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BIRDS BRING NEWS

Messages from General Stoenel at Port Arthur Sent to New Chungwang by Pigeon

RUSSIANS WILL NOT DIVULGE CONTENTS

Say Information is Most Encouraging and Respects are Chivalrous

CHINESE MAGISTRATES ARE ARRESTED

Russians Charge Them with Furnishing Supplies to the Enemy

MUSCOVITES PRINTING CHINESE PAPER

War News Colored and Exaggerated in Order to Prejudice the Natives at Mukden Against the Japanese

NEW CHUNGWANG, June 5.—Sunday morning—Two carrier pigeons arrived yesterday noon from General Stoenel at Port Arthur. The Russians will not divulge the message carried by the birds, but declare they contain good information and are very cheerful since the pigeons arrived.

An Associated Press messenger from the north reports that the magistrates of Hui Cheng and Liao Yang, were recently arrested by the Russians and charged with furnishing supplies and information to the enemy. They were taken to Mukden, but released after an investigation. Influential natives declare that the arrests were not made because the Russians believed that they could prove the charges, but because the magistrates were noncommittal and refused to aid either side.

The Russians are printing a newspaper in Chinese at Mukden for the purpose of influencing the natives. The latest copy received at New Chungwang says that Japan attempted to float a second loan in America for \$3,000,000, but was coldly rejected. Other contents of the paper explain that the Russian loss in the Tula battle was due to the preponderance of Japanese cavalry and also that the Russians will soon dictate peace terms in Tokyo and that the leading Japanese statesmen will be reduced to ricksha coolies.

RUSSIANS ERECTING WIRELESS STATIONS

TOKIO, June 5.—(439 p. m.)—It is suspected here that the Japanese are erecting wireless stations communicating with points on the Chinese coast by means of wireless telegraphy. It was reported that a wireless station had been erected secretly at the village of Peh Wang, on Tahn Island, one of the Miao Tiao group, situated in Peh Chi Li Strait, and the Japanese navy minister visited the island yesterday to investigate. It did not, however, find anything. It is reported that another such station has been erected near Shan Hai Kwan, and the Japanese are investigating this matter.

Yesterday the Chinese steamed in close to Liao Shan promontory and discovered four masts and a watch house near the coast. One of these masts evidently was fitted for wireless telegraph operations. The Chinese reports having heard of serious explosions at Port Arthur and believe them to have resulted from blasting preparatory to the employment of new batteries.

Divers Searching for Mines.
The Japanese torpedo boat destroyer Kikuzuki yesterday discovered and exploded a large mine off Sun Shan Island, at the entrance to Taitienwan bay. The Japanese naval authorities engaged in clearing out the mines in the vicinity of Taitienwan bay are employing Japanese shell divers from Koshu for the purpose.

These divers volunteered for this work and a wonderful feat is said to be that with their diving apparatus they can stay under water for half a day at a time. Hundreds of Japanese fishermen are volunteering to assist in clearing away Russian mines and it is probable that some of them will be used for this work. These volunteers are taken to illustrate the unity of the Japanese people in the war.

RUSSIANS RETREAT BEFORE JAPS.

6 p. m.—The Japanese and Russian forces located north of Pulantien, which were in a series of battles during the early part of last week, had another encounter on Friday, June 5, near Chu Chia Tun. On that day the Japanese cavalrymen met the Russians at noon. The Russians numbered 500 men and were composed of infantry, detachments of cavalry, Russian artillery. They were pressing the Japanese cavalry when the Japanese assembled their entire force and engaged the enemy.

The Russians drew off gradually and at last past five in the afternoon they retreated to Telib. The Japanese lost four men killed and four wounded. A report has been received here from General Kuroki saying that on Friday last a detachment was dispatched from Al Tank Cheng (Al Yang Pionmen) to the northeast of Feng Wang Cheng, to make a reconnaissance toward Chalmat (Si Matel, thirty-five miles north of Feng Wang Cheng). The detachment encountered 400 Cossacks and after a brief engagement the Russians retreated.

