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A RUSSIAN HUMORIST

Says the Hamilton Spectator:—
There is a grand humorist in the war department at St. Petersburg. Yesterday the people of the city became alarmed by reason of the absence of definite news from the front, and imagined all manner of disaster to the Russian army. To allay the fears of the people the war office sent out a statement, in which was explained that, to meet Kuroki's move around the flank and toward the Russian rear, Kuropatkin "decided to abandon his positions on the left bank, and to concentrate his whole army on the other side of the river." Not a word about the fact that the Japs had driven him into the inmost defenses, at Liao Yang, and had been quite busy trying to drive him out of that. It is then explained that "by withdrawing to this position the Russian army avoids the danger of being divided by the river," just as if it couldn't have avoided that danger by remaining on the left bank! And it is further explained that in the new position the Russian army "enjoys the advantage of compactness," although the Japs had succeeded in driving it into a tolerably compact body when it forced it into Liao Yang village. "Therefore," remarks the humorist, it "is not to be considered a retreat, but rather the carrying out of a well defined idea." It is unfortunate that circumstantial evidence is against that finding. The Russian army could have crossed that river at any time; and it was only after a couple of days of fighting that it moved in a direction opposite to that in which the main Japanese army was to be found. Again the humorist: "The withdrawal of the Russians to the right bank involved the abandonment of Liao Yang, which is situated on the left bank." Of course, unless, indeed, Kuropatkin had decided to take the town with him. But "the Japanese took advantage of this to occupy the city."

What blunders! Just as likely as not the Japs, who had been fighting, for days, to get the Russians out of Liao Yang and themselves into it, were of opinion that they had succeeded, and hastened to occupy what they considered to be a captured city, when, according to the humorist, the city was deserted only for the purpose of putting the army into a stronger position—the great advantage of which had been overlooked until such time as Liao Yang became too hot to hold. "But," says the humorist, "the sternest part of the fighting is still before them"—the Japs—"unless Gen. Kuropatkin decides at the last hour to again fall back to the northward," to look for a still stronger and more compact position for his army, we suppose. It seems to us that the fighting, so far, has been as "stern" as possible, or, rather, that it would have been that way had it taken place on the sea. Perhaps Kuropatkin knows how to make sterner fighting for the Japs, with his army in the open, than he made with his army strongly entrenched in a position of his own choosing, at Liao Yang. But if the humorist thinks Kuropatkin will "lure" the Japs on by making a break toward home, he doesn't say so. He professes to be of opinion that the Russian general will "fight to a finish." "The cards are all in his favor," says the humorist, "and he has the Japanese divided by the river, thus effectually turning the tables upon his foe." St. Petersburg humorists should have long memories. This one forgets, at the end of his story, that he related, at the beginning, the fact that Kuroki crossed a portion of his army to the right bank of his own accord, and that move caused all the various subsequent strategic contortions which the humorist credits to the Russian general's wonderful ability.

The war department's explanation is much like the Arizona Kicker's report of a fight in which its editor had been engaged: "After several scientific feints we struck our enemy a severe blow upon the naked knuckles with our nose, and by dint of well-calculated effort we forced our left ear into his mouth, and obliged him to bite it severely. We finally threw our chest against his defending fist with such power and precision that we rebounded into a recumbent position, and the fight was won."

THE GLOBE'S GRIEF

Toronto Telegram.
It is breaking the Globe's heart to see Col. J. P. Whitney weakening himself by running with R. R. Gamery when the organ's whole aim in life is to strengthen Mr. Whitney so that he can smash the Ontario Government.

THEIR QUALIFICATION.

Toronto Mail.
While none of the gentlemen selected to build the \$75,000,000 eastern section of the Grand Trunk Pacific have any railway experience, all are guaranteed to be first class politicians.

DISTRICT DOINGS

TURNERVILLE.

W. A. Lane, of Socorro, New Mexico, who has been visiting friends in this neighborhood, left on Tuesday for Toronto.
Wm. Ward, of Dresden, preached in the Lindsay Road Church Sunday evening.
L. Turner, of Turner avenue, is all smiles these days. It is a boy this time.
The harvest home services of the Lindsay Road Church will be held next Sunday and Monday, Sept. 4th and 5th. Rev. Mr. Neilly, of Dover Centre, will preach on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. A good supper will be served on Monday night.

