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JAPANESE MAKE STEADY PROGRESS

Capture and Hold Askasaka Hill in Front of
Fort Arthur--Cruiser Bayan Aground in
Harbor.

Tokio, Dec 8—Japanese troops occupied Akasaka hill fronting on Port Arthur yesterday.

The Russian armored cruiser Bayan is reported to be aground.

Headquarters of the Japanese army also confirms the report of the disablement of the Russian battleships Retwizan and Poltava. Seventy-nine shots took effect in the vessels. The report continues:

"Owing to the plunging fire from 203 meter hill the enemy has withdrawn from Akasaka hill. December

6 Japanese occupied an entire fort at noon and subsequently our forces after dislodging the enemy occupied the eminence north of Suern Kou and two eminences north of San Lichiam."

Mukden Dec 8—Cannondading in great volume was heard around Poutloff hill and railway yesterday morning. It continued throughout the day and evidently owing to the tremendous noise reached its height from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon. It was unlike anything of the kind h-d before except at Port Arth-

ur. The tremendous noise is believed to be due to the constantly increasing number of siege guns of large caliber, all of which seemed to be in use yesterday. Rumors of a attack by Japanese at various dates have been current the past two weeks and the impression prevails that yesterday's heavy bombardment of the assumption of the offensive by the Japanese.

Midnight Assassin

Helena, Mont., Dec 8.—While John Sedrick was returning home at midnight last night in company with John Luchnik, he was shot and killed near the Braund house, in Butte. When near Silver Bow mine an unknown man suddenly stepped from behind the dump and fired point blank at Sedrick, the ball striking him in the neck and producing almost instant death.

It is not thought that robbery was the motive for the murder. Officers are of the opinion that the assassin was either mistaken in his man or else had a grudge against Sedrick and killed him in revenge. Luchnik is an old man, and owing to his excitement he could not describe the murderer.

Doings at the Capitol

Washington, Dec. 8.—The house was in session only 15 minutes today Bingham of Pennsylvania, offered the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill carrying \$22,838,709, which he will call up for consideration tomorrow.

Adjourned at 12:15.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The senate in executive session today confirmed all four cabinet nominations and those of Postmaster Wilcox at New York and Indian Commissioner Leupp.

CUT DOWN REPRESENTATION

Platt of New York introduced in the senate a bill providing that after March 3, 1907, the representation of the house be 367 instead of 388, the reduction to be made in 10 southern states.

The senate reached an agreement to vote on the Philippine franchise bill Friday, December 16.

Adjourned at 2:15.

TO OPEN THE COLUMBIA

The hope of many years of an open Columbia river seems about to be realized next May and steamers will be running from Lewiston, Idaho, and possibly Asotin to Celilo and their cargoes wheeled over the portage railway at Celilo to be loaded on waiting steamers for Portland or Astoria.

The Portland Journal of Dec. 7 gives out the following:

"According to Captain Cochran, contracts for the construction of two steamers to be operated on the upper Columbia river will be let February 1. They will ply between Celilo and Lewiston, the head of navigation on the Snake river, and will probably connect with the steamer Telephone, which will run between Celilo and Portland, thus forming a continuous transportation line between this city and Lewiston. It is said that the line will be established immediately upon completion of the portage road at Celilo.

"Captain James Shaver, of the Shaver Transportation company, was informed last evening that the new boats will be rushed to completion. The will be light-draught, 100 feet long and 24 feet across the beam. The engines and boilers for the new craft have been purchased."

The law under which the contract for building the seven miles of railroad around the obstruction to navigation of the Columbia at Celilo requires it to be completed by May 1, 1905."

Mr and Mrs Samuel Truedale of La Grande, Or., who had been here visiting their son, Ned, left for home this afternoon.—Capitol News.

CIRCUIT COURT AT BAKER

The attention of the Circuit Court was taken up this morning in securing a jury to try the case of the State vs Jas. Hall charged with horsestealing. The case will probably be concluded this evening.

Other matters occupying the attention of the court were as follows:

M K Young vs Moses Fuchs administrator of the estate of Thos. McEwen. Judgment on verdict for plaintiff.

Allis Chalmers vs Geo Beattie receives degree on demurser.

State vs Henry Wilson, defendant pleads not guilty.

State vs John Livingston pleads tomorrow.

State vs Geo. Shields, defendant, pleads not guilty.

Blockade Runners

San Francisco, Dec. 8—Franklin of Shanghai who arrived today on the steamship Siberia says the blockade runners are making fortunes carrying supplies of food from Shanghai to the Russians at Port Arthur. One steamship ran in 3000 rifles and 35 head of cattle on October last and cleared two hundred and eighty thousand dollars.

Few Cattle Fed

Echo Ore. Dec. 8—Five hundred head of cattle are being fed in the immediate vicinity of Echo. This is a very small number compared with what are usually wintered at this place and is occasioned by the extremely low prices paid for beef. As large herds are herded upon small alfalfa fields, the pasture afforded is eaten close, and hay feeding begins about the 1st of November.

Smoot Investigation

Salt Lake Dec 8—Six witnesses in the Smoot investigation which opens at Washington Monday have been subpoenaed and will leave tomorrow. To day two professors of the Brigham Young university at Provo, where served with subpoenas. It is expected they are to testify as to polygamy being taught in Mormon schools. It is said twenty witnesses cannot be located by the United States marshal.

SENTENCE PUT OFF IN LAND CASES

The Defendants in the Land Fraud Cases to be Sentenced and Will Take Appeals.

Brief respite will be given to the part in the conspiracy was much more apparent.

Dan J Tarpley, who was included in the verdict of guilty rendered yesterday, is not a defendant in the next case. Frank H Walgamot, who pleaded guilty last Saturday, is also not a party to the second indictment. For Walgamot nothing remains but sentence as his plea of guilty has deprived him of all chance of appeal. The other defendants in the first case will appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals which sits in San Francisco. Probably not more than four or five months will elapse before that tribunal passes upon the appeal. —Oregon Journal.

CHADWICK CASE TO BE SENSATIONAL

To Be a Colossal Affair and Will Implicate Five Prominent New York Men.

New York, Dec. 8—One of the prominent men from Ohio who are here in connection with Mrs Chadwick's case said today: "In a day or two a revelation will be made that will show this to be the most colossal affair of the century. Five prominent New York men whose names have not yet been mentioned will be involved as deeply as Mrs Chadwick. A number of wealthy and prominent western men will also be dragged into the case and numerous prosecutions will follow. The facts will be made public through the grand jury's investigation which begins at Elyria, Ohio tomorrow.

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