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GREAT VICTORY FOR JAPANESE.

Russians Disastrously Defeated on the Yalu.

After Two Days Heavy Fighting Japs Force a Passage—Russians Refuse Mediation.

SHANGHAI, April 23.—It is reported here that the Russians have suffered a disastrous repulse after two days' fighting on the Yalu river, the Japanese forces crossed the river and the Russians retreated.

NO INTERFERENCE WANTED.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 23.—In the most categorical terms Russia has officially notified the world that she will not accept mediation to terminate the war with Japan. The official notification, which accords with the authoritative announcement made by the Associated Press April 22, is contained in a circular issued by the ministry of foreign affairs to the Russian representatives with foreign powers, which is gazetted in the Official Messenger this morning. The circular denies the report that formal proposals have been made to the imperial government by any foreign power to use its good offices to restore peace, a denial which does not refer to the personal intimation addressed directly to the Emperor by King Edward and King Christian of Denmark, an account of which was given by the Associated Press. The text of the circular is as follows:

The foreign press has recently been persistently circulating rumors concerning intentions on the part of some of the European governments to undertake a speedy termination of the conflict between Russia and Japan. Telegrams have been received announcing that proposals of such a nature have already been made to the imperial government. You are empowered to deny this in the most categorical manner. Russia did not wish war, and everything within the limits of possibility was done by her to avert the complications which had arisen in the Far East in a peaceful manner, but after the treacherous rupture of the part of the Japanese who forced Russia to take up arms obviously no friendly mediation can have any success.

"Similarly the imperial government will not admit the intervention of any power whatever in the direct negotiations which will occur between Russia and Japan after the termination of hostilities in order to determine the conditions of peace."

ONLY A DESPATCH BOAT.

NAGASAKI, April 23.—The Japanese steamer Kinshu-Maru, which was sunk by the Russians near Genoa, resulting in the drowning of 200 Japanese troops, who had refused to surrender, was attached to the fleet as a despatch boat.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 23.—Victory! Victories! telegraphs under today's date that Japanese ships were sighted six miles off Port Arthur last night and that this morning ten Japanese cruisers and six torpedo boats were seen in an adjacent bay.

CHINESE GOVT. RESTLESS.

PEKIN, April 23.—It is asserted on the best authority that the Russians are about to enforce martial law west of the Liao river. The government is worried and the Dowager Empress has ordered the provincial governors to abandon her birthday celebration and to use the money collected for that purpose to equip seventy thousand troops immediately.

FRANCE FEARS NO COMPLICATIONS.

BRUSSELS, April 23.—At a reception tendered him by the municipality, M. Pelletan, French minister of marine, in a brief speech, declared that France no longer dreamed of conquests and that her resources were hereafter to be employed to fortify her present possessions. He did not believe, he said, that the country would be involved in war and he feared no complications in the Far East.

HEROES ROYALLY WELCOMED.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 23.—The oldest inhabitant of St. Petersburg does not remember such an outbreak of popular enthusiasm as was witnessed this morning on the arrival here of the survivors of the Varieg and Korietz. Every regiment was represented, as if the emperor wished all his fighting men to see how the brave are honored. The crews of the Varieg and Korietz were quickly mustered on the platform, each man wearing the St. George's Cross. The formalities over, the high admiral, moved with emotion embraced Capt. Roundoff and other officers. It is now the turn of the deputation of the nobility and municipality to present addresses of welcome and the traditional bread and salt. Then began the triumphal march down the Nevsky of the officers and men of the Varieg and Korietz. Marched in two columns and headed by two bands of music. The people went fairly wild over the heroes and showed them their flowers and a mighty roar of cheering from roofs, windows, balconies and lamp posts and the surging mass below.

PAT'S REVENGE.

(Railway Journal.)

One of the favorite stories of the late Charles F. Clark, president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, concerned an Irishman employed at the New Haven station. For some reason Pat was discharged. The day after losing his job he appeared at the ticket window. Smiling broadly, he laid down \$5 and ordered two tickets to New York. On his way out to board the train he said to the special officer: "Tigre, now! I got the best of the Consolidated Road for once. I bought two tickets to New York, and I ain't gon' to use but one of 'em."

MURDER AND SUICIDE ON THE BOSTON EXPRESS.

On Train Coming to St. John, W. E. Osgood Killed His Wife and Himself in Sight of Horrified Passengers—Eyewitnesses' Stories

AUGUSTA, Me., April 23.—Mrs. W. E. Osgood, of Hiram, was shot by her husband on board the express train bound from Boston to St. John, N. B., last night, and died in a hospital early today. Osgood also shot himself and is dead. The tragedy was due to domestic difficulties. They were returning from Boston, where Osgood had gone after his wife, who had left her home. When the train stopped at a station the other passengers heard Osgood and his wife quarrelling. A few minutes later Osgood stood up and when his wife requested him to be seated he drew a revolver and shot her. Before any person could interfere the man presented a revolver at his own head and fired.