General Kuroki reports that the Russian loss was heavy. The Japanese suffered one man killed and three wounded.

TWO ARMIES ARE NOW IN TOUCH

Japanese Said to Be Within Seven Miles of Port Arthur

CHEER POO, June 6.—(322 p. m.)—The Chinese army of the Liao Tung peninsula on June 2, according to Chinese who have arrived here from Dailu. The Japanese army, reinforced by the men who landed at Dailu, occupied Twing Ching and also Banching, several miles west of Dailu. They then proceeded along the coast toward Port Arthur. On one side of the army are high mountains and on the other side is the sea, from which the Japanese gunboats are supporting the flank of the army.

RUSSIAN GUNBOAT IS DESTROYED

Torpedoed Saturday by the Japanese at Port Arthur

TOKIO, June 6.—(11 a. m.)—The Russian gunboat Glik was torpedoed and destroyed at Port Arthur Saturday.

AWAITING BIG DEVELOPMENTS

Lack of News Indicates Something is Brewing

LONDON, June 5.—As the curtain is again drawn over the progress of the war, it is probable that important events are impending or about. The explosions heard at Port Arthur suggest that the Russians have renewed their attempts to remove obstructions in the mouth of the harbor. All kinds of rumors are current, few of which appear to have any reliable basis.

Various special correspondents in St. Petersburg report increasing depression in Russia over the situation at Port Arthur, and say that reports are in circulation as to dissensions between the generals and the highest officials over questions of policy and strategy.

The Daily Mail gives great prominence to a statement "from a Russian correspondent" declaring that Russia will stand or fall by Port Arthur as far as the government's prestige with the lower classes is concerned. "Internal troubles are inevitable," the correspondent says, "should the fortress fall. Count Lamasson, several wealthy Russian firms had their position in the command of the army is contemplated."

The St. Petersburg correspondent of Reuters' telegram agency says intense interest is taken in the restlessness of the Chinese. The Morning Post's St. Petersburg correspondent goes so far as to say that Russia is preparing to cope with a serious Chinese invasion.

A dispatch to the Standard asserts that no preparations have been made to organize a transport service down the Sungari and Amur rivers. Great indignation is felt that several wealthy Russian firms had "secretly assisted in the recent Japanese loan."

A dispatch to the Morning Post from Shanghai says that some of the warships at Port Arthur have been beached and their guns removed to the land works. Field Marshal Yamagata has been appointed viceroy of the territories Japan has occupied since the war began. This is the only reference this morning to the statement of the Daily Express Saturday morning that Field Marshal Yamagata had been appointed commander-in-chief of the Japanese army of invasion.

The Standard's Tien Tsin correspondent reports that the Russians are being gradually withdrawn northward, the Russians being aware that a strong force of Japanese is gathering in the passes northeast of Mukden.

GENERAL KUROKI HAS BEEN ILL

Information that He is Recovering from Fever

PARIS, June 5.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo says, according to information received here General Kuroki has suffered from a mild attack of typhus fever, but he has now recovered.

The general belief is that General Kuroki will not advance to the relief of Port Arthur. In any case orders to do so have not yet been transmitted.

It is rumored that the army corps of the short Japanese district will be mobilized shortly. I have reason to believe that two other army corps in the central districts will also be mobilized.

SIGNS OF BATTLE AT PORT ARTHUR

Heavy Explosions and Dense Smoke Reported by Tense

WASHINGTON, June 5.—The Japanese legation today received the following cablegram from the home government at Tokio, bearing on events at Port Arthur: "Admiral Togo reports that according to a message received by him through wireless telegraph from the captain of the Japanese battleship, which was cruising off Port Arthur, four masts, one with wireless telegraphic instruments and a sentry box, were seen on the top of Laotshan. Great explosions were heard and rising of dense smoke was observed repeatedly in the direction of Port Arthur during Saturday."

