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ASSAULT ON PORT ARTHUR.

Account of a Desperate Attempt of the Japanese Forces to Take the Fortress.

Headquarters of the Japanese third Army Before Port Arthur, November 23th, via Tien Tsin, December 6.—The general assault on Port Arthur which began at noon on November 26th is still in progress. In the first series of assaults an attempt was made to capture the forts at Rihlung and Kekwan mountains by penetrating the principal line of fortifications surrounding them, and to envelop the city from the east. At the same time a strong force pushed up the gorge of Shishi valley between the two fortified ridges and attacked the supporting fort in the rear of the West Rihlung mountain, officially called Sung shu mountain, with the intention of enveloping the city from the west. The attempts failed after the most furious fighting that has been witnessed since Port Arthur was invested. The fighting lasted from noon on November 26th until after dawn on the following day without cessation.

The assault began in the early morning with a tremendous bombardment of the forts. For hours the whole fortified ridge was deluged with the heavy shells. At noon the principal lines of fortifications was a perfect hell of bursting Shrapnel and the spectacle was more wonderful than anything previously seen.

Through the haze caused by the smoke of the bursting shells the assaulters could be seen emerging from the cover of the parallels as well as swarming up the fortified ridge at half a dozen different points.

Rifles, rapid fire guns and machine guns blazed from the Russian position where advances were made in the open. The men went down by the hundreds.

As fast as the assaulters were repulsed, more Japanese swarmed up, only to be mowed down in turn.

The Japanese paralleled some 85 yards of the Russian trench line, and an entire regiment charged across, the men falling by hundreds before the awful fire of the Russians. But still more men came on over the bodies of those who had fallen and by sheer weight of numbers they reached the trenches which they captured at the point of the bayonet.

The assaulters succeeding in holding some eighty yards of the trench in front of the parallels, but their effort to rush the trench line east and west was a failure, owing to impassable burning pits.

The Japanese built traverse walls across their machine guns and tried to cross the hills, but they were unable to do so.

At 6 o'clock in the evening a furious Russian counter attack drove the Japanese back to the parallel with great loss.

At 9 o'clock the Japanese captured the same portion of the trench and made desperate but unsuccessful efforts to cross the pits.

An awful struggle continued until 2 o'clock in the morning when the Russians again counter-attacked and recaptured the trench which was piled with dead bodies. For thirty yards between the trenches there was a veritable shambles. The last attacks and counter attacks were made over the bodies of the slain.

The first attempt to rush the fort on the northern portion of Kekwan mountain at 8 o'clock in the afternoon when assaulters swarmed up the rampart wall from the most and met with an awful



"No wonder Booth still supporting Belle Bonnet?"
"No; she's supporting him now. They were married last month."

MR. KLUTT'S LATEST.

Our Representative in Washington Gets off a Good Joke.



Honorable Theo. F. Kluttz, the present representative of the eighth district in Congress, enjoys a good joke or the telling of one about as well as most men. The following one is duly accredited to him:

"The rapidity with which the Democrats have shaken their grief over the result of the election reminds me of an old fellow down in my district," said Representative Kluttz, of North Carolina, the center of a group of statesmen in one of the house lounging rooms, just after the adjournment yesterday. "This old fellow, a Dutchman, lost his wife. I think she fell down a well, but I'm not certain. Anyhow, she died, and my constituent didn't tarry long, but in a week brought home a new bride."

"Well, this was a little bit sudden and unexpected, but the boys determined to give the old fellow the proper kind of send-off. They assembled at his home on his wedding night, and gave him what is known in the Tar Heel State as a 'belling.' Horns were tooted, bells rung, banjos played, and a real sizable din raised.

"Finally my constituent couldn't stand it any longer.

"He raised a front window and bawled out:

"Why don't you boys stop making the noise. Don't you know there was a funeral here so soon, alretty?"—Washington Post.

A Terrible Villain.

Ironton, Ohio, Wednesday, 14.—Late last night Edward Harris, while in a frenzy, out the throat of his step-son, aged six, cut his wife's throat from ear to ear, stabbed her in the neck, cut one side of her face almost off and wound up his bloody work by cutting her three-year-old daughter, Virginia, about the face and neck, and one-year-old daughter about the face. He attacked his mother-in-law, but did not use his knife, then ran from the house and eluded his pursuers. The step-son lingered and died. His wife and two children are fatally out.

"Last at Appomatox."

Major Geo. A. Armes, of Washington, D. C., who now owns the land at Appomatox battleground, has deeded to Major H. A. Loudon, for the State of North Carolina, the plats of ground there that the State desires on which to erect memorial tablets commemorating the heroic part the North Carolina troops took in the battle, notably the fact that North Carolina troops were the laest to lay down their arms. The legislature is to be asked to appoint a commission to receive the deeds and to direct the placing of the memorials.

To Be Admitted Free.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The admission free of duty of all articles which are the product and growth of the Philippine Islands, except tobacco and sugar, is provided for in the amendment proposed by Senator Foraker to the act providing for the administration of civil government in the Philippines. The proposed amendment fixes the duty on sugar and tobacco at only 25 per cent. of the Dingley rates.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Armistead were in Charlotte this week. Mr. Armistead was called there as a witness in a suit against the Western Union Telegraph Co.

Main Facts of The Mysterious Case of Mrs. Chadwick.

Mrs. Cassiel Chadwick, wife of a physician of Cleveland, Ohio, and the principal figure in one of the most remarkable series of financial operations in recent times, was arrested at 5 o'clock last night at the residence of Mrs. Braslin, New York.

She is charged with aiding and abetting an officer of the National Bank of Oberlin, Ohio, in embezzling \$12,500 by means of a certified check on the bank for that amount when she had no deposit there.

An Ohio man prominent in the case predicts astounding revelations, involving leading men of New York and the West. He says the case will prove to be the "most colossal affair of the century."

Interest in the developments centers in the belief that a man of great wealth has befriended Mrs. Chadwick in some mysterious and lavish way. This man is supposed to have quieted this demonstration made by the lawyers of Herbert D. Newton, of Brookline, Mass., whose pressing a claim of \$190,000 for money lent Mrs. Chadwick brought the case to a climax. These lawyers now say they are sure to collect the amount. The total claims against Mrs. Chadwick are said to be about \$1,000,000. Heavy loans made to her by the Oberlin bank on notes purported to be signed by Andrew Carnegie have caused the failure of that institution and the arrest of President Beckwith and Cashier Spear.—Baltimore Sun.



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