

# MAN-OF-WAR SUNK

RUMORS OF DISASTER TO JAPANESE NAVY

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SAHANGHAI.—It is reported in British naval circles that a Japanese man-of-war has been sunk by a mine off Port Arthur.

TOKIO.—Unofficial news received from Port Arthur since the report of the progress made by the besiegers indicate that the Japanese operations are proceeding satisfactorily, though slowly.

Reports from the Shikho river state that both armies are still strengthening their positions along the river and are otherwise busily preparing for another great battle.

Reinforcements of Russian troops, guns and supplies are constantly arriving at the front.

MUKDEN.—Artillery firing was continuous all along the lines on Monday and intermittent later.

Says Miners are in Right.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—W. D. Ryan state secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America left for San Francisco to attend the annual convention of the national federation of labor.

Woman Not List Banished.

ST. PETERSBURG.—Mary Finger who has been confined to the New Schluzeberg fortress for twenty years has been released and banished to Archangel, northern Russia.

Look Into Boundary Dispute

QUAYASQUEL, Ecuador.—Vice Admiral Canevaro of the Indian navy, who has arrived here pro-claimed to Lima, Peru.

Destroyed By Explosion

LEAVENWORTH, Kan.—By the explosion of a boiler here the Kemp furniture factory was practically destroyed.

Found pying on Troops

SHANGHAI.—It is reported here that a Chinese official of high rank was executed by the Japanese on November 2 at the village of Shikho.

# MANY GO OVER TO ENEMY

RUSSIANS AT FORT ARTHUR SAID TO HAVE JOINED THE JAPANESE

Siege of the Fortress Goes On—Mukden Reporting Daily to Hear of Fall of the Fort—No Big Battle Expected.

LONDON.—Special dispatches from Che Foo and Tien Tsin report that the defenders of Port Arthur have retired to the Liati hill fort, where they are holding out desperately well entrenched positions.

More reliable reports do not confirm these statements, but the Tokio reports of the capture of Wausai hill, a dominating fort within two miles of the railroad terminus, shows that the Japanese are making rapid strides.

Beonett Burleigh, the Daily Telegraph's correspondent, reports from Che Foo that there was no fighting on the night of November 5.

The Japanese have four large forts facing the Russian works in Rihlung mountain and Shaushu mountain, where they are mounting naval guns on stone foundations.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The office of communications to the North sea incident to Admiral Kazanoff, who had an audience with the emperor, and with Captain Clado, and conferred with the grand dukes Alexis and Alexander.

Germany has formerly asked Russia for an explanation of the Sonotay affair, based upon the claim of the owner of the Sonotay that he lost his fishing nets by being obliged to hurriedly leave for fear of being struck by Russian shells.

Lawmakers Must Go to Jail

BOSTON.—State Representative Thomas Curly and Alderman James M. Curly were sentenced in the United States court to serve two months in jail for having imprisoned others at a civil service examination.

Declares the Strike Off

SPRINGFIELD.—In an order issued recently Mack Taylor, president of the hoisting engineers' union of Illinois, declared the strike of the hoisting engineers off in obedience to a referendum vote which returned 750 to 315 in favor of returning to work.

Left Off Military Roll

BERKELEY, Cal.—The riot among the students of the University of California last week over the military order to march into the class room had a sensational sequel.

Gives Life to Save Woman

NEW YORK.—Joseph Gapple, a hotel keeper of Chauncy, Westchester county, after saving his aged mother and father and three children from his burning hotel last night, was found lying in the flames, when he believed that his wife had not escaped.

Refuses to Discuss Plans

NEW YORK.—Simon Lake, inventor of the submarine torpedo boat which bears his name, returned to the United States on the steamer La Touraine after a four months' absence in Europe.

# THINK CITY SAFE

RUSSIANS MAKING VLADIVOSTOK DOUBLY STRONG.

# READY FOR THE JAPANESE

SAV ENEMY MAY FIND IT A SECOND FORT ARTHUR

Fortification Planned 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 Tungus, which, as to 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 cargo were in port when the Tungus 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.

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.

It also develops that Emperor Nichia, during an audience with British Ambassador Hardinge declared in the most positive terms that there were Japanese torpedoes in the North sea.

Held for Killing Neighbor

DES MOINES, Ia.—Prof. E. I. Gifford, a prominent resident and church worker 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.

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# NOT YET IN THE CITY

DAY OF FATE PASSES AND FORT ARTHUR STANDS.

Main Thankful How Has Not Felt and Hoping for Respite

Graphic Recital of Recent Assault.

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.

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 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 unable to prolong the fighting by making their final stand at Liati 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.

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 Sangshu 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 Sangshu 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 circumstances of the other forts they are compelled to retire.

Japanese officers here say that it is impossible to hold East Keekwan, and that therefore an attempt on 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 which occurred 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.

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# REST FROM BATTLE

JAPANESE PAUSE IN SIEGE OF FORT ARTHUR.

# CHINESE BRING THE NEWS

CLAIM BOMBARDMENT ENTIRELY CEASED.

Advices Elsewhere Say Attack Goes On With Unabated Vigor—Losses of Assaults Declared Heavy.

CHE FOO.—Information has been brought by Chinese that the six days of bombardment and desperate efforts in the part of the besiegers to take the fortress of Port Arthur has ceased.

The Japanese took fort No. 3, but were unable to hold it. The Japanese losses were reported to be enormous.

Chinese who left Port Dalny report that batches of wounded were then passing through Dalny. They report also that during the recent battle fresh Japanese troops were constantly going to the front.

It is reported that the Japanese killed or wounded in front of Port Arthur during the last three months approximately 40,000. There are persistent rumors that the Japanese have occupied the forts of Rihlung and certain forts of the Keekwan mountain, but well informed Japanese here consider these rumors as premature.

