Japanese Will Make Fewer Assaults at Port Arthur.

COST OF LIFE IS TOO GREAT

Sinking of Fleet the Main Object of Recent Desperate Attacks-No Sign of Life on the Russian Vessels During Battle.

TOKIO, Dec. 8.-In disabiling the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, precluding the possibility of its being able to reinforce second Pacific squadron, the Japan-have accomplished the main object of the desperate assaults against the forof the despirate assaults against the lat-treese which they have been making for the past three months. There is now a strong probability that, while continuing the siege, they will avoid losses of the magnitude aiready attending their ef-forts, and, instead of assaulting, will on starving out the garrison until it is finally captured.

Considerable astonishment is expressed ore over the fact that the Russians in o way resisted the disabiling of the Port Arthur fleet. In certain quarters the opinion is expressed that the Russiana opened the seacocks of the submerged is so as to lessen their exposure to Japanese fire,

The recent cessation of mine clear-ing was taken as evidence that the fieet did not intend to make a sortle. There was no sign of life on the Russian ships during the bombard-ment, and from this fact it is conclud-ed that the bluejackets took refuge on nd or that they are engaged in the

With the Russian second Pacific squadron approaching, those in Tokio cannot comprehend the failure of the Russians to die hard and to inflict all possible damage on the Japanese fleet, even at the cost of weakening the ef-

even at the cost of weakening the el-fective garrison. Now that the Port Arthur fleet has been disabled, it is deemed impossible for the Russians to overcome the in-feriority of the second Pacific squad-ron to Togo's fleet, unless, at present unforseen, the Black Sea fleet should pass the Dardanolles. The following report dated December

The following report, dated December 16 P. M., has been received from the mmander of the maval land batteries

n front of Port Arthur: "Eight shells struck the protected ruiser Pallada today and set her on fire. ously she began to list to port, woring astern. She is deemed unfitted for navigation.

"During the action we discovered the unboat Giliak to the landward north if the battleship Peresvict, and bomburdner. Eleven of our shells were effect-This vessel is deemed to be almost

"The hits made by our naval and slege guns today are estimated to be 22. The armored cruisor Bayan caught fire at 11:30 o'clock this morning, and the fire was not extinguished at 4:15 in the after-Evidently the cruiser is seriously

The results of our hombardment of the battleship 'ovastopol, the mine ship Amar and the transports, are not yet

Another report from the same com-mander dated at I o'clock this (Friday) norming, is as follows:

"As the result of our naval gun bom-bardment yesterday (Thursday) the Bayan was hit six ilmes and the Amur 14 times. The Amur is sinking astern, "Our cannonade directed against the storehouses and arsenals at the north-east base of Palyn Mountain resulted in blue couples errort damane

36 hits, causing great damage. The hits montioned were made with shells from heavy guns. Those made by small shells are not mentioned in

TO STARVE OUT FORT while a Yosid detachment of the same strength had similar orders to capture Akasaka Hill. On November 30 it became a detachment under Major Shizuta. During the operation the cold was so intense ing the operation the cold was so intense that many of the men were frost bitten, as it was necessary to pass the night with-out shelter. The Japanese, after the cap-ture of 203-Meter Hill, anticipated a ter-rible bombardment from the Russian forts, and made preparations accordingly, but the Russians remained strangely quiet.

The same correspondent says that the Russians at Port Arthur on December 7 resumed mine-clearing operations, pre-sumably to enable the torpedo-boat de stroyers to attempt to escape and join the Baltic squadron. The Dally Telegraph's Tientsin corre

spondent reports that General Oku, after a three-days' artillery engagement, drove the Russians on Sunday out of the small lofty island of Gushan in the river ten miles below Lino Yang. The Russians, it is added, abandoned a quantity of supplies and several guns, and retired to a position and several guns, and retired to a position eight miles northwest, whence they heav-ily bombarded the Japanese, setting fire to kerosene depots and causing a great configgration which did not cease until Wednesday. The Japanese are still gal-lantly holding the island with a handful of mer. Their consultant is allowed of men. Their casualties, it is alleged, number 500.

