

IS ALMOST DESERTED

Russian Stronghold Waits Attack With Grim Patience.

RIGID RULES PREVAIL

Shops Kept Open During Bombardments--Sentries Ordered to Shoot the Overly Curious--Press Again Attacks America.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, March 31.—The Novosti today graphically describes Port Arthur as a place markedly changed. Trains from the city are filled with fugitives.

The newspaper Rus continues its praise of England and attack on America, taking the statement of a witness of the Chemulpo battle as its text.

General Stoessel has ordered all shops to remain open during all bombardments.

JAPANESE WERE BRAVE.

Admiral Togo Gives Details of Valiant Commander Hirose's Death.

Tokio, March 31.—In addition to the information given yesterday, Vice-Admiral Togo's report of the Port Arthur engagement last Sunday gives some interesting details of the heroism of the Japanese seamen who volunteered to man the stone-laden steamers which were intended to block the channel.

TEBBE AWAY ARMED.

Russians at Chung Ju Abandoned Everything--General Mischenka Escaped.

London, March 31.—The Central News Rome correspondent telegraphs that Seoul advices state that General Mischenka, the Russian commander in the Chung Ju fight, narrowly escaped capture by the Japanese.

SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC INCREASES.

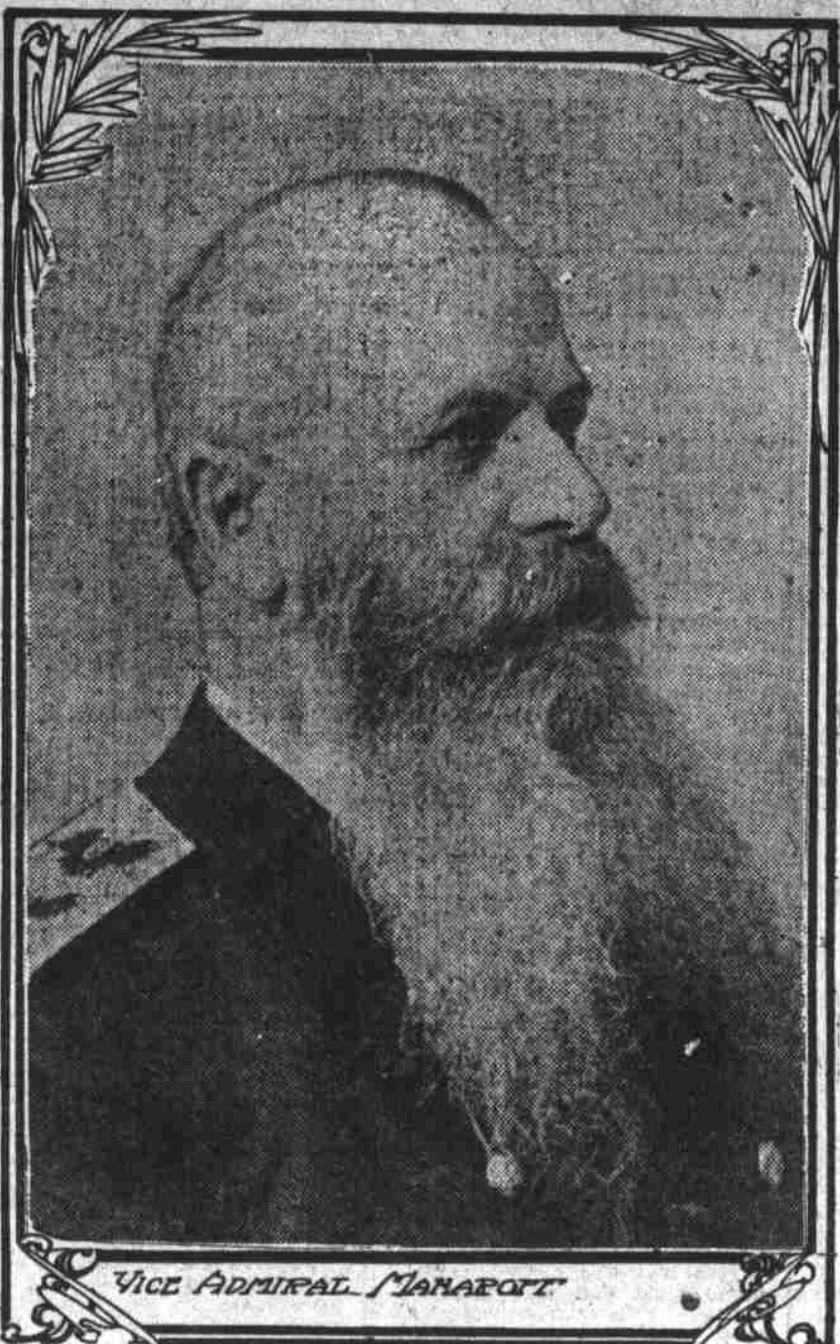
Thirty Per Cent of Population in Village Near Irkutsk Now Suffering.

London, March 31.—The Eastern Gazette reports an increase of the smallpox epidemic in the province of Irkutsk. Thirty per cent of the population in the town of Matshue is infected.

PRISONERS DON'T ACCEPT.

Car's Offer of Pardon Has as Yet Found No Takers.

Berlin, March 31.—The Voessische Zeitung reports that the offer of the czar to pardon any political prisoner



VICE ADMIRAL MAKAROFF

GIRLS KILLED IN AWFUL EXPLOSION

Powder Works and Squib Factory Blown Up and Mangled Dead Are Taken From the Ruins.

