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## SINKING RUSSIAN VESSELS ONE BY ONE

### Russian Vessels at Port Arthur Annihilated-- Terrible Destruction of the Japanese Guns.

Headquarters Third Japanese Army before Port Arthur, Dec 9.—The correspondent of the Associated Press has visited 203 meter hill the scene of the awful six days' fight which ended in its capture by the Japanese. The advance works and crest of the hill were torn away and the slopes of the hill are covered with debris and trenches smashed and filled with soil. In a single section of trenches 100 yards long over 200 Russian dead and wounded were seen. They had been horribly mangled with dynamite grenades.

Arthur state that the remaining Russian ships have been annihilated. The cruiser Bayan fired by Japanese shells is now burning without the slightest chance of being saved. The Sevastopol has been sunk.

#### WILL STOP BLOCKADE RUNNING

Tokio, Dec 9.—The placing of heavy cannon on 203 Meter Hill will enable the Japanese to sink junks and other craft bringing supplies for the garrison from Chee Foo.

#### JAPAN AT THE HAGUE

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GRIPPENBERG ARRIVES  
Mukden Dec 9.—General Grippenberg the recently appointed commander of the second Manchurian army has arrived here from St Petersburg.

#### A Social Event

On Wednesday evening a reception was tendered Mr and Mrs Ardrey by the Ladies Aid and Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian Church at the home of Mr and Mrs Turner Olver. It was well attended by the ladies of these societies and their husbands and a most enjoyable social evening was spent.

Much pleasure was added to the occasion by music and recitation. Mesdames Carr and Richardson sang solos, and Mrs Olmsted gave one of her entertaining recitations. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mr and Mrs Ardrey will be greatly missed in the Church and in the community. The best wishes of a host of friends go with them to their home near Portland and the Observer joins them in good wishes for health and prosperity.

#### Four Found Murdered

Augusta, Ga., Dec 8.—Benjamin Hughes, his wife and two daughters, residing at Trenton, were found murdered at home today. The house had been fired to hide the crimes. Hughes was shot through the heart and skull each, and the woman's skull was crushed with an ax.

#### Congratulated Him

State Chairman Frank Baker is in Washington and was presented yesterday by Senators Fulton and Mitchell to the President who congratulated him upon his management of the June election as well as the November election.

## Roosevelt on the Child Labor

The following is what President Roosevelt in his message said:

"In this investigation special attention should be paid to the conditions of child labor and child-labor legislation in the several states. Such an investigation must necessarily take into account many of the problems with which this question of child labor is connected.

"These problems can be actually met in most cases, only by the states themselves; but the lack of proper legislation in one state in such a matter as child labor renders it excessively difficult to establish protective restriction upon the work in another state having the same industries, so that the worst tends to drag down the better.

"For this reason, it would be well for the nation at least to endeavor to secure comprehensive information as to the conditions of labor of children in the different states.

"Such an investigation and publication by the national government would tend toward the securing of approximately uniform legislation of the proper character among the several states.

"When we come to deal with great corporations the need for the government to act directly is far greater than in the case of labor, because great corporations can become such only by engaging in interstate commerce, and interstate commerce is peculiarly the field of the general government.

"It is an absurdity to expect to eliminate the abuses in great corporations by state action. It is difficult to be patient with an argument that such matters should be left to the states because more than one state pursues the policy of creating on easy terms corporations which are never operated within that state at all, but in other states whose laws they ignore. The national government alone can deal adequately with these great corporations.

To try to deal with them in an in-temperate, destructive, or demagogic spirit would, in all probability, mean that nothing whatever would be accomplished and, with absolute certainty, that if anything were accomplished it would be of a harmful nature."

## FAILED TO GIVE BAIL

### Mrs. Chadwick in Custody for want of Bail.

New York, Dec. 9.—Mrs Oassie Chadwick was arrested yesterday and charged with aiding and abetting a bank officer in embezzlement was today held in \$15,000 bail. It was not ready and she remained in the Marshall's office while her attorney searched for bondsmen. The hearing was postponed until Dec. 17.

Marshal Heikel has announced just at noon that if Mrs Chadwick's counsel failed to secure bail this afternoon she would be taken to the Tombs prison.

#### Delicate Operation

Mr John Michaelson of this city who has been afflicted all his life with a severe rupture which has been growing steadily worse of late, was in such extreme straits this morning that an operation was considered necessary. So at an early hour this morning the perilous and delicate operation was performed by Drs. Bacon and Hall at their office in this city.

The patient stood the operation very well, and is in good condition according to the attending physicians. However they will make no positive statements as to final results as the crisis is not yet at hand.

