

Theatrical.

At the close of the performance of Hamlet...

Hardly—Why, my dear boy, Shakespeare is dead!

Dumley—Is that so? I hadn't heard of it...

No Pleasure.

"Hup! There she goes!" exclaimed the new cook...

"Oh, well," said the nurse girl, condescendingly...

"Is it so?" replied the cook. "Shure, here's no pleasure at all..."

Nothing to Retract.

"I suppose it's in order to congratulate you, old chap."

"On what?" "On your marriage to Miss Strawberry, of course."

"That was a false alarm. We're engaged, although few people know it..."

"No? Well, I reiterate my congratulations, old chap."

Easily Explained.

Uncle George—Young man, don't you know anything? For my part, I can't understand how you ever got through college.

Harry—That was all right. I had one of the brightest coaches that ever was.

His Preference.

"They say," remarked the boarding house landlady, "that washing the hair in strong tea will make it dark."

"Possibly," rejoined the old bachelor at the pedal extremity of the table, "but I prefer to have my tea darkened in some other manner."

Still a Victim.

Singleton (sarcastically)—Now that you are bold, I suppose your wife gives you a rest, eh?

Wedderly—Oh, no; I still have some whiskers left.

Modern Way.

Mayme—Stella is advertising the fact that she wants to get married.

Elyth—Is it possible! Mayme—Yes; she's attending a private cooking school.

Risk.

"There goes Plunger, the speculator."

"Yes, and he is about to enter the most risky kind of speculation."

"Indeed! Going to play the horses?" "Worse than that; he's going to play matrimony."

Rough on Reggy.

Ida—Reggy De Fake says he moves in high society.

May—Moves? Then he must drive a furniture van.

By Contrast.

Tess—I don't see why you shouldn't associate with her.

Jess—Oh, I couldn't. She's so horribly homely, you know.

Tess—Well, then, if you went with her it would make you look positively good-looking—Philadelphia Press.

Wasn't Helping Her Case.



Mr. Scrap—And to think that I used to call you an angel.

Mrs. Scrap—Well, I always did say you didn't know anything.

In After Years.

Mrs. Green—William, what objection have you to that young man who is calling on our daughter?

Green—He is silly, Mary.

Mrs. Green—Oh, that's because he is in love. I remember the time when you were a very silly young man.

Green—Silly isn't the proper name for it, Mary. I was a measly idiot—that's what I was.

Other Side of It.

"But," protested the prospective tenant, "the house is awfully damp."

"My dear sir," replied the agent, "that is one of its many advantages. In case of fire it isn't likely to burn."

"And there is no water in the well," continued the would-be renter.

"Another advantage," said the agent, "in case your children happen to fall in it they won't drown."

His Belief.

"Do you believe that marriage is a lottery?" she asked.

"Yes," he replied, "and I also believe that every woman is anxious to take one or more chances."

Leap-Year Episode.

Pretty School Teacher—You should see your teacher, Johnny.

Little Johnny Wise—Oh, teacher his is so sudden!

IRING ON PORT ARTHUR

ANY BODIES LIE UNBURIED AS RESULT.

Heavy Losses On Both Sides in Fight. Bombardment So Fierce that Russians Abandon Re-pairs on Works.

CHE FOO.—The Japanese continue to bombard Port Arthur, and the shells are falling so incessantly that the Russians have practically abandoned the repair of the works protecting the harbor.

Citizen volunteers and the police are now reinforcing the garrisons of the forts according to the stories of Chinese arriving here, sixty of whom left Port Arthur on November 5 owing to the high price of food.

So many men were killed on both sides during the last assault that many bodies lay unburied for many days and in some instances dogs which had been driven from the town, assuaged their hunger by eating the lead. In a few cases where this was seen the horror-stricken Russian sharpshooters killed the dogs. Some months ago the Russian authorities ordered that all dogs seen on the streets should be shot, with the result that half-famished creatures have been roaming the hills, becoming savage.

