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IN HANDS OF JAPS

Port Arthur Gives Up After Fight-
ing Eleven Months.

CAUSES GREAT JOY IN TOKIO

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

New York, Jan. 5.—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 commissioners 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 Arthur 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 believed that the squadron under Vice Admiral Rojdestvensky, which started from Libau for the Far East three months ago, will have to return home, as an adherence to the original plans 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 Oregon. The action was taken at the request of Francis J. Heney, who was being prosecuted, as the nominal assistant of Mr. Hall, the land fraud case 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 was, but he did say that it was for the good of the service to dispense with him, particularly in regard to the conduct of the land fraud cases now being investigated.

Mitchell and Hermann Indicted.
Portland, Jan. 3.—The Federal grand jury fulfilled the expectations of the public when it returned indictments against Senator Mitchell,linger Hermann and George Spurgeon. Mitchell and Hermann were indicted jointly and are charged with having conspired with all of the defendants heretofore indicted to defraud the government out of land situated in township 11, south range 7 east. Surrender is indicated for having offered a bribe of \$5,000 to District Attorney Hall on March 28 last, when the indictment against the conspirators was pending in the Federal court.

New Navy for Russia.
St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—With reference to the report published in the United States under a St. Petersburg date that Emperor Nicholas has petitioned 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 promulgated. 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 1:20 o'clock a severe shock, which lasted for six seconds, occurred. At 4:25 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, however, say that the tower was faultily constructed.

Cold Suspends Mobilization.
St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—The intense cold weather which prevails in the center of Russia has caused a temporary suspension of the mobilization and movement of troops. Towed the temperature is 40 degrees below Fahrenheit.

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 before or after November 5, the supreme court has ordered an investigation of everything that bears upon it in any way may be made known by judicial inquiry.

Alex Adams, Democratic candidate for governor, who appeared from 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, but the order of the court goes beyond the mere examination of the ballots and provides for an investigation of the registration lists, the campaign expenditures, and, in brief, all election matters. Samuel W. Belford, attorney for Adams, and Henry J. Hersey, attorney for the Republicans, asked the court to make the investigation as broad as possible, and to instruct the court to stop at nothing in the investigation. The court said that what it meant to do, and instructed the lawyers to agree upon the sending of the order, and present it to the court for approval.

Chief Justice Gilbert said that while the petition did not state facts entitling the petitioner to such an investigation as proposed, the court had no objection to the investigation. There is not to have been some persons behind the election officers and others who committed frauds, the court believed.

GUILTY ONES DISCHARGED.
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 1,780,000 blank cartridges issued last summer to the regular and militia troops which took part in the maneuvers at Manassas, Va., and in California, two ball cartridges were found, one at the Virginia camp and the other in California. The person who packed 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 overhauled and weighed, with the result that one ball cartridge was found. In that case the person who packed the case was discharged.

To guard against the possibility of such an occurrence, General Crozier has directed that each box of blank cartridges shall be weighed before sealing. 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 question has been much agitated ever since the president's message recommending corporal punishment for wife-beaters in the District of Columbia. The recommendation of the jury was as follows:

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

Bandits Are Supreme.
Paris, Jan. 4.—The measures contemplated 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 because many matters of delay remain to be settled when the French representative, M. Saint Relas Tailleur, 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 to the present no shipments have been made, but it is believed that the British steamer Henry Bolckow, of 639 tons net, owned by the Bombay & Persian steam navigation company, of Bombay, has been sold to Russia. She has sailed hence in ballast for Saigon, French Cochinchina.

Two Cruisers Return.
St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—A report that the cruisers Orel 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 Rojdestvensky may be obliged to await reinforcements from the Third Pacific squadron.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

ALL ARE BEING CATTLE.

Good Prices and Brisk Market Prevail 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 unusual 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 resulted 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 generally that they had bought 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. Late cattlemen have made the largest purchases of young stock and steers, and several large bands have been taken in 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 Dalles—Parties from Mosier, who were in The Dalles say considerable excitement has been caused in 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 credence by the people who know him. Several residents of Mosier have gone to the vicinity of the reported find, intending to locate claims if the alleged 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 enterprise to work under the supervision of W. T. Perry, of Portland, in the development of the property. The land embraces much good timber, water right and quartz and placer diggings. The company will be given especial attention by the Michigan company, as the vein give promise of unusual worth. Buildings and quarters for the workmen will be erected at once, and the opening up of the mine will proceed with the best possible dispatch.

Coming Events.
Inland Empire Sunday school institute, Pendleton, January 30.

Animal shows, Polk County (Goat, Poultry and Sheep associations), Dallas, January 19-20; poultry show, Newberg, January 19-21; poultry show, Albany, January 18-21.

State Horticultural society, Portland, Jan. 10-11.

Prohibition League contest, McMinnville, April 14.

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

Centennial exposition, Portland, June 1-October 15.

