

## RUSSIANS PREPARE FOR THE INEVITABLE

Capture of 203 Metre Hill Means  
The Fall of Port Arthur in  
The Near Future.

### STOESSEL WILL NOT SURRENDER

Will Hold Out to the Last Man and  
The Last Cartridge—Mukden  
Attracting Attention.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 2.—With the confirmation of the news that the Japanese have occupied 203 Metre hill, and the report that the Russians unsuccessfully attempted to re-capture, officials at the war office are beginning to prepare themselves for the inevitable.

Golden hill and Liao Tih hill are higher and dominate 203 Metre hill, but the officials say that if the Japanese succeeded in mounting heavy guns up the latter it will probably be only a question of days or weeks before the fortress falls.

Still, there is not the slightest idea among Gen. Stoessel's friends that he will surrender, even if he should be ordered to do so. It is hinted that it is possible that if the fall of the fortress is shown to be inevitable the emperor may direct its surrender in order to prevent the unnecessary sacrifice of the remnant of its brave defenders; but it is believed by those who know Gen. Stoessel best that he will make good his threat to hold out to the last man and last cartridge in Port Arthur.

The ships in the harbor, it can now be said, are in no condition to attempt to break through the investing squadron. The guns of the warships were long ago landed, and the marines and sailors have been participating in the land defense. Some of the ships also have been injured by shells.

If the fortress falls, it is understood the ships will be taken outside and sunk in deep water in order to prevent the possibility of their ever being of service to the enemy.

The question of the advisability of reinforcing Vice-Admiral Rojdestvensky's squadron with the Black sea fleet is again agitated by some of the papers, notably the Novoye Vremya, which points out that, with the addition of the Black sea vessels, Rojdestvensky will have a superiority which will insure victory over Admiral Togo's fleet.

RUSSIANS ASSUMING OFFENSIVE.  
St. Petersburg, Dec. 2, 3 p. m.—The situation of the armies below Mukden is again attracting attention, but the movements in progress are very puzzling.

Gen. Rennenkampf has hotly pursued a Japanese detachment below Sinitin as far as the Taitse river, and on the right Russian scouts have explored the Hun river below Liao Yang. All the passed fell into Rennenkampf's hands.

The Japanese apparently failed to show their old-time form, and official as well as unofficial dispatches indicate that the edge has been taken off the Japanese fighting capabilities by the cold weather. The same reports say the Japanese threw away their rifles, many of which were captured. Other reports say Japanese officers shot five soldiers who refused to face the foe.

There was a heavy bombardment today along the Russian center and right, which might indicate that Gen. Kuropatkin is preparing to assume the offensive.

It is the opinion in military circles that the present situation cannot continue much longer; but it is argued that a frontal attack against fortified positions along the Shakh river is bound to be disastrous to which ever side attempts it. Any serious advance, to be successful, must be accomplished by a wide strategic turning movement, as the armies are too close for tactical flanking operations.

A suspicion exists that Field Marshal Oyama is trying to work Kuropatkin around east of Sinitin with a view to striking the Russians above Tie pass, with the object of again trying a decisive coup; but no positive evidence of such a move has yet appeared. Reports the last few days indicate that Gen. Rennenkampf is hotly following up the Japanese retreat, meeting with comparatively little resistance; but some fear is expressed that he may be running into a Japanese trap formed with the hope of cutting off his command. It is believed he cannot possibly hold a position as far south as Taise river.

AFTER RENNENKAMPFF.  
St. Petersburg, Dec. 2, 8 a. m.—A special dispatch from Mukden says: "It is rumored that Gen. Rennenkampf has captured several Japanese guns and a convoy with 600 rifles, but a force of 40,000, consisting of Chinese bandits and a reserve of 8,000 Japanese, has started to turn Rennenkampf's flank."

RUSSIANS FOLLOW JAPS.  
Mukden, Dec. 2.—From 2:30 o'clock this afternoon until late tonight sounds of a rapid cannonade have been heard on the Russian southwest front, but no excitement has been caused. Gen. Rennenkampf, with his cavalry, is following the retreating Japanese, giving them no time to occupy a position. It seems that the Japanese, in attempting to seize Russian positions, so extended themselves as to deplete their reserves.

CORRESPONDENTS GOING HOME.  
Mukden, Dec. 2.—The exodus of correspondents and military attaches continues. Lieut.-Col. Schuler and Capt. Reichmann of the United States army and Col. Waters of the British army have left. Only six foreign correspondents remain, and some of these contemplate going home.

N. Y. POSTMASTER.  
Senator Platt Says it Will be  
Wm. R. Wilcox.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Senator Platt of New York today announced that William R. Wilcox will be appointed postmaster at New York. Mr. Wilcox was park commissioner under the Low administration. The following official statement was made at the White House regarding Mr. Wilcox's appointment:

"The president has decided to appoint William R. Wilcox postmaster at New York City and Mr. Wilcox's nomination will go into the senate on Tuesday next."

Russian Cruiser at Tangier.  
Tangier, Dec. 2.—The Russian cruiser Duple and two torpedo boat destroyers have arrived here.

## DELEGATES ARE COMING HOME.

Utahns Who Went to Irrigation  
Congress at El Paso Are  
Now Returning.