RUSSIAN FORCE IS REPULSED

Lost Two Hundred in Attack on the Japanese

LONDON, June 5.—The Daily Telegraph's Tien Tsin correspondent writes that 4,000 Russians belonging to General Stakelberg's brigade on May 31 attacked 1,500 Japanese occupying a position five miles south of Wafangdian, and were repulsed, losing 200 killed and 400 wounded. The Japanese lost more than 100 killed.

BOY WITH BALL STARTS RIOT

Four Men Wounded and Fourteen Others Are Arrested as a Result

NEW YORK, June 5.—A boy with a baseball started a riot near No. 42, North River, today, as the result of which four Italians received bullet wounds and were taken to the hospital and fourteen of their countrymen are under arrest.

The boy threw a ball at a group of 150 Italian coal passers, who were leaving the pier, and it struck one of the men on the leg. The Italian drew a stiletto and ran after the boy, but was caught by a policeman. The Italian then knocked the policeman down and other policemen charged the crowd. Both sides drew revolvers and four Italians were wounded. The others were driven aboard the Cunard liner Slavonia. Owing to the fact that the Italians threw their revolvers into the sea as soon as the chambers were emptied none were found on the prisoners, but every man had a stiletto and some of them had two. One policeman was seriously hurt. It is thought the wounded Italians will recover.

ST. LOUIS CURFEW CONGRESS

Great Britain, Germany, France, Japan and Other Countries to Send Delegates

CINCINNATI, June 5.—Alexander Hoge, president of the National Curfew association, who is now on a campaign in this city, has received from President Mason of the St. Louis Curfew association a large amount of correspondence from executives of states and ambassadors of foreign nations in relation to delegates to the World's International Curfew congress in Festival hall, St. Louis exposition, July 27. The executive of each state will send delegates. Among the foreign nations heard from favorably are Great Britain, Germany, France, Japan, Denmark, Mexico and Cuba.

Ambassador Meyer Leaves Rome

ROME, June 5.—United States Ambassador Meyer paid a farewell visit to Foreign Minister Tittoni and afterwards left Rome on his summer vacation, most of which will be spent in the United States.

CURE-ALLS MAY ADVERTISE

Postoffice Does Not Propose to Prevent Humsonging

WASHINGTON, June 5.—(Special.)—A great deal of misstatement has been published recently concerning the intention of the postoffice department toward certain medical preparations extensively advertised in the newspapers.

A few months ago the health department of the city of Salt Lake City caused analysis to be made of many of the "patent" medicines offered for sale in the drug stores of that city, and the results of the Salt Lake City reports were sent to the postoffice department here, and they showed that some of the most widely advertised preparations have little or no medical value. Later other cities followed the lead of Salt Lake City, and similar reports were received from them.

The department realizes that a very large proportion of the population prefers to be fooled rather than to be deprived of the privilege of buying cure-alls. It is not, nor has it ever been the intention of the department to interfere with remedies of this character, even though the manufacturers at times have the nerve to charge \$1 for 1 cent's worth of drugs.

The advertiser who desires to have his portrait printed with a certificate of the cure of a disease which he never had may still do so without danger of depriving the newspaper which published his picture of the privilege of the mails.

But there is a certain class of advertisers who have sprung up like mushrooms lately and who approach very closely to the borders of obscenity in their advertising matter. Scores of reputable newspapers have refused to admit this class of advertising to their columns. But there are less conscientious, and it is these which the department propose to reach. Within the past year Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Clegg, has published, will bring about deprivation of mail privileges to publishers, and the advertisers will, in addition, find all mail matter addressed to them withheld.

The power is vested in the department and it will be exercised. The man who can be cured of the mulberry by a box of bread pills will still enjoy the privilege of reading his favorite literature and the advertiser who accommodates him will not be deprived of his inalienable right to humbug the public, providing he commits no direct offense against decency.

Chance for Some Fighting.

