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PORT ARTHUR FALLING

Russians Resist a Flanking Movement.

MORE FORTS REDUCED

Five Thousand Japs Reported Lost in Two Hours in Fight Before Port Arthur.

MIKADO HAS OPENED DIET

Japanese Are Adjured to Maintain the Efforts of the Government to Provide War Munitions and Mikado Is Given an Ovation.

Tokio, Dec. 1.—(Untimed.)—The Japanese forces besieging Port Arthur have captured, and are still holding 203-Meter hill. This position has been hotly contested, and has cost thousands of lives. From it, if the Japanese can hold it long enough to move guns to the fort, Port Arthur must undoubtedly fall.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 30.—Official and private dispatches received in this city today from the various open telegraph stations close to the scene of recent fighting, indicate that the Japanese forces are retiring from Simnitin, where, for several days a flanking movement has been steadily, and it seems, successfully, opposed by the Russian forces.

The reports state that the fighting, which lasted for four days, has ceased after severe losses on both sides, though the Russians are hotly pursuing the Japanese in their retreat. The rate of march prevents the use of guns, and the Japs are not losing many men, and had no camp equipment, their train having led the van of the retreat when it was apparent the flanking movement was unsuccessful.

Russia's counsel at Chefoo telegraphs that the Japanese have captured two forts in the storming operations at Port Arthur on November 29, but this news is lacking of confirmation from other sources, though the place is so closely invested, and the Japanese police is so stringent with regard to issuing of information except through Tokio that the consul's report may be correct. In his report, which is semi-officially issued, the consul states there was an immense Japanese loss, and in the escalade 5000 men perished in two hours.

Until confirmation of the reports regarding the Japanese reverse below Simnitin is received it is impossible to say whether either movement has serious significance in a strategic way upon the main armies.

Mikado Addresses Diet.

Tokio, Nov. 30, 11:30 p. m.—The emperor formally opened the second war diet today. He rode through the crowded streets in a state coach escorted by a troop of lancers, and accompanied by the crown prince, his staff, and some members of the imperial household, to the house of parliament, where both houses were assembled in the chamber of representatives. The diplomatic corps and many prominent government officials were present.

The emperor ascended the dias from which he read the following address: "We hereby perform the ceremony of opening the imperial diet, and announce to the members of the house of peers and house of representatives, that, to our profound delight, our relation with all the neutral powers is continually growing more amicable.

"We have directed our ministers of state to submit to you a scheme for meeting the extraordinary expenditure necessitated by the war, together with the budget for the 28th year of 'Meiji,' beside other projects of law.

"That our expeditionary forces have been victorious in every battle has repeatedly shown fresh proof of their loyalty and bravery, so the progress of the war has been constantly to our advantage; and we expect through the

loyal devotion of our subjects to attain our ultimate object, and we call upon you to discharge your duties in harmonious co-operation, thereby promoting our wish and end."

LIVED TO DRINK WHISKEY.

Vancouver Man Commits Suicide, Leaving Widow and Eight Children. Vancouver, B. C. Nov. 30.—William Mortimer has committed suicide by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a razor. He leaves a widow and eight small children.

Recently Mortimer was arrested on complaint of his wife for refusing to provide for his family. He was forced to turn all his money over to his wife and thereupon complained that as he had no money left to buy whiskey he would commit suicide.

He carried out his threat this morning. Death was practically instantaneous.

To Save French Woman.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Six weeks secret service work in Chicago by immigration inspectors from New York, and local detectives, in an endeavor to break up a ring of Frenchmen, alleged to be importing French women to the United States, has resulted in the arrest of five women and one man. Louis Poudre was arrested on a warrant charging the importation of women for illegal purposes.

Young Brigand Sentenced.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Orin Cox, 17 years old, son of respectable parents in Kensington, a suburb, has been sentenced to life imprisonment in Judge Chalm's court on a charge of robbery. The severe penalty was inflicted because Cox, when committing the crime, was armed with a loaded revolver.

Hatcheries Project.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 30.—It is officially announced today that the dominion government has directed that two hatcheries, one to be located at Rivers Inlet, and one at Skeena, be established. The capacity of each will be 20,000 eggs yearly.

RUSSIA DECLINES PEACE

Count Cassini Politely Refuses Secretary Hay's Offer.