Prisoners Report Food Scarce.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE JAPAN-THEADQUARTERS OF THE JAPAN-ESE THERD ARMY, BEFORE PORT AR-THUR, Dec. 8, via Fusan, Dec. 9.-Rus-sian prisoners report that the food supply of the garrison is insufficient. The men subsist on short rations of bread, made of a mixture of flour and coarser grains, while the officers set horseflow twice a while the officers get horseflesh twice a week

Dysentery and typhoid, the prisoners may, are prevalent. Owing to the bad weather, a supply of fresh vegetables cannot be obtained, and the supply of cannot be obtained, and the supply of linned meat was finished a month ago. The appearance of the prisoners goes to substantiate their statements. They are well clothed, but emaciated.

Every Courtesy Shown Prisoners. HEADQUARTERS OF THE THIRD JAPANESE ARMY, BEFORE PORT AR-THUR, via Fusan, Dec. 9.-Two Russian officers captured at 300-Meter Hill, one belonging to the navy and the other to the army, are being treated with the greatest courtesy by the Japanese staff In consideration of similar treatment ac-corded to Japanese officers captured by the Russians. Special arrangements have been made to transport the officers to Jap

This is taken as an indication of the disposition of both sides to end the feroc-ity characteristic of the fighting for months past, during which quarter was neither asked nor given.

Stoessel is Overruled.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE THIRD JAPANESE ARMY, BEFORE PORT AR-THUR, via Fusan, Dec. 9.-The Japanese regard the refusal of the Russians to accept an armistice, which had been asked for and granted for the purpose of gath-ering the killed and wounded on 200-Meter Hill, as the overruling of the humane desire of General Stoessel by the officers commanding the forts. It was feared by these officers, the Japanese think, that their men would desert and give the Japanese the advantage of information re garding the forts. Russian prisoners report that General

Stoessel's order was overruled by the gar-rison commanders.

Thirty-Six Japanese Officers Killed.

TOKIO, Dec. 9 (10:30 A. M.) .- imperial army headquarters has published a list of 26 officers killed and 58 wound-ed. No mention is made of where these casualies occurred, but it was presumably at Port Arthur.

Ural in West African Port. DAKAR, West Africa, Dec. 8 .- The Rus sian cruiser Ural has arrived.

SAYS GERMANY IS SAVING HER

Military Critic Says Otherwise Russia First of the Appropriation Bills Would Have to Sue for Peace. SPECIAL CABLE. BERLIN, Dec. 10.-Russia w

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tee on the Swayne impaachment case. The minority were given until Monday to file their report. The House adjourned until Monday. Court then decided that, under the law, the Commission had no such authority. Western members of Congress especially have urged that the power recommended by the President be conferred by law upon the Commission

Report is Unfavorable to Swayne.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.-The Judiciary

committee, a subcommittee of which has

taking testimony in the case of Fed-

ing operations in the 25 principal cities of the United States for the month of No-vember, 1994, as compared with the month in 1993, the Construction News tomorrow will say there has been a total increase of about 25 per cent.

tempt upon a man who refuses.

Juvenile Gamblers. The World Today. Any morning in Chicago or New York

ne may see girls of 16 and 17, with their

heads close together over a newspaper

the report.

TALKATIVE CAPTAIN TO SUFFER

Clado Will Be Disciplined for Attacks on the Admiralty.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 3.-The Asso-ciated Press is authorized to make the llowing statement: "The reports spread abroad that Russia

the reports spread abroad that Russia had purchased either Chilean or Argen-tine warships are untrue. Efforts were made to secure them for the purpose of reinforcing Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron before it sailed, but there were so many difficulties in the way that the project was abandoned. Their purchase now, even if it were possible, would be unavailing, as Rojestvensky will have arrived in the Far East before they could be manned and fitted. After the war the ships will be out of date. Having failed ourselves, we are equally confident that the ships will not fall into the parts of the Japanese. hands of the Japanese.

