

What an opportunity for another set of war paintings Verestchagin has missed!

With Japan and Russia holding a gun at each ear, how can China help being neutral?

If you want to retain your faith in a critic you ought never to see the things he criticizes.

Judging from the way the czar is acting, there is nothing in that story of its being a borrowed boy.

There is a shortage of 40,000 servant girls in New York. Verily the policeman's lot is an unhappy one.

Now that he has a son and heir, the czar will be affectionately referred to by his faithful subjects as the old Nick.

The New York World says that "the poor consumer can never strike." Down this way he strikes many a snag.

How these flying machine inventors wish that they could hitch their aerial wagons to the soaring price of wheat.

The man who is fool enough to hunt "rabbits" is scarcely man enough to "see" it after his search has been reversed.

One of the leaders of Newport society has just given a "bal blanc." It is now up to her hated rival to give a colored dance.

It is quite evident that there is no "meat strike" in China, for we read that the dwager empire is reducing her household expenses.

The prehistoric animal whose tracks have been found leading out of New Jersey was probably trekking away from the mosquitoes.

During a fire in a New York hotel a woman dressed herself in less than fifteen minutes. The record will doubtless stand for eternity.

If the report that credits the sultan of Turkey with the ambition to outlive all his predecessors is justified, it may explain some things.

And now Mr. Charles M. Schwab comes forward with a declaration that he wants to die poor with significant and emphatic emphasis upon the "poor."

Realizing that a woman climber set upon a mountain top cannot be hid, Miss Peck of Boston shows no disposition to hide her light beneath a bush.

Now that he has taken up smoking, it is up to Edward Atkinson to invent a tobacco consumer that will give three times the smoke with half the material.

It was kind of the Kaiser to give his American-built yacht Meteor, of which he is tired, to the crown prince; but will she be fast enough for such a speedy youth?

Venezuela has entered suit against an asphalt company for 2,000,000 bolivars. The exact value of a "bolivar" is unknown to us, but we are always willing to learn.

A deaf and dumb man wants to be mayor of St. Paul. It might be a good thing for St. Paul to have such a mayor. The grafters would have to put their demands in writing.

In New Jersey a young woman is suing her guardian because he has not bought her a new hat in three years. It's certainly scandalous to keep a girl from going to church all that time.

King Edward would doubtless feelattered if he could know what faithful attention his double-breasted trousers are attracting in the editorial columns of the newspapers of the United States.

A man has been discovered in the south of France who remembers seeing Napoleon cross the Alps. Some day he will turn up some day who remembers seeing old Russell's Sage "come across."

Hazel Belle Melvin of Hudson, N. H., boasts of a hydrangea which was planted the day she was born and which now has 129 blossoms. But that doesn't give away the secret of Miss Hazel's age.

The Newport society leaders who are setting the fashion of short skirts for fall suits are probably indifferent to the fact that at last they are doing something that will meet with general popular approval.

The young Count von Arnim, just killed in battle with the natives of South Africa, once threatened his own people with a challenge to a duel, but as Bismarck was sensible the young man lived to die in the battle with the Hottentots.

Still, the action of the czar in issuing the manifesto providing that in case of his death before the czar's child attains his majority, the Grand Duke Michael shall become regent, does not prove conclusively that the emperor is going to the front.

Lillian Russell's pet spaniel has been presented with an \$1,000 collar by one of the lady's admirers. Certainly enough the dispatch falls to give the name of Miss Russell's new piece.

Another indubitable evidence of the hygienic properties of pure whisky is the discovery that the oldest man in the United States lives in Kentucky.

Hungary is becoming suspicious of the American prunes. The hungry hordes have looked askance at it since boardinghouses were established.

In this ungrateful age it is refreshing to read of the New York woman who dropped a purse containing \$500 and impulsively showed four nickels upon the newsboy who returned it.

Question: When a professional man, after long and strenuous striving finally gets an increase of salary ought he to inform his wife?

FIGHT CONTINUES

RESULTS, HOWEVER, ARE AS YET UNKNOWN.

RUSSIANS STUBBORNLY RESIST

Indications that the Russians are in a most serious position. Thrown into Great Confusion as They Attempt to Hurl the Russian Army.

TOKIO.—The fighting at Liao Yang was continued until a late hour Thursday.

It was resumed at dawn Friday.

The fate of the great bulk of the retreating Russian army hangs upon the bravery and fortitude of its left flank.

