

## PORT ARTHUR BOMBARDED

### Latest Reports Indicate That Japanese Have Assaulted Russian Stronghold

#### A LAND AND NAVAL ENGAGEMENT

Information Reaches Chefoo From Various Sources to the Effect that the Naval Attack Was Made About 4 O'clock Monday Morning—The Japanese Occupy the Hills Two or Three Miles North of the Fortress—Warships Return to Port Arthur.

Chefoo, By Cable.—That a general land and naval attack was made on Port Arthur Monday is indicated by information from various sources. The statement that the naval attack was made at four o'clock in the morning comes from authoritative but not diplomatic quarters.

Japanese occupied the Liaut Hills and Sushien, which is two or three miles north of the fortress.

Five warships and seven torpedo boat destroyers, according to the Japanese, returned to Port Arthur the night of August 10.

Japanese which arrived here, having left Port Arthur August 12, brought reports that the Japanese occupied new positions on that day. The fighting was heavy but intermittent, and indicated that the assault was being continued. The Russians at Port Arthur are reported to be demoralized. The men who came on the Japanese declare that the commander of the Japanese fleet before Port Arthur informed the Russian commander of the place that if the warships which returned after the sortie of August 10 were sunk by the Russians the Japanese would shell the town with ly-dite.

A Chinese who has returned here from Liao Yang declared that the casualties in the recent fighting in that vicinity have been enormous on both sides.

Tokio, By Cable.—Vice Admiral Kamimura encountered the Russian Vladivostok squadron at dawn Sunday, north of Tsu Island, in the Strait of Kopra, and attacked the enemy at once. The battle lasted for five hours and resulted in a complete Japanese victory. The Russian cruiser Rurik was sunk and the cruisers Rossia and Gromobol fled to the northward after having sustained serious damage.

Admiral Kamimura cables the Navy Department that the injuries inflicted upon his vessels were slight.

The fate of the crew of the Rurik is not known. It is presumed, that many of them were killed or drowned. The strength of the fleet under Admiral Kamimura is not known, but it is presumed that he had the Aduma, Idsumo, Iwate, Takashio and other light cruisers.

Tokio is joyous over the news, as it gives Japan mastery of the sea and restores commerce.

Flags are flying, lanterns are glimmering and cries of "Banzai!" are ringing in the streets of Tokio in honor of the victories gained at sea by Admiral Togo and Vice Admiral Kamimura.

Underneath the jollity of the populace lies a feeling of deep satisfaction and gratification at the disposal of a desperately serious problem of the war. The Russian squadron

which confronted Admiral Togo refused battle. It was stronger than Admiral Togo's squadron in battleships and armored cruisers, and had it elected to fight, the result might have altered the fortunes of war. The strength of the squadron which confronted Admiral Togo compelled him to draw vessels from the squadron under Vice Admiral Kamimura, and this left the Japanese navy powerless to operate against the Russian Vladivostok squadron and unable to prevent the raids of those vessels.

The raid conducted by the Vladivostok squadron in July was extremely expensive to the Japanese, and not only was retaliation tempting, but it was demanded by commercial interests. The navy, however, grimly refused to make a diversion and stuck to Port Arthur. It was confident that the harbor soon would be untenable for the Russian warships, that it would eventually get a fair fight in the open sea away from the Russian land batteries, and that the Japanese would win. These calculations of the navy were correct, and the Russians, with the chance even, have been hopelessly defeated.

Vice Admiral Kamimura, after months of weary and patient waiting, finally got his chance at dawn today off Tsu Island. He sunk the Russian cruiser Rurik and sent the cruisers Gromobol and Rossia fleeing back from the fight.

Japanese guns dominate the dockyards at Port Arthur, and in view of this fact it would seem to be impossible again to make seaworthy or fightable the Russian battleships which have returned to Port Arthur. It is probable that the Russian battleship Czarevitch will disarm at Tsing-chon.

The best possible naval force the Russians can now concentrate at Vladivostok is four cruisers.

In the fight of August 10 the squadron, under Admiral Togo, was practically uninjured. The battleship Mikasha suffered the most, but she continues on the fighting line.

The cruisers Yakumo, Misshini and Kaugo were hit, but repairs have already been made. Eleven wounded officers and 66 wounded men arrived at Sasebo Sunday.

The steamer Gaelic, bound for Shanghai, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, sighted a Russian cruiser, evidently the Novik, steering south-east by east. This course showed her to be heading for Van Diemen Strait.

Van Diemen Strait is about 120 miles south of Nagasaki and it would be presumed from the Novik's going in this direction that she proposes to try and reach Vladivostok by the east coast of Japan.

Bombardment for Four Days. St. Petersburg, By Cable.—The Emperor has received the following dispatch from Viceroy Alexieff, dated August 13th: "According to a report from Port Arthur, August 10, the Japanese attacked Taku and Siaoohou Mountain in enormous force during the night of August 9th, and occupied them at 15 hours' fighting on the night of August 10th. During a heavy rainstorm, the Japanese attacked our east front, but were repulsed at all points. They also attacked simultaneously our whole front from Wolf's Hill to Taku Mountain, but everywhere were driven back. The fortress has been bombarded from the east side for four days."

