

JAPAN MAKING A SUPREME EFFORT.

Battle at Port Arthur Along the Entire Line Began Saturday at Daybreak.

AGAINST FORTRESS ITSELF.

Disabled Russian Warships at Shanghai Ordered to Leave or Disarm—Movements of Hostile Land Forces. The Vladivostok Fleet.

ONE FOUL, Aug. 20, 4 P. M.—M. H. Ijima, the Japanese consul general at Tien Tsin, who arrived here to-day on the British steamer Pechili, and who had a conversation lasting forty minutes with the commander of a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer which overhauled the steamer off Liaoi promontory last night, says that to-day's battle, which began at daybreak, is directed against the fortress itself. It is taking place along the whole line, and it is Japan's supreme effort, to which the recent battles were but preliminary combats. He adds: "I am firmly convinced that Port Arthur will soon be in our hands. One after the other of the outer defenses has been taken by the Japanese and when the latter had completed their preparations for the grand assault General Stoessel was asked to surrender. He refused. Now comes the final test."

SHANGHAI, Aug. 20.—The Japanese protected cruiser Yaeyama to-day landed her Major Hoffman, the German military attaché who was at Port Arthur. The major left the fort in a junk, at the German Emperor's order. The Japanese cruiser picked him up thirty miles out, and it is reported, confiscated his papers. Major Hoffman's personal baggage was left on the junk.

The correspondent of the Associated Press here received on board the Yaeyama by Captain Dohi. The latter, he says, was not disposed to talk of the war, beyond saying that the Japanese have been successful in the recent fights off Port Arthur. He further declared that the Russian expedition to the Russian warships now at Port Arthur in their hands in a few days. The Yaeyama left this port at 6:30 P. M.

Russian Reserves Called.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 20.—The Emperor has issued a ukase summoning to the colors all the reserve officers throughout the empire. The Official Messenger to-day announced the mobilization of the reserves in forty-five districts, calling to the colors about one-tenth the reserves of European Russia. Considerably over one-half of the first-class reserves of European Russia have now been called out, and practically all the reserves in Siberia.

Ordered to Leave Shanghai.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 20.—The Russian torpedo boat destroyer, which was ordered to stop remaining at either to leave this harbor at once or disarm. The Russian cruiser Askold must leave here Monday at the latest. The Russian warships now at Shanghai. It is believed in official circles that both warships will disarm.

Russian Retreating?

TOKYO, Aug. 20.—The Japanese troops captured Anshan yesterday and the Russian forces have retreated toward Mukden.

Russian Cruisers.

MUKDEN, Aug. 20.—The Russian cruiser Novik has entered the harbor of Kozakovsk, island of Sakhalin, and the Russian cruiser Diana, recently captured at Hong Kong, has arrived at Saigon, capital of Indo China.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 20.—The admiral was considerably relieved by the receipt of the news of the arrival of the cruiser Diana at Saigon, and of the Novik at Kozakovsk. The Novik is expected to continue her voyage to Valdivia as soon as she has sailed. She probably will put into Kozakovsk in order to ascertain the whereabouts of the Japanese squadron.

Attack Unsuccessful.

CHONG CHU, Aug. 21, 9 A. M.—A reliable authority declares that yesterday's (Saturday) attack on Port Arthur was unsuccessful, but continued last night and to-day, and will go on for one more day if the Japanese are still repulsed. A siege is expected.

A Three Days' Assault.

CHONG CHU, Aug. 21, noon.—It is reported that the Japanese before Port Arthur have captured Fort No. 26, one mile north of the main line. The Japanese are now attempting to storm Liaoi promontory.

Their right wing terminates at Pigeon Bay. The Russian garrison at Port Arthur is estimated at 28,000 men, covering an area of twelve miles. A junk arriving at Tzengchow from the Miao Tao Islands reports seeing yesterday five Japanese men of war pursuing two Russian warships, type unknown. They were going in an easterly direction.