Diphtheria Under Control.
Grants Pass—The health officers of the city here the diphtheria epidemic, manifest 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 residences where the disease has been. Coming at Christmas time, the dread caused a considerable falling off in the anticipated holiday shopping.

To Enlarge Brick Plant.
Engels—After a year or more of planning and experimenting, Messrs. Martin & Mack, who own the brick-works on Wallace street, near this city, have finally completed arrangements to enlarge their plant to a great extent. They intend to put up a large building, a new road mill to be secured, and several other pieces of machinery, which will make their plant complete. The new plant will be a great addition to Lane county.

Reserve Land Restored.
Oregon City—By the recent order of the Interior department there is re-instated for public use 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 Brunl 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.

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 before the meeting of the cabinet, and it is understood that the matter of appointments in the diplomatic service was one of the subjects discussed.

While no official announcement of the president's intention regarding the positions has yet been made, it is known that he has decided upon several changes. Joseph H. Choate, ambassador to the court of St. James, has indicated that he does not desire to continue in that position. He will be succeeded by Whitelaw 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 McKinley, 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 decision can be made.

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

Bellamy Storer, American ambassador 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 Von L. Meyer is to succeed General Porter at Paris, but it cannot be said that such a change is not certain. The probabilities are that Mr. Meyer will remain at Rome as 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. Conger, now United States minister to China. It is not expected that Mr. Conger will continue long at the Mexican capital, as he is understood to intend to return to his home state of Iowa to be a candidate in succession to Governor Cummins. He will be succeeded by David E. Thompson, of Nebraska, who at present is minister to Brazil. Mr. Thompson accepted the appointment 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. Rockhill, at present director of the Bureau of American Republics, who is recognized as an authority on all subjects pertaining to China and the Chinese.

John K. Grew, who was appointed by President McKinley American consul general at Paris, will be succeeded by F. H. Mason, who is now consul general at 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 Monarch lumber mills in Blaine. The company will be known as the Fraser River Lumber Mills company and will employ nearly 300 men. It will ship both by rail and vessels. In the marine shipping, E. J. Dudge, the millionaire lumber man of San Francisco, will use his own fleet of lumber vessels. Already a market has been opened in Australia and the first cargo sent by water will go there.

Cuning of the Japanese.
Mukden, Jan. 3.—Irrefutable evidence has been obtained at headquarters that the Japanese are not only hiring Chinese bandits to operate on the Russian banks, but that they are enlisting Chinese under Japanese officers. The Japanese are adopting cunning expedients to defeat surprise attacks of the Russian scouts, from which they have suffered so much. They cover the steep approaches of their trenches with water, which freezes, forms ice slides and makes the scouts slip and fall in confusion.

Good Health on Isthmus.
Washington, Jan. 3.—Commissioner Greene and Examiner Snyder, of the civil service commission, returned here today from a three weeks' visit to the Panama canal zone, where they went for the purpose of introducing the commission's rule for the employment of people connected with the canal. There has been an average of 1,500 Americans on the isthmus for the past eight months, and not one death has occurred among them.

Chicago Is Not Liable.
Chicago, Jan. 3.—Judge Charles M. Walker today decided that the city of Chicago is not liable for damages growing out of the loss of life in connection with the Ingoton theater fire. This was the last day in which, under the law, claims for damages could be filed. In the last hour of the court today 49 suits aggregating \$490,000 were filed in the circuit and supreme courts.

Power for Trolley Roads.
Eugene—Chief Engineer Diers, of the Willamette Valley Electric Railway company, is now preparing to put a force of men at work at Martin's Rapids, on the McKenzie river, where the waters are to be taken out by means of a flume and conducted to the site selected for the power station some distance below. The engineer estimates that 5,000-horsepower will be developed, which, he thinks, will be sufficient for operating the entire system of electric roads as planned at the present time.

Bores for Artesian Water.
Baker City—W. L. Vinson, manager of the Emma mine, a few miles east of this city, has begun to bore an artesian well to obtain water for the mine. The work is being watched with a great deal of interest by a number of people who own land in the vicinity of the mine. If Mr. Vinson succeeds in procuring water it will demonstrate the fact that perhaps other land can be brought under cultivation by boring wells for irrigation.

Prize-Packed Fruit.
La Grande—The Oregonian Produce company, of La Grande, has been awarded first honors by a committee of over 50 commission men and dealers in San Francisco, for the best packed fruit, competing with Colorado, California, Washington and Idaho. A. A. Gust, manager of the company in this city, has just returned from San Francisco.

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; Bluestem, 88c; valley, 87c. Tacoma—Bluestem, 88c; club, 85c. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 31c. Butter—Fancy creamery, 25c; 27c. Hops—Choice, 29c; 30c; prime, 27c; 28c. Wool—Valley, 19c; 20c; Eastern Oregon, 10c; 17c; mohair, 25c; 26c.