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JAPS SLAIN BY COSSACKS.

Japanese Forces Landed Near Port Arthur Repulsed.

Railroad Track at Port Arthur Blown Up and Russian Communication with Vladivostok Suspended—Japan Lands 6,000 Men at Dainy.

London, Feb. 15.—The Daily Mail's Port Arthur correspondent, under date of February 12, says:

Official advices state that the Japanese landed 600 soldiers near Ta-lien-wan with disastrous results, 410 being captured by Cossacks. The remainder escaped to their ships. It is further stated that the Japanese landed at Dove Bay, where thirty of them were killed and the remainder retreated.

The Daily Mail's Nuchwang correspondent, under date of February 11, cables:

"According to official Port Arthur telegrams, the Japanese landed a force yesterday at Pigeon Bay, West Port Arthur. They were attacked by troops and by batteries and were defeated with heavy loss."

Chefoo, Friday, Feb. 12.—It is reported that 12,000 Japanese troops were landed at Dove Bay last Wednesday morning and that they were met by the Russians, who engaged them in a hand-to-hand fight. The reports say the Japanese were driven back. It is also reported that Japanese troops have been landed forty miles farther west.

PORT ARTHUR CUT OFF.

The Tokyo correspondent of the Times, cabling under date of February 14, says:

"It is said the Japanese squadron has sailed Port Arthur."

The correspondent of the Daily Express at Peking, in a cablegram dated February 12, reports that Viceroy Alexieff is practically isolated, direct communication between Port Arthur and Vladivostok being suspended. He adds that the railroad behind Port Arthur has been blown up, and that 6,000 Japanese troops have landed near Dainy.

The Daily Mail's Tokyo correspondent, under date of February 12, says that the Japanese warship Amaki has captured the German steamer Yokohama, which had a cargo, including dynamite, for Port Arthur.

The Nagasaki correspondent of the Daily Telegraph expresses the conviction that Russia is quite unable to hold the Liaotung peninsula, and that Port Arthur is bound to fall by the effluxion of time, even without an assault.

The Times' Wei-Hai-Wei correspondent says that on the morning of February 10 the Japanese occupied Ching Hai-Wen, a Russian coaling station, close to Masampo.

The Daily Telegraph's Shanghai correspondent, under date of February 12, says it is reported that the Japanese have bombarded Dainy and landed marines.

Under date of February 12 the Times' Tokyo correspondent says that the Russian Vladivostok squadron, consisting of the cruisers Gromoboi, Rossia, Rurik, and Bogatyr, accompanied by a transport, passed Tsugaru Strait February 11, steering westward, but that the destination of the squadron is unknown.

SINKING OF CRUISERS DISCREDITED.

The Daily Mail, the Daily Telegraph, and other papers publish dispatches from Tokyo, Nagasaki and Shanghai reporting the destruction of three Russian cruisers by mines or torpedoes in the Tsugaru Strait, off Aomori, Japan. The Daily Mail, which at first described the news as official, in a later telegram says the report still lacks absolute confirmation. In the absence of confirmation the reports are not generally credited.

A statement that China will maintain neutrality is published in Peking.

It is reported from Tientsin that all foreigners and civilians

have been ordered to leave Port Arthur. It is also reported that the Siberian Railroad has been wrecked in six places, covering a distance of seventy miles.

The correspondent at Tientsin of the Standard, cabling under date of February 11, says the British, American, French, German and Italian ministers have jointly notified the Russian and Japanese authorities that no hostilities will be allowed on Chinese soil other than that of Manchuria.

FOR CHINA'S INTEGRITY.

Another Diplomatic Triumph Scored by Secretary Hay.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Secretary Hay has added another to his long list of diplomatic triumphs and the United States is once more enabled by his diplomacy to head the nations in a concurrent effort to preserve the integrity of China. Mr. Hay's note of February 10th to Russia and Japan urging them to confine hostilities within as small an area as possible and to respect the neutrality and administrative entity of China will be accepted by Russia, as well as by Japan, and all the nations will join the Washington government in inviting the combatants to agree to the proposition.

Mr. Jessurand, the French ambassador, called upon Secretary Hay at his residence today officially to inform him of France's acceptance and inferentially it is known that Russia's acquiescence will be communicated very soon. At the Russian embassy tonight no intimation had been received of the government's probable answer to Secretary Hay's note, but Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, will inform Secretary Hay as soon as St. Petersburg advises him. The London government, it is expected, will be inclined further to inquire as to the details of the proposition. It has been known for several days that England adhered to the principle.

