

JAPS CLOSER TO PORT ARTHUR

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A despatch from London says: The official report issued by the Japanese Legation on Monday is the latest reliable news from Port Arthur. Rumors from Chefoo and Shanghai represent the besiegers as having made considerable further progress Saturday, when, it is stated, several Russian counter-attacks at Erhlungshan were repulsed with great loss to the defenders, who abandoned the main forts and outlying works.

The Chefoo correspondent of the Daily Telegraph does not support these rumors. He confirms the official statement, and adds that the Japanese are halfway up the slopes of Erhlungshan and Shanshoshan. They have four large forts facing those Russian positions, and are mounting naval guns on them. The Japanese have repeatedly stolen into the native town, under cover of darkness, but have been invariably driven out by daylight, losing heavily. The Japanese works are two miles and a half away from the Russian batteries at Liaotishan, but elsewhere they have wormed their way to within a quarter of a mile of the outer enceinte. The fighting is now principally with rifles, the big guns being seldom used.

An examination of all the reports printed in the morning newspapers creates the impression that the fall of the fortress is not likely to occur in the immediate future unless by surrender, although the northern and eastern forts will soon, it is expected be occupied by the Japanese, who continue landing reinforcements at Dalny.

Very long press despatches detailing events from July onward are printed. They contain descriptions of curious siege devices improvised by the Japanese, among them being wooden mortars, hooped with bamboo, from which gun-cotton grenades are fired at ranges of from 50 to 200 yards. These mortars are declared to be very effective. Many kinds of shields have been invented and have been found to be very useful. One steel bullet-proof shield weighs 32 pounds. It is fixed with straps to a man's shoulders and covers his whole body. There are slits for the eyes and holes for the hands. These are effectively used by the men when cutting wire entanglements.

ARMIES SUFFER FROM COLD.

A despatch from London says:—According to the despatches received here from the front, the intense cold, which is accompanied by snow, hail and dust storms, adds to the hardships of both armies on the Sha River. There is a scarcity of fire-wood, and the risk of drawing one another's projectiles prevents the lighting of fires except occasionally. The soldiers burrow in the ground like rabbits for protection from the cold.

The correspondents on either side believe that the hardships the troops are undergoing are likely to induce the commanders to seek a forcible issue out of their troubles at an early date. In no case will either withdraw until another battle is fought. The Japanese seem to have a slightly more advantageous position. Neither army seems to be yet losing many men from disease, despite the cold, in addition to which the Russians are suffering, according to one account, from shortness of food.

SNOW IN MANCHURIA.

A despatch from Gen. Kuroki's Headquarters says:—The positions of the two armies are unchanged. The Russians continue infrequent and ineffective bombardment, principally at night or in the early morning, with heavy guns, devoting their energies chiefly to the Japanese left, where the lines are nearer than elsewhere.

The Japanese refrain from firing. There is a sharp exchange, indicating firing somewhere on the lines almost every night.

The cold weather of the past week culminated on Friday in a sharp wind and flurries of snow. The ground is frozen but the soldiers build few fires for warmth, lest they draw the Russian shots. They have remarkably and ingeniously well constructed shelters of corn stalks wherever they are unable to occupy Chinese houses. Fur overcoats are being used.

SAD CELEBRATION.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: There was little attempt on Thursday to celebrate, except in a perfunctory way, the tenth anniversary of the accession of Emperor Nicholas. The imperial family attended a Te Deum at the Kazan Cathedral, and there were services in all the churches. Later the troops were paraded, the theatres gave free exhibitions to the school children, and there was music and other holiday displays in the parks. But, on account of the war and the anxiety regarding the situation at Port Arthur everything was on a small scale.

BALM FOR ALEXIEFF.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: It is understood that Admiral Alexieff, after a sojourn in the apartments in the Winter Palace that are being prepared for him, will be appointed Governor of Moscow. He will succeed the Grand Duke Serge, who will assume the command-in-chief in the army at St. Petersburg, replacing the Grand Duke Vladimir. The Grand Duke is ill.

TOWNS ARE DESERTED.

A correspondent at Mukden writes: "I have traveled for forty miles along the Russian front. It is a stupendous martial spectacle. The country around is bare, the crops being for the most part trampled on and destroyed.

