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Stoessel Reports Not One Has Been Lost.

ANXIOUSLY AWAITS FLEET

Commander at Port Arthur Believes He Can Hold Out.

HIS WOUND IS NOT SERIOUS

Spitzer From a Shell Struck Him in the Head—Fortress Has Been Provisioned and Ammunition Secured.

Statements given out at St. Petersburg regarding the situation at Port Arthur are more hopeful and represent that the garrison may be expected to hold out until the arrival of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron. The report that General Stoessel had been wounded is confirmed, but it is said his injury is not sufficient to prevent him from directing the defense of the fortress.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 18. (2:15 A. M.)—Rejoicing over the undoubted spirit displayed by General Stoessel in his telegram of congratulation to Emperor Nicholas on the anniversary of his accession to the throne, and officially announcing the failure of General Nogai's nine-day attempt to present Port Arthur to the Mikado as a birthday gift, is tempered by private information that the gallant commander of the garrison has been wounded. General Stoessel was struck in the head by a splinter from a shell while he was personally directing the repulse of a particularly desperate assault; but fortunately the wound is not serious, and General Stoessel has not been obliged to relinquish command. General Stoessel is regarded as the heart and soul of the defense, and his death or disability would be regarded as an irreparable misfortune.

Other information sent by General Stoessel, which has not been divulged for strategic reasons, it is said by the War Office is by no means unfavorable. While the garrison is now hemmed in to the citadel itself, not one of the main forts has been taken. The garrison has been provisioned, ammunition has arrived, and General Stoessel expressed confidence that the defense can be successfully maintained until the arrival of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's second Pacific squadron. The text of General Stoessel's dispatch of October 25 is as follows: "We have the honor to report to Your Majesty that the Japanese bombarded very vigorously October 25, our forts and entrenchments north and northeast. The following day they also attacked one of the forts on the north side, but our heavy artillery and sharpshooters dispersed their reserves and the assault was repulsed. Our losses were one officer and about 70 men killed and 400 wounded.

"Engineer Captain Sakharoff, formerly Governor of Port Dainy, died October 27, of typhoid fever. "It is difficult to single out individuals for especial mention among the heroic defenders. "In a telegram dated October 30, General Stoessel says: "Since my dispatch of October 25, the bombardment continues with great ferocity. "Under date of November 3, General Stoessel telegraphs: "We greet the Emperor. This day, a solemn one for all our country we offer prayers to God and send to our Emperor felicitations in the shape of reverberating hurrahs. On behalf of our people, we pray to God to give health to Your Majesty and their Majesties, the Empress and the Grand Duke Cesarevich. Our joy is all the greater because all the assaults which lasted nine days have been repulsed up to this great day, the anniversary of your accession to the throne, the same date our Japanese enemies celebrate the anniversary of the birth of their Mikado, and whereupon they had sworn to take the fortress. God is with us."

The report that the armored cruiser Gromoboi had been injured at Vladivostok is confirmed. The vessel grounded as she was returning to the harbor from a trial trip after the repair of the injuries received in the fight with Admiral Kamimura's squadron, but at the Admiralty the injuries are said to be slight.

Generals Kuropatkin reports that in an ambush November 15, near Sincchinpu, 22 Japanese dragoons were killed or wounded. "MAKE INDIVIDUAL TRUCES. Sharpshooters at Port Arthur Often Exchange Luxuries. CHEFOO, Nov. 17.—Fighting at Port Arthur has taken place nightly since the Japanese began their general assault on October 26 according to Captain Bonberg, a pilot, who was a passenger on the Russian torpedo-boat destroyer Rastoropy.

The Japanese trenches, the Captain says, are closest to the forts on Rilung and Kokwan Mountains, and to other forts of the northeastern group. The sharpshooters of both sides occupying the pits converse with each other and frequently make individual truces in order to borrow cigarettes or to relieve their cramped limbs. "The Japanese are displaying great energy in the construction of trenches and the mounting of guns. "At the railroad stations belonging to the Russians except the steel screw transport Amur, have been sunk by Japanese shells. The hospital ship Angara, formerly a transport, has been sunk in shallow water.

THE PATIENTS ARE STILL ON BOARD THE SHIP, AND ARE COMFORTABLE.