The formal acceptance of the other power it is expected will follow rapidly, but the success of the proposition is assured by the decision of Russia and Japan to agree to it.

RUSSIAN CRUISER BLOWN UP.

The Boyarin, with 197 Officers and Men on Board, Destroyed.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—The Russian second-class cruiser Boyarin was blown up by a mine February 13 in the same manner as was the Russian torpedo transport Yenisei. She had on board 197 officers and men, all of whom, it is understood, were lost. No details of the disaster have been given out.

Capt. Stepanof, who was blown up with the torpedo-gunboat Yenisei, and who himself invented the system for laying submarine mines, which is considered responsible for the catastrophe, had caused the Yenisei to be fitted with his devices for the rapid laying of mines, whereby a trolley line extended beyond the vessel's stern along which the mines slid out and dropped into their appointed places. This plan did away with the cumbersome work of laying the mines from small boats. The accident was due to the excessive strain on the Yenisei's anchor cables while the mines were suspended, pending their immersion. The two cables snapped and one mine collided with another.

Paris, Feb. 16.—It is reported here that the loss of the Russian torpedo gunboat Yenisei will entail serious consequences. The captain of the vessel had placed torpedoes at various places and the maps and plans indicating these spots went down with the ship. It is believed that the general staff possesses duplicates of these papers, but there is a probability that those which are lost contained certain corrections and modifications which the others do not.

SENATOR HANNA IS DEAD.

He Succumbed to an Attack of Typhoid Fever, Following Sickness from Grip.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Marcus A. Hanna, United States Senator from Ohio and one of the foremost figures in American public life, died this evening in his apartments at the Arlington Hotel at 6:40 p. m., of typhoid fever, after an illness of two weeks. He passed away peacefully and without pain after being unconscious since 3 a. m., at which time the first of a series of sinking spells came on, from the last of which he never rallied. All the members of the family, with one or two exceptions, were at the bedside when the end came. They were Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Hanna, Mr. and Mrs. McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, Miss Phelps, H. H. Hanna and Mr. Dover.

During the last hours life was kept in his body by the use of the most powerful stimulants.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Senator Hanna's fatal illness in the beginning dated back nearly two months. About the middle of December he informed his friends that he did not feel quite well, but declined to take a period of rest. A month later Mr. Hanna visited Columbus, Ohio, during the session of the Legislature, when he was re-elected Senator, and on returning to Washington was taken ill January 19. His trouble was diagnosed as grip. It was not until January 30 that his illness assumed a serious form. On that day he suffered a congestive chill and two days later, on the fifth, his physicians announced that he had a case of typhoid. As the disease progressed the Senator's condition became more serious and his relatives were sent for. The Senator gradually grew weaker, his pulse rose to 105 and was with difficulty reduced; saline injections and oxygen were administered. On Friday last the Senator was seized with a chill, from which he rallied only to lose ground again slowly until the end.

HANNA'S SUCCESSOR.

Cincinnati, Feb. 15.—As the Ohio Legislature is now in session, Senator Hanna's successor will not be appointed by the Governor, but at once elected for the term expiring in March 1904, and in March 1911. During the past week there has been much comment about the senatorial succession. Among the names mentioned in this connection have been those of Governor Herrick, Charles P. Taft and George B. Cox, of Cincinnati; J. H. Hoyt, of Cleveland; General J. Warren Keifer, of Springfield; General Asa W. Jones, of Youngstown, and Congressmen Dick, Grosvenor, Burton, Nevin, and Warner. Senator Hanna lived in northeastern and Senator Foraker in southwestern Ohio. It is claimed by some that geographical conditions are likely to add to the chances of Governor Herrick or Congressman Dick who reside in lake districts. There is every indication of a free for all contest before the Legislature.

TRIBUTE FROM CLEVELAND.

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 15.—Former President Grover Cleveland, when informed to-night of the death of Senator Marcus A. Hanna, paid him the following tribute:

"My relations with Mr. Hanna were only such as grew out of our association as members of the National Civic Federation. He was active in the work of that body and sincerely devoted to the adjustment of differences between employers and employes."

"He was of great services in the work of the federation and what he did and was able to do in accomplishing its objects made him a useful man. His loss cannot fail to be greatly felt in more than one field of valuable endeavor."

FOUGHT AGAINST ODDS.

Russians at Chemulpo Foredoomed to Defeat.

Nagasaki, Feb. 14.—The vessels that comprised the Japanese fleet which attacked and destroyed the Russian cruisers Variag and Korietz at Chemulpo on Tuesday last, were the cruisers Naniwa, Takachiho, Akashi, Suma, and the Asama. The Japanese did not lose a man.

