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drivers. Prices reasonable.

IN HANDS OF JAPS

Port Arthur Gives Up After Eight-
ing Eleven Months.

Stoessel Confesses He Found Further
Resistance Was Only a Useless
Sacrifice of Lives.

New York, Jan. 3.—Port Arthur,
whose hills for months have run red
with the blood of the bravest of two
warlike nations, has at last succumbed
to the fierce tenacity of the Japanese
attack. General Stoessel, most stubborn
in carrying out the will of his
sovereign, has seen the advance of the
besieging army gain in momentum and
energy, until to hold out longer would
have been a crime against humanity.

The conditions of the surrender are
not yet known, but in all quarters it is
anticipated that they are such as an
honorable soldier may accept from a
brave and victorious enemy.

At 9:45 o'clock last night the com-
missioners completed signing of the
capitulation agreement. Both armies
had suspended hostilities five hours
earlier. The city of Port Arthur will
be occupied by the Japanese today.

The authorities at St. Petersburg, in
the absence of direct official notice
from General Stoessel that Port Arthur
has surrendered, have not permitted
the news to become public. Emperor
Nicholas is in the south of Russia, and
his ministers are for the time being in
the dark as to what dispatches have
been sent to him from the front. Tokio
is the scene of rejoicing, people finding
in the outcome compensation for all the
sacrifice of life and money that was
entailed in the ten months' siege.

To what extent the fall of Port Ar-
thur will make for a restoration of
peace is an open question. There is
an encouraging note in the expression
of Baron Hayashi, Japanese minister
to London, of the "hope that in some
way it will facilitate final peace."

Both in Paris and London it is be-
lieved that the squadron under Vice
Admiral Rojstevsky, which started from
Lihau for the Far East three
months ago, will have to retrace its way
home, as an armistice in the present
stage would invite disaster without
probability of effecting a juncture with
the warships at present in the harbor
of Vladivostok.

HALL IS REMOVED.

Summary Action by the President in
Land Fraud Cases.

Washington, Jan. 3.—President
Roosevelt has directed the absolute
removal of John H. Hall, United States
district attorney for the district of Ore-
gon. The action was taken at the re-
quest of Francis J. Henery, who has
been conducting, as the nominal assist-
ant of Mr. Hall, the land fraud cases
in Oregon.

The announcement of this action was
made by Attorney General Moody as he
was leaving the White House after a
conference with the president. Mr.
Moody declined to say what the charge
against Mr. Hall were, if any, but did
say that it was for the good of the re-
public to dispense with him, particularly
in regard to the conduct of the land
fraud cases now being investigated.

Mitchell and Herndon Indicted.

Portland, Jan. 3.—The Federal grand
jury fulfilled the expectations of the
public when it returned indictments
against Senator Mitchell, Ringer Her-
mann and George Sorenson. Mitchell
and Herndon were indicted jointly and
are charged with having conspired with
all of the defendants heretofore in-
dicted to defraud the government out of
land situated in township 11 south,
range 7 east. Sorenson is indicted for
having offered a bribe of \$5,000 to Dis-
trict Attorney Hall on March 28 last,
when the indictment against the con-
spirators who were convicted in the
second trial was pending in the Federal
court.

New Navy for Russia.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—With refer-
ence to the report published in the
United States under a St. Petersburg
date that Emperor Nicholas has peti-
tioned the expenditure of \$80,000,000
for rebuilding the navy, the fact is
that Russia's naval program has not
yet been definitely decided or promul-
gated. All that is positively known is
that the plans cover a long period of
years. The absolute necessity of a sea
power is one of Russia's latest lessons
of the present war.

Bay City Is Shocked.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—This city
experienced a number of earthquake
shocks today. At 3:20 o'clock a severe
shock, which lasted for six seconds,
occurred. At 4:23 o'clock and a few
minutes before 8 o'clock tonight other
shocks were felt. The plate glass in a
few buildings was shattered. One of
the small towers on the city hall was
twisted. Officials at the hall, how-
ever, say that the tower was faintly
constructed.

