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CHINA AGAIN DECLARES

ITS DETERMINATION

To Observe the Strictest Neutrality Between Japan and Russia -- Baseless Rumors Denled.

By Cable to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, May 14. - Minister Conger reports by cable to the State Department from Pekin that the Chinese government has reiterated its determination to observe the strictest neutrality and has asserted its ability

In view of the leading part taken by the United States government in se-curing the international pledge of the neutralization of China, the State Department has felt deep concern in the reports of agitation among the Chinese military forces near the seat of war and the danger of their violating neutrality, thus releasing the powers a half miles east of Siu Yen.
from the engagement into which they
'Chinese bands are aggr Mr. Conger is keeping the department closely advised of the situation in China from that point of view and his news is received with satisfaction here. In re enforcement of Minister Conger's statement, Sir Chen Tung Liang Cheng, the Chinese minister here, called upon acting Secretary of State Loomis to-day and said, among other things, that recently reports have been circulated in the newspapers intimating that China is inclined to favor one of the belligerents. Baseless rumors of this character may do a great deal of mischief. It is the fixed purpose of the imperial govern-ment to maintain the strictest neutrality to the last without the least intention of revoking the decree men-

Recruiting Officers.

ST. PAUL, MINN., May 14.—Evidence tending to show that the Chinese government is recruiting officers for what is known as the Chinese imperial reform army, in the United States, developed here to-day on receipt by W. F. Maiden, of St. Paul, of what apparently is equivalent to a commission for a second lieutenancy in the Ohinese army from Edmond E. English, of Yankton, S. D., who is said to be engaged in securing American officers for that purpose.

A special to the "Dispatch" from Yankton, S. D., says that Mr. English admits he is securing recruits for the Chinese army, but that there is nothing especially significant in the movement now, as the plan of securing American officers had its inception long before the Russo-Japanese war began. He is quoted as saying that owing to the strict neutrality observed by the American government in the present Russo-Japanese war, all accepting service with the Chinese government will leave the United States

TWINKLINGS.

- Parts-"His friends speak of him as a man of parts." "Well, they should know. He has quartered himself on them for years."-

- "Your husband has water on the brain," announced the doctor. erally that Kuropatkin was concen-"Dear me!" she said. "I hope it has been boiled."—May Lippincott's Magazine. - Mrs. Smitkins - Distressed

again? I was wondering how you could eat that rich pudding. Mr. S .- It wasn't distressing me then; that's how. - Boston Transcript.

- "They are criticizing you for not expressing an opinion." "Perhaps," answered the silent candidate; "but not as much as they would criticize the opinious if I expressed any."—Washington Star.

- An Imputation.-"Both my grandparents," said Bragg, "were noted for their courtly manners and sterling rectitude. They were really remarkable gentlemen." "Yes?" replied Peppery. "By the way, did you ever read that Italian scientist's book on 'Degenerates'?"-Philadel-

- Easier than a Halo .- "Being contiunally held up as a horrible example is about as monotonous as the music of an automatic plano," says a Marshall cynic, "but it is a much less strain on your nervous system back of your head."-Kansas City Journal.

- Taking Exception. - "But how," said one of the younger members of the Woman's Club, "can flirting be said to develop the intellect?" "It doesn't," was the reply of the older member, "except that it may be said to be a kind of preliminary training for the time when he has to exercise his inventive faculties in this kind of the content of the content in the co inventive faculties in thinking up excuses for coming home late."— Chicago Tribune.

Miss Caroline James, daughter of Mrs. C. E. James, of Ardsley-on-the-Hudson, who was thrown from a run-away horse in Richmond, Vs., and received a fracture of the skull, died yes.c. day.

JAPANESE ATTACK

ON PORT ARTHUR.

Fleet of Warships Reported to Be in Progress.

INVESTED BY 20,000 TROOPS.

Believed to be Now in Possession of the Elty-Second Army Completed Landing at Pitsewo--Pifty Thousand Japs Now on Peninsula.

CHICAGO, May 14 .- A special from

boat Fawan arrived off Port Arthur early this morning a heavy bombardment was in progress. As the channel was thickly mined by the Russians and the Japanese Admiral Kataoka had issued strict orders that non-combatant boats were to be excluded, it was impossible to get within the roadstead, hence an accurate report of the

proceedings is impossible.

