

VEIL FOR DEATH

Mist Hides Advance of Japanese.

SURGE UP TO FORTS

Lured on by Ruse of Russians.

RAKED AT CLOSE QUARTERS

Thousands Die in Flare of Searchlights.

BATTLE RAGES IN STORM

Thunder Vies With Artillery and Lightning With Searchlights as Foemen Meet in Hand-to-Hand Fight.

Written from personal observation and... the following is the first authentic account of General Nogai's greatest assault on Port Arthur.

BY RICHARD BARRY.

HO-O-ZAN (The Phoenix Mountain), Manchuria, Aug. 28.—Ninety-six hours of almost incessant fighting—from sun to moon, from moon to searchlight and from searchlight to dawn—more than human endurance, backed though it be by Japanese pluck, can stand, and there was nothing to do last night but rest.

Until last night the weather has been all sun and moonlight, with dawns and sunsets that pervade the scene. The valleys bright 20 hours out of the 24; fighting conditions ideal for the defense, whose searchlights and star bombs made the other four hours bright and left surprise as difficult as to a poker student playing with his back to a mirror.

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FORM A COMBINE

Southeastern Washington Legislators Meet.

WILL VOTE AS A UNIT

United States Senatorship Discussed in Portland.

LOOKS WELL FOR SWEENEY

Ankeny Men Will Refuse to Take a Hand in the King and Pierce County Fight—West Side Organized.

WHAT COMBINE STANDS FOR.

Organization of the House. Railroad Commission. Irrigation measures. Open-river legislation. United States Senatorship.

How the Land Lies.

This mountain, the Phoenix, is directly in the rear center of Nogai's army and about a mile from his advance posts.

GOING INTO ACTION

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Heavens Open Fire.

Rain pelted in my face wakes me to greet a flash of lightning. I look in the rubber blanket, reach for my watch and by the next flash see the hands at seven minutes past three.

IS ALMOST DONE

Land-Fraud Case to Be Finished Tomorrow.

MARIE WARE TO BE FREED

Order of Acquittal Asked for in Her Favor.

WALGAMOT CHANGES HIS PLEA

At the Last Moment He Breaks Down and Tells Court and Jury He is Guilty of Attempt to Defraud the Government.

Yesterday was a day of surprises in the Federal Court. It saw the Government end its case just ten minutes after the opening of the session.

Few Witnesses Recalled.

At the opening of the court, Ira P. Hower, of Eugene, was recalled for a short time to tell where he had kept the George A. Howe deeds transferred to him by McKinley.

Ankeny Favors Sweeney.

It is stated by men who are very close to Ankeny that he would much prefer to see Sweeney elected now than to have him defeated, to bob up again as a contestant for the Ankeny seat at four years hence.

INJURED ARRIVE IN KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 2.—A relief train which went from here to the scene of the wreck returned late tonight, bringing many of the injured to the Missouri Pacific Hospital and other hospitals in this city.

APPROVES WORK OF TAFT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The report of Secretary Taft, special envoy of the United States to Panama, of his negotiations with that government, has been received here. It may be stated with authority that after careful consideration the President has given his entire approval to the same and has advised Secretary Taft by cable to this effect.

NOT ONE KILLED

Forty-Five People Are Hurt in Trainwreck.

INJURIES OF TEN SERIOUS

Broken Rail Causes Three Coaches to Leave Track.

GO DOWN BANK INTO STREAM

Missouri Passenger is Behind Time, and is Believed to Have Ignored Order to Slow Up on Bridge.

HOLDEN, Mo., Dec. 2.—Missouri Pacific passenger train, No. 1, westbound from St. Louis to Kansas City, due here at 4 o'clock this afternoon, was wrecked at the water-work bridge, two miles east of here, resulting in the injury of 45 passengers, ten seriously.

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Japanese soldiers about to go into action from the shelter of the front step parallel opposite the center Keekwan battery. This trench is about 300 yards from Keekwan and 2000 from Port Arthur proper. The photograph gives an excellent idea of the labor entailed in making the vast series of parallels and zig-zags shown on the map which appears on another page. In one place 15 miles of trenching was necessary to advance four miles, but the progress of the Japanese appears, however slow, must eventually result in the capture of the fortress.