little good, as they are frequently driven from that position by artillery fire. They also are unable to mount guns.

Among the buildings in Port Arthur that have been destroyed by shells are the Russian church and Clarkson & Son's American warehouse.

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Believes Port Arthur Garrison Will Hold Out Indefinitely. The foreign telegrams announcing that the final assault upon Port Arthur is now in progress have further stimulated in all circles the interest which has been unflagging for weeks past concerning the fate of the fortress. The authorities continue to express confidence in the ability of the garrison to withstand the assault, but they aver that should the fortress be carried it will be at a cost unequalled in the history of sieges.

The determined nature of the Japanese attacks upon what is considered an impregnable position is without precedent in military annals.

No European power ever ventured to show such disregard of the lives of its soldiers.

True, the allies at Sevastopol lost 12,000 men in the final assault, but the Japanese have made repeated attacks upon Port Arthur with equal losses.

Military experts admit that the Japanese have pursued the best plan, since repeated assaults are bound to exhaust the resistance of a garrison proportionally quicker than the same amount of energy spread over a longer period.

strong position unless the fall of Port Arthur releases such a mass of reinforcements as to completely turn the numerical scale of troops in the north. The arrival of the cruiser Novik at Korsakovsk, in the island of Sakhalin, and of the cruiser Diana at Saigon, French Indo-China, clears up the whereabouts of every vessel of the Port Arthur squadron. It is a remarkable fact that despite the numerical superiority of Vice Admiral Togo's fleet and the long duration of the battle off Port Arthur not a single warship was sunk. The cruiser Rurik, the only victim to go down, belonged to the Vladivostok squadron.

So far as can be ascertained the Japanese government has not yet made any reply to Russia's protest regarding the seizure at Chifu of the torpedo boat destroyer Ryeshitei.

The report that the Chinese government has notified the Russian cruiser Askold and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi that they must leave Shanghai or disarm does not excite special comment, as the Russian authorities have already expressed acquiescence in the latter course.

The general situation, so far as China is concerned, causes some uneasiness, as it is felt that there is where there may originate at any time complications the consequences of which it is difficult to foresee.

QUICK WIT SAVES LIVES.

Captain of Tug Displays Great Presence of Mind In Collision.

New York, Aug. 22.—The quick wit and prompt action of the captain of a New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad tug saved the lives of more than 100 passengers on the ferryboat Sunshine in the East river.

After a collision with the Sunshine, in which the prow of a lighter lashed to the tug made a hole big enough for a horse and wagon to enter the women's cabin, and the big ferryboat began to wobble and sink in the middle of the river, the captain of the tug put his bow to the ferryboat and pushed until the big craft ran ashore at Eleventh street, and the passengers were landed. Then the ferryboat sank.

The passengers on the ferryboat were in a panic during the ten minutes following the collision.

Women bleeding from cuts and bruises ran about the deck of the boat screaming and seeking to leap overboard. Several horses that were being ferried across took fright and were with the utmost difficulty prevented from trampling a number of the passengers.

BELDAME WINS BIG STAKE.

Bennington's Fast Three-year-old Captures Saratoga Cup.

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 22.—Newton Bennington's much talked of three-year-old Beldame captured the Saratoga cup, valued at \$12,000. She had things all her own way and covered the mile and three-quarters in easy fashion. Africander was second and The Picket third.

Beldame won in ridiculously easy manner from Africander, at 16 to 5, with The Picket, at 6 to 1, third. Beldame won by five lengths after galloping in front from start to finish. She ran the route in 3 minutes 5 1/2 seconds, pretty fast time considering the condition of the going, which ran fetlock deep in mire.

It was a popular victory, for at 8 to 5 she was one of the most heavily played favorites in many years.

Murphy Warns Laboring Men.

Washington, Aug. 22.—D. I. Murphy, secretary of the Isthmian canal commission, has given out the following: "The laboring people of the country should be on their guard against so called 'labor exchanges' which are holding out promises of employment on the Panama canal and exacting a fee of a dollar or two from each applicant. Of course the Isthmian canal commission would give no countenance to such contemptible schemes of sharpers whose sole object is to separate the laboring man from his hard earned dollar."

Italian Priest Arrested For Theft.