"As far as it was possible to asceralo, the armored cruiser Yakumo. four other cruisers, one gunboat and one battleship, having cleared the channel, entered the harbor shortly after daylight and began a heavy fire,

there is every reason to believe that they delivered the assault this afternoon and are now in possession of the

of the second army was completed yesterday at Pitsewo. There are now fifty thousand Japanese troops on the peninsula.

Japanese Movements,

ST. PETERSBURG, May 14.—The gen eral staff has received a dispatch dated "A Japanese detachment of -about

1,000 infantry and two squadrons of cavalry advanced May 12th towards Polandein, where it did slight damage to the railway line. A train from Dalny, bringing families of employes, was obliged to return there. The Japanese withdrew in the evening. The Wafandian station was closed about nidnight May 12-13. During the night of May 13th Polandein was illuminated by the search lights of the

"On May 13th detachments of panese troops were observed in the neighborhood of Polandien on the Erkskulin mountain and in the valley of the Manuko river, about seven and

the main road between Feng-Wang-Cheng and Saimatel. A strong band of Chinese brigands has been sighted near the station at Yanti." Major General Pflug, telegraphing

under date of May 13th, says: "The Japanese have evacuated Kwan-Tien-Sien and a column of the enemy, about a division strong, is marching on Siuyen along the Tayang river.

destroying the telegraph lines between Keng Tcheng and Sen-Tchin. "According to the information from the frontier guards and missionaries at Topatesatse, twenty-five miles southwest of Huptchentsi, a Chinese rising

to day: "General Kuroki, commandant of the first army corps, reports that on May 7th a detachment of our troops occupled Kuan Tien Cheng. On May 11th another infantry detachment pursued the enemy's cavalry which was re-treating from Shue-Hli-Chan and captured two privates and one lieutenant. The latter is the son of General Hon.

was carrying only Russians who were as individuals. They will receive the same pay as officers of equal rank in the American army. only ceased when the train was beyond

Confidence Shaken.

cess was a mathematical certainty, on the ground that his force was four times greater than that of the Japa-nese. But the reports of the last ten days have shown a constant shrinkage of Kuropatkin's army, until now it is generally accepted in official circles that he has not over 200,000 men, including those locked up at Port Arthur and in other garrisons. The announcement that the Russian commander has put off taking the of-fensive until July in order to secure reinforcements adds to the belief that his strength has heretofore been greatly overestimated. However, the officials and the public generally continue to believe that Kuropatkin is

two veterans went over the Manchurian campaign from the standpoint of g to balance a halo on the French and American military experts. They agreed that much would depend on the topography of the country below Mukden and Harbin, owing to the part artillery will play in commanding the passage of rocky defiles. During the discussion it was suggested that a Russian campaign somewhat similar to General Lee's

say there is an enormous congestion used 'em for, mamma.

of military stores near Irkutsk, 81-

Shinese Commence Hostilities. ST. PETERSBURG, May 14 -Disquieting news regarding the attitude of the Chinese is contained in dispatches from officers at the front issued by the general staff to-night. In addi tion to giving further details of the cutting off of Port Artiur and confirming the report of the Japanese advance upon Liao-Yang, these dispatches state specifically that the Coinese have commenced hostilities against the Russians. Major General Kaskevitch reports that the Chinese attacked his outposts on the Feng-Wang-Cheng road leading to Saimatst. General Pflung telegraphs that according to reports of patrols and missionaries, the Chinese at Tapadziatai, one hundred and sixty miles north west of Makden and just outside the Russian sphere of influence, are prepar-

ing to rise against the Russians and Christians generally. The hostile attitude of the Chinese is attributed to the action of the Japanese in spreading reports of their successes and magnifying their victories at Port Arthur and on the Yalu. This propaganda has been active re-cently in all parts of China.

So far as the railway is concerned, while it is admitted here that a Chinese outbreak will be a new source of danger, preparations have been perfected by General Kuropatkin to insure the protection of this artery, which is vital to the supply of his army.