## Land Frauds Numerous

The day after the conviction of the land grabbers in Portland Oregon the secretary of the Interior gave out the following:

"The conviction in Portland Ore., yesterday of five persons for land frauds which will be followed next week by the trial of several others indicted for the same offense is but another step toward the consummation of the policy entered upon by the secretary of the interior when it became known nearly three years ago that frauds were being perpetrated in connection with the public lands to run down and prosecute the guilty ones to the full extent of the law without regard to their position in life. The department has encountered many obstacles while engaged in this work, but has moved steadily onward and has had the hearty assistance and co-operation of the department of justice in bringing the land criminals to justice.

"These frauds have been more far-reaching than the country has suspected and the task of unearthing them and securing the necessary proofs has been a difficult one, but there has been no abatement of the intention to overcome all difficulties and secure the conviction of the land thieves. No one will be shielded whether high or low and the work of prosecution will be vigorously carried on."

#### Land Fraud

Mrs Watson deposited \$2000 cash bail yesterday for her appearance when called upon to be present when Judge Bellinger passes sentence. S A D Pater is anxiously awaiting a reply to a telegram which he sent friends in Humboldt Co California.

## WILL BE TRIED DECEMBER 12

Auburn, Cal., Dec 9.—Judge Frowitt this morning overruled the motion of Weber's attorneys to set aside the commitment on the alleged grounds that the testimony and preliminary did not determine the venue or jurisdiction. The defendant thereupon pleaded not guilty, and next Monday is set as the date of trial.

## HITCHCOCK LAUDS COLONEL GREENE

Portland, Ore., Dec. 9.—The gratification of the interior department over the news that the government had been victorious in the land frauds case in this city was demonstrated by the following telegram received today by Colonel A R Greene, who has gathered the evidence in the big case, and to whose untiring efforts the government's success is mainly due:

"Colonel A R Greene, Inspector Portland, Ore: Accept issues and sincere congratulations for the result announced in your telegram of last evening. E A Hitchcock, Secretary of the Interior."

#### TREASURER'S CALL FOR CITY WARRANTS

Notice is hereby given that there are now funds on hand to pay all outstanding warrants issued on General Fund of La Grande City, up to and including, No 4028 endorsed April 21st, 1904.

Interest on all warrants on General Fund from No 3840 to No 4028 inclusive, ceases from this date. E J Walsh City Treasurer Dec 9 1904 3 t

## WEARY OF THE SAME OLD TUNES

Portland Ore, Dec. 9.—One of the grounds of cruelty assigned by Marie Fritz in her suit against E O Fritz divorce is that "defendant some time ago purchased a phonograph and will not buy new music, but sits by the hour and plays the same pieces over and over again late into the night so plaintiff can not sleep." They were married in Portland, April 12, 1903.

## TO HAVE NO EXTRA SESSION

### President will not Call Extra Session--Senate Proceedings.

Washington, Dec 9.—As a result of a conference with Representative Watson of the ways and means committee, who informed the president it would be impossible to prepare a tariff revision scheme by spring, President Roosevelt has practically given up the idea of calling an extra session of congress before October.

#### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Washington, Dec 9.—The senate did nothing but routine business at its brief session today, and judicial appropriation bills were taken up by the house committee of the whole.

## "KING OF THE WHOLE WORLD"

Rome, Dec. 9.—The audience which the Duke of Connaught had with the pope today was most cordial. The pontiff said he had great esteem and veneration for King Edward, "who is not only king of England, but of the whole world, as the sun never sets on his dominions."

#### Guilty of Forgery

St Louis, Dec 9.—Mrs Carrie E Langdon pleaded guilty to the charge of forgery in the circuit court today. After being sentenced to six months in jail she was paroled on condition she return home to California. Judge Foster said he had doubts as to Mrs Langdon's sanity. She was accused of forging checks on the estate of the late Hattie McCall Travis, with whom she was associated at the world's fair.

## A Few Holiday Facts

The chances are that if everybody knew the exact facts about our Holiday line, how carefully selected and how fair in price, we would not have half enough to go around.

We have been fortunate in being able to buy our holiday stock close, the selling will be just as close. We want you to see our line before assortments are broken. In the start we will have a variety of goods not sold elsewhere; these are apt to be the goods you want.

Make sure of them by buying early. Fair prices will last to the end. Best assortment will not.

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## 16 SECOND HAND HEATERS 75c to \$5.00

Some are but slightly used.

- Three fine coal burners at a bargain,
- Fine Guitar, new, only \$7.50
- Eight Winchester rifles \$2.50 to \$9.00
- Iron Beds 1.00 to 12.50
- New Chairs . . . . .80
- New Chiffonier . . . . .8.50

New baby buggy and child bed at wholesale cost.

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#### TURNING OVER PROPERTY

is our business. Those who want to sell, tell us about it and we tell those who want to buy. If a seller fixes his price too high we tell him so. He fixes it lower so we can sell it and the buyer gets the advantage of our knowledge.

#### AT BARGAIN PRICES

We offer several houses and lots, and business property, too. Someone will make money in buying.



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