

BIG BATTLE RAGING

Japanese Determined to Take Port Arthur by Assault.

ARE HEAVILY RE-ENFORCED.

Thirty Thousand Men Come From the North to Aid in the Final Attack. Russians Dogged Tenacity—City an Inferno.

Chefu, Aug. 23.—The first detailed news of the general assault on Port Arthur indicates that a tremendous conflict is raging and that victory is hanging in the balance.

The steamer Victoria, which has arrived here from Newchwang, reports hearing spasmodically heavy firing at Louisa and Pigeon bays, respectively northwest and west of Port Arthur. She saw searchlights playing freely and skyrocket signaling at 1 o'clock, but was too far away to hear or see anything further.

It is asserted in reliable quarters at Port Arthur that the Japanese have received re-enforcements of 30,000 men from the north.

Chinese who left Port Arthur on Sunday say that the Japanese, by making desperate charges, which were enforced by artillery fire from Shushiyen and Louisa bay, swept from the north into Pigeon bay territory and drove the Russians back from the main forts. The ground being comparatively flat in this vicinity, the Japanese were unable to make headway in the face of Russian artillery fire and retired north an eighth of a mile beyond the zone of fire.

The Chinese say that the Japanese captured one important fort located on the Itzhan hills, midway between the western coast and the railway on a line drawn approximately from a point midway between Pigeon and Louisa bays. The fighting resulting in the capture of this fort was very severe. The position was first subjected to a bombardment for more than forty-eight hours. Then the Japanese infantry assaulted it and compelled the Russians to retire. The Russian artillery then directed a heavy fire on the spot, compelling the Japanese in turn to retire.

Ammunition Plentiful.

The Chinese just arrived, who bring the latest information from Port Arthur, were employed by the Russian authorities in carrying the dead off the field, and also in carrying ammunition, which they say is plentiful. They confirm the statement that the Linshun promontory was not assaulted, for the reason that it is impregnable from the sea side, and the Japanese are unable to move on it from the north. The Japanese main attack has been the heaviest against the Russian center and right, particularly against the keener, fronting which the Japanese have taken up a strong position at Shushiyen.

Pigeon bay had been the scene of fighting several days before the final assault began, the Japanese never being able to hold long any territory they might gain. Their attacks were made mostly at night, during foggy days and misty mornings.

The Japanese believe that their superior physical condition will win the battle for them by wearing out the Russian garrison (which is constituted of less hardened material) down to the point of exhaustion by the persistency of their attack and their refusal to accept a repulse. The temperment of the Russian garrison is dogged and determined. General Stoessel, who is a heavy man, rides ceaselessly, and his horses are showing the strain upon them, although the general changes his mounts frequently.

Chinese Theater Hit.

Both officers and soldiers have grown indifferent to the shells, which enter the town frequently. Recently the Chinese theater was hit and a score of people were killed and wounded. One shell exploded in the corral of the Chinese who tell the story, killing five donkeys. Civilians are allowed to leave the bomb proofs during the lulls in artillery fire, but these intermissions are rare, and everybody is worn and anxious over the situation. An unusually large proportion of young company officers has been killed, which is partly owing to their duties and to reckless daring.

While the Russians apparently believe they will hold the Japanese in check, their confidence in their successful resistance is not absolute. The Japanese have guns mounted on nearly all the hills which formerly formed Russian outposts. The Japanese fire is accurate. The hospitals and Chinese houses at Port Arthur are full of Russian wounded. The narrators say that the dead until ready for burial are stored in warehouses and are then buried on the outskirts of the town, quicklime being used freely to prevent infection.

Three large ships and two gunboats are being repaired in the dockyard and basin, the other ships being behind the shelter of the Tiger's Tail peninsula. The junks now depart from Liaoti lighthouse. That point has been hit by a shell.

THE SHANGHAI INCIDENT.

Admiral Stirling Denies That He is Protecting Russian Ships.

Shanghai, Aug. 23.—Rear Admiral Yates Stirling, in command of the American squadron in these waters, says that the trip of the American torpedo boat destroyer Chamoy from

Woosung to Shanghai was to carry dispatches. Her movements had no connection with the arrival of the Japanese torpedo boat destroyer.

The Japanese torpedo boat destroyer which entered the harbor on Sunday has left the harbor with dispatches for the Japanese fleet. She is expected to return here.

