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## PORT ARTHUR MAY NEVER FALL

Latest Reports Indicate That Fortress Is in Decidedly Healthy Condition

NOW STATED THAT PROVISIONS ARE PLENTIFUL

Stoessel, Though Wounded, Is Still Active and Ready for More

St. Petersburg, Nov. 18.—2:15 a. m.—Rejoicing over the undaunted spirit displayed by General Stoessel in his telegram of congratulation to Emperor Nicholas on the anniversary of his ascension to the throne, and the failure of General Nodur's nine days attack to present the fortress to the Mikado on his birthday, is general in St. Petersburg. General Stoessel himself has been wounded, but fortunately the wound was not serious and General Stoessel is considered the heart and soul of the defense and his death or disability which would cause him to relinquish command would be regarded as an irretrievable misfortune.

Stoessel's Dispatch. Another dispatch sent by Gen. Stoessel, which has not been divulged by the war office for strategic purposes, is said to be no means unfavorable. The garrison has provisions, fresh ammunition has arrived and General Stoessel expresses confidence that the defense can be successfully maintained until the arrival of vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's second Pacific squadron.

The report that the armored cruiser Gromobol has been injured at Vladivostok is confirmed. The vessel grounded on a trip after the repair of the injuries received in the fight with Admiral Kamirura's squadron.

## KUROPATKIN'S REPORT

St. Petersburg, Nov. 17.—General Kuropatkin in a dispatch dated November 14, says:

"Yesterday evening the Japanese assumed the offensive against our position near Sincelins, but the attacks were repulsed. At about 11 o'clock at night the enemy recommenced a fusillade which lasted an hour and a half. Our losses were 14 men wounded. At dawn the same day our sharpshooters ambushed 22 dismounted Japanese dragoons. The sharpshooters attempted to make prisoners of them, but the Japanese resisted and were all killed or wounded except those who were captured. A company of Japanese came to the rescue of their comrades, but the fire of the sharpshooters kept them at bay and the sharpshooters rejoined their regiment without loss."

## TOKIO HAS NOT HEARD OF IT

London, Nov. 18.—The fact that the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Rastoropy, which arrived at Chefoo Wednesday, left Port Arthur much later than the date of General Stoessel's published reports, which relate nothing later than the third of November, is regarded as significant. Apparently, however, Tokio has not yet received as late news as is contained in the report of American Consul General Fowler at Chefoo, which was transmitted to the state department at Washington.

Special dispatches from Tien Tsin report a heavy bombardment of Port Arthur as late as November 12, and nightly sorties by small parties of Russians who lost heavily by bayonet fights. These reports give no reliable details, but concur in statements that the Russian ammunition is becoming scarce.

The Daily Telegraph's Tien Tsin correspondent says he received a report that the Japanese have suddenly advanced in the direction of Mukden from which place they are only 12 miles distant.

## JAPS BUILD RAILROADS

Berlin, Nov. 17.—The Lokal Anzeiger prints a dispatch from Mukden saying:

"It is confirmed from various quarters that the Japanese have double-tracked the railroad from Port Dalny to Liao Yang. Thirty trains are running daily.

"The Chinese general Ma has received reinforcements again and has installed further Japanese military in-

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## PANIC AT THE HORSE SHOW

John Heckscher, Prominent Horseman, Trampled Under Horses' Hoops

MANY WOMEN FAINTED AT HARROWING SIGHT

Victim of Accident Removed to His Home—Fears for His Recovery

New York, Nov. 17.—Spectators were thrown into intense excitement tonight at the horse show at Madison Square Garden, when John Heckscher, secretary of the National Horse Show company of America, was run down and trampled upon by a pair of horses on exhibition in the ring. Women screamed and men crowded toward the ring. Before the excitement passed several women fainted. Many believed that Mr. Heckscher had been killed, as half-conscious he was dragged from under the hoofs of the horses.