The Chinese say that the fort on Golden Hill has done practically no firing for months past, and it is believed their ammunition has run short.

The demolition of the Chinese new town is almost completed a thousand houses having been destroyed for the valuable firewood they contained.

The town is constantly catching fire and the majority of the warehouses and stores belonging to foreigners have burned to the ground.

Tax Ferret Law is Valid

OMAHA.—Judge Smith McPherson of the United States court holds that the Iowa tax ferret law is constitutional. In the suit brought by Mrs. Anna Jeffries of this city to restrain the county treasurer from attempting to collect delinquent taxes reported by the tax ferret Judge McPherson handed down his decision sustaining the demurrer of County Killpack to the petition of the plaintiff.

Mrs. Jeffries' petition was based on the contention that the tax ferret law was unconstitutional in that it was in violation of the rights of property guaranteed by the federal constitution. In his decision Judge McPherson sustains the validity of the law and holds that the contention of Mrs. Jeffries is without foundation. A number of similar suits pending in the district court depended on Judge McPherson's ruling in this case.

Maine Wreck Bought

NEW YORK.—For \$5,000 the United States battleship Maine Salvage company has bought from the Cuban government the wreck of the Maine in Havana harbor. A coffin will be built around the hulk and it will be raised. Such of the seventy-four bodies of American sailors as were not recovered after the battleship was destroyed will be removed and buried. The salvage company will sell the machinery and armor and after exhibiting the hulk in Havana a new bottom will be placed on the ship and it will be towed to Luna Park, Coney Island where it will be exhibited as a curiosity.

Thrown From Automobile.

NEW YORK.—Miss May Waring, a well known society woman of Plainfield N. J., has been fatally injured in an automobile accident. Louis Waring and A. G. Waring, her brothers, and Mrs. Waring, a wife of the latter, were severely cut and bruised. The chauffeur was also badly shaken up. The car carrying the party was a large one and while running at high speed a tire exploded.

Earthquake in Formosa.

LONDON.—There was a serious earthquake on the island of Formosa at 4:30 o'clock Sunday morning, November 6, according to the Times Tokio correspondent. The center of the disturbance was at Klavh where 150 houses were destroyed and seventy-eight people killed and twenty-three injured.

New Arbitration Treaties

WASHINGTON.—The secretary of state has received word from the Mexican government of its readiness and willingness to enter into a treaty of arbitration with this government.

THINK CITY SAFE NOT YET IN THE CITY

RUSSIANS MAKING VLADIVOSTOK DOUBLY STRONG.

READY FOR THE JAPANESE

ANY ENEMY MAY FIND IT A SECOND PORT ARTHUR

Fortification Placed for Miles Outside and Ship Loads of Provisions Being Laid In for Siege.

CHE FOO.—As the result of months of preparation Vladivostok is now strongly protected, according to Captain Halvorsen of the Norwegian steamer Tuongsu, which, as told in these dispatches arrived here five days out from port with 700 Chinese refugees who were unable to live at Vladivostok any longer on account of the high prices of food and other necessities due to the war.

Captain Halvorsen says that the Vladivostok system of fortifications begins many miles outside the city proper and grows stronger as the city is approached.

Ships laden with food, cannon, ammunition and all sorts of military supplies frequently arrive at Vladivostok, according to Captain Halvorsen, who says that five ships engaged in unloading their cargoes were in port when the Tuongsu sailed.

The captain is unable to estimate the strength of the garrison, but he says that everybody at Vladivostok seems to be either an officer or an ordinary soldier.

The European residents of Vladivostok show their confidence in the security of the city by evidencing an unwillingness to leave it.

If the Japanese make an attempt to capture Vladivostok, it is the belief of Captain Halvorsen that they will find it to be a second Port Arthur. Captain Halvorsen says he believes that submarine boats have arrived at Vladivostok, but adds that he is not positive in this belief for the reason that at present the Russian naval secrets are closely guarded.

The harbor of Vladivostok, he says, has been mined for a distance of some seven miles. In four miles of this area contact mines have been laid, while in the remaining three miles electric mines have been planted.