has no confirmation, however, caused a feeling of extreme sadness in high naval circles, where the plans of Rear Admiral Wiren, the commander of the Port Arthur squadron were known. It seems incredible that when it became apparent the ships were under fire of the Japanese guns they were not taken out and sunk

guns they were not taken out and sunk in deep water, where they would be be-yond the possibility of salvage. Captain Clado's campaign in the Novoe Vremya against the Admiralty and in fa-yor of sending out the Black Sea fleet, irrespective of treaty considerations promises to have a sensational sequel. The Captain has gone to the length of not only criticising the Admiralty, but the Grand Duke Alexis, the High Ad-miral. It is announced at the Admiralty that Captain Clado's action is intoler-able, and that he will be arrested for in-fraction of discipline. The Captain is one of the wincesses detached from Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet to appear Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet to appear at Paris before the international commission which is to inquire into the North Sea Incident, and this will only involve confinement in a guardhouse for two weeks and therefore will not interfere with his attendance at Paris.

BOATS MAY MAKE DASH.

Russians Resume Mine Operations at Port Arthur.

LONDON, Dec. 10.-According to the Morning Post's Shanghal dispatch the Japanese forces, with the exception of those manning the forts, have already retreated to Laote Mountains.

alls continue to filter in of the cap-of 20-Meter Hill. The Daily Tele-Details graph's correspondent before Fort Arthur explains that the capture was due to a strong feint against the eastern fortifications on the night of December 5, the position of 305-Meter Hill being an enfilading one, forcing the Russians to evact usic without a contest, to a parallel line of semi-permanent defenses extending eastward and irregularly over the slopes within a half mile north of Etse Mountain. The Japanese casualties at 30-Meter Hill alone exceeded the total of the battle of Nanshan, according to the Daily Mail's Tokio dispatches. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon of November B a Tomoyasu de-tachment with a battallon of infantry and company of engineers received orders that they must capture 293-Meter Hill, | thereto.

pelled to abandon Manchuria and sue for sence were it not for the practical assist ance it is receiving from Germany, accord ing to Carl Peters, military critic of the Tagelische Rundschau, the leading army organ of this city.

"Russia,"" he says, "has been enabled to reinforce Kuropatkin with the best troops of the entire army only through the wholesale depiction of the garrison of ite Western European frontier, which is now hourly in progress. Nothing but the honorable friendly neutrality of Germany, as well as of Germany's ally, Austria-Hungary, permits the carrying out of such plans. Russla was obliged to con clude peace during the Crimean War be cause Austria began to mobilize. Th The Czar need fear no such diversion during the present campaign."

Advices to Japanese Legation. LONDON, Dec. 9.-A dispatch to the Japanese Legation from Tokio, dated to-

day, says: "The naval staff at Port Arthur reports The Associated Press is also authorized to state that even if every ship of the Port Arthur squadron is destroyed, it will have no effect on Rojestvensky's Gillak (gunboat). The Bayan took fire plans, which never contemplated assist-ance from the Port Arthur squadron. The reports of the slinking of a number of Russian ships, of which the Admiralty near Palyu Mountain and the arsenal."

Japanese Compelled to Fall Back.

WITH THE JAPANESE TROOPS BEFORE PORT ARTHUR, Nov. 26 (night), via Fusan, Dec. 9.—The Japan-ese established infantry trenches inside the parapets of the two Rihlung and the North Kekwan forts, but the following day they were compelled to retire behind the mosts. Since then there has been practically no fighting along the incline of the eastern ridge of forts, where the strength of the Japanese troops has been concentrated for the capture of 298-Meter Hill,

Czar Appreclates British Act.

LONDON, Dec. 2.-In recognition of the assistance rendered by the British cruiser Talbot to the crews of the Russian cruiser Variag and gunboat Korietz after the battle of Chemulpo, the Emperor of Russia has sent a sliver bowl to the wardroom of the Taibot and \$2500 to the Prince of Wales as a present for the royal navy fund.