With a clean bill of health, so far as diplomatic relations with all South America, Europe and Asia are concerned, it seems likely that the United States will once more clash arms with northern Africa. Within the past year Secretary of State has demonstrated very forcibly to the sultan of Turkey that American citizens will be protected, no matter where they may be or what may have been the country of their nativity. Today he has taken steps to convince the sultan of Morocco that the naval demonstration at Beirut will be repeated at Tangier unless the safety of Ion Perdicaris is assured.

Already the United States has a squadron on the scene capable of demolishing the Moroccan city, and other vessels are on the way thither, which will give this country a force of blue jackets and marines numbering about 5,000, and fit to cope with five times that number of the Africans.

In the meantime negotiations are pending between the representatives of France and the United States, and it is believed, will result in the heavy cooperation of the French with the force of the United States. France has established a virtual protectorate over Morocco, which makes her morally responsible for the life and liberty of the foreigners within the borders of the sultan's dominions, and France is apparently willing to acquiesce in the plans of this country to secure the safety of the captured American and his foster son. An official of the State department said today: "There is a perfect accord between this government and that of France to all appearances, and the latter agrees that this country has an absolute right to land forces upon the soil of Morocco for the purpose of protecting the lives of our citizens. If it is found necessary to do so, it will be found that France will offer no protest."

The administration is not disposed to show its hand, however, and beyond the fact that a very large fleet has been ordered to Tangier, no official statement is given out officially as to the program to be followed. There will be no more of the Miss Stone foolishness. Perdicaris may be ransomed, but if the Bandit Raisuli is enriched through his seizure of the American gold which will line his coffers.

Owing to the absence of the members of the British Embassy it cannot be learned positively what steps have been taken by England toward securing the safety of Cromwell Varley, but should it be deemed necessary and his father on his way home and stoned them, whereupon young McCormick fired, shooting Wade through the heart and Blackwell through the lungs. McCormick was arrested today.

LIBERTY BELL AT MILWAUKEE

Viewed by Several Thousand Persons, Including a Large Number of School Children

MILWAUKEE, June 5.—The Liberty bell reached Milwaukee today on a special train over the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, and it was scheduled to arrive at 10 o'clock. It was viewed during its stay at about two and one-half hours by several thousand persons, including a large number of school children. There was no formal program. The train proceeded on its preliminary northwestern tour about 10 a. m., stops being made at Watertown, Portage, Sparta, La Crosse and Minnesota points.

Movements of Ocean Vessels June 5.

At New York Arrived: Celtic, from Liverpool and Queenstown; Slavonia, from Trieste and Gibraltar; Umbria, from Liverpool and Queenstown.

At Liverpool Arrived: Etruria, from New York; Parisien, from Montreal.

At Montreal Arrived: Friedrich der Grosse, from New York.

At Glasgow Arrived: Laurentia, from New York.

At Rotterdam Arrived: Rotterdam, from Rotterdam.

At Liverpool Arrived: Campania, from Liverpool.

At New York Arrived: Bark Annie Johnson, from Honolulu.

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JACKSONIANS ARE DISTURBED

Wrought Up Over Gambling Suit Filed Against Them and Its Publication

Members of the Jacksonian club continued in commotion yesterday over the suit filed against the club in federal court, charging that through the regular allowed gambling adjacent maintained by the club at least one individual, Robert G. Ross, has been fleeced out of \$2,000. The most conspicuous feature yesterday seemed to be the fact that the World-Herald, whose editors are members of the club, sought to suppress the news story by reducing it to a six-line item stuck in an obscure corner of the paper.

"This thing is likely to smash the Jacksonian club," remarked a member yesterday morning in a downtown barber shop. "If it does not smash it, it will have the effect of driving a lot of church-going members away, who have resented association with poker gamblers from the start. The 'kitty' is doomed to exile, no matter what happens."

Another Jacksonian discussing the affair with evident disgust, said: "It is a singular fact that of all the presidents of this club from Mahoney down to Hipple and Weaver, the only one who ever gazed the poker tables was I. J. Dunn, now posing as a reformer and tiger exterminator."

