

BEGIN THE SIEGE.

Japs Have Port Arthur Invested by Land and by Sea.

Fortress at Their Mercy and Is Likely to Fall Any Time—Alexieff Falls Back on Harbin Where He Will Concentrate.

Paris, Feb. 19.—An eminent military authority connected with one of the embassies said yesterday that Port Arthur was practically besieged and it was a serious question whether this would not compel either the abandonment or the surrender of the fortress with its men and material. The grounds for this belief were stated to be as follows:

Admiral Togo's ships, on the watch at the entrance of the port, prevent ingress or egress, thus establishing a virtual blockade and cutting off the chances of relief from seaward. The Japanese troops near Niuchwang and other points on the Liao-Tung peninsula are able to interrupt the railroad forming the line of communication and supplies between Port Arthur and Harbin. The result is the gradual investiture of Port Arthur within the Japanese naval and military lines. It will require a bold action on the part of the Russian forces to prevent the final accomplishment of the investiture and reduction of Port Arthur.

It is now believed both in London and on the continent that Viceroy Alexieff has decided to fall back upon Harbin, practically abandoning Port Arthur, Vladivostok and the whole of southern Manchuria to the Japanese and that he is perhaps hoping that the reduction of Port Arthur and Vladivostok will occupy the enemy while he is concentrating his forces at Harbin.

Japanese Capture Two Russian Steamers.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—A telegram received here from Port Arthur says the Japanese have captured the Okhotsk-Kamchatka company's steamers Kolik and Bobrik.

Many Troops at Wiju.

Seoul, Feb. 19.—The report that 3,000 Russian troops had arrived at Chin-Tien-Cheng, opposite Wiju, on the Yalu river, is confirmed as is the report that the Russians have occupied Wiju itself. They have 2,000 troops at Wiju and the first collision is expected somewhere in that vicinity.

Russians Lost 439 at Chemulpo.

Berlin, Feb. 19.—A dispatch from Chemulpo reasserts that 17 officers and 439 men of the Russian warships Variag and Korietz were either killed or drowned when those vessels were destroyed.

St. Petersburg Papers Complain.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—No official announcement of the disaster off Chemulpo has yet been made, although the papers are printing stories of the loss of the Variag and Korietz. The St. Petersburg Gazette says: "What are we going to do with the millions subscribed for the navy?" and continues: "We cannot patch up a useless garment. Let us start afresh. Let the people decide how the money is to be spent. The ministers are too busy to give the matter due attention."

Alexieff Killed Negligent Officer.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—After the attack by the Japanese torpedo boats at Port Arthur, Viceroy Alexieff summoned the officers whose negligence was the main cause for the defeat. After cross-examining them as to their conduct, Admiral Alexieff became convinced of the guilt of a lieutenant among them and is declared to have drawn a revolver and shot the young officer dead in front of his comrades. The lieutenant, it is stated, had taken a party of officers ashore in his boat, instead of remaining on guard.

6,000-Mile Trip.

Moscow, Feb. 19.—Ordinarily, the time required for a troop train to cover the 6,000 miles between Moscow and Port Arthur is 20 days. Several trains now blocked to the east of Lake Baikal have already been en route for three weeks. The stock of provisions in Siberia is low, and urgent telegrams are reaching St. Petersburg calling for assistance.

Soldiers Perish on Siberian Railway.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—Both official and unofficial advices from Siberia confirm the reports of demoralization in the railway service on the trans-Baikal section of the trans-Siberian railway. There is great suffering and mortality among men and horses.

ONLY TO MAINTAIN ORDER.

United States Landing Marines in San Domingo Is Not to Exercise Permanent Authority Over the Island.

Washington, Feb. 19.—No news was received at the state or navy departments over night regarding the reported landing in San Domingo of marines. It is the earnest wish of the administration that forcible intervention in San Domingo may be postponed until after the ratification of the Panama treaty. If the outrages upon American interests continue, however, it will be necessary to put in force at once the drastic scheme of operations that has been agreed upon. The United States, it is emphatically stated, does not want San Domingo as a gift or as a purchase.

HIS YOUNG BRIDE WEPT.

Missouri Legislator Had Neglected to Tell About a Previous Matrimonial Adventure Until Arrested for Bigamy.

St. Louis, Feb. 19.—W. H. Locker, of Waynesville, Mo., member of the Missouri legislature from Pulaski county, who arrived in St. Louis on his wedding tour from Duluth, Minn., was met at the Laclede hotel by Deputy Sheriff Heet and served with divorce papers on behalf of a former wife, charging Locker with bigamy. Locker, who was married January 10 to Miss Lucy Laduce, the daughter of a prominent manufacturer of Duluth, neglected to tell her that he had been married several years before to a Miss Nora Hill, a country girl near Waynesville, and that a year ago he had applied for and secured a divorce in Judge McElhinney's court at Clayton. He did not tell her, either, that the former wife claimed the divorce was illegal because Locker was not a resident of St. Louis county and contended that she was still his wife.

