



THE RUSSIANS ARE DISLODGED

Japs Have Completed the Circle at Port Arthur

FURTHER ASSAULTS ARE UNNECESSARY

Relief for the Russians Has Been Cut Off From Both Land and Sea

TOKIO, Dec. 11.—In an attack begun last midnight on the southerly slope of the last fort in Shungshu mountain the Japanese volunteers dislodged the Russians from the second ridge after three hours of fighting, and before dawn light field guns were brought up for their support. Connecting trenches will be dug to meet those south of the Kekwan forts on the east and to meet the advance trenches on 203-Meter hill on the west, thus completing the circle of Port Arthur and practically isolating all the Russian soldiers now in the last line of the center redoubt.

Whether the Japanese army will attempt to take these by storm is not known. Dispatches today from General Nogri's army indicate that there will be no necessity for further assaults on the remaining Russian fortifications.

The bombardment of the warships in the harbor up to noon today had resulted in the destruction of all the battleships and cruisers, except the Sevastopol, which is lying east of Tiger's Tail promontory, the masts of the ships only being visible to the gunners of 203-Meter hill.

Jap Cruises Lost.
TOKIO, Dec. 10.—The Japanese cruiser Saien struck a mine and sank November 30. The majority of her crew were rescued.

Fifteen officers and 175 men were rescued. Captain Tajima and 38 others went down with the ship.

The Navy Department announces that the Saien commanded the detached squadron. While co-operating

with the army in bombarding Port Arthur, November 30, she struck a Russian mine and was seen to be enveloped in smoke. The gunboat Akagi, which was also engaged in shelling Port Arthur, immediately ceased firing and went to the rescue of the Saien. Finding that the latter was taking water rapidly, the Akagi anchored near the sinking ship, and co-operating with the other Japanese boats launched, succeeded in rescuing 15 officers and 175 men, but Captain Tajima and 38 others went down with the ship.

Vessels Lost Since War Began.

Russia.

- Battleships—Petrovsk, 10,960 tons; torpedoed and sunk.
- Polina, 10,960 tons; sunk.
- Sevastopol, 10,960 tons.
- Peresviet, 12,674 tons; sunk.
- Pohoda, 12,674 tons; damaged.
- Retvizan, 12,700 tons; sunk.
- Czarevitch, 13,100 tons; torpedoed and put out of commission.
- Armored cruisers—Gromoboi, 12,336 tons; damaged in Vladivostok.
- Bayan, 7,800 tons; on fire in Port Arthur.
- Rossia, 12,130 tons; damaged in Vladivostok.
- Rurik, 10,933 tons; sunk.
- Protected cruisers—Bogryt, 6,700 tons; damaged near Vladivostok.
- Variag, 6,500 tons; sunk.
- Askold, 6,500 tons; Kiao Chou.
- Diana, 5,500 tons; Saigon.
- Fallada, 6,550 tons; torpedoed and damaged.
- Boparin, 3,200 tons; driven on rocks and lost while mining harbor.
- Novik, 3,000 tons; Shanghai.
- Korietz, 6,500 tons; sunk.
- Other vessels—Yeneset, torpedo-transport; blown up by a mine.
- Kherson, auxiliary cruiser; torpedoed.
- Ryshitel, torpedo boat destroyer; towed away by Japanese.
- Rostorjny, torpedo boat destroyer; blown up by Russians to prevent capture.

Japan.

- Battleships—Hatause; sunk by mines.
- Mikasa; sunk by mines.
- Protected cruiser—Yoshino; sunk in collision.
- Unarmored cruiser—Miyako; sunk by mine.

*Reported from London sunk; not confirmed by Tokio.

The Pennsylvania railroad corporation has given orders during the last thirty days for 12,800 freight cars at a cost of \$6,000,000. These are wanted for immediate delivery. By December the whole force of the railroad will be placed on full time. This effects 10,000 employees. Such facts indicate what the officers of one of the greatest roads in America think regarding the future business interests of the country.

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

State and General News

Silver Lake is growing steadily.

Three Condon men killed 65 geese in three days.

Capacity of Silverton sawmill will be much increased.

Dayton has built more this year than in ten years.

Grass on the foothills of the mountains is rank and fine.

About 50,000 sheep have been sold out of Cook county this year.

An Independence hopper of 28 acres has been rented for \$2,000 this year.

A Condon man has purchased 400,000 bricks from the Weston brickyard.

Sheriff Shutt has ordered all Morrow county saloons to close on Sunday.

The St. Mary's academy buildings at Jacksonville are to be improved \$10,000 worth.

Bankrupts are scarce in Oregon nowadays, but one turned up last week at Weston. He was not a farmer, however.

Weston is to have a poultry show lasting from Dec. 24 to Jan 1—perhaps to give the hens time to lay some holiday eggs.

Weston has a new paper, for which it has no more use than a cat has for two tails, as it already has one thoroughly good local paper, the Leader.

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Puter Secures Bonds—Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann Discuss Subpoenas Other News

John Gammill is developing a vein of coal on Al. Smith's place, Coos river, and is well pleased with the prospects.

Emma Watson convicted of complicity in the land fraud case, whose bond was originally fixed at \$4,000, appealed to Judge Bellinger to reduce it, and she was finally granted to lay in the amount at \$2,000 cash.

Mrs. Watson produced the money and was released. At the time when she was brought back from Chicago under arrest she deposited \$5,000 cash, half, under the indictment to be tried this week, so that the total security now held by the government is \$7,000. This was considered by Judge Bellinger to be sufficient.

Oregon potatoes are quoted 75c to \$1; creamery butter 18c to 21c, and apples 40c to 1 1/2 extra fancy, in the San Francisco market.

Congressman Hermann, who, with Senator Mitchell, has been subpoenaed to appear at the second land fraud trial in Portland in January and explain to one lot of which were exchanged between them, said Friday that he would decide when the subpoena arrives whether or not he would obey it. "This is the worst time in the season to call a member away from Congress," he said, "and in Oregon would suffer should members of its delegation be absent while the river and harbor and other important appropriation bills are being framed. I don't know whether I will go or not if the period I am required to be in Portland should conflict with public business here."

After spending two days in the custody of Deputy Marshal Worthington, S. A. D. Puter, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the government of public lands, succeeded in giving bonds for his appearance for sentence, and is now at large. The amount of the bond is \$4,000 and the surety is the United States Fidelity & Guarantee company, represented in Portland by Hartman, Thompson & Powers. Puter's sentence will not be imposed until after his trial under another indictment set for Tuesday.

When informed that he had been subpoenaed to appear at the January term of the United States court to testify in the land fraud case Senator Mitchell said: "When the subpoena reaches me I will then determine what my duty is in the premises and act accordingly. If I should be subpoenaed to attend any court in Oregon and I could respond without serious interference of my public duties, I certainly should do so. I shall be the judge when the subpoena arrives, and I learn the date for which I am summoned, whether I will obey it or not."

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