DAVIS SELECTED FOR INQUIRY

Rear Admiral is Choice of Paul Morton Because of His Knowledge of Maritime Law and of the French Language.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Through Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, has today transmitted to Secretary Hay the unwillingness of Russia to concur in a second peace conference at The Hague.

The refusal was tentative, and while the country of the bear and defeat heartily welcomes American intervention to complete the mission of the first assembly, convened under the leadership of the Russian emperor, the count expressed, on Russia's part, that the present is not considered an opportune time for convening a peace conference that finds her in the throes of a war in which she must win or lose her eastern trade and her foreign prestige. A formal acceptance of the invitation was accordingly withheld.

In the Dogger bank matter, the president today appointed Rear Admiral Charles Davis as a member of the court of inquiry. The rear admiral is a fluent speaker of the French language, and has an extensive knowledge of international and maritime law, and it was on this account and upon the recommendation of Secretary Paul Morton that the selection was made.

Obituary.

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—Mrs. Clara H. Fleming, wife of Arthur H. Fleming and a daughter of the late millionaire Fowler of Detroit, died here today.

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—Major M. G. Ritter, a veteran of the civil war, was run down by a freight train on the Pacific mail dock today and killed.

MCKINLEY AGAINST IT

Land Fraud Trial Is Drawing to Close.

EVIDENCE OF A GIRL

Marie Ware's Attorney Is Implicated by Testimony Used Against McKinley.

JUDGE HAS NOT YET DECIDED

Celebrated Case to Secure the Conviction of Alleged Defrauders of the Government Will Soon Go to the Jury.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 30.—Today was the most important in point of developments of any in the great land fraud trial, now on before a jury in the federal court.

The earlier part of the testimony was to prove that George A. Howe is a myth of the invention of Horace G. McKinley, who is regarded by the prosecution as the prime mover in the swindles that have attracted the attention of the entire people of Oregon and of the United States land department.

Through McKinley, the prosecution seeks to show the application of Howe was made falsely, and that Howe, as a person interested, does not exist. The defense attempted to show that the evidence of the prosecution to prove the non-existence of Howe is incompetent, and the court took the matter under advisement before passing on the merits of the contention that may, if sustained, save McKinley.

One of the strangest parts of the chain of evidence that has been linked together by the prosecution in the case is that of one Miss Ida McCoy, a stenographer for an abstract company, who has testified that McKinley ordered the Howe abstract, and that delivery of it was made to him. When the abstract came in, C. A. Hardy, who is attorney for Marie Ware, came in and had the name of McKinley, which was indorsed as the party ordering the abstract, changed to Howe.

The detailed account of the earlier part of the work of the court for the day is as follows:

The most incriminating testimony yet adduced in the land fraud trials was that given at noon today by R. W. Montague, deputy county clerk of Linn county, at the time proofs of the George W. Howe lands were taken. The testimony of this witness directly connects Horace G. McKinley with the Howe lands and establishes the claim of the government, announced several days ago, that Howe is but one of the conspirators under another name.

Montague's story directly connects McKinley with procuring final proofs on the seven claims which were transferred to Howe by seven of the bogus entrymen, and details significant statements alleged to have been made to the witness by McKinley with reference to lands in 11-7.

The government this morning introduced an abstract of title to the Howe lands, on which the name of McKinley appears to have been erased and that of Howe written in its place.

More testimony was introduced today to show that such a man as Howe never appeared before the local land office, and that all attempts to find him proved unavailing.

Who is the prominent Oregon attorney who gave to S. A. D. Puter the letter of introduction to United States senator John H. Mitchell, which caused the latter to present Puter to Binger Hermann, then commissioner of the general land office at Washington? And why has Senator Mitchell refused to come to Portland and testify regarding this and assist the government in proving that Puter and Mrs. Watson delivered their affidavits sent to Hermann with a letter dated March 30, 1902? The query has also arisen as to why Senator Mitchell has thus far refused or failed to inform the government's

attorneys in the land fraud trial who the mysterious attorney is.