Cold Suspends Mobilization.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—The intense-
ly cold weather which prevails in the
center of Russia has caused a temporary
suspension of the mobilization and
movement of troops. Today the tem-
perature is 40 degrees below Fahr-
enheit.

Two Cruisers Return.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—A report
that the cruisers Orsel and Izumrud,
of the second Pacific squadron, have
been ordered to return is current here,
but lacks official confirmation. If the
report should prove true, Vice Admiral
Rojstevsky may be obliged to await
reinforcements from the Third Pacific
squadron.

FIND THE TRUTH.

Denver Election Frauds to Be Probed
to the Bottom.

Denver, Jan. 4.—Stretching its hands
so as to cast a shadow over every man
and woman in any way implicated in
election frauds in the city and county
of Denver, on or before after Novem-
ber 8, the supreme court has ordered
an investigation of everything that
bears upon it in any way may be made
known by judicial inquiry.

Alva Adams, Democratic candidate
for governor, who appeared on the
returns to have been elected, but who
has declared that he does not want the
office tainted with fraud, asked the
court to open every Denver ballot box,
out the order of the court goes beyond
the mere examination of the ballots
and provides for an investigation of the
registration lists, the campaign expedi-
tories, and, in brief, all election
matters. Samuel W. Beiford, attorney
for Adams, and Henry J. Hersey, at-
torney for the Republicans, asked the
court to make its order of such breadth
that the court need not stop at anything
in the investigation. The court said
that was what it meant to do, and in-
structed the lawyers to agree upon the
wording of the order, and present it to
the court for approval.

Chief Justice Gabbert said that
while the petition did not state facts
entitling the petitioner to such an in-
vestigation as proposed, the court had
decided that an investigation might
not in disclosing guilty persons
who were responsible for the commis-
sion of the gross frauds that had been
revealed in the contempt proceedings.
There must have been some persons be-
hind the election officers and others
who committed frauds, the court be-
lieved.

Ball Cartridges Among Blanks Are
Traced to the Packers.

Washington, Jan. 4.—As the result
of investigation made by direction of
General Crozier, chief of ordnance, it
has been ascertained that among the
1,700,000 blank cartridges issued last
summer to the regular and militia
troops which took part in the manoeuvres
at Manassas, Va., and in California,
two ball cartridges were found, one at
the California cartridge was traced by
the initials on the box and was promptly
discharged. In the Virginia case it
was impossible to find the offender.

As an additional precaution, all the
blank cartridge cases at the Frankford
arsenal have been rechecked and re-
weighed, with the result that one ball
cartridge was found. In that case the
person who packed the case was dis-
charged.

To guard against the possibility of
such an occurrence, General Crozier
has directed that each box of blank
cartridges shall be weighed before seal-
ing. The presence of a ball cartridge
can be easily detected by this method.

Whip Wife-Beaters.

Washington Grand Jury Adopts the
President's Suggestion.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The local
grand jury in making its final report
for the present term of the supreme
court of the District of Columbia today
recommended the establishment of
whipping-posts in the district. The
subject has been much agitated ever
since the president in his last annual
message recommended corporal pun-
ishment for wife-beaters in the District
of Columbia. The recommendation of
the jury was as follows:

"The efficacy of establishing the
whipping-post as a means of punishing
wife-beaters and petty larceny offend-
ers has been investigated by this body, and
the majority of the members are of the
opinion that it would prove very effec-
tive in reducing the number of these
reprehensible crimes."

Bandits Are Supreme.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The measures con-
templated by the French government
for the security of the neighborhood of
the towns in Morocco have not yet been
completed, partly owing to the fact
that there has not yet been the time
necessary for the purpose since France
first undertook the task, and partly be-
cause many matters of detail remain to
be settled when the French representa-
tive, M. Saint Rebe Taillander, meets
the sultan at Fez at the end of the
month. Oriental dilatoriness also
counts for something in the delay.

Coal for Russian Fleet.

Bombay, Jan. 4.—Russian agents
here are endeavoring to purchase 100
tons of coal and to charter vessels to
carry it. Up to the present no ship-
ments have been made, but it is be-
lieved that the British steamer Henry
Bolckow, of 639 tons net, owned by the
Bombay & Persian steam navigation
company, limited, of Bombay, has
been sold to Russia. She has sailed
hence in ballast for Saigon, French
Cochin China.

Reserve Land Restored.

Oregon City.—By the recent order of
the Oregon department there is rein-
stated for public entry substantially
the same acreage in the Cascade forest
reserve that was withdrawn about one
year ago, pending an investigation by
the department. Much of this land,
having been restored to settlement,
will be open to settlers within three
months through the Oregon City land
office.

Road to Sweepstake.

Cottage Grove.—John Brund and
Alex Lundberg have built 600 feet of
road from the Sweepstake group to a
point near the Vesuvius mine. When
completed the road will be two miles
long and will be of great advantage to
the Sweepstake locality.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

ALL ARE BUYING CATTLE.

Good Prices and Brisk Market Pre-
vail in Grant County.

John Day.—Cattle buying among
Grant county stockmen has been quite
active since the heavy sales last fall.
So many engaged in this rather un-
usual form of stock transaction that
the home supply became practically
exhausted some time ago, and they
are reaching out into the surrounding
territory. The bulk of the business
was carried on very quietly, and re-
sulted in a good many surprises.
Growers who make a practice of selling
off young stock were approached by
local buyers, and asked whether they
knew of any such for sale in their
neighborhood. The reply was gener-
ally that they had thought up all to be
found.

Conditions favor this demand.
Prices have been down to bedrock
close sales of fat stock had been general
throughout the county, and feed and
pasture are unusually plentiful. Live
cattlemen have made the largest pur-
chases of young stock and steers, and
several large bands have been taken
to that section for wintering. Henry
Trowbridge and Johnny Laycock have
just driven 430 head of steers over to
their pastures in that valley. They
were purchased chiefly in the Burnt
River country, at prices ranging from
\$12 to \$25 per head.

Gold Found Near Mosier.

The Dulles-Patties from Mosier,
who were in the Dulles say considerable
excitement has been caused since
Mosier over the discovery of gold on
the head of Mosier creek. A man
named Thomas is reported to have come
into Mosier a few days ago with a
handful of gold that he stated he had
dug out of the ground five or six miles
south of the town. Thomas is said to
be a responsible person, and his report
of finding a valuable mine is given cred-
ence by the people who know him.
Several residents of Mosier have gone
to the vicinity of the reported find, in-
tending to locate the claims. The al-
leged mine proves to be what Thomas
represents it to be.

New Company at Work.

Grants Pass.—The Michigan Mining
& Milling company, which recently
bought a large tract of mineral ground
on Applegate creek of Murphy district,
near Grants Pass, has gone enterpris-
ingly to work under the supervision of
W. T. Perry, of Portland, in the devel-
opment of the property. The land en-
compasses much good timber, water right
and quartz and placer diggings. The
quartz ledge will be given especial at-
tention by the Michigan company, as
the veins give promise of unusual
wealth. Buildings and quarters for
the workmen will be erected at once,
and the opening up of the claims will
proceed with the best possible dispatch.

Coming Events.

Inland Empire Sunday school insti-
tute, Pendleton, January 30.

Animal shows, Polk County Goat,
Poultry and Sheep association, Dallas,
January 11-12; county show, New-
berg, January 10-13; poultry show,
Albany, January, 18-21.

State Horticultural society, Portland,
January 10-11.

Prohibition Oratorical-League con-
test, McMinnville, April 14.

National American Woman Suffrage
association, Portland, June 22-28.

Lewis and Clark Centennial ex-
position, Portland, June 1-October 15.

Diphtheria Under Control.

Grants Pass.—The health officers of
the city here for several weeks past,
well under control. The original 13 or
14 cases have now been reduced to five
or six, and most of these are on the
way to recovery. Five deaths occurred,
strict quarantine regulations have been
enforced upon those afflicted and upon
the inmates of police house where the
disease has been. Coming at Christ-
mas time, the dread caused a consider-
able falling off in the anticipated holi-
day shopping.

To Enlarge Brick Plant.

Engene.—After a year or more of
planning and experimenting, Messrs.
Martin & Mack, who own the brick-
yard on Wallace street, near this city,
have finally completed arrangements
to enlarge their plant to a great ex-
tent. They intend to put up a large
building, a new mud mill to be secured,
and several other pieces of machin-
ery, which will make their plant com-
plete. The new plant will be a great
addition to Lane county.

Year's Work Shows Progress.

Cottage Grove.—The year that has
just passed finds the Bohemia mining
district in advance of the years that
have gone by. There has been no
boom, but lots of good hard work that
showed when the books were closed at
the end of the year. The quantity
and quality of the ores are satisfying
to the owners.

THE MARKETS.

Wheat—Portland—Walla Walla,
85c; Blount, 84c; valley, 87c.
Tacoma—Blount, 85c; club, 85c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 31c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 25c; 27c.

Hops—Choice, 29c; prime, 27c.

Wool—Valley, 19c; 20c; Eastern Ore-
gon, 10c; mohair, 25c.

A GENERAL MOVE.

President is Making Several Changes
Among Ambassadors.

Washington, Jan. 3.—President
Roosevelt is devoting some time at
present to consideration of important
appointments in the diplomatic and
consular service, which are to be made
formally by him at the beginning of
next March. Secretary Hay had a
conference with the president today be-
fore the meeting of the cabinet, and
it is understood that the matter of ap-
pointments in the diplomatic service
was one of the subjects discussed.
While no official announcement of the
president's intention regarding the po-
sitions has yet been made, it is known
that he has decided upon several
changes. Joseph H. Choate, ambas-
sador to the court of St. James, has in-
dicated that he does not desire to con-
tinue in that position. He will be suc-
ceeded by Whitehall Reid, proprietor
of the New York Tribune, who was at
one time minister to France.

General Horace Porter, American
ambassador to France, will retire from
that position soon after March 4. He
was appointed by the late President Mc-
Kinley, and, with the expiration of his
present term, will have served the
United States at the French capital
eight years. The president has decided
on General Porter's successor, but at
this time no announcement of his de-
cision can be made.

Charlemagne Tower, American
ambassador to Germany, and Robert S.
McCormick, American ambassador to
Rome, will continue at their respective
posts.

Bellamy Storer, American ambas-
sador to Austria-Hungary, will continue
in his present place until the president
decides to transfer him to another post
in the diplomatic service.

As to the ambassadorship to Italy,
nothing definite can be said now. It
has been rumored that Ambassador
George Van Dusen Meyer is to succeed
General Porter at Paris, but it can be
said that such a change is not certain.
The probabilities are that Mr. Meyer
will remain at home. General Powell
Clayton having decided to relinquish
his post as ambassador to Mexico at
the end of the present administration,
he will be succeeded by Edwin H. Con-
ger, now United States minister to
China. It is not expected that Mr.
Conger will continue long at the Mex-
ican capital, as he is understood to in-
tend to retire to his home state of Iowa
to be a candidate in succession to Gov-
ernor Mason. He will be succeeded by
David E. Thompson, of Nebraska,
who at present is minister to Brazil.
Mr. Thompson accepted the appoint-
ment to Brazil with the understanding
that he would be appointed to a higher
place in the diplomatic service as soon
as opportunity afforded.

Mr. Conger will be succeeded at the
court of Berlin by William W. Rock-
well, at present director of the bureau
of American republics, who is recog-
nized as an authority on all subjects
pertaining to China and the Chinese.

John K. Goody, who was appointed
by President McKinley American con-
sul general at Paris, will be succeeded
by F. H. Mason, who is now consul
general to Berlin. In succession to
Mr. Mason, John Lewis Griffiths, of
Indianapolis, will be named.

It is expected that some other changes
will be made in the corps of American
ministers, but at this time they are not
obtainable for publication.

New Fraser River Mill.

New Westminster, B. C., Jan. 3.—A
large sawmill on the Fraser river that
has been closed for 15 years will open
in a few weeks to cut 250,000 feet of
lumber a day, under American capital.
The mill was purchased by Lester W.
David, for years manager of the Mon-
arch lumber mill in Blaine. The
company will be known as the Fraser
River Lumber Mills company and will
employ nearly 300 men. It will ship