Before falling back General Kuropatkin intended that his left to the eastward and northward of Liao Yang should be greatly strengthened in the hope of checking General Kuroki's advance around his flank and to protect his line of retreat and communication.

The greatest part of this protecting force seems to have been massed in the neighborhood of Helyingtai, twelve miles north of Liao Yang, where he was recently assaulted by General Kuroki at 11 o'clock Thursday morning.

The result of this fighting is not known.

If Kuroki wins and strikes the flank of the retreating Russian army and reaches the railroad it will place the Russians in a most serious predicament.

Yesterday the Japanese managed to interfere seriously with the train service from Liao Yang. They used some guns captured from the Russians, together with some of their own, to bombard the railroad station at Liao Yang, thus preventing the entraining of Russian troops.

It is reported here that a conflagration is raging at Liao Yang.

The chief of staff of the center Japanese army, General Nodzu's, telegraphed early this morning, reported that the Japanese center was continuing to advance today, with the object of taking a line from Shichiyen to Liao Yang, and effecting a re-union with the Japanese left, commanded by General Oku.

Field Marshal Oyama's right attacked a heavy force of Russians in the vicinity of Helyingtai, twelve miles north of Liao Yang at 11 o'clock Thursday. His left began at dawn to press the Russians towards Tasho.

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Government to Make Medals.

PORTLAND, Me.—There will be a government mint in full operation at the Lewis and Clark exposition in the assurance given President H. W. Goode by Secretary Shaw of the treasury department. The visit of the exposition to the establishment of the mint will be the effect of the sanction to the establishment of the mint. The mint will be an active exhibit and will be placed where the processes of making money can be viewed by all. The plant will be complete in every detail.

Scheme for Killing Fails.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—A scheme for a "killing" on the fourth and sixth floors at Harlem went wrong at the last minute and the pool rooms of Texas, which numbered thousands of dollars, escaped through the mercy of the confederates, who seemed to have an abundance of money. Rag Tag was sent by wire tappers to the pool rooms as the winner of the fourth race and Boelle as the winner of the sixth. Neither won, although they were confirmed. Pool operators got suspicious and held bets.

Subway Muddle Yet Unsettled.

NEW YORK.—Another fruitless effort to settle the threatened trouble between the Interborough Rapid Transit and the city of New York was made by committees representing both interests. At the conclusion, which was held at the home of August Belmont, the announcement was made that no agreement had been reached. Mr. Belmont was of the opinion that the situation would be adjusted without serious trouble. Assistant Grand Chief Stone of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers thought differently.

Service to Extend Railroads.

BELGRADE, Serbia.—The government proposes to raise a loan of \$6,000,000 for purposes of extending the railway system of the kingdom.

United States Makes Protest.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The United States has protested to Russia against the seizure of the cargo of the British steamer Calchas, which was captured while bound for the coast of Japan by the Japanese fleet.

Protest Follows the Lines of the Case of the Portland and Asiatic liner Arabia, also seized by the Vladivostok squadron, in declining to recognize as a contraband character goods and foodstuffs, the ordinary course of trade and not designed for the use of belligerents.

French Count May Be Lost.

PARIS.—The officials here have almost given up hope of finding Lieutenant De Cuverville, the French naval attaché, who left Port Arthur in a junk with Lieutenant Gilheim, the German naval attaché, about the middle of August. He called to the authorities here August 15 that he was about to leave and that the American naval attaché, Lieutenant Newton A. McCully, had succeeded in getting out on a junk. De Cuverville has been heard of since starting. His family are greatly alarmed.

China Steps Work on Ships.

SHANGHAI.—The Chinese government, according to the demand of Japan, effected the stoppage of all repairs on the Russian protected cruiser Askold and the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi.

Russian Loss 3,000.

HARBIN, Manchuria.—The Russian losses in the fighting of August 25 and 26, east and south of Liao Yang, were 3,000 killed or wounded. The great majority of the casualties were sustained at Anping.

BIDS FOR LETTER BOXES.

Contractor Under Indictment Objects to Refusing the Contract.

WASHINGTON.—Bids were opened at the postoffice department for furnishing "street package and combination package and letter boxes," under the supervision of a special committee headed by Postmaster Hibbard of Boston.

Ex-Representative Lemuel E. Quigg of New York was present as attorney of Isaac S. McGehee of New York, who made a contract in the name of the Columbia Supply company in 1901 for furnishing such boxes, and who now claims the right to furnish them, and warned all bidders against making any bids. The government some time ago refused to receive any further supplies of this character from the Columbia Supply company.