It is a matter of satisfaction to the authorities that the Coreans are proving more friendly than the Chinese, as is shown by the reports of the distruction by them of the telegraph wires used by the Japanese in North-CHE FOO, May 14, 11 P. M.-Every-

At Vladivostek.

thing was quiet here to-day.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 14, 4:15 P. M. The admiralty denies the rumored engagement of Rear Admiral Jessen's squadron. A telegram from Viadivostok this morning reports all well

MUKDEN, May 15.-Grand Duke Boris has left here and rejoined General Kuropatkin's staff at Liao-Yang. The grand duke is anxious to see some fighting.

Japanese Captures.

ANTUNG, May 8, via Seoul, May 14. Chinese coming through the lines report that the Russians have retired from Kao to the west of Feng Chang Weng, but their reports have not been confirmed. Light skirmishes between Russians and Japanese outposts are occurring daily. News of the landing of the second army and the cutting of the railroad above Port Arthur has been received with satisfaction at Japanese headquarters. The captures made by the Japanese during recent days include 8,000 rounds of artillery ammunition, three hundred thousand round of rifle ammunition, 9,600 riffles and more than one hundred ammunition supply carts.

Beauty and the Beast.

There was as much truth as boasting in the statement of John Wilkes, the famous London alderman, "Ugly as I am, if I can have but a quarter of an hour's start I will get the better of any man, however good looking, in the graces of any woman."

Of Wilkes' abnormal ugliness there was never any question. "The children in the street ran away affrighted at the sight of him." And yet his powers of fascination

were so great that women of beauty and fashion vied with each other for his notice, while handsome men of all courtly graces were neglected. It was said that there were few beau-

ties of the day whose hand Wilkes might not have confidently hoped to win. He married one of the richest and loveliest women of his time. "Beauty and the beast, they call us, Wilkes once said to a friend, "and cannot honestly find fault with the de-

Mark Twain and Whistler. Mark Twain thus described his firs meeting with James MacNeill Whistler "I was introduced to Mr. Whistler." he said, "in his studio in London. had heard that the painter was an in corrigible joker, and I was determined to get the better of him if possible. So at once I put on my most hopelessly stupid air, and I drew near the canvas

that Mr. Whistler was completing. "'That ain't bad,' I said-'it ain't bad; only here in this corner'-and l made as if to rub out a cloud effect with my finger-'I'd do away with that cloud if I was you.' "Whistler cried nervously:

"'Gad, sir, be careful there! Don't you see the paint is not dry? "'Oh, that don't matter,' said I. 'I've got my gloves on.'
"We got on well together after that."

Pascal's Early Observation. Blaise Pascal, who wrote a remarkable treatise on the laws of sound, was constantly observing the familiar occurrences about him even as a boy, When he was only ten years old he sat at the dinner table one day striking his plate with his knife and then listening to the sound. "What are you doing with that plate

Blaise?" asked his sister. "See," he replied. "When I strike the plate with my knife it rings. Hark!" Again he called forth the sound.

"When I grasp it with my hand so," he continued, "the sound ceases. wonder why it is."

Michael Angelo. Michael Angelo, while painting "The Last Judgment," fell from his scaffold and received a painful injury in the leg. He shut himself up and would not see any one. Bacio Rontini, a celebrated physician, came by accident to see him. He found all the doors closed. No one responding, he went into the cellar and came upstairs. He found Michael Angelo in his room, resolved to die. His friend the physician would not leave him. He brought him out of the peculiar frame of mind into which he had fallen.

Brazilian Coffee. Brazilians are great coffee drinkers. Numerous cups are drunk each day by the average man and woman. The beverage is made very strong and very sweet. It produces an exhibaration of more intense and lasting kind than beer. Those addicted to this habit become very restless and scarcely able to sit still or stand still even for a moment.

Used to Fill Up. Mrs. Billus (after the company had gone)-Johnny, you shouldn't have eaten those preserved fruits. They were not intended to be eaten. They were put on the table to fill up. Johnny Billus-Well, that's what I

STATEMENT FROM

MR. W. R. HEARST. Says He Will Support Nominee of the St. Louis Convention

HAS NO IDEA OF BOLTING.

Whoever It May Be.

