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WHOLE NO. 1761

PORT ARTHUR.

Capture of the Great Chinese Arsenal Stronghold is at Last Officially Confirmed.

Maps, With Their Usual Military Intrigues, Outgeneral Their Adversary.

Chinese Fought Desperately.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The State Department has the following brief telegram from Minister Denby at

Port Arthur taken 22d.

Navy Department received following cablegram this morning from Admiral Carpenter, under

Chefoo, November 23d:

Port Arthur fell 21st. Baltimore

for there to-day.

Fall of Port Arthur has been

felt so many times that some

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until it received official con-

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these garrison made a stout

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looked for. It is ever the

might have been expected

the death of a

is this—of great natural

th and garrisoned by at least

thousand men who had no

of safety except by victory

who were defending the great

arsenal of Northern China.

now over a month ago that

cond Japanese army, under

Admiral Oyama, sailed from Hio-

shu sealed orders. The troops

did to number thirty thousand.

On 15th of October a special

consent at Shanghai telegraph-

ed fifteen thousand Japanese

under Marshal Oyama, were

ed across Regent's Sword

story, to the north of Port

Arthur, and within sight of that

stronghold. A week later a

ful landing—probably the

of Oyama's troops—appears

been effected on the shores

on bay, to the northeast of

Arthur, and measures were im-

mediately taken to invest the place

taken toward the capture of the arsenal. The last trustworthy report as to the garrison was that twenty thousand Chinese troops, well armed, well drilled and fully provisioned, occupied the defences. The majority of the six thousand persons who lived in the town in times of peace moved away several weeks ago. Three English officers have said within the last month that the fall of Port Arthur would probably end the war.

Origin of Nursery Rhymes.

"Three Blind Mice" is a music book of 1609.

"A Froggie Would a Wooing Go" was licensed in 1650.

"Little Jack Horner" is older than the seventeenth century.

"Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat, Where Have You Been?" dates from the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

"Boys and Girls Come Out to Play" dates from Charles II, as does also "Lucy Locket Lost Her Pocket."

"Old Mother Hubbard," "Goosey, Goosey Gander," and "Old Mother Goose" apparently date back to the sixteenth century.

"Cinderella," "Jack the Giant Killer," "Bluebeard" and "Tom Thumb" were given to the world in Paris in 1607. The author was Clarence Parrault.

"Humpty-Dumpty" was a bold bad Baron who lived in the days of King John, and was tumbled from power. His history was put up into a riddle, the meaning of which is an egg.

"The Babes in the Woods" was founded on an actual occurrence committed in Norfolk, near Wayland Wood, in the fifteenth century. An old house in the neighborhood is still pointed out upon a mantle-piece in which is carved the entire history.

The Gold Bonds Awarded.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 26.—Secretary Carlisle to-day acted in the matter of the allotment of the \$50,000,000 5 per cent. bonds, bids for which were opened at the Treasury Department Saturday. He accepted the proposals submitted by the syndicate represented by John A. Stewart, of the United States Trust Company of New York, and others, to take the entire issue at 117.077. It is the expectation of the Treasury officials that the deposits of gold for the payment of the bonds will be made very promptly, and, as the understanding is that none of the gold is to be taken from the Treasury, an early restoration of the gold reserve to above the \$100,000,000 mark will be the result. The bonds, including premium, will realize to the Government about \$58,500,000.

The Rumored Conference.

Washington, D. C.—There are rumors here to the effect that a conference between Mr. Cleveland and a number of the leading Members of the House may be held soon in the interests of obtaining harmonious action upon financial legislation, or, at least, for the prevention of another public demonstration of the woeful lack of harmony which prevailed in the party ranks during the last session. There is no apparent reason for belief in these rumors, and none of the Congressmen already here know anything definite of such a scheme. In fact, there will be no getting together on financial matters unless the entire basis is radically changed from that which was manifested during the first and second sessions of the Fifty-third Congress.

Everybody knows of Mr. Cleveland's well-grounded hostility to the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1, and there has as yet been no indication that Bland, Hatch, Bryan, Livingston, and all the other silverites who will be here this winter have changed front or will refrain from again attempting all kinds of silver legislation from coining the seigniorage to the regular free coinage act.

The Bible And Ingersoll.

AN ACROSTIC.

Robber of the only faith,
Offers nothing in its place.
Blinded leader of the blind,
Enslaved himself, enslaves mankind.
Ridiculous, revolting, is his plea,
Though lawyer, logician would be he.