One of the members who is made a defendant in this suit, said he had not been in the rooms for three years. Evidently he sat down at the table just at the wrong time.

Another feature of the exposure brought out by the suit that caused comment was the fact that in the recent proclamation of the Civic Federation addressed to Chief of Police Donahue enumerating the gambling resorts said to have been uncovered by the detectives, the Jacksonian club was in the original copy but struck out by the lawyers who prepared the document, who were none other than Elmer E. Thomas, T. J. Mahoney and I. J. Dunn, either members of the Jacksonian club or closely associated with it and evidently bent on protecting the political gambling resort by accusing Chief Donahue of protecting others said to exist.

MANY MAIMED IN STREET CAR

Brakebeam Breaks and Allows the Car to Run Away Down a Steep Hill

BURLINGTON, Ia., June 5.—A heavily loaded street car rushed down Valley street hill this afternoon and wrecked against a shade tree. The passengers jumped as the car flew along, sixteen persons being badly injured. Mrs. Joseph Robins was killed. Several had arms and legs broken and many were cut about the head and shoulders.

The brakebeam on the open car broke just as the car was beginning to descend. The car dashed down the hill incline with frightful speed and at the foot of the hill jumped the track and crashed into a shade tree. The car was crowded with people who began to jump as soon as the danger became apparent. The injured were strewn on both sides of the track down the entire length of the hill.

MORMON WOMEN PULL OUT

Members of Salt Lake Club Take Unbrave at Resolution Passed at St. Louis Meeting

SALT LAKE CITY, June 5.—As a result, it is said, of an alleged anti-Mormon resolution passed by the General Federation of Women's Clubs in biennial session at St. Louis a few weeks ago, the Authors' club of this city, composed chiefly of Mormon women, has resigned from the federation. The resolution in question was proposed by Mrs. Frederick Schott of Pennsylvania. In effect it declared against any woman's club affiliating with any sect, the doctrines of which are "inimical to the principles of the United States or opposed to the principles of American womanhood."

GUN ENDS A LONG QUARREL

Victims Waylay Enemy and Stone Him and as Result Both Are Shot Dead

LEXINGTON, Va., June 5.—Edward McCormick, a young farmer of Brownburg, sixteen miles from Lexington, was shot and instantly killed John W. Wade and Arthur Blackwell. The shooting was the result of bad feeling which has existed between the men for three years. It is asserted that McCormick had been drinking and waylaid McCormick and his father on their way home and stoned them, whereupon young McCormick fired, shooting Wade through the heart and Blackwell through the lungs. McCormick was arrested today.

CAPTAIN SINKS WITH BARGE

Collision During Fog Off Massachusetts Coast Results in Death and Loss of Boat

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., June 5.—The barge Liberty, of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal company, was sunk off Vineyard sound tonight during a dense fog early today, through a collision with the steamer Tallahassee, Savannah, for Boston. Captain Burroughs of the barge was drowned. The Tallahassee was saved from sinking by its water tight compartments and arrived here this evening. Its passengers will be sent to Boston by rail.

CITY BEGINS ITS CELEBRATION

Northampton Observes Its Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary with Impressive Ceremonies

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., June 5.—The city began today a celebration of the 250th anniversary of the settlement of the town of Northampton, with religious services in its sixteen churches. The guests of the celebration included John L. Bates and staff, former Secretary of the Navy John D. Long, and S. S. Campion, the latter representing the city of Northampton, England.

LEAPS FROM A CAR WINDOW

Cripple Arrested on Charge of Murder Escapes from His Captors in Missouri

CARBONDALE, Ill., June 5.—Curtis McLain, a cripple, wanted at Caruthersville, Mo., and arrested on a charge of murder, made his escape through the car window by jumping from a rapidly moving train. He has not been recaptured and all trace of him has been lost. He is charged with having beaten his victim and then cut his throat.

