

RECAPTURED BY RUSSIANS

203 Metre Hill Back in Original Hands

SAYS GEN. KUROPATKIN

He Says He Has Information from Chinese Sources That the Russians Have Also Seized Japanese Guns.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—General Kuropatkin wires that he has received a report from Chinese sources to the effect that the Russians have recaptured 203 Metre Hill outside Port Arthur and have seized guns mounted by the Japanese in the forts.

TOGO'S REPORT.

Says The Sevastopol Is Most Certainly Disabled.

Tokio, Dec. 22.—Admiral Togo, who has personally made a series of observations of the Russian battleship Sevastopol, telegraphs to the navy department expressing the opinion that the Sevastopol is disabled. Great weight is attached to Togo's personal observations and opinion, instanced by the fact that when the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk was sunk Togo was one of the few officers of the entire Japanese fleet whose eye caught vision of the speedy disaster.

Commander Yezoo, who was killed while torpedoing the Sevastopol, has been promoted and has been given other posthumous honors.

ATTACK RUSSIAN FLEET.

Inference Is Drawn From Passage of Japanese Vessels.

Singapore, Dec. 22.—Two Japanese battleships, four cruisers and 12 destroyers passed here, steaming westward. It looks as if a concentrated attack on the Baltic fleet, when the arrive, was being planned.

JAPANESE ADVANCES.

Capture Some Important Positions Opposite Pigeon Bay.

London, Dec. 22.—A Tokio despatch to the Reuters Telegram company reports that the Japanese have captured some important positions opposite Pigeon Bay, west of Port Arthur proper.

MARRIAGE AT BETHEL.

Ethelyn Heath of That Place Married to Charles Bartlett.

Bethel, Dec. 22.—Miss Ethelyn Heath, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Heath, was at the home of her parents at twelve yesterday, married to Charles Bartlett, of Boston, by the Rev. George F. Fortier, pastor of the Universalist church. Miss Pauline Read of New York city, attended the bride. Mr. Bartlett was attended by his brother from Boston. Mrs. E. A. Read, whose husband was formerly pastor of the local Universalist church, and the family of the groom were the only guests present, as the occasion was quiet by reason of ill health on the part of the bride's mother.

Amid a large company of young people Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett made their way to the train and started on a tour to Montreal and other points with the best wishes of all. Many were the gifts sent by friends. The clerks in the office with Mr. Bartlett presented a large silver service. Upon their return Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett will reside in Boston where the groom has charge of the "bond department" of the city treasury.

BATTLESHIP INJURED.

U. S. Texas Crashed Into By Floating Derrick Yesterday.

New York, Dec. 22.—Breaking five great cables as if they had been threads, the 100 ton floating derrick Hercules, moored to the side of the new battleship Connecticut, broke adrift in the navy yard basin in Wallabout bay today and crashed into the stern of the battleship Texas, smashing several plates and so injuring the war vessel that she will have to go into the dry dock.

In the basin when a fierce squall swept over it were the Texas, Illinois, Kentucky, Tacoma and Minneapolis. The Hercules was securely tied to the Connecticut and was landing great armor plates on the decks. The strain caused by the heavy wind caused the cables to break and the derrick started up the bay towards the warships. The water was lashed into a white foam and the Hercules gained great momentum. The naval officials were thrown into panic.

JURY SAYS "GUILTY."

Boston Customs Frauds Cases Come to End After 40 Days.

Boston, Dec. 22.—The jury in the case of the United States against Samuel Gumberg and Charles A. Baillier of the Glasgow Manufacturing Co., and John W. Trafton and James A. Shedd, former examiners of merchandise at the custom house, which has been on trial for a number of weeks in the United States district court before Judge Lowell, this morning returned a verdict of guilty.

The defendants were charged with conspiracy to defraud the government of customs duties from December, 1901, to October, 1903. The case it is believed will be taken to the circuit court of appeals.

PROMINENT STOWE MAN.

