WILL STORM PORT ARTHUR

Japanese. Within One Hundred Yards of the Fortress.

THE NEXT ASSAULT.

A despatch from London says: That the main defences at Port Arthur will be carried by the Japanese at the next assault is indicated by a belated despatch from Gen. Nogi's headquarters.

siege preparations are complete and have been of the most thorough character. The rocky hills have been tunneled with the most arduous labor previous assaults.

panese they have mounted enormous out until the end. guns in beds of concrete and mas- The Chefoo correspondent of the superseded for failure to preserve Russian forts and sweeping the har- pre-arranged destinations. bor. It is stated that two of the Russian warships have been sunk, the arsenal and dockyards destroyed and constant fires started in the town.

was delayed in transmission. throws no light on the recent opera- and such representations, even pritions, or on the rumored request for Vately, are not likely to be repeated an armistice by Gen. Stoessel. Niew of the preparations of the Ja- of a pacific settlement was made unpanese such a plea seems reasonable, officially, it actually had behind it in spite of the oft-reiterated declara- all the weight of an offer by the Ja- a white disc, indicating a miss, the tion of the Russian commander that panese Government. It was made Russian riflemen reply by raising a at \$8 per barrel, he intended to hold out as long as a man was left.

SUPPLIES FOR BESIEGED.

A despatch from Tsinchou says: The British steamer Thales has been pur- for peace. chased by Germans and given a Gerply ships have reached Port Arthur ed States and France that the time within the last fortnight.

IS KUROKI DEAD?

Mukden under Sunday's date, says and Great Britain. the reports of the death of Gen. Ku- There is a definite impression here Gen. Kuroki, tearing out a portion tion would be joint. of his breast and abdomen. He died It is mooted that Lord Lansdowne Oct. 4 at Liao-Yang and his body only spoke so openly because he had was sent to Japan. A rumor is per- good reason to believe that Mr. sistently circulated that a kinsman of Roosevelt, if elected, contemplated the Mikado Siaosanai, literally making an effort to bring the bel-"Little Third Prince," has been ap- ligerents to discuss terms of peace. pointed to succeed Gen. Kuroki, but Lord Lansdowne's remarks are held that the actual command of the by those in his confidence to mean army has been entrusted to Gen. Nodzu, who is reviewing operations.

JAPANESE DISLODGED.

A despatch from Mukden says: There was a heavy exchange of artillery fire on Thursday at the Russian right centre. The Russian batteries began shelling the Japanese trenches, and the Japanese batteries responded. During the night Russian volunteers dislodged a detachment of Jament.

generally entertained. Both sides mitive dances and wrestling matches. seem to be content for the present Col. Tulloch received the congratulawith a suspension of hostilities. tions on behalf of the British. Warm clothing is being distributed among the troops.

OUTPOSTS FRATERNIZE.

English correspondent at Mukden recently noticeable in South Russia, and building purposes. says the conviction prevails there is becoming throughout the country. The decrease is entirely in arable primes, \$1.40 to \$1.45 per bushel, that the Japanese reinforcements are Competent opinion puts the number land, which, including fallow, is 189,- \$1.35 to \$1.374 in car lots. Prolarger than reported, and that, con- of reservists who so far have es- 530 acres less than last year. On visions-Heavy Canadian short cut sequently, an attack is expected. caped at 20,000 at least. It has the other hand, there is an increase pork, \$16.50 to \$17.50; light short Sometimes the outposts fraternize been shrewdly suspected that in in permanent pasture of 163,561 cut, \$16.50 to \$17; American clear tion to prevent it." and exchange cigarettes and other spite of Russia's overwhelming acres. luxuries.

DARING OF SCOUTS.

A despatch from Mukden says: The positions of the armies on both sides remain little changed, though there is continual skirmishing going on with the object of securing minor positions tending to strengthen the respective lines of defence. The Russian scouts are very daring in secretly

penetrated as far as Sandiapu, where assistance of the waterways at the of commission.

they inflicted a blow against a large | Kharkoff on Friday. The Governor force of Japanese and then returned of Mohileff, where there was a masrapidly to the Russian main line sacre in October last year, in which without loss. A patrol also got in 300 Jews are said to have lost their the rear of two Japanese companies lives, has been dismissed. Last moving to attack a Russian posi- month there were more or less sertion. The Cossacks defeated the Ja- lous riots throughout the province

FROM PORT ARTHUR.

