



END IS AT HAND

Port Arthur Weakens Under Attack.

READY TO GIVE IN

General Stoessel Asks Nogi for Terms.

PANLUNG HEIGHTS SEIZED

H Fort Is Stormed by the Besieging Japanese.

ATTACKERS' LOSSES LIGHT

Russians Are Making Preparation to Abandon the Entire East Position of Defenses—Harbor Is Too Warm for Torpedo Craft.

Great Sieges of Last Century. Sebastopol, until 1855 Russia's chief fortified port in the Black Sea, was besieged 243 days by French, British and Turkish troops. The total Russian loss was 46,000; the loss of allies, 60,000. Gibraltar was defended by the British against the French and Spanish 374 days. Paris was besieged by the Prussians 122 days. Flevea was defended by the Turks against the Russians 81 days. Khartoum was defended by the British against the Mahdi 341 days. Ladysmith was defended by the British against the Boers 118 days. Other notable sieges were: Kars, in the Crimean War; Delhi and Lucknow, in the Indian Mutiny; Belfort, in the Franco-German War; and Saragossa, in the Peninsular War.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The New York Sun Tokyo correspondent, citing this morning, declares that General Stoessel has surrendered Fort Arthur to the Japanese. The report as yet lacks confirmation.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE THIRD JAPANESE ARMY, Jan. 1, via Fusan.—The Russians are preparing to evacuate their entire position east of Port Arthur.

TOKIO, Jan. 2 (1 P. M.)—It is understood that hostilities at Port Arthur were stopped today and that the Russian and Japanese chiefs of staff met at noon at Shushiyung to discuss terms of surrender.

TOKIO, Jan. 2, 10 A. M.—The following cable has been received from Nogi: "I received a letter relating to surrender from General Stoessel, commanding the Russian forces at Port Arthur, Sunday night at 5 o'clock."

The news that the Russian forces at Port Arthur have been reduced to such a strait that at last the heroic commander has been forced to propose surrender follows upon a month of reverses. The siege began almost with the firing of the first gun in the war, nearly 11 months ago, and when perhaps the greatest stronghold in the world was garrisoned by 40,000 Russian soldiers, supported by a formidable squadron of modern battleships, cruisers and torpedo-boats. These warships have been destroyed or disposed of until but a few torpedo-boats remain in the harbor. The garrison at latest accounts, had been reduced to about 15,000 men.

December 4 High (200-Meter) Hill, one of the most commanding positions in the series of forts held by the Russians, was captured by the Japanese, after a severe fight, in which the loss on both sides was enormous. It was from this hill that the deathblow was dealt the warships that were then remaining in the harbor, and afterward the Japanese guns were trained upon the town and such forts as were within range.

December 10 the East Kokwan fort was taken by the Japanese, affording them another advantageous position from which to assault other forts in the chain of defense. Mining and sapping were important factors in the capture of this position as they were also in the fall of the Rihlung fort, December 25. All these achievements served to cut communications between the Russian forts destined to be the "last ditch" of the defenders, from a great part of the chain of forts.

From the hour of the fall of East Kokwan events have seemed to be hastening to their culmination. December 31 Sangshu Mountain fell into the hands of the besiegers, and only a few hours later the H fort, another strong position, was captured.

The report that the noncombatants of Port Arthur had been accorded an asylum behind Laotai Mountain may have been an indication of the Russian commander's intention to surrender within a brief time as was assured.

WANTAI HILL IS STORMED.

Key to Center of Eastern Fortified Position Captured.

TOKIO, Jan. 2.—(10 A. M.)—The Japanese stormed and captured Wantai Hill yesterday (Sunday).

divides the eastern fortified ridge. The Japanese in August unsuccessfully attacked this hill.

CAPTURE OF H FORT.

Victorious Besiegers at Same Time Take Heights of Panlung.