GUILDS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wiley spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Detroit.
Mr. Service, who has been visiting at Rev. C. W. Bristol and other places, left for his home in Los Angeles, Cal.
Miss Annie Stevenson, of Ridgeway, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. F. Guild.
Mr. Milton Attridge, of Highgate, spent Sunday with relatives here.
Miss Beulah Lampman is visiting relative in Detroit.
Mr. Albert Burchill, of Walkerville, visited his brother here during the last week.
Mrs. John Cumming visited last week with Mrs. J. Smith, Lake Shore.
Miss Nellie Purvis and Miss Mary Steel leave on Tuesday for Toronto and other points.
Messrs. Morris Myres and Chas. Baker, of Ridgeway, spent Sunday with the former's parents here.
Mr. E. S. Stephenson conducted the services of the circuit on Sunday, in the absence of the pastor.
Miss Myrtle Purvis, of Scotland, spent Sunday with her mother.
J. Hastings lost a horse last week.
The Timothy Guild had the misfortune to cut the end off one of its fingers in a cutting box.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guild and daughter spent Saturday and Sunday in Highgate.
A very enjoyable time was spent last Wednesday evening at the ice cream party on the lawn of Mr. John Purvis, given by Messrs. Purvis, Cullimore, Wightman and Lampman. Ice cream, bananas, peaches and cake were served to about 45 guests. Selections from the gramophone helped to make the evening a most pleasant one.

EBERTS.

A very interesting game of baseball was played here last Saturday evening against Turnerville. The score was 8 to 12 in favor of the locals.
Next Sunday being harvest home services at Lindsay Road Church Rev. Mr. Neilly will exchange pulpits with Rev. Mr. Taylor. There will also be a social at Lindsay Road Church the following Monday evening and a baseball match between Darrell and Turnerville.
One of our young ladies, Miss Annie Moir, was married to Mr. Jas. Ball, of Chatham, on Monday last, and the happy couple are spending their honeymoon at Clinton and other places.
Miss Mary Henry, of Chateaufort, Mich., has returned home, after visiting friends and relatives here.
The Misses Shaw and Miss Hall, of Turnerville, were the guests of Harry and Emma Brooksbank last Sunday.
Mrs. Warren Agar is visiting her parents here.
Word has been received from a number of our boys who went out west on the harvesters' excursion, that they had a safe and pleasant journey.
Chalmers' Church intends having a social in the near future.
Geo. Woods and Will Wilson attended the excursion to Detroit on Tuesday per City of Chatham.
Robt. Forsyth attended the social at Thorncliffe last Tuesday evening.
The ladies interested in missionary work held a quilting bee at Mrs. Starke's last Wednesday afternoon. In the evening the young people were entertained and a large bale of quilts and clothing packed for the missions of the Northwest.
Lawn tennis sports will meet on Saturday evening this week instead of on Friday evening as usual.
Chalmers' choir will supply the music at New St. Andrew's, Dover, next Sunday evening.
Misses May and Lena Roseburg were the guests of Miss A. Mackness last Tuesday.

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LOUISVILLE.

The thrashers of this vicinity have been moving around rapidly this year owing to the good weather which we have had lately.
Our new pastor, the Rev. J. A. McKelvey, has organized an Epworth League, which has been attended by a large audience each week.
Mr. Bruce Arnold and Alvin Merritt departed for Toronto this morning with the intention of seeing the fair in that place.
The crops of this vicinity are pretty much cleared off now owing to the liveliness of the farmers of this place.
The football boys of this place have been doing remarkably well this season having played ten games and only lost one. At the Arnold picnic they played Turnerville and beat them by a score of 2 to 0. Then they played what was called Kent Bridge Juniors, but they were nearly all senior men. However, we gave them a stiff game and if it had not been

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for the remarkable rush of Mr. Langford, they would not have scored at all. As it was the score was 1 to 0 in their favor, but the rules for the "F. A. M. S." trophy were—"Not more than two senior league men are allowed to play." "Men had to be registered before they could play." Both these were violated by Kent Bridge so the trophy has been held by the Arnold people for further consideration as to whom it rightfully belongs. This is quite contrary to what was stated in last week's paper about the Kent Bridge boys bringing home the cup triumphantly, also regarding their easy win. We sincerely hope the Arnold people will deal fairly with all concerned in the above game.

