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WHY JAPS WON THE GREAT FIGHT

One of the Mikado's Officers Analyzes Results of Big Naval Battle.

Tokio, Aug. 7.—Commander Akiyama, who participated in the battle of the Sea of Japan, has prepared for publication an extended statement relating to the great conflict, and its weight is on the side of gunnery, the battleships and tactics, as against the destroyer and the torpedo.

He prefaces his statement by declaring that good gunnery depends mainly upon the division officers and gunners, that the Russian officers were lamentably lacking in training. In the early part of the battle the Russians scored but one hit to three landed on the Japanese. Under these circumstances it may be said that the Japanese had three or four guns in action to every one of the Russians and there was, therefore, nothing very remarkable about the disparity of losses.

The commander says that Admiral Rogostvensky should not be criticised for electing to take his chances at Tushima. On the contrary, it was the wisest course open to him. The strait is long and narrow, the season was foggy and there were mechanical obstructions. Distance and coal were against Soyuz and the time consumed in reaching that entrance would have betrayed the design and his plight emerging from Soyuz would have been much worse than he might reasonably hope for at Tushima.

The commander insists that the great mistake of the Russians was in marshalling their vessels in double column line ahead. From the moment of going into action in this formation the Japanese regarded victory as assured. Apart from the impossibility of maintaining an orderly formation when pursuing such tactics for defensive purposes, there was the fact that only a few of the ships could bring their guns into effective action against the Japanese. The time consumed in the latter ships were able to concentrate their whole fire upon the leading Russian ships and in return received only a limited fire. Had the Russians adopted the strategy of imposing the brunt of the action upon their battleships, while the rest of the fleet

broke through and steered direct for Vladivostok, the commander believes they would have achieved a partial success. Instead of doing that they followed the plan of mutually aiding one another and thus, when the head of the battleship column got into trouble, the others steamed up and thrust their heads into the lion's mouth without being able to accomplish anything compensatory.

Discussing the question of sinking battleships and armored cruisers by gun fire, the commander expresses the opinion that the fact that the Russian ships were exceptionally low in the water contributed materially to the result. The Russians carried large quantities of coal, stores and ammunition, and thus weighed down and in a rough sea, suffered badly from hits near the water line that ordinarily would not have been fatal.

The commander says that the battle did not, as some claim, prove the superiority of armor to armor. He points out that the newest armor on the Russian ships, and notably in the case of the Orel, was not pierced. The proper distribution of armor is another question, and he says the Russian builders do not appear to have adopted the latest knowledge and principles on the subject.

Akiyama declares the high seas aided the Japanese gunnery and accentuated the lack of training in the Russians; that the abatement of the wind to every one of the Russians and the torpedoes attacks and the luck of the pursuit movements of the Japanese undertaken the second day of the battle were notable elements in making the victory complete.

Akiyama censures Nebogatoff's surrender to the city. The Russian fleet was surrounded by twenty-seven ships, including the most powerful of Togo's fleet. Had the Russian fleet refused to surrender his ships would have been sunk forthwith. Five or ten minutes would have sufficed to finish much more than he might reasonably hope for at Tushima.

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Escaped Monkey Shows Some New Baserunning Stunts.

New York, Aug. 8.—Edward Jones, of No. 235 Henderson street, owns a fine monkey which got away from him yesterday and gave Jersey City a lot of fun.

Mr. Monkey, after escaping from the cellar, climbed up to the awning in front of the house and was sitting there as peacefully and as harmlessly occupied as any monkey could be until several boys appeared and began stoning him. Mr. Monkey dodged many stones with agile sidesteps and clever jumps and chattered and chattered until the crowd stretched half across the street.

One boy climbed up an awning pole and another boy climbed up the other pole. They caught the monkey between bases, so to speak. But he was an expert on sliding home and went through the fingers of the two boys caught hold of the bases, and reached the peak of the roof. He danced flags on the ridge pole and cut up so many other monkey-shines that the crowd below was not at all in sympathy with the anxious Mr. Jones.

Several small boys were coaxed to climb up to the roof. When the boys got to the peak the simian waited until they got near enough to try to catch him, and then he dived, straight as an arrow, to the street. There were many women and children in the laughing crowd, and when the monkey landed among them they separated with shrieks. This gave the animal a chance to sprint. Not being much of a sprinter where no trees are, it didn't take the small boys of the crowd, headed by Mr. Jones, long to catch him. The monkey had as good a time as the crowd.

STRICKEN AT HIS KEY

Dying Jack Coleman's Last Message Is Request for Relief.

