



JAPS AT GATE

Another of the Ports Defenses Falls.

MIES BURY GARRISON

Russians Rescued From Living Tomb by Their Little Foes.

CAPTURE OF LAST FORT EASY

Vic Admiral Doubassoff Will Be the Relan Representative at the International Conference at Paris Over the Incident.

The Jan. 1.—The war department announced the reported capture of Sung Shu mountain yesterday. The attack began after the capture of Rhi Lung mountain.

The Japanese exploded a series of mines and immediately assaulted the work, which were entirely occupied.

Adoption of the garrison was hurried by debris thrown up by the explosion of their own mines which exploded as they retreated.

See Shu mountain is west of Rhi Lun and is one of the inner defenses of Mt. Arthur.

Russians Rescued.

Tues. Jan. 1.—The Japanese rescued 162 Russian soldiers entombed in a gorge at Sung Shu mountain. The Japanese have also destroyed and captured a portion of the wall near Pan-lueh mountain.

McCormick Stays.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The Washington announcement that Ambassador McCormick will remain in St. Petersburg during the coming administration has been received and there is general satisfaction, despite the difficulties during the past year. McCormick reserved good relations and the authorities are able to accomplish much for the United States.

Vice Admiral Goes.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—It is understood Vice Admiral Doubassoff will leave Wednesday for Paris, where he will relieve Admiral Kaznakoff as Russia's representative at the international commission inquiry into the North Sea incident.

POLICE COURT FINES.

Fines and Forfeitures for 1904 Largest in History of the City.

The receipts from fines and forfeitures of the police department for the year 1904 is the largest in the history of the city. While few crimes have been committed, and Astoria is the most orderly city on the coast, yet the number of arrests for petty offenses, notably gambling, has been the largest of the year. During 1904 there were 954 arrests made by the police. The total amount of fines and forfeitures is \$11,150. The total for 1903 was \$10,848. It is due to the efficiency of the police, and the sheriff, that so few crimes have been committed. In the circuit court there has been but three juries of criminals, all the others having pleaded guilty, thereby saving the city thousands of dollars in the trial of criminal cases. Both the city and county government are in the hands of experienced officials, and it is due to their efficiency that a large amount of money has been saved. Following are the receipts of the police court for the year 1904:

Jan.	895 00
Feb.	995 00
Mar.	910 00
Apr.	864 00
May.	1,011 00
June.	925 50
July.	909 00
Aug.	1,440 00
Sept.	935 00
Oct.	717 00
Nov.	720 00
Dec.	829 00
Total.	\$11,150 50

GAMBLERS CHEERFUL.

New York Markets Please the Broker Element.

New York, Dec. 31.—Prices have advanced steadily and substantially during the final week of the year. The money market has been surprisingly easy and hopes are entertained of a large investment demand for securities after the turn of the year. The uneasiness due to last month's break in the market has subsided and the rise in prices has brought out scant offerings. News of industrial and business conditions has been uniformly favorable and confidence in the improvement in values of securities has been fostered. The result is a cheerful and hopeful closing of the year in financial circles.

FLORIST GETS JOB.

Has Lately Planted Over 15,000,000 Flowers.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—H. B. Stocke, chief florist at the world's fair, has tendered his resignation to the exposition company. Mr. Stocke will depart early in January for Washington, D. C., where he will accept a position with the government. It has been estimated that during his service with the world's fair Mr. Stocke planted more than 15,000,000 flowers.

Famous Purp Dies.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—The news has been received here by the owner of Champion Senator P., that the great field trial winning pointer has died at Bruceville, Ind. Senator P. was the winner of the champion stake Pacific coast field trials in 1899 and second in the all age stake of the same year. He was sent east to compete with the best dogs there and won many prizes, notably the Manitoba champion stake in 1902.

FLOOD IN NEW YORK

Big Main Bursts and Fills the Subway.

PASSENGERS ESCAPE ON TRAIN

New York, Dec. 31.—Quick work by a gang of men with picks and shovels early today prevented a repetition of the flood in the subway which occurred two weeks ago through the bursting of a water main.

A 36-inch pipe burst near One Hundred and Forty-fifth street and Broadway and threw a stream of water high in the air. In a minute it was pouring into the subway station and a dozen passengers made a timely escape on a train, suffering only a slight wetting. Men were hurried to the scene and succeeded in diverting the flood in another direction by building a dam. Cellars all about were flooded and the water reached a depth of 18 inches in the street.

About the break the water boiled into a foam as it came from the ground and then took a course down grade on One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, and thence to the Hudson river. Traffic along the Upper Broadway section came to a stop. All along in the side streets between One Hundred and Thirty-seventh and One Hundred and Fortieth streets houses on both sides were soon flooded by the thousands of tons of water. Tenants took alarm and began to pack their belongings preparatory to moving out. Many thought it would be unsafe to even remain in their homes and started to leave only to find that the water was too deep to make wading safe. Not a cellar from Broadway to the river was left dry.