V. P. McCutchan Died at Burlington Hospital Yesterday.

Stowe, Dec. 22.—Volney P. McCutchan, a prominent and much respected citizen of Stowe, died in Burlington Wednesday morning. He was taken to the Mary Fletcher hospital yesterday by his son, W. R. McCutchan, and Dr. H. W. Barrows, when it was thought an operation might prolong his life. He stood the journey well and rested quietly until about two o'clock yesterday morning, when he began to fail, and at nine o'clock died. He has been in poor health for some time. His last illness was of about a month's duration. Arrangements for the funeral are not yet completed.

Mr. McCutchan was the son of John W. and Josepha Barnes McCutchan, and was born August 1, 1841, on the farm where he has always lived. He was educated in the schools of Stowe and Morrisville. He afterwards studied law with George Wilkins and practiced it to some extent. He married Miss Rosamond Montague, who survives him. Their children are Mrs. G. K. Beecher of Gloucester, Mass.; W. B. McCutchan and Leon McCutchan of Stowe. Mr. McCutchan was at one time superintendent of schools in Stowe and at the time of his death was prosecuting attorney and library trustee. The town can ill afford to lose a man of his upright character.

FOUGHT AGAINST DEATH.

Ten Sailors Had Almost Abandoned Hope of Rescue.

New York, Dec. 22.—A story of eight days and nights of ceaseless labor under the most disheartening conditions, with death constantly staring them in the face, was told yesterday by the 10 shipwrecked sailors of the crew of the Portland, Me., schooner, Clara Goodwin, who were brought here on the schooner Martha Wallace. The men were taken from the sinking Goodwin off Cape Henry last Friday while the craft was lying helpless at the mercy of the waves with the seas breaking over her and her decks almost awash. They were in a terribly exhausted condition and still showed the effects of their experience when they arrived here.

Before leaving the waterlogged craft in the boat sent out by the Wallace Captain Osterman applied the torch and left her with every sail set and the flames mounting skyward. The Goodwin was bound from Tampa for Philadelphia with a cargo of phosphate rock, valued at \$12,000. She herself was valued at \$34,000.

LONG YEARS IN PRISON.

Mississippi Men Sentenced for Killing Negroes.

Brock Haven, Mass., Dec. 22.—In circuit court Dave Posey has been convicted of manslaughter for killing Ben Bayles, a negro. The defendant claimed the killing justifiable, as he declared he found the negro stealing corn. The jury was out less than an hour. After the usual motion for a new trial, which was overruled, Judge Wilkinson sentenced Posey to 25 years in the penitentiary. Judge Wilkinson passed sentence on other men as follows: Orest Frank, for the murder of Eli Hilton, a negro; Will Franklin, D. W. Smith, Elias Smith, R. L. Smith, and Elbert Gill, each 50 years in penitentiary for killing Henry List, a negro.

FRIGHT EFFECTED CURE.

Appendicitis Operation Unnecessary Because Patient Was Scared by Fire.

White River Junction, Dec. 22.—While the fire at Hartford was in progress Friday, Mrs. Frank Hunt lay ill in the tenement over Hunt's harness shop. She was pronounced to be suffering from an attack of appendicitis, and was removed on a mattress to the Frasee hotel. An operation was appointed for the next day, but the excitement caused by the fire had a most favorable effect. Her condition grew better and the operation was indefinitely postponed and in a day or two she was around as usual.

LONDON IN A FOG.

Shipping on the Thames Has Been Stopped on Account of It.

London, Dec. 22.—The city of London and its surroundings are still covered by a fog of record breaking density. The shipping on the Thames has been stopped, owing to the inability of the skippers to see an arm's length before them. The traffic in the city is also seriously impeded; consequently the financial loss will not be heavy.

WORK, WORK-HOUSE OR FREEZE.

Young Man in Good Health Decided to Take the Work House.

Burlington, Dec. 22.—Edward Tobin, a young man in the best of health and of strong physique, also the possessor of a good trade, was in city court yesterday morning, a self-confessed tramp. Although he has youth, strength, health and means of livelihood, he would go to work, it seems a case of go to Rutland or starve or freeze to death.

FAVORABLE TO DEFENDANT.