Indianapolis, Aug. 8.—John W. Coleman, 30, a telegrapher, died of consumption after two or more years' suffering.

"Jack," as he was known by his friends and fellow telegraphers, walked from his home to work as usual Saturday morning and seemed cheerful until after 8 o'clock, when he flashed a message to the chief operator at Chicago asking for five minutes' rest. The answer came back "Soon."

Coleman, with unsteady hand, grasped the key and said: "Give it to me now, I'm dying."

His family physician, Dr. Charles McNaul, was summoned, but little could be done for him. He was removed to his home at 11 o'clock and died three hours later.

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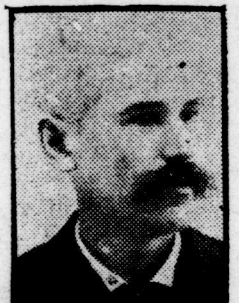
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CIVIC BANQUET AT THE CLUB; AN EVENT OF GREAT INTEREST

The Progress of London and Canada the Theme of Numerous Happy Speeches.

The banquet tendered by the city of London to its distinguished guests proved an affair of much importance at the London Club last night. Cut-glass sparkling on the tables and flowers added to the beauty of the scene.

Ald. Matthews, as chairman of the semi-centennial committee of the city council, presided, and with him at the boards were the following gentlemen: Mayor Campbell, Senator Coffey, Sir John Carling, Hon. C. S. Hyman, Mayor Cowan (Chatham), Mayor Ferguson (Stratford), Mayor Polinske (Stratford), Judge Talbot, Mayor Judge Edward Elliott, E. T. Essey, Ald. Gilean, Ald. Forstall, Ald. Saunders, Ald. Stevens, Ald. Gorman, City Clerk Baker, W. C. Greenwood, Prof. Dearness, Ald. Wyatt W. A. Small (Chicago), Thos. Weston (Chicago), Ald. Cooper, Dr. Woolverton, Ald. Abram, Ald. Gerry, Ald. Garratt and Ald. Carson.

After Ald. Matthews had proposed a toast to the King, and after it had been drunk with zest by the company, he called upon Sir John Carling, "London's grand old man," for a speech. In doing so Ald. Matthews referred to the London of today and of 50 years ago, dwelling particularly on the fact that London is a moral city, and a city solid financially. London owed much to the press of the city, which has done a great deal to help the city forward in the proper path. But the greatest credit belonged to Providence, which had always directed the progress of the city with a benign hand. He then proposed the toast of "Canada," coupled with the names of Sir John Carling and Hon. C. S. Hyman. He expressed the hope that Beck had found it impossible to be present.

Sir John first spoke. He referred to the fact that he had been a member of the council the year the town secured incorporation as a city. Since 1855, London had increased its position from 10,000 to 40,000, which showed a steady and hopeful progress. The growth of no city in Canada was more rapid than that of London. It was beginning, for Canada today is immensely prosperous, and is advancing with giant strides. When the Grand Trunk Pacific is opened up, the city will be available to the world, and Sir John prophesied that in 50 years Canada will have a population of 100,000,000. There was a time when Canadians left Canada to look for work, but that day is past. All are coming back to Canada.

Hon. Mr. Hyman said it gave him the greatest pleasure to be present and heartily welcome the Old Boys back to London. He was sure the Old Boys would be glad to mark London's progress since they left for other climes. Also proud of London's progress, and doubly proud of the Old Boys, because no matter where Londoners were they were on the top of the progress of the city. He then proposed the toast of "London," coupled with the names of Sir John Carling and Hon. C. S. Hyman. He expressed the hope that Beck had found it impossible to be present.

Chairman Matthews again proposed the toast of "Our Guests," coupled with the names of Stratford, Chatham and Stratford, and Mr. W. A. Small, of the International Old Boys' Association, Chicago.

Mayor Ferguson, of Stratford, congratulated the city of London on its unexampled moral and financial progress in the past half century. The Old Boys owed their native city a deep debt of gratitude for the training it had given them before they went out into the world. It did his heart good to see the Old Boys present the old painting of Mr. Nicholas Wilson, the father of education in London, extended his warmest congratulations to the city of London upon this semi-centennial celebration. In the west the people regarded London as the most progressive city of its size. Speaking of the trouble London had to secure a census of 10,000 in 1855, so as to incorporate as a city. He said he had heard that Stratford had taken its census for the same purpose on the same day. (Laughter.) He thanked the mayor and council of London for his kind reception here, and pledged himself to go back to Chatham and begin an agitation for an Old Boys' reunion. Mayor Ferguson of Stratford had also agreed to do the same. (Cheers.)

