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JAPAN'S VICTORY.

Chinese Accidentally Loses the Chen Yuen

THE FINEST BATTLESHIP

In Her Navy—The Boat was Blown Up by Her Own Torpedoes—Japanese Advance on Port Arthur in the Interest of Peace.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The Chinese have lost the finest and most powerful vessel of their navy, the great battleship Chen Yuen, which stood the brunt of the fighting at Yalu. The cable received at the navy department today states that the Chen Yuen in leaving Wei Hai Wei harbor, on the 18th inst., accidentally struck a torpedo. She was beached but was rendered useless for lack of docking facilities. In despair at the catastrophe, the commander, Commodore Lin, committed suicide.

The Chen Yuen was a magnificent fighting machine, very much like our own battleship Maine. She was built in Europe, in 1882, and was of 7,450 tons displacement. It would seem that the ship fell a victim to one of the torpedoes planted by the Chinese themselves to guard the entrance of Wei Hai Wei, which was the last of the great naval strongholds of the empire save Port Arthur, now tottering to its fall. It was well that Commodore Lin committed suicide, for he would doubtless have been decapitated as the result of his error. It is believed here this loss has deprived the Chinese navy of its offensive power. There remains the Ting Yuen, a powerful battleship, and a few lesser torpedo boats, but without the aid of the Chen Yuen they would hardly be able to make an offensive campaign and probably will remain in port to assist in the defense.

The departure of the Chinese customs chief for Japan is regarded by officials here as the result of a Japanese demand for a direct offer from China. The Da Ting mentioned in the cable is said to be Dietrich, a German, who occupies the position of commissioner of customs. That he should be sent as the peace envoy is accounted for by officials on the ground that an indemnity would probably be secured on the customs receipts of China. It has been one of Japan's contentions that she would expect to receive the customs receipts of the big Chinese ports in case an indemnity was arranged.

It is said the Chinese envoy will probably be the guest of United States Minister Dun at Tokio. Chinese officials have been accorded every courtesy. The advance on Port Arthur is regarded as being an important step in the peace negotiations. Lieutenant Miyota, naval attaché of the Japanese legation here, says the advance movement has been most cautious, as the ground for forty miles around Port Arthur has been found fairly alive with powder mines connected with electric wires to Port Arthur.

Three days ago, the Japanese were within a day's march of the fortress, but it was necessary to send a small scouting party to pick a route away from the mines and electric wires. The regular roads cannot be used for the artillery, as it would have been blown up, and accordingly the big guns have to be moved in circuitous routes through woods and morasses. It is regarded as likely this cautious march will have been completed today, and the Japanese legation is hourly expecting word that the decisive blow has been struck, though a long siege may be necessary, as the fortress has one of the strongest defenses of modern times. It is believed that a Japanese success would quickly close the peace negotiations, but that a repulse would impel China to hold off.

CHINA'S OFFER. WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—In accordance with the suggestion of Japan the state department has notified Minister Dun at Tokio and Denby at Peking to transmit a direct offer China may wish to make to Japan.

The Chinese delegation here is not notified as to what course its government will take. The associated press cable from Japan, states, however, that China has intimated her willingness to pay an indemnity of one hundred million taels, in addition to the war expenses incurred by Japan. As the war expenses will reach one hundred and fifty million taels, the total offer of China would be two hundred and fifty million taels. A tael is a Chinese silver coin worth about 75 cents at the present rate of exchange. It is believed here that arrangements between the two nations could be effected on terms providing for smaller war indemnity. The diplomats say that under ordinary circumstances it would take some time for China to formally present its offer to Minister Denby, but as the Japanese are now at the walls of Port Arthur, they are to make a last blow at China's greatest fortress, it is anticipated that China may hurry the negotiations to a conclusion. It is expected Minister Denby will transmit the offer by telegraph to Tien Tsin and Shanghai and thence by cable to Yokohama.

NEARLY every man woman and child who went to the play last night complained bitterly of the extreme cold. Two stoves do not and cannot properly heat the opera house these cold nights, and it is no pleasure to sit in a cold building and watch a play no matter what the merits of that play are.

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BOMBS IN BIRMINGHAM.

The Spirit of Destruction Makes Itself

Known in the Scenic City. Anybody desiring an exciting occupation could not do better than to obtain a job at one of the numerous metal refineries in Birmingham. In addition to the usual risks in such business the workmen daily encounter the danger of being blown up by bombs. A good deal of scrap metal bought for the melting pots comes from the continent, where it seems, carelessness has almost reached the rank of a virtue. It is a common thing to find loaded military bombs among the refuse. The workmen must always be on the lookout for them.