"I saw only one village where any Chinese were living, although I passed through forty towns lately very populous. The villagers have fled, not because of Russian cruelty, but because of bullets and shrapnel. The soldiers are using the furniture and rafters of the deserted houses, and felling the trees for fuel.

"I met only a score of Chinese, mostly peddlers. The only woman I saw was an old one, searching among the ruins of her home. Chinese translators are now unnecessary, as there are no Chinese in the villages. Those in Mukden understand well enough.

"Figures resembling vigorous Chinese men dot the field. These are Russian soldiers in Chinese winter dress. In startling contrast with the cheerful autumn weather are the deserted villages and barren fields, wherein are multitudes of starving dogs, and great flocks of crows. "The whole country is burrowed by trenches and artillery positions. Some are occupied, and many abandoned. In some places the ground is strewn with fragments of shells. Blood-stained boots cut from wounded legs, and pieces of cloth, are there too, and Japanese knapsacks. The mud walls of the villages are pierced by loop-holes. The soldiers at the front are living snugly in underground bomb-proofs. Russian graves are everywhere."

NOT WAR, BUT BUTCHERY.

A despatch from Vienna says: The Allgemeine Zeitung says that the Pope, in an interview, declared that the Russo-Japanese contest was no longer war, but butchery. It was most regrettable that all the civilized powers were indifferent instead of combining in great common action to end it. He hoped that Divine providence would soon stop the bloody struggle. He had intended to issue a manifesto against war in the abstract, war in these modern times being an absurdity, but glory was both blind and deaf.

ADMIRAL BETRAYED PLANS.

A despatch from Tokio says: It has transpired that the loss of the Hitachi Maru and the damage done to the Sado Maru by the Vladivostok squadron was owing to information having been given to the enemy by a Japanese admiral on the staff here. Telegrams were despatched to Fusan and communicated to the Russians by wireless telegraphy, which enabled the fleet to locate the transports soon after they left Moji.

The admiral was found guilty of treachery, and his death sentence was read out to him by his intimate friend and comrade.

The staff assembled and entered the room, which had been cleared of all furniture. The prisoner was made to take off his uniform. He was then beaten to death by his comrades.

The admiral received a cheque on the Russian Chinese Bank for £12,000 for the information which caused such a blow to Japanese arms and is believed to have prevented the capture of Port Arthur.

The Hitachi Maru was loaded with the largest and best siege guns in Japan, and also carried two armored trains and railway plant.

The Sado Maru is docked at Moji for repairs. She carried 500 engineers and miners and thousands of pounds' worth of stores, besides a number of details.

Capt. Campbell, who commanded the Hitachi Maru, was killed after giving orders to ram the Rurik, which sank her and poured a heavy fire on to the deck of the transport. His widow has received £500 from the Japanese Government.

ONE HUNDRED LIVES LOST

French Steamers Collide Off the Coast of Algeria.

A Bona, Algeria, despatch says: A hundred persons were drowned last night by the sinking of the French steamer Gironde, after having been in collision with the French steamer A. Schiaffino near Herbillon, 23 miles from Bona. The Gironde left Bona with 110 passengers, of whom one hundred were Algerian natives.

THE ELECTION RETURNS

GOVERNMENT HAS MAJORITY OF SIXTY-THREE.

Ontario and Prince Edward Island Give a Conservative Majority.

HOW IT STANDS.

	Con.	Lib.	Ind.
Ontario.....	47	38	1
Quebec.....	10	53	1
Nova Scotia.....	0	18	0
New Brunswick.....	6	7	0
P. E. Island.....	3	1	0
Manitoba.....	4	5	0
N. W. Territories.....	1	8	0
British Columbia.....	0	4	0
	71	134	2

Liberal majority 63.

Elections to be held: Quebec, Gaspe, Manitoba, Dauphin; N.W.T., Mackenzie, Yukon; British Columbia, Comox, Kootenay, Yale-Cariboo.

ONTARIO.

Conservatives Elected.

