

BATTLE AT PORT ARTHUR

RELIABLE DETAILS OF THE ENGAGEMENT ARRIVE BY STEAMER.

Twenty-four Hours of Fighting to Capture the Chinese Stronghold—No Resistance—Japanese Vengeance Breaks Over Restraint.

The fall of Port Arthur was undoubtedly known in America before the news was circulated in Japan. After the announcement that the magnificent Talien fortifications had been abandoned by the Chinese without a serious struggle, it was hoped that a few days would bring intelligence that the last blow on the Liaotung peninsula had been effectively struck; but for more than a week the Japanese people were kept in suspense and fierce excitement while the elaborate combinations of General Oyama and the co-operating fleet were finally adjusted. Up to the middle of November the military movements had been controlled by Lieutenant General Yamagi, a soldier of high reputation, whose popularity is enhanced by the knowledge that he has only one eye with which to order the course of battle. Under his leadership every stronghold but one was reduced, the troops engaged numbering about two-thirds of the entire body of which the second army is composed. To give additional weight to the culminating stroke, the remaining regiments were finally advanced and the whole mass was directed for the first time by General Oyama.

Preliminary skirmishes took place outside the walls of Port Arthur on the 19th and 20th of November, but the actual assault did not begin until dawn on the 21st, when an attack upon the rear of the fortifications was made in full force. The garrison, supposed to number from 15,000 to 20,000, having now no refuge to fly to, made a short attempt at resistance, but by 8:30 o'clock the heavy batteries at the west were carried by the Japanese right, and the line of fortification broken through. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the central position of Port Arthur was occupied, and at 4 an interior group of fortresses yielded.

While one division of Oyama's army was performing these exploits his left was overrunning an equally formidable set of works at the eastern extremity of the line. To this onset the Chinese gave way at 11:30 in the morning. A powerful cluster of forts on the shore remained to be captured, and against these the Japanese hurled their columns without cessation, until at daybreak on the 23d the entire mass of defenses was surrendered. The operation lasted but little more than 24 hours. The overthrow was complete, and all the enormous material collected for the support of this famous station fell to the disposal of the victors. No attempt was made to remove or destroy any portion of the armament. The Japanese losses were something over 200 dead and wounded. No specific details have been received and the Chinese losses cannot yet be estimated.

Japanese Break Over All Restraint.

The following statement is authorized for publication by Mr. Mutsu, Japanese minister of foreign affairs:

"The Japanese government desires no concealment of the events at Port Arthur. On the contrary, it is investigating rigidly for the purpose of fixing the exact responsibility, and is taking measures essential to the reputation of the empire. From the beginning of the war every conceivable precaution has been taken to guard against excesses. The discovery that discipline was unavailing in this single instance shocks and grieves both the civil and military authorities. The facts thus far gathered show conclusively:

"First—That the Japanese troops, transported with rage at the mutilation of their comrades by the enemy, broke through all restraints.

"Second—That, further exasperated by wholesale attempts at escape of soldiers disguised as citizens, they inflicted vengeance without discrimination.

"Third—That detection on successive days of repeated Chinese atrocities rekindled the fury of the men and provoked fresh acts of violence.

"The Japanese government deprecates the unexpected transgression of the principles to which it was and always will be pledged. It feels bound, nevertheless, to protest against exaggerations calculated to present the affair in a distorted and misleading aspect. Proofs have already been received that the victims, almost without exception, were soldiers wearing the stolen clothes of citizens, who had fled in a body long before the assault and are now returning, trustful and confident.

"While offering no palliation of what actually occurred, the Japanese government holds to the conviction that there was absolutely no intention to molest non-combatants. The truth, the whole truth, shall be reported as soon as practicable. Meanwhile the government hopes that public opinion will be guarded against extreme recitals."

PERSONAL

Miss Virginia Mosby, the second daughter of Colonel Mosby of Confederate fame, was married at Washington recently.

Captain Morpain, who accompanied the Count of Paris to America in 1864, and M. Jean Francois Gigoux, the well-known French painter, are dead at Paris.

Miss Madeline Pollard of Breckinridge notoriety has sought employment everywhere an opportunity was offered to her, but so far she has not been successful in securing anything to do. She intimates that her name has no potency.