Assistance was called from the water department, but on arrival of the workmen it was found they had no key large enough to shut the gates controlling the main, and it was more than an hour before the water finally stopped flowing. The entire water supply of the city, below Harlem, and above Thirty-fourth street will be affected. The main which broke is one of the two pressure service mains which supply the entire section west of Broadway.

Cruisers Will Go On.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 30.—The report that the cruisers Orel and Izumrud of the second Pacific squadron have been ordered to return lacks confirmation.

OUR SENATOR IS INDICTED

Mitchell and Hermann Fare Alike Before the Grand Jury at Portland Yesterday.

HERMANN ISSUES STATEMENT IN DENIAL

Grand Jury Is No Respector of Persons and Returns Indictments Against High as Well as Low in the Land Fraud Cases.

Senator Mitchell Has Gone to Washington and Hermann Will Leave Tomorrow, Despite the Charges That Now Lie Against Both the Same as Puter, McKinley, Et Al.—Charges Are Denied Without Any Knowledge of What Specifications of True Bill Are.

Portland, Dec. 31.—On the last day of the year the federal grand jury found indictments against Senator John H. Mitchell, Congressman Binger Hermann, and President Roosevelt removed by mandatory order John H. Hall from the prosecution.

The land frauds prosecution is now in the hands of Heney.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The news of the indictment of Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann was fully expected for some time by the officials having to do with the case, and, therefore, came as no surprise. Secretary Hitchcock frankly stated he looked for an indictment at any time, while Attorney General Moody declined to make comment, although it is believed here, he, too, was prepared for no other decision than the indictment of the two men.

Hitchcock consented to make a brief statement concerning the case. He said:

"While we all regret that men occupying high stations in public life get within the clutches of the law, nevertheless, the interior department and the department of justice had a duty to perform. These land fraud indictments resulted in two years of the most searching investigation, and are a part of an unalterable determination of President Roosevelt and the administration to bring justice to all offenders, high or low."

"These indictments," continued the secretary, "will not be the last. There are more to follow, although I believe I can say the investigation will involve no more officials as high in public service as these members of congress. All the cases will be placed in the hands of the department of justice and the prosecution will be vigorous."

"I cannot say how many additional indictments will be returned, but it is true his is simply the beginning."

Washington, Dec. 31.—President Roosevelt today directed the removal from office of John H. Hall, United States district attorney for Oregon. Mr. Hall has been prosecuting officer of the government in the land fraud cases, and the removal is made in connection therewith.

The announcement of District Attorney Hall's removal was made by Attorney General Moody, as he left the white house, after a conference with the president. He declined to say what charges, if any, had been made against Hall, but added that for the good of the service it was believed best to dispense with him, particularly in connection with the land fraud cases in Oregon, the prosecution of which has been conducted by Hall.

Fulton Butts In.

Early in the day Senator Fulton of Oregon had a talk with the president concerning the land fraud cases which have been instituted by the government in Oregon, but whether the conference had any relation to the removal of District Attorney Hall could not be learned.

Mr. Hall was indorsed for reappointment by Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann of Oregon, both of whom recently went to Portland, where they appeared before the grand jury now investigating the public land frauds.

The conduct of the district attorney's office at Portland has been inquired into by the government representatives, and reports of the facts adduced have been transmitted here. The reports allege that there has been obstruction of justice; that certain prominent men have been shielded, and that attempts have been made to prevent certain parties giving evidence in the land fraud cases. Oliver E. Pugin of Chicago, special

"In view of these conditions I am amazed at the action of the grand jury, and realize the advantage in not knowing who the witnesses were or who are testifying against me, or what their statements were, to all of which no opportunity was given to cross examine or explain. I rely upon my vindication before a trial jury, before which, as a citizen, I shall be protected against mere insinuations; base persecution, and perjured testimony."

"Having remained here expecting to be recalled before the grand jury for an opportunity of answering any accusation which might have been made since my appearance before that body, but which courtesy was not accorded me, and the indictment having been brought, I now feel it my duty to return to my official duties at Washington. I will come back after the congress to meet those malicious and base accusations."

CAPTAINS EXONORATED.

Placing Chinese in Detention Shed Not a "Landing."

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—United States District Judge De Haven has handed down an opinion dismissing the charges against Captains W. B. Seaburg, Phil H. Going, Harry Smith and J. H. Rinder, in command of oriental liners, accused of having permitted Chinese laborers to be landed unlawfully from their vessels. The judge holds that placing Chinese in the detention shed on the Mail dock is not a landing and that the escapes had not been caused by the negligence or connivance of the accused.

Immense Revenue.

