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ALL OF RUSSIA'S BATTLE SHIPS SUNK

London, Dec. 10.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent before Port Arthur telegraphs that all the Russian battleships and cruisers, together with the gunboats Giliak and Pussadnek, were sunk or destroyed, and that only the torpedo boat destroyers remain intact.

According to the special dispatch from Tokio and Shanghai giving official reports the crews of all the Russian warships in the harbor of Port Arthur were landed, and apparently no effort was made to move the vessels. The Japanese will now turn their attention to the torpedo boat destroyers, and when these have been destroyed the guns will be directed against steamers and transports in the harbor.

Small notices to Japan describing the character of 303 Meter hill say that the Japanese drenched the timber works of the trenches with kerosene and started a furious fire, which was fanned by a strong gale. The Japanese advance was very slow. They were obliged to make roads with bags of

earth. It was the sudden decision to make a night attack that brought victory to the Japanese. Nothing is yet officially known as to the extent of the Japanese casualties.

CATCH JAPS IN NIGHT SORTIES

Mukden, Dec. 10.—Numerous Japanese prisoners are being brought in as a result of night sorties. The Siberians especially delight in this sort of work, and seem to regard the stalking and capturing of pickets and sentries as exhilarating sport. Some of the prisoners declare that the prevailing inactivity is having a greatly depressing influence upon the masses of Japanese troops. Others of the captives refuse to answer questions. The Japanese evidently are not short of food, but the cold is extremely trying on them.

Lieutenant General Ednevitch had a narrow escape from death recently. He had approached within 1000 yards of a Japanese battery when a shell dropped near his staff and killed an enlisted man.

Japs Hold Fort.

Tokio, Dec. 10.—Unofficial reports received here from Port Arthur picture the condition of the garrison as desperate in the extreme. According to these advices the enemy has withdrawn all his forces from Tayankou, Itashan and Akasaka hill, in a movement of concentration.

All efforts to retake 303 Meter hill have apparently been abandoned and no attempts are being made to stop the Japanese sapping operations. The progress of Japanese advance in the direction of eastern forts has been practically halted owing to exhaustion of troops. The work is proceeding as fast as possible under the circumstances, but unless the Russians should rally to an unexpected attack little will be done during the next few days by the infantry, as the troops must have rest before further demands can be made upon them. The artillery fire continues but no more positions have been attacked.

Excitement Prevails

New York Dec. 10.—The opening of the stock exchange this morning was fully as exciting as that of yesterday.

The Standard Oil crowd was there in all its glory and money was dumped into the market to help boost the prices higher.

Never did brokers on the stock exchange show more excitement than they did at the opening of the exchange this morning. The Standard Oil crowd, as it is called by Lawson, was there in all its glory; the big bugs, as Mr Lawson says, graced the session with their presence.

Money seemed to be no object in the fight of million upon million against the war waged by one man, and for today the millions won.

The market opened generally lower, because the brokers were too frightened to act their parts as they had been rehearsed. Gradually the Standard Oil's best men scoured the swing of the market and prices began to get their way.

James E Keene and John W. Gas are both playing important parts in this limited engagement and the general impression is that they are the ones who are directing the Standard Oil fight on the floor.

To most of the brokers' offices all over the country a message was sent which said: "Lawson has a secret agreement with the Standard Oil crowd to bear the prices down so that they can buy in at low prices."

This was believed by many and was the turning blow of the day, for the buying orders came in thick and fast. Almost every stockbroker in the country according to their views expressed today seems to have it in for Lawson. They spread a large number of reports during the day as to his connection with the oil crowd, but every one of them was absolutely denied by Mr Lawson's lieutenants.

The sales on the exchange today amounted to slightly over 1,500,000 shares of stock and at least 750,000 of these were Amalgamated orders.

Taft and Party.

Kinston, Jamaica, Dec. 10.—Secretary of War Taft and party who have been at Panama, arrived here this morning. While here they arranged the conditions under which Jamaican labor is to go to the Isthmus. The party will sail for Pensacola this evening. Fourteen thousand Jamaican negroes are expected on the Isthmus by April 1, 1906.

Not Yet Indicted

Auburn, Cal., Dec. 10.—The grand jury did not take any action today in regard to the robbery charge against young Weber, as was expected. It is believed, however, that the jury will file an indictment tomorrow.