McGehee, who is a New Yorker, and George H. Huntington, a clerk in his office, and former Superintendent of the free delivery service, were indicted in Washington for conspiracy and fraud in connection with the furnishing of these package boxes to the government.

RACE QUESTION THE ISSUE.

The South Wrought Up Against Roosevelt.

ESOPUS, N. Y.—Senator Asbury C. Latimer of South Carolina was the only political visitor at Rosemount.

After leaving Rosemount Senator Latimer said:

"I came to tell Judge Parker that the south stands ready to send a host of orators north to help in the campaign against Roosevelt. Every speaker in the south is prepared to assist in this work in the north. The south is soiling its name against republicanism as against the person, as against Roosevelt. The race question, as fathered by Roosevelt, will be the chief issue against him."

The announcement by David B. Hill of his contemplated retirement January 1, 1905, has caused much interest in Esopus today, but Judge Parker refused to comment on it.

INTENSE ANXIETY PREVAILS

Battle Now in Progress May Put an End to the War.

ST. PETERSBURG.—Early late Monday night the greatest uncertainty prevails regarding the actual situation at Liao Yang. There is intense anxiety for definite news from the front, but even the authorities are frankly ignorant as to whether or not the expected decisive action will be fought at Liao Yang or further north.

It is possible that a great battle is now proceeding and there are many indications that such is the case.

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CANNOT FIND RUSSIAN SHIPS.

British Cruisers Fail to Take Message to the Japanese.

LONDON.—The efforts of the British cruisers of the Cape of Good Hope squadron to establish communication with the Russian volunteer fleet steamers Smolensk and St. Petersburg have thus far failed. The admiralty received late Thursday afternoon a dispatch from Rear Admiral Thornford announcing that none of his ships had caught sight of or had heard by wireless telegraph from either of the Russian cruisers. He was directed to continue the search and another cruiser was ordered to report to him and join the search.

In Russian diplomatic circles it is said that it is not surprising that neither of the Russian cruisers had put into an African port to coal, for the reason that before they sailed Black Sea coilliers preceded them with instructions to transfer coal at certain specified points.

IS A GAME OF GIVE AND TAKE.

Fort Change Hands Repeatedly at Port Arthur.

CHIEF FOON.—A Chinese who lived near Foonlung declares that he saw the Russian occupation of Port Arthur from which previous reports stated that they had been driven. Probably both reports were correct at the time they were current, as semi-official advice state that many positions about the fortress change hands repeatedly.

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LEAVE LIAO YANG

RUSSIANS WITHDRAW TO THE LEFT BANK OF TAITSE RIVER.

ADVANCE OF THE JAPANESE

Kuroki's Army Crosses the River on Pontoon Bridge—Japanese Casualties Since August 25 Estimated at Ten Thousand.

TOKIO.—The Japanese left began pressing the Russians toward Tasho at dawn Friday morning. The Japanese right is engaged in the neighborhood of Helyingtai.

The Japanese casualties since August 25 are officially estimated at 10,000.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The news of the occupation of Liao Yang by the Japanese and the withdrawal of the Russian army to the right bank of the Taitse river reached only a small section of the people of St. Petersburg at a late hour and caused intense excitement and disappointment.

The majority of the inhabitants retired to rest believing that Russian arms had again been successful and that the Japanese attacks had been repelled. Ugly suspicions, however, have been rife during the day, owing to the absence of press telegrams from Liao Yang, leading to the belief that the communications had been cut by General Kuroki.

The following statement was obtained by the Associated Press from the war office at 10 o'clock Thursday night:

"General Kuroki's army crossed in force the right bank of the Taitse river, and it therefore became necessary for the Russians to be in a position to repel a blow in this direction."

"In view of this development in the operations General Kuropatkin decided to transfer his positions on the left bank and to concentrate his whole army on the other side of the river. This position is the strongest both in character and in site. The great issue will finally be decided there."

By withdrawing to this position, the Russian army avoids the necessity of being divided by the river and enjoys the advantage of compactness.

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THE SULTAN DEAD.

Former Turkish Ruler Passes Away at Constantinople.

CONSTANTINOPLE.—Former Sultan Murad V. died Wednesday of diabetes, from which he had long suffered.

It was reported in May last from Varna that Murad V., the thirty-third sovereign of the house of Osman, was dying and at the same time it was reported from the same source that his adherents all over Turkey, known as the young Turks, were secretly arming and only awaited the signal to rise in insurrection.