It is understood that the Japanese plans at Port Arthur contemplate a three days' assault. They expect to triumph on the third day. It is stated they have a sufficient force to maintain an assaulting force of 60,000 men. Four thousand Japanese are reported to have landed at Dalny yesterday. It is alleged that the check of Saturday night suspended the progress of the assault as planned.

He Wounded.

While an antolast was speeding along a street he noticed a man and a dog ahead of him. The dog was playing in the bushes, but darted out barking at the auto whizzed past. He was of course instantly killed. The gentleman stopped the machine and returned. "I am very sorry," said he consolingly. "Will this make all right?" "It will," said the man, pocketing \$10 bill. As the automobile flew out of sight the man looked sympathetically at the remains and soliloquized: "Poor little brute! I wonder whose dog it is."

Her Reproof. "Did I understand you to say you counted investigation?" said Mr. Grafton Grabb's wife. "Yes," was the answer. "Well, it is a very unfortunate phrase. Everybody who has read anything from the classic poets to a modern novel, knows that a man doesn't mean half he says when he's courting."—Washington Star.

It has been found that the new dry dock at the Norfolk yard is barely large enough to accommodate the largest cruisers now under construction for the government and the naval constructor and engineer on duty at that yard have recommended that the dock be made fifty feet longer.

AMERICAN COTTON COMPANY.

Owners of New Round Lap Bale Process for Ginning—Propose to Raise \$1,500,000 Additional Capital.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—William Nelson Cromwell, counsel for the reorganization committee of the American Cotton Company, made to-day a statement which says in part:

"The American Cotton Company began operations in 1898, upon the introduction of the new round lap bale process for ginning the staple product of the South; over \$4,000,000 has been invested in the introduction of the round lap bale in the United States and in Europe, it being protected by patents, both at home and abroad. The company owns a large press foundry in Chicago and in the Southern States owns eighty-three different plants, and also leases out presses at 215 other points. Agencies for the sale of the product in the United States, France, England, Italy and Russia are established. Its business last year amounted to over \$18,000,000.

"In establishing this large organization and accomplishing these results the working capital has been consumed; no mortgage lien, however, exists, upon any of the property. An additional working capital fund of \$1,500,000 is considered by the management advisable for the effective and prosperous operation of business and to provide this fund adjustment of the capitalization of the company has become necessary. Accordingly, an organization committee, consisting of Cornelius N. Bliss, A. D. Julliard, E. Edward Simon, E. C. Converse, Wm. C. Lovering and Maxwell Woodhull, has been formed.

"The principal feature of the affair is that the creditors and stockholders are to unite in the purchase of the new first mortgage bonds in the proportion of twenty per cent. upon the holdings of creditors, twenty per cent. upon the holdings of preferred stock and five per cent. upon the holdings of common stock, and that the creditors convert their holdings into seven per cent. preferred stock, having preference both as to dividends and upon liquidation, and being further secured by the provision that no mortgage or increase of preferred stock shall ever be made without the consent of 90 per cent. of such new preferred stock.

THE STAR LOVERS.

Ancient Japanese Legend of the 7th of July.

Have you ever read in the "Stories From the Land of the Loovers" about the meeting of the lovers? The legend runs thus: On the banks of the silver river of heaven (which we call the Milky Way) there lived a beautiful maiden, who was the daughter of the sun. Her name was Shokyo, and she was so serious and so busy that all called her the "weaving or spinning princess." At last the sun king thought to marry his daughter to Kingin, a young man who kept a herd of cows on the banks of the celestial stream, but no sooner was she married than her character seemed to change utterly and she became idle and forsook her loom and needle.

The sun king thought the husband the cause of this and determined to separate the couple. So he ordered the husband to remove to the other side of the river of stars and told him that hereafter they should meet but once a year, on the seventh day of the seventh month. The sun king then called a bridge over the flood of stars, over which the lover-husband sorrowfully crossed the river of heaven. Then the magpies flew away, filling the air with their chattering.

