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## THE WAR IN THE EAST.

RUMOR OF FRESH RUSSIAN REVERSES AT  
PORT ARTHUR--LOST 18 SHIPS.600 RUSSIANS PERISH FROM THE TERRIBLE COLD  
MARCHING ACROSS SIBERIAN INLAND SEA.

Tokio is Greatly Stirred Up Over Sinking of Merchant Ships by the Russians  
--See, Hay's Proposition to be Accepted--Sinking of Russian  
Cruiser in Port Arthur Harbor Costs 197 Lives.

Arthur has been blown up.  
The Nagasaki correspondent of the Daily Telegraph expresses the conviction that Russia is quite unable to hold the Li-Tung peninsula and that Port Arthur is bound to fall in time, even without an assault.

Information received Washington that heavy Japanese troops were landed at Chemulpo Monday, the first division of a large number which will be thrown into Korea as rapidly as possible in the effort thoroughly to occupy the strategic points while the Russian fleet is bottled up in Port Arthur.

The repeated attacks on Port Arthur are not for the purpose of seizing that place at present, says one conversant with Japanese plans, unless an unexpected weakness in the fortifications there should develop. They are part of a well-defined plan for the harassing of the Russian fleet until Korea can be occupied.

The battling up of the fleet there enables the landing of troops in Korea without the convoy of a large number of warships.

The taking of Port Arthur will form the second number of the war program. First, however, it is learned that the Japanese propose to cut the line of communication well up the railroad running from New Chwang to the far east, at Jihut, French Somaliland, until further orders. Admiral Radostewski, chief of the marine staff, is going on to assume the naval command at Port Arthