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This ARGUS o'er the people's rights,
Doth an eternal vigil keep

No soothing strains of Maia's sons
Can lull its hundred eyes to sleep.

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JAPANESE-RUSSIAN WAR.

GENERAL STOESEL TO BE TRIED BY A COURT MARTIAL.

A Dispatch Says That a Japanese Cruiser Is Patrolling San Bernardino Channel. Garrison at Port Arthur Contains a Total of 48,000.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—Few incidents of the whole war have aroused more bitter criticism than the blunt announcement, officially issued by the General Staff that General Stoessel will have to come home and stand court martial for surrendering the fortress of Port Arthur.

While this is an ancient regulation and quite according to law, it is bitterly resented on all sides that such an announcement should have been gratuitously made in the same bulletin containing General Stoessel's appeal to the Emperor for "benign judgment on a garrison reduced to shadows, who have done all that was possible for human beings to uphold the honor of Russia in the face of her enemies."

Paris, Jan. 5.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald telegraphs that Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's flagship, the battleship Kniaz Souvaroff has struck a rock and foundered.

London, Jan. 5.—The Japanese authorities refused to-day to allow the British cruiser Andromeda to land near Port Arthur the medical stores with which she sailed from Wei-Hai-Wei, fearing she might encounter some still undiscovered Russian mines.

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DEATH ROLL OF 1904.

No fewer than ten ex-Governors died last year, and three of them had been Governors of Ohio. Postmaster General Payne also died, as did three Senators and leaders of wide reputation. Those Senators were Marcus A. Hanna, Matthew Stanley Quay and George Frisbie Hoar. It would be difficult to point out three senators who would be so greatly missed. Ex-Senators Vest and Ransom also passed away in the old year.

From the ranks of writers were taken Lafcadio Hearn, whose cosmopolitan work was ended in Japan; Sir Edwin Arnold, whose poems will long keep his memory green; Sir Henry M. Stanley, the African explorer; Samuel Smiles, the author of "Self Help"; Sir Leslie Stephen, a student of rare acquirements, and Sir William Vernon Harcourt, a publicist and leader, who served alongside Gladstone.

Other notable dead of the year included "Oom Paul" Kruger, ex-President of the Transvaal; Count von Waldsee, who stood high in Germany; Prince von Plehve, minister of the interior of Russia, who fell at the hands of assassins, and Isabella II., ex-Queen of Spain.

The year's dead includes no Bismarck nor Gladstone, but many men of great usefulness were stricken down, and every country suffered losses that were deeply mourned.

\$400—Dr. E. Detchon's Anti-Diuretic may be worth to you more than \$100 if you have a child who soils bedding from incontinence of water during sleep. Cures old and young alike. It arrests the trouble at once. \$1. Sold by M. E. Robinson & Bro. druggists, Goldsboro.

PORT ARTHUR.

Port Arthur is in the hands of the Japanese, and there it will stay, unless indeed the Japanese are willing to make it a free port, and the railroad thence to Harbin, a corporation as much Japanese as Russian, and more Chinese than either. Such a settlement of a difficult problem is possible.

If a settlement of that nature be, however, impossible then indeed Port Arthur must remain Japanese to the end of time, and if France or Germany, or both, attempt to reproduce the difficulty of nine years ago Japan will fight and England, treaty-bound, will be compelled to fight with and for her.

The fraud of nine years ago has in fact been rendered impossible by Japanese valor and Japanese diplomatic skill. England is her ally. She stands, too, for the open door, and thus America becomes her friend. The better part of the civilized world is in open sympathy. All despise the duplicity of 1896, and all admire the skill and valor displayed in these days by the little yellow men of Japan.