Certain of a Plot.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The Associated press has not obtained official confirmation of the sensational report that an intercepted dispatch from the Japanese minister at The Hague would be produced in the court of inquiry into the recent North sea incident to prove the existence of a plot to destroy the Russian Baltic fleet. There is, however, said to be good grounds for believing the report to be true, and that there are many indications that Russian government has been long in possession of strong evidence of a Japanese plan to intercept all of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's warships. This explains the willingness of Russia to submit the case to international inquiry. She would scarcely have proposed this course unless convinced that she had a strong case.

It also develops that Emperor Nicholas, during an audience with British Ambassador Hardinge declared in the most positive terms that there were Japanese torpedoes in the North sea. Apparently Denmark was impressed by the same belief. The Russian empress dowager, who was then in Copenhagen, naturally did not fail to communicate to her father the information received by her from St. Petersburg. This would account for the extraordinary precautions adopted by the Danish government in detaching warships to escort the Baltic sea fleet through Danish waters.

Held for Killing Neighbor.

DES MOINES, Ia.—Prof. T. I. Gifford, a prominent resident and church member of Decorah, is under arrest on a charge of murder in the first degree, as a result of the death of H. A. Bigelow, from a blow on the head from a hoe in the hands of Gifford. Bigelow's skull was crushed. The men were engaged in a dispute over their rights to a certain piece of property when Gifford struck Bigelow down, and pulled his body onto his own lot and left him. Bigelow died a few hours afterwards without recovering consciousness.

DAY OF FATE PASSES AND PORT ARTHUR STANDS.

RUSSIA THANKFUL BLOW HAS NOT FALLEN AND HOPING FOR RESPIRE

Graphic Recital of Recent Assaults.

ST. PETERSBURG.—There is a scarcely veiled feeling of relief throughout St. Petersburg that the day has passed without bringing news of the fall of Port Arthur. There had been a considerable fear that the Japanese might push home the final attack. It is now felt that there may come another period of respite. The authorities state that they are without direct news from Port Arthur and everyone is depending upon foreign sources for tidings of the devoted garrison.

Nothing of importance has developed in the region of Mukden.

CHE FOO.—Port Arthur is doomed. The correspondent of the Associated press has received information, the reliability of which is beyond question, that the Japanese now occupy positions which place the east side of the town at their mercy.

The last assault has gained for them positions which insure their ability to enter the main east forts whenever they are ready.

The Japanese calculate that if the Russians do not surrender now they will be capable of prolonging the fighting by making their final stand at Liaotai promontory and Tiger's Tail for a month longer, with the mere hope of continuing the struggle.

Long before the second Pacific squadron arrives in the Pacific the Japanese flag, it is now believed, will wave over the wrecked citadel.

This will end Viceroy Alexieff's dream of an unconquerable city.

The Japanese have not occupied the main forts and highest points of the east hills, but they occupy in overwhelming numbers positions which will enable them to drive the Russians back whenever they desire.

When the Japanese occupy the east port ridge they will completely dominate the other Russian forts with their artillery.

Japanese arriving from Dalny report that the Japanese have captured Rihlung mountain and Sungshu mountain, which lies between the railroad and Rihlung mountain.

They also report that the Japanese have captured East Keekwan mountain. Conservative Japanese, realizing the intense desire of the Japanese for good news on the emperor's birthday receive the above reports with reserve. Regarding the capture of Rihlung and Sungshu mountains the report is not considered improbable, but Japanese say that it is not intended to occupy East Keekwan mountain. In August the Japanese succeeded in entering East Keekwan fort, as was related in these dispatches at that time, but under the concerted fire of the other forts they were compelled to retire.

Japanese officers here say that it is impossible to hold East Keekwan, and that therefore an attempt of that position is presumably only a feint. When the Japanese occupied the Russian trenches on Rihlung mountain it is said that the Russians turned a current of water into the trenches, but that the Japanese held fast. Previously to this Japanese shells exploded two land mines on Rihlung mountain.