After this the young wife returned to her loom and worked diligently every day, but every evening the two would go and stand by the banks of the river and gaze longingly at each other. One year they were allowed to cross the bridge of birds, except if it rained, when the magpies would be swept away. But usually the sky was clear on the seventh evening of the seventh month, and the lovers met with great joy. So in ancient times the people of Japan celebrated this day, hoped for clear weather and wealth and happiness for all, while the girls made a wish that they might be skilled in needlework.

A Hint For a Better Meal.

A former minister of the parish of Kirkmichael, in Ayrshire, was resting in his study one Saturday afternoon after having finished the preparation of his sermon for the next day when he was startled with sounds of violent quarrelling in his own house. He jumped up from his chair, opened the door and heard the angry voice of his own man shouting in the kitchen, "No, no, you see, Jimmie, I chaise you to Jericho, I'll catch you." The minister burst into the kitchen and found there, to his great surprise, nobody but the man himself, who worked on the glebe and who was now seated at a table taking his supper.

CONDENSED STORIES.

A Good One by the President of the Joke Makers' Union.

Assessor Darnelle is president of the district branch of the Joke Makers' union and is quick to take advantage of any opportunity to create a laugh, says the Washington Times. As chairman of the excise board, which held a prolonged session the other day, he is accused of the following: The proprietor and barkeeper of a saloon were before the board to show cause why the license of the saloon should not be revoked. The charge was permitting disorderly conduct.

The proprietor was placed on the stand, but in reply to every question answered in a low whisper. He said he was unable to talk louder. Consequently the barkeeper was called; but he, too, was suffering from loss of voice. He could not articulate above a whisper.

Assessor Darnelle stopped the proceedings and, turning to the policeman who was there as a witness, said, "Officer, what is the charge against these persons?" "Permitting disorderly conduct," was the reply.

"I think you have made a grave mistake," retorted the assessor. "The charge should have been operating a speak easy."

It is understood that one of the members of the excise board is laughing yet.

RIOT IN THE STOCK YARDS AT CHICAGO.

One Man Was Shot and Instantly Killed and Three Men Injured by Bullets.

POLICEMEN STOPPED ROW.

Shots Fired from a Train Filled With Non-Union Men, Who Were Hooted and Jeered At by the Strikers and Sympathizers.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—During a riot in the stock yards to-night one man was shot and instantly killed and three other men were injured by bullets. The dead and wounded are: Andrew Nebrouski, shot in the center of the forehead, died immediately; Harry Elason, slightly wounded in abdomen; Dennis Egan, in right side and condition serious; and Light O'mara, shot in left leg, not serious.

A crowd of men and women strikers gathered at Fortieth street and Emerson avenue, where, according to the rules of the railroad company, it is necessary for all trains leaving the stock yards to stop. A long train filled with Greeks and negroes to the rule, and when the strike sympathizers commenced to hoot and jeer the non-union men and press closer toward the stock yards, the train inside opened fire. Nebrouski was killed at almost the first shot. Hanson, who was standing close by him, was wounded a second time, and Ryan and O'mara were hit as the crowd ran away from the cars.

A riot call was turned in and forty policemen headed by Inspector Hunt, Capt. Clancy and Lieutenant Downey hurried to the spot. The police ordered that every door and window of the train be closed and a party of a dozen men headed by Lieutenant Downey passed through each coach in search of weapons, while the remaining force beat back the great crowd which had gathered.

It was learned by the lieutenant that the man who had killed Nebrouski had been fired from the train and was near the center of the car. As the policemen entered the car they found every man had some kind of a weapon concealed about his person. A man giving the name of Oley Everett was arrested on the charge of having done the shooting. A revolver with the barrel still warm and containing three empty shells was found upon him. Johnson and John Galika were also taken into custody.

PATTI AND HER PAY.

An Incident in the Singer's Engagement With Mapleson.