Russian line.

A despatch from London says: until the Japanese works extend to There is no authentic news from Port within 100 yards of the parapets of Arthur. A report from Chefoo to the the forts. Through these tunnels the effect that Gen. Nogi refused to grant Cossacks, and until reinforcements Japanese can march to the fortifica- the armistice asked for by Gen. Stotions without losing a man and essel is as unconfirmable as the ori- city, pillaging shops, especially avoiding the fire which has extermin- ginal rumor that an armistice had ated their regiments in nearly all the been requested. There is nothing to robbing pedestrians in the streets indicate that Gen. Stoessel is weak- of their valuables. Order was final-In the forts now held by the Ja- ening in his determination to hold ly restored, however, without sacri-

onry. The front these forts present Daily Telegraph says that the Jato the Russians is even stronger than panese are hastening plans to comthat which faced the Japanese when bat the Baltic fleet. All naval officers they stormed the positions. The who are not engaged in active sersiege and naval guns are doing an vice, and who can possibly be reenormous amount of execution, tear- called, have been summoned to Jaing great gaps in the walls of the pan preparatory to starting for their

PEACE OFFER REJECTED.

A despatch from London says: Japan, unofficially, has made represen-This despatch is dated Nov. 2 and tations to Russia looking to peace. It This action has resulted in failure. In by Japan. Although the suggestion direct to Russia. No power acted shirt on a bayonet. as an intermediary. The proposition was put forward tentatively and unofficially, so that the Japanese Gov- darkness, digging immense ditches ernment would be in a position to into which to deflect the water of deny any report that it was suing the Sha River.

The failure of these direct negotiaman register. She is now loading tions, however, resulted in bringing for Port Arthur. Local shipping intervention within a measurable dishouses have received information that tance. Foreign Secretary Lansthe steamers which recently left here downe's plea for arbitration at the with supplies for Vladivostock have Guildhall banquet is taken here to arrived there in safety. Several sup- be a pointed suggestion to the Unitis approaching when the powers must take some action. It can be definitely stated that Lord Lansdowne A despatch from Moscow says: Ne- made his speech with full knowledge morivitch Danchenko, the well-known that Japan will not resent a proposi-Russian war correspondent of the tion looking to peace from the three Associated Press, telegraphing from powers-the United States, France,

roki are confirmed. According to his that the initiative will come from version, a splinter of shell struck President Roosevelt, though the ac-

that whatever the United States may do in the matter Great Britain will co-operate, even in the event of France not participating. It is known however, that Ambassador Cambon, who continues his work assiduously to bring about some arrangement, hopes for joint action by the three powers.

RUSSIAN ATTACK REPULSED.

A despgtch from Gen. Oku's Headpanese infantry from trenches in quarters says: A spirited Russian atfront of Lone Tree (Poutoloff) Hill. tack on an advance post Tuesday The Japanese continue to show ac- night was repulsed after a half hour tivity on the left flank, without, how- of musketry fire. The scouting of ever, engaging in any serious move- positions is progressing. The birthday of King Edward was celebrated Comfortable dugouts are being built by the military attaches. The camp along the Russian lines, and the sol- was en fete through the hospitality diers seem to think that they will of Gen. Oku. Prince Nashimoto, winter where they are. The idea that Field Marshal Oyama, and the cor-Field Marshal. Oyama contemplates respondents participated in the celean attempt to take Mukden is not bration, which was succeeded by pri-

REFUSE TO JOIN COLORS.

respondents say that the disinclina- but the decrease is mainly attributed A despatch from London says: An tion to join the colors for Manchuria to the demand for land for railway Manitoba bran, in bags, \$18 to strength on paper, she has already been sadly put to it to equip even ley, and rye show a decline—in fact, kettle rendered, 8½ to 9½c; hams, 12 due to the common practice of de-150,000 trained soldiers from her European countries for service in Manchuria. Even military men admit that two more European corps will exhaust the Russian stock of and there are 5,903 acres more given \$5.25, off cars. Cheese-Ontario effectively trained and properly equipped men.

