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RUSSIA IS HIT ANOTHER BLOW

Rome Dispatches State Russians Harry Crager Found Dead in His Met Crushing Defeat.

London, June 1 .- A special dispatch

All Russian positions east of Hai Ching have been abandoned, according to the telegram, several guns having been taken and whole squadrons of Cossacks captured.

It is barely possible that the news ing reported in last night's dispatches from Liao Yang and St. Petersburg. These did not indicate a general engagement, but showed a series of sharp engagements had taken place east of Simatszi, lasting from the morning of May 27 until daylight on May 30, which resulted in severe losses on both sides and the retirement of the Russians upon Simatszi. The latter place is 35 miles north of Feng Wang Cheng.

PORT ARTHUR ATTACK BEGUN.

Indianapolis, June 1.-A special Indianapolis News at Chefoo, dated town June 1, says:

The Japanese land attack on Port Arthur was begun yesterday morning. Russian forces that were driven southward from Dalny and Kin Chou by the Japanese are assisting the garrison at Port Arthur and the Russian navy has joined in the movement to repulse the

There may be several days of skirmishing and outpost work before the Russian city is taken, but it is the opinion of refugees who have arrived here that the Russians must eventually succumb to overwhelming numbers. Dalny, Kin Chon, Talien Wan and Nan Shan have already fallen before the

Old machines exchanged. See us at Shan Tung promontories, where she is being guarded by torpedo boats.

ORANGE HAS

Palatial Home.

Orange, Texas, June 1 .- Mr. Harry from Rome says a telegram has been Crager, age 42, a leading merchant and received there from Tokio, reporting managing owner of the big Crager that General Kuroki has completely Bros.' store here, shot himslf through defeated General Kuropatkin's forces the right temple, dying instantly, some near Sumintza (probably Simatsza or time between 10 and 11:30 o'clock this morning.

He left a note as follows:

"My brain is a mental wreck; don't know what ails me.

(Signed)

Mr. Crager was a hard worker and for the past twelve months has been received in Rome refers to the fight- | carrying an extra heavy load of business worry. His mother, to whom he was much attached, died quite recently, and this is said to have something to do with this act.

> He had been unwell for several days and plainly showed that he was suffering from both mental and bodily ill health.

He was a prominent Mason and Knights of Pythias.

He is alderman from the Second ward in the present city council and president of the fire department.

He was one of Orange's most prominent and progressive citizens and his cable from a staff correspondent of the death will prove a great loss to the

> He leaves a wife, formerly Miss Freda Rubenstein of Shreveport,] three sons, one daughter and four brothers, two here, one in New York, and one in Houston.

> He had been alone in his palatial home except for servants since 9 a. m., and when his wife returned at 11:30 from shopping she discovered his dead body on the bed.

> No arrangements for the funeral have yet been made.

JAPANESE BATTLESHIP AGROUND.

S. Petersburg, June 1.-An unconfirmed report has reached here from Muyden that the Japanese battleship is aground of the Miao Tao islands, between the Wwan Kung and

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