Notwithstanding Assistant Attorney General Francis Heney has been in telegraphic correspondence with Senator Mitchell since November 20, he is yet without the senator's consent to testify in the trial, and has failed to learn the name of the attorney who gave the letter of introduction which led the Senator to take Puter and Mrs. Watson before the commissioner and urge expedition of the issuance of patents to their land. It has been two days since the last telegram was sent to Washington, asking for the attorney's name, and there has been received no answer. In his dispatches Senator Mitchell says it will be impossible for him to return to Oregon to testify, although he would swear, if he were here, that Puter and Mrs. Watson came to him with a letter of introduction of a prominent Oregon attorney.

Russian List Increasing.

Washington, Dec. 1.—More than 1,000,000 names are on the pension roll, the largest number since the civil war. All a veteran now has to do to get a pension is upon reaching the age of 62 years to make affidavit of this fact and a pension is immediately granted.

Commissioner Ward will leave the office on December 15, but having two weeks' leave of absence will not actually retire until January 1. Captain F. M. Kelly of Illinois, the second deputy commissioner, has the indorsement of Senators Cullom and Hopkins and the entire Illinois delegation in congress for the place, and his friends believe he has a good chance of receiving the appointment.

Rare Books Sold.

New York, Nov. 30.—Two of the rarest books in the collection of "Americana" made by the late Bishop John Hurst have just been sold at auction. One was a copy of the Mohawk prayer book, printed in this city by William Bradford in 1715. It brought \$1200. The other was a copy of the second edition of Eliot's Indian bible, and it sold for \$410. These two volumes are quite rare. They are printed by an agent for an unknown collector.

NISSEN IS BELIEVED LOST

Balloon Not Reported Anywhere on Lake Michigan Shore.

Aeronaut's Brother States Balloon Was in Good Condition, But Others Think the Supply of Air Was Insufficient for Trip.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Peter Nissen is believed either to be smothered or frozen to death in his balloon "Fool Killer" in which he started on a trip across Lake Michigan yesterday. The opinion that Nissen is lost became general this afternoon when it was found, after 24 hours that, absolutely no word was received from the inventor, who some years ago shot the whirlpool rapids of Niagara in a barrel. He has not been sighted by any vessel.

The possibility of Nissen's smothering is considered more probable since it is learned that only a poor supply of air was pumped into the "Fool Killer" before the craft was launched. Nissen's brothers, however, say the navigator computed the air and figured it would last him a great number of hours.

At the weather bureau it is said that even if Nissen reached the shore he would suffer from the intense cold, as a snowstorm is blowing near the Michigan shore, and as his boat has no means of heating and permitting no air the navigator would suffer severely. The wind toward midnight has increased to a 50-mile rate.

Many Immigrants Coming

New York, Nov. 30.—Nearly 5000 immigrants crowded Ellis island to its full capacity yesterday, the number having accumulated on account of the Thanksgiving holiday. The normal capacity of the island is about 3000. For that reason 1700 others who arrived on the White Star line Baltic were held on board ship until room was made for them.

More embarrassment is expected today, for in addition to the immigrants who will be left over for examination, three more steamships are due within the next 12 hours, and there are many steerage passengers on each of them.

SICK MEN ARE BURNED

Hospital Fire at Pueblo Is Serious.

LOSS WILL BE \$25,000

Full Fire Department and All the Hospital Attendants Worked Heroically to Save Sick.

STRETCHER LINE WAS USED

Number of Patients Whose Cases Were Critical, Will Die From the Fright and Exposure Caused by Rough Handling in Taking Out.

Pueblo, Col., Nov. 30.—A hospital fire that brought a large part of the city's population to the scene, and seriously menaced the lives of scores of patients at St. Mary's hospital, broke out this afternoon in the sanitarium section of the institution.

The fire was not serious at first, but it soon got beyond the control of the attendants, and a general alarm was turned in for all the apparatus in the city.

Only the prompt action of all concerned, including the fire department, prevented a holocaust that would have been without parallel in the annals of the city. As soon as it was seen that the fire could not be controlled by the chemical apparatus and the small hose on reels in the wards and corridors of the sanitarium, a stretcher line was established and the helpless patients started for the door.

The firemen made herculean efforts to subdue the flames which were pouring from roofs and windows, and their efforts and those of the attendants from the offices of the institution resulted in confining the fire to the fifth story of the huge structure, and the whole thing was over within 45 minutes of the first alarm.

The patients, most of whom had been removed by the time the fire was extinguished, were returned to the rooms undamaged by fire and water, except a few who were removed to quarters in the vicinity.