Shanghai, Dec. 31.—The Shanghai customs revenue for the fiscal year amounts to over \$1,500,000.

TIMBER LAND CASES

Argument Made Before Judge McBride Yesterday.

MATTER UNDER ADVISEMENT

The argument in the timber land tax cases was finished yesterday and taken under advisement by Judge McBride. He will render an opinion some time during the present week. District Attorney Allen made one of the best arguments ever heard in the circuit court, defending the county from the attempts of the timber syndicates to rob the county out of their just proportion of their taxes. Attorney Allen scored the syndicates unmercifully. He showed how by collusion and fraud, by transfers of property to various individuals belonging to the trust, that the transfers were made to deceive the assessor as the actual value of the lands. Large tracts were conveyed from one to the other, the consideration in some instances being only \$1. It was shown that for 20 years the timber syndicates, by chicanery and threats had escaped paying their just proportion of taxes, thereby robbing the county out of its just dues. If everyone in Clatsop county were like the timber syndicates, said Attorney Allen, there would not be sufficient money to pay the running expenses of the county government. No unjust assessments have been made, either against the holders of timber claims, but they have all been assessed according to the actual cash value of the lands and the value of the timber. If the value were to be determined by what the syndicates paid for them, or the considerations expressed in the deeds, they would be practically valueless, but in order to ascertain the exact value of the lands, expert timber cruisers were put in the field, and the assessment was based upon their fair and impartial report. There is not one of the timber syndicates that would sell their land for ten times the amount they are assessed at, and they don't dare to deny it. It is just a premeditated scheme on the part of timber syndicates to rob the county out of their just proportion of taxes.

Strike at Tocopilla.

New York, Dec. 31.—The Tocopilla nitrate laborers are threatening to strike again and the authorities are sending forces to prevent disorder, cables the Valparaiso de Chile correspondent of the Herald. The British bark Dunslaw, ready to leave Iquique with a cargo of nitrate, was burned and is a total loss.

DOCTOR COMES

Crowds Await Arrival of the Pretoria.

MISS CHADWICK TALKS

Girls Money Has All Gone Now so She Says Since the Trouble Began.

HOME REMITTANCES CEASE

Daughter Will Go to Florida and the Doctor Will go to Jail—Tale of Loss of \$8000 Followed By More.

New York, Dec. 31.—Dr. Chadwick arrived in this country today on the steamship Pretoria, and ran the gauntlet of big crowds which waited for hours to see him taken to the Hoboken police headquarters and to the recorders' court, and he finally left for Cleveland, not as a prisoner, but as a guest of Sheriff Barry, who came from Ohio with the warrants for the doctor's arrest, which he did not serve.

During the hour's wait at the station Dr. Chadwick talked of his travels, but declined to discuss his wife's troubles or his own.

His daughter remained in Hoboken and in a few days will go to Jacksonville, Florida.

According to an interview with first cabin passengers published here today, Miss Chadwick said, in the course of her voyage:

"We knew nothing until remittances from home began to fall short. I think there is some horrible mistake that we will be able to clear up when we get home. I hated to believe that mother wrongfully used my money, although it is apparently all gone."

According to an interview, Dr. Chadwick lost \$8000 of his money and several thousand dollars that belonged to his daughter in her own right.

SERIOUS FUN.

Young Man Shot While Playing Duel in Montana.

Butte, Dec. 31.—A Miner special from Harlem, Mont., says that Clyde Turner, a well-known young man, was shot and seriously wounded at an early hour this morning by Lorin Tolbert, his companion, while the two boys were playing duel. Turner in a spirit of fun challenged Tolbert to duel and the latter following the actions of his playmate quickly grabbed a revolver which he believed to be empty and snapped the trigger, the bullet passing through Turner's chest. The officers held the shooting to be purely accidental.

Rebuilding the Store.

S. Danziger & Co.'s building, to be remodeled. Early in February, workmen will take possession of the building. Wrecking work will commence by tearing out the entire outside wall on Commercial street and on Eleventh street. Large plate glass show windows will be built all around; all walls inside the entire building will be torn out, making the first floor into one large salesroom. The electric lighting and gas system will be remodeled and enlarged. New modern, up to date fixtures and modern store appliances will supplant the old. For more than a score of years this reliable firm has been supplying the people with clothing. The high standard of goods sold by S. Danziger & Co. needs no flattery as they were always good and dependable. Their trade has grown until the firm is compelled to have more room.

A big sacrifice sale of \$15,000 worth of mens' and boys' fine suits, overcoats, hats and furnishings begins next Saturday, January 7, at 9 a. m. No sooner. That will give the people of Astoria and vicinity the best opportunity ever had to secure the best grades of goods at the lowest prices ever known in Oregon. The stock must go before the workmen commence to raise dirt and dust as it might soil or ruin the fine goods.