

PORT ARTHUR SURRENDERING.

TOKIO, Jan. 2.—10.15 a. m.—General Nogi reporting last night says: "The centre and left columns opened an attack against Wan-Hill at 3 o'clock today. Availing skilfully of the result of our bombardment, our troops stormed into and entirely occupied the position at 3.35 p. m.

We captured 3 guns at H. fort and four guns at Wantai. Our trophies at Sungshu Mountain were three seven millimetre field guns, two fifty-seven millimetre guns, two machine guns.

Tokio, Jan. 2.—General Nogi reports as follows: "At 5 in the afternoon, Jan. 1, the enemy's bearer of a flag of truce came into the first line of our position, south of Shuishing and handed a letter to our officers. The same reached me at 9 o'clock at night. The letter is as follows:

"Judging by the general condition of the whole line of hostile positions held by you, I find further resistance at Port Arthur useless and for the purpose of preventing needless sacrifice of lives, I propose to hold negotiations with reference to capitulation. Should you consent to the same you will please appoint commissioners for discussing the order and conditions regarding capitulation and also appoint a place for such commissioners to meet the same appointed by me.

"I take this opportunity to convey to your excellency assurances of my respect."

(signed) STOESEL.

"Shortly after dawn today, I will despatch our bearer of a flag of truce with the following reply addressed to Stoessel: "I have the honor to reply to your proposal to hold negotiations regarding the conditions and order of capitulation. For this purpose I have appointed, as commissioner, Major General Ijichi, chief of staff of our army. He will be accompanied by some staff officers and civil officials. They will meet your commissioners, Jan. 2, at noon, at Shuishing, the commissioners of both parties will be empowered to sign a convention for ratification and I wish the same to take immediate effect. Authorization for such plenary powers shall be signed by the highest officer of both the negotiating parties and the same shall be exchanged by the respective commissioners.

"I avail myself of this opportunity to convey to your excellency assurance of my respect.

(Signed) 'Nogi.'

The World's Best Choir.

Russia boasts of the world's greatest choir. It is in the Cathedral of Alexander Nevski in St. Petersburg, and is attached to a convent erected in honor of the patron saint of Russia. Its member, of which there are about 30, are all monks, and are chosen from the best voices in all the Russian monasteries. When a fine singer appears among the novices he is sent to the monastery of Alexander Nevski, where he is trained as carefully as an opera singer and remains there doing nothing except assisting at the music at Mass in the morning and Vespers in the afternoon, until he becomes aged, when he is retired on a pension. Some of the voices are of marvelous strength and sweetness, and it is said that every man in the choir can shatter an ordinary glass into fragments by singing into pieces it so powerful are the vibrations of his tones.

The monks are all vegetarians. They never eat meat. The rules of the Russian Church forbid them to shave, and their hair is worn like a woman's. Unlike ordinary monks, they are fastidious about their appearance, and put up their hair and whiskers in papers every night, so that they are wavy and curly.

A Recompense.

Young Edward, aged six, was quite tired of staying in the house. His mother was ill and had tried to keep him in the room with her because her room was warmer than his playroom, but his toys were all in the playroom and he became restless to go to them.

"Good bye, mamma," he said, "I will come back in a thousand years."

"I will be dead and buried by that time, son."

The little fellow stopped a moment with his hand upon the door, and thinking of the Creed he replied,—

"Never mind, mamma, you will rise again."

—M. E. C., in January Lippincott's

Yet To Come.

Bianche, Wilbur, and Thomas were in the garden playing and making a great deal of noise, but small Jack sat in a corner very quietly, which for Jack was an unusual proceeding. After watching them for some time the mother's curiosity prompted her to ask,—

"What are you playing?"

"We are playing house," answered Wilbur.

"Blanche and I are the mother and father, and Thomas is the child."

"And what does Jack do?"

"Sh, sh! he isn't born yet."—M. I. Copinger.

The Dangers of wood-Alcohol.

Chemistry is constantly proclaiming discoveries of great value to mankind in the way of new foods and their economical preparation, and of drugs for the cure of disease, but it is also in the way of injuring the human race through the manufacture of cheap and often injurious substitutes for many of the articles of food or medicine in common use.