The total, by order of the wai wou pou (ministry of foreign affairs), has again taken a hand in the affair and has issued another extension of time to the Russian cruiser Askold and the destroyer Groznoi, which have been ordered now to leave this week. At low tides the cruiser Askold could not get over the bar this week. Therefore repairs must cease.

The American men-of-war in the harbor, while retaining the outward appearance of inaction, have for several days been practically cleared for action, with gun sights in position and steam up. Rear Admiral Stirling, according to popular rumor, is determined that the Japanese shall not interfere with the Russian vessels, and one rumor has it that he has offered to escort the Askold and Groznoi beyond the three mile limit.

A long meeting of the consular body has been held for the purpose of discussing the case of the Askold and the Groznoi.

The meeting resulted in the preparation of a statement of the established facts regarding the Russian warships Askold and Groznoi. The Russian authorities show a disinclination to reconsider their refusal to comply with China's demand that the two ships leave Shanghai or disarm.

MCCULLY'S HOUSE HIT.

American Attaché Got Out of Port Arthur Just in Time.

Tsingtau, Aug. 23.—According to what Major Hoffman, the German military attaché at Port Arthur, who has just arrived here, said in a guarded interview, the foreign naval attachés during the last few days of their stay there were quartered on the Tiger's Tail, where a battery 600 feet high prevented them from witnessing the naval battle on Aug. 10. Shells often burst in their vicinity, but they did not consider themselves in a dangerous position on that account. The attachés were treated with great consideration, but were allowed no plain from which to view the naval operations.

Before leaving, Lieutenant Newton A. McCully, U. S. N., the American naval attaché, was quartered in the old town. Shortly after starting for Pigeon Bay to take a junk for Chefu a shell hit his house and wrecked it. Major Hoffman, in commenting upon the affair, remarked that it was lucky for this reason that Lieutenant McCully left when he did.

But few women and children are at Port Arthur.

Korsakovsk Bombarded.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—The emperor has received a report from the Russian commandant at Korsakovsk, island of Sakhalin, as follows: "Since 7 o'clock the enemy has bombarded Korsakovsk. A few houses have been destroyed. One of the enemy's ships appeared on the horizon at about 6 in the morning, approached to within about five and a quarter miles of the shore and bombarded Korsakovsk until 8:15, when the vessel turned and disappeared. The damage done to the town was quite considerable. There were no casualties."

America Not Enforcing Neutrality.

Washington, Aug. 23.—It is asserted positively at the navy department that the American fleet at Shanghai is not charged with the protection of Chinese neutrality by any special instructions. The officials here are convinced that the Japanese have no intention of violating Chinese neutrality and, furthermore, that they would not jeopardize the immensely valuable foreign interests in Shanghai by making the harbor a naval battleground. No instructions have been sent to Admiral Stirling to interfere with the action of Japanese vessels.

The Destruction of the Novik.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—The official reports of the destruction of the Novik say that the gallant ship, which was in the harbor of Korsakovsk, on sighting the two Japanese ships steamed out to meet them and upon finding herself unable to sustain the unequal combat ran back to the harbor and was beached. Full details of the casualties are not ascertainable, except that one officer was killed.

Little Doing at Liaoyang.

Liaoyang, Aug. 23.—With the exception of a little outpost skirmishing there have been no movements of troops recently. Prince Vesitchikov, chief of the Order of the Red Cross, discovered a shop where large quantities of lemons stamped with the mark of the Red Cross were being sold. The shop was closed and an investigation is progressing.

Russians Stop British Steamer.

Durban, Natal, Aug. 23.—The British steamer Comedian, from Liverpool July 24, has arrived here and reported that she was stopped by a Russian converted cruiser off the mouth of Bashee river, in the southeastern part of Cape Colony. After the Comedian's papers had been examined she was allowed to proceed.

Sungari Towed to Nagasaki.

Nagasaki, Aug. 23.—The Russian steamer Sungari, which was sunk by the Russians near Chemulpo at the beginning of the war to prevent her capture by the Japanese and which was subsequently floated by the latter, has arrived here in tow.

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WON'T TAKE STUMP

Parker Thinks It Improper For Presidential Candidate.

MAY MAKE SOME SPEECHES.

But Only When He Has Something Definite to Say and When Occasion Demands—No Incidents of Note at Esopus.