DARRELL.

Among those who went to the "Western Fields" on Saturday last were, M. French, J. Forsyth, R. Abraham, T. Grey, L. Gregory, R. Lannigan, G. Olliver and F. Pugh, of this vicinity.
The Arnold picnic was largely represented by Darrell people last Wednesday.
We regret to hear of the injuries received by Mr. W. Grey's stock of horses on Friday morning. They had got onto the railroad and were unfortunately met by a freight engine, which dealt heavily to some of them.
A very successful Epworth League meeting was held in the church Tuesday evening, Aug. 16. It being the first regular meeting Rev. Mr. McKelvey discussed the essential features of a successful league, as well as explaining clearly its highest purpose. A question contest was held in the latter part of the session, a feature which attracted great attention.
The eventful football match which was to have been played by Chatham and Darrell, we are sorry to say, had to be indefinitely postponed on account of the heavy rain on Friday evening. The match might be easily arranged on neutral grounds in the Northwest should Chatham desire to play the game.
The 8th Con. boys and the D. T. B. team played a friendly baseball match on Tuesday, Aug. 16, the score being 11 to 10 for the 8th concession boys. After the game they engaged in a hearty football run, which was refereed by C. Agar.
Mr. Nichol, an old resident of this place, and who has been away for some time, was present at our Sabbath school Sunday morning. Being an old Sabbath school worker, his presence was appreciated by all.
Wm. Holmes, of Chatham, was with us on Sunday.

McCauley Released.

New York, Sept. 3.—Thomas N. McCauley, manager and former president of the International Mercantile Agency, who was arrested on Tuesday, at the request of the police of Hamilton, Ont., charged with the larceny of \$4,200 last Wednesday, was released by Justice Wyatt of the court of special session and held in \$5,000 bail for a further examination. No testimony was taken. Friends of McCauley furnished sureties and he was released.

HIS GRAVEL WAS SORELY CURED

Dodd's Kidney Pills Removed The Stones

And Now Reuben Draper is Well and Strong after his long Suffering.

Bristol, Quebec, Sept. 5. (Special)—Reuben Draper, a well-known resident here, keeps the proof right with him that Dodd's Kidney Pills will surely cure the much dreaded gravel. The proof consists of two stones, one the size of a small bean and the other as big as a grain of barley. He passed these stones and was relieved of all the terrible pains they caused after using Dodd's Kidney Pills for a short time.

Mr. Draper is confident that Dodd's Kidney Pills and nothing else caused his cure, as he tried two doctors without getting help, and was fast getting weak and despondent when he started to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. In a week he passed the large stone and four days later the smaller one. This cure causes a feeling of relief over people in these parts as it shows those terrible operations, long thought to be unavoidable in case of gravel, are no longer necessary.

Scrap on Excursion Train.
Ottawa, Sept. 3.—A party of 1,000 excursionists from Nova Scotia bound for the Northwest harvest fields made rough house on a C.P.R. train coming from Montreal yesterday morning. At Calumet some one entered a store and stole two bales of cloth. An Italian named Flanaro of Sydney, C.B., and Hugh McDonald of Platon, got into a scrap, and the latter was stabbed in the back. The Ottawa police were notified and a squad met the train. The Italian was arrested and McDonald held as a witness. The stolen stuff was recovered. Police accompanied the train West.

Vesuvius Active.
Naples, Sept. 3.—Mount Vesuvius is again in activity. Flumes, ashes and stones are rising from it to a considerable height, and a wide stream of lava is issuing from the crater.

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...SOCIETY...

The engagement is announced of Miss Winifred Symington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Symington, Sarnia, to Mr. W. A. Stevens, Chatham.—Toronto Globe.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Brisco's bicycle repairs and livery. Saleslady wanted! Apply William Foreman & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, of Stewart, were in the city yesterday. Call up 119, J. Gilbert & Co., for your next order of coal or wood.
Miss Joyce, Rochester, N. Y., is the guest of Miss McDonald, Queen street.
Ed. Hewson, an old Chatham boy, spent Monday at his home, Lacroix street.

Miss Cora See has returned home after visiting friends in Toronto and vicinity.
Coal and wood at Gilbert's, Queen Street, near G. T. R., telephone 119.
"Doc" Mitchell, of Wallaceburg, came in to see the lacrosse match yesterday.
Miss Grace Paupst, of Dresden, is the guest of Miss Grace Lampard, Head street.