Algoma W.....	A. C. Boyce.
Brantford.....	W. F. Cockshutt.
Bruce N.....	L. L. Bland.
Carleton.....	Ed. Kidd.
Dufferin.....	Dr. Barr.
Dundas.....	A. Broder.
Durham.....	H. A. Ward.
Elgin E.....	A. B. Ingram.
Elgin W.....	Wm. Jackson.
Frontenac.....	M. Avery.
Grenville.....	J. D. Reid.
Grey E.....	Dr. Sproule.
Haldimand.....	F. R. Labor.
Halton.....	D. Henderson.
Hamilton E.....	Samuel Barker.
Hastings E.....	W. B. Northrup.
Hastings W.....	E. Gus Porter.
Huron E.....	Dr. T. Chisholm.
Huron S.....	B. B. Gunn.
Huron W.....	E. N. Lewis.
Kent W.....	H. S. Clements.
Lambton E.....	J. E. Armstrong.
Lanark S.....	Hon. J. Haggart.
Leeds.....	Geo. Taylor.
Lennox and Addington.....	Uriah Wilson.
Lincoln.....	E. A. Lancaster.
Middlesex E.....	Peter Elson.
Muskoka.....	Wm. Wright.
Norfolk.....	Lieut.-Col. Tisdale.
Northumberland E.....	E. E. Cochrane.
Ontario S.....	P. Christie.
Peel.....	R. Blain.
Perth N.....	A. F. McLaren.
Prince Edward.....	Geo. O. Alcorn.
Renfrew N.....	Hon. Peter White.
Simcoe E.....	W. H. Bennett.
Simcoe S.....	H. Lennox.
Stormont.....	R. A. Pringle.
Toronto Centre.....	E. F. Clarke.
Toronto E.....	A. E. Kemp.
Toronto N.....	Hon. G. E. Foster.
Toronto S.....	A. C. Macdonell.
Toronto W.....	E. B. Osler.
Victoria and Haliburton.....	S. Hughes.
Waterloo N.....	J. E. Seagram.
Waterloo S.....	G. A. Clare.
York S.....	W. F. Maclean.

ONTARIO.

Liberals Elected.

Algoma.....	A. E. Dymont.
Brant.....	Hon. Wm. Paterson.
Brockville.....	D. Derbyshire.
Bruce S.....	P. H. Mackenzie.
Essex N.....	R. F. Sutherland.
Essex S.....	A. H. Clarke.
Glenora.....	J. R. Schell.
Grey N.....	W. P. Telford.
Grey S.....	H. H. Miller.
Hamilton W.....	Adam Zimmerman.
Kent E.....	D. A. Gordon.
Kingston.....	Hon. W. Harty.
Lambton W.....	Dr. T. G. Johnstone.
Lanark N.....	T. B. Caldwell.
London.....	Hon. C. S. Hyman.
Middlesex W.....	W. S. Calvert.
Nipissing.....	C. A. McCool.
Northumberland W.....	J. B. McColl.
Ontario N.....	Geo. D. Grant.
Ottawa.....	N. A. Belcourt.
Ottawa.....	Robt. Stewart.
Oxford N.....	Hon. J. Sutherland.
Oxford S.....	M. S. Schell.
Parry Sound.....	R. J. Watson.
Perth S.....	G. H. McIntyre.
Peterboro E.....	John Finlay.
Peterboro W.....	R. R. Hall.
Prescott.....	Edmond Proulx.
Renfrew S.....	A. A. Wright.
Russell.....	Norman Wilson.
Simcoe N.....	L. McCarthy.
Thunder Bay and Rainy River.....	Jas. Conmee.
Welland.....	W. M. German.
Wellington N.....	Thos. Martin.
Wellington S.....	Hugh Guthrie.
Wentworth.....	W. O. Sealey.
York N.....	Sir Wm. Mulock.
York Centre.....	Arch. Campbell.

In Dependents Elected.

North Middlesex.....	V. Ratz (Lib.)
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QUEBEC.

Conservatives.

Argenteuil.....	G. H. Perley.
Beauharnois.....	J. G. H. Bergeron.
Charlevoix.....	R. Forget.
Dorchester.....	J. B. Morin.
Huntingdon.....	Dr. R. N. Walsh.
Jacques Cartier.....	F. D. Monk.
Laval.....	J. Leonard.
L'Islet.....	Dr. Paquet.
Montreal, St. Antoine.....	H. B. Ames.
Sherbrooke.....	Dr. Worthington.

Names marked * are present members.

QUEBEC.

Liberals.

Bagot.....	*J. E. Marcell.
Beauce.....	*H. S. Beland.
Bellechasse.....	*O. E. Talbot.
Berthier.....	*P. E. Archambault.
Bonaventure.....	*C. Marcell.