No one was seriously injured by the fire, but the physicians despair of the recovery of a large number of patients whose case was critical and whose shock from fright and exposure will result fatally.

The monetary loss to the hospital, which is one of the largest of its kind in the country, is about \$25,000, covered by insurance.

GIRL'S LUNG IN STOMACH.

Her Heart on Right Side—Other Organs Displaced.

Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 29.—One of the most interesting cases ever brought to the attention of medical men in this city is that of Amy Pine, 12 years old, who is dead at her home here. The child had been a sufferer for years, and, although she was treated by the most able physicians and specialists, the nature of her ailments was so peculiar that she obtained no relief. A consultation of many of the local physicians was held a short time ago regarding this little girl, and the statement is made that the position of the various organs of the body in this case was contrary to nature and startling to the medical world.

The doctors declared that little Amy's heart was on the right side, instead of the left, and that one lung was in the stomach, while the position of the intestines where this lung rested was changed to another part of her body. Not only this, the physicians declared, but the position of other internal organs was completely changed.

After the little girl died physicians who had attended her requested that they be permitted to hold an autopsy, but the request was denied. They said the result of an autopsy, they felt sure,

would be of the greatest interest and importance to the medical world. They say they are unable to account for the fact that the girl lived 12 years with her heart on her right side, one lung in the stomach and with her internal organs placed in various parts of her body, the entire arrangement being contrary to all laws of nature.

Voted for Bryan.

Indianapolis, Nov. 30.—As a result of an investigation undertaken by leading democrats of this city it has been ascertained that thousands of free silver democrats voted for Bryan at the recent election, and that the votes were cast, not with the expectation of having them counted, but for the purpose of registering protests against Judge Parker.

In Tipton county there were three hundred straight democratic tickets that were mutilated by writing the name of Bryan just above the party emblem. In one precinct in Monroe county there were rejected, because of the distinguishing marks on them. From the counties heard from it is estimated that the number of ballots thus mutilated exceeded ten thousand.

Two States Celebrate.

Butte, Mont., Nov. 30.—A Weiser, Idaho, special to the Miner says: "The big steel bridge across the Snake river at this point, connecting the states of Idaho and Oregon, was completed today, and a celebration of the important event will be held Monday. Governors Chamberlain of Oregon and Morrison of Idaho will be present.

Expensive Live Wire.

New York, Nov. 30.—A verdict of \$400,000 damages has been awarded in the supreme court to Mrs. Ada Morehead, wife of a Staten Island physician who was killed a year ago in the cellar of his home by an electric shock. When the doctor touched an incandescent bulb to turn on the current he received a shock from 2400 volts resulting in his death.

TREASURER \$8,000 SHORT

The City Treasurer of Hoquiam Short in His Accounts.

INVESTIGATION SHOWS DEFICIT

City Treasurer Fred Tilly Makes an Assignment and Property Is Sufficient to Cover About All His Shortage.

Hoquiam, Wash., Nov. 30.—An \$8000 shortage in the accounts of the city of Hoquiam, first detected through the vigilance of Councilman A. H. Kuhn, is said to have been revealed by an investigation. As a result an assignment has been made by City Treasurer Fred Tilly, who is accused of being responsible for the alleged shortage. Examination of Mr. Tilly's books is said to have shown a diversion of funds extending over three years, during each of which Mr. Tilly has been re-elected and no annual settlement made.

It is thought Mr. Tilly's property, as comprised in the assignment, will cover the shortage. He is in the furniture business, and his stock, building and residence are said to be worth about \$10,000. He has furniture contracts amounting to about \$5000. He recently borrowed \$2500 from the Lumbermen's bank of Hoquiam, but as his note was indorsed by Beardsley Bros. of this city, the bank will lose nothing.

MARKETS

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 30.—December wheat, \$1.06 1-2@1.06 3-4; closed \$1.07 7-8; barley, 42@51c; flax, \$1.11; northwestern, \$1.19.

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—Cash wheat \$1.50.

Portland, Nov. 30.—Wheat, export, Walla Walla, 80c; bluestem, 86c; milling, Walla Walla, 85c; bluestem, 88c; valley, 87c; eastern market basis, Walla Walla, 85c; bluestem, 90c.