Charge of Judge Davis to Jury in Nan Patterson Case.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Nan Patterson jury retired at 12:25 this afternoon after listening to a lengthy charge by Justice Davis. The charge is considered favorable to the defendant.

GATE RECEIPTS \$26,000.

Britt Gets \$3,877 and Nelson \$5,818 for Their Fight.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 22.—The total gate receipts of the Britt-Nelson fight were \$26,000, of which Britt received \$3,877, Nelson \$5,818 and the Yosemite club \$12,105.

ELLIS' MEN STILL OUT

No Resumption of Work in the Northfield Shed

MR. ELLIS EXPECTS THEM

If Any Action Was Taken at Yesterday's Meeting of the Men It Is Evident That It Was Against Going Back.

Northfield, Dec. 22.—No stonecutters went to work today at the E. P. Ellis Granite company's granite sheds, although the company is ready to open up for work, pursuant to the order of the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association Tuesday evening removing the lockout at all granite plants. Mr. Ellis stated this afternoon that he knew nothing concerning the meeting of his employees yesterday afternoon but said that he expected probably half of the 260 men who went out on a strike two weeks ago to go back to work tomorrow. If any vote was taken by the men at their meeting yesterday the result was evident by their action today in not resuming work. It is generally expected that some of the men, at least, will go back in a few days.

The sheds of Cross Bros., Cannon & Slack company, Devine & Burns and Davis Bros. are running.

LEFT CONSIDERABLE PROPERTY.

John Miller of Ryegate Died Suddenly on Tuesday.

South Ryegate, Dec. 22.—John Miller, a life long resident of Ryegate, died at his home Tuesday, at the age of 75 years. He was never married. His parents were known as Eddie Miller and Aunt Bell. They died some time ago, and the only surviving member of the stock is George Miller, who resides in the West.

The deceased was a good citizen and had a large property which he always managed to keep well invested. So far as known there is no will. If there is none there will be a good sprinkling for five families, namely, M. H. Gibson, whose mother was a sister, the family of James Miller of Eden Mills, George Miller, the only living brother, Charles E. F. and Remick Miller, sons of William Miller. The property is estimated at from \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Mr. Miller had been sick but a few days and was in Wells River last Thursday. He was about the house to within a few minutes of his death. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at one o'clock.

ANOTHER RAILROAD SUE.

St. Johnsbury & L. C. Division of Boston & Maine the Defendant.

St. Albans, Dec. 21.—Suit to recover for alleged personal damages amounting to \$4,600 has been brought against the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain division of the Boston & Maine railroad by Byron Dickinson, of Fairfield, through his attorneys, Hogan & Hogan, of this city and W. H. Fairchild of Fair field. Mr. Dickinson's claim for damages is based on injuries received at the Fairfield station in November, 1903.

ONE KILLED, THREE HURT.

Virginia Midland Vestibule Train Derailed and Sleeping Car Burned.

Washington, Dec. 22.—A northbound vestibule train of the Virginia Midland division of the Southern Railway was derailed at Somerset, Va., yesterday, and one passenger, named Melvin, of 210 North Charles Street, Baltimore, was killed, and three passengers, names unknown, slightly injured.

Only a sleeping car and a coach left the track, and the former was burned.

GOOD ATTENDANCE.

Willing Workers Again Had Heavy Support Last Evening.

There was a good attendance at the closing of the Willing Workers sale at the Congregational church last evening. The young people sold very nearly all their things from the booths and with the money taken in at the door there will be a nice sum cleared from the sale.

An enjoyable entertainment was given, consisting of a reading by Dr. F. M. Lynde, a piano solo by Beatrice Mann, a tableau and chorus singing by the young people.

HAD HEART TROUBLE.

William T. Gillespie Died This Forenoon on Elm Street Extension.

William T. Gillespie died at 7:30 o'clock this morning at his home on Elm street extension of valvular disease of the heart. He is survived by a wife and three sons. He was a member of the Salvation Army which will take charge of the funeral services, arrangements for which have not yet been completed.

DEATH FOLLOWED OPERATION.

Edward E. Smith Died at Heaton Hospital This Morning.