TOKIO, Jan. 1 (6:30 P. M.)—Following the dramatic assault upon the capture of Sangshu Mountain, the Japanese at Port Arthur today captured H fort and the recently constructed fort on Panlung Mountain, obtaining possession of the entire line between Rihlung Mountain and H fort via Panlung Mountain. Simultaneously with the capture of the forts the extreme right pressing along Pigeon Bay, captured the heights south of Housanyantao. Telegraphing today the headquarters of the besieging forces says: "A part of the center, dislodging the enemy, occupied H fort at 7 o'clock this morning and also captured the new fort on Panlung Mountain."

"Thus the line between Rihlung Mountain and H fort via Panlung Mountain fell firmly into our hands. "Part of our right, which commenced a bombardment at 5 o'clock this morning and dislodged the enemy, who resisted stubbornly, firmly occupied a height south of Housanyantao at 2 o'clock."

News of the continuance of the Japanese success at Port Arthur received with elation in Tokio. It is known that the Japanese losses were comparatively light. It is believed here that the Russian garrison is finally reaching its limits of strength, endurance and numbers.

SHUNGSHU FORT FALLS.

Many of Defenders Killed in the Explosion of the Mines.

HEADQUARTERS THIRD JAPANESE ARMY, via Fusan, Dec. 31.—The fort on Shungshu Mountain was captured at 11 o'clock in the morning. The works were mined and exploded at 10 A. M., many Russians being killed and buried in the debris. Those who remained in the fort were captured. There was little opposition to the attack. The northeast section of the fort was destroyed, affording cover for the assaulters.

The Japanese now hold forts guarding the entire western half of the eastern fort ridge.

Joyous Crowds Fill Streets.

TOKIO, Jan. 2, 11:25 A. M.—Tokio in wildly joyous over General Nogi's telegram announcing that General Stoessel had sent a letter relating to the surrender of Port Arthur. Newsboys crying the extras were the messengers who carried the news to the holiday crowds in the streets. The people grabbed the papers and repeated the cries. This was the news carried throughout the city and within a few minutes the firing of aerial bombs and daylight rockets began in various parts of the city. Bands appeared and a score of small processions formed and surged through the streets.

Port of Dalny to Be Opened.

TOKIO, Jan. 1 (5:30 P. M.)—A proclamation signed by Admiral Togo, which was issued today, diminishes the lines of the Port Arthur blockade. The new line of blockade commences at the south head of Tallen Bay and runs northwesterly, clearing Dalny, to the south head of Society Bay. All the Laotai Peninsula westward of this line is included in the blockade. The narrowing of the line is evidently intended to open Dalny to foreign shipping, but for the present only those vessels having special permission are admitted. The entire line of blockade was more effective today.

Safety for Non-Combatant.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at the headquarters of General Nogi, before Port Arthur, telegraphed under date of December 31 that the non-combatants have been given shelter under Laotai Mountain. The correspondent says that the Russians have promised not to fire from that direction and have requested them not to bombard the position. This proposal was agreed upon.

Compelled to Destroy Own Forts.

CHEFOO, Jan. 2.—It is reported that the Russians destroyed the two forts near the railway at Port Arthur, because of a shortage of men and ammunition.

WAITING FOR THE END.

Cheery Novakral at Port Arthur Has Given Up All Hope.

CHEFOO, Jan. 1 (9 P. M.)—Copies of the Port Arthur Novakral, dated December 24 and December 25, which have reached here, contain pathetic references to the last stand of the last shells of Russia's Asiatic squadron. Even General Stoessel, who has been silent in respect to the navy since August 10, issued an order landing the battleship Sevastopol, the hammer of the sea, on the last shells of Russia's Asiatic squadron. Even General Stoessel, who has been silent in respect to the navy since August 10, issued an order landing the battleship Sevastopol, the hammer of the sea, on the last shells of Russia's Asiatic squadron.

"Nothing," says the Novakral, "could exceed the unflinching devotion of the men who calmly went forth into the roadstead in the face of certain and ultimate destruction."