The train on which the tragedy took place arrived in the city about 1:15, being over an hour and a half late. A Star reporter who went up the line to meet the train had a long talk with several of the passengers who were present when the tragedy took place. Mr. and Mrs. Osgood were in the first-class car and while nearly all the other passengers had gone to sleep they kept up a quiet conversation. A Mrs. Murphy, who resides in Boston, and who was coming to St. John to visit friends, told the Star that she was but a couple of seats away when the shooting took place. She was asleep and the report of the revolver woke her up.

Osgood was standing in the car aisle with the smoking revolver in his hand, while his wife was lying limp in the arms of the gentleman, with blood pouring from a wound in her head. Almost before she could realize what had happened she saw her own hand to her forehead and in the other she displayed a revolver. He slowly raised the pistol till the muzzle rested against his temple, and with the almost deafening report he fell to the car floor.

By this time everybody in the car was awake, but while one or two made efforts to reach Osgood before he shot himself they were not quick enough. Mrs. Murphy says that she saw Osgood terrible one, the car floors being covered with blood and upon the arrival of the train she saw the woman lying in the ambulance at Waterville it was apparent to all that they could not live.

STORY OF AN EYE WITNESS.

Walter McNeil, of the firm of W. P. McNeil & Co., bridge and structural iron workers of New Glasgow, was, perhaps, the only eye witness of the shooting. McNeil was on his way from Hiram to New Glasgow with his wife. He says the couple boarded the

JOGGINS MINERS STRIKE.

Got No Pay for Five Weeks—Mine is in Serious Danger—200 Men Out.

END OF AN INTERVIEW.

(Music and Drama.)

"Speaking" of "cell down," said Charles Hawtrey a few nights ago, I think the hardest that ever an actor got accused to a man who once called to see Lewis Waller. The actor is well known, but for obvious reasons it's just as well not to mention his name. He had written to Waller, asking for an appointment to talk over a part which he hoped to play in a coming production.

DOVE-TAILED WINTERS.

(From the Brooklyn Eagle.)

"I can't quite make out," said Dusen, as he caught a stray dove on his gloved palm the other morning, "whether this is the end of last winter's brood of next. It reminds me of old Cap. Tad's race horse."

train at different points and their conduct was such as attracted his attention. During the evening he noticed that they did not get along very well, and in fact their general deportment was such that he could not keep his eyes off them. Even after his wife fell asleep he kept watching them, although at times he dozed. Suddenly he heard a loud exclamation, looked up and at that instant there was a flash, an almost deafening report, a scream that he will not forget to the end of his days.

Then a woman staggered into the aisle and with a rapid motion she held a stream of blood was pouring down her face. As she staggered he caught her in his arms and, as her motions became fainter and her form more limp, he looked up. There stood her husband with the still smoking revolver in his hand, and a wild look in his eyes. His gaze was concentrated on the face of the dying woman, as the moans became gradually weaker, and the muscular contractions less pronounced, he slowly raised his left hand to his head as if in agony, then without a word warning the right hand flew up and with the report of the revolver he fell to the car floor.

Mr. McNeil says that when he first jumped up it was with the intention of grappling with Osgood, but that seeing the woman tottering about he grabbed her. Then realizing what had happened he held on to the woman and tried to ease her living hours.

It is said that the woman was Osgood's second wife, and that there has been considerable talk among the passengers that she was a woman about 15 years of age, and the woman about twelve to fifteen years younger.

THE PORTER'S STORY.

The porter of the Pullman car, who, though he did not see the shooting, was one of the first to witness the car in which it took place, gave the following account:

Hurrying to the car he found the passengers in a state of consternation. On one seat was the woman in a prostrate position, bleeding freely from a wound in the head. On the seat opposite was the man with blood flowing copiously from two ghastly wounds in his head. The sight once they were told of the soldier. The passengers were practically helpless from fear.

A despatch was immediately sent to Augusta to have an ambulance ready to receive the bodies on the arrival of the train, and efforts were made to pacify the excited passengers.

The porter says that W. E. Osgood belongs to Hiram, Me., where he is engaged in an extensive lumber business. He is a man about sixty years of age and well known.

NO PLACE FOR THE PEANUT.

Cotton is Slowly, But Steadily, Crowding It Out in the South.

