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NEAR THE END

Ammunition and Supplies at Port Arthur Running Short.

MAY SURRENDER

Japanese are Pressing the Fighting and the Capture of the Eastern Fortified Ridge Will Mean the Surrender of the Fortress Unless the Garrison Retires to the Isolated Forts—Great Resistance is However Not Likely—It is Reported that General Stoessel Has Been Disabled by Wounds—Soldiers at Port Arthur are Disheartened and Ready to Give Up.

The Japanese are pressing the fighting for possession of Port Arthur, assaults being made almost continuously upon the eastern line of defenses. Reports from Japanese sources intimate that the ammunition and supplies of the garrison are running short. It is asserted that General Stoessel, the Russian commander at Port Arthur has been disabled by wounds. There was some sharp fighting the night of November 10 for the possession of the fortified village of Endowuniulu near Shakhe, the Russians being first driven out, then retaking the place, and finally retiring.

GREAT RESISTANCE AT PORT ARTHUR NOT LIKELY.

Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army, (Before Port Arthur November 14, via Fusan, November 15.—Delayed in transmission.) Spies and Russians who have surrendered report that rations in the fortress have been reduced. The wounded found by the Japanese are enclaved.

Russian artillery shells are partly filled with wood and do not explode. This shows that the Russians are short of material for making heavy ammunition.

The capture of the eastern fortified ridge will mean the surrender of the fortress in a couple of weeks unless the garrison there retreats to the isolated forts. This seems improbable, however, and cold weather and lack of food and ammunition renders resistance unlikely.

THE RASTOROPONY AT CHE FOO.

Che Foo, November 15, 1:30 a. m. The Russian torpedo boat destroyer Rastoropony put into this harbor this morning. Firing was heard half an hour before she entered the harbor. A snow storm and a high wind were prevailing at the time, and it is believed that the Russian vessel, under cover of the storm, attempted to escape from Port Arthur. The correspondent of the Associated Press succeeded in reaching the destroyer after her arrival here, but he was not allowed to board her. The captain of the Chinese cruiser Haiyang was the first person to go on board the Rastoropony. He held a brief conference with her commander, after which the Rastoropony came further in the stream and anchored in the same spot that the destroyer Risch-till did last August before she was cut off by the Japanese.

A FORTIFIED VILLAGE CAPTURED FROM RUSSIANS.

Chansian Outpost Manchuria, General Kurapat's headquarters, Nov. 15.—A Japanese advance is daily expected. Large masses of their troops are moving eastward and the Russians are expecting them to strike at their left flank.

An attack upon the fortified village of Endowuniulu, not far from Sinchinpu (two miles west of the Shakhe railroad station), and fronting the right flank of the seventeenth corps, was carried out brilliantly during the night of November 10 by the second brigade of the 35th infantry division. The village had been captured the same morning by the Japanese. Subsequently the Russians abandoned the place.

RUSSIAN DEFENSE IS WEAKENING.

Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army before Port Arthur, Nov. 15.—via Fusan.—It is reported that a wound received by General Stoessel has necessitated his confinement in a hospital, that he refused to relinquish the command of the garrison and that he has issued orders to the troops to die at their posts rather than surrender.

It is said that the spirit of the Russian troops has been dampened by continuous work, the lack of supplies and the hopelessness of their ability to make any successful defense of the fortress. It is said further that many of the Russian soldiers are ready to surrender, but that they are kept at their posts by officers who threaten them with revolvers, and that several soldiers who were suspected of a desire to desert have been shot as a warning to others. The Japanese now believe that

THE NORTH SEA INCIDENT.

INQUIRY BEING MADE BY GREAT BRITAIN AT HULL.

After an impartial investigation, a Report Will be Made Which Will Form the Basis of the British Case—Presence of Japanese Boats Among the Trawlers is Again Denied.

Hull, England, November 15.—The inquiry which Great Britain conducts on her own behalf into the North sea incident opened today, Vice Admiral Bridge and Butler Aspinall, an admiralty court lawyer, whose report will form the basis of the British before the international commission at Paris, conducting the inquiry. Dr. Herbert Woodhouse represented the Russian embassy.

The correspondent of the Associated Press learned that the board of trade collectors, who have been preparing the case, have found no evidence to suggest the presence of torpedo boats among the fishing fleet.