Japan May Float New Loan.

TOKIO, Dec. 9 .- The ministers of state and party leaders today informally dis-custed the budget. It is probable that a compromise arrangement will be reached, the proposed increase of certain taxes not meeting with popular approval, and that a new loan will be floated to meet the consequent deficit.

Britain Cannot Move for Peace.

LONDON, Dec. 9.-In response to the appeal of the International Arbitration Society, Foreign Minister Lansdowne an-nounces that the government is not aware of any circumstances that would justify it in modifying its previous decision not to interfere with the present Russo-Japanese War.

Czar Remembers Brave Officers.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 9.-Empered Nicholas has conferred upon Lieutenant-General Sakharoff and Lieutenant-Gen-eral Bilderling gold swords of honor, set with brilliants and inscribed: "For valor."

Diaz Reappoints Cabinet.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 2 .- President Diaz has reappointed the entire Cabinet, and today has asked Congressional sanction

NO SALARIES ARE INCREASED

Is Passed.

Legislative, Executive and Judicial Departments Provided For-Holiday Recess Will Extend From

December 21 to January 4.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- The House today passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill almost as it came from the committee and ad-Journed until Monday.

The Civil Service Commission provisions disposed of, there was no long debate on any item today.

Throughout the session the policy of retrenchment held full sway and all attempts to increase salaries failed. The House passed a resolution to ad-Journ on December 21 until January 4 for the usual Christmas holiday.

When the appropriation bill was taken up, on a point of order by Perkins (N. Y.) the provision appropriating \$10,000 for compensation and expenses of specialists to make investigation into the Department of Commerce and Labor with the object of se-

tions, Baker (Dem., N. Y.) said his com-plaint was not that too much money had been appropriated for the pay of special attorneys, special examiners and special agents, but that no use had been made of the money. There had been, he said, a demand to investigate what had come to be known as the trusts. "What is the result? Absolutely nothing."

He had been assured by a friend in the Department that an investigation had been made of one corporation, whose books were so kept that it could not be ascertained whether that corporation had made \$100,000,000 or \$1,-00,000. It was, he said, a notorious fact that a steel rail association exist ed, and yet he had been informed that the House judiciary committee would report adversely an his resolution to investigate that association on the ground that it was a rumor. In a stentorian vol > he declared, amid Demo-cratic app.ause, that "it was a rumor so strenuous, so terrible, that it can take the American people by the throat and exact an undue tribute of \$20,000,-900. He ridiculed the idea that any one did not know of such an asso tion

On a point of order by Maddox (Dem. Ga.) the salary for the position of chief of the Bureau of Manufacturers of the Department of Commerce and Labor was cut out.

The bill and the several amendments were reported to the House. Bingham demanded a separate vote on the amendment reducing the compensation of committee stenographers from \$5000 to \$3000. By a vate of 43 to 53 the House restored the amount as originall fixed. As amended the bill was then passed

Palmer (Pa.) from the committee on adiciary, submitted the supplemental judiciary, submitted the supplemental report of the majority of the commit-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.-In the esti-mates for the Diplomatic and Consular Service forwarded to Congress by Secre-tary Hay, recommendations are made for increases in the salaries of a large num-

crease Salaries of a Number.

ber of officers in the service. It is rec-ommended that the salary of the Minister to Argentina be increased to \$2000; that of Minister resident to Liberia \$550, and that provision be made for a Minister to Roumania and Servia, and one for Greece and Montenegro and for a Con-sular Agent in Bulgaria. Increased salaries are recommended for the secretar les of Legation to Turkey and Switzer-land. A third secretary is proposed for the Legations to Italy and Austria and a new Consulate at each of the following places at the salarles named: Alexandria. \$500; Belgrade, \$3000; Rucharest

Carlshad, \$2000; British North Borneo; \$3000.