Esopus, N. Y., Aug. 23.—It was made plain at Rosemount today that there is no certainty of Judge Parker making any speeches in the west, in connection with his St. Louis trip, or at any other time or place. The principle on which Judge Parker will act in the matter was learned from an intimate associate of the judge, who said:

"Judge Parker has no faith in the utility of speech making for his own sake, and will make no speeches anywhere for the mere purpose of appearing in any given locality. He believes a stumping tour by a presidential candidate to be improper, and he will undertake no such tour. The only condition upon which he will make any speech anywhere will be the fact that he has some definite thing to say, and that he is convinced by his own reason that some given time and place best suits the saying of it there and then. You may say with the utmost confidence that under no other conditions will Judge Parker make any speech anywhere."

The day at Rosemount was without incident.

Roosevelt Resting.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 23.—President Roosevelt enjoyed a period of rest and recreation, uninterrupted either by public business or by callers. Taking advantage of the beautiful weather he and Mrs. Roosevelt passed several hours in the saddle. It is the president's intention during his present sojourn here to take as much recreation as his public duties will permit. Comparatively few visitors will be received. Such as do come to Oyster Bay will be confined to government officials, personal friends of the president and the few politicians whom National Chairman Cortelyou may wish the president to see.

Postmaster General Payne in Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Postmaster General Payne is in Chicago engaged in a conference with the members of the Republican national committee concerning the political situation in the west. He will leave here for Wisconsin.

Alleged Murderer Found Dead.

Arlington, Mass., Aug. 23.—The body of Eugene L. Stafford, for whom the police had been seeking since last February on a charge of murder, was found in Spy Pond here. The body was badly decomposed and evidently had been in the water a long time. Stafford, who was an aeronaut, was charged with having shot Maynard B. Trusselle in Boston last February, on account of Trusselle's alleged attentions to Stafford's wife. Stafford disappeared, and no trace of him was discovered till his body was found.

President of Warwick, N. Y., Dead.

Newburg, N. Y., Aug. 23.—Clinton W. Wisner, president of the village of Warwick and owner of the Red Swan Inn, has died at Upper Saranac lake, aged forty-eight.

REBELS VICTORIOUS.

Uruguayan Government Forces Loss Two Towns in Battle.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 23.—The Paraguayan revolutionists have seized the town of Villa Reyes and have captured the garrison, consisting of 200 men, 1,700 rifles and one cannon, in addition to a quantity of ammunition for rifles and cannon.

The revolutionist general, Ferreira, is encamped near Villita, where he is being joined by many deserters from the government troops as well as recruits from the inhabitants of Asuncion. The Paraguayan capital is suffering from the scarcity of provisions. The rations of the government troops are limited to six biscuits daily. General discontent prevails.

In a hand to hand fight between the revolutionists and the government forces at Santa Rosa, held by the government force, thirty-five men were killed and eighty-five were wounded. The town eventually surrendered and the government troops retired by water. More of them were killed or drowned during the retreat and others sought refuge on an island belonging to Argentina.

SENATOR HOAR BETTER.

Physicians Think He May Again Be Seen in the Senate.

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 23.—The following bulletin concerning the condition of Senator Hoar has been issued by his son, General Rockwood Hoar: "The senator passed a fairly comfortable night and took some nourishment. His general condition remains unchanged and he is resting easily."

Dr. Warren R. Gilman in discussing the case spoke more encouragingly than he has done for several days. He said, "The senator is still very weak and in a critical condition, but I think he has shown improvement in the last twenty-four hours." Then the doctor added, "If he continues to take nourishment I think we can soon give a bulletin that will cause the people of Worcester to be satisfied that their favorite son may again be seen on the floor of the senate."

SWIMMERS GIVE UP.

Cold Water of English Channel Too Much For Them.

Lover, England, Aug. 23.—Once more have ambitious swimmers failed in their attempt to cross the channel. Three men who have won distinction by their feats in the water started out to accomplish the task. They were Jack Haggerty, Montagu Holbein and S. W. Gressley.

Haggerty was seized with cramps ninety minutes after he started and was obliged to abandon it. Gressley likewise had to give it up on account of the low temperature after he had been swimming an hour and a half.

Holbein made the best showing, but he, too, had to give it up after having been in the water ten hours and twenty minutes, in which time he covered a distance of twenty miles. He was very ill during the last two hours of his swim.

Wabash and B. and O. Trains Meet.

Massillon, O., Aug. 23.—A fast Wabash passenger train collided with a Baltimore and Ohio freight at the crossing of the two roads here. The freight ploughed into the second coach of the passenger. G. V. Hawley of Norwalk, O., a brakeman on the passenger train, jumped and was crushed to death between a car and a freight house. Mrs. Alice Elmsendorf of Chicago, a passenger, was slightly injured about the head.

