

DAILY SENTINEL.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1868.

HIS MARCHAL.

Grant made the following speech on being visited by the committee appointed to inform him of his nomination:

"You'd scarce expect me at my age,
To speak in public on such a subject.
And if I should take time to do it,
I would tell you all about it.
Don't you see with Ben Butler's eye,
But pass any considerations by,
Some Master's duty might weigh too low;
Some Master's duty might weigh too high;
And so it goes, it goes too late,
For me to cultivate
The art of making speeches.
It is now my full intent,
To let the world go by;
What you say, may well,
And this is what I mean,
That every act, my friends, will tell you.

Hiro (March 18th). Correspondence N. Y. Times.

JAPAN.—ART OF RELATION.

THE HARI-KAR.

On the 2d. of this month, at 11:30 P. M.,

in one of the Hiroo temples, Ikeda Isé, the author of the recent trouble, suffered death. He was the Secretary of Prince Enzen, and gave the order to fire on the foreigners. The combined Powers demanded his head, and wished his own position, won the influence of his prince, could save him—but he was permitted to commit the hari-kari, thus rescuing his property from confiscation, and his name from dishonor among his countrymen. Up to the last moment his friends sought his pardon. Each of the six legations sent a representative as witness, and to this number was added an interpreter. The closest mystery surrounded the whole affair and as few witnesses as possible were permitted, in order to impress the Japanese that the execution was to satisfy the ends of justice, and not gratify a prurient curiosity. The chosen ones left the legation during the evening, and walked to Hiroo, where a guard of Japanese soldiers met them and conducted them through several narrow streets to one of the larger temples. One of the interpreters was placed at their disposal, and there they indulged in pipes and cigars, and talked the event.

At a few minutes past 11 P. M. word came that all was ready. They arose and followed their conductor into the main temple. Here, in front of the large and elaborately-finished altar, was spread a green cloth, and over this a smaller red covering. Near the centre stood a tray containing a number of small knives, corresponding to the sharp sickle-shaped sword of the Japanese, unsheathed. The seven Europeans sat down in silence on the matting, after the Japanese fashion, and the same number of native officials located themselves opposite. Above them glimmered several Japanese paper lanterns, shedding over the altar a dim and spectral light, which lost itself in the mysterious darkness beyond.

With a slow but firm and unfaltering step the doomed man entered and approached the altar. He wore the white-wigged state dress, indicative of high rank, the "Kami-Shiba." Turning toward the dimly-outlined image of his god, he bowed and muttered a prayer. When gathering his feet beneath him, he sat down, resting on his knees, in the usual Japanese manner, beside the tray. It is customary for the individual performing the hari-kari to complete the act by cutting his own throat. But this unhappy man, fearing that at the last moment his resolution might fail, caused one near of his to assume the duty of beheading. The executioners took his position behind him, seizing the long handle in both hands. He raised the sword and assumed the attitude of one about to strike. It was a tableau impressive and awful. The long, jagged-bladed blade reflected the lantern-light with horrid effect. The executioner's eyes were fixed with fearful earnestness on the victim before him, watching eagerly every motion. The doomed man methodically prepared his dress and selected a sword, grasping it firmly in his right hand. Then commanding all his resolution, he plunges it into his side and completes a transverse incision. At this moment his head falls forward, and instantaneously the poised sword of the executioner flashes through the air, and the head falls with a dull sound upon the heavily-matted floor.

The seven robes and swelled Japanese officials drew their heads to the ground, exclaiming in a loud voice, "Are you satisfied?" and the seven Europeans bow their faces in reverence and reply through the interpreter, "We are satisfied." They arise, and are immediately conducted away.

This is the famous hari-kari allowed to officers of position as an alternative of disgrace. The execution saves their honor and their property, and the guilt in the threat terminates their sufferings.

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