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## NO GENERAL FIGHT YET IN PROGRESS

### Advices From Port Arthur State that it Can Withstand the Siege For Months

(Observer Special)  
Japanese official reports regarding the siege of Port Arthur indicate that the attack begun October 24, was still in progress October 29 the statement being made that the fire of the besiegers was increasing in effectiveness. Nothing of importance has developed on the Shashe river where both sides seem to hesitate to assume the offensive, although the Japanese are more active in the matter of attacks upon Russian positions.

#### ALL QUIET AT HANCHIEPU.

Hanchepu, Nov. 2—Everything is quiet today all along the line. The trenches of the opposing parties are so close that many small collisions occur especially during the night. The Japanese on October 30 and 31 heavily cannonaded the Russian right and center but the attack did not develop into the expected advance. The Russians shelled the village opposite their right flank on October 31. An immense volume of smoke was seen followed by the sound of a heavy explosion and it is supposed that one of the Russian shells exploded a magazine or ammunition train inside the Japanese lines.

St Petersburg Nov 2—A dock yard man who just returned from Port Arthur whence he escaped in a junk to Chefoo a month ago was interviewed by the Associated Press. He said that when he left Port Arthur the fortress was provided with an abundance of ammunition and food. Up to the time of his departure he said he had not missed a single meal. He said that Tossel and the garrison were confident of their ability to hold out for many months and he denied that any warships in the harbor were seriously damaged by the Japanese shell fire.

#### NO BATTLE YET

St Petersburg, Nov. 2—A dispatch from Kuropatkin announces that no

engagements were reported last night. Sakharoff telegraphing yesterday reports reconnaissances on Oct 30 by the Russian left flank.

#### AWAIT ROJERTVENSKY

Tangier, Nov. 2—Officers of the Russian warships now here are awaiting the coming of Admiral Rojertvensky

## MURDER SEVERAL INFANTS

Berlin, Nov. 2—The Hamburg baby farmer, Elizabeth Wiese, has been found guilty of the murder of five infants and a long series of other grave crimes. In accordance with German laws she has been sentenced five times to death, once for each murder. For perjury and forgery she was sentenced to six years' penal servitude. Another curious pendant to her sentence was the loss of honor for the remainder of her natural life. The details of the trial were revolting in the extreme, proving the woman to be a monster of iniquity.

The story of her career is one of the most revolting in the criminal annals of the empire. It appeared from the evidence given at the trial that she was born in Hanover in 1859 her maiden name being Berkefeld. After a somewhat checkered career in her native province, where several prosecutions and imprisonments for illegal operations and imposture had

rendered it impossible for her to carry on her calling of midwife, she moved to Hamburg renting an expensive residence in one of the fashionable thoroughfares. Here she established herself as professional foster-mother.

Her method of procedure was to insert in both German and foreign papers prominent advertisements in which the adoption of children born out of wedlock was promised in return for a single monetary payment. These notices brought to her many clients from the fashionable as well as from the humble ranks of society. For instance it is stated that for taking over a child whose parents belonged to the highest circles of the town of Hanover she received a fee of \$1000 in addition to \$240 as hush money. At the same time she inserted in the papers other advertisements to the effect that a "young and beautiful girl" appealed to noble-minded gentlemen for temporary pecuniary assistance, and forced her own illegitimate daughter, into improper relationships with the men who replied to these thinly veiled enticements. She visited London and the names of persons said to be resident in the English metropolis was mentioned in the course of the trial just closed.

It is further alleged against her though this count has been acquitted that she attempted to poison her husband, who found her proceedings not to his liking. One of the children adopted is said to be the child of an English woman of title. Of the children whom she was paid to take those whose age made the proceeding profitable were corrupted. Others she poisoned with morphine, throwing their bodies into the Flbe, or burning them in her kitchen fireplace. The crime of infanticide was brought home to her in no fewer than five specific cases and how far that number was from completing the gruesome tale of her iniquities there is no means of knowing. A dramatic feature of the trial was the appearance of the woman's husband and daughter as witnesses against her.

Mr. J. H. Adams, of Allicol, was in the city this afternoon. Mr. Adams had 43 acres in beets this season and made an average of eight tons to the acre. Mr. Adams says this makes the beet business very satisfactory to him.