The evidence of the witnesses was in substance that the trawlers took the Russians for British warships at maneuvers. When the firing began the trawlers ran. The skipper of the trawler, in reply to questions, declared that there were no Japanese trawlers and no Japanese present and that no Japanese agents made any suggestion to him whatever. It would have been impossible for the trawler, he added, to screen a torpedo boat.

Mr. surgeon of the North sea hospital ship Alpha made the rather important statement that all the Alpha's lights were extinguished soon after the fire commenced.

Both Admiral Bridge and Mr. Aspinall, who are conducting the inquiry on the most impartial lines, indicated by questions that the trawler which separated from the fishing fleet might possibly have been taken for a torpedo boat by the Russians.

A suggestion by the Russian consul that the shelling was due to the trawlers failing to stop when blank shots were fired and the fact that the lights were extinguished on at least one trawler is considered here to in some degree to explain though not to excuse the attack by the Russians.

Dr. Woodhouse holds a merely watching brief. Neither he nor the Russian consul here are in possession of any evidence tending to prove that Japanese torpedo boats were in the neighborhood of Dogger bank or that Japanese exercised any influence upon the fishing fleet.

RIVALRY BETWEEN LEADERS.

Younger Society Matrons in New York Trying to Inaugurate a Regime of Greater Simplicity in Dress at the Horse Show.

New York, Nov. 15.—The second day of the horse show brought greater crowds to Madison Square Garden than attended yesterday. This was particularly true of the afternoon, when the promenade was thronged and all of the boxes were filled. A noticeable feature of the attendance in the afternoon was the large number of children who were especially in evidence when the Polo ponies were judged.

To the disappointment of a host of Englishmen who attended in a body, the English horses fared badly, and Queen Frederica, bred by King Edward, received only a third prize. The English exhibitors won their first blue ribbon in the class of hackneys, when Robert Whitworth, of Halifax, England, took first prize.

Mrs. J. D. M. Grosvenor's horse, Roseberry, was given the blue ribbon over Alfred G. Vanderbilt's horse, High Tide, in the class for horses, carriages and appointments. Yesterday Roseberry was beaten by High Tide in the class for carriage horses alone but today the addition of an eloquent equipment and perfect appointments won the honors for Mrs. Grosvenor.

One of the notable features of this year's horse show is the attempt of the younger society leaders to inaugurate a reign of greater simplicity in costumes. Where others have made up in jewelry and brilliantly finished creations of the dressmakers art, these leaders are wearing sombre satins and velvets, set off with feathers. Those who are using jewels have brought pearls into greater prominence, and the contrast between the brilliant costumes and flashing gems on the one hand and the severely plain corsages with feathers falling across the shoulders on the other is marked.

JAPANESE POSITION SHELLED BY THE RUSSIANS.

Mukden, Nov. 13.—via Tien Tsin. 15.—An unbroken cannonade of siege guns, throwing fifty to sixty shells hourly against the Japanese position in the region of Shakhe station began early this morning, ended only at nightfall, when more than half a thousand big contact shells had been thrown into the Japanese army's strongest position in the plain for the purpose of demoralizing the work of fortifications concentrated at that point for the four weeks.

Today's bombardment was the most serious attempt yet made by the Russians' large guns and it was made on account of the apparent determination of Japanese to make Shakhe station an impregnable defense of the railway behind.

MEETING OF A. C. L. STOCKHOLDERS

All The Officers of The Road Re-elected.—A Dividend of 25 Per Cent. on the Common Stock....Capital Stock Increased.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Richmond, Va., November 15.—A highly interesting meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic Coast Line was held here today, with an exceptionally large attendance, nearly 90 per cent. of the stock being represented.

The stockholders approved of the purchase by the directors of the Jacksonville and Southwestern railroad in Florida for \$665,000. They also authorized the placing of a mortgage of \$2,000,000 on the property for the purpose of extending the line eighty miles, in addition to the ninety miles already completed, retiring certain bonds of the road and completing the payment for the property.

A dividend of 25 per cent on the common stock was declared—20 per cent. payable January 2, in common stock to the registered holders, and 5 per cent. payable January 20, in dividend certificates of indebtedness of the company.