General Booth, organizer and commander in chief of the Salvation Army, is at San Francisco. The soldiers of the Pacific gave him a rousing welcome. Thousands of people went to hear General Booth speak.

HAS JOINED THE SHADOWS.

Robert Louis Stevenson Dies Suddenly in Far Away Samoa.

Advices from Apia, Samoa, of the date of Dec. 8 are to the effect that the well-known novelist, Robert Louis Stevenson, had died suddenly from apoplexy. His remains were interred on the summit of Pila mountain, 1,300 feet high. At the time of his death Mr. Stevenson had half completed the writing of a new novel.

Robert Louis Stevenson was considered the ablest and greatest writer of fiction of the present time.

Several years ago he went to Samoa with his family, fell in love with the lazy life of the islands and remained there. He was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1845 and was educated at Edinburgh university. While an undergraduate he started a literary magazine. From that time he has been writing stories that interested all readers. Stevenson came the nearest to being original of any modern writers.

Colorado and Kansas City stockmen have obtained concessions for the establishment of extensive stock farms at the City of Mexico.

Four Big Successes.

Having the needed merit to more than make good all the advertising claimed for them, the following four remedies have reached a phenomenal sale. Dr. King's New Discovery, for consumption, Coughs and Colds, each bottle guaranteed—Electric Bitters, the great remedy for Liver, Stomach and Kidneys. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, and Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are a perfect pill. All these remedies are guaranteed to just what is claimed for them and the dealer whose name is attached herewith will be glad to tell you more of them. Sold at G. W. Haskins' Drug Store.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Interesting Items Picked Out from the Daily Dispatches.

A Washington correspondent sends the following to a Chicago paper: "Willie" Breckinridge has reinstated himself. He had an opportunity the other day and he used it well. Being in charge of the urgent deficiency bill he made one of his old-time theatrical plays for the applause of the house and won it. He shook his mane and purred with his silvery voice, and his admirers gathered about him and applauded big just as if nothing had happened. Breckinridge seems to be back in his old place in the hearts of the Southern members. He is subjected to no ostracism either upon the floor of the house or in the cloakrooms. He is as smiling and happy and self-confident as ever before. The principal comment heard is praise for his "nerve."

A Cure For Croup.

When on a visit to Iowa, Dr. K. Dalton, of Luray, Russell County, Kansas, called at the laboratory of Chamberlain & Co., Des Moines, to show them his six year old boy, whose life had been saved by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it having cured him of a very severe attack of croup. Dr. Dalton is certain that it saved his boy's life and is enthusiastic in his praise of the Remedy. For sale by G. H. Haskins, Medford.

Dr. John Lord, the well-known historian and lecturer on historical subjects, died recently at Stamford, Conn.

A New York correspondent of London Vanity Fair says there is hardly one beautiful and high-bred woman in New York society.

Not since 1865 have so many whales been seen in Monterey bay, Cal., as can be seen there now.

The rains in the interior of California have made the feed plentiful and stock is in excellent condition.

Edward A. Barron of San Francisco, aged 14, has put in a claim to a portion of the estate of Edward Barron at San Jose. The boy's claim is pressed by his guardian, who states he is the illegitimate son of the deceased millionaire and Winifred Morton, and is entitled to a part of the estate. Winifred Morton, it is alleged, is a colored woman.

Andy Bowen died at New Orleans from the effects of punishment received in a prize fight.

Drs. T. S. Hawkins, Chattanooga, Tenn., says, "Shiloh's Vitalizer 'SAVED MY LIFE.' I consider it the best remedy for a debilitated system I ever used." For Dyspepsia, Liver or Kidney trouble it excels. Price 75 cts. Sold by Chas. Strang, Medford.

The people of Bronson, Kan., have been swindled by sharpers who sold state rights for a celebrated "washing compound." They worked up quite an excitement and got away with about \$20,000.

Diphtheria among dogs in the annexed district of New York city has created a sensation. The disease seems to be epidemic, and fears that children will be infected have caused consternation among parents.

Charles Robertson, a West Park (south of Fresno) boy, aged 14, shot a hog belonging to Jesse Brown. Brown started to town to have the boy restrained, when the latter followed him and compelled him at the muzzle of a gun to return. He made Brown promise to keep silence before he released him.