## ENGLAND SIEZED BY FOOLISH PANIC

### Nation Led to Believe that War with Russia was Only a Matter of a Few Hours--Peace is Near.

(Observer Special)

London Nov 2—Negotiations between Great Britain and Russia are progressing favorably and without the slightest danger of friction arising between the two governments. The constitution of the international commission under the Hague convention is on the verge of settlement. In spite of these pacific conditions, Great Britain today experienced a war panic that can only be compared to the panic created on October 23 when the news of the sinking of the trawlers in the North sea was received. The most extraordinary feature of the scare was that there was not a single circumstance to justify it. The excitement started early in the day when newspapers announced the departure of the Russian Baltic squadron from Vigo. The public was not in possession of information cabled by the Associated Press to the United States that only the officers concerned in the attack on the British trawlers would be detained and it jumped at the conclusion that Russia had broken faith by not detaining the vessels involved in the affair. On the top of this came wild reports of tremendous activity at Gibraltar. Hour by hour the news from Gibraltar became more serious, until at last the climax was with the announcement that the British fleet had cleared its decks for action. When all London was in this state of mind, and while anybody supposed to know anything was constantly asked, "Has war been declared?" the foreign office decided to adopt a course most unusual for it and in order to allay the public excitement gave out a statement.

The Russian fleet had left Vigo with the full knowledge of the British government, and in compliance with Russia's agreement the four officers implicated have been left behind at Vigo. The general public, however, went to bed tonight firm in the conviction

that it would wake up to hear of Rojertvensky at the bottom of the sea. To day's furore would be ludicrous except for the striking instance it has afforded of the willingness of the British public to believe any development possible after the North sea affair, and by the enthusiasm caused by Gibraltar's war like news.

The Associated Press is authorized to state that no orders were given for the huge fleet concentrated at Gibraltar to make any preparations in connection with the departure of Rojertvensky's squadron.

Both the Russian embassy and the foreign office affirm that the negotiations today were entirely confined to the selection of the international commission in which there was no hitch. It is said that at a cabinet meeting tomorrow a decision will be reached as to the date and place of meeting and the personnel of the commission. Officers detached from the Baltic squadron to testify regarding the North sea affair are expected to reach St Petersburg in two days. It is hoped they will be able to throw a clear light up on the mysterious incident.

The news of the departure of Admiral Rojertvensky and his ships from Vigo considerably relieved the tension here. The great mass of Russians is quite as suspicious of Great Britain's motive as the Britons are of Russia's purposes, and there has been apprehension here that Great Britain might use the trawler incident as a pretext for detaining the Baltic squadron.

## Saves His Boy

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 2.—With his eldest son, Gusie, lying prostrate on the ground, an infuriated deer standing over him ready to paw him to death, Adolphus Busch, the multi-millionaire brewer, fearlessly attacked the big deer, using a heavy rifle as a club, and with a powerful blow stunned the enraged animal temporarily.

This gave Augustus Busch time to extricate himself and seize a rifle and despatch the animal. Gusie Busch placed himself in the dangerous position while going to the rescue of a young friend, Frank Parriso, 15 years old, whom the buck first attacked. The deer charged the boy and lifted him on its spreading antlers. The terrible fight took place on the farm formerly owned by General U S Grant, near Old Orchard, in St. Louis county, which Busch has bought and converted into a game preserve.

Miss Leona Thompson of Pendleton is visiting friends in the city.

Seventy one candidates were initiated in the order of Eagles at Pendleton Monday.

Engineers Will Fast and Wait Myer of the O R & N at La Grande, who attended the Swauger inquest as witness, returned home this evening. They were among the engineers to pass over the ground between the time Swauger was supposed to have been killed and the time he was found. Neither of them saw the corpse on the track when they passed the spot where it was afterward discovered.—E O

Engineer F G McGibbon, of La Grande returned home last evening after having given testimony in the Swauger case.—E O

J E Pollock, proprietor of the Queen chop house, purchased 108 sacks of potatoes yesterday for which he paid 80cts. per sack.

Attend the public speaking tonight at Stewards opera house.

## A Store With A Record

We have been doing business in this town for 5 years. In that time the town has nearly doubled in population. During the same time our business has increased FIVE FOLD. In other words our business has made a great deal more rapid increase than the town has. There are dozens of reasons for this all of which you will perceive if you begin buying drug store goods of us. In the first place we had a thorough training for pharmacy. In the second place we had exceptional opportunities for learning the practical side of pharmacy in a successful drug store of the highest standing. In the third place we have kept our eyes open and attended to business until we know the demands of the people of this town.

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