The Japanese fleet, commanded by Admiral Uriu on the flagship Adnema, arrived at noon and sent a wireless telegram to the Japanese cruiser Chigoda, which was lying at anchor between the Variag and Korietz to join the fleet outside. The Russians found themselves trapped. Admiral Uriu then signaled, giving the Russians five minutes in which to surrender.

The Russians ignored the demand to surrender, and the Japanese opened fire. A brisk engagement, lasting two hours, followed. The Russian vessels getting the worst of an encounter in which the odds were overwhelmingly against them, steamed back into the harbor. The Variag, which was badly injured, listed heavily. Two hours later the Russians attempted to break through the Japanese fleet, which was encountered four miles from the inner harbor. A fierce fight followed. The Russian vessels were badly damaged. The Korietz was blown up, presumably by its own crew, in order to escape capture. A portion of the crew was rescued by the French and Italian vessels in the harbor.

The Variag tried to escape, but suddenly an explosion was heard and the Variag was seen to sink. Whether she was sunk by a Japanese shell or by her own crew is not known. The United States gunboat Vicksburg and the British cruiser Talbot witnessed the battle.

Japanese Blow up Two Russian Ships.

London, Feb. 17.—The St. James Gazette publishes a dispatch from Kobe, Japan, saying that it is officially announced that the Japanese attacked Port Arthur this morning with torpedo boats. The Russian guardship was torpedoed and also a warship lying outside. The Japanese retired unharmed. The attack was made in a blinding snow storm by two torpedo boats which attacked at intervals of two hours. The forts received them with a sharp fire.

The Asagiri discharged several torpedoes with unknown results. The Hayatori arrived about 5 a. m. and got close to the harbor mouth without being observed. There she found two Russian warships, the names of which were unknown. She fired a torpedo which exploded.

Admiral Togo, in reporting the attack, says he is sure it will have an excellent moral effect on the enemy.

Wreck on Atlantic Coast Line.

Two Atlantic Coast Line freight trains, one of them an extra from Wilmington, bound south, and the other a local, going north from Florence to Fayetteville, were in head-on collision at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, two miles south of Pee Dee junction and only a short distance beyond the south end of the long trestle over Pee Dee river at that point. Engineer Bruce Taylor, 28 years old, of Wilmington, in charge of the extra, bound south, was almost instantly killed; his fireman, John Hay, white, of Florence, S. C., was badly injured, and five others were more or less seriously hurt. Both engines and five cars were almost completely demolished while a number of others suffered to some extent.—Dunn Guide.

The United States Senate Thursday adopted a joint resolution authorizing a survey to determine whether or not a ship canal across the State of Florida is feasible.

Fire in Wilmington.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 17.—Fire on the water front tonight destroyed a large warehouse belonging to Hall & Pearsall, wholesale grocers, and occupied by them and the George L. Morton Company, naval store dealers. The flames originated from the careless use of fire by rivermen on the wharf. The losses will aggregate about \$35,000, which is covered by insurance. An engine was caught between the fire and the river, but it was saved with difficulty. Adjoining warehouses, also owned by Hall & Pearsall and the Seaboard Air Line, were threatened, but a northeast wind swept the flames toward the river. The burned material consisted of 500 casks of spirits turpentine, 500 barrels of tar and crude, 60 tons of fertilizers, about 10 bales of cotton and \$5,000 worth of heavy groceries.

Jabel Register Makes Confession.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 17.—It is stated that Jabel Register, who is under sentence to be hanged at Whiteville on the 26th inst., has made a full confession of the crime for which he and his father, H. B. Register, were convicted and has implicated a man named White, of Columbus county. Jabel says white had a hand in the killing of Jesse Soles and Jim Stanley. On Register's statement White was arrested. He is now in jail at Whiteville and will be tried at the term of court which will begin there April 18th, Judge Peebles presiding. Register's confession is said to correspond in every particular with the testimony of Cross Edmondson, who turned state's evidence and was sent to the penitentiary for ten years.

The execution of Jabel Register will no doubt be stayed by the governor so that he can testify against White. It is highly probable that he won't be hanged Friday week, as first appointed. White was arrested at the time of the double murder, but the evidence was not sufficient to hold him.