Brome.....	*Hon. S. A. Fisher.
Chambly-Vercheres.....	*V. Geoffrion.
Champlain.....	*J. A. Rousseau.
Chateauguay.....	*J. P. Brown.
Compton.....	A. B. Hunt.
Drummond-Arthabaska.....	*L. Lavergne.
Gaspe.....	*Hon. R. Lemieux.
Hochelaga.....	*L. A. Rivert.
Joliette.....	J. A. Dubeau.
Kamouraska.....	*E. Lapointe.
Labelle.....	*H. Bourassa.
Laprairie-Napierville.....	R. Lanctot.
L'Assomption.....	*C. Laurier.
Levis.....	*L. J. Demers.
Lotbiniere.....	*E. Fortier.
Maisonneuve.....	*Hon. R. Prefontaine.
Maskinonge.....	H. Maxrand.
Megantic.....	Theo. Laver.
Missisquoi.....	*D. B. Meigs.
Montcalm.....	*F. O. Dugas.
Montmagny.....	*A. Lavergne.
Montmorency.....	Geo. Parent.
Montreal St. Ann's.....	*D. Gallery.
Montreal St. James.....	*H. Gervais.
Montreal St. Lawrence.....	*R. Bickerdike.
Montreal St. Mary's.....	C. Piche.
Nicolet.....	Hon. R. Lemieux.
Pontiac.....	Fred. Hodgins.
Portneuf.....	J. J. Voisard.
Quebec, Centre.....	*A. Malouin.
Quebec, East.....	*Sir W. Laurier.
Quebec, West.....	*W. Power.
Quebec County.....	*Hon. C. Fitzpatrick.
Richelieu.....	*A. A. Bruneau.
Richmond-Wolfe.....	*E. W. Tobin.
Rimouski.....	*J. A. Ross.
Rouville.....	*Hon. L. P. Brodeur.

St. Hyacinthe.....	A. M. Beauparlant.
St. John-Iberville.....	*L. P. Demers.
Shefford.....	*C. H. Parmelee.
Soulanges.....	A. Bourbonnais.
Stanstead.....	H. Lovell.
Tamoucouate.....	*C. A. Gauvreau.
Terrebonne.....	Desjardins.
Three Rivers-St. Maurice.....	*J. Bureau.
Two Mountains.....	*J. A. C. Ethier.
Vaudreuil.....	Dr. G. Boyer.
Wright.....	*Sir W. Laurier.
Yamaska.....	O. Gladier.

Names marked * are present members.

INDEPENDENTS.

Chicoutima-Saguenay.....	J. Girard.
Wright.....	H. A. Goyette.

NOVA SCOTIA—CONSERVATIVES NONE.

NOVA SCOTIA—LIBERALS.

Annapolis.....	S. W. Pickup.
Antigonish.....	C. F. McIsaac.
N. Cape Breton & Victoria.....	D. D. MacKenzie.
South Cape Breton.....	Alex. Johnston.
Colchester.....	F. A. Lawrence.
Cumberland.....	H. J. Logan.
Digby.....	A. J. S. Copp.
Guysborough.....	J. H. Sinclair.
Halifax.....	Wm. Roche.
Halifax.....	M. Carney.
Hants.....	Mayor Black.
Inverness.....	D. A. McClellan.
King's.....	Sir F. Borden.
Lunenburg.....	A. W. McLean.
Pictou.....	E. M. Macdonald.
Richmond.....	D. Finlayson.
Shelburne and Queen's.....	Hon. W. S. Fielding.
Yarmouth.....	B. B. Law.

NEW BRUNSWICK—CONSERVATIVES.

Charlotte.....	G. W. Ganong.
King's & Albert.....	G. W. Fowler.
Queen's and Sunbury.....	R. D. Wilmot.
St. John City and County.....	A. A. Stockton.
St. John City.....	Dr. J. W. Daniel.
York.....	C. S. Crockett.

NEW BRUNSWICK—LIBERALS.

Carleton.....	F. B. Carvel.
Gloucester.....	O. Turgeon.
Kent.....	O. J. Leblanc.
Northumberland.....	W. S. Loggie.
Restigouche.....	Jas. Reid.
Victoria.....	Hon. J. Costigan.
Westmoreland.....	H. R. Emmerson.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—CONSERVATIVES.