Those Japanese, however, are confident that the end of the Russian occupation of Port Arthur is fast approaching. They admit that they have been disappointed heretofore, but they say that their previous hopes never had such a fact-based foundation as those they present at present.

The fact that General Nogi, commander of the third Japanese army at Port Arthur, has allowed the Associated press dispatches to leave the base of his operation is looked upon as strongly indicating the confident spirit of the besiegers.

SHANGHAI.—The British steamer Victoria, which succeeded in running the Port Arthur blockade with a full cargo of beef and has returned here, confirms the reports that the Japanese have captured all the main northeastern positions of the fortress.

Advices reaching Shanghai today say that the Japanese assault on Port Arthur continues with unabated vigor, and that the Russian defense is dugged and determined.

The northern portion of east Keekwan mountain has been captured by the Japanese who hold it under a furious Russian fire.

A fort on the inner line of defenses was destroyed by the explosion of a magazine on November 2. The casualties of the Japanese are reported to be enormous.

A belief prevails that the Russian warships will make another attempt to escape.

Jok-Cork M n His Life

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—James Maxwell, president of local union No. 61, United Mine Workers of America, of Virles, has been shot and killed by Thomas Hall a bartender, as the result of a practical joke.

Hall was returning home after closing the saloon, through North park, when Maxwell, for a joke, stepped from behind a tree and ordered Hall to throw up his hands.

Hall, who had been a victim of hold ups twice and had dressed a revolver and shot Maxwell in the stomach. Maxwell, who lives for several years after the shooting, said he did not blame Hall or shooting him.

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While there are no prints in the trail where the body was found there is no clue to the murderer.

The girl left the telephone office at Columbusville at 9 o'clock in the evening and her body was found in the lot near the cemetery in the morning. Her head and face had been crushed by a blow from a blunt instrument. The dead girl was a member of the Episcopal church club at Winton place and highly respected.

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Denied and his gang drove men, who had been with him, to a place where they were standing at the men. One Italian was instantly killed.

# NEBRASKA NOTES

Walter F. Rhodes has been appointed regular and Clyde S. Enz substitute rural carriers at Cushing, Neb.

Colonel William Hayward and party, who went to St. Louis in a gas-line launch have returned to Nebraska City. They report having a pleasant trip.

Work at tearing down the Fraternity temple at Geneva is still in progress. The Nebraska Telephone company will have their central office at Masonic temple, but will not be in working order for at least six weeks.

Manager Ansonson of the local telephone system of Broken Bow has applied to the city council for a new franchise. It is reported that long distance people also want a franchise and considerable rivalry is anticipated.

A youth of 18 cleverly "worked" a fur overcoat from a clothing store at Norfolk. He tried it on and got one to suit. He said his father would be in to pay and he would wait. Clerks got busy and looked up to find him missing.

Much interest is being manifested in the proposed plan of H. Herpolsheimer to organize a wholesale dry goods company, with about 500 western merchants as stockholders. Many of the merchants are going to Lincoln to investigate the plan.

At Fairfax S. D., the county seat of Gregory county, Ed Roggo, a farmer 62 years old rode to town to have his will made out. After signing the papers he mounted to return home. On the main street his horse stumbled. He went over the horse's neck and broke his neck, dying instantly.

Corn husking is now in full swing throughout the whole of the section around West Point. Corn is exceptionally fine the rule being very large ears and the quality excellent. The crop is hardly dry enough to crib, but notwithstanding the farmers are getting it out as rapidly as possible.

In the district court at Papillion Tim Carr for the murder of Charles B. St at Sarp Mills, July 4, was sentenced to six years imprisonment. Daniel Kone, for stealing a pair of mules from Albert Hancock in Sarp county in June last, received a sentence of five years.

While A. M. Bovey, the butcher at Table Rock was working the meat grinder in the shop, the belt slipped and pulled the machine loose from the floor, and in trying to stop the gasoline engine Mr. Bovey was struck in the left leg by the handle of the machine and a severe wound inflicted. It was a narrow escape, as it might have been much worse.

While trying to shoot a skunk on his premises near Dodge, Joseph Pelzman met with a serious accident which will probably prove fatal. Both barrels of his shotgun were prematurely discharged, the charges exploding in the man's abdomen. The unfortunate man is 28 years of age and has a wife and five children.

The sheriff of Douglas county went to Alton Saturday night, went out in the country and arrested Ed Fitzsimmons for passing spurious paper in South Omaha. Fitzsimmons has lived in the county for several years, during which time he has been connected with several doubtful transactions, but has so far escaped conviction.

Rudolph Harmel the man accused of robbing the saloon of Rudolph Rhode in Beemer was taken before County Judge Dewald at West Point for preliminary examination. The judge considered the testimony sufficiently strong to warrant him binding the defendant over to the district court, which he did. Fixing the amount of the bond at \$500, which the accused furnished.

The Keller fascines which were put in the north bank of the Platte river south of Fremont in June last and later are saving acres of land. East of the bridge, where the current was washing off quantities of good soil, the main stream now passes far to the south, and sandbars are forming where there was once a deep swift stream. Those familiar with the freaks of the river are of the opinion that further washing away of the banks will not occur. The scheme of turtling the main current to the south of the big island is believed to be feasible.

John Madden for some time ago could be in the black and white at the corner of K Street, B. & Col. He has disappeared, leaving a number of unpaid bills.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Best, who have made their home in Beatrice for some time have gone to Omaha where Mr. Best has secured a position in the dispatcher's office of the Union Pacific road. While here at Omaha he was cashier of the Union Pacific depot.