It seems almost incredible that Russia does not sue for peace. Full of distraction at home, and absolutely without hope on the sea in the far east, and therefore without a chance to regain Port Arthur or the warm water outlet she needs, there seems to be nothing for her to do but to make peace and await a better opportunity. Many believe she must either do this, or encounter civil strife at home. The bureaucrats are considered, rightly considered, the source and creators of Russia's distressing condition, and it will be strange indeed if the great mass of Russians do not bring them to justice. A treaty of peace or a revolution seems inevitable, and if it be a treaty of peace Port Arthur and its railroad must either be left in Japanese hands, or else they must be handed over to the uses of the entire world. Korea in any event will become a part of Japan.

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POST-BELLUM CONSPIRACIES.

Scarcely had the news of the fall of Port Arthur been received in Paris when the French jumping-jack newspaper writers rushed into print to declare that the retention of Port Arthur by the Japanese would endanger the interests of the Western nations in the Far East. The holding of it by Russia was admirable, but the holding of it by the Japanese would be something awful. The Berlin Monarch proposes, it is said, to name the terms of peace. This is said to be the secret wish of Continental Europe. England and the United States should stand firmly against any such action. Russia, Germany and France made a mess of it when they dictated the terms of settlement between Japan and China. They really brought on the present bloody war, and Germany and France should keep out of the settlement that is plainly approaching.

Japan has now twice conquered by her skill and valor Port Arthur, and she should hold it as a guarantee of peace and control in the Far East. The United States and Great Britain should aid in the diplomacy that is near at hand. Japan believes in the Open Door, and that is all we want in the Far East. England is Japan's ally.

At any rate Japan should begin to fortify Port Arthur with a view to the holding of it to the end of time. No combine of land-greed nations should be permitted to rob her of her conquest. She should fight this time at corners, for if France or Germany get into it England must perforce side with Japan, and the United States should do likewise if the Open Door is to become a fact in the Far East. There is no Open Door when France and Germany conspire to aid Russia. It is an ill-assorted lot, and this country should stand against them, and in favor of the Open Door.

GOSSIP OF THE WORLD.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DIVERS SOURCES.

The Latest Telegraphic News of the Day Boiled Down to a Focus For Busy Readers.

Cowardice is a son-of-a-gun that carries a pistol.

The president of Paraguay declares that his official motto shall be "Order and Labor." We can foresee his finish in revolution.

Dr. Chadwick's part in the financial operations of his wife is said to have been only "passive." Work out the legal significance of this for yourself.

"Are the American people growing shorter?" asks a medical contemporary. This is a nice question to ask right on the heels of Christmas.

Chicago's "Bath House John" is a candidate for mayor of that cosmopolitan metropolis, nothing daunted by the fate of New York's "Big Bill" Devery.

A deceased New England heiress left her large fortune to a town on condition that the town change its name to hers. The longing for immortality is by no means confined to the hereafter.

The Philadelphia Press is jubilant because "Pennsylvania contributed one-fifth of the great majority President Roosevelt received at the late election." And Philadelphia—but never mind, there's no use exciting hard feelings.

Boston is too refined to say plain "tunnel" or "subway." Bostonians, according to The Chicago Journal, allude to their new rapid transit hole in the ground as the "subaqueous corridor," since the water of the bay is over it.

The lynching spirit once aroused is no respecter of persons. It is anarchy in a very bad form. It knows no bounds, possesses no reason and considers not the consequences. It is one of the worst forms of lawlessness the world has witnessed in generations, and its results are deep-seated. The sooner this menace to progress and a higher standard of civilization is suppressed by rigid execution of the laws the better for the welfare of all the people.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in Postoffice, Goldsboro, Wayne County, N. C., Jan. 9, 1904.

MEN'S LIST.

B—N J Bawhes, H M Baker.
E—L Evans.
G—Ellie Graham, Henry Grimes.
L—J L Lane, W T Love & Co.
M—James K. Mullord, John Mc-Lellan, W H Mozingo.
N—A W Nodgen.
R—C R Rodgers.
S—T E Spencer, Willie Smith.
W—Robt B Williams, Shepherd Williams.

LADIES' LIST.