In the ring at the time were the horses Buster Brown and Katzenjammer Kid, driven by Mrs. Edward R. Ladew of Glencove, L. I. Mrs. Ladew had pulled them up from a rapid gait and Mr. Heckscher in trying to go to the judge's stand in the center of the ring, attempted to pass in front of them, when one of the horses lunged forward and struck him. In instant Mr. Heckscher was down and the animal was trampling him. His head and shoulders were struck several times by the horse's hoofs. When help reached him he was almost unconscious, his face was cut in several places and he was bleeding profusely.

Mr. Heckscher was at once removed to his home, where the fear was expressed that he may have concussion of the brain or a possible fracture of the skull. Mr. Heckscher is the father-in-law of Mayor George B. McClellan, and is a member of many prominent organizations.

## IRRIGATION MEN ARE STILL BUSY

Body Which Favors Extensive Drainage Will Wind Up Meeting With Big Doings

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 17.—The third day of the National Irrigation congress was marked by the reading of a number of interesting papers in the various section meetings in the morning, a reception in the afternoon in the sister city of Juarez, Mexico, by Governor Enrico Creel, and the witnessing of a bull fight in Juarez.

Friday will be taken up with resolutions and a big ball at night in the convention hall will close the twelfth National congress. Texas, New Mexico and Mexico occupied the attention of the delegates today in their fight over a dam for storing the flood waters of the Rio Grande. Texas and Mexico advocated the construction of a dam at El Paso and government engineers approved the plan of New Mexico for a dam at Elephant Butte. The Elephant Butte site was selected and work will probably be commenced soon. The dam will serve to reclaim 190,000 acres of land in New Mexico, Texas and Mexico, above and around El Paso.

At a reception tonight addresses were delivered by Governor Creel and P. A. Clark of the National Irrigation Association.

## LABOR FEDERATION HAS WARM DEBATE

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—The Chicago Federation fight was threshed out on the floor of the convention during the afternoon session of the American Federation of Labor, and after a hot and acrimonious debate lasting two hours and a half the matter was finally referred to the committee on local and federated bodies, with instructions that a report be rendered at the earliest possible moment.

to make a public appearance on the stage or on the lecture platform. Permit me to add that in no instance has there been the slightest ground for such a report.

"Very truly yours,  
(Signed)  
"Florence Elizabeth Maybrick."

## GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA PARDONS MAMIE DE CHRIS



Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 17.—Governor Terrell today issued a full pardon to Mamie DeChris, known in police circles as the "Diamond Queen." Her term of two years would have expired next Monday. The pardon was granted upon a promise of the woman to reform. She was sentenced January 11, 1903, to two years for stealing diamonds from several Savannah jewelry firms. Her case excited wide notoriety in June, 1903, when she was chastised by corporal punishment by the warden of the state farm at Milledgeville, for alleged insubordination. The punishment created much indignation and as a result of an investigation the warden resigned his position.

## BOMB FOR THE MAYOR

Barcelona, Nov. 17.—A bomb was exploded at the mayor's office in the Calle Fernando here this evening. The building was not much damaged but nine persons were seriously injured, and several other slightly hurt. There is an unconfirmed rumor that two of the wounded have died.

The Calle Fernando is much frequented as a promenade by the upper classes.

## TAFT OFF FOR PANAMA

Washington, Nov. 17.—Secretary Taft left here this evening for New Orleans, on his way to Panama, where he goes as the special representative of President Roosevelt to present a message of amity and good will to President Amador. The secretary will sail Monday from Pensacola, Fla., on the cruiser Columbia. He is accompanied by Mrs. Taft, Senator Don Alabala, the Panama minister, Rear-Admiral Walker, president of the Panama canal commission, N. W. Brown, and other members of the canal commission and others.

## STREET CAR MEETS RAILROAD TRAIN

Four are Killed and Several Injured in Distressing Accident—Car Ran Away

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 17.—A street car with trailer attached, got beyond control of the motorman, and crashed through the guard gates at the Queen street crossing of the Grand Trunk railroad tonight. A Montreal freight train struck the forward car, grinding it to splinters. Every passenger on the street cars was injured, two dying soon after being taken from the wreckage, and two at the hospital. The dead are: JAMES ARMSTRONG, conductor. ONE YEAR OLD CHILD OF J. ROBERTSON; the baby was thrown from its mother's arms and both its legs were cut off. MRS. MINNIE MAHAFFEY, internally injured, died at hospital. RUSSEL T. STEPHENS, internally injured, died at hospital.