Scranton, Pa., March 31.—Five girls and one boy lost their lives in a horrible manner this morning in an explosion which occurred at the Dixon squib factory and powder mills at Pricburg.

A small town four miles distant from this city, five other girls were badly injured, all of whom may die.

At 11 o'clock this morning a slight explosion was heard in the wrapping room where 10 girls were working.

No excitement followed as it was soon ascertained that a small pan of powder had ignited, evidently from a spark blown in through a partially opened window, and which came from the engine-room smoke stack a hundred yards away.

All hands resumed work and had been so engaged for 10 minutes when a terrific explosion occurred which was heard and felt in this city and for miles around.

Hundreds of conjectures were made as to the source of the explosion, and by many to be the scene of the accident, but as telegraph and telephone communication had been ruined by the concussion, nothing for certain could be told.

Soon, however, a car of the Scranton Electric line, which connects with Pricburg, came into the city bearing four wounded young women accompanied by a physician.

TO FIGHT DAVE HILL

New York Democrats Desert Machine and Favor Hearst.

PARKER ALSO UNDER BAN

Indications Point to Liveliest State Convention Held in Recent Years—Bitter Antagonism Felt in Local Issues.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) New York, March 31.—The Democratic primaries and conventions which are now being held throughout the state of New York show that severy county where the Democratic vote is strongest the can-cases and conventions are against Hill.

The Democrats outside of New York city have declared against the Hill machine. Forty counties have held their primaries and conventions so far in the state.

Most bitter antagonism has been shown against the machine by the Democrats throughout the country districts and many Democrats who have formerly been favorable to Parker have swung around in favor of Hearst through antagonism to Hill.

The fight has now resolved itself into a bitter fight against Hill and his protegee, Judge Parker. Many of the conventions held were "snap" conventions and all sorts of trickery were resorted to by the machine politicians to attain their point.

MINIATURE BATTLE FOUGHT IN BALKANS

Vienna, March 31.—Fierce fighting is reported near the village of Kostur, in the Monastir district. Twelve Greeks and 20 Bulgarians were killed.

The report of deaths, while undoubtedly authentic, contains no detail of the clash other than to state that the Bulgarians were surprised by the Greeks and that the conflict terminated by the withdrawal of both sides.

PURSER CARDOZA IS CHARGED WITH THEFT

San Francisco, March 31.—A warrant was issued this morning for the arrest of James Cardoza, who is charged with embezzlement. Cardoza was purser of the steamer State of California of the Pacific Coast Steamship company.



GENERAL PUTZOFATHIN

PAY FIVE CENTS OR SWIM THE RIVER

In Two Weeks Morrison Street Bridge Will Be Closed for Eight Months to All But Street Car Traffic.

The Morrison bridge will be closed to teams and pedestrian traffic in about two weeks, to remain closed perhaps for eight months.

So much complaint was made over the recent proposition made by the executive board and accepted by the City and Suburban company to charge 2-cent fares merely for crossing the bridge by trolley that it was rejected.

WILL BE NO DELAY FOR OREGON ENTRIES

Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., March 31.—Senator Fulton and Representative Williamson had a lengthy conference with Secretary Hitchcock and Commissioner Richards today and urged the department to expedite its action regarding the timber and stone entries in Oregon.

ANARCHY IN BERLIN HAS SOUGHT COVER

ANARCHISTS PLOT TO ASSASSINATE KAISER

Rome, March 31.—The newspaper Berico states that the police are searching for an alleged anarchist named Pretti, who it is suspected contrived a plot against the Kaiser.

Halifax, March 31.—The military authorities are expecting 10 regiments of the line next month to be stationed in Canada in the event of certain developments in the far east, which have not been given out.

BOTKIN IS A MYSTERY

Accused Poisoner Asks to Be Tried by the Same Jury.

A SENSATION IN COURT

Court Has No Recourse But Must Continue the Trial Despite Charges That Jury Is Fixed.

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, March 31.—Most sensational is the Cordelia Botkin case today. In fact, since yesterday when it was discovered that four of the jurors had been bribed, or alleged to have been bribed, and that the fifth one had been bribed, great and renewed interest has been manifested in this remarkable case.

Today the greatest surprise came when Mrs. Botkin, who is accused of having killed two inoffensive women by sending across the continent a box of poisoned candy, arose in the crowded courtroom and demanded that she receive her verdict from the present jury, despite the fact of the almost sure attempt to fix that jury.

Mrs. Botkin ignored the advice of her attorney and insisted that the present jury be allowed to proceed with the trial.

When court convened this morning not a foot of standing room was to be obtained and the corridors without were jammed with the curious and interested.

There is much speculation among lawyers and laymen concerning the ultimate consequences of the woman's act. Some are of the opinion that it is a play on the part of the knight and his client, as they both know that the present jury is "fixed."

DOMINION WANTS TO HOLD YUKON TRADE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Victoria, B. C., March 31.—The customs department has received instructions from the dominion government that it has rescinded the order in council prohibiting the carriage of goods in American bottoms from Canadian ports destined for the Yukon by way of St. Michael.

HERMANN REPORTED TO BE IN CONTROL

BRYAN PRACTICALLY LOSES HIS CONTEST

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VIEW FROM THE RUSSIAN FORT WHICH THE JAPANESE SIEGED