

NEARING THE END.

Japs Steadily Working Towards Main Port Arthur Forts.

COMMANDANT ORDERS BESIEGED TO DIE RATHER THAN SURRENDER.

Japanese Torpedo Boat Sunk.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Chee Foo, Nov. 16.—The captain of the Russian torpedo boat destroyer, Ratstrophy, which put into this harbor this morning, has officially notified the Chinese authorities that she will disarm.

The vessel carried despatches from Gen. Stoessel to St. Petersburg, and it is believed that the decision to disarm was arrived at after communication with St. Petersburg.

The battleship Ratvizan, surprised and sunk a Japanese torpedo boat.

Headquarters Third Japanese Army Before Port Arthur, Nov. 15.—It is reported the wound received by General Stoessel necessitates confinement in hospital; that he has refused to relinquish the command of the garrison and has issued orders to the troops to die at their posts rather than surrender.

It is said the spirit of the Russian troops was dampened by continuous work, lack of supplies, etc., and that several suspected of a desire to desert have been shot.

London, Nov. 15.—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.

A correspondent declares that the siege preparations are complete and have been of the most thorough character. The rocky hills have been tunnelled with the most arduous labor until the Japanese works extend to within 100 yards of the parapets of the forts. Through these tunnels the Japanese can march to the fortifications without losing a man and avoiding the fire which has exterminated their regiments in nearly all the previous assaults.

In the forts now held by the Japanese they have mounted enormous guns in beds of concrete, and masonry. The front of these forts present to the Russians is even stronger than that which faced the Japanese when they stormed the positions. The siege and naval guns are doing an enormous amount of execution, tearing great gaps in the walls of the Russian forts and sweeping the harbor.

It is stated that two of the Russian warships have been sunk, the arsenal and dockyards destroyed and constant fires started in the town.

Headquarters Third Japanese Army in the Field, before Port Arthur, Nov. 4, via Fusan, Nov. 14.—By a general attack on the eastern fortified ridge on October 30, the Japanese gained the moats of the principal forts assailed. These were wider, deeper and stronger than had been supposed, and were defended by caponieres or galleries running north of the Keekwan forts. The galleries were captured after desperate fighting underground.

The Russians still hold parts of the moats, but the Japanese are engaged in sapping to dislodge them, after which the capture of the forts should be easy.

The casualties on the Japanese side in this engagement were 1,000.

A GIRL'S SUICIDE.

Drank Carbolic Acid in a Fit of Despondency.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

St. John, Nov. 16.—Ruby Ferguson, of West St. John, who drank carbolic acid yesterday, died at 12.30 this morning. She was 15 years old. Despondency is the supposed cause of her suicide.

The deceased belonged to Western Nova Scotia, but had been living with her half sister, Mrs. John Connors, at Carleton.

ROBBED I. C. R.

Four Young Tramps, Two From Moncton, Sent to Quebec Jail for Six Months.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Moncton, Nov. 16.—I. C. R. Police Inspector Skeffington, was called to Quebec yesterday in connection with a case of stealing from the I. C. R. The railway police at St. Charles Junction had arrested four boys on

a charge of breaking into a box car and stealing a quantity of cigars.

Two of them are English tramps, and the other two belong to Moncton. The latter's names are Leblanc and Casey.

They were taken to Quebec city and sentenced to six months in jail.

SUGAR GOING UP.

Advance in Thirty Days Has Been 90 Cents Per Cwt.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Montreal, Nov. 16.—Sugar continues to advance in price.

Yesterday raw sugar sold in New York 1/2 cents higher per lb.

Today Montreal refineries advanced all grades of granulated sugar 10 cents per cwt.

This is an advance of about 90 cents in thirty days.

ASYLUM CONTRACTS.

Local Government Awarded Them This Morning—Official Salaries Advanced.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

St. John, Nov. 16.—The Provincial Government met here this morning and awarded contracts for supplies for the Provincial Lunatic Asylum.

They also decided to advance the salaries of Asylum attendants on a scale recommended by Dr. Anglin, the superintendent.

FREDERICTON MAN

Married in St. John This Afternoon—Will Reside Here.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

St. John, Nov. 16.—John R. Clark, of Fredericton, and Alice Balmain of St. John, were married in Maine street Baptist church here this afternoon.

They leave for New York tonight, and on their return will reside at Fredericton.

Library Opened.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

St. John, Nov. 16.—The free public library was informally opened this morning, Premier Tweedie and members of the government inspected the building. There were no special ceremonies.

War Minister Resigns.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Paris, Nov. 16.—General Andre, minister of war for France, has resigned.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Movements of People in Whom Our Readers are Interested.

Rev J DeWille Cowie has a call to the Anglican church at Hampton.

Mr R L Savage of St. John, is among the visitors to the city today.