Ridiculous Story Sent Out from Albany That He, Mr. Bryan and Others Were Planning the Pormation of a New Party.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, May 14. - William Randolph Hearst will support the nominee of the St. Louis Democratic Convention, whoever he may be. He today authorized the Washington "Post" to make this statement unequivocally. He ridiculed a story sent from Albany that he and Mr. Bryan, Arthur Brisbane Weaver, of Iows, and others, were planning a huge bolt and the formation of a new party. He said he had been making his fight for the nomination in the name of progressive Democracy, but his fight had been within party lines and would continue to be so. Whatever the result, he intended personally and through his newspapers to support the regular

"I am for the St. Louis nominee, said Mr. Hearst to the "Post." Having uttered that plain-spoken sentence he added with a smile: "I should, of course, like to be the nominee myself. have supported the Democratic ticket in the last five campaigns. I supported Oleveland three times and Bryan twice. I intend to support the nominee of the party at St. Louis, whoever he may be.

The interview was prompted by the Albany dispatch which said that Mr. Hearst, Mr. Arthur Brisbane, Mr. Bryan and a few others were preparing to bolt,

"I have not been able," he said, "to deny all the foolish things that have been said about me. I have not even kept up with all that has been said. But of and the fool things, that is 'fooler' than all the rest;" and Mr. Hearst indulged in a hearty laugh at the new adjective he had coined.

I have been making my fight in the name of progressive Democracy," said he, "I have been making my fight within party lines." This Mr. Hearst emphasized in explanation of his standing as a loyal Democrat before 'loyal Democrats; not men who have been Democrats at pleasure or for An inquiry was made about the sig

nificance of the several contesting Hearst delegations over the country. "Every State convention of both parties has contesting delegations," sald Mr. Hearst. "Contests do not lean that boiting will follow. Some of my friends have instituted contests for delegates. In certain cases contests have been instituted by my friends, in entire sincerity on their part, which I would not have sanctioned had the matter come to my knowledge in time. But these contests can be settled in the usual way, as they are settled in every national

"Please make it plain that I stand by the verdict of loyal Democrats; men who have been loyal to the party, and have not been Democrats at pleasure. I am for men who have been Democrats constantly for twenty

"But suppose the class you suggest as disloyal should be in control at St. I think there is no danger of that.

It is safe to trust the Democratic masses," was the answer. "But they would be the people who have sent these men to the convention in a majority," was suggested to Mr. Hearst to which remark he as-

Nevertheless, he expressed his be-lief that loyal Democrats would be in control at St. Louis, and reiterated his intention to support the nominee of that convention. In fact, his utterances were so di-rect and emphatic on that point that

no room was left to doubt Mr. Hearst's loyalty and his intention to prosecute his own campaign for the nomination within the party lines, and not only to abide by the result, whatever it might be, but to work for the ticket nomi

A TRAGEDY AT PITTSBURG.

Young Man Shot and Seriously Wounded a Woman and Then Shot Himself

Fatally-Sause of Affair. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURG, PA., May 13.-Fred Schueiz, son of Henry Schueiz, Jr., of the Schuetz & Renzie Hausen Company, brewers, to-night shot and seriously wounded Mrs. Minnie Mc-Cormick and then fatally shot himself. Young Schuetz was named as co-respondent in a divorce suit brought by the husband of Mrs. Mc-Cormick some time ago, and since then has been attentive to the woman and it is said wanted to marry her. She, however, would not agree to this, and the shooting to-night is supposed to have resulted from a quarrel over the matter. The couple met on a street car and when Mrs. McCormick reached her home in Allegheny, she was followed from the car by Schueiz, who said: "Well, we will end it here," and fired, the bullet entaring the woman's left side near the heart. She collapsed, and Schuetz, thinking she was dead, shot himself in the abdomen twice. He is dying at the hospital. Mrs. McCormick, though seriously wounded, will probably re-

- Mr. H. H. Lowrey, of Philadelphia, of Coulter & Lowrey, who have an immense finishing mill plant in Philadelphia, and who own the large finishing mill at Greensboro, arrived in Greensboro on Thursday night. The Philadelphia works will be suspended and the entire equipment of machinery, etc., will be moved to the Greensboro plant. Mr. Lowrey is there to give out a contract for the enlargment of his factory. When completed the plant will be by far the most complete and extensive finishing mill in the entire South.