Sixty Escaped. Chefoo, By Cable.—Launches containing sixty Russian sailors are said to have entered Wei Hai Wei Sunday. The sailors belong to two torpedo boat destroyers which are reported to have gone ashore in the vicinity of Wei Hai Wei. These vessels presumably are the same which were reported Saturday to have been captured.

Shooting to be Investigated. Mexico City, Special.—The Federal Government has recommended activity to the State government of Sinaloa for the investigation of the shooting of Clarence Way and Edward Lattimer by police officers at Aguas Calientes. There is no truth in the report that Torres, the alcalde who ordered the arrest of Way, and the officers who executed his order have been sentenced to death.

Alexieff Goes to Vladivostok. St. Petersburg, By Cable.—A dispatch from Harbin says that Viceroy Alexieff has passed through that place on his way to Vladivostok.

## NORTH CAROLINA CROPS

### Department Reports Conditions for the Past Week.

The Weather Bureau of the Department of Agriculture issues the following bulletin for the week ending Aug. 15th: There is a general complaint in all sections of the State that during the past two weeks there has been too much rainfall and not enough sunshine. Rains fell nearly every day during this past week; in moderate amounts in the western half of the State, and in heavy downpours in most places in the eastern half, especially on the 9th, 11th and 12th. These weather conditions proved damaging to all growing crops, and have seriously delayed important farm work. Preparations have been made for sowing turnips and rutabagas; for plowing wheat fields, and for planting the second crop of Irish potatoes, but on account of the wet condition of the soil very little has been accomplished. In the extreme western counties the cutting of buckwheat, oats and hay has been retarded on account of too frequent rains; and considerable of cut oats are spoiling in the shocks. Corn has suffered slightly, but the damage is confined entirely to lowlands, where some of it is turning yellow. On uplands the stands are excellent and the outlook for a good crop is encouraging. Sweet potatoes are also turning yellow in a number of fields in the central districts; but continue to do well elsewhere. The tobacco crop is below the average; curing is in full progress, and the leaves are said to be curing nicely. Peanuts are not doing well in Hertford county; but the reports from the adjoining counties are more encouraging. Cotton has suffered from the wet spell more than any other growing crop; it is shedding in all sections of the State and the damage is quite serious in low places and on light sandy soil. The weed is growing too rapidly; while the fruit is not developing in proportion to the size of the plant. There are a number of indications of black rust. It is safe to say that this has been the most unfavorable week for some time, unless fair weather sets in there will be decided change in the prospects for a cotton crop. The pasture land in the western counties is excellent, and the stock is improving. Grapes are ripening and will be a fair crop; peaches are rotting.

Rains (in inches) for the week ending 8 a. m. today: Goldsboro 1.88, Greensboro 1.94, Lumberton 1.86, Newbern 2.62, Weldon 0.40, Raleigh 1.06, Wilmington 0.20, Hatteras 0.20, Asheville 0.90, Charlotte 2.20.

Traveling Man Drowned. Wilmington, Special.—Reports from Castle Haynes, this county, indicate that R. H. Butler, a well-known traveling salesman for Butler Bros. tobacco company of Reidsville, was drowned in Northeast river, last week. Sunday afternoon, a small boy playing on the river bank near the railroad bridge at Castle Haynes saw a drowned horse lodged against the piers of the iron structure and attached to a top buggy, which was overturned. The boy notified residents of the neighborhood, who went down on a flat, cut the horse adrift and brought the buggy ashore. Fastened under the seat was a traveling bag, containing tobacco samples, articles of clothing, neatly packed and letters and papers identifying the last occupant of the vehicle. The horse was swollen and indicated that he had been in the water for several days. It is supposed that the traveling man was on his way from Burgaw to Wilmington, having been seen at Burgaw last week, and that, being unacquainted with the country, he attempted to ford the river, which is very deep at that point, instead of taking the ferry. No trace of the body has been found, as everything in the buggy not fastened was washed away. Mr. J. T. Larkins, of Castle Haynes, telegraphed the traveling man's brothers at Reidsville, but they know nothing of his whereabouts, and asked that a search be made for his body.

North State News Notes. Mr. W. L. Young, president and treasurer of the Etowah Mills and other officers of the corporation, recently chartered by the State with a capitalization of \$1,000,000, to manufacture medium and fine cotton fabrics at Greensboro, signed contracts last week for the erection of buildings. The contractors are the J. F. Callivan Building and Construction Company, of Greenville, S. C., and Plummer, Mass.

Tom Savage, a 12-year-old colored boy, was drowned in Tolson swamp near Wilson Monday night. Savage, together with two or three companions, went out boat riding and in a playful way commenced rocking an occupant into the water. All of them except Savage could swim and escaped. The body was recovered next day.