Mme. Patti always insisted on having her fee for singing in her hands before she would sing a note. Mapleson, the famous impresario, told the following anecdote illustrative of this side of the cantatrice's character.

"I was bound by my contract to pay to her before the beginning of each performance the sum of \$100. One evening I could not give her \$100, which she refused to accept. Her agent announced to me that since I had failed to keep the contract it would be annulled. I comforted myself with the thought that I had other resources and besides had \$160 in my pocket.

"Two hours later the agent watched me to say that on reflection Mme. Patti would not break the contract. He was empowered to accept the \$100 and that Mme. Patti would be on hand to sing for the performance, 'La Traviata,' in complete costume, except her shoes. As soon as the doors were opened and tickets were sold I could pay the remainder of the money. As soon as she had it in her hands she would draw on the shoes and step on the stage when her cue was given.

"I gave him the \$160. After the box office was opened he came again. Only \$82 had been taken in. This I gave to him to hand to the prima donna, hoping that she would be justified in giving the word to begin the performance without waiting for the remaining \$8. But this expectation was only partly fulfilled. With a contented expression on his face, the agent came back the third time with the comforting message that madam had put on one shoe. 'When you show her the remaining \$8, she will put on the other shoe,' said amount. Then, beaming with pleasure, she stepped on the stage, and the opera was most brilliantly sung."

To Insure Pure Milk.

In order to secure certification of his milk by the milk commission of New York city the dairyman must have a clean cement floor stable, with whitewashed walls and abundant windows. Cows must be sponged and their tails scrubbed before each milking. White suits must be worn by attendants, bottles and utensils scalded and filled bottles kept on ice and shipped only in refrigerator cars.

A Speaking Photograph.

In the Apollo theater at Berlin an apparatus combining the phonograph and moving picture machine so as to produce a speaking photograph has been exhibited with satisfactory results.

The "Salted" Mine

"What are you doing, John?" The question was asked in a mining camp in the far west. A man had dumped several bags of ore on the kitchen floor and was mixing them in one heap.

"Elst, Molly. Don't be asking too many questions."

"But I want to know." "Well, then, I'm preparing to make Molly Drake a rich woman. There's a fellow come out from New York hunting for property with which to organize a big mining company. He's been looking at our ten acres on Cobble hill. I've told him I've struck the rich vein of the Sully Ann mine in the middle of our property."

"I'm preparing to make sure he's not disappointed."

"John Drake, do you mean to tell me you're going to 'salt' the property?" "Salt it? Don't you know that this is a world in which the shrewd ones live on the fools? What does he want the property for? To make a balloon of it. To do this he must have something to show. If I don't give him rich ore he'll go to the next man, who will; and I'll be left in the lurch. He don't want to know too much. It would spoil his plans. There he comes now."

Leaving the kitchen he shut the door. The stranger came on. As he did so Molly Drake fixed her eyes upon him in wonder. The color left her cheeks, and she bit her lip to restore her equanimity. As the man approached he, too, started, but the woman cast a meaning glance toward her husband and put her finger to her lips. When the newcomer and the woman met they were introduced by the husband as strangers.

"Molly, this is Mr. Sydney, a gentleman from New York looking for mining property."

Mr. Sydney and Mrs. Drake nodded to each other, and Drake, evidently anxious that the purchaser might get a look into the kitchen, soon took him away, but not before Sydney and Mrs. Drake had managed to make an appointment to meet that evening in the wood back of the cabin.

As soon as dark came John Drake harnessed a horse to a cart and, taking the salted ore, drove away. He had scarcely gone when his wife went back into the wood. Sydney was waiting.

"Molly!"

"George!"

It was the old story of a lover's misunderstanding. George Sydney had gone off thinking that Molly Drake had dismissed him, Molly thinking that he would come back. After a time John Drake, who had the name of being a money maker and had accumulated some means, won and married her. Hearing of a gold strike on Wolf creek in the far west, he had taken his money and gone there to be on hand for a good investment.