Mayor Polinske, of Stratford, said London's progress pleased him as a resident of London. He had two cabinet ministers to boast of. He missed his guess if London does not play a prominent part in the building up of Canada. If the people of the west could have been here today, their opinions of the city would have been still further enhanced. Mr. W. A. Small said it was time the two countries—Canada and the United States—got closer together. London is sure to follow if you use a razor or a safety razor. The one safe remedy is Putnam's Corn Extractor. It is safe, absolutely safe, painless, and

was doing its share to bring about this state of affairs, for the Old Boys' reunion was fearfully advertising London all over America. Today men were in the parade from as far away as Honolulu. In Chicago he said the leading men of the board of trade are Canadians. He quoted an article from the Chicago Tribune, which paid the highest compliments to Canadians, and especially to the London Old Boys. There are thousands of Old Boys in the United States who couldn't come, but thousands had come and had made London and themselves glad. The reunion was a good thing, for it was a continual handshake. The more London has of them the better. He realized the hard work Secretary McCann had put in, but if it pleased London, London could rest assured that the Old Boys are pleased.

Hon. Mr. Hyman next proposed the toast of the "Mayor and Council of London." In doing so, he referred to Mr. Small's speech, and he said that times are now so good for Canada that he should be mayor. (Laughter.) He was within the past 12 months 42,000 Americans have been attracted to this country. And he hoped that Mr. Small, too, might yet find it possible to come back to live in the land of his birth.

Mayor Campbell, in reply, said the mayor and aldermen might well feel proud that they had been elected in such a momentous year as this. Life is short at best, and it is advisable to have as many anniversaries as possible, so Londoners were making the most of this one. London was not much older than its fiftieth anniversary as a city. He referred to the fact that Murray Anderson, the first mayor of the city, was elected by a toss of a coin, as the council was evenly divided as to whether Mr. Anderson or Mr. Nash should be mayor. (Laughter.) He also pointed out that two citizens of London have had opportunities of being prime minister. These were the late John Wilson and the late Senator Frank Smith. But both of them had refused. Today London enjoys the distinction of having a representative in both the Ottawa and Toronto cabinets. We have quadrupled our population since 1855, and with the next 50 years we shall quadruple it again. If there is anything that London needs more than anything else it is a spirit of local pride on the part of its citizens—a spirit which will cause Londoners to put their hands in their pockets and give money to the city. He meant to help the city along on the way of public conveniences and the beautifying of the city.

"I have noticed," said his worship, "that the poorest cottager of London has decorated almost as lavishly as the man of wealth for this reunion."

His worship denied that the Old Boys' reunion had originated in Toronto. It had been a long time in the local reporter going through an old local register and finding a large number of people in Toronto and other places. Mr. Nicholas Wilson had taught (Cheers). Like Mr. Hyman, he regretted that any citizen of London had found it necessary to leave the city, but he hoped that the Old Boys would have them back at the reunions, and she would be doubly pleased if they came home to stay. In conclusion, he said he hoped that the Old Boys would build up London in the future as in the past.

At the conclusion of the pleasant event, the party enjoyed a trip around the city.

A CHORE BOY ONCE, NOW DETROIT MERCHANT

Mr. George Davidson, of Detroit, is one of the active Old Boys in the City of the Straits. Mr. Davidson, who came to London with his parents from the north of Ireland in 1878, has been in the city for 87 years. He is now a boy of 14, and he still remembers that his first post-dry-dress observation was obtained for him by a man named Hughes, who was at that time acting as an agent for foreigners. The position placed Mr. Davidson at the Bank of British North America, cutting cordwood, carrying up the stairs, handling the force pump in the cellar to keep the tank on the roof full of water, tending the boiler, shelling the brass bell and brass work on the big front door, and also fulfilling the orders of Thomas Carter, who was then the messenger, and of other boys who were then children for a while. Mr. Davidson afterwards worked for the late William McDonough in the old checker store. He spent five years in the Huron House for Ferguson & Co., later being with Horner & Summerville in the city grocery, and then learning the dry-goods business from J. H. Chapman. He left London in 1885 to take a position in the large department store of C. R. Mabey, of Detroit, which he held for seven years. He was twelve years in the restaurant business in Detroit, and he is now conducting a dry-goods house, furnishing and crockery business on Sixteenth street. Mr. Davidson is a son of Thomas Davidson, dairyman, who resides on Oxford street, west of the city limits. There are six sons, Thomas, George, John, James, Robert, all living in Detroit, and Frank, who resides on the farm. Mrs. George Moore, a sister in Detroit, and another sister, Miss Sarah, lives at

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