The Southern Chair Company, one of High Point's largest and most substantial manufacturing plants, suffered a loss of between \$15,000 and \$20,000 Tuesday night in the burning of its large finishing room. The fire was caused by a lighted lantern in the hands of the night watchman exploding near a benzine tank about 8 o'clock.

Southern Conductor Arrested. Spencer, Special.—Capt. J. D. Phillips, of Spencer, who had for a number of years been a freight conductor running out of this place on the Southern railway, was arrested at his home Monday on the charge of robbing freight cars in transit, the articles being principally merchandise. The arrest, which has caused quite a sensation, was effected by Chief Detective Conley, Deputy Haney and Deputy Sheriffs Dave Julian and J. A. Siscoff, who have been working on the case for a number of weeks.

## PARKER IS NOTIFIED

### Committee Waits Upon the Democratic Nominee for President

#### THE NOTIFICATION ADDRESSES

##### Utterances of the Democratic Candidate on the Issues Before the Country in the Present Campaign.

The formal notification of Judge Parker was held on Wednesday. The speech in behalf of the committee was made by Hon. Champ Clark, of Missouri. Judge Parker responded at issues of the campaign.

In accepting the nomination Judge Parker spoke as follows: "Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Committee: "I have resigned the office of Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals, of this State, in order that I may accept the honor that whatever may be the fate of the court to which I had the honor to belong, or to the eminent members of the judiciary of this State, of whom I may now say as a private citizen that I am justly proud.

"I have a threshold of this responsibility, and before dealing with other subjects, I must, in justice to myself, and to relieve my sense of gratitude, express my profound appreciation of the confidence reposed in me by the convention. After nominating me an honor that, whatever may be the communication declining that regarded the gold standard as firmly and irrevocably established, a matter which I felt incumbent upon me to make known my attitude so that hereafter no man could justly say that his support had been secured through indirect means. I am fully persuaded that I should be the standard-bearer of the party in the present contest. This mark of trust and confidence I shall ever esteem as the highest honor that could be conferred upon me—an honor that, whatever may be the result of the campaign, the future can in no degree lessen or impair.

The platform is highly satisfactory to Mr. Parker, and he eulogizes the Democratic position on the tariff, trusts and other issues.

"Impatience of the restraints of law, as well as of its delays, is becoming more and more manifest from day to day. Within the past few years many instances have been brought to our attention, where in different parts of our beloved country supposed criminals have been seized and punished by a mob, notwithstanding the fact that the constitution of each State guarantees to every person within its jurisdiction that his life, his liberty or his property shall not be taken from him without due process of law.

On the subject of the Philippines he says: "It is difficult to understand how any citizen of the United States, much less a descendant of Revolutionary stock, can tolerate the thought of permanently denying the right of self-government to the Philippines. Can we hope to still find in the minds of our descendants reverence and devotion for a government by the people, while denying ultimately that right to the inhabitants of distant countries, whose territory we have acquired either by purchase or by force? Can we say to the Filipinos, 'Your lives, your liberty and your property may be taken from you without due process of law for all time,' and expect we will long glory in that feature of Magna Charta, which has become incorporated, in substance, and effect into the constitution of every State, as well as into the fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States? Can we hope for the respect of the civilized world, while proudly guaranteeing to every citizen of the United States that no law shall be enacted which shall deprive any citizen of the United States of the rights and immunities of citizens of the United States, or deny to any person the equal protection of the laws, and at the same time not only deny similar rights to the inhabitants of the Philippines, but take away from them the constitution of our country, place their lives and the disposition of their property in the keeping of those whom we sent to them to be their governors? We shall certainly rue it as a nation if we make any such attempt.

"The office for two terms ought to succeed themselves; for strong arguments can be advanced in support of the re-election of a President. It is simply my judgment that the interests of this country are now so vast and the questions presented are so frequently of such overwhelming magnitude to the people that it is indispensable to the maintenance of a befitting attitude before the people, not only that the Chief Magistrate should be independent, but that that independence should be known of all men."

Hearing Given. Augusta, Ga., Special.—Bailey McGown, former assistant postmaster of Ochopee, was given a preliminary hearing Thursday afternoon before the deputy United States Clerk here for fraudulently misappropriating postoffice funds. McGown was left in charge of the office during the absence of Postmaster Bowman, and went on a spree. When the postmaster returned he refused to turn over the keys, and it was found that part of the office funds were missing. McGown was bound over for trial.

Investment Aided Church. Two of the prominent and influential members of the Fort Fairfield, Maine, Congregational church last fall invested quite a sum of money in potatoes, privately vowing that, if they made a profit, that profit should be given to their church. The amount made was over \$900, and the pastor made the cheering announcement that that amount had been received from the transaction by the church.

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Washington, Special.—Tariff, prosperity, labor, wages and prices, trusts, the Panama canal, Cuba and Cuban reciprocity, expansion and its results, the investigations of the postal and land frauds and punishments of offenders, rural free delivery, irrigation, the record of the Republican party and the record of Theodore Roosevelt, are the leading subjects discussed by the Republican campaign text book of 1904, which is just about to be issued.