SKRYDLOFF'S HEROES

Incidents of Vladivostok Squadron's Fight With Kamimura.

CAPTAIN OF ROSSIA KILLED.

Lieutenant Molas Takes Powder Charges Out of Burning Compartment—Gromobol's Commander, Twice Wounded, Remains on the Bridge.

Vladivostok, Aug. 23.—The Gromobol and the Rossia present a battered appearance. Their smokestacks show great rents, while the masts, bridges and ventilators look like sieves, and there are marks of battle everywhere. Guns are dismantled, boats shattered, and there are enormous holes in the cruisers' hulls through which a man could easily pass. Many of the cabins were completely wrecked.

Some of the Japanese shells performed queer actions. On the Rossia a shell burst in a clothes cupboard. Garments therein were torn to shreds, but a mirror was not scratched. Photographs and knickknacks on a writing table near by were not disturbed. In another part of the cruiser the walls were blackened by the smoke of a fierce fire in which eight men were burned alive, yet an almanac on the wall was not even scorched.

Aboard the Gromobol a shell entered the wardroom and wrecked the furniture, but a parrot's cage was untouched.

All the officers are full of praise for the coolness and bravery of the men who died in the battle without a murmur. Comrades took their places without waiting orders.

Deadly Work on the Upper Deck.

It was deadly work on the upper deck, where the gunners were without protection, and shells, striking burst into a thousand fragments, killing and wounding men until the deck became a veritable shambles, strewn with dead and dying and slippery with blood.

Not a single gunner protected by casemates lost his life. The value of protective armor was demonstrated whenever projectiles struck the armored portion of the vessels.

There were many deeds of heroism during the five hour battle, but the greatest praise of all belongs to Captain Dabish of the Gromobol, who remained at his post on the bridge from the beginning to the end of the fight. When wounded in the back, he persisted in resuming command directly the wound had been dressed, but, yielding to the entreaties of his officers, he sought shelter in the conning tower.

No sooner had he entered than a shell struck the foot of the tower, glancing upward to the overhanging cover, and entered through the loophole, killing a lieutenant and two quartermasters, wounding two lieutenants and again wounding Captain Dabish in the head and breast. Not a single man in the tower escaped.

There being no one to steer the ship, the captain, severely wounded though he was, dragged himself to the wheel and managed it until another quartermaster had been summoned.

Subsequently learning that the men were depressed by the fact that he had been wounded a second time, the captain insisted, after the second dressing, on being supported along the decks to the casemates, encouraging the sailors, saying:

"I am alive, brothers. Go on smothering the Japanese."

When Captain Andreief of the Rossia ascertained that only three out of her twenty big guns could be fired, he coolly gave orders to get explosives in readiness to sink the ship. Captain Andreief is usually nervous, but in battle he was cool as a cucumber. When not giving orders, he was cheerfully conversing with the gunners at their stations.

Rossia's Captain Killed.

Captain Berlinski was killed by a splinter which struck him on the head at the outset of the fight.

Lieutenant Molas also distinguished himself. A shell entered the compartment where he was directing affairs and set fire to the deck, on which a number of charges were standing about. Then came an eight inch shell which scattered the charges and caused a terrific explosion, which threw the men in every direction and buried Lieutenant Molas to the upper deck. Fortunately he fell on a heap of dead bodies and escaped with severe bruises.

Dense fire and smoke were then pouring out of the compartment, but Lieutenant Molas did not hesitate for a moment. Calling for volunteers he plunged headlong into the flaming compartment and succeeded in putting out the fire.

Another officer, followed by a number of sailors, brought a hose and played water upon Lieutenant Molas and his men while they were removing the unexploded charges, regardless of the fact that they might have exploded at any minute in their hands.

Only one of the dead was brought back, Captain Berlinski of the Rossia. His remains lay in a coffin near an icon of the Saviour, the glass frame of which was smashed. The image, however, miraculously escaped.

All the others who were killed were buried at sea, a farewell salute being fired as the bodies were slid over the ship's side.

Fire at Chautauque Assembly. Jamestown, N. Y., Aug. 23.—The Walden hotel, located near the Chautauque assembly grounds, has been burned. It was not occupied, but was furnished throughout. It was owned by Pittsburg parties. Loss \$20,000.