Invalid already is his case;
No chance for him to win the race.
Greed, ambition, is his aim,
Enlarge his coffers, win his name.
Regrets, remorse will surely come,
Sorrow and shame will be his doom.
One Book, one faith, triumphant is:
Life, liberty, offers—
Look, and live.

—J. C. Dorman.

Ingersoll has again attacked the Bible and in several recent lectures to large audiences attempted to prove that it was not inspired—not scientific and not moral.

"The Bible will survive Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll as it survived those superior antagonists, Voltaire, Pain and Renan. As a history alone it is the most valuable book in existence. The works of Herodotus, Livy, Tacitus and of Gibbon, to whom Ingersoll alludes, do not compare with it. The Bible brings down to us from remote ages the beliefs of our distant ancestry, fashioned from the chaos of tradition by sages of the Hebrew race. In its older books the Bible conveys the written story of that mighty deluge which swept almost out of existence an earlier human world—a story confirmed, not only by Greek and Roman writers, but by the relics of Assyria and Babylon, and even by the rude folklore of the American Indian. The laws set forth for the ancient Jews were severe, but compared with the laws and customs of other nations of the time, they were distinctly humane and liberal. Many of the Psalms, parts of the book of Job and numerous passages in the prophetic books, are, by the universal consent of scholarship, absolutely unapproachable in their grandeur of diction and their sublimity of thought. The Old Testament is full of instances of tenderness and mercy, of kindness to man and even to the

lower animal; to the stranger within the gates as well as those of the household.

It is a pity that the Old Testament is not an exaggeration to say that all is beautiful all that is good and generous, enlightening and civilizing in Christianity, is a faithful reflection of that book which has borne down for many hundreds of years the message of peace on earth and good will to men. For the evils which Colonel Ingersoll describes, the intolerance now happily passing away, no warrant can be found in the teachings of Him who told Peter to put away his sword, who enjoined the broadest charity to the poor, and whose life on earth was an incomparable example of gentleness and self-sacrifice. To the imperfections of our common nature and not to any fault of that Book that for eighteen centuries has been a bulwark of human morals, human brotherhood and human hopes are due the sad and awful episodes which every true Christian of the present day, irrespective of dogma, deplors. The human race as it progresses toward perfection, as it becomes more liberal and less narrow and bigoted, is gradually approaching, instead of departing from the golden rule set forth in that Book of Books which Colonel Ingersoll assails, but the esteem of which among the vast majority of enlightened mankind he can never impair."—Ex.

Do We Owe It ?

The Virginia Debt Again At The Front.

The Virginia debt question is again being agitated. Virginia was heavily in debt at the time West Virginia became a separate State, and she held that the new State should pay one-third of this debt. The claim is absurd, and the manner in which our State has been treated by Virginia in regard to this question has caused many of our people to assert that we should never pay a cent of this alleged debt. The following is an extract from an editorial in the Register on this subject:

The whole scheme smells of Wall street. A syndicate of speculators now holds nearly the entire \$40,000,000 of so-called West Virginia certificates, bought for a mere song, some of them as low as two cents on the dollar. If this syndicate can succeed in inducing West Virginia to confer as to a settlement on the basis represented by these certificates, there will be "millions in it" for the holders.

The position of West Virginia on the debt question has been entirely honorable from the first, and to-day she stands ready to pay her just proportion whenever it shall have been properly ascertained. It will be remembered that the ordinance dividing the State of Virginia declared that the new State was liable for a share of the debt of Virginia as it existed at the time of the division, and it was made the duty of the Legislature, as soon as

practicable, to ascertain the amount and provide for its payment. With this end in view, West Virginia appointed three commissioners who went to Richmond in performance of the duty imposed upon them, but the Virginia authorities refused to receive them. The old State had arbitrarily set aside one-third as West Virginia's share. There was no consultation, no explanation, no attempt to show the equity of the amount; it had been fixed by one of the parties to the controversy and that was the end of it. From this position Virginia has never receded, and until she does all attempts at settlement are barred. In the meantime the Wall street syndicate will endeavor to realize on its holdings and its schemes will be deep and alluring.

Princess Bismarck, wife of Prince Bismarck, died at Varzin at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning. Princess Bismarck, duchess of Lauenburg, wife of Prince Bismarck, had been in poor health for a long time. Her illness became pronounced about two months ago.

Earthquake in the Tyrol.

Vienna, Nov. 27.—A sharp earthquake shock was felt to-day at Trient, in the Tyrol.

Another "Jack the Ripper."