GRAIN TRAFFIC BLOCKED.

reconnoiting the whole of the Japan- London Times report extraordinary 947 acres is the largest ever recorded. ese positions, some even creeping up accumulations of grain in Russia. The orchards of the country have to the Japanese trenches and lying The block is estimated at 91,186 increased by 3,525 acres. concealed there all day and returning vans and trucks, containing about at night. The Japanese have con- a million tons of grain. The grain structed in many places double and blocks are bound to assume even Owing to the lack of officers and even triple and quadruple lines of greater proportions during the next enlisted men in the United States trenches, wire entanglements, mines few weeks, and it is exceedingly navy to meet the actual needs of the Wheat-Dec., \$1.14%; May, \$1.15% to ment of the Atlin office of that comdoubtful whether the last of the service, the Navy Department has \$1.15%; Sept., 95%c; No. 1 hard, \$1.- pany. They arrived from the north

opening of next year's navigation. THE be borne by the moujiks, or peasants, are most serious.

DISORDERS IN RUSSIA.

says :- Disorders on a great scale took place at Kharkoff, South Russia, on Thursday. The troops fired volleys into the crowds of students and workmen, Prince Mirsky, Sectetary of the Interior, started for A correspondent declares that the panese and returned safely to the in connection with the mobilization of army reserves.

ROBBED THE CITIZENS.

A despatch from Vitebsk, Russia, says :- During reserve men riots here on Thursday the men at one time got the better of the police and arrived held high carnival in the where liquor was sold, and even fice of life. The Governor has been

During disturbances in the City of Mohileff on Oct. 23 and 24 over 120 Jews were injured.

JAPS DIVERTING RIVER.

A despatch from Huansian (10 miles south of Mukden), says :- The weather on Thursday was warmer, with slight rain. Along the 80 miles constituting the front of the Russian army everything was quiet, except for occasional skirmishes and artillery duels on the centre and left, where gunners fire occasionally for the sake of getting practice, so as to have the range should the Japanese take the offensive. Sometimes they indulge in fusillades. When the Japanese jocularly display

The Japanese are industriously 30 to 35c, according to quality. continuing work under the cover of

AN AWFUL PICTURE.

A London Daily Telegraph correspondent sends a harrowing picture of the conditions within Port Arthur. He says that vast numbers of sick and dying soldiers, maimed, mutilated and incapacitated for further service, are lying helpless in the inner forts, the straitened circumstances of the garrison making it impossible to give them care and attention. The correspondent suggests that an effort be made to embark them on neutral ships and transfer them under the Red Cross to Chefoo and Shanghai. He offers to take in a steamer himself for this purpose whenever the conditions allow.

THE CRY FOR PEACE.

The Odessa correspondent of the London Standard says that the cry for peace is becoming most profound from all classes in Southern and South-Western Russia. The students at the Universities of Odessa, Kieff, and Kharkoff have sent a petition to the Government deploring the useless sacrifice of life, and praying that it conclude peace.

RUSSIA OFFERS REWARD.

A despatch to the London Standard from St. Petersburg says that \$18. Russia has decided to give handsome rewards to anybody furnishing information of the presence of suspicious vessels in the North Sea during the passage of the Baltic fleet or other facts bearing on the Dogger Bank affair.

BRITISH CROP CENSUS.

Ever Before.

A despatch from London says: The acreage and live stock returns, giving the complete statistics for 1904, which have just been issued by the Board of Agriculture, give some interesting particulars of the state of the farming industry in the country.

There is a decline of 25,969 acres in the total area under crops and The London Times' Russian cor- grass, as compared with last year, rels. Feed-Ontario bran, in bulk,

the smallest area ever recorded.

were in 1903.

The Russian correspondents of the crease, and this year's return of 77,-

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

A despatch from St. Petersburg Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese, and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

Toronto, Nov. 15.-Wheat .- No. white and red Winter at \$1.03 to \$1.04 outside. No. 2 goose nominal at 89 to 90c east, and No. 2 Spring at 98c east. Manitoba wheat is be above those quoted.

Oats-No. 2 white is quoted at 311 north and west; No. 1 white is steady at 32 c east.

Barley-No. 2 quoted at 45 to 46c Peas-The market is fair, with prices firm at 65c outside.