The Japanese shells directed against the harbor are fired with remarkable accuracy. Recently a six-armed Chinaman who was seen traveling in a sampan, was watched by the Russians, who observed that, following the discharge of each shell he placed a handkerchief to his nose and then into his left pocket, occasionally varying these movements, apparently thus signaling the landing places of the shells. The shells fell behind obstructions, which fact prevented the Japanese obtaining a direct view of their effect. The Chinaman was hanged.

One day last week a hospital ship moved to assist the battleships in the harbor, whereupon the Japanese dropped small shells around her with the obvious purpose of warning her away. The ship took the hint, and when she was outside the zone of danger large shells began falling near the battleships.

GREAT CREDIT DUE ARTILLERY

Smirnoff Distinguishes Himself in Beating Off Japanese. CHEFOO, Nov. 17.—A Russian who has just arrived here from Port Arthur reports that the fortress is holding out well despite three months of almost continuous bombardment. The active land defense is entirely in the hands of Lieutenant-General Smirnoff, commander of the fortress, though General Stoessel is ceaseless in his watchfulness and is frequently on the firing line. Much of the success in repelling the six days' attack, it is said, is due to General Smirnoff's handling of the artillery.

As an example of his work, the Russian relates that during an attack on a hill which was already in the hands of the Japanese on three days General Smirnoff sent quick-firing guns under cover of darkness and got in the rear of the Japanese, who were waiting for the final attack, to throw up and drove them off, preventing them from participating in the final assault. The report that the Japanese blew up the fort No. 2, the Associated Press informant says, is incorrect. The Japanese attempted to take the fort, but General Smirnoff personally superintended counter mining operations and the Japanese tunnel and put a stop to their advance.

HEARS GUNS ARE WEARING OUT

Tientsin Aids Russian Ammunition Is Becoming Scarce. LONDON, Nov. 18.—The fact that the Russian torpedo-boat destroyer Rastoropy, which arrived at Chefoo Wednesday, left Port Arthur much later than the date of General Stoessel's published report, which relates nothing later than November 3, is regarded as significant, and apparently, however, Tokyo has not yet received as late news as is contained in the report of American Consul-General Fowler at Chefoo, which was transmitted to the State Department at Washington Wednesday. "Special dispatches from Tientsin report a heavy bombardment of Port Arthur as late as November 12, and a slightly earlier by small parties of Russians, who lose heavily by bayonet fights. These reports give no reliable details, but concur in statements that the guns are wearing out and that the Russian ammunition is becoming scarce.

The Daily Telegraph's Tientsin correspondent says he has received a report that the Japanese have suddenly advanced in the direction of Mukden, from which place they are now only 12 miles distant.

CHASE RUSSIAN BOAT IN VAIN

Japanese Enter Chefoo to Find Torpedo-Boat Has Been Blown Up. CHEFOO, Nov. 17.—Three Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers which entered the harbor this morning to ascertain if the Russian torpedo-boat destroyer Rastoropy was there, disappeared for a time. It was supposed that they were the Japanese Consul sent a cutter out to meet them and informed the nearest destroyer, the Kasumi, that the Rastoropy was not there. The Japanese Consul sent a cutter out to meet them and informed the nearest destroyer, the Kasumi, that the Rastoropy was not there. The Japanese Consul sent a cutter out to meet them and informed the nearest destroyer, the Kasumi, that the Rastoropy was not there.

Feel Free to Use the Harbor.

TOKIO, Nov. 17.—The Navy Department has not received the report of the commander of the Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers sent to Chefoo to find the Russian torpedo-boat destroyer Rastoropy. It is generally understood here that the Japanese destroyers were to remain outside, but that whatever the facts may be, the incident has caused a great deal of uneasiness, because the Japanese feel free to use the harbor of Chefoo, the Russians. It is argued, having relieved the sense of responsibility as to its neutrality.

Describes Situation as Critical.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Consul-General Fowler today cabled the State Department from Chefoo that the situation at Port Arthur is extremely critical, the outer forts having fallen into the possession of the Japanese. He also states that three Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers are lying outside the harbor, and that the Russian crew of the torpedo-boat destroyer blown up yesterday are transferring their arms and supplies to a Chinese steamer posted in front of the Russian Consulate.

Crew Taken Aboard Chinese Cruiser.

CHEFOO, Nov. 17. (11 A. M.)—The crew of the Rastoropy has been taken aboard the Chinese cruiser Hai Tung, and their small arms have been taken from them. They will be kept on board the Hai Tung in order that the Chinese authorities may completely govern them.