While Locker told the story of his first love affair, his young wife hung upon his arm and wept. When, for the first time, she realized that she was not the only woman that Locker had ever married, she was defiant. She demanded an explanation. Locker at first offered to go into a parlor and explain the whole matter privately to a reporter. Mrs. Locker demanded that the explanation be made in her presence. Then she broke down, clung to him and begged that her name be kept out of the papers.

HANNA'S BODY AT CLEVELAND.

The Mortal Remains of the Late Senator Laid in State and Were Viewed by Fully 50,000 People.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 19.—This city was truly one of mourning yesterday. The mortal remains of Senator Marcus A. Hanna laid in state upon a shrouded catafalque in the auditorium of the chamber of commerce, where they were taken immediately upon their arrival here from Washington yesterday. Surrounded by a veritable garden of flowers and guarded by a detail of soldiers from the state militia, the city of Cleveland now claims its own distinguished dead. During the afternoon from 1:30 to 9:30 last night fully 50,000 people passed the flower-covered casket and took a last look upon the features of the dead statesman.

TEN MONTHS AT SEA.

The Steamer Juteopolis Sailed from Hilo April 30 and Her Crew Had a Harassing Voyage.

New York, Feb. 19.—Five months over-due from Hilo, P. I., and for a long time given up as lost, the four-masted ship Juteopolis was towed into port here. With her crew completely exhausted by the ten months' battle with almost uninterrupted storms of two oceans, she was towed here from Delaware breakwater, but when in sight of port was forced to anchor outside during the wintery gales of five days longer. The Juteopolis sailed from Hilo on April 30, 42 weeks ago, with a full cargo of sugar, reaching Honolulu only on September 1. A seaman was struck and killed by a falling block when the ship was off Cape Horn.

TWO CHURCHES AS ONE.

Committees Representing Presbyterians and Cumberland Presbyterians Reach Amicable Agreement at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Feb. 19.—It is stated on good authority that the proposed federation of the Cumberland and Presbyterian churches became an assured fact at the conclusion of Thursday's conference of the committees of both bodies which have been in session the past two days. It is announced that all matters pertaining to the consolidation of the two churches have been amicably arranged, and the only question remaining deals purely with the phraseology of certain prescribed forms.

JAMESON STILL A POWER.

Famous Transvaal Raider Will Become Premier of Cape Colony and Form a New Cabinet.

Cape Town, Feb. 19.—Sir John Gordon Sprigg, the premier of Cape Colony, who was defeated in the parliamentary election recently held in East London (which he had represented for nearly 30 years), has resigned the premiership. Dr. Jameson, of raid fame, the leader of the progressives, who defeated the Afrikanerbund party in the elections, has been summoned to form a new cabinet.

SLEW THE ALBANIANS.

Shenshi Pasha and His Turkish Troops Routed Their Adversaries at Babojsi and Raised the Siege.

Salonica, Macedonia, Feb. 19.—The Albanians who were besieging Shenshi Pasha, who, with 2,500 Turkish troops and three guns was reported to be besieged by 20,000 Albanians at Babojsi, have been routed, losing 800 men killed and wounded. The Turkish losses are said to be heavy.

INTERESTING TO AMERICANS.

Western Canada Will Soon Become the Supply Depot for Wheat for Great Britain.

During the past year about 50,000 Americans went from the United States to Canada. Most of these settled upon farm lands, and the writer is informed by agents of the Canadian Government that the greatest success has followed the efforts of nearly all. To their friends on this side of the boundary line the fullest assurance is given of the prosperity that is in store for them. There will always be a splendid market for all the grain, cattle and other produce that can be raised in Western Canada, and with the advantages offered of a free homestead of 160 acres of land, and other lands which may be bought cheaply, an excellent climate, splendid school system, educational advantages of the best, what more is required. The husbandman gets more return for his money than in any other country in the world.

On the occasion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's visit to the Corn Exchange, London, Eng., Colonel Montgomery, V. D., made several important statements. "The function (he said) which you have just been assisting in connection with a kindred association has doubtless shown you the importance of the provision trade of Liverpool in its relationship with the Dominion, and the enormous possibilities of the future development of that trade. Well, the grain trade of Liverpool has interests with Canada no less important than those of the provision trade. When it is borne in mind that 80 per cent. of the breadstuffs of this great country has to be brought from abroad, you will readily appreciate with what great satisfaction we view the large and steadily increasing supplies of grain which are annually available for export from Canada, and I challenge contradiction when I say that of the wheats we import from Russia, India, the Pacific, and the length and breadth of the United States, none gives more general satisfaction, none is more generally appreciated, than that raised in the Province of Manitoba. We cannot get enough of it, and it is no exaggeration to say that there are before us dozens of millers who hunger for it. This is not the time to enter into statistical questions, but we look forward with confidence to the time at which, with the present rate of progress, the Dominion of Canada will have a sufficient surplus of wheat to render this country independent of other sources of supply. I think I may, with justifiable pride, remind you that this is the chief grain market of the British Empire, and through its excellent geographical position, as well as through the enterprise of its millers it is now the second milling center in the world." Send to any authorized Canadian Government Agent for copy of Atlas and information as to railway rate, etc.