Mr T W McLeod of St. John, is among the guests at the Queen's today.

Mr and Mrs J S Neill leave by this evening's train for a trip to Boston and New York.

Messrs F B Edgcombe and C Fred Coestnat returned last evening from a visit to St John.

Mr W A Vanwart is now holding down a desk in the Bank of Nova Scotia agency at Chatham.

Mr James Hayes, who has lately been employed with Mr. Jas P Hayes of St Mary's, is seriously ill with consumption.

Rev J H MacDonald, pastor of the Baptist church, was a passenger to St. John by this morning's train.

Major George S Maunsell of the Canadian engineers, formerly of this city, and son of Lt. Col. Maunsell, has passed the Aldershot examinations for tactical fitness to command.

Mr Arthur Hanlon, who has been employed at A W Coombe's drug store, St Mary's, for the past couple of years, has accepted a position with Geo Y Dibblee, and will enter upon his duties next week.

Tea and Entertainment.

A tea and entertainment will be held at the Temperance Hall, Gibson, on Thursday evening, Nov. 24, in aid of the new Methodist parsonage at that place. Tea will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock. Rev. A. D. McLeod of Nashwaak, will be present with his gramophone and several other entertaining features will form a part of the evening's enjoyment. Tea 25 cents, admission 10 cents.

RUSSIAN SOLDIER

Who Fought at Liao Yang is in Moncton.

HE WAS TAKEN PRISONER AND ESCAPED.

Moncton, Nov. 15.—A real live Russian soldier right from the war centre in the east is living in this city.

Arthur Erron, brother of N. Erron, who runs a ladies' tailoring store on Main street, arrived here a day or two ago from Quebec, where he arrived last Thursday from Antwerp, an escaped prisoner from Japan.

Erron was in the battle of Liao Yang and was one of a scouting party of 100 taken prisoners by the Japs. The prisoners were sent to Japan, but Erron with others managed to escape. Erron stole aboard a Belgian steamer and made his way to Antwerp. Here he took the British steamer Mount Temple for Canada, landing at Quebec.

The escaped Russian prisoner belongs near St. Petersburg and had been a rifleman in the regular army nearly five years before the war broke out. He was among those sent to the front after war was declared, and arrived in time to participate in the Liao Yang fight. He was with a party of 250 scouts who were caught in a trap by the Japs and ninety of the party were killed or wounded, the balance being taken prisoners.

Erron can't speak a word of English, but with his brother as interpreter, told a correspondent something of the Russian soldiers' condition. The soldiers, he says, have a hard life; nobody but those knowing the actual condition can realize the hardships endured and the disadvantages they are fighting under. In the first place the heat of the rank and file is not in the fight. They fight because they are compelled to, but would sooner be taken prisoners than not.

The soldiers know very little of what is going on, the generals keeping them in ignorance of reverses as far as possible. Many of them are disheartened and ill-fed, and heartily wish the struggle was over.

Erron thinks it will be a hard struggle, but the Russians being downhearted gives the Japs a big advantage over them. Every time they are called upon to fight the soldiers are weighed down with fear that they are going to their death.

Erron knew nothing about Port Arthur. He had heard nothing of the progress of the campaign there or anywhere else, except what he saw, until he was taken prisoner and got out of the country.

His story is not very encouraging from a Russian standpoint.

Erron says the impression among his fellow soldiers was that the Japs were death on Cossacks. It was said when the Japs caught Cossacks in a trap they never left one to tell the tale. This belief among the soldiers has had a terrifying effect and Erron knew his comrades were badly frightened when a clash came between the two forces. Personally he saw little fighting and was not sorry he was captured in his first skirmish with the enemy.

Asked about Kuropatkin, Erron said many of the soldiers never saw him, but his name was a great force among them.

The escaped Russian is about 25. He left a wife and child at home near St. Petersburg. He also leaves behind about \$6,000 worth of property. This he expects to be confiscated by the government. He will set to work to learn the language and settle here, and expects to get his family out next summer. One brother is in the government service and a sister is still in Russia. Three of the Erron family are now in America. One sister is in the United States. The Moncton brother has been in Canada thirteen years.

Intercolonial Railway.

TENDER FOR STATION.

Sealed Tenders, addressed to the undersigned, and marked on the outside "Tender for Station, Alton," will be received up to and including

MONDAY, the 28th day of NOVEMBER, 1904, for the construction of a Station at Alton, N. S.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the Station Master's Office at Truro, N. S., and at the Office of the Engineer of Maintenance, at Moncton, N. B., where form of tender may be obtained.

All the conditions of the specifications must be complied with.

D. POTTINGER, General Manager.

Railway Office, Moncton, N. B., November 10th, 1904 Nov. 12—1121

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