SQUADRON WILL GO OUT.

Vladivostok Ships Plan to Make Another Sortie Soon. MOSCOW, Nov. 17.—Vice-Admiral Besbrazoff, who has just returned from Vladivostok, was interviewed here today. He said the recently-constructed fortifications at Vladivostok made the position stronger than ever. The entrance to the harbor had been thoroughly mined. The protected cruiser Bogatyr is out of dock, and the armored cruiser Gromoboi is undergoing repairs. Admiral Besbrazoff thinks the second Pacific squadron will be attacked in the Indian Ocean. He said the Vladivostok squadron will soon make another sortie.

IRRIGATES JAPAN

She Holds France Is Not Strictly Neutral.

BALTIC FLEET IS FAVORED

Tokio Press Says If French Government Persists in its Course It Will Be Responsible if Area of War is Extended.

HULL HEARING IS ADJOURNED

Witnesses Again Declare No Torpedo-Boats Were Among Trawlers. HULL, England, Nov. 17.—The third day of the Board of Trade inquiry into the North Sea incident opened today with further reiterations of the oft-repeated story that there were no Japanese, no guns and no ammunition on board the trawler fleet, and that the fishermen could conceive of no reason why they had been attacked. None of them had been asked by any Japanese agency to do anything, nor had they seen any Japanese or strange warship of any description in the North Sea, with the exception of the Russians. One witness admitted that on seeing the North Sea light ship Alpha he had remarked: "There's a torpedo-boat."

WATCH CHINESE GENERAL

Russians Somewhat Alarmed Since He Has Been Reinforced. BERLIN, Nov. 17.—The Lokal Anzeiger prints a dispatch from Mukden today which says: "It is confirmed from various quarters that the Japanese have double-tracked the railroad from Port Dainy to Lao Yang. Thirty trains are running daily. The Chinese General, Ma, has received reinforcements again, and has installed further Japanese military instructors. The Russians regard him with deep suspicion, and are keeping a sharp watch on his actions. "General Kuropatkin has issued an order of the day thanking the sanitary corps for the rapid transportation from Mukden, October 3 to October 26, of 200 wounded officers and 2,479 wounded men and 213 sick officers and 227 sick men. "The news of the revolt of the reserves in European Russia is a serious situation. The army newspaper says that people who betray their country in the hour of need are not worthy to bear the Russian name."

REPORT FROM KUROPATKIN.

Tells of Battle Tuesday, in Which Japanese Were Repulsed. ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 17.—General Kuropatkin, in a dispatch dated November 16, says: "Yesterday evening the Japanese assumed the offensive against our positions near Sincchinpu, but the attacks were repulsed. At about 11 o'clock at night the enemy recommenced a fusillade which lasted an hour and a half. Our losses were 14 men wounded. On the same day our sharpshooters ambushed 32 dismounted Japanese dragoons. The sharpshooters attempted to make prisoners of them, but the Japanese refused to surrender. All killed or wounded, except three, who were captured. A company of Japanese came to the rescue of their comrades, but the fire of the sharpshooters kept them at bay, and the sharpshooters rejoined their regiment without loss.

MAY CUT RUSSIANS OFF.

Japanese Reinforcements Will Move in Direction of Tieling. ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 17.—Information has been received here from Mukden to the effect that the Japanese have landed 30,000 troops at Yinkow, near Niu Chwang, and are marching toward the north of Dainy. It is believed that the troops landed at the latter place will immediately proceed to the northward by making use of a branch of railway leading almost directly into Niu Chwang, whence the reinforcements may proceed in the direction of Tieling, the object being to effect a flanking movement against the right wing of the Russian army, and thereby to cut off from further communication with Tieling.

FIGHTING EXPECTED TODAY.

Time for Resumption of Operations at Mukden Believed at Hand. MUKDEN, Nov. 17.—Everything has continued quiet up to the present moment, but it is confidently believed that fighting will be resumed on Friday. The report of General Kuroki's death persists, but Chinese deny it.

Will Shoot Anyone in Chinese Garb.

HARBIN, Nov. 17.—Orders have been given to the Japanese troops to shoot anyone in Chinese garb observed approaching the line for fear they may be Russians in disguise. Notices have been posted offering a reward of \$25 for every Chinese spy captured.

