

THE EASTERN WAR

THE FALL OF PORT ARTHUR SEEMS NOW IMMINENT.

REPORTS OF CORRESPONDENTS

Japs Are Now Within Main Defenses and Their Guns Command Town—Capture All Outlying Fortifications.

LONDON—The Chronicle's correspondent with General Kuroki, cabling under date of August 24, via Fusan, August 25, says: "The fall of Port Arthur is imminent. The Japanese are now within the main defenses and their guns command the town. Desperate fighting occurs night and day and the losses on both sides are enormous.

"The Russians are making curious counter attacks, but the Japanese are clinging to the positions they have won at so great a cost."

LONDON—The Daily Mail's Kobe correspondent, in a dispatch dated Saturday last, says: "Following is the position of Port Arthur: The Japanese have captured all the outlying fortifications, but the Russians still hold the citadel on Anteshan, Golden Hill forts and the forts on Tiger's Tail and Liaoti mountains. The Japanese are in possession of the parade ground and barracks under the Anteshan fort on the outskirts.

"The fall of Port Arthur is believed to be imminent. It is believed that the garrison will make a desperate sortie before the end comes."

LIAO YANG—The Russians retired from Anshanshan yesterday after a fight which began on the morning of August 26, and continued in a desultory manner all day and night.

Arrangements for a battle had been completed by night time, when the order to retire was given on account of the situation to the east.

The order was received with disappointment by the troops. The retirement was made in an orderly manner.

The plain between Anshanshan and Hai Cheng was covered with Japanese troops, who burned the bridge and shelled the railway station after the Russian retirement. The Russian losses amount to 300.

The Japanese are advancing with great rapidity.

The position at Kaofengshik at 2 o'clock this morning was unchanged.

Money to Aid Irish Cause.

NEW YORK—John E. Redmond, the Irish leader, and those who came to America with him, Captain A. J. C. Donelan, Patrick O'Brien, Connor O'Kelly and Mrs. Redmond, were tendered a reception Sunday night in Carnegie hall by the New York Municipal Council of the United Irish League of America. Mr. Redmond, Captain Donelan, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. O'Kelly and W. Bourke Cockran spoke. Ten thousand dollars was either subscribed or paid in cash toward the Irish fund.

Cable to Alaska Completed.

SEATTLE, Wash.—Amid the cheering of 300 men and women, the shrieking of whistles and the playing of the national anthem, the final splicing of the Sitka-Alaska government cable was made Sunday in the harbor ten miles out of Seattle. Ten minutes later Mayor Ballinger of Seattle cut the rope holding the joined ends of the wires aboard the United States ship Burnside, and with a splash the completed wire connecting the United States and Alaska fell to the bottom of Puget Sound.

Protests Against Russian Action.

DURBAN, Natal.—The captain of the British steamer Comedian has lodged a protest against the action of the Russian auxiliary cruiser Smolensk in stopping the steamer and examining its papers on Sunday last on the southeast coast of Cape Colony.

THE CROP REPORT.

Abundant Rains Have Fallen in Corn Belt.

WASHINGTON—The weekly crop report issued by the weather bureau is as follows:

The drouth prevailing in portions of the central valleys in the previous week has been relieved by abundant rains, but drouth continues in central and western Tennessee and is beginning to be felt in the middle gulf states and over a considerable part of Texas. The central and northern Rocky mountain districts and the north Pacific coast region are also suffering from drouth, the prevalence of forest fires being reported from Idaho and Montana. The latter part of the week was too cool in the lake region and unseasonably low temperatures occurred in the northern Rocky mountain districts and upper Mississippi valley on the 21st and 22d, but elsewhere east of the Rocky mountain district the temperature has been favorable.

The principal states have experienced a week of good conditions, abundant rains having fallen throughout the corn belt, except in portions of Ohio and Nebraska. Corn has made satisfactory progress in most of the Missouri valley and is generally improved in the central Mississippi and Ohio valleys, although a considerable part of the crop in the Ohio valley has been injured beyond recovery. In the middle Atlantic states and lower Missouri valley early corn is now partly matured.

Spring wheat harvest is generally finished, except in North Dakota and northern Minnesota, where rust is continuing to cause great injury. Rains in North Dakota in the latter part of the week interrupted harvesting. Harvesting is also nearly finished on the north Pacific coast.

Reports indicate a general scarcity of apples in the greater part of the middle Atlantic states and central valleys, but in New England, New York and the lake region the outlook is more favorable, a good crop being promised in the two last mentioned sections.

The reports respecting potatoes indicate a good crop is generally promised in the more prominent potato producing states. Drouth has impaired the outlook in portions of the Ohio valley, however, and rot and blight are increasing in Pennsylvania.

Throughout the central valleys and middle Atlantic states the soil is in fine condition for fall plowing, which work is in general progress and well advanced in some places.

LETTER NEARLY FINISHED

President Roosevelt Putting on Finishing Touches.

OYSTER BAY, L. I.—During the next three or four days President Roosevelt will put the finishing touches on his letter of acceptance. It probably will be placed in the hands of a printer on September 10. The letter will contain approximately 12,000 words. The date of its publication has not been determined definitely, but very likely it will be on Monday, September 12.

