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NEW RAIN MAKER

Hatfield of California Goes Into the Rain Business.

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Pasadena, Dec. 7.—California has produced many wonderful things—why not a Jupiter Pluvius in the flesh? Why not a mere mortal with the Olympian power to pull the heavenly pucker strings that let the raindrops drop? Charles Hatfield, whose family is one of the well-to-do in southern California, and whose father owns one of the largest ranches in San Diego county, seems to be the answer. He says he's it; that he caused the storm in face of weather bureau predictions to the contrary, and stopped it, contrary predictions notwithstanding. Jupiter Pluvius couldn't do better than that in his palmy days.

According to Hatfield, he has quit business for a time and that, although the government meteorologists say there will be more rain, clear weather is on his card. He has bottled up his chemicals and called in his affiliates and tomorrow will take down his plant and send it to Los Angeles Monday to follow himself the next day.

Discussing the recent storm, Hatfield said this evening:

"The last storm which I have developed in the last five days is over. You need not expect any more rain in Pasadena or Los Angeles today. This is my twentieth experiment since I went into business on a scientific basis three years ago next April. Nineteen of these tests have been entirely successful. The only failure was in San Diego county two years ago last July, when I succeeded in developing the storm clouds and causing considerable rain in the mountains, but I classed the experiment as a failure for the reason that I did not succeed in making it rain where I most desired it.

"My log book shows that in the test just closed the conditions were most unfavorable for rain when I started the chemical affinity action Monday evening. There had not been rain for forty-nine days, and the weather bureau predicted continued fair weather. Tuesday morning we had a heavy fog, just as we always have had the second day of all my experiments. Wednesday the sky became overcast, with cirrus clouds just as it always has been the third day. Thursday the sky was overcast with storm clouds, as always has been the case on the fourth day, the first fall of rain being recorded between the hours of 4 and 8 o'clock in the evening. Friday morning, between 6 and 8 o'clock, we had a light drizzle, and in the afternoon at 4 o'clock we had our first heavy down-pour, continuing quite heavily until 5:30 in the evening. Today I notice the government forecast is for cloudy, unsettled conditions, with probable showers, but the storm is over, and we can expect clear weather for a time."

Hatfield says his next experiments will be made either in San Diego or San Bernardino county, so far as he knows at this time.

"Many persons want to know who is backing me in these experiments," said Hatfield. "And I wish you to say that I am receiving no financial aid. I have a grand thing in this rain-producing secret, and I can well afford to pay for my experiments until such time as I can effectually demonstrate the value of my discovery. I'll show them eventually."

JAPS GAINING

(Continued from Page 1.) 3-inch, 20 3-pounder and six 1-pounder guns of Russian Krupp pattern. Her speed was 18 knots an hour.

REPORT CONFIRMED.

Jap Commander Gave Detail of Recent Bombardment at Port Arthur.

Tokio, Dec. 7. (Noon).—The commander of the Japanese naval guns in front of Port Arthur, telegraphing on December 6, says:

"An observation taken from 203-Meter hill shows that the turret ship Poltava is sunk and that the battleship Retvizan is listing heavily to port.

"Observations taken December 6 covered the results of the bombardment of December 5 are now taking observations from a hill near Sushlying.

"Since December 2 we have daily bombarded the enemy's fleet lying south of Pal Yu mountain. From that point only the masts and funnel tops of the battleships Pobleda, Retvizan or the cruiser Pallada could be seen, but it was impossible to count the number of our shells taking effect.

"On other ships explosions, resulting from our shells could be seen, but owing to their positions behind hills it was difficult exactly to identify them.

"The total of our shells taking effect on the enemy's ships were as fol-

lows: On a vessel of the Pobleda type, 34; on the battleship Retvizan or the cruiser Pallada, 34; on the turret ship Poltava, 11. Besides these, 50 other shells struck, from which explosion followed.

"On December 5 seven shells struck the battleship Pobleda and about 2:30 p. m. a big explosion was observed south of Pal Yu mountain, resulting from the effects of our shells evidently on a powder magazine.

"The successful result of the bombardment on December 5, is inspiring our men to still greater effort."

Cotton Comes Down.

New York, Dec. 7.—Sweeping reductions in domestic cotton goods, largely necessitated by the decline in the raw product are reported to have been made here by the agents of several great New England mills. The cuts are likely to afford many grades, it is said but the most noteworthy so far made are in bleached sheetings and certain grades of print goods.

Bayan Aground.

Tokio, Dec. 7. (Noon).—The Japanese troops occupied Akasaka hill, fronting on Port Arthur, yesterday, December 6. The Russian armored cruiser Bayan is reported to be aground.

Was Fair Game.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—A dispatch from Tokio to the Lokal Anzeiger reports that the prize court at Sasebo declared the German ship Veteran, captured near Port Arthur, a lawful prize.

No More Supplies.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—According to dispatches to the Lokal Anzeiger from Tokio, the placing of heavy cannon on 203-Meter hill will enable the Japanese to fire on junks and other craft and stop the carrying of supplies into the fortress by blockade runners.

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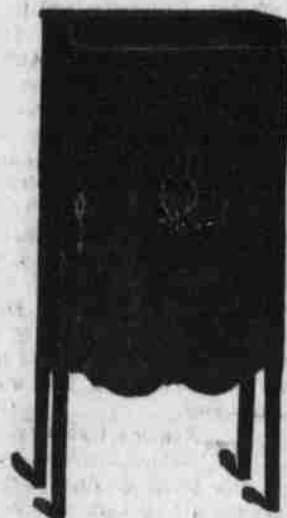
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