Russia Talks of War with England.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—The Frankfurter Zeitung publishes a telegram from St. Petersburg making the sensational announcement that Russia is preparing for war with England. Russia is said to be fully determined to show no weakness as to England's invasion of Tibet.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg last night said that Lieutenant General Ivanoff, governor general and commander of the troops in Turkestan, had gone to Tashkend with General Sakharoff, chief of staff of the military district of Turkestan. It is said in high military circles that General Ivanoff has been instructed to prepare for the contingency of military action in the direction of India in the event of Great Britain adopting an attitude hostile to Russia or attempting to prejudice Russian interests in Persia or Tibet.

The Bank of Dunn Insolvent.

State Bank Examiner J. O. Ellington notified the corporation commission this morning that on examination he finds that the Bank of Dunn is insolvent and the commission has instructed him to take charge and hold the assets until a receiver can be appointed in due process of law. It will be remembered that it was only a few days ago that the Merchants and Farmers Bank, the only other bank of the town, closed its doors and W. A. Stewart was appointed by Judge Allen as receiver.

The president of the Bank of Dunn is L. J. Best and the cashier J. W. Purdie. The capital was \$20,000, and at the time of the last printed report the resources of the bank were put down at \$57,075.29. Deposits subject to check amounted to \$25,144.70, and time certificates of deposit \$2,406.70.—Raleigh Post.

A DOUBLE MARRIAGE.

Rev. W. G. Hall to Miss Callie Stubbs—Mr. J. Thomas Smith to Miss Rella Rose.

Plymouth, N. C., Feb. 17, 1904.—The most interesting social event of the season in Plymouth was the double marriage at the Baptist church this morning at 6:30 o'clock. Despite the very cold weather and the early hour the church was almost crowded with friends who had gathered to witness the interesting ceremonies that united in marriage Rev. Wilbur G. Hall, of Roxboro, N. C., to Miss Callie Rae Stubbs, of this city, and Mr. J. Thomas Smith, of Bethel, N. C., to Miss Rella Rose, also of this city.

The wedding party preceded by the ushers, Messrs. W. R. White and G. W. Waters, entered the church and advanced to the altar up opposite aisles, the attendants of Mr. Hall and Miss Stubbs going up the right and those of Mr. Smith and Miss Rose up the left and crossing in front of the altar.

The attendants of Mr. Hall and Miss Stubbs were: Mr. Ira W. Rose with Miss Almeda Harrison, Mr. J. H. Leggett with Miss Gertrude Woodard, Mr. Clyde Cahoon with Miss Emma Tucker and Mr. T. J. Lassiter with Miss Allie Newberry.

The best man was Mr. Hall's brother, Mr. D. M. Hall, of Smithfield, and the bride's sister, Miss Jessie Stubbs, was maid of honor.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. E. Buffalo, pastor of the Methodist church at Bethel.

Mr. Smith's best man was Dr. G. F. Thigpen, and his bride's sister, Miss Lala Rose, was maid of honor. This couple was united by Rev. J. C. Hochutt, pastor of the Baptist church at Bethel.

The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and white.

The presents received by both couples were handsome and numerous attesting the high esteem in which they are held by their many friends.

Immediately after the marriage the happy couples with a few of their friends boarded the train, Mr. and Mrs. Smith going to Rocky Mount and returning to Bethel their future home, in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Hall went to Benson to spend a few days with Mr. Hall's parents, before going to their future home at Roxboro.

The brides are two of Plymouth's loveliest daughters and have hosts of friends wherever known. Mr. Smith is a popular young business man of Bethel. Mr. Hall is a rising young minister, having a splendid field in Person county, having gone there January 1st. He was formerly the pastor of the Baptist church at this place.

SELMA NEWS.

Mr. C. W. Richardson went to Raleigh Wednesday.

Messrs. Hooks and Debnam went to Dunn Wednesday.

Miss Annie Adams, of Raleigh, is visiting Miss Nola Mitchener.

Miss Lillie Creech, of Benson, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Stallings.

Mr. Robert Gibson went up in the Hatcher section of Oneals township Sunday.

Mrs. Y. D. Vinson was taken to the Wilson Sanatorium Tuesday. We hope she will speedily recover.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Liles went to Raleigh Tuesday to attend the marriage of Mr. Arthur Oliver and Miss Callie Roberts.

Mr. M. C. Winston is improving the appearance of his already handsome store, by having a nice glass front hat case put in.

Mr. R. B. Whitley was at home Sunday. Fab Easbee Whitley has not been here for several days. Wonder what is the trouble.

Mr. Arthur Oliver went to Raleigh Wednesday morning and was married to Miss Callie Roberts, a daughter of Mr. John Roberts, Wednesday morning by the Rev. Marvin Culbreth. We wish them a long and happy life.

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