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THE STRATEGIC PROBLEM

The most important war news of the day is that the Russians have fallen back from Feng-Wang-Cheng and the Japanese have occupied that strong strategic point. The casual reader must bear in mind that this retirement does not refer to the main force of General Kuropatkin, which, so far as known, still holds to the railway line from Newchang to Mukden with headquarters midway between these points at Liao Yang. It is only the advance forces which are retiring before the Japs, falling back on the main army. Originally it was supposed in some quarters that the Russians would give battle at the Yalu river, but from the moment the Japanese navy got control of the sea this was out of the question as it made it possible for the Japs to land an army at the railway terminus at Newchang, advance up the railway and cut the Russians off from their line of supply. The Yalu fight of May 1st was a purely accidental disaster. Next it was said that the Russians would fight further back at Feng-Wang-Cheng; but on the approach of the Japs they abandoned that place on Friday and continued the retirement towards the railway. Now they say the Russians will give battle at the Mao-Tien pass, still further back where an exceptionally strong position exists. This is also very doubtful, as the Jap army landed at the head of the Port Arthur peninsula threatens the rear of that position. A minor Russian force may put up a determined resistance there but it is still extremely unlikely that General Kuropatkin will move his main army from the railway to meet the advancing Japs, while another Japanese army threatens his right flank. The chances are even better that he may retire up the railway towards Mukden and concentrate for a decisive battle there.

The landing of the second Japanese army at the head of the Port Arthur peninsula is a strategic master stroke. If they have enough troops to mask Port Arthur and also to advance along the Port Arthur-Mukden line, the Russian force at Newchang will be faced with the alternative of being cut off from Mukden, or must retire before the Japs reach Kaiping. Such a movement on the part of the Japs will place the Port Arthur Japanese army in a position to threaten the rear of a Russian force holding the Mao-Tien pass and clear the path of the Yalu army in its advance on the railway. Kuropatkin is now confronted with the problem of trying to beat these two armies in detail, but he is hampered by being shackled to his single line of supply, the railway. There is a temporary railway from the main line east to the Mao-Tien pass which will facilitate a defence at that point, by furnishing a means of rapid reinforcement or retreat, but temporary lines cannot well be depended upon when the fate of an army is at stake. Besides the Japanese Yalu army may not attempt to force the pass until the Port Arthur army advances up the main line to threaten its rear.

The situation at the present time is most interesting. If Kuropatkin halts at Mao-Tien pass and the Port Arthur army advances northward, Kuropatkin may go down the railway to meet it while the Newchang force, if strong enough, may fall on its left flank. But then General Kuropatkin with the Yalu army may force the Mao-Tien pass, seize the railway at Liao Yang and cut Kuropatkin off. If the latter leaves the railway to give battle at Mao-Tien, the Port Arthur army may advance and cut off or strike him on the flank. The chances seem in favor of Kuropatkin retiring and concentrating his army at Mukden and awaiting an attack by the two Japanese armies. But the working out of the strategic problem as now developed will be watched with great interest.

AN ATHEIST

I met a man the other day. We discussed the war, and the weather and politics, and incidentally spoke of some church dignitary. I have forgotten the name—Henson, probably. "What are you?" questioned the other man abruptly. I looked at him, blankly. "What am I?" said I repeating his question. "Yes," was the answer. "What do you believe? What church do you attend?" I immediately looked him over. If there is one thing more than another that worries me, it is this kind of a man. "Well," I answered, "I believe in too many things to attempt to enumerate them, and, as for my church, I cannot see what differ-

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once it makes to you, what one I attend.

"I am an atheist," said he, with that gloomy grand air his kind affect. "I have no faith, I have no God." And he launched into a lecture on things in general, minus a Creator.

"I am sorry for you," said I, when he finished. "You are so behind the times." He looked surprised. "You should be discussing higher criticism, and the Brotherhood of Man, and the enlightenment of humanity. Atheism is behind the times," continued I. "Get a paper and read of the death scene of Neidermeier, the car bandit. He was an atheist. His death scene was a parody on atheism. If you have nothing better to give us than talk, better leave us alone, and study higher criticism. Do study higher criticism," and I bade him good morning, laughing to myself, for I thought I knew him.

Two days after I saw him on the street. He had button-holed someone else. "I am so interested in higher criticism," I heard, him say. "In fact I can almost call myself a higher critic."—Francis Daor.

MARK TWAIN'S LUCK.