CHINESE ARE STARTED HOME

Party Connected With St. Louis Fair Is Closely Guarded. ST. LOUIS, Nov. 17.—Two hundred and thirty-two Chinese who have been connected with the World's Fair concession since the opening of the exposition departed tonight in eight special cars over the Wabash Railroad on their way to San Francisco, whence they will sail for China.

Russian Vessel Sighted.

ALLINGE, Island of Bornholm, Denmark, Nov. 17.—A Russian squadron, consisting of two cruisers, three auxiliary cruisers and five torpedo-boats, were sighted northward of Bornholm at noon today. The vessels probably were those which left Laban, yesterday to join the Russian second Pacific squadron.

Turning Movement Expected.

MUKDEN, Nov. 17.—It is reported that 30,000 Japanese troops have been landed at Niu Chwang and 20,000 more at Pitsewo, and that a turning movement on the Russian front is expected.

BOTH SUBMIT NEW TEXTS.

Russia and Britain Expect to Reach an Agreement in a Few Days. ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 17.—At the Foreign Office the Associated Press learns there is absolutely no cause for the alarmist reports regarding the hitch in the Anglo-Russian convention, which is confidently expected, will be removed and a full agreement reached within a few days. The report that Ambassador Benckendorf will be recalled is ridiculous. The situation is explained as follows: "Russia provisionally accepted the text of the convention in English as submitted by Great Britain, but when it was translated exception was taken to the phraseology, particularly to the portion referring to the determination of the question of blame. Russia contending that the convention text did not clearly raise the question of any blame which might attach to the other side. Exception was also taken to the language relating to the firing upon the fishermen, which, as worded, left the impression that the Russian ships knowingly fired upon them. Consequently Russia prepared an entirely new text, which, French, which was submitted, but was rejected by Great Britain.

Benckendorf Will Not Be Recalled.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 17.—The facts do not warrant the sensational report that Count Benckendorf, the Russian Ambassador to Great Britain, may be recalled on account of the present hitch in the Anglo-Russian convention. The news as intimated by the London Daily Telegraph this morning in a dispatch from St. Petersburg. "Russia has taken exception to the language of the English text of the article relating to fixing the blame, and has proposed some modifications, but there is no evidence yet that a deadlock has been reached. The Admiralty is undoubtedly exercising influence upon the Foreign Office in the matter.

Difference Concerns Small Details.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The Associated Press learns that there is no justification whatever for the sensational deductions made in the London Daily Telegraph's dispatch from St. Petersburg, published in the London Morning Post, regarding the Anglo-Russian North Sea convention. Russia has accepted in principle the international commission, but the exact text of the agreement must be the subject of agreement between the two powers, and present difference concerns small details of the wording of the agreement as submitted by Great Britain for Russia's consideration.

France Does Not Deem Hitch Serious.

PARIS, Nov. 17.—Official advice from St. Petersburg show that the hitch which has occurred in the Anglo-Russian convention is not regarded as serious. The main issues are not affected, Russia desiring a modification of certain parts of detail. Unofficial information confirms the statement that the modification desired relates to the question of punishment of the officers found to be responsible for firing on the trawlers.

POLITICS TO COUNT LITTLE.

Roosevelt Will Appoint Strong Men to Alaska Positions. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 17.—President Roosevelt has not yet selected successors to Judge Melville C. Brown or Marshall F. O'Connell of Alaska, though he conferred today with Attorney-General Moody regarding the matter. The Attorney-General says he will be filled within a few days, as soon as the President can find men that meet his requirements. The determination to fill both positions immediately indicates that no consideration will be given to the political backing of the various aspirants. In fact, it is believed the President will act altogether on his own responsibility in making these appointments.

BIG FIREFIGHT IS BURNED.

Boston Firemen Have Hard Time to Keep Fire from Spreading. BOSTON, Nov. 17.—The London pier and shed of the Warren Line, in Charlestown, filled with oil, wood pulp and other highly inflammable material, was completely destroyed by fire tonight, and it was only by the utmost exertion that the firemen were able to save the adjoining property. The big Hoosac Tunnel grain elevator and the White Star Line pier, and a number of vessels narrowly escaped destruction. The entire north end of the city was deluged with sparks. At midnight the fire was under control. The loss is estimated at \$500,000, of which \$200,000 is on freight.

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