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The Japanese official reports of the actions near Hai-Cheng and Liao-Yang on July 30, 31 and August 1 placed their losses at 1,830 men killed or wounded. Eight guns, a large quantity of stores, ammunition and equipments and about 200 prisoners were taken.

Russian advices say that in these three days of fighting the casualties did not exceed 4,000. The divisions commanded by General Herschmann, east of Liao-Yang, and by General Zassilich, near Si-Mu-Cheng, suffered most severely.

A Russian refugee arriving at Port Arthur said that only one of the outer forts remained in possession of the garrison. The story of enormous Japanese losses apparently was based on an estimate in a newspaper published at the fortress.

RUMOR OF NEW BATTLE. Japanese Said to Have Moved on Main Russian Position.

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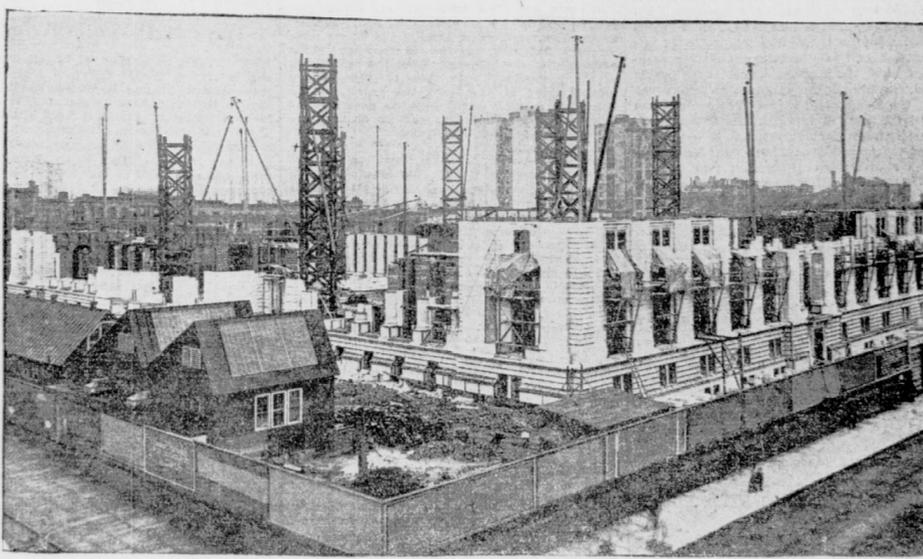
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Ex-Police Commissioner of Hartford Shot by Former Servant.

Hartford, Conn., Aug. 5.—Henry Osborne, a former police commissioner and one of the leading business men of this city, was murdered by his former body servant, Joseph Watson, a negro, to-day.

The murderer was found this evening hiding under a bed in the basement of the Osborne home, No. 23 Capitol ave., after a search for him had been made in all sections of the city.

Outside the house at the time the murderer was found were gathered fully a thousand persons, and as Watson, heavily manacled, was taken down the steps to the police patrol wagon the air resounded with cries of "Kill him!" "Lynch him!" from the crowd, which surged in toward the officers as if it desired to take the prisoner.

As the wagon started toward the police station the crowd, which was rapidly increasing in size, swarmed after it, a wildly demonstrative mass of humanity, presenting a spectacle like of which has never been seen here before, and has hardly been duplicated under like circumstances in New-England.

At the police station the scene was even more striking, for people almost fought among themselves to get a glimpse of Watson, and it was only by the greatest effort on the part of many officers that the crowd was kept from forcing its way into the guard room.

Watson is only eighteen years old, and is unrepentant in appearance. He did not quail, even when face to face with the crowd, which seemed so anxious to avenge the murder.

When brought into the police station he was asked several questions, and without hesitancy answered them. He said he killed Mr. Osborne, "I had it in for him, and I killed him," said Watson. "I am not afraid to die, and I am satisfied, now that I killed him." He then described in detail the killing, after which he was locked up.

Mr. Osborne was killed by Watson out of revenge for being discharged as valet on July 15. He went to the Osborne house to commit the murder and not to rob, as it was first supposed.

Mr. Osborne's family were at their summer cottage at Crescent Beach, near New-London, but Mr. Osborne slept at home each night. Watson says that he got into the house by a key last night and went to bed in the basement. Mr. Osborne was in bed at the time.

Watson intended to commit the deed early, but he slept late, and so was unable to get into the upstairs bedroom while its occupant was asleep.

This explains how it was that Mr. Osborne was killed while in his night robe. As Watson went upstairs he heard Mr. Osborne stirring about, and met him at the bathroom door, firing one shot. Mr. Osborne ran into his bedroom, leaving a trail of blood on the floor. The negro followed, and twice more shot at Mr. Osborne, both bullets taking effect. The wounded man must have undergone terrible agony, as powder marks on his face and body indicate that the negro stood right over him as he fired the second and third shots.