Edward E. Smith, aged 55 years, died at 4 o'clock this morning at the Heaton hospital at Montpelier from an operation for appendicitis which was performed yesterday. The deceased was a farmer living near Houghton's mills in Orange. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

PREPARED A SURPRISE

Knights of King Arthur to Rev. Mr. Roberts

PRESENTED A GOLD WATCH

Presentation Made Last Evening at Banquet Served at Home of Arthur Averill, a Member.

Castle Camelot of the Knights of King Arthur, a juvenile secret order having chapters all over New England, held a most notable meeting last evening. This order has been in existence in Barre for the last two years. Until the fire in the Quinlan block the meetings were held in a lodge room in that building. More recently the members have met at the homes of the members. Last evening they met at the home of Arthur Averill on North street. The early part of the evening was spent in playing games, and there followed a bountiful repast, served by Mrs. C. W. Averill and the Misses Ivin and Ella Averill.

At the close of the feast, Max Fisher, in behalf of the Knights assembled, surprised the Rev. Brian C. Roberts by presenting him a beautiful gold watch of the Hampden make and suitably engraved. Then the Rev. Mr. Roberts responded as well as his surprise and emotion permitted.

A regular convalee of the Castle was held before adjourning, and the farewells were said at a late hour. The members of Castle Camelot are: Max Fisher, Harry Fisher, Arthur Averill, Harry Averill, Harold Robbins, Roy Dugbee, James Mackay, James Dunson, Joseph Fratini, Paul Waterman, Morris White, George Halvosa, Ray Worthen, Alexander Smith, Arthur Wallace and Edward Venner.

CHRISTMAS STOCKS IN BARRRE STORES

Here The Purchaser Is Able To Buy Articles Suitable for Holiday Gifts And For The Table.

The Ideal Book Store is becoming a very well known institution; it is located in Holton's old stand in the Hale block, and is owned and managed by W. Frank Harris. Here one can find an elegant line of books, stationery, periodicals and such articles as fountain pens, playing cards and others too numerous to mention. It is in every way a first class store and customers always receive a pleasant reception.

L. M. Averill has a choice line of fruit and confectionery to offer to Christmas shoppers, also his regular line of fine groceries.

H. L. Averill has the latest popular songs and music. His line of sporting goods is complete.

In choosing Christmas gifts, don't forget M. Steinhart and H. A. Gould, the piano dealers.

O. W. Boyce, the tailor, who has recently formed a partnership with Mr. Gaudreau of St. Albans, is ready to fill orders quickly and well.

Something for the Christmas Table.

Smith Bros., the well known market men at 357 North Main street have a large supply of poultry, including turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens, and besides their regular meat products at present can furnish you with rabbits and quail.

Chester & Bird have decorated their window with fancy carved beef, a little porker, which when baked will make a delicious dinner, turkeys, geese, ducks and rabbits. They employ an expert force of meat cutters, who will cut your Christmas roast to perfection.

Merchant & Fraser's market window speaks for itself, being filled with poultry and fancy meats.

Meeker Brothers have laid in an extra large stock of poultry and meats and so are able to fill their customers' Christmas orders in the best possible manner.

Parker & Tassie, who are doing a large business in the basement of the old city building, greet their customers with a smile and fill their orders perfectly.

F. D. Ladd's meat department is a very busy part of his large store. However your Christmas order will receive prompt attention. Besides his regular stock in trade he has at present an extra fine line of poultry.

Parsons & Skinner, the south end market men have their knives all sharpened ready to carve just a perfect roast. They can also furnish your Christmas chicken or turkey.

The City Fish Market will furnish the oysters for the first course in your Christmas dinner, and also fill your fish order.

BETHEL IN DARKNESS.

Owing to Beak in Dynamo Village Has Been Without Lights.

Bethel, Dec. 21.—Owing to a break in the dynamo on Monday night and the large two ton bell being damaged, this village has been without lights for three nights. An expert belt man from Concord, N. H., has been sent for to put the belt in order that those in the native land may not further sit in darkness.

RUSSELL—CLUNESS.

Pretty Home Wedding Last Evening With Well Known People United.