Chicago Chronicle.

Mark Twain likes to recall and tell of the days when he was a characteristically impecunious reporter. One day he had a note to meet, but labored under a total lack of funds. Half distracted, he was rushing around San Francisco in a feverish hunt for enough cash to tide him over the trying time. He rushed a little too quickly, however, for as he was turning a corner he collided with a little man and overthrew him. The victim regained his feet and yelled: "You do that again and I will knock you into the middle of next week." "My dear sir," said the apologetic humorist, "do it by all means. If I can get through till then without breaking I'm safe." The originality of this reply struck the stranger who, after some talk, handed Mark a cheque for the necessary amount.

SPURIOUS HONOR FOR A CZAR.

London Tatler.

From time immemorial the college hoax has been dear to the memory of the students; now and again there is one which deserves to rank as colossal. Even crowned heads are not sacred where the young scapegraces are concerned, and of those who were victimized the late Czar, Alexander III., was perhaps the most conspicuous example. One morning about twenty years ago he received a beautifully engraved and engrossed certificate of his election as an honorary member of the "medical faculty of Harvard University." He rose to the bait, and an official reply was despatched to Harvard University accepting the mythical honor and accompanied by a magnificent set of surgical instruments. There was an insuperable difficulty in discovering the person to whom the letter was addressed; but the Czar's representative dare not let his master know that he had allowed him to be hoaxed, and I believe somebody at Harvard was accommodating enough to accept the imperial gift.

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DISTRICT DOINGS.

DRESDEN

May 13.—Mary Leasilla, the two-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Wiley, died on Tuesday morning and was buried yesterday, the funeral service being held at 10 a. m. at the family residence, Brown street, after which interment took place in the Dresden cemetery.

Wm. Little, the popular tonsorial artist, is ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. James McVean was a Maple City visitor yesterday.

The entertainment to be given by the Paragon Guild of Christ Church will be held on Tuesday evening next in the Grand Opera House. The program will be given by D. A. Gordon, Miss Ruby Gordon, and the choir of St. George's church, Wallacburg, assisted by Miss Barassin, one of Chatham's most popular elocutionists. No one should miss this event as it will be the first appearance in our town of Miss Gordon, who is undoubtedly the most talented contralto of Western Ontario.

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BLENHEIM

May 13.—Mrs. S. Todd and daughter, Miss B. Hall, leave to-day for an extended visit to Detroit.

The re-opening of the Methodist Church has to be put off until June 12th, owing to the contractors for the seats not being able to put in the seats as quickly as was expected.

Mr. Fred Corey, who was in the South African war and is now studying civil engineering at Madison, Wis., is here on a visit to his uncle, Dr. Quackenbush.

R. E. Woodhouse has now completed his second year in the study of medicine at Toronto, has secured a position on steamer United Empire, running between Sarnia and Duluth.

The anniversary services of the Blenheim and Guilds Presbyterian Churches will be held on Sunday, May 29. Rev. Hector McKay will preach at both services.

On Wednesday evening, at 8 p. m., at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Myland, the marriage took place of their daughter, Sara Alberta, to G. H. Bell. Miss Nora Clark played the wedding march. Rev. W. E. Kerr performed the ceremony. Only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom were present. The young couple are well known in town, the bride being a good worker in the Methodist Church. She has played the organ for several years.

TILBURY

May 13.—Mrs. Chas. Johnson returned on Wednesday from Chatham General Hospital.

Yesterday being Ascension Day, special services were held in St. Francis' Church.

Lou Edmonds left on Wednesday for St. Louis.

Mrs. Scarff spent Wednesday in Detroit.

L. Laplante moved into town this week and has taken rooms in the Times block.

Rev. M. Nicol and family arrived yesterday afternoon from Toronto.

Engineer Newman, of Windsor, arrived on Wednesday to go over the sites of the proposed silex walks here.

It is reported, as a result of the provincial audit of Tilbury West accounts, that ex-Collector Boyd, who was found short in his accounts to the extent of about \$1,000, will have more than that amount coming to him.

Tilbury has withdrawn from the Kent County bowling league for 1904, and is replaced by Bothwell.

Michael Sirois, of Sherbrooke, Que., last week purchased four acres of the south-west corner, lot 22, Cameron survey, Tilbury, from J. A. Tremblay for \$600. He purposes going into the poultry business.

A Trotter returned this week from London Medical college, for vacation.

Mrs. Chas. Loudon, of Montpelier,

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