London, Nov. 26.—A comely woman of the unfortunate class, about 40 years old, was found dead in a frequented thoroughfare near Holland Villas road, Kensington, at about midnight. Her throat was cut from ear to ear, and some of the newspapers here intimate that it is another crime of the "Jack the Ripper" order.

His Foot is Still Sore.

Washington, Nov. 27.—As the President is still obliged by his physicians orders to refrain from using his sprained foot, he did not come to town to-day, so the regular Tuesday Cabinet meeting was abandoned, there being no urgent business requiring attention.

"Uncle" Jacob Kern, of Clinton district, Monongalia county, is "hale and harty" in his eighty-fourth year. He is the father of seventeen children, all of one mother; has one hundred and fifty grandchildren, eighty-five great grandchildren, and eleven great great grandchildren, a total of two hundred and sixty-three, all of whom are living.—Ex.

Buckhannon.

Jerome W. Stuart has moved into the property lately vacated by Dr. Huff on Jawbone.

Mrs. Elmer Wells and daughter, Mona, of Clarksburg, are visiting Buckhannon friends.

Prof. Jenkins has taken the place left vacant in the Academy by the marriage of Miss Weisenfeld.

Mrs. John L. Hurst and daughter, Miss Mary, have returned home after a lengthy sojourn in Philadelphia.—Banner.

Mrs. L. May Holt succeeds Miss Weekly as Principal of Music Department of the Academy.

The complete returns in the senatorial district places the majority of 607 for U. G. Young.—Delta.

A school house at Oak Grove, Preston county, about four miles from Terra Alta, was burned down Sunday night about twelve o'clock by some unknown person. Trouble has been brewing for some time about having a teacher that some of the patrons did not want and the only way to prevent having school, as the teacher was qualified to teach, was to burn down the school house, which occurred as above stated.

Burning school houses in West Virginia was certainly epidemic in the State last week.

The Court of Appeals of New York has affirmed the conviction of John Y. McKane, the Tammany boss. McKane has been in the penitentiary for several months and with this incident his last hope is gone. He must serve his full time—6 years.

STUB ENDS OF THOUGHT.

The man who rushes before the public to defend his character, when he has been slandered by an ass, is a fool. When an intelligent class of a community ask for an explanation of the conduct of an individual it is then time to explain.

Men who are vulgar, corrupt and indecent are the men who, having lost all self respect, will seek to drag others down to their own level.

Every human heart ought to be a bird cage with a singing bird in it.

It is not hard to forgive a lie told with good intent.

It is said the good die young. It is known that a great many adults are still with us.

If we did as much good as we want others to do, the millennium would be next door.

It makes an honest property holder nervous to hear a fire bell ring.

A full jail is a better sign than an empty one.

Don't strike a man when he is down; and don't laugh when somebody else strikes him.

An old bachelor is the tramp of society.

On last Sunday a week two young women engaged in a most disgraceful fight near Oka, in this county. One girl by the name of Bina Hunt was seriously if not fatally hurt. A dozen or more men stood by and did not interfere until she was pounded by her antagonist into insensibility. She was finally helped to her feet and brought to life and she immediately set up a tirade of profane abuse, and kept this up for some distance along the road and finally fell in an unconscious state from which she did not recover for several hours and the last our reporter heard, she was in a critical condition. The other girl who did the Sullivan act was a Miss McClain, daughter of Wm. McClain.—Calhoun Chronical.

Marshal county is now enjoying a large sized and healthy oil boom. About a dozen wild cat wells are being drilled near Bar-rackville.



The Thanksgiving Turkey.

The Ghosts of my Ancestors,
Who for sports, too, have died
Will hail me as a Hero
When I join the other side.

I have brought joy to many readers of the TELEGRAM. I am as you see, now only a ghost. I died for you—pray what more could you ask of me. I was once a peculiarly speckled egg reclining in a soft nest unconscious of what my future would be. I next was hatched and found myself a bleb to move. A wee pin-feathered orphan I against my will became, to struggle for existence and to get there all the same; and now, tho' lots of hungry cats and other things have tried to change my glorious destiny—I am the Nation's Pride. I am, indeed, the Nation's King. Turkey is my name, and over all this mighty land is heralded my fame, and all my subjects love me—just at present—for my way of filling them with happiness on Thanksgiving Day. Yes, on that Day we celebrate I stuff them to the brim and make them round and rosy and good natured with a vim, and when they are so thank-FULL that, they're happy I the hero of the day love to be. V.