RIOT INSTEAD OF BULL FIGHT

Incensed Mob Fires World's Fair Building at St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, June 5.—Incensed over their failure to see a "genuine Spanish bull fight," which the authorities had ordered stopped, a riot was started in an arena near the World's Fair grounds this evening by a crowd of 3,500 men and boys who were unable to get their money back and the building was burned to the ground. The price of admission charged was \$1. Four men were placed under arrest by the authorities of St. Louis county, charged with the destruction of property.

The crowd, thinking these men were connected with the show, made an attempt to mob them and in their encounter with the deputy sheriffs a number were roughly handled and some received scalp wounds. The crowd is said to have cost \$2,500. It is a total loss with no insurance.

The initial performance by the company of Spanish bull fighters had been advertised widely for today, but Governor Dockery, to whom numerous protests had been made by religious and human societies, ordered that it should not be allowed to take place. Despite these orders a large crowd assembled in the arena at the advertised time of opening.

Before the regular performance a number of cowboys drove in some bulls which they ran around the arena in true wild west style. The crowd soon became tired of this and called for the bull fight.

The bull fight was stopped. The announcement was then made that the bull fight would be proceeded with. As the matadors came into the ring, a courtly officer stepped out to the announcer and handed him a paper, informing him that the proposed show could not take place. When this became known to the crowd they leaped into the arena and demanded the return of their money. Failing to get this, they rushed to the office, which was located in a small building outside the arena, and began to stone the structure.

This was followed by attempts to burn the arena, which is an immense building constructed of pine. Bits of burning paper were thrown at the woodwork and finally some went inside and dropped a lighted match in a pile of hay under the arena. The whole structure was soon on fire and before long was in ruins.

A call was made for the fire department, but the single engine that responded stuck in the mud and there was nothing to stop the flames. The fire department of the World's Fair was called out to protect the exposition buildings, should it become necessary, but as the wind blew in another direction there was no danger.

TROOPS ARE TO BE WITHDRAWN

Sheriff at Ireton, Ohio, Says He and Deputies Are Able to Preserve Order

IRETON, O., June 5.—While there is no change tonight at the Hanging Rock furnace as far as the settlement of differences is concerned, martial law will soon end. Sheriff Payne today wired Governor Herrick as follows:

"Barred any demonstration today or tonight on the part of the troops at Hanging Rock may be safely withdrawn tomorrow. Affairs being in charge of Adjutant General Critchfield, that officer will tomorrow order the withdrawal of troops. Sheriff Payne said tonight that he would follow the suggestions of Adjutant General Critchfield and exercise the power conferred on him by Judge Blair to appoint deputies after the removal of the troops, maintaining guards in such numbers as may be necessary."

WOMAN AND JEWELS TAKEN

Police Believe They Have Partner of Clara Leach, a Notorious Diamond Thief

KANSAS CITY, June 5.—A woman, who is said by the police to be a partner of Clara Leach, whose name several years ago was connected with a \$2,000 diamond robbery in Baltimore, is under arrest here. Her picture is in the rogues' gallery, and she has gone under the name of Bertha Davis. Bertha McConnell and Bertha Gilbert, she and William Gilbert, who was with her, are being held for investigation. Jewelry and goods to the value of several hundred dollars found in their rooms were confiscated by the police.

SPANISH DISTRICT UNITED STATES

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La Correspondencia de Espana gives a rumor that an exchange of notes is taking place among the European chancelleries with a view to obtaining an assurance that American action will be confined strictly to measures for securing the liberation of the captives.

ZIONISTS IN CONVENTION

Over One Hundred New Organizations Are Formed in the United States

CLEVELAND, June 5.—The Federation of American Zionists held two sessions today and listened to reports and addresses by officers and prominent delegates. The report of the president was read by a proxy, the president, Prof. Gotheil, being ill and unable to attend convention. The secretary's report showed 119 new organizations formed during the last year in the United States.