## FUSHIMI VISITS MOUNT VERNON

He Puts a Wreath on Washington's Grave and Plants a Tree on the Estate

Washington, Nov. 17.—Prince Fushimi today visited Mount Vernon, placed a wreath on the tomb of Washington, and planted a tree on the old estate of the first president. The trip there and back was made on the president's yacht, the Syph.

As he entered and left the navy yard the marines gave him the prescribed honors and he was given the royal salute of 21 guns and two hundred blue jackets on the Hartford stood in the rigging.

The wreath placed on the tomb was of large size and made of chrysanthemums, the national flower of Japan. Four marines from the Washington barracks placed the wreath between the tombs of George and Martha Washington, the prince did not enter the tomb. The planting of the tree was begun, the prince himself throwing several spadefuls of earth on the Japanese maple, which will mark his visit.

The prince was the guest tonight at an elaborate dinner at the Arlington Hotel, given by Mr. Hloka, the charge d'affaires of the Japanese legation. The prince and his party leave here for St. Louis tomorrow.

## RATES MAY BE MAINTAINED

Outlook for Reduction in Cattle Shipping Charges Not Very Favorable

OFFICIALS ENLARGE UPON THEIR RESPONSIBILITY

They State That In View of Existing Conditions no Cut Should be Made

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Many reasons were offered by railroad officials at today's hearing of the interstate commerce commission on cattle rates to support the contention that the present rates on live stock should be maintained. According to the testimony of C. F. Resseque, district general superintendent of the St. Louis and San Francisco road, cattle taken from Texas to the Northern ranches are so poorly fed that some of them are unable to stand on their feet while the train is in action, and many of them die in the cars.

Mr. Resseque declared that the railroads were held responsible for the safe delivery of these animals and therefore were compelled to pay heavy damages to the shippers.

H. H. Embry, general freight agent of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad company, in his testimony, gave a summary of the reasons furnished by railroad men for maintaining the present rates for live-stock. These reasons are:

Requirements of Shippers. The requirements of shippers, such as arbitrary loading of cars and the unloading and return of the same; the inability to clean, which materially reduce the gross earnings on this class of freight; the delay to other traffic caused by stock trains, which is much greater than that caused by any other kind of freight; the free transportation given to parties accompanying stock and their return; the enforced returning of empty cars, greatly increasing the empty mileage on stock cars and the extraordinary expense of equipment and maintenance required by this traffic.

"These," said Mr. Embry, "are some of the reasons for thinking the present rate is entirely reasonable, and just. This matter of furnishing free transportation to men accompanying live-stock shipments alone is quite an item. The free transportation given in this way figured at the regular rate of 3 cents per mile, would amount to \$668,000 in a year. Of course this is not a direct loss, but many of these persons would have made the trip and paid the fare if the privilege had not been granted. Besides this they occupy space in our cars and sleeping cars that might be occupied by paying passengers."

Seven more witnesses of the railroad companies are still to be heard and as some testimony will be introduced by the Cattle Raisers' association, the commission will not adjourn before Saturday afternoon.

## ACTRESS' TRIAL READY TO BE

Nan Patterson, Former Actress, Charged With Murder of Caesar Young

DRAWING OF JURORS PROVES DIFFICULT

Prisoner's Father Is Court Attendant—Witness Shooting Discovered

New York, Nov. 17.—With four twelve men who are to decide if already selected, the trial of Nan Patterson, a former show girl, charged with the murder of Caesar Young, wealthy horseman, was continuing in the criminal branch of the court today.

The greatest care had been taken in the examination of witnesses, an exhaustive questioning and almost discriminate challenging for slightest cause indicated that might another full court day or more be consumed in filling the box, but that the panel of 100 men might be exhausted before the task was finished.