The capital stock was increased from \$36,665,000 to \$50,000,000.

The following officials were unanimously re-elected:

Board of Directors—H. Walters, Michael Jenkins, Waldo Newcomer, W. G. Elliott, Baltimore, Md.; M. F. Plant, New York; F. W. Scott, Richmond, Va.; Alexander Hamilton, Petersburg, Va.; E. B. Borden, Goldsboro, N. C.; Donald MacRae, Wilmington, N. C.; H.

B. Short, Lake Waccamaw, N. C.; J. J. Lucas, Society Hill, S. C.; J. H. Estill, Savannah, Ga.

Officers—H. Walters, chairman of the board, New York.

R. G. Erwin, president, New York.

Alexander Hamilton, first vice president, Petersburg, Va.

C. S. Gadsden, second vice president, Charleston, S. C.

T. M. Emerson, third vice president, Wilmington, N. C.

J. R. Kenly, fourth vice president and general manager, Wilmington, N. C.

James F. Post, treasurer, Wilmington, N. C.

H. L. Borden, secretary and assistant treasurer, New York.

R. D. Cronly, assistant secretary, Baltimore, Md.

W. R. Sullivan, assistant secretary, New York.

J. Moultrie Lee, assistant treasurer, Savannah, Ga.

C. C. Olney, assistant treasurer, Charleston, S. C.

W. R. Jones, assistant treasurer, Richmond, Va.

J. J. Nelligan, assistant treasurer, Baltimore, Md.

H. M. Emerson, traffic manager, Wilmington, N. C.

H. C. Prince comptroller, Wilmington, N. C.

W. G. Elliott, general counsel, Baltimore, Md.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

91st Annual Session Convenes in Durham—Bishop Cheshire Will Make Address on the Divorce Question.

Durham, N. C., Nov. 14.—The ninety-first annual session of the Presbyterian synod of North Carolina convened at the First Presbyterian church this evening at 7:30 o'clock. The session will hold through next Friday, there being two business sessions and two sessions of a devotional nature each day.

The session was called to order by Dr. A. T. Graham of Davidson, the retiring moderator of the synod. After the organization was completed he preached the opening sermon. The election of a new moderator for the ensuing year completed the business of the first night's session.

Tomorrow morning the synod will convene at 9:30 o'clock and at 11 o'clock there will be devotional services, at which time there will be communion. Another business session in the afternoon and then a devotional meeting at night will comprise the work of the second day.

One of the most prominent events of the session will take place tomorrow morning. Rev. J. B. Cheshire, bishop of the North Carolina diocese of the Episcopal church, is expected to address the synod at 10:30 o'clock on the divorce question. Bishop Cheshire is chairman of a diocesan committee appointed by his church to confer with other religious bodies on the divorce question. He is expected to reach here on the morning train and the plan now is to allow him the use of the floor immediately after he reaches the church.

There will be many prominent Presbyterians in attendance during the session of the synod. Among these will be Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Moore, of the Union Theological Seminary of Richmond; Rev. A. L. Phillips, of Richmond who is at the head of the Sunday School work; Rev. Thomas H. Law, southern representative of the American Bible Society; Rev. L. C. Vass, returned missionary from Africa; Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Little, returned missionary ministerial and many prominent lay members of this state. Rev. D. L. Craig, of Hendersonville, the stated clerk, is here attending the meeting.

The attendance during the meeting will be as large as any recent meeting. Already 250 delegates have been assigned homes.

It is expected that the reports of the various committees will show an increase in both membership and collections. The last report shows that there was at that time in the state a total of 401 churches and 174 ministers. The membership of the Presbyterian church in the state at that time is shown to have been 27,500. The total collections for the last year amounted to \$301,000. Of this amount \$26,000 went for foreign missions, and \$2,000 for home missions. While the reports have not been submitted as yet, it is thought that there will be an increase shown in all of these items this year.—Special to Raleigh Post.

Aged Veteran Found Guilty of Manslaughter.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 15.—Frederick G. Kingsley, aged 76 years, a veteran inmate of the Hampton National Soldiers Home was found guilty of manslaughter in the United States court today. Kingsley was indicted for the murder of Captain A. C. Paul, also an inmate of the home. The prisoner plead self-defense. His counsel moved that the verdict be set aside inasmuch as it is not in accordance with the indictment.