Ascoli, Italy, Aug. 22.—Raffaelli Castelli, the parish priest at Offida, has been arrested as an accomplice in the theft from the cathedral of Ascoli of a priceless cope which was afterward bought by J. Pierpont Morgan. The cope, which was very ancient and considered priceless, was stolen from the cathedral of Ascoli in 1902. It mysteriously disappeared while repairs were being made to the cathedral, and though the government took measures for its recovery their efforts were unsuccessful.

Big Strike In the Carnegie Foundries.

Pittsburg, Aug. 22.—The Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers by the decision of its puddle and bar iron conference committee has declared a strike against the Carnegie Steel company. Three plants of the company, two at Youngstown, O., and one at Girard, O., are involved, and several thousand men will be affected. The strike is a protest against a reduction in wages and the declaration of the company that its mills will be run on the "open shop" principle in the future.

Kaiser's New Racing Yacht Delayed.

Bristol, R. I., Aug. 22.—Owing to a disagreement between Designer Nat Herreshoff and representatives of the German emperor over plans for a new schooner yacht after the model of the schooner yacht Ingomar for the emperor construction has been delayed. It is believed that the boat will be started in the fall or winter of 1905 if matters can be satisfactorily arranged by that time.

Clear Skin

You are doubtless heard a great deal about Ayer's Sarsaparilla—how it makes the blood pure and rich, tones up the nervous system, clears the skin, reddens the cheeks. Ask your doctor.

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A ROYAL CHRISTENING

Future Czar to Be Named Amid Brilliant Assemblage.

GREAT RULERS GODFATHERS

Diplomacy In Choice of King Edward VII. and Kaiser Wilhelm—Prince Henry of Prussia to Be Present at the Ceremony—The Golden Carriages.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 22.—The golden carriages which are used only at the time of Imperial christenings have been taken from the annex to the Winter palace and, drawn by six pairs of milk white steeds gorgeously caparisoned, removed to Peterhof to be used in conveying the heir to all the Russias from the Villa Alexandra to the great palace. The christening ceremony will take place in the beautiful little palace church, in which the brilliant assemblage of diplomats to be present will have difficulty in finding room.

The young empress and Emperor Nicholas will be absent from the christening ceremony. Their majesties cannot enter the church while the christening is in progress because it is contrary to the rules of the Orthodox church for parents to attend such ceremonies, the godparents being considered as representing them before the Almighty.

Henry of Prussia to Be There.

It is now known that little Alexis will be borne to the font, accompanied by Prince Henry of Prussia and Prince Louis of Battenburg, representing the godfathers, Emperor William and King Edward, and by the godmother, the empress dowager.

The metropolitan of St. Petersburg will have the honor of anointing the infant and immersing him in holy water. Complete immersion is necessary, according to the rules of the church.

The imperial party will then return to the Villa Alexandra in the same golden carriages that convey them to the palace. It was at first intended to follow the custom of giving a grand banquet at the palace after the christening, but the sovereigns have decided to forego functions of this kind while the country is undergoing the ordeal of war.

The Godfathers.

The selection of Emperor William and King Edward to be godfathers of the heir to the Russian throne created an excellent impression and is considered to be an especially happy omen of the future relations between Russia and Great Britain. Both Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia and Captain Prince Louis of Battenburg, personal representatives of their respective sovereigns, are understood to be bearers of letters to Emperor Nicholas.

King Edward's selection of Prince Louis of Battenburg to be his representative is considered to have special significance in view of the issues which have arisen between the two countries over maritime law. As chief of the naval intelligence department of the British navy, Prince Louis will be in a position to discuss controverted questions with the emperor.

Race Tjaster in the Tails.

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 22.—Michael J. Shannon, alias Thomas B. Reed, of Brooklyn, charged with using the United States mails for fraudulent purposes and held for the federal grand jury, has furnished bail. Shannon claims to have been employed by one Dan Smith, who is alleged to have operated a turf bureau in Saratoga, New York, Brooklyn, Washington, New Orleans, Chicago and St. Louis. Shannon is said to be a professional race tjaster.

THERE'S NO STRIKE ON IN THE CORNFIELDS.

—Chicago Record-Herald.

OUTBREAK IN CRIPPLE CREEK.