Miss Patterson seemed in very spirits when she entered the court today and a brief chat with her before the trial was resumed at her apparent cheerfulness. Mr. Ingram the defendant that the infirm mail had brought him a which might have an important bearing on the case. What the letter contained was not divulged. The defendant's father occupied seat near his daughter.

Shrank from Millin. John Millin, who was Caesar Young's racing partner, and who it is stated will be one of the principal witnesses for the prosecution, was seated in the rear of the court room request of the prisoner. Millin sat near the bar enclosure, a been watching Miss Patterson from some time, when she asked he be ordered away from the rear of the court room she back on her father's shoulder.

Eye Witness Found. An eye-witness to the shooting Young was discovered in a unusual way today while the trial progressed. Archibald J. C. An one of the men summoned for nation as to his qualifications on the jury, was being questioned Assistant Attorney Rand, who asked permission to speak with Davis, who is presiding at the set for a whispered conversation after for the prosecution and defense called to the bench, and a Mr. Anderson was excused and "closure" was declared.

Daniel O'Reilly, one of Miss Patterson's attorneys, said that a dress to the shooting had been seen. Information to this effect had been communicated to Justice D. Mr. Anderson. When court adjourned seven had been selected.

## MEXICAN CURRENCY MAY BE REFORMED

Mexico City, Nov. 17.—President Diaz, after listening to the opinion of members of his cabinet council held this evening, approved the plan of Finance Minister Limantour for monetary reform and ordered that a bill be sent to congress. The bill will be preceded by a long exposition by Finance Minister Limantour explaining the reasons and the chief features of the project. It will be sent to congress tomorrow. The bill does not look to the direct accomplishment of monetary reform but authorizes the executive to carry out the reform in due time, and subject to conditions fixed in the bill.

## MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 17.—The Tri-State Medical association, embracing the States of Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi, adjourned tonight after electing the following officers: President—Dr. H. L. Sutherland, Rosedale, Miss.; vice-presidents: Dr. J. A. Crayster, Yazoo City, Miss.; Dr. W. H. Deaderick, Marlana, Ark.; Dr. W. A. Young, Atoka, Tenn. Secretary, Dr. Richmond McKlinney, Memphis.

## GEISHA GIRLS MUST LEAVE THE COUNTRY

Washington, Nov. 17.—On the position of immigration in Dunn at St. Louis, the Department of Commerce and Labor today the deportation of fourteen girls, and six Chinese who have employed in a concession at the Louisiana exposition. The case has been pending for several weeks and fight was made by the representatives of the Geisha girls to induce the government authorities to permit them to remain in this country. It is said that on the state facts set out in Inspector Dunn report the authorities could do less than order the deportation women. It is understood that will be deported immediately.

## COMMISSIONERS GO SOUTH

Brunswick, Ga., Nov. 17.—The National Merchant Marine commission which is making a tour of the southern ports visited Brunswick today and delegations from Savannah and other southern ports. They will receive suggestions and presentation to congress as the basis for the betterment of shipping. Several interesting addresses made and the commission left for Newport News.

## BIG SYNDICATE FORMED TO HUNT FOR GOLD IN STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

(Special to The Citizen) Charlotte, Nov. 17.—The biggest step ever taken in the history of the county to develop the gold mining interests in this section was announced today by the formation of the firm of Morgan Bedders and company, backed by ample capital to conduct general mining engineering business. Cecil C. Morgan was formerly commissioner of Colorado. Mr. Gayton other member of the firm was president of the Colorado mining industry of this state. F. P. Colton, member of the firm had mining experience in England. All are great developments are expected to follow their coming to Char-



TAFT—Kindly direct one of your eyes on the big gun, and the other on this box of soft words taffy.

## MRS. MAYBRICK DENIES REPORT THAT SHE IS GOING ON THE STAGE

New York, Nov. 17.—The Associated Press has received the following communication: "Brooklyn, Nov. 17. "To the Associated Press: Will you kindly do me the great favor to most emphatically contradict any and all statements to the effect that I intend