TO GIVE BOARD MORE POWER. Roosevelt Active in Behalf of Inter-

state-Commerce Commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .-- Enlargement of the powers of the interstate Commerce Commission is one of the questions which will be pressed vigorously at the present session of Congress. It is said that in the mind of President Roosevelt no problem is more important than this to all

In conference with members of the Sen ate and House of Representatives, the President has emphasized the views he advanced in his message for the extension of the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission. With several members he discussed the subject today. Until 1897 the Commerce Commission had the power to regulate freight rates, but the Supreme

eral Judge Swayne, today ordered the submission to the House of a report which embraced the following:

"The committee on the judiciary respectfully report to the House the tes-timony taken in the case of Charles Swayne since Congress adjourned, with the conclusion that in their opinion said the said Charles Swayne."

> nay be changes in the diplomatic servce, and possibly in the Cabinet, is dent from a statement made by a high | towns in which natives have, in the official of the State Department today, replying to an inquiry, in which he said that the President expects most of his Cabinet and all the Ambassadors to send in their resignations between now

decided to send for some of the dis-trict engineers, as they desired to hear from them on the needs of rivers and harbors in their respective districts.

Health Officials Release Steamers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 .- The steamers Coronation and Coulsdon, which have been held at quarantine on suspicion that there might be cholers and bubonic plague on board, were released by the health offi-

Increase in Building Is Marked.

People Who Never Say "No" and Never Do "Yes."

FILIPINO CHARACTER.

tabulation, trying to figure out "win-F. W. Atkinson in World's Work. ners" during their street-car or elevated An experience of three years in the road ride to the factories and offices where Philippines has brought me to the conthey are employed. Listen to them and clusion that the Filipinos are incapable you will hear the language of the track. of self-government. They are man-aged by a few ambitious leaders. They They know the relative reputations of the jockeys, and can talk glibly of their ridhave not yet cultivated a sense of fair play and tolerance for those who differ ing weights and of their seats in the sad-dle. They know the horses and their supopinion, and yet, although the gift osed likings for track, weight and disof self-government in full measure was not possible, the United States betance. They are ready for handbook pluck-Meet them on the way home and you will hear them say sadly that "luck" had not been with them that day, and will see them tear up their tickets and throw them main, the same control over their local affairs as is enjoyed by the residents Only one thing is worse for these nway. girls than losing, and that is Losses may bring a tardy, dejected re-

form. Winnings lead to the frenzy of daily trips to the race courses themselves; to the spurring of all wild emotions; to Very few of them, however, show ex-scutive ability, and some of them be-tray obstirfate inefficiency and inactthe plunge into the black, enguing chasm where life is the least of the things loat. Observation will show that boys take ivity. The tendency everywhere in the East is in the direction of one-man their first gambling lessons earlier than girls. If they have sucked the poison, they power; and, too often in the Philippines, the Mayor, or Provincial Gov-ernor, dominates everything, so far as will be hardened gamblers when not half way through their teens. The idea of working for a living is lost as soon as the fever of chance is in their blood. In renor, dominates everything, so far as he can. He is very ready with prom-ises; but, as some one has said. "the Filipino never says 'no, but never does 'yes." When asked for information, he studies you, and is inclined to give you poolrooms, on race trains, at the tracks, the majority of the "regulars" are young in years, though old in everything else. the answer he thinks you want. Indi-Rut though their schooling is sooner acrectness is a trait, and the giving of gifts by subjects to those in authority, quired than that of girls, it is begun at the same place-the handbook kindergar-ten, and the instructor is the same-the custom common in the Philippines. From instinct, the Filipino agrees with the boodler's opinion that there is no

newspaper "dope sheet."

use in holding an office unless it can be turned to profit. It is hard for Fill-pinos to understand that the giving of Forty pills in a vial: only one pfli a dose. use in holding an office unless it can



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CHICAGO, Dec. 9.-In reviewing build-

strengthens the case against

Ambassadors Are Expected to Resign.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—That there may be changes in the diplomatic serv-e, and possibly in the Cabinet, is evi-municipal affairs. There are some 600