Dennys to Build Shamrock IV. Glasgow, Scotland, Aug. 23.—Sir Thomas Lipton has opened negotiations with the Dennys for building the Shamrock IV, provided George L. Watson accepts a commission to design another challenger for the America's cup.

A New Postmaster. Washington, Aug. 23.—W. J. Dunlavy, Jr., has been appointed fourth class postmaster at Rosiere, N. Y.

J. J. HILL'S EIG SHIP.

Minnesota at New York on Her Way to the Pacific.

New York, Aug. 23.—The new twin screw steamship Minnesota, the biggest American built merchantman, has arrived from the yard of her builders at New London. She is the loftiest cargo carrier afloat, and in capacity is exceeded only by the great White Star liner Baltic. From the keel to the upper bridge she is nearly ninety feet deep. She is 630 feet long and has an extreme breadth of seventy-three and a half feet.

The Minnesota and her sister ship, the Dakota, are primarily cargo carriers, but they also have accommodations for 218 first cabin, 68 second cabin passengers and about 2,400 steerage passengers. The ship yards of the Eastern Shipbuilding company, of which Charles R. Hanson is president, were created especially for their construction.

The Minnesota has a refrigerating plant that will cool not only the ship's provisions, which are for about 3,000 persons on a trip of fifteen days, but also hundreds of tons of cargo, including dressed beef. Four large evaporators for converting salt water into fresh in the engine room have a combined capacity of 30,000 gallons a day. The twin screws are driven by triple expansion engines of 10,000 horsepower, which are expected to give her a sustained speed of about fifteen knots.

The Minnesota is on exhibition at pier 38, North river. She will coal this week and sail for the Pacific by way of Cape Horn. She belongs to the Great Northern Steamship company, James J. Hill's line across the Pacific.

HEAVY LOSS BY TORNADO.

Damage to Property in Minnesota Estimated at \$2,500,000.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 23.—Fifteen people were killed in the tornado which passed over the Twin Cities and which wrought devastation in other parts of the state on Saturday night. The aggregate property loss is conservatively placed at \$2,500,000. Of this amount St. Paul suffered to the extent of about \$1,000,000. Minneapolis damage is estimated at about the same figure, while in the country districts it is feared that \$500,000 will not cover the damage to crops and farm property.

The Twin City power house at St. Anthony falls was seriously damaged. The roof was blown off, and the heavy timbers fell into the building, but did not materially damage the machinery within. The plant is running as usual. It is estimated that the repairs to the building will cost \$90,000.

Death of Prominent Philadelphian.

Philadelphia, Aug. 23.—John Lowther Welsh has died at his country home at Whitemarsh, Montgomery county, Pa., near Philadelphia, after a long illness. Mr. Welsh was formerly active in the financial affairs of the country through his connection with the banking house of Drexel & Co. At the time of his death he was a director in a number of companies, including all of the Reading companies, the Erie Railroad and the United Railways of New Jersey. He was about sixty-two years old and is generally believed to have been one of the wealthiest men in the country.

Cripple Creek Exiles in Denver.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 23.—Six of the men driven from Cripple Creek by the mob have arrived in Denver. A conference with officials of the Western Federation of Miners will be held to determine on the course to be pursued as a result of their eviction from the gold camp. It is reported that several of the men sent out of Cripple Creek will appeal to Governor Peabody to reinstate them in the district and give them protection in the pursuit of their respective vocations.

Russian Divorce Laws Modified.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—The rigor of the divorce laws, which formerly did not allow a husband or wife guilty of adultery to marry again except after seven years' irreproachable conduct, has been modified by the holy synod making the period two years in case the offenders agree to do public penance according to the direction of their bishops. The newspapers hail this modification as being a step in the right direction.

World's Fair Live Stock Show.

St. Louis, Aug. 23.—The world's fair live stock show has opened, to continue until Nov. 4, and is one of the principal features of the exposition. The scope of this enterprise, which extends to every department of live stock, ranging from cattle and horses down to Belgian hares, exceeds that of any other event in the history of live stock shows. The total valuation of the prizes to be awarded is placed at \$400,000.

Schneider is a Liar.

Birmingham, England, Aug. 23.—Frank Schneider, the man who gave himself up to the police here Aug. 19, charging himself with stealing papers "from a person at Southampton believed to be F. Kent Loomis," has informed the police that his alleged confession was untrue and was made simply to obtain shelter, as he is broken down in body and mind.

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WHEN THE RUSSIANS CAN LAUGH.



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—Brooklyn Citizen.