A censored dispatch from the Associated press correspondent with the Japanese army does not give any particulars of a general engagement going on at Port Arthur but it is certain that it occurred and that some forts were captured. Terrific explosions heard here indicate that the Russians have exploded mines and destroyed other property.

Many Injured in a Wreck.

LAWRENCE, Mass.—A message from North Andover says a special electric car carrying the "Salem witches" and "Danver's jolly tars" two campaign companies who participated in the republican parade in this city while running at a high rate of speed was derailed and overturned. Many are reported injured. Physicians and police have gone from this city to the scene of the accident which is four miles east of here.

NEBRASKA NOTES

P. G. Schneider of Pickrell, who lost his implement house by fire several evenings ago expects to rebuild at once.

Pearl Burnell a colored boy wanted in Nebraska City on a charge of burglary, has been arrested at Superior, Neb.

Sheriff Charles E. Shrader of Nebraska City has recovered a horse and buggy stolen from John William of that city. The rig was found at the edge of a farm.

Mrs. Charlotte Converse of Brookfield, Mass., died at Chadron, Nebr., at the age of 83. Mrs. Converse was here visiting a great nephew, A. M. Bartlett.

Miss Lulu Ereland daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ereland of Nebraska City died of consumption at the age of twenty-one years. The remains were shipped to Lewiston, Ill. for interment in the family cemetery at that place.

After an absence of fourteen years in the Klondike country, Thomas Berry has returned to his home in Beatrice. Mr. Berry brings with him some very fine nuggets and specimens from the mines of the northwest.

John S. Walker a janitor of the First National bank block at Beatrice while engaged in cleaning windows fell a distance of twelve feet from a stepladder and received severe injuries. He will be confined to his home for some time as a result of the accident.

A petition is being circulated among the taxpayers of Hickman school district asking the school board to discontinue the case against Miss Owens, who has received a judgment of \$200 in the justice court for salary due her and which has been appealed to the district court by the defendants.

A public sale was held by Cook & Scott last week on the farm of the former, two and one-half miles north of Beatrice. Horses sold for \$100 to \$25 each, and nine head of cows brought an average price of \$35 per head. Frank E., a pacing horse was sold in by Mr. Scott, its owner, for \$225.

While Burlington freight train No. 30 was switching at the clay pit, west of Louisville last week, Brakeman A. B. Marr was crushed to death by being caught between the dump and a flat car. Marr was about 35 years of age and leaves a wife and one child. His home was at Lincoln, where the remains were taken.

Ed Jones, a hack driver of Nebraska City shot himself in the left hand recently which may result in his losing a portion of that member. He was fooling with a hammerless revolver, which he did not know was cocked. He pulled the trigger, discharging the gun and the bullet made an ugly wound in his hand.

The Union Pacific has a large gang of men at work unloading coal in the yards at Columbus and several thousand tons are piled up. The company, it is said have a two fold reason for handling this coal twice. One is that they want the cars which are badly needed to handle the grain rush, and another reason is that they fear there may be a snow blockade any time now between there and the Wyoming mines.

Oscar Persons and William Lindley of Central City were out hunting and while getting into their buggy one of their shotguns was accidentally discharged, inflicting a slight flesh wound in the arm of Mr. Lindley and emptying the full contents of the charge in the forearm of Mr. Persons, inflicting a very serious wound which may necessitate amputation. They are both young men, Mr. Lindley being a high school student and Mr. Persons being an employe of the Nebraska Telephone company.

A stranger swindled Mrs. Brust, who resides in the southeast part of Nebraska City out of \$10 by putting up a smooth talk. The man arrived at the Brust house and engaged room and board for one week. He told her that he had nothing but bills of large denomination and could not get them changed and requested the loan of a dollar to have his trunk brought to the house. She did not have any money smaller than a \$10 bill and the man promised to have it changed at a store and return the change to her. She gave him the bill and nothing has been seen or heard of him since, although the police were notified of the swindle.