### THAT CHAS. W. PENROSE STORY

Salt Lake Tribune Has Still Another  
Guess Coming Regarding Editor  
Of Deseret News.

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dispatch that they were made yesterday in the City of Mexico—while Mr. Penrose was in reality in El Paso, Tex.

In commenting upon the presence of the Utah delegation in the City of Mexico, the Anglo-American, published in that city, says:

"We have with us at the present time several prominent gentlemen who were members of the Utah delegation to the International Irrigation congress lately in session at El Paso, Texas. They are all pioneers in irrigation matters, and have been able to give more intelligent information on the subject than were the majority of those who were at the congress as representatives. These gentlemen are all members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and stand high in the councils of that organization. John Henry Smith is second cousin to Joseph Smith, founder of the Church, and full cousin to the present president. Hon. Charles W. Penrose is editor-in-chief of the Deseret News, the organ of the Church; Dr. H. J. Faust, an old-timer, well off in this world's goods and jolly as a boy on a lark; and Major Richard W. Young, son of the late Joseph A. Young, the eldest son of President Brigham Young, no longer at the head of the Church, and the father of irrigation in the United States. Major Young has had a distinguished career for so young a man. He was educated at West Point, from whence he graduated, served as U. S. consul at St. Helena, was commissioned as lieutenant in the Fifth U. S. artillery, resigned from the service to enter the practice of law in Salt Lake City. When the war with Spain was declared he organized and took command of the Utah batteries which rendered such splendid service in the Philippines, making a record not only for his command but for himself which any man may well be proud of. When his batteries were ordered home he was appointed associate justice on the supreme bench at Manila, later resigning that high office to return to his native city, where he has since been prominent in local politics and at the bar."

"The Anglo-American is glad to welcome such people. They really represent something, and are a lasting benefit to any locality in which they may be induced to interest themselves."

MORE COMPLICATIONS IN  
MRS. CHADWICK'S AFFAIRS.

New York, Dec. 2.—Complications continue to multiply in the strange case of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick of Cleveland, O., the woman whose tangled financial affairs have brought her into note during the past week. From the moment the light of publicity was turned in her direction by the suit of Herbert D. Newton, the Brookline, Mass., man, who sought to recover loans aggregating nearly \$200,000 every day has added one or more new and sensational features to the case. Now, with her affairs practically taken out of her hands through the appointment of a receiver in a Cleveland court yesterday, it seems that a solution of the mystery in the affair cannot be long deferred. At the same time rumor continues to be persistently busy and all sorts of reports are rife. One of the stories was that an attachment on whatever personal property Mrs. Chadwick had in this city was threatened to secure a claim held by a fashionable dressmaker. A check on the Wide World Bank company of Cleveland for \$1,000, which had been given in part payment of the account, had gone to protest; it was said, and when this was learned the creditor at once began arrangements to secure the claim by filing an attachment. That the papers were not served during the night was said to be due only to the fact that the creditor's attorney was not successful in finding a magistrate who could issue the necessary writ.

Another statement made today, but without any official authority, was that part of Mrs. Chadwick's assets consisted of \$5,000,000 in notes endorsed by a prominent and very wealthy man. It is possible that the settlement of Herbert D. Newton's claim, which it was announced a few days ago, had been satisfactorily arranged, may encounter an obstacle in the Cleveland bankruptcy proceedings. The whole matter had been left in the hands of George Ryall, Mr. Newton's attorney in this city, and Mr. Newton and his other attorneys had returned to their homes after a series of conferences here at which, it was said, the Brookline man's interest in the case had been satisfactorily adjusted. The principal points in the settlement had been agreed upon by representatives of both Mr. Newton and Mrs. Chadwick, and the only thing that remained to be done was to work out the details for the cancellation of the obligations.

Mr. Ryall was to have entire charge of these final transactions, it was said, and Mr. Newton announced upon leaving for Boston that it would not be necessary for either him or his Boston or Cleveland attorneys to return to New York.

When the news of the bankruptcy proceedings came from Cleveland, Percy W. Carver, Mr. Newton's Boston attorney, immediately started for New York. It is supposed that the object of his visit was to consult with Mr. Ryall in connection with the proposed settlement.

In this connection much interest was aroused by a dispatch from Cleveland which shows that under the bankruptcy laws any claims preferred and presented within a period of four months prior to the filing of a petition in bankruptcy may be recovered in that receiver. The claimant then will be entitled to only his pro-rata share of the bankrupt's estate. It was reported in Cleveland that Mrs. Chadwick telegraphed to an acquaintance in that city last night making an appointment in Cleveland today. Inquiry at the Holland House showed that Mrs. Chadwick was still there and so far as the hotel management knew had no intention of leaving at present.



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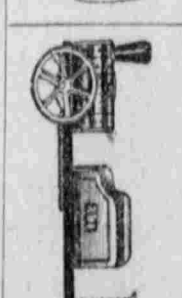
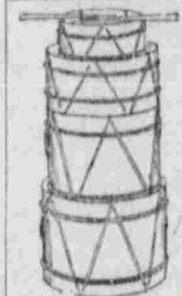
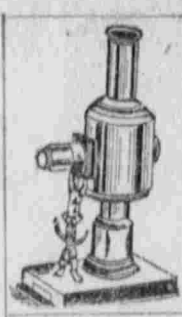
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