Matter-o'-Money.

An amusing method of securing the marriage of his five daughters has been adopted by a wealthy tradesman in Berlin. As suitors were not apparently inclined to seek the hands and affections of the daughters, the father advertised that he would pay to the accepted suitor of each daughter a dowry in cash proportionate to the weight of the selected damsel immediately after the wedding ceremony. A young lawyer was the first who submitted himself for the father's approval, and, having produced satisfactory evidence as to his respectability, he was presented to the daughters. He visited them for a week, and then chose the stoutest of the five, to whom he was married. When the ceremony was over the lady was weighed and registered 17 stone, the father immediately paying over to his son-in-law a sum of 13,000 crowns.—Westminster Gazette.

Got the Right Kind.

Gainesville, Texas, Feb. 22nd.—Mrs. L. E. Burton of 507 Glad street, this city, writes the following letter:—"I have been awfully troubled with my kidneys. I was in a bad fix, but was getting no better. I tried a remedy called Dodd's Kidney Pills and I found they did me lots of good. I had a slight return of my trouble and I went to the Drug Store and called for Dodd's Kidney Pills. They said there was no such pills. I told them there was. They said they had the best pills that were made and persuaded me to try a box of another kind, not Dodd's. As I needed some medicine, I bought a box, but they did me no good, so I went elsewhere and got the real Dodd's Kidney Pills, and very soon was completely cured. I took a box up to the Drug Store and showed them that there was such pills and asked them to order some, but as I haven't needed any more I haven't called to see whether or not they got them."

"Is Mr. Lovejoy still paying attention to your daughter?" "Indeed, he isn't paying any attention to her at all." "Why? Did he jilt her?" "No, he married her."—Yonkers Herald.

This is none too early to see about accommodations at the World's Fair. Better write the Inside Inn, Room 110, Administration Bldg., St. Louis, today, for particulars, which will be sent you free. It is the only hotel in the World's Fair Grounds.

She—"Why do you always insist on having your own way?" He—"Why shouldn't I? My way is always the best."—Somerville Journal.

Do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—J. F. Boyer, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

It requires no special virtue to praise the right and pursue the wrong.—Ruin's Horn.

The man who is above his business may one day find his business above him.—Draw.

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Women accept favors from men as though doing the man a favor by accepting them.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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When the John A. Salzer Seed Co., of La Crosse, Wis., introduced this remarkable grass three years ago, little did they dream it would be the most talked of grass in America, the biggest, quick, hay producer on earth, but this has come to pass.

Agr. Editors wrote about it, Agr. College Professors lectured about it, Agr. Institute Orators talked about it, while in the farm home by the quiet fireside, in the corner grocery, in the village post-office, at the creamery, at the depot, in fact wherever farmers gathered, Salzer's Billion Dollar Grass, that wonderful grass, good for 5 to 14 tons per acre and lots of pasture besides, is always a theme worthy of the farmer's voice.

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Victoria Rape, which can be grown at 25c a ton, and Speltz at 20c a bu., both great food for cattle, also come in for their share in the discussion. [K. L.]

Truth has many robes, but only one face.—Chicago Tribune.

Borrowing is not much better than begging.—Lensing.



Mrs. Elizabeth H. Thompson, of Lillydale, N. Y., Grand Worthy Wise Templar, and Member of W. C. T. U., tells how she recovered from a serious illness by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I am one of the many of your grateful friends who have been cured through the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and who can to-day thank you for the fine health I enjoy. When I was thirty-five years old, I suffered severe backache and frequent bearing-down pains; in fact, I had womb trouble. I was very anxious to get well, and reading of the cures your Compound had made, I decided to try it. I took only six bottles, but it built me up and cured me entirely of all my troubles. "My family and relatives were naturally as gratified as I was. My niece had heart trouble and nervous prostration, and was considered incurable. She took your Vegetable Compound and it cured her in a short time, and she became well and strong, and her home to her great joy and her husband's delight was blessed with a baby. I know of a number of others who have been cured of different kinds of female trouble, and am satisfied that your Compound is the best medicine for sick women."—MRS. ELIZABETH H. THOMPSON, Box 105, Lillydale, N. Y.

Thousands upon thousands of women throughout this country are not only expressing such sentiments as the above to their friends, but are continually writing letters of gratitude to Mrs. Pinkham, until she has hundreds of thousands of letters from women in all classes of society who have been restored to health by her advice and medicine after all other means had failed.

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