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RUSS ARMY DEMORALIZED BY STRESS OF JAP ATTACKS

Number of Soldiers Surrendering at
Port Arthur Increases, Indi-
cating Confusion There.

Shanghai, Sept. 9.—A special messenger of the Tartan general, at Mukden who escaped from that city thru the cordon of Russian outposts, reports according to advices received here, that the Russian army is utterly confused and demoralized, especially the remainder of the two Russian army corps which recently joined Gen. Kuropatkin's forces.

RUSSIANS DESERT.

New York, Sept. 9.—The Tokio correspondent of The Times says, under date of Sept. 8: Non-official news suggests that the garrison at Port Arthur is much disheartened. The ships in the harbor have ceased seriously to oppose the Japanese reconnoitering vessels, which have thus been enabled to ascertain the position of the garrison. The ship Sevastopol is in a crippled condition, while others are more or less damaged. The number of soldiers surrendering increases.

SAFE AT MUKDEN.

London, Sept. 9.—Despatches from various sources to-day establish only the fact that the Russian army is safe at Mukden. Kuropatkin is reported in good order, it is said.

LOSSES PLACED AT 50,000.

Mukden, Sept. 3.—A correspondent of the Associated Press, who has just returned to Mukden with the Russian rear-guard, after having accompanied the army the whole time since the battle of Liaoyang, says the losses on both sides were enormous. As a moderate estimate, he places them at 50,000. H

RUSSIANS KILLED WOMEN.

Tokio, Sept. 9.—A private telegram received here says that a small Russian expedition from Kamchatka visited Sushu Island, north of the Island of Hokkaido, and in the absence of the men killed the women and children and burned the houses. Official confirmation is lacking in regard to this report, which seems incredible.

NO FIGHT SEPT. 8.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 9. — Lieut. General Sakharoff telegraphs that there was no fighting during Sept. 8.

ALEXIEFF MAY BE WRONG.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 9.—A despatch has been received from Viceroy Alexieff announcing that the railroad and telegraph line between Mukden and Harbin are both uninterrupted.

CANADIAN CATHOLICS AND ANNEXATION.

Catholics Register: Writing in The Chicago Tribune, John H. Rafter says the French Catholics of Quebec

will oppose reciprocity with the United States. The Catholic clergy, he goes on to say, will oppose it because they believe it would mean ultimate political union with the republic. Our Catholic contemporary, The New World, does not like the flavor of Mr. Raftery's speculation, and argues that our educational advantages Catholics may have in the Dominion are not likely to be permanent, since "the United States cannot afford to lag behind in the Canada."

Overlooking the quite unnecessary contemptuousness of our Catholic brother, we do not think that either Mr. Raftery or himself has fully con-

prehended the position of the Canadian Catholic clergy. They are certainly awake to any danger of annexation, but this is not wholly on account of the truer freedom of public education in the United States and the grounds for preferring Canada to the United States printed on the editorial page of The New World itself, while the editor strangely enough overlooks "That marriage is a failure almost seems to be true from the evidence presented by the court docket of Franklin County, Ohio. On this docket appears 423 cases in which husbands are suing for divorce and 936 cases in which wives have begun similar suits. The figures are not far from 100 divorces for every 1,000 marriages."

This would make a total of 1421 divorces begun in one county during the last year. There are 88 counties in the State of Ohio. If a single county produces 1421 suits for divorce, how many suits have presumably been begun in the whole state? And if the State of Ohio is to be taken for index, how

about the United States? Four hundred and twenty-one suits for divorce! What an abyss of agony! What a tornado of human suffering and pain this is indicated by these suits. Each one of them hints at a chapter of distress, discord, anguish and bitterness that can never be told.

The Register would whisper in the ear of its New World brother that even the double divorce evil evident in the United States—the divorce of religion from education and the divorce

Christian marriage—are not the only causes that conspire to make Canadian Catholics perhaps jealously patriotic. The main cause is their love for Canada and their belief in her high destiny.

The Czar's Dream.

On the Russian frontier a curious story about a dream the czar had lately is current, and was published in the newspapers of a German border town.

His majesty dreamed of three cows, a fat, a lean and a blind one. When he awoke he sent for a man who said to be well versed in the art of explaining visions, and this mysterious

person said: "The fat cow, your majesty, is your commissary department, the lean cow is your army, and the blind cow is yourself, Great Czar!"

H. Stikeman of Montreal, general manager of the Bank of British North America is in the city for a few days.

Rev. Dr. Chown will next week go to British Columbia on a month's tour. John Skank of Port Dover couldn't identify Frank Tremble and Albert Edwards the men who went thru his pockets while drunk, and they were let go.

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