The entire plant of the Higgston Lumber Company, at Pelham, Ga., with about half a million feet of lumber, was desiroyed by fire yesterday. Loss between \$75,000 and \$100,000; in surance about \$30,000. Beyeral residences belonging to the company were

BUNKOED JACOB

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No one knew how it happened that John Prune lodged on Shem Zook's place when he wandered into the neighorhood. Prune had been there so long people had ceased talking about his peculiarities and the strange agreement he had entered into with his employer. The marriage of Maggie revived countryside gossip. Some pitied Prune, holding him to be a simple minded chap, and others said it was wicked of Shem to lead him on by false promises as he had done. But when the

whole story came out everybody laugh-

In the first place there had been a

ed, Zook excepted.

sort of Jacob and Laban understanding between Prune and Zook in regard to Milly Ann. When Prune, middle aged, short, stingy visaged, dusty and wearing a uniform of the Grand Army of the Republic, tramped up one day and asked for work, Zook took him in. Prune wasn't particular about wages. he said-just wanted his board and enough to buy overalls and tobacco. For two years he was satisfied with that. Then, at harvest time, he began to grow restive and one morning stood before Zook with his possessions done up in half a newspaper and dressed in his Grand Army suit. Going away, he said. Wages didn't suit him. Harvest hands were getting a dollar and a half

a day. Zook became thoughtful. "You're a good man, John," he said: "a powerful good man, an' I hate like smoke to lose you. Fact is, I'd begun to think-to hope, I might say—that I'd have you as a son-in-law 'fore long." John's mouth stood open in surprise.

"Son-in-law!" he gasped. "Yes," Zook answered. "There's Mily Ann a-growin' up, an' nobody round here I'd as lieve have 'er as you. An' nen they's a good forty goes with each one of my gals. Milly Ann is the west



SHE PLACED HER HAND ON HIS SHOULDER. forty, wich I sh'd judge about fifteen hun'rd dollars, countin' in improvements. How long 'ud it take you to save up that much, John?" John was lost in calculation. Six

bits a month, twelve months in a year, tobacker out and-"Gee whiz! Give it up," he said. Zook looked serious. "I said forty to each gal," he resumed, "but sh'd 'a' said eighty. An' sister Zerilda she owns the hun'rd'n sixty j'inin' on the south, where we got the wheat an' alfalfy. She hain't got no heirs 'cipt my four gals. That's forty more apiece. Milly Ann she's young yit. Won't be fit to marry 'fore three years. If you want to keep on like you have been

a-doin', she's yourn with her eighty end of that time. Wha' d'ye say?" John was a man of few words. He considered it foolish to waste energy in talking that might be so much more profitably expended in hoeing potatoes. So in answer to Zook's proposition he climbed up to the barn loft, divested himself of his traveling suit, put his overalls on and went out to plow corn on the forty he hoped to acquire with

the hand of Milly Ann. As he followed the long rows he began to think of himself as a moneyed man. He also speculated on the chance of Zerilda moving along to another world before the expiration of three years. It did not look likely. Zerilda lived with her brother Shem and sat just across the table from Prune. She was a little bit dry and crabbed, but sound in wind and limb.

Two years stretched out across the fields where John Prune sowed and reaped. Milly Ann grew up, broad backed as one of the Hereford calves, low of brow and yellow of skin. Peter Keroher began to spruce up to her. John Prune in the full right of having the prior claim objected to Zook Zook laughed. "Hold yer hosses, John," he said. "We'll fool 'em one of

these days." But Peter drove over to the county seat with Milly Ann in his buckboard one day and married her. Zook pre pared a great marriage feast and called in the neighbors. While it was in progress John Prune sat with his back against the corncrib and figured it out that he had lost. Zook found him there.

"They beat us, John," he said. "But don't you mind it, man. "You go right on as you have been doin'. There's Maggie comin' on like a stalk o' corn, an' at the end o' your three years you can take her 'stid o' Milly Ann." Hope lifted its head timidly in John Prune's heart. Maggie was comely and altogether more desirable than Milly Ann. As time drew out Prune concluded that he had gained in the

Zook let a contract to a city man for the building of a barn. The contractor spurred around Maggie with the city airs and quickly won her. Zook, well pleased at the addition of such an energetic and useful person to his family, provided a second infare supper. John Prune lost his temper. He waited until nearly midnight on the kitchen porch, with a singletree from the shadow of some morning glory vines, for Zook to come out, but Zook didn't come. The sound of revelry and Zook's big voice in laughter overflowed

"They're a-laughin' at me," said Prune, and he bowed his head to the porch railing and sobbed. He was there when Zerilda went out to take a puff at her pipe. She placed her hand on his shoulder, patted it soothingly and said, "Poor man, poor feller!" Prune looked up.