CASTS OFF "YOKE OF ROME"

A CATHOLIC CONVERT RENOUNCES HER FORMER CREED.

The Marquise des Monstiers Merenville Has Left the Catholic Church—She Was Formerly Miss Mary G. Caldwell of Richmond, and Was the Founder of the Roman Catholic University at Washington.

New York, Nov. 15.—The Associated Press has received the following. Before giving it publication, its authenticity has been fully verified by cable from Rome:

Rome, Oct. 30, 1904.
Editor of The Associated Press:
"You have my full permission to print the enclosed, and give it as wide a publication as possible.
Yours truly,

(Signed),
"MARQUISE DES MONSTIERS-MERENVILLE."
"Dear Editor: It may interest some of your readers to know that the Marquise des Monstiers Merenville, formerly Miss M. G. Caldwell, who will be remembered as the founder of the Roman Catholic University at Washington has entirely repudiated her former creed. In an interview with me the other day, she said:

"Yes, it is true that I have left the Roman Catholic church. Since I have been living in Europe my eyes have been opened to what that church really is, and to its anything but sanctity. But the trouble goes much further back than this. Being naturally religious my imagination was early caught by the idea of doing something to lift the church from the lowly position which it occupied in America, so I thought of a university, or higher school, where its clergy could be educated, and, if possible, refined. Of course in this I was greatly influenced by Bishop Spalding of Peoria, who represented it to me as one of the greatest works of the day. When I was 21 I turned over to them one third of my fortune for that purpose.

"But for years I have been trying to rid myself of the subtle but overwhelming influence of a church, which pretends, not only to the privilege of being 'the only true church,' but of being alone able to open the gates of heaven to a sorrowful, sinful world. At last my honest protestant blood has asserted itself, and I now repudiate and cast off the 'Yoke of Rome.' So saying the Marquise politely dismissed me.

"It will be remembered that the Marquise des Monstiers Merenville and her sister, the Baroness von Zedwitz, are the daughters of the late William Caldwell, and his wife, who was a Breckinridge of Kentucky. Shortly before his death Mr. Caldwell became a convert to Roman Catholicism, and left his children to the care of Irish Roman Catholics in New York, whom his wife had met in church circles. The younger sister married some fifteen years ago a German nobleman, a Lutheran, and has since then also left the Roman Catholic communion. The elder has been in very bad health for some years, from having to occupy a position before the world as a prominent Roman Catholic which was not a real one, and into which her extreme generosity led her, as a young and inexperienced girl. Now at last her own mind has asserted itself and she returns to the creed of her ancestors."

Mary Gwendolyn Caldwell is the daughter of William Shakespeare Caldwell, who after being a theatrical manager in England settled in Richmond, Va., and eventually made a large fortune in building gas-houses in Chicago, St. Louis, Mobile and other cities. He married Miss Breckenridge, a famous Kentucky beauty. Miss Caldwell and her sister Lina spent the summers at Newport, where they had a magnificent house, and usually passed part of the winter when they were not abroad, in New York. On the death of her father Miss Caldwell inherited \$2,000,000 and October 19th, 1896, she was married to the Marquise des Monstiers Merenville, a French nobleman, by Bishop Spalding, of Peoria, the guardian and administrator of the estate of Miss Caldwell.

At the time of her marriage Miss Caldwell was a very handsome woman, about 35 years of age and a devoted Roman Catholic. She had previously shown her devotion to the church by giving \$300,000 to fund the Divinity college of the Roman Catholic University in Washington. Some seven years previous to her marriage Miss Caldwell was engaged to Prince Murat, grand son of the king of Naples. This engagement was broken because the prince insisted that half of Miss Caldwell's fortune should be settled upon him.

The Divinity college of the Roman Catholic University in Washington is known as the Mary Gwendolyn Caldwell Hall of Divinity.

SONS OF REVOLUTION.

Annual Meeting Held in Raleigh and Officers Elected—To Establish River Gauges.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 15.—The annual meeting of the North Carolina Sons of the Revolution was held here this evening. The following officers were elected: Thomas S. Kenan, president; F. H. Busbee, vice president; Marshall Delany Haywood, secretary; B. C. Beckwith, assistant secretary; Herbert Jackson, Treasurer; Rev. Robert Brent Drane, chairman. W. E. Stone was added to the board of managers. A banquet followed the meeting.