Controller Colgan of California in his report shows that the receipts for the two fiscal years were \$17,583,493, and expenditures \$17,078,647; excess of receipts over expenditures, \$504,846. Attention is called to "the alarming increase in the cost to the state of caring for aged persons in indigent circumstances." The expenditures on this account since 1884 amount to \$2,542,566.

Rev. T. Conway, a well-known priest of the Scranton (Pa.) diocese, has left the altar and taken to the stage under an assumed name. He is now playing a heroic role in Chauncey O'Connell's new play. There has been no priest in the Scranton diocese of late years who became better acquainted with the people than Father Conway. He was known by men of all faiths and took a more prominent part in secular matters than members of the cloth generally do. He was a frequent attendant at first-class places of amusement, and was looked upon as one of the best dramatic critics in that part of Pennsylvania.

A tragedy was enacted in the private office of the Citizens' State bank of Council Bluffs, Ia., which may result fatally for three persons. John Huntington, assistant bookkeeper and collection clerk, shot C. A. Cromwell of Minneapolis and F. N. Hayden of Chicago, representatives of the Fidelity and Casualty company of New York, and then emptied his revolver into his own brain, inflicting a wound from which he died two hours later. Cromwell and Hayden, it is thought, will recover. Cromwell and Hayden were investigating Huntington's accounts and asked him some pointed questions. Without warning Huntington drew a pistol and commenced firing.

Dr. J. P. Blaize, an extensive real estate dealer in Des Moines, Iowa, narrowly escaped one of the severest attacks of pneumonia while in the northern part of that state during a recent blizzard, says the Saturday Review. Dr. Blaize had occasion to drive several miles during the storm and was thoroughly chilled that he was unable to get warm, and inside of an hour after his return he was threatened with a severe case of pneumonia or lung fever. Mr. Blaize sent to the nearest drug store and got a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, of which he had often heard, and took a number of large doses. He says the effect was wonderful and in a short time he was breathing quite easily. He kept on taking the medicine and the next day was able to come to Des Moines. Dr. Blaize regards his cure as simply wonderful. For sale by G. H. Haskins, Medford.

Judge Oils of San Bernardino has sustained the legality of the Sunday closing ordinance. The law provides for the closing of all business except drug stores. The coming city election has for its main issue Sunday closing.

The British ship Marion Ballyntine has arrived at Astoria, Or., with not an able-bodied man on board. All were ill with malarial fever. Three of the crew died on the way from Acaapulco.

Vice President Stevenson's daughter is in an extremely critical condition at Asheville, N. C.

if it's a Sprain, Strain, or Bruise
St. Jacobs Oil
Will Cure It

Rev. Mr. Knight of the Congregational church of Saginaw, Mich., recently denounced church fairs and pedro games for prizes as gambling. All Saints' church had been holding a fair, and Rev. Mr. Robjert of that church took occasion to come back at Mr. Knight, whose argument he considered farcical. Mr. Robjert went so far as to say that he did not consider that games in which no more than 5 cents was involved were gambling, thus establishing a dividing line that has elicited no end of discussion.

President Jordan of the Stanford university left for Mazatlan recently. He will remain in Mexico for about one month, conducting a scientific search for interesting subjects connected with the past history of that country.

Seattle again reports smoke coming out of the crater of Mount Rainier. The Ute Indians declare they will not leave Utah territory, where they are exhausting the winter pasturage and eating the stock of the settlers. They are cross and are likely to give serious trouble.

Eugene Ware, a young drug clerk, was murdered by unknown thieves in his employer's store at San Francisco the other night. Fifteen knife wounds were found in Ware's side.

Deputy Tax Collector J. J. Early of Bakersfield has been indicted for felony embezzlement for collecting personal property taxes which he converted to his own use.

The rigid enforcement by the Chicago and Alton railway management of the recently adopted regulations in regard to the use of intoxicating liquors and gambling by its employes is causing a good deal of comment among the company's servants at Chicago and neighborhood. Several of the West Side saloons in the vicinity of the Alton shops have gone out of business or moved up town.