Two Thousand Men Overpower Sheriff, Etc., and Deport Labor Opponents.

FLOOD'S WIDE SWEEP

New York Inundated—Roosevelt's Train Delayed.

LIVES LOST IN THE WEST

Hackensack (N. J.) Meadows One Vast Lake—Arizona Hero Saves Sweetheart and Afterward Dies—In St. Louis 150 People Are Injured.

New York, Aug. 22.—The heaviest rainstorm of the year and the one which advances the total fall of rain for the first twenty days of August to the enormous amount of 6.86 inches has swamped all New York and vicinity.

Swamped is the word for it. Everything that was not on a mountain was under water. And this great amount of rain was re-enforced by an east wind which backed the water up in the bay until the miles of waterfront of the city was awash, cellars flooded, buildings inundated and streets knee deep. Many thousands of dollars' worth of goods stored in cellars and on first floors were ruined.

All railroads were impeded, trains running slowly in fear of washouts. In several instances, notably on the New York, New Haven and Hartford and the Long Island railroads, the engines were made useless by the water getting into the fire boxes under the boilers and extinguishing the fires. These trains were stalled for several hours.

The Hackensack (N. J.) meadows became a vast lake, in which the Passaic river lost its identity. Newark, Elizabethport and other cities adjacent to Newark bay were partially inundated.

President's Train Delayed.

The Pennsylvania railroad train on which President Roosevelt was coming to this city from Washington was held up below Trenton by the floods.

Superintendent Egan of the Pennsylvania train got a dispatch from Trenton at 3 o'clock saying that the ental had overflowed about five miles below Trenton and that under the circumstances it was not deemed safe to send the presidential train into the tunnel at that point.

After a delay of more than two hours the special was run back from Morrisville, on the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware river, where it was stalled, to Frankfort Junction and there transferred from the New York division to the Amboy division.

DEATH IN WATERS' RUSH.

At Least Seven Lost in Globe, Ariz. Two Heroes.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 22.—It is known that seven lives at least were lost in the flood that has swept through the town of Globe, Ariz., and surrounding country. The known dead are: M. N. Mitchell, a Southern Pacific railway machinist, and his wife; O. D. Wilson, clerk; Charles Sims, John Epley, Mrs. Hurd and Miss Moody.

According to the report of the courier who brought news of the disaster to Bowie, others were drowned besides those named in the foregoing list, but their names are not yet known.

The Globe Valley, Globe and Northern railroad tracks were washed out for three-quarters of a mile. Telegraphic communication with Globe is interrupted, and it has been impossible as yet to learn full details of the disaster.

Globe is located in a broad valley that slopes down to Pinal creek, which crosses the main street of the town.

The flood was caused by a cloudburst in Pinal creek.

O. B. Wilson and Stanley Mentzer in Globe by heroic work saved many lives. Wilson saved a young woman whom he was to marry and then lost his life in trying to save another.

The property loss will probably reach \$500,000. Large forces of men are reconstructing the railroad and telegraph line.

Fearful Havoc in St. Paul.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 22.—Five are reported to be dead, two score injured and property to the extent of \$2,000,000 damaged by a fierce tornado which swooped down on the city. The Tivoli theater was demolished, the Empire theater razed, the High bridge, an immense steel structure crossing the Mississippi river at a height of 200 feet, was almost totally destroyed, and 200 buildings are more or less damaged. The House of the Good Shepherd, a Catholic institution, was wrecked and twenty-five injured. All communication with outlying districts is cut off, and it is impossible to say whether or not the damage there has been as great as was done in the city itself.

Lives Lost in the West.

St. Louis, Aug. 22.—A more thorough estimate of the damage done by the tornado which descended suddenly over a small area in North St. Louis has been made by business men and others interested in property in that vicinity. In addition to the loss of five lives and the injury to more than 150 persons, the damage wrought by the storm is now estimated at \$150,000. Over half of that amount was done to manufacturing plants, the remainder being divided between owners of residence property, more than 100 houses having been more or less seriously damaged.

Killed in Stockyards Riot.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—During a riot in the stockyards one man was shot and instantly killed and three other men were injured by bullets.

OUTBREAK IN CRIPPLE CREEK.