Fred Renenscher, on whom Weber has been trying to throw a picon for the crime, visited the prisoner today and urged him to confess. Weber was impassive and refused to deign a reply.

TO ADJOURN

DECEMBER 21

Washington, Dec. 10.—The house passed the current resolution providing for adjournment December 21 to January 4.

Hepburn's motion to strike out the appropriation for the civil service from the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was defeated.

Pensions went over until Monday.

MAN HUNT A FAILURE YET

Los Angeles, Dec. 10.—Notwithstanding that scores of deputy sheriffs, dogs and police officers are patrolling the Santa Fe road nearly all the way from Daggett and Needles and the country is being searched to the remotest corner for some trace of the bandit who yesterday looted the Wells Fargo express car at Daggett after shooting and killing Messenger Roberts the man is still at large.

The first suspect, arrested a negro who was taken into custody at Barstow, yesterday has been lodged in jail here. Wells Fargo officials state, however they do not believe he is the man wanted.

The express company has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of the bandit. This offer has been supplemented by one for a similar amount from the Santa Fe railroad company and \$300 from the state. The large reward has attracted a number of posers who are searching every foot of the territory in the vicinity of the robbery where a man could locate himself and it is not believed that he can possibly succeed in escaping. The country for miles in every direction from Daggett is a barren desert.

SUSPENDED FOR HAZING

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—Six Sophomores have been suspended for an indefinite period from Swarthmore college for hazing Horace Kent Walton of Philadelphia. The young man is said to have been maltreated and is confined to his bed. He declined to name his tormentors, but the college officials found them out and dismissed the students.

Walton's grandfather swore out warrants for their arrest, but President Swain pleaded with him not to serve them. The hazing consisted of compelling the victim to walk a mile along the Baltimore pike, being frequently dragged through fences and underbrush. He was struck when he resisted. Swarthmore college is a Quaker institution.

Suit Against Mayor

New York, Dec. 10.—Mayor George B McClellan Comptroller Grouth and other high officials are defendants in a case which William Randolph Hearst, the statesman and newspaper man has instituted in the interests of the city to prevent further payments being made to the so called gas monopoly until the trust shall have been compelled to establish its claim in the courts. The injunction is returnable today.

INDIAN FIGHTER IS DEAD

Corey Pa., Dec. 10.—Colonel T A Edwards died today. He was with General Cook in Oregon during the Snake Indian War fought with McKay when he defeated the Modocs and captured Captain Jack their famous leader.

HEARING BEGINS

New York, Dec. 10.—The hearing of testimony in the Patterson trial began at noon. Miss Patterson sat beside her father and listened intently to the testimony much of which was a repetition of that adduced at the first trial. The young woman wore a black veil concealing her features from the spectators. There were but a few curiosity seeking in court.

MITCHELL TO HEAD COMMITTEE

Word comes from Washington that senator John H Mitchell of Oregon will most probably be given the chairmanship of the Panama Canal Commission. This is a very important committee at the head of which the late senator Hanna did distinguished service that attracted world wide attention. Upon the death of Hanna, Senator Platt of New York took his place. The falling health of Senator Platt renders it probable that he will resign the position, and in case he does, senator Mitchell is booked for the place.

BURGLARS BREAK INTO POST OFFICE

Burglars broke into the postoffice at University park this morning and blew open the safe and got about \$30 worth of stamps and a few cents in cash. The force of the explosion was such that the door of the safe was blown across the room demolishing a compartment letter cabinet and other furniture. The creckson were frightened away before they had time to drill into the inner vault of the safe containing about \$200 in cash and \$60 in stamps.

It was 2:10 o'clock this morning when George H Hemstock the postmaster and his wife who sleep over the office were awakened by the explosion which jarred the whole building. Hemstock hastily donned a few garments and secured a revolver. His wife, in the meantime lighted a lan-

tern and descended the stairway to the office.

It was found that a hole had been drilled in the top of the safe, into which black powder had been poured and tamped hard before igniting as is shown by the force of the explosion.

Entrance was effected through a rear door and after getting into the building the burglars fastened the door and raised a window so as to be prepared to give them means of escape. The marks made by their shoes in the soil showed they jumped from this window when they heard the postmaster descending the stairway.

The postmaster reported the burglary to Police Sergeant Carpenter over the telephone as soon as he discovered the amount stolen and later informed the amount stolen and later informed the Portland postoffice.—Portland Journal.

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