Corn.-No. 3 American yellow quoted at 64% on track, Toronto, and No. 3 mixed at 63c. Canadian corn is nominal at 53 to 55c west. firm at 74 to 75c outside.

at 53 to 54c at outside points.

quoted at \$4.35 to \$4.40 in buyers' ranging from \$1.50 to \$2.50.

is quoted at \$14.50 to \$15, and adian at 51d. shorts, at \$17.50 to \$18. Manitoba bran in sacks, \$19, and shorts at

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

\$1.35 to \$1.40, and hand-picked at a few are wanted to complete the \$1.45 to \$1.50.

Honey-The market is quiet at 71 culls and bucks dull. to 8c per lb. Comb honey, \$1.25 to

\$2 per dozen. \$8.50 on track, Toronto, the latter \$4.80; lights and fats, \$4.60. for No. 1 timothy.

Straw-Car lots are quoted at \$5 .-50 to \$6 on track, Toronto.

Potatoes-The market is a little TO FIX AMOUNT OF BLAME firmer, with car lots of Ontario stock at 65 to 70c on track. Small lots, 75 to 90c per bag.

Poultry-Spring chickens, 8 to 9c per lb.; yearlings, 6 to 7c per lb.; ducks, 8 to 9c per lb.; geese, 9c per lb.; turkeys, 12c per lb.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter-We quote :- Finest 1-lb. rolls, 17 to 18c; ordinary to choice large rolls, 15 to 17c; low to medium grades, 13 to 14c; creamery prints, 20 to 21c; solids, 19 to 191c. Eggs-Case lots of fresh are selling at 21 to 22c per dozen, and pickled

at 19 to 20c. Cheese-The market is strong at unchanged prices, with quotations from 10 to 10 c, the latter for

HOG PRODUCTS

We quote :- Bacon, long clear, pork, \$15 to \$15.50; do., short cut, found to rest.

dium, 13 to 131c; do., heavy, 12c; rolls, 94 to 10c; shoulders, 9 to 94c; Betrothal to Daughter of Duke of backs, 141 to 15c; breakfast bacon, 12½ to 13c.

Lard-Tierces, 8c; tubs, 84c; pails,

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Nov. 15.—Grain—Oats, 39c for No. 2 in store; No. 3, 38c; Less Land is Under Wheat Than American yellow, No. 2, 60c; No. 3, 58 c; white, No. 2, 58 to 59c; buckwheat, 584c. Flour-Manitoba \$5.50; high Ontario blended patents, \$5.75 to \$5.85, in wood: choice 90 per cent. patents, \$5.50 to \$5.60, in wood, and 25c per bbrrel less in shippers' new bags; straight rollers, \$2.45 to \$2.55, and 25 to 30c extra in wood. Rolled oats-\$2.27 per bag, \$4.75 in bar-\$19; shorts, \$21. Beans—Choice fat backs, \$20; compound lard, 61 Of the principal crops wheat, bar- to 7c; Canadian lard, 67 to 71c; that the plague of mice is largely the 1,375,284 acres under wheat is to 13c; bacon, 12 to 13c; fresh kill- stroying every owl and hawk that ed abattoir hogs, \$7.50; heavy fat can possibly be shot or trapped. Oats and roots show an increase, hogs, \$4.50; mixed lots, \$5; select, up to potato-growing than there Fall white, 10 to 104c; colored, 104 to 101c; Quebec; 91 to 97c. But- The Output This Year Estimated The acreage under small fruit ter-Finest grades, 193 to 204c; orshows a continual tendency to in- dinary finest, 19 to 191c; medium grades, 18 to 19c; and Western dairy, 15 to 15tc. Eggs-Select new The gold output of the Atlin district laid, 21c; straight gathered, candled, this summer is estimated to be \$100-20c; No. 2, 14 to 15c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

A Cossack patrol on Nov. 10 sidings will be cleared without the ordered at least three warships out 20; No. 1 Northern, \$1.16%; No. 2 on Tuesday on the steamer Hum-Northern, \$1.11%. Flour-First pa- bolt.

tents, \$6.10 to \$6.20; second patents, \$5.95 to \$6.05; first clears, \$4 to \$4.10; second clears, \$2.75 to \$2.85. Bran-Not given.