A—Pennie Applewhite.
B—Anna Banks, Annie Bell, Fannie Brewington.
C—S J Carter.
E—Lila Everitt.
F—Lucinda Ford.
G—Martha Gooley.
H—Annie Highsmith.
M—Basha Lee Manuel.
S—F M Saunders, Wm Strickland.
W—Narci Wills.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. Rules and regulations require that one cent be paid on advertised letters.

J. F. DOBSON, Postmaster.

AFTER PORT ARTHUR, WHAT?

The fall of Port Arthur does not simply deprive the Baltic fleet of a rendezvous. There is in fact little probability that that lot of odds and ends will ever be sent to the China sea, or to Vladivostok, or to the Far East at any other point. Nor will the prestige thus gained by the Japanese be material, for they have plenty of that article on hand. They have really suffered no defeat in a year of war.

But there will flow from the fall of Port Arthur two aids to war that may prove important and even decisive. In the first place Oyama who is facing Kuropatkin will at once be reinforced to the extent of 50,000 seasoned troops, and Japan will be enabled to hurl her entire military strength against Kuropatkin. A clash may not occur until spring, but when it does come Japan will be fully ready for it, relieved as she is of the task of maintaining an army under Nogi at Port Arthur.

But the chief game will be of a naval nature. Japan has but four battleships, and she may now be able to double that number by quickly raising and refitting Russian ships sunk in the shallow water of the harbor of Port Arthur. If this be feasible the war is practically settled, for as long as Japan controls the waters of the Far East Russia cannot whip her 7,000 miles away from a real base with no connecting link except a single-track railroad.

Russia cannot regain then control of the sea. She should seek peace, and resume her proverbial diplomatic methods. She has nothing to gain from a continuance of a war that shows her in a collapsed condition. There is plenty of sense in such men as M. Witte, and besides the internal condition of Russia calls aloud for peace. The war is unpopular in Russia, and conscription is the military recourse at present. All these things point to peace, and that, too, speedily. The fall of Port Arthur means, let us hope, peace.

TO REDUCE RAILROAD ACCIDENTS.

(Governor Aycock's Message.)

Railroad accidents have been so numerous in the past few years as to challenge the attention of the State as well as the traveling public. I am firmly persuaded that many of these accidents are due to the physical condition of the employees of the railroad and that this condition is brought about by too many hours of service without the opportunity of rest. If the public were not directly interested in the matter it would still be a subject worthy of consideration whether any citizen should be permitted, even under contract, to work for so great a length of time without rest as to impair his physical and mental powers, but where the life of people traveling is involved there can be no doubt of the right and duty of the Legislature to pass such laws as shall render less frequent railroad accidents by restricting the number of hours of continuous service which can be given by the employees of the railroads. A law of this sort will work no hardship upon anybody. On the contrary by securing better service, accidents will be lessened, human life will be protected and the destruction of property prevented.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder Disense relieved in six hours by "NEW GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." It is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in bladder, kidney and back, in male or female. Relieves retention of water almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is the remedy. Sold by M. E. Robinson & Bro druggists, Goldsboro, N. C.

Has Stood the Test 25 Years. The old, original GROVE'S Tasteless Chill Tonic. You know what you are taking. It is iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay, 50c.

FUN FOR OLD AND YOUNG.

SHARP AND WITTY SAYINGS OF THE PRESS.

Picked Up For the Amusement and Perusal of the Masses.

"I haven't any money, The candid truth to tell." "Oh," said the girl collector, "A check will do as well."

"Which state does Senator Dodger represent?"

"I don't know, but I can tell you which trust."

"Let me sell you this little work on 'How to Keep Chickens.'"

"No use. There is a colored settlement half a mile below."

"There goes a man who has slaughtered his thousands."

"Why is he allowed to remain at large?"

"He is a war correspondent, and those that he killed never found it out."

Yes, there's a good time coming
Some day, I rather guess.
But it's not bearing down upon
The cannon ball express.