For the second time within a week one firm has providentially escaped being blown sky high. First it was an old gunpowder shell, probably found on some battlefield. Then variety was given to the entertainment by the arrival of a more scientific and up to date bomb which came in a cargo of scrap iron, and the workman just missed showing it into the furnace. It only weighed two pounds, but it would have done damage altogether disproportionate to its size, for on being tentatively dissected in the firm's laboratory the little stranger was found to contain a quarter of a pint of nitroglycerin.—London Letter.

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MYSTERIES OF MEDICINE.

Doctors Know What Drugs Will Do, but Not Why They Do It.

"When a person takes a dose of medicine," said a doctor, "he never stops to consider what a wonderful provision nature is. When you consider that we are able to give drugs which will go through the entire system without having any effect upon any part or organ until it comes perhaps to some nerve upon which it exerts all its force, it is indeed a miracle of the most wonderful kind. We don't know why it does it, but we know what it does. The progress in materia medica has been wonderful. By proving the specific effects of drugs have been discovered, so that they can be given with specific results. Medicine is gradually emerging from the dark valley of guesswork into the bright sunlight of science.

"The modern physician does not make a mixture of seven or eight drugs, hoping that some of them will produce the effect desired. He does not take chances upon a remedy one in seven. He knows now just what drug will produce the results he wants, and he prescribes that. I attended a man the other day who had not been sick for 20 or 30 years. I went into his room, and after observing his symptoms asked for half a glass of water, into which I dropped a small pellet, a triturate. The old man looked at me after I had given him a dose of it and then smiled. "Well, doctor," he said, "you treated me for this complaint when I was sick many years ago, and I must say the remembrance of the taste of the medicine you gave me then is still vivid. I don't think that a person could have mixed a more horrible concoction than that was. Now you treat me for the same disease, and the drug is almost tasteless. How do you account for that?"

"Progress," I replied. And progress it is! Every day increases our knowledge of drugs and our power to alleviate suffering and save human life."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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AN AMUSING ADVENTURE.

A Stupid Corporal, an Embarrassed Colonel and a Tactful Woman.

A superior officer of the B— garrison was some time ago the hero of a most amusing adventure. Colonel Z— had received from Mme. V— an invitation to dinner, but on the day appointed, and just as he was about to start, he was seized with a violent attack of neuralgia and decided to forego the pleasure in store for him. The colonel wrote a letter of apology, called his orderly and said: "Guy, you will give this letter to Mme. V— and then go and fetch me my dinner." Here the plot commences. Guy set off after carefully secreting the letter in his breast pocket along with his tobacco pouch. He arrived at Mme. V—'s, delivered his message and stood as rigid as a statue. The lady of the house was surprised and inquired what he was waiting for. Guy replied: "The colonel told me to fetch him his dinner." Mme. V— saw the man's mistake, gave certain orders, and the servants handed the faithful linesman a set of dishes emitting fragrant odors. Moreover, Mme. V— slipped a half bottle of champagne into the soldier's pocket and said: "You will serve this to the colonel at dessert."

Guy came back, and, upon my word, the restaurant seemed to have provided such a host of good things that the colonel got up and took his seat at the table. Over the soup he slowly began to recover his appetite, to his no small surprise. The side dishes made him quite ravenous, with the entree his pain disappeared, he was stupefied at the roset meat and dumplings at the game, and still his wonder grew at the marvelous dishes supplied by his chophouse keeper. At the dessert the orderly, obeying his instructions, set the bottle of champagne on the table. He was asked for an explanation, when everything came out. The colonel in despair thought the matter over and then gave his orderly 10 francs, telling him to buy a bunch of flowers and present it from him to Mme. V—. Then our colonel, satisfied that he had done his best under the trying circumstances, settled down in an easy chair and composed himself to sleep. An hour and a half later the door opened, and Guy walked in and gravely deposited two 5 franc pieces on the table. The colonel questioned him with some anxiety. "The lady paid for the nosegay," said the honest warrior, apparently well pleased with the general turn of affairs. Mme. V—, on receiving the bouquet, had given the soldier 5 francs by way of a tip, on receiving which the latter simply replied: "It isn't 5 francs, please, ma'am; it is 10 francs."

Colonel Z— was confined to his bed for three days, to the great alarm of the whole of the garrison.—Progress Illustration.

In Paris it is gravely told that boxes provided with slits are attached to tombstones. Into them are dropped the cards of remembering friends who make the pilgrimage to the graves of the dead.

A Terrible Thought.

Grace—I don't know what I am going to do.

Ethel—Why, what is the matter?

Grace—Why, Mr. Fearer of Paris was talking very earnestly to me in French last night, and I didn't quite understand him, as he spoke so impetuously. I replied, "Oui, oui," several times. It has just occurred to me that perhaps he was proposing.—Pick Me Up.



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