A mass meeting was held tonight in Gray's armory, 2,500 people being present. The principal address was by Joseph Cowen of London, governor of the Jewish Jewish colonial trust. He suggested that every Jew in the world become a citizen of the new Jewish colonies.

It is expected that officers will be elected tomorrow. The two most prominent candidates for president are Dr. Harry Friedenwald of Baltimore and Cyrus L. Sabersberger, who has the support of the Pennsylvania Swedish Lutheran synod.

LINDSBURG, Kan., June 5.—The feature of the Augustana synod of the Swedish Lutheran church of North America, in session here today, was the ordination of a class of twenty-nine young men for the mission service. Addresses were made by Dr. E. Morlius, president of the synod, Dr. C. L. Lyndberg of Rock Island, Ill., and Dr. L. A. Johnson of St. Paul, Minn. Tonight a young people's rally was addressed by Dr. Ewald of Chicago and Rev. C. J. Petri of Minneapolis.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Fair Monday and Tuesday.

Hour.	Temp.	Hour.	Temp.
5 a. m.	55	1 p. m.	63
7 a. m.	54	3 p. m.	60
9 a. m.	53	5 p. m.	58
11 a. m.	52	7 p. m.	56
1 p. m.	51	9 p. m.	54
3 p. m.	50	11 p. m.	52
5 p. m.	50		

WAR LESSONS FOR THE WORLD

Military Men Anxiously Watching the Developments at Port Arthur

PARIS, June 5.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—A siege of Port Arthur will not only be an event of great importance for the opposing armies, but an episode of the highest interest from a military point of view, in view of what it will show may be expected in the way of resistance from a modern and perfect manner, both as regards fortifications and armament. The lessons learned will doubtless be less conclusive, as regards the attack. The Japanese generals appear to hold the principle that they must never consider it a moral obligation to spare the lives of their soldiers even when the sacrifice is not imperatively necessary. Because of this, the high incidence of death we must therefore expect hordes of slain without precedent in Europe.

When an army wants to capture a place it can do so in two ways—by a regular siege or by an irregular attack consisting in taking it by surprise or by main force, or by obtaining its surrender by simply bombarding it. It is clear that Port Arthur will be attacked by besieging, inasmuch as the first siege, that of investment, has already begun. General Stoenel in order to retard its accomplishment had concentrated everything on discouraging his adversary by opposing an impassable barrier on the isthmus which terminates the peninsula of Kwang Tung, but he did not succeed. Let us say in passing that his failure was due in greater part to the unexpected partialing of the gunboats which took the defenders of Nanshan in the flank. It is probable that new lines of defense will be made use of by the Russians before the investment properly so-called is complete.

But the attacking force must first capture the advanced first line of resistance before entering upon the third and last phase of a regular attack on the position. The problem for them then will be to approach on different points and by night, doubtless with strong columns well provided with artillery and howitzers, as to leave the defenders uncertain as to the real point of attack and to make an assault through a breach opened in the scene where the firing will have been temporarily suspended.

While awaiting the development of these events around Port Arthur, the two opposing armies in Manchuria are engaged in incessant outpost skirmishes, and the Cossacks in Korea are pushing their southward march, menacing more and more the district of Ping Yang.

AMERICAN FLEET REASSURING

People at Tangier Feel Safe While It Is Near

LONDON, June 5.—The Times correspondent at Tangier under date of June 5 says the sultan's authorization to comply with Raisuli's demands cannot be received for day or two. If the sultan finally acquiesces in the demands the release of the captives may be expected shortly, but that by no means settles the situation, for having twice succeeded in defying Europe and the sultan, Raisuli's success will tempt him to attempt to do so again.

The presence of the American fleet affords a temporary feeling of security, but the moment the fleet is withdrawn, unless some permanent form of protection is substituted, the danger will become greater than before. The European population is grateful to the Americans for having promptly sent warships. Full confidence is felt that the American government will not withdraw them until some guarantee is given that Europe recognizes the situation and demands energetic action.

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