For the first time since the siege began the Novakral, whose sole aim has been seemingly to inspire the garrison, betrays feelings of pathetic helplessness of even the most heroic resistance that everyone saw as the ships succumbed to the fire of the Japanese shells.

"The hill received on its breast the hammering of the second shells which split the rocks and went through 3-inch steel as through paper. "Who, but Providence, can save us from these thunderbolts?"

"What Port Arthur goes through? It is possible to describe, but Russia will know what her sons have suffered."

"It is past human ingenuity to paint or describe Port Arthur's sufferings as they really are."

The fighting at 200-Meter Hill, according to the Novakral, lasted 14 days, until December 6, when "death, which had had no rest for 16 days, ceased her work."

The only other mention of the Russian fleet is an expression from the Novakral of the condition of helplessness that everyone saw as the ships succumbed to the fire of the Japanese shells. Yagernister-Belashoff had, according to the Novakral, held a conference with the Japanese in reference to the protection of the hospitals from the Japanese shells. The conference resulted in the making of the Red Cross flags larger and also the painting of the same on the sides of the hospitals.

FULTON AMAZED

Mitchell Indictment Astonishes Senator.

CALLS PUTER A PERJURER

Declares Evidence Is of the Flimsiest Character.

HE ALONE SUPPORTED HALL

Senior Senator Wanted Moreland District Attorney, While Herrmann Was Behind Proposed Advancement of Brownell.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 1.—Senator Fulton, after reading the Associated Press story of the indictment of Senator Mitchell and Representative Herrmann, made the following statement: "The account purports to be, and I assume is, a fairly complete summary of the Government's evidence. I confess I am astonished that the grand jury should have returned an indictment on such evidence. Apparently all the evidence against Senator Mitchell are his own admissions and the uncorroborated testimony of the convicted Puter. Mitchell admits that Puter came to Washington with a letter of introduction from Mays; that he accompanied him to the Land Office and urged that the issuing of patents to the land claims should be expedited. "Herrmann, it appears, declined to make such an order in the absence of a showing by affidavit of facts that would justify it, whereupon Puter told Mitchell a tale of woe, and Mitchell dictated an affidavit embodying the alleged facts for him and his accomplice, Watson, to sign. They signed and filed it, and the claims were passed to patent."

Members Constantly Importuned. "All this, I understand, Mitchell admits. Nothing unusual about the transaction, either. It does not materially differ from the work of every member of the delegation is almost constantly being importuned by constituents to perform. But now comes Puter, already convicted and awaiting sentence under one indictment and trial on others, and no doubt promised leniency, if not immunity; willing, certainly, in order to secure the one or the other, to smirch the character of any one, and says that he paid Mitchell for his services \$300. "Of course, in view of the fact that all the detailed circumstances attending the transaction save the receipt of the money are substantially admitted to have occurred, it was easy for a swift and willing perjurer such as Puter to inject the one element necessary to convert an otherwise innocent transaction, so far as Mitchell is concerned, into a crime. He did so by swearing he paid to Mitchell the money, and in consequence a man who has served his state in the Senate for almost a quarter of a century without his name having been connected or associated with any charge or whisper of a charge of corruption, is now, at the age of 70 years, compelled to go into court and defend his character."

Acquittal Will Not Heal Wounds.

"Certainly no trial jury will convict on such evidence, but even acquittal will not heal the wound inflicted by the foul charge—a charge, in my judgment, in this instance, as false as foul. "In a public account, it is stated that the conspiracy, so far as Mitchell and Herrmann are concerned, was formed and entered into after Puter reached Washington. While it is admitted that Puter came with a letter of introduction to Mitchell, it is said that it will be shown that in truth Mitchell knew him well, that he had long been an active supporter of Mitchell. If so, it seems strange that he should have approached him to enter into the conspiracy with a letter of introduction. "It was stated by high officials in Washington that both Mitchell and Herrmann were earnest supporters of Hall for reappointment. Hall having been suspended, this statement is made as being significant. I happen to know that statement is entirely a mistake. Neither of them has at any time supported Hall for reappointment. On the contrary, Mitchell has at all times favored Judge Moreland. Herrmann supported Brownell until the latter withdrew. Thereafter he also supported Moreland."