Miss Ida M. Cluness, daughter of Mrs. Alexander Cluness of Laurel street, was united in marriage at six o'clock last evening to William W. Russell, also of this city. The Rev. T. H. Mitchell performed the ceremony. Miss Belle Donnie was bridesmaid and Harold Clarke best man. The bride was most becomingly attired in cream colored silk, and carried bride's roses. The bridesmaid's dress was of pale pink silk.

The parlor was beautifully decorated with flowers and holly, and a huge bell of flowers.

The wedding, which was private, was followed by a reception and wedding supper. Nearly a hundred people were present at the reception. The presents were many and beautiful.

The happy couple left on the midnight train for New York, Boston, Quincy and other cities, and on their return will reside at 16 Laurel street. Miss Cluness is a well known and very popular music teacher and Mr. Russell is a granite cutter well known in Barre.

MCKENZIE—DUSTIN.

Alex. McKenzie and Mary A. Dustin Married Yesterday.

At the bride's home, 17 Third street, Mrs. Mary A. Dustin and Alexander McKenzie were united in marriage by Rev. T. H. Mitchell yesterday morning at nine thirty o'clock, the ceremony being very quietly performed. Miss C. A. McKenzie, a sister of the groom, acted as bridesmaid and John Nicholson was the other attendant. Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie left on the noon train for a wedding trip to places in Canada, expecting to be away three weeks, after which they will return to reside at 17 Third street. The groom is a stonecutter.

FIVE TO THREE.

F. of A. Cribbage Players Were Too Much for Manchester Unity.

The F. of A. cribbage team defeated the M. U. team in the cribbage league contest last evening at five tables to three. The result by tables was as follows: Morrison and Stewart, F. of A., defeated Parker and Oliver, M. U.; Milne and Mackie, F. of A., defeated Rowe and Smith, M. U.; Smith and Gibb, F. of A., defeated Allen and McLeod, M. U.; Venle and Paterson, F. of A., defeated Anderson and Murray, M. U.; Alexander and Evans, F. of A., defeated Keast and Mearns, M. U.

Williams and Graham, M. U., defeated Flynn and Stephen, F. of A.; Joll and Johnson, M. U., defeated Borgh and Anderson, F. of A.; Brossett and Gambia, M. U., defeated Smith and Clarke, F. of A.

The Clan Gordon and Red Men teams play on Friday evening.

The cribbage league standing:

Table with 5 columns: Name, P., W., L., Pot. F. of A. 56 33 23 589, C. G. 48 27 21 563, C. O. F. 55 30 26 536, R. M. 48 25 23 520, M. U. 56 26 30 448, I. O. O. F. 56 19 37 375

STATE OFFICER PRESENT.

Harmon Hive, Ladies of Maccabees, Has Most Profitable Meeting.

The Ladies of the Maccabees held their regular meeting in the Foresters' hall Tuesday evening, with the largest audience present since the organization of the order.

Miss Sophronia Harmon, state commander for Maine and Vermont, was present and took charge. She showed wonderful ability and greatly pleased the members of the order. A very large class was taken in and several names were presented. Miss Harmon organized the lodge in Barre two years ago last June and was much pleased to note its growth.

At the close of the meeting the Maccabees drill was given under the captaincy of Mrs. Nellie Roben, who showed that she had given the team most careful training. She gave her orders with ease and alacrity. To say that the refreshments were in charge of Mrs. W. V. Avery is a guarantee that the supper was well served and much enjoyed. The meeting broke up at a late hour after a most profitable time.

CHAMPLAINS WITHDRAW.

Tail-enders In the Vermont Bowling League Quit the Game.

The Champlain bowling team of Burlington in the Vermont Bowling League has been taken with an attack of "cold feet" or a similar ailment. At any rate the pins wouldn't go down and the Champlains have withdrawn from the league. No notice has been received by the secretary of the league, but news comes indirectly from Burlington that the game scheduled between the Fort Ethan Allen team and the Champlains for Tuesday evening was not played because the Burlington aggregation has quit.

The Champlains were the tail-enders of the six.

IMMENSE COLUMNS.

Four of Them Being Taken Out at the Bond & Whitcomb Quarry.