Weather Observer Von Herrmann left today to visit various places in Tar and Roanoke rivers to look into the establishment of river stations with gauges to show the rise and fall of water. Among other places he will visit Tarboro, Williamson, Greenville, Weldon, Danville, and other points and will be absent ten days.

State Veterinarian T. H. Butler left today for Wayne county, a report having come of an outbreak of some kind among cattle.

ROYAL GUEST

Prince Fushimi of Japan Pays Respects to The President.

AT WHITE HOUSE

The Prince is a Relative of the Emperor of Japan and He Comes to America as the Guest of the Nation. He Conveys the Good Wishes and Friendship of the Mikado, Making Known His Greeting in an Address to the President. Which Was Replied to by Mr. Roosevelt—At Night a Dinner in His Honor Was Given at the White House.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Prince Sadamira Fushimi, a near relative of the emperor of Japan, who has arrived in Washington as a guest of the nation, today called at the White House to pay his respects to the President and to convey to him the sincere good wishes and friendship of the Mikado, and his hope for the President's continued good health and happiness.

Prince Fushimi was attired in the uniform of a lieutenant general of the Japanese army. The Prince and his suite were ushered into the Blue room, where, in a few minutes President Roosevelt, accompanied by Assistant Secretary of State Francis B. Loomis and Secretary William Loeb, Jr., greeted them. The greeting between the President and Prince Fushimi was cordial.

Prince Fushimi addressed the President in Japanese, his remarks being interpreted by one of his suite. He said in part:

"His imperial majesty was pleased to confide to me the agreeable duty of conveying to you, Mr. President, the assurance of his sincere good wishes and friendship and fervent hope for your continued good health and happiness."

"His majesty also charged me to confirm to you his earnest desire that the historic relations of amity and good correspondence which have always, since the days of Commodore Perry, united the great republic of the west with the empire of the legendary east, and which have contributed, in no small measure to the progress and prosperity of Japan, may grow still closer and stronger with the passing years."

The President's response follows in part:

"Ever since the empire of Japan—at the invitation of this country—entered upon the career of modern and international progress which has led to such brilliant results, the relations of the two countries have been those of unbroken friendship. I pray that those relations may continue forever, growing always more friendly and more extended, and I trust that this visit of your imperial highness may result in that increase of mutual good will between this republic and the empire of Japan which will naturally come from more intimate acquaintance and wider knowledge of each other."

The President and Prince Fushimi then chatted animatedly for ten minutes. Their conversation was continued through an interpreter and related principally to Japanese history and literature, with incidental reference to Russo-Japanese war, in which Prince Fushimi has played a conspicuous part. The President returned the Prince's call in the afternoon and in the evening entertained the prince and the diplomatic corps at dinner at the White House.

DAMAGE BY THE STORM.

Two Men Drowned at Kennacott—The Schooner Murray Puts Into Hampton Roads in a Crippled Condition.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 15.—Communication over the United States weather bureau's seacoast telegraph wires was restored today as far south as Manteo, on Roanoke Island, N. C. At Kinnakeet, N. C., a fishing lodge on the beach was washed into Pamlico sound by a tidal wave and two men were drowned. The names of the men were not given in the brief telegram which came over a badly working wire. Kinnakeet is situated five and three-quarter miles north of Cape Hatteras, on a small strip of land separating the Atlantic Ocean and Pamlico sound.

No news had been received from the schooner Myra W. Spear, which stranded on the Hatteras coast last week, and which it is supposed must have gone to pieces in the storm of Sunday. The four masted schooner Miles M. Murray, Captain Pickett, bound from Bangor, Maine, to Brunswick, Ga., came into Hampton Roads this morning with nearly all her sails blown away and with many of her spars missing. The vessel had a rough time in the gale which swept the coast Sunday and the wind played havoc with everything above the deck.

Bids for the Japanese Loan.
London, Nov. 15.—Subscriptions to the Japanese loan were closed at noon today. It is stated that the bids for the \$30,000,000 offered in London aggregate \$30,000,000.