"Wouldn't worry 'bout them there 'ceitful critters in yander," she continued. "They're a-pokin' fun at a heap of more honester an' Christianer person than theirselves, so they gir an' I told 'em it too." "Thank you, ma'am," said Prune, a great wave of gratitude sweeping over

him-"thank you f'om the bottom o

my heart!" "What a' you mean foolin' away your time a-workin' out your insides here for Shem on promise of a gal an' forty acres o' land? Shem he never did 'tend to let you have Milly Ann, neither did he 'tend to let you have Maggie. Brags all round the country what a cheap hand he's got. Shem he'll more'n likely come round in the mornin' an' offer you Tilda Jane. She'll be big enough to marry in 'bout five year.'

Prune reached out in the shadow and grasped the singletree. Zerilda went on:

"Always did puzzle me why a sensible man like you wanted to be humbugged so by Shem. Forty acres an' a gal! Huh! I own the south hun'rd an' sixty, an' I'm as good as any gal Shem Zook ever raised 'r ever will raise!"

Next morning John Prune didn't bring the milk to the house. Zook went down to the barn to negotiate with him concerning Tilda Jane, chuckling over the prospect of at least four years more of cheap help. Prune was not there. Zook looked in the loft where he slept. The Grand Army suit was gone from the nail behind the Tilda Ann came running down the

"A'nt Rilda's gone," she panted, "an' here's a letter she must 'a' left for Zook opened it and read: Shem Zook-You air a durned raskill. You chet me out of Milly Ann, and you

path with something in her hand.

chet me out of Maggie. They will not be eighty akers eatch. I cut that down. Yours truely, P. S.—I have left you. JOHN PRUNE. N. B.—And I have went along.
ZERILDA. Ghosts With No Originality.

When you have read one of these stories, you have read them all. Although the behavior of ghosts may appear eccentric when judged by the standard of conduct prevailing among the living, their habits are, in fact, most regular, they seem to possess little character or originality, and probably their ideas are very limited. Some of them walk along the passage or up the stairs; others knock on the walls or furniture. ring bells, slam doors or break crockery; now and then you come across one who shrieks, and there seem to be a few stray specimens who appear and disappear. But their faculties do not go beyond this. A very remarkable proof of their limitations or their slavish adherence to tradition is that, though I have before me at the present moment a dozen authenticated ghosts who have been heard walking upstairs, there seems to be no case on record in which a ghost has been heard walking down. Why anybody should think it worth while to chronicle the movements of such uninteresting creatures I cannot understand. An account of

A train consisting of forty-seven loaded with vegetables left Charleston by the Southern rail way for New York, Philadelphia and other points North and East yesterday. This was the largest movement in the history of the vegetable business at that

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May 13th, from Major General Karkevitch, as follows:

Japanese ships in Adams bay.

"According to information there considerable forces of the enemy are north of Takushan. The Coreans are

against Russians and Christians is being prepared." WASHINGTON, May 14.—The Ja-panese legation has received the fol-lowing cablegram from Tokio, dated

Firing on Red Cross Train. ST. PETERSBURG, May 14.-In an official dispatch from Mukden, under date of May 14th, Major General Pflug reports that exhaustive inquiries regarding the allegations that the Japanese fired upon a Red Oross train bound for Port Arthur, May 6th, prove that the Red Cross flag was flying on the train as it left Tein-ju and that not a shot was fired from the train which

Paris, May 14.—French confidence in Russian prowess is much shaken as a result of the recent developments concerning the weakness of General Kuropatkin's land forces. The early Japanese successes were accepted as nerely preliminary, it being believed by the officials and public here gentrating a vast force, approximately 400,000, which eventually would annihilate the small Japanese army. Military experts of the Figaro and other leading journals have sought to demonstrate that Kuropatkin's suc-

working out a strategetic plan, attracting the Japanese far inland, where, ltimately, he will overwhelm them. The feeling of confidence, however, is steadily diminishing.
General Brugre, head of the French called recently on General the U.S. ambassador, and the

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