"Do you believe Solomon was the wisest man?"

"I suppose he was, but I don't like to say anything about it, my husband is so sensitive."

He came from college
Chock full of knowledge,
But one great point he lacked—
He had been prouder
And shouted louder
Had all his ribs been cracked.

They were seated so close together on the parlor sofa that there was no room between them for an argument, when she suddenly let loose a large and soulful sigh.

"What's the matter, darling?" he asked.

"Oh," she replied, "I just happened to think that this would be our last evening together until to-morrow evening."

"Her Natal Day."

Yesterday afternoon, between the hours of 3 and 5, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Taylor, on Chestnut street, was the scene of bright faces and jolly prattle by the "Wee ones," the occasion being the 4th birthday of their bright and lovely little daughter Serena Fischer Taylor.

The little guests were received by Grandma Williams with her always cheerful face and were as follows: Walter Stillely, Margaret Bradshaw, Estelle Powell, Lydia Taylor, Elizabeth Allen, Virginia Allen and Robert Bradshaw.

The "little hostess" received many beautiful remembrances, and each wish for her many, many happy returns of the day. After games and other amusement, all were taken to the lovely decorated dining room, where dainty little refreshments were served by Misses Eunice Taylor and Katie Corbett.

New Hardware Company.

The Ideal Hardware and Commission Company has been organized in this city with a capital of \$10,500 paid in. The officers are, W. H. Huggins, President; Geo. W. Baker, Vice-President; J. Wash Bizzell, Secretary and Treasurer.

The business will be conducted at the stand formerly occupied by Mr. W. H. Huggins.

FAMOUS SIEGES.

The fall of Port Arthur, after a siege of over ten months, recalls other sieges of modern times, including that of Vicksburg. Flag Officer Faragut first demanded the surrender of that city on May 18, 1862, but the bombardment of it was not begun until June 26. It was surrendered on July 4, 1863. The forces engaged were much alike those that met face to face at Port Arthur. General Pemberton surrendered 31,000 men and 172 guns, after encountering losses aggregating 10,000 men and 90 guns. General Grant's losses were about 10,000 men out of a total force 70,000 strong. The fall of Vicksburg came with the battle of Gettysburg, and the two marked the turning point in the civil war. The siege of Petersburg, lasting nearly eleven months, may be said to have ended it.

A few years before the days of civil war France, Great Britain and Turkey were engaged in fighting Russia; whose land greed looked at that time towards Constantinople. The scene of war was in the Crimea, and Sebastopol became its local point. That famous siege lasted eleven months, and from it Tennyson drew the subject of his immortal poem. The forts about Sebastopol became household words. It was a siege that will live in history, but all military experts agree that Port Arthur outranks it alike in military skill and picturesqueness. Port Arthur comparatively the bloodiest. The siege of Lucka lasted four months with an army but their way to the city was written. The siege of Lucka lasted 142 days; that of Vicksburg 118 days, and that of Franco-German war, twenty days.

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Other sieges of modern times of short duration, approaching importance, siege of Yorktown, twenty days.

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ALL NEXT WEEK.

The Lyric Stock Company Have the Boards of the Senger Opera House.

Next week what is the best popular price attraction, both from a standpoint and from a view, will be at the Opera House, opening Monday night the company will present the latest military drama "Only a Volunteer," and the most brilliant popular price production ever seen in this city is promised.

The piece is one that deals interestingly and powerfully with the present war and affords ample opportunity for handsome costumes and picturesque stage settings. For the production the company carries special scenery, as it would be impossible to present a scene at Port Arthur without such. The plot is one of intense heart interest and appeals by its refinement to the cultured and educated. The comedy is of a rich hue and most unique in nature. It is guaranteed that the play is not being produced by any other repertoire company in the South.

Seats for Monday night will be on sale at Higgins' Drug Store. Prices—10, 20 and 30 cents.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

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