We are told that the great doctrine of the solidarity of mankind is being enforced as never before by the discoveries of modern science. Medicine, economics, biology, physics, in their latest developments, teach us with hitherto unapproached force that all men and all things are so bound together that what affects one affects all. It is an impressive truth. Consider the case of man, the cotton crop and the peanut. Within the last few years the consumption of the peanut has vastly increased. The interesting feature has been the way in which justice and contempt to a place of unchallenged pre-eminence in popular esteem and value—namely, cotton. Last year we broke the wrinkled shells of 5,000,000 bushels of peanuts and ate some billions of arachis "nuts." It is essentially the choice of a plebeian taste, if the rich and fastidious prefer a daintier delicacy, the peanut is without rival in the favor of the multitude.

But now observe. The plant arachis hypogaea demands an early spring, a hot and moist summer and a sunny, friable loam. But these are conditions required by another plant of great usefulness and value—namely, cotton. With this staple at a normal value, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee have found it advantageous to devote a part of their acreage to the edible at the expense of the sartorial crop. But lately cotton has been going up, and the south is naturally planting it, to the neglect of other crops, unhappily almost to the exclusion of the peanut. Thus we see that such an unimportant fact as the value per bale of cotton vitally affects human happiness in a remote particular.—Philadelphia Ledger.

MORE TENNIS COURTS.

The St. John Tennis Club met last night and decided to build four new courts near the old Davernport school, on land purchased from the Gilbert estate. The courts will be of clay and will be made as perfect as possible. The membership of the club has been increased from 70 to 100, and there promises to be a great revival of interest in this splendid outdoor sport, which demands of those who would play it properly more agility and skill of hand and eye than almost any other game.

GEO. GEE WILL HANG JULY 22nd.

The Sentence Pronounced by Chief Justice This Morning

Prisoner Had Tears in His Eyes, But Received His Sentence With Coolness

WOODSTOCK, April 23.—The murder trial of George Gee was finished yesterday afternoon. Chief Justice Tuck charged the jury strongly against the prisoner, as the evidence showed a cool, deliberate taking of human life.

It took the jury only forty-five minutes to bring in a verdict of guilty. Gee heard the verdict with apparent indifference and smiled as he rolled a quid of tobacco from one side of his mouth to the other.

Later, in the jail, the prisoner had an interview with his parents and with Bessie Gee, with whom Millie was living at the time of the murder. George began addressing Bessie Gee: "I am to be hanged for the murder of Millie Gee. I did not murder Millie Gee, although I had the rifle in my hands. You, Bessie, was the cause of the murder. When I went to your house and found Millie there it drove me crazy. I would have murdered you, too, I was wild."

"I am going to die and could not die with any hardness in my heart against anyone so I sent for you but you are the murderer, not me. Now, after seeing you, I will die for the murder I am charged with and I have no hard feelings now for you or any one."

After this dramatic speech, Gee's nerve completely collapsed and he sobbed like a child.

Bessie Gee actually rolled on the floor and cried hysterically, while Mr. and Mrs. Gee, the prisoner's parents, cried softly.

Bessie Gee casually remarked afterwards on the street that he was sorry for poor George.

A large crowd assembled at the court house this morning to hear the sentence passed by His Honor Chief Justice Tuck.

George Gee was brought into the court room at 11 o'clock sharp by Deputy Sheriff Foster and Chief of Police Kelly. The prisoner stood up. The judge, in sentencing him, said:

"George Gee you are convicted of having murdered Millie Gee. You were fully tried and defended. The jury found you guilty, as they could do nothing else. The principal plea was insanity and I said to the jury that to excuse you it must be proved that you were insane at the time. This was not shown. The prisoner says you said you were fond of, yet you murdered her through jealousy."

The prisoner stood perfectly calm with downcast eyes, apparently not trying to hear the judge.

"I remarked to the grand jury that your community wants missionary work done," continued the chief justice. "I hope your fate, terrible as it is, will do good to the community. Forgive your enemies and try and get a complete change of heart. I sentence you to be hanged by the neck on Friday, July 22nd next, until dead, and may God have mercy on your soul."

The prisoner had tears in his eyes and shook hands with friends before he was removed from the court room.

CROWDS SAW THEM DROWN.

(Special to the Star.)

KINGSTON, Ont., April 23.—While fishing near Rockport, opposite Alexandria Bay, early last evening Black Mallory and Frank Swan of Alexandria Bay were drowned. Their boat capsized in a heavy sea, and though people on shore saw the accident they could not do anything in time to save the young men. The body of Frank Swan was recovered.

Don't take things as they come if they belong to other people.

In seeking their level tons of men are compelled to slide down hill.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast—Fresh easterly and southeasterly, light, and showery today and on Saturday.

REAL STRENUOUS.

(Chicago News.)

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CHENILLE PORTIERS	\$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.75, \$4.50, \$4.25 pair
TAPESTRY PORTIERS	\$2.25, \$2.75, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.50 pair
CRETONS	double width and reversible.....16, 20, 22, 25, 30, 35c. yard
CRISTONS	single width.....10, 12, 14, 15c. yard
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