It was just at this point that the first linking of the tragedy reached the neighbors, for with the pistol shots were heard the words, "Save me." The sound of the shots and the words of the victim were heard by several persons on the street, and some one ran for a policeman. Sergeant Dietrich, with several officers, rushed to the house and forced an entrance. Mr. Osborne was found stretched at full length on the floor of the hall on the second story, a pool of blood being at his side. He was faint, but managed to say to the officer that Joe, the negro, had shot him, and that there was no cause for it. Dr. E. C. King, a neighbor, ordered the removal of the wounded man to the hospital, but Mr. Osborne died just after reaching that institution.

Mr. Osborne was prominent in social and municipal life, and his death is considered a great loss to the city. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter, the son being employed in the office of the Dunham Hosiery Company, of which Mr. Osborne was secretary. Two relatives of the family left Hartford this morning for Crescent Beach, where the family was spending the summer, and conveyed the news of the tragedy to them. Mr. Osborne's family reached Hartford late this afternoon.

OPPOSITION WALKS OUT. Unusual Display of Bad Feeling in House of Commons.

London, Aug. 5.—There was an extraordinary scene in the House of Commons this afternoon. In the course of the discussion in committee stage of a bill designed to frustrate the devices of the Welsh county councils which are trying to refuse to carry out the Education act. Premier Balfour moved the closure, but on division the Opposition members, raising a storm of uproarious protest, refused to record their votes, and the chairman of the committee named a number of members to the Speaker.

After a heated discussion, amid renewed uproar and cries of "Shame!" almost the entire Opposition, led by Messrs. Asquith and Herbert Gladstone and Sir Charles Dike, left the House as a protest against the closure. The bill was then passed in the presence of full Ministerial benches, six members of the Opposition and a few Irish members.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

All Sunday trains via Pennsylvania Railroad will stop at North Asbury Park. No stops will be made at Interden, Glad.

EIGHT BATHERS DROWNED. Man and Seven Children Lost—Stepped Off Bar Into Channel.

Alton, Ill., Aug. 5.—While bathing in the Mississippi River to-night Michael Riley, his daughter and six of her little girl friends were drowned. One child who was in the party was rescued. Riley lived near the river in the southern part of the city, and was accustomed to bathe on the beach in front of his home after his return from work. To-night his little daughter begged to go up with him, and Riley took her and seven of her girl friends to the beach with him.

When they entered the water, Riley bade the children join hands, and they all waded into the river and walked along a sand bar, which stretched out into the stream at that point. They had gone some distance from the shore when suddenly the whole party disappeared beneath the water, having in the darkness stepped from the sand bar into the deep channel.

The children struggled and screamed, fighting desperately to reach the sandbar, where the water was only a foot or so deep. Riley, who is said to have been a good swimmer, is thought to have been made helpless by the girls clinging to him, hampering his efforts to save them.

The only one in the party to regain the sandbar was Mary Timmy, eight years old. The child is unable to tell how she saved herself. Riley was thirty-two years old, and the ages of the children drowned ranged from eight to fourteen years. Four of the bodies have been recovered.

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New-Brunswick, N. J., Aug. 5.—Sophie Bunoeki has brought suit for breach of promise of marriage against "John Doe." The plaintiff says she has always known the defendant as "Steve" and never learned his family name. The suit will be tried at the approaching term of court.

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BOLT MARKS WITH CROSS. Burns It on Man's Back in Jersey Thunderstorm.

Morristown, N. J., Aug. 5.—Abbett Parker was struck by lightning this afternoon, and the fire burned a perfect cross, on which some profess to trace the outlines of the figure of Christ, on his back. The bolt appears to have hit the young man well down in the back, and from this in a half circle radiate the little red waves which mark most cases of being struck by lightning. Up the spine rises the cross. It is about five inches long, and the proportions of the top part and the arms are almost perfect. So marked was the cross and so perfect that when Parker was taken into All Souls' Hospital the doctors had a discussion while working over him as to whether it was caused by the lightning or had been tattooed in the flesh and the lightning had struck at its foot. It developed later that the back had been devoid of all marks before the bolt hit the young man. Parker is recovering and will probably be all right in a day or so.

RECEIVER FOR VIRGINIA EFFIGY. Florida Mob Incensed by Reprieve for Murderer.

Punta Gorda, Fla., Aug. 5.—There was great indignation here to-day when it became known that Governor Jennings had revoked the death sentence of Isaiah E. Cooper, convicted of the murder of City Marshal Bowman of this town. A large crowd soon gathered, and an effigy bearing the names of Governor Jennings and Cooper was hung and shot full of holes with revolvers by the angry crowd.

GENERAL GRANT TO COMMAND HERE. Funston Going to the Department of the Lakes.

Washington, Aug. 5.—The recent order assigning General Funston to command the Department of the East was modified by the War Department to-day, and he will go to Chicago instead, relieving General F. D. Grant of command of the Department of the Lakes. General Grant will go to the Department of the East, with headquarters at Governor's Island, General Williams is assigned to command of the Department of the Columbia, vacated by General Funston. The changes will take effect on October 1.

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