Mrs. Ross, of Hastings, England, is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. S. F. Gardiner, William street.
Mrs. A. McDonnell, who has been visiting in Parkhill for the past three weeks, has returned home.

Henry Dagneau yesterday sold the 75 acre farm of A. Gillespie, Dover, to John Anderson, of Dover.
Mrs. of course, Gilbert supplies the best. Call him up at 119 for your next order of coal or wood. mws
Olive Hewson has returned home after a two months vacation with relatives and friends at Duart.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Chanter, of Adrien, Mich., and son, Will Chanter, of Boston, are visiting in the city.

Private Neil Smith, who did such good shooting at Baley, was in the city yesterday to see the lacrosse match.
Lost, a five-pearl lady's gold ring, in a case in a small pasteboard box. Finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving same at The Planet office.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Smith and daughter Grace, who have been on a trip to Ballah, Muskoka, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Jas. Moore, Prince street, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ballantyne, of Brachbride, returned home yesterday.

House to rent — Fine frame house Lydian Avenue, Apply to J. C. Fleming, Victoria Ave., or County Treasurer's office, Harrison Hall.

Miss Martha Freeman, of Detroit, and Joe Wiseman, of Windsor, are the guests of Fred Farbey, Wellington street.

Ward Stanworth left his old home in the north of England on Sept. 3. He expects to reach Chatham on Sept. 12th.

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The Misses Edith and Josephine Girmus, of Detroit, who have been the guests of Mrs. Robinson, Lacroix street, have returned home.

James Corbett, the Maple City Jim, not the pugilist, has returned from his trip to the old country. He says Canada is good enough for him.

William Ross, neighbor of the Basswood Hotel, Dover township, town line was assessed \$30 and costs for selling liquor without a license. O. L. Lewis defended.

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Mr. R. P. Vancamp, of Indianapolis, caught a six pound bass yesterday with a four ounce red reel at Royal Muskoka. It measured twenty-two inches long.

Mr. Latham, of Detroit, spent yesterday the guest of his cousin, Mrs. Casper Schwemmer. Mr. Latham lived in Chatham 15 years ago when he was a boy, but he still has a warm spot in his heart for the old town.

Draft Dogs.
In Holland and Belgium the dog occupies the place which the donkey does in several other countries. In the former, the sight of a couple of dogs dragging along a pushcart loaded with vegetables, flowers or shining milk cans is a familiar one. They trot along underneath the cart, within easy reach of the blunt toe of the sabot of the woman, who walks behind it to guide it by the handles attached at that point. In Belgium the dogs are hitched in front, as the Russians attach their horses to their brookies, three abreast, and are guided by a pair of rope reins fastened to a muzzle about the nose of the dog in the middle.

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In 1893 over seventy similarly colored diamonds were found upon the same property. They had all slipped between the dies and escaped destruction. It is conjectured that many other green stones got crushed out of existence. For the first time since that date the Klerksdorp G. and D. Company proposes to resume operations on this particular ground, which contains both gold and diamonds, and the prospects of unearthing more of these green gems are being eagerly watched from the Rand.

Sources of Rain.

The chief causes of rain are stated by F. A. Rollo Russell to be only four, and in a paper to the Royal Meteorological Society he describes the following: (1) The forced ascent of moist air by the slopes of mountains. (2) A mass of air invading rather suddenly another mass moving from an opposite direction and maintaining its flow below the opposing current which it displaces. (3) The ascent of more or less moist air through heavier and colder air to a height where condensation of vapor takes place, increased radiation of heat toward space directing electrical developments producing further condensation, increase of temperature and renewed ascent with the same result. (4) The mixture of currents of air from different directions.

Defences of Mexico.

Mexico is thinking about a new navy, is taking some of the preliminary steps and is also laying out quite extended plans of fortification to be carried on through a period of years as her finances will afford it. Her engineers are preparing plans for a modern fortress on San Juan Island, just outside of Vera Cruz harbor, a site now occupied by the old military prison, and it is expected that the work will be begun this year. Defences for other ports on gulf and Pacific coasts are also in contemplation and will be begun later, not because of any urgent present need of them, but to be ready and fitted up with all modern improvements in case they should at any time be wanted.

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