At the Bond & Whitcomb quarry in Westerville are being cut out four of the biggest columns ever quarried on the hill. The columns are 4.2 feet square by 26.7 feet long, and weigh 75 tons each. They are being cut for the Braddock National bank at Braddock, Pa.

One of the stones has been lifted out of the quarry with one of the Whitcomb Brothers' derricks and it is said to be the heaviest load ever lifted.

FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT

Hugh McDonald Taken To Woodstock Today

TO ANSWER TO THE COURT

Had Been Ordered to Pay \$25 a Month for the Support of His Family and Had Failed to Comply.

Charged with contempt of court in not obeying an order of Windsor county court to support his family to the extent of 25 per month, Hugh McDonald was today taken to Windsor, the county seat of Windsor county, to be brought before the court for disposition of his case. He was taken there by Deputy Sheriff Tinkham of Windsor county and as McDonald had not shown a strong desire to go the sheriff brought the handcuffs into requisition, much against the man's desires and in spite of his protestations that he would go. To the latter Sheriff Tinkham simply replied that a "bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." The man's reputation as a shifty person with his hands may have caused the sheriff to take the extra precaution.

McDonald has a wife and four children in Barre, where he formerly worked as a stonecutter. He left here some time ago for Bethel, and his wife, who now conducts a restaurant in the Tomasi block, brought suit in the Windsor county court. Pending the suit the court ordered McDonald to pay toward the support of his family in this city. This, it is claimed, he has not done, and a bench warrant for him was issued. Deputy Sheriff Tinkham has been endeavoring to locate McDonald ever since. He was in Barre last week but was unsuccessful, putting the matter into the hands of Constable Coutts. McDonald showed up in Barre yesterday afternoon and Chief Brown spotted him. The chief asked McDonald to go to the police station, but the man refused, until he had seen an attorney, claiming that as neither Chief Brown nor Constable Coutts had a warrant for his arrest the officers had no right to take him. The officers got tired of waiting and declared that they would take him to the station whether he wanted to go or not. McDonald questioned their physical ability to do so, but finally concluded to go without trouble, the attorney advising him to go.

Sheriff Tinkham came to Barre last night, word having been sent to him at Bethel. McDonald has been in Barre several times since the warrant was issued, and has talked with his children on the street. The oldest child, a seven year old girl, attends school, and the mother has, according to the police, been in the habit of accompanying her from her home to the school building and back again. A short time ago complaint was made to the police that a man was going to the school and talking with the little girl.

In explaining why he had not obeyed the court's order, McDonald declared that the notice had never been served on him.

SARA WAS GUILTY.

Found Guilty of Breach of Peace in Local City Court.

The case of Nicholas Sara, for breach of peace, which had already been tried before two juries, who had disagreed, was tried before a third jury in city court yesterday, and a verdict of guilty was brought in by the jury shortly after 11 o'clock last night. The jurymen were William Brown, James Long, Joseph Odgers, George K. Carle, E. F. Dunham and Harvey Gay, who were out just fifty minutes in making their decision.

The case was defended by M. M. Gordon and Grand Juror H. W. Scott prosecuted, assisted by State's Attorney S. Hollister Jackson.

LEG BROKEN AT QUARRY.

John Graham on Morrison Quarries at South Ryegate.

South Ryegate, Dec. 22.—John Graham had one leg broken while at work on the Morrison quarries yesterday. A stone tipped over and caught him by the leg, breaking it badly about the ankle. It was some time afterwards before a physician could be secured, as the local doctor was away. His friends tried to get Dr. Hoyes of Graniteville, but failing in this they got Dr. Hatch of Groton. Mr. Graham was taken to the Heaton hospital today, where he can be properly cared for until the break is mended.

TELEPHONE IMPROVEMENTS.

Montpelier Office Is to Be Put in Better Shape at Once.

J. F. Connolly and a gang of workmen who have been doing repair work for the New England Telephone and Telegraph company are now in Montpelier and will make extensive improvements in that office. They will make room for 150 new circuits, put in new toll line apparatus and also install a new testing arrangement.