\$100 Reward, \$100.
The reader of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one arduous disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

In August, 1885, Henry Groben, the 12-year-old son of John Groben, who resides near Hebron, Adair county, Ia., disappeared. Mrs. Groben, Henry's stepmother, was accused of his murder and with concealing his body in a cave on the premises of her father, who resides at Creston, Ia. After nine years of wandering Henry has returned to his grandfather. Young Groben left home to escape a whipping for having picked the lock of a trunk and played with some gold coin it contained. The grandparents at once accused Mrs. Groben of the boy's murder. The excitement was intense. Searching parties scoured the country, but no trace of the missing boy could be found. Mr. and Mrs. Groben were arrested and tried for murder in the first degree, but were acquitted.

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A committee from the Portland Chamber of Commerce has been appointed to solicit supplies for the sufferers in Nebraska. A thorough canvass of Oregon will be made for contributions of wheat and flour, and the committee expects to forward a trainload within a short time. A carload of groceries and potatoes was secured and forwarded immediately. The committee has arranged with the Oregon Railway and Navigation company and the Union Pacific to carry all donations free to Grand Island, Neb.

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SOCIETIES OF MEDFORD. Knights of the Maccabees—Triumph Tent No. 14, meets in regular review on the 2d and 4th Thursdays of each month in A. O. U. W. Hall at 7:30 p. m. Visiting Knights cordially invited to attend. LUTHER G. PORTER, Commander. J. WEST LAWTON, R. K.

A. O. U. W.—Lodge No. 98, meets every first and third Wednesdays in the opera block, in their hall in the opera block. Visiting brothers invited to attend. GEO. F. MERRIMAN, R. W. JACOBSON, W. W. G. MERRIMAN, Honorary.

W. R. C.—Chester A. Arthur Chapter No. 24, meets second and fourth Fridays of each month at 2 o'clock p. m., in A. O. U. W. Hall, in 1000 Fellows building. MRS. MARY E. DAVIS, Pres. MISS IDA REIDERS, Sec.

R. of P.—Tallman Lodge No. 21, meets Monday evening at 8 p. m. Visiting brothers always welcome. GEO. F. MERRIMAN, C. C. J. A. McLEOD, K. of R. and B.

I. O. O. F.—Lodge No. 83, meets in I. O. O. F. hall every Saturday at 8 p. m. Visiting brothers always welcome. J. R. WILSON, N. G. Z. MAXY, Rec. Sec.

I. O. O. F.—Rogue River Encampment, Lodge No. 30, meets in I. O. O. F. hall the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 8 p. m. T. W. JOHNSON, C. P. A. F. & A. M.—Meets first Friday on or before full moon at 8 p. m., in A. O. U. W. hall. E. P. GRARY, W. M. W. V. LIPPINCOTT, Rec. Sec.

G. A. R.—Chester A. Arthur Post No. 47, meets in G. A. R. hall every second and fourth Fridays in each month at 7:30 p. m. J. W. MILLER, ADJ. I. O. G. T.—Meets Tuesday night at 7 p. m. at A. O. U. W. hall. GEO. H. LINDLEY, C. T. G. O. SMITH, Rec. Sec.

W. C. T. U.—Meets every Wednesday afternoon in the Hallie Black. MRS. ADDIE VANANTWIP, Pres. MRS. ROSE DEBROG, Sec.

Young People's Reading Circle Tuesday evening of each week, under the auspices of the Epworth League. F. A. & I. U.—L. L. Polk lodge No. 365, meets every Saturday at 5 p. m. J. H. SMITH, Pres.

CHURCHES OF MEDFORD. Saint Marks Episcopal Sunday School meets at Episcopal church every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. W. Wilson, Rector; S. S. Pentz, Superintendent.

Methodist Episcopal Church—E. S. Craven, pastor. Services every Sunday morning and evening at usual hours for church services. Epworth League meets at 6:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening. Pastor's residence on C street, one block South of Mail office.

Presbyterian Church—Rev. A. S. Foster, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Y. P. S. C. K. 6:15 p. m. Junior Endeavor Society at 3 p. m. Sunday. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Baptist Church—Rev. J. Merley will preach on first and third Sunday and Rev. E. Russ on second and fourth Sundays of each month. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Junior Band at 2 p. m.

Methodist Episcopal Church South—Rev. W. J. Fenton pastor. Services every first and fourth Sundays of each month. Sunday school every Sunday at 3:00 p. m.

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