The Only Man for Hall.

"I am the only member of the delegation who has ever favored the reappointment of Hall. The fact is, however, that Hall was reappointed by the President on his own motion. Not one of us made a recommendation for the position, as we were unable to agree, and we have always endeavored to act as a unit. "According to the published accounts, the evidence against Herrmann is equally incredible and discreditable. I profoundly regret that Oregon's good name should be imperiled by two of her Representatives in Congress being subjected to public accusation, but while it is humiliating at present, I look confidently to the future for her and their complete vindication."

PAGIN HAS GOOD RECORD.

Much to Do in Preparing Cases Against Beef Trust in Illinois.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Oliver E. Pagin, who has been appointed by the Department of Justice as special attorney to assist in prosecuting the Oregon

land frauds, was formerly assistant United States District Attorney for the Northern Illinois District, and in that capacity had much to do with investigating and preparing the cases against the beef trust and other combinations. He has also done good work in ferreting out and prosecuting counterfeiters and violators of revenue laws in Chicago.

TAKES THEIR BREATH.

Wall-Street Operators Are Fearful of Lawson's Threat.

REAL GRIEF IS MANIFESTED

Woman Pleads With Husband to Put Trust in Her Tale.

"I HOPE SO," IS ONLY REPLY

Cleveland Physician Is Released on Bond, and May Be Allowed to Occupy His Euclid-Avenue Mansions—Says He's a Pauper.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—It is learned today that plans have been made by the so-called Standard Oil-Amalgamated crowd of financiers, whom Thomas W. Lawson calls "the system," to balk his next attack upon Amalgamated Copper and other stocks of the Standard Oil group, which he has announced for this coming Tuesday. Lawson states that he would have another big advertisement in Tuesday morning's papers in the leading papers of the United States and Europe, and the big Wall-street group taking him at his word have fixed up a deal to defeat his scheme and pour millions of money into the market if he tries to attack it, and bolster up stock in a way that will discredit him forever, if possible, by preventing any serious break.

Evident proof that Lawson is feared as a dangerous enemy through his ability to spoil their plans for a rise in prices was seen yesterday in the way "the system" rushed to the support of Amalgamated, which it is believed is to be the center of his attack. United States Steel and Hook Island are understood to be weak points, and the financiers responsible for the marketing of these stocks were busy all day yesterday planning to open the expected attack Tuesday. It is understood that J. P. Morgan has instructed his brokers to protect United States Steel from going to smash at the cost of his entire fortune, if necessary, though it is not believed that he will interfere if there are only small recessions in prices. Usually Lawson's raids are made without warning, and this public announcement of his proposed move took away the breath of veteran operators and leaves them with the uneasy feeling that he may break in some other unexpected way.

BAY CITY IS SHOCKED.

Plate-Glass Windows Broken, and the City Hall Tower Is Twisted.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—This city experienced a number of earthquake shocks today. At 3:29 o'clock a severe shock, which lasted for six seconds, occurred. At 4:35 o'clock and a few minutes before 5 o'clock tonight other shocks were felt. The plate glass in a few buildings was shattered. One of the small towers on the City Hall was twisted. Officials at the hall, however, say that the tower was faultily constructed.

PLAN TO HELP COTTON MARKET

Southern Bankers and Capitalists Would Stop Demoralization.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Reports of local banking institutions and railroads in the South and capitalists concerned in the condition of the cotton market, at a meeting in this city formed a plan to stop the demoralization in the market, prevent further burning of the crop by Southern growers, and insure a steady price for the staple in the future.