Buffalo, Nov. 15 .- Flour-Firm. Wheat-Spring, trading light; No. 1 Northern quoted \$1.221; Winter, dull; No. 2 red, \$1.217. Corn-Nominal. Oats-Dull; No. 2 white, 32½c; No. 2 mixed, 32½c. Barleyc.i.f. Western quoted, 45 to 58c. Canal freights-dull.

CATTLE MARKET.

Toronto, Nov. 15.-The demand for firmer; No. 1 Northern sold at \$1.03, good butchers' continues active, and No. 2 Northern at 99c, and No. 3 there is a constant complaint among Northern at 95c, Georgian Bay the buyers that there are not enough ports. Grinding in transit prices are of the right quality coming forward. At the same time the slight improvement in the average of the quality to 32c low freights, and 31 to 314c offering was maintained to-day, and besides a good number of cattle of fair average quality, there were a few odd cattle to be picked out of middle freights. No. 3 extra, 43c, loads, which were of extra choice quality. One heifer of this class sold at \$4.65, and several loads were sold at \$4.30 to \$4.35, containing good choice heifers, which if picked out and sold separately would have been worth \$4.50. But when all the good Rye-Offerings are small and prices cattle were sold there was still left a large run of inferior cattle, in some Buckwheat-The market is nominal cases very inferior. Trade for these was decidedly slow and draggy, while Flour-Ninety per cent. patents are prices were correspondingly low,

sacks east or west. Straight rollers | Export cattle of the right class are of special brands for domestic trade, steady at \$4.60 to \$4.75 for choice. in bbls. \$4.50 to \$4.85. Manitoba There were not many of this class offlours unchanged. No. 1 patents, fering, but several loads of fair to \$5.70; No. 2 patents, \$5.40, and good heavy cattle sold at \$4.30 to strong bakers', \$5.30 on track, Tor- \$4.55. Prices are down again in the Old Country, a cable reaching the Millfeed-At outside points bran market this morning quoting Can-

Stockers-There is some enquiry for good stockers, but the common rough cattle are not wanted. There was also a little enquiry for a few feeders, but the requirements of this Beans-Prime beans are quoted at trade are now about filled, and only season's bill.

Cranberries-The market is steady | Sheep and lambs-Everything was sold, with trade generally good and Hops-The market is unchanged at the prospects steady. Lambs are firm at \$4 to \$4.60; sheep steady,

Hogs-The market is weak, and prospects are for still lower prices. Hay-Car lots are quoted at \$8 to To-day's quotations were for selects,

Text of Agreement Between Britain and Russia.

A London despatch says :- The text of the agreement between Russia and Great Britain for the formation of an international commission to enquire into the North Sea affair is published.

The commission is to consist of five members, two of them to be officers of high rank in the navies of Great Britain and Russia respectively. France and the United States are to be requested to select each one commissioner and the fifth to be selected by agreement between the four before mentioned. If they do not agree, the choice of the fifth is to be entrusted to a reigning monarch.

By agreement of both sides the commission will enquire and report Car lots of general run quoted at upon all the circumstances of the \$6 to \$6.50. Cured meats are in case, and particularly as to where good demand at unchanged prices. the responsibility lies, and the de-84 gree of blame that attaches to those to 9c per lb., in case lots; mess upon whom the responsibility is

Smoked meats-Hams, light to me- BRIDE FOR KING ALFONSO.

Connaught.

A Madrid despatch says :- The bethrothal of King Alfonso to Princess Victoria Patricia, daughter of the Duke of Connaught, is believed to be imminent. The Duke was timed to visit here with his daughter, but the motor accident in Scotland delayed them. A Spanish notable, it is said, has been sent to London for photographs of the Princess. Princess Victoria is about patents, \$5.80, and strong bakers', the same age as the youthful mon-

FRUIT TREES AND MICE.

Fruit Division at Ottawa Warns Growers.

An Ottawa despatch says: The fruit division, Ottawa issues the following warning:

"Last winter thousands of fruit trees were girdled and killed by mice, and the same thing will doubtless happen again the coming winter unless orchard-keepers take precau-

The fruit division also points out

ATLIN GOLD FIELDS

at \$600,000.

A Victoria, B.C., despatch says :-000 in excess of that of the previous year. It amounts to about \$600. 000. This is according to L. W. Sageman of the White Pass & Yukon Railway Company, who is associat-Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 15 .- ed with J. Lipscombe in the managed