One of these most recent and worst of chemistry's discoveries is that of how to deprive wood-alcohol of its vile odor, and render it available as an adulterant or substitute for the ordinary alcohol present in wine and spirits. It has long been suspected or rather known, that many of the wines and spirituous liquors used as beverages were manufactured of alcohol diluted and flavored with various essences, but as these bogus concoctions were probably little if any more harmful than the genuine liquors, those who drank them and those who did not were seemingly little concerned about it. But now the deodorizing of wood-alcohol has made that deadly poison available in the adulteration of spirits this is a much more serious matter, as a recent epidemic of poisoning by wood-alcohol in New York makes evident.

It is not only whisky-drinkers who are exposed to this new menace, for many teetotalers are likewise in danger through the use of wood-alcohol as a basis for bay rum, Cologne water, and many other toilet articles. Of course, these things are not drunk except rarely by the most depraved of tipplers, but it is stated that some of the poisonous effects of wood-alcohol can be produced simply by the fumes, and that the danger from the use of various hair tonics and lotions made with wood alcohol as a basis is only a little less than that from the drinking of adulterated spirits—not the danger to life, of course, but to the sight; for wood-alcohol acts as a special poison to the eye, and may destroy the sight completely if used constantly for a long period.

The only safeguard against this calamity, at least until laws are passed forbidding the use of this substance in toilet preparations, is to see that the best only are used.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

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Slept With the Station Agent.

Congressman Dixon of Montana, is telling of the experience of a young eastern woman with one of his constituents. She left the train at a way station in Eastern Montana one afternoon and asked the only man in sight how she could get to her destination, far out in the country. "You'll have to wait for the stage in the morning," said the man. "You can't get any rig here." "But where am I to stop?" inquired the young lady. "There's nothing but the station, and I can't sleep on the floor." "Guess you'll have to bunk with the station agent." "Sir!" she exclaimed, "I am a lady." "So's the station agent," said the man.

"How do you account for the fact," asked the doctor, "as shown by actual investigation that thirty-two out of every 100 criminals in the country are left-handed?" "That's easily accounted for," said the professor. "The other sixty-eight are right-handed."

BORN.

HENDERSON.—At Plymouth, on Monday, Dec. 26th, to the wife of David Henderson, a son.

CURRIE.—At Woodstock, on New Year's Day, to the wife of Mr. Frank Currie, a daughter.

CAMP.—On December 27th, to the wife of Charles W. Camp, a son.

MARRIED.

TOMPKINS-GALLUPE.—At the Methodist Parsonage, Florenceville, December 28th, by Rev. J. Benson Young, Mr. Frank L. Tompkins and Miss Rennie A. Gallupe, both of East Florenceville, N. B.

PERCE-BARNHAM.—At Woodstock, on the 29th instant, by the Rev. F. Allison Currier, Mr. John K. Perce and Miss Lucy Barnham, both of Presque Isle.

MCCARTHY-PALMER.—At the parsonage, Andover, December 19th, by Rev. R. W. Demmings, William M. McCarthy, of Ansonia, Mass., and Cora Lee Palmer, of Presque Isle, Maine.

DEWITT-SHERWOOD.—At the parsonage, Andover, December 24th, George H. DeWitt, of Perth Centre, and Lulu M. Sherwood, of Avondale, Carleton County, were united in marriage by R. W. Demmings.

COREY-PINSLOTT.—At the bride's home, Forest Glen, December 26th, by Rev. R. W. Demmings, Judson Corey and Rachel Pinslott, both of the same place.

SMITH-NILES.—At the residence of the bride's brother, J. W. Niles, of Perth Center, December 26th, by Rev. R. W. Demmings, Robert Smith, of Summerfield, and Tressie Niles, of Centreville, Carleton County.

DEMERCIANT-DROSS.—At Bristol, Carleton County, Dec. 23rd, 1904, by D. E. Brooks, Mr. Jeremiah Demerçant, of Kent and Alma E. Dross of Wicklow, Carleton County, N. B.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

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If elected I shall serve the town to the best of my ability.

Soliciting your support,

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