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CLEVELAND, Jan. 1.—Unheralded and unembarrassed by a crowd of the curious, the home-coming of Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick was in dramatic contrast to the arrival of his wife three weeks ago. The hour of the day and the fact that but few people were about made the doctor's arrival like that of an ordinary traveler. No one was at the station to meet him, with the exception of Attorney Kerruish. Even his step-son, Emil, failed to see him until 9 o'clock. Young Hoover had planned to board the train at an outlying station, but the train had come into that station and departed before Emil was aware of the fact.

Sheriff Barry, in whose company Dr. Chadwick came on the trip from New York, chose to come to Cleveland over the Pennsylvania road. The train arrived at Cleveland at 7:30 this morning. Scarcely any of the few at the station knew of the party's arrival, and the Sheriff and Dr. Chadwick were driven to the County Jail quietly. A bond provided Saturday evening by Attorney Kline and Attorney Dawley was at the jail on the arrival of Dr. Chadwick and he soon was released.

Falls into Husband's Arms.

After the preliminaries in the Sheriff's office, Dr. Chadwick was escorted by Sheriff Barry to the fourth floor of the woman's ward, where his wife is held a prisoner. The meeting between the two was pathetic in the extreme. Mrs. Chadwick arose when she heard the steps in the corridor and fell into her husband's arms when she recognized him. Both broke down and wept convulsively for several minutes while clinging to each other, the Sheriff attempting meanwhile to console them. There was no artificiality about the scene. Genuine grief, with no joy intermingled. The Sheriff was deeply affected. Little by little, the first shock grew less severe, and the two sat down for a talk that continued for an hour and a half. There were pleadings and partial responses when the more serious predicament of husband and wife were at length appreciated.

Dr. Chadwick had lost his all in the operations of his wife and the large independent fortune of his only child had been swept away. Sufficient reason, it would seem, for some show of hardness on his part. Mrs. Chadwick tried to imbue him with the thought of her innocence of any wrongdoing. His only response to these pleas were "I hope so."

Woman Pleads for Trust.

The troubles into which both have been plunged were thoroughly discussed. The wife told the story, interspersed by violent fits of weeping, in which at times Dr. Chadwick joined. There were no apparent omissions, but there was a constant cry of, "trust me, trust me," on the part of the woman. "Don't believe these stories which the newspapers have been printing about me," she said. "They are all lies; every one of them. I have done nothing wrong. Believe me, trust me, everything will come out all right in the end and it will be seen that I have been guilty of none of these things the public charge me with. Don't think I deceive you; I will tell you the truth, and I will tell you that all these reports are lies—lies."

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"I can only hope so," was the husband's answer. "I have trusted you and it is hard to believe anything; my mind is so confused. This has been such a terrible shock and I don't understand any of it. I want time to think of it. I do not say I won't trust you; only give me time to collect my thoughts. Ever since I heard of this trouble in Paris I have been bothered and my life has been almost unbearable. I have been followed and hounded until I can think of nothing else. I am not a judge, I can only hope that everything will come out all right, as you say."

Conference With Attorneys.

After an hour's earnest conversation, conducted for the most part in a whisper, Sheriff Barry was asked by Mrs. Chadwick to send for her attorney, J. P. Dawley, who was waiting with Attorney Kerruish in the jail office. Mr. Dawley went to Mrs. Chadwick's cell and held a conference with her and Dr. Chadwick, the result of which was said to be the instructing of the two prisoners by Mr. Dawley of their future public action.

During the time of Mr. Dawley's presence with them, both Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick gave way to their feelings and Mrs. Chadwick wept aloud. Mr. Dawley was with them for an hour. When he and Dr. Chadwick arose to leave the jail Mrs. Chadwick apparently felt more severely than ever before the desolation of her position. She knew neither that her husband was her champion and protector nor that his sympathy for her had been swept away. She clung to him for a moment and again pleaded with him for his confidence. With tears in his eyes he told her she had his confidence until proof is produced to shatter it.

The doctor was dazed for a moment upon reaching the turnkey's room. Emil Hoover had arrived at the jail, while Dr. Chadwick was with his wife, and was awaiting his step-father in the office. The father grabbed both hands of the boy and searched his face a moment before speaking.

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