Sydney began to speak of the cause of their estrangement, but Molly interrupted the woman. "What are you doing here?"

"My father and certain friends of his have great confidence in the gold prospecting of this place and have done me to buy any property that looks well. When I fell in with John Drake I—"

"Yes, yes. What are you going to do with this property if you buy it?" "Work it."

"Or get what there is in it for the purchasers?" "If we buy a mine, I am to stay here and manage it."

"She stood a moment thinking, then said, 'Come with me.' Taking him to her cabin, she opened the kitchen door and with a candle held low showed him the dust left on the floor of the mine ore.

"If you buy my property, that's the sample you will buy it on." He looked at her in wonder. "Do you mean?" he began.

"That John has gone to salt the hole where he claims he has struck the Sully Ann vein."

"For a few moments Sydney continued to look at her as if some great mistake was being made. Then he exclaimed bitterly: "Oh, Molly, why did you send me away?"

"Go. I have nothing more to tell you; no further warning."

"Go! And leave you here with a man you can't respect. Go! I will only go if you go with me."

"Neither the law of the land nor of God permits that, George. Go."

When John Drake drove the team up to his cabin at midnight and put it away he went into the house and found his wife awaiting him.

"John," she said, "you'll find the house in order and provisions for the rest of the week. I'm going back to my father."

The man started as if he had been struck.

"For heaven's sake, Molly, what do you mean?" "I mean that I will not live with a dishonest man."

Something in the resolute tone of her voice told him that she was not to be dissuaded. He saw her pass away in the darkness and, going into the house, fell on his face. He had considered "salting" ore not as a criminal offense, but a shrewd operation.

MINNESOTA APPLE ORCHARDS.

We are asked whether it would be a safe proposition to set out a forty acre apple orchard in southern Minnesota and whether, assuming that the trees should live, it would prove a profitable undertaking. In a general way we will say "yes" to both queries, but there are certain conditions which must be observed—first, a suitable site of well drained upland, the soil preferably a clayey loam; second, varieties selected which should in any event be only a few in number and with established records of hardiness and productiveness; third, no man should undertake this project who is not well posted on fruit culture, which is really a profession by itself. As to profits, these must not be looked for until the orchard is eight or ten years old, when it above conditions have been met an annual average return of \$70 or \$80 per acre may be expected, possibly more. There is a vast territory to the northwest of southern Minnesota which will always probably have to depend upon the soil and east for its apples, and the market for good fruit may be regarded as fixed and reliable. Our own orchard of twenty-four acres is made up of only six varieties—Duchess, Wealthy, Patten's Greening, Northwestern Greening, Fameuse and Arctic, the three first named making up the bulk of the orchard. We would not be understood as saying that the above is the best possible selection for the latitude named, as some new varieties of much merit are coming to the front, but these are known, tried and reliable. If the culture of the apple could be undertaken in southern Minnesota and include the same degree of scientific care and skill which are given to the orchards of the Pacific coast, the growing of apples in Minnesota and Iowa could be made as remunerative as the growing of oranges and pines in California. The trouble is not that the average orchard is not given proper care and attention, but the third or fourth year the borers have got to their deadly work, and what the borers, mice and rabbits do not kill the stock which are given the run of the orchard soon finish up. We know of one forty acre orchard set out twenty-five years ago which was given the neglect referred to, and there is not today a live tree on the tract, while at the same time we know of Wealthy trees, of which this orchard was composed, which are thirty-five years of age, healthy and hardy and bringing large and profitable crops to their owners.

Received to-day 600 yards of new carpet with reversible patterns. One side represents a wool carpet in bright, warm patterns and the other side represents a matting in light, cool colors. It is the best floor covering that has ever been invented for the price. The name of it is Sultana carpet and the price is only 28c per yard. We are also showing a nice line of matting for 15c, 20c and 25c per yard.

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