Two Thousand Men Overpower Sheriff, Etc., and Deport Labor Opponents. Cripple Creek, Colo., Aug. 22.—Two thousand citizens of this city arrested J. W. Higgins, Attorney Eugene Engley, Attorney A. C. Cole, together with Mr. Hall, manager of the Union store, and fifteen others. The crowd was divided into three squads, one taking their prisoners to Barnard creek, about three miles from here, where they were told to leave the district and not return, the other two squads taking their prisoners toward Canyon City, where they were treated in a like manner.

The greatest alarm prevailed in the district, and the citizens declare that none of the deportees will be allowed to return.

Fifteen of the men were deported by miners just off a shift. By a preconcerted move and without saying a word they marched in a body to the Inter-mountain Mercantile company's store, the successor of the Western Federation of Miners' co-operative store. Every employee in it was taken in charge. The officers were helpless before the hundreds of miners.

Men who were wanted were taken from officers to whom they had gone for protection. Under Sheriff Parsons and Underwood were held prisoners until all disturbance was over. In all nineteen men were taken prisoners by the crowd and deported three miles beyond the city limits, with orders to never return on penalty of death.

The most prominent of those expelled from the camp is Eugene Engley, a former attorney of the federation and former attorney general of the state. Under a guard of 2,000 men the objectionable citizens were escorted to a point on the old Canyon City stage road three miles from the city.

Up to this time there had been no abuse, but as the men started down the road a yell went up, and the crowd indulged in threats and jeers. J. W. Higgins suddenly wheeled upon the crowd and pulled a gun. He was promptly struck over the head with a gun by one in the crowd and his own gun taken from him and thrown away. His head was cut and bled profusely, but he walked on with the others.

PROBING FATAL FIGHT.

Washington Acts Regarding Clash Between Regulars and Ohio Militia.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The secretary of war has directed that Division Commander General Estes make a full and complete investigation of the clash between the soldiers of the regular army and the members of the militia in camp near Athens, O., when Corporal Charles Clark of Warren, O., a member of Company D, Fifth Ohio national guard, was killed and three other members of the national guard injured.

The secretary noted the press dispatches of the affair and did not wait for an official report before taking action.

Clashes between regular soldiers and members of the militia, who are in camps of instruction together, are of rare occurrences, and it is the intention of the war department officials to put forth every effort to see that the soldiers of the regular army so deport themselves as to reduce to the smallest percentage any chance of a difficulty being caused by them.

At the hearing before Coroner J. J. Lane Lieutenant J. M. Craig, Corporal Albert Heald and Private W. H. Orl positively stated that three-fourths of the attacking party was composed of regulars of the Fourteenth United States infantry.

Senator Hoar Still Alive.

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 22.—Senator George F. Hoar's condition at the time of giving out the last bulletin was reported to be unchanged. He takes almost no nourishment, but his mind is clear. The statement was made that life might endure for three or four days, although there is no possible hope of recovery. The struggle has resolved into a wearing out of his great endurance.

Egan Again Wins Golf Title.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—H. Chandler Egan of Exmoor at Highland park won the western golf championship for the second time. He defeated D. E. Sawyer of Wheaton in the thirty-six hole final, six up, five to play. The only period in the games when the big gallery of golfing enthusiasts who followed the two players thought Egan in danger was when Sawyer took the first two holes.

Strike Breaker Loses an Eye.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—Allen Cotten, a colored strike breaker, was found unconscious in the stockyards with his eyes lacerated until the sight had been destroyed. The right eye was practically gouged out, and the man was bleeding profusely. It is believed he is also suffering from a fracture of the skull. The police took him to a hospital.

Fairbanks' First Campaign Speech.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—It has at last been definitely arranged that Senator Fairbanks, Republican candidate for vice president, will make his first formal campaign speech in Vermont on the 20th inst. The selection of the place has been left to Senator Proctor, who is arranging for a monster basket picnic as a part of the ceremony.

Want Norfolk Drydock Enlarged.

Washington, Aug. 22.—It has been found that the new drydock at the Norfolk navy yard is barely large enough to accommodate the largest cruisers now under construction for the government, and the naval constructor and engineer on duty at that yard have recommended that the dock be made fifty feet longer.