

LAPS JOKE AS WAR PROCEEDS

Little Brown Men Have Their Fun at Russia's Expense.

MOROSUS SIDE OF THE PRESENT WAR

Mistakes of the Enemy Afford Cause for Laughter and Zeal of Home Patriots is Subject for Merry Jest.

TOKIO, April 4.—The Japs are having their little jokes at the expense of the Russians. Here are representative specimens of their wit culled from various newspapers.

"The Russians in Port Arthur, hearing that we are celebrating our victories, are trying to get up a counter demonstration. They mean to have a celebration called 'The Celebration of Defeat.' They have sent out invitations to the czar's officers stating that the glorification will be held in one of the theaters. But the officers, on receiving their invitations, trembled with fear. They had enough of theaters when Port Arthur was attacked."

Americans who have kept up with the war news will have no difficulty in seeing the joke's point, but in order to understand the one following it is necessary to explain that the word "zenzho" means "total victory."

"The Russian battleships attacked our transports, Nokonoura Maru and Zensho Maru. They succeeded in sinking the Nokonoura Maru, but when the Zensho escaped they were greatly disappointed. The Russians now have no hope, because they let the Zensho escape."

Here is a fling at Viceroy Alexieff: "Alexieff questioned his subordinates as to why their defeat was so great, but no one could find a reason. Finally, when every officer had failed to make a report clearly explaining the cause, Alexieff drew this conclusion: 'Our forces are neither weak nor to blame. The extraordinary strength of the Japanese alone caused our defeat.'"

At Russia's Army.

Another witticism, which naively ends with "and the Russian officer had no other question to ask," runs in this manner: "The Russian civilians in Port Arthur were much excited since the war. They want to equip themselves with weapons of defense."

"You don't need to get excited," said an officer to them. "The Japs will never get into port."

"The civilians replied: 'If the Japanese are coming, we are at perfect peace. We are so worried because of their not coming.'"

"Why?" asked the officer.

"Because," answered the civilians, "in time of war nothing is more fearful than our own army."

The papers are also having their little laugh at the Japs who are contributing their jewelry to the government war fund.

"The peters, nobles and rich merchants give their gold watches, gold pipes and gold ornaments to the government, but a man who had no gold possessions remembered that he had gold in his teeth. Took it out and gave that to the war fund."

As a foreigner will be able to discover after a while, the point in this joke lies in the last five words.

"On the night of February 8, when our torpedo flotilla attacked Port Arthur, the Russian battleships attacked in turn and sunk three torpedo boats. The Russians were much gratified over the victory. They were proud that they could handle the big guns so skillfully. But when dawn came they found they had sunk their own boats."

WHEN THE BEAR WAS SKINNED

A Leaf from History Detailing What a Small Army Did to Russia.

MILITARY IMPORTANCE OF QUICK ACTION

How 8,000 Swedes Defeated Peter the Great and 80,000 Troops—Victory Not Always with the Strongest Numerically.

Will history repeat itself? The successes that have attended the arms of Japan in its struggle with Russia gives pertinency to a short account of how Charles XII, the young king of Sweden, at the head of a heroic little army of 8,000 loyal subjects, a little over 20 years ago, defeated Peter the Great and his army of 80,000 men.

History in this case, as in many others, proves that victory does not always attend the army numerically the strongest, but that success more often depends on resourcefulness, decision, quick action and its fact of knowing how and when to follow up advantages gained.

The founder of the Russian empire, Peter the Great, who formerly had been a conqueror, and he wanted a port on the east side of the Baltic, to facilitate the execution of his numerous schemes. He wanted the province of Ingeria, to the northeast of Livonia. The Swedes were in possession of it, and from them he resolved to take it by force.

A Fight to a Finish.

Realizing the danger which beset his country, Charles XII, who was fond of gayety and dress, resigned his magnificence and indulged no longer in sports and recreations, but henceforth never clad otherwise than as a common soldier.

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Time of Years Ago.

The all but forgotten incident that sixty-six years ago Russia began an invasion of Japan has been recalled by a bit of news from the island of Tsushima, which is in the Japan sea, about midway between Japan and Corea.

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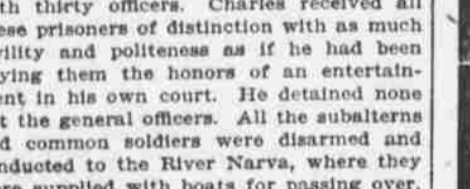
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