Queen's E.....	A. Martin.
Queen's W.....	A. A. Maclean.
Prince.....	A. A. Lefurgey.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—LIBERALS.

King's.....	J. J. Hughes.
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MANITOBA—CONSERVATIVES.

Dauphin.....	Glen Campbell.
Macdonald.....	W. G. Staples.
Marquette.....	Dr. Roeho.
Provencher.....	A. A. C. LaRiviere.
Souris.....	Dr. Schnaffer.

MANITOBA—LIBERALS.

Brandon.....	Hon. C. Sifton.
Dauphin.....	T. A. Burrows.
Lisgar.....	Hon. T. Greenway.
Portage la Prairie.....	John Crawford.
Selkirk.....	S. J. Jackson.
Winnipeg.....	D. W. Bole.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—CONSERVATIVES.

Calgary.....	L. McCarthy.
Yukon.....	Dr. A. Thompson.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—LIBERALS.

Alberta.....	M. McKenzie.
Assiniboia, E.....	J. G. Turriif.
Assiniboia, W.....	W. Scott.
Edmonton.....	F. Oliver.
Humboldt.....	A. J. Adamson.
Mackenzie.....	Dr. E. L. Cash.
Qu'Appelle.....	Levi Thompson.
Saskatchewan.....	J. H. Lamont.
Strathcona.....	H. Talbot.
Yukon.....	F. T. Congdon.

British Columbia—Liberals.	
Comox-Atlin.....	Wm. Sloan.
Kootenay.....	W. A. Galliher.
Nanaimo.....	Ralph Smith.
New Westminster.....	J. B. Kennedy.
Vancouver City.....	R. G. McPherson.
Victoria.....	Geo. Ripley.

Note.—Elections in Comox-Atlin, Kootenay and Yale and Cariboo postponed. Conservatives none.

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese, and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

Toronto, Nov. 8.—Wheat—No. 2 white and red winter quoted at \$1.03 to \$1.04 outside. No 2 goes nominal at 89 to 90c east, and No. 2 Spring at 98c east. Manitoba wheat unchanged. No. 1 Northern quoted at \$1.03, No. 2 Northern at \$1, and No. 3 Northern at 95c. Georgian Bay ports, Grinding in transit prices are 6c above those quoted.

Oats—No. 2 white is quoted at 31½ to 32c low freights, and at 31 to 31½ north and west. No. 1 new white is steady at 32½c east.

Barley—No. 2 quoted at 45 to 46c middle freights; No. 3 extra, 43c; and No. 3 at 41c middle freights.

Peas—The demand is fair with prices firm at 64 to 65c outside.

Corn—No. 3 American yellow quoted at 63½c on track, Toronto, and No. 3 mixed at 62c. Canadian corn is nominal at 53 to 55c west.

Buckwheat—The market is nominal at 51 to 54c at outside points.

Rye—No. 2 quoted at 74 to 75c at outside points.

Flour—Ninety per cent. patents are quoted at \$4.35 to \$4.40 in buyers' sacks, east or west. Straight rollers of special brands, for domestic trade, in barrels, \$4.65 to \$4.75. Manitoba flours unchanged; No. 1 patents, \$5.70; No. 2 patents, \$5.40; and strong bakers', \$5.30, on track, Toronto.

Milled—At outside points bran is quoted at \$14.50, and shorts at \$17.50 to \$18. Manitoba bran, in sacks, \$19 and shorts at \$21.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Beans—Prime beans are quoted at \$1.35 to \$1.40, and hand-picked at \$1.45 to \$1.50.

Cranberries—The market is steady at \$8 per barrel.

Hops—The market is unchanged at 30 to 35c, according to quality.

Honey—The market is quiet at 7 to 7½c per lb. Comb honey, \$1.25 to \$2 per dozen.

Hay—Car lots are quoted at \$8 to \$8.50 on track, Toronto, the latter for No. 1 timothy.

Straw—Car lots are quoted at \$5.50 to \$6 on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots at 65c per bag on track. Small lots, 75 to 80c per bag.

Poultry—The demand is moderate, with offerings fair; Spring chickens, 9c per lb; yearlings, 6½c to 7c per lb; ducks, 8 to 9c per lb; geese, 8 to 9c per lb.