The president has not received the representations said to have been forwarded to him by the attorneys for the western federation of miners urging action by the national government in the matter of deportation of citizens from the disturbed district in Colorado. The department of commerce and labor, through Carroll D. Wright, commissioner of labor, and his agent, has made an exhaustive inquiry into the Colorado labor situation and is keeping in constant touch with it. The president is thus enabled to have practically first hand information on the subject. As the matter stands now it is understood to be entirely improbable that any action will be taken by the national government.

STRIKE TO GO ON

THE CONFERENCE TO SETTLE MATTERS AVAILS NOTHING.

NO CONCESSIONS FORTHCOMING

Strikers Have Not Changed Their Position and the Packers Prepared to Offer Only Such Terms as They Have Offered Before.

CHICAGO—Conferences of the committee appointed earlier in the week to attempt a settlement of the stock yards strike, with the parties to the dispute, resulted in nothing. There is no present prospect that they will result in anything in the future and the chances of an agreement between the packers and strikers appear very meager.

The strike leaders appeared before the committee and stated their side of the case. They did not suggest to the aldermanic committee that it make any overtures to the packers, but simply gave their view of the situation.

Representatives of the packers then appeared before the committee. After a session that lasted three hours Mayor Harrison said:

"The packers have said just what they have said before; that they are running their plants and have nothing to arbitrate, and that there is no reason why they should confer with the men.

"We heard a review of the entire strike trouble and the packers say that in every city except Chicago and Omaha the strike is over and they assert that with 70 per cent as many men as they employed in Chicago before the strike they are now turning out 82 per cent of the normal output."

Labor leaders tonight announced that in all probability the butchers' strike would be settled peaceably before next Wednesday. They declined to explain the cause of their belief, but were positive in their statements that the strike would not be called off.

President Donnelly of the butchers has called all the members of the butchers' executive board to meet in Chicago next Wednesday.

Union leaders and packers conferred with the committee appointed by the city council to seek terms of settlement of the stock yards strike. Separate sessions were arranged. President Donnelly of the butcher workmen, Matthew Carr of the allied trades conference board and Organizer John J. Fitzpatrick of the Chicago Federation of Labor were selected to represent the unions. President Donnelly was hopeful.

"It is a game of checkers," said Mayor Harrison at the end of an hour's conference with President Donnelly's committee.

"The strikers have not changed their position," said the mayor, "and the meeting resulted only in the aldermen being given a full explanation of what that position is. President Donnelly told of the history of the original strike, the agreement to resume work and the strikers' side of the renewal of the strike."

MICKEY WILL GO TO SEATTLE.

Nebraska Executive Will See New Battleship Christened.

LINCOLN, Neb.—Governor Mickey and twenty-five invited guests will go to Seattle to witness the christening and launching of the battleship Nebraska. A Nebraska girl, probably Miss Maria Mickey, will toss the bottle of champagne against the hull of the vessel. However, the governor may object to any member of his family handling intoxicating liquor, and in that event the honor will fall to some one else. The governor has notified the shipbuilding authorities that he will be present.

Those who will accompany him will be state officials and politicians.

A FINAL ASSAULT.

It Is Announced from Tokio as Imminent.

TOKIO—The final assault on Port Arthur is imminent. Hundreds of Japanese guns continue to pour a destructive fire into the city and harbor, along the lines of forts and entrenchments preparatory to the infantry assault.

It is evident that the Russian lines have been weakened and partly penetrated in the vicinity of Autzshan and Itzshan forts. The entire line of Russian defenses immediately about the harbor are within range of the Japanese guns. A number of Russian forts and batteries continue to be vigorous.

The Japanese death roll will be heavily increased before they are captured. The direction of the Japanese attack creates the impression here that the city and defenses on either side of the harbor entrance will fall first. The final stand will be made at Liaotishan.

Japanese official channels of information remain closed and the navy department's announcement of the striking of a mine by the battleship Sevastopol and the firing upon the Russian forts by the cruisers Nisshin and Kasuga are the only disclosures made for several days.

It is believed here that both sides have suffered heavy losses and that the final record will make the siege the bloodiest since Sedan. The Japanese are supremely confident of the ultimate result. The leaders of the government await the outcome with calm assurance. The people are everywhere decorating streets and houses and erecting arches and flag-staffs in preparation for a national celebration of the expected victory.

LONDON—The correspondent of the Times in a dispatch dated the 24th, 11:35 p. m., says that orders from Emperor Nicholas have been conveyed to Captain Reitzenstein commanding him forthwith to disarm the cruiser Askold and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi, and that "the flags on both vessels were lowered at 7 o'clock tonight."

GOT THE GENUINE RELIGION

Converted Man Wants to Make Good His Peculations.

ST. PAUL—A letter was received at the office of President Elliott of the Northern Pacific railway from a woman missionary in San Francisco telling of the conversion of a man, formerly a section foreman on the Northern Pacific road, and that he confessed to her that for several years he regularly reported one more man than he had on his force, in his pay roll. When the check arrived he appropriated the amount to his personal use. The missionary says the man's conversion is so sincere that he wishes to return not only the money taken, but wishes to observe the old Mosaic law of paying one-fifth additional in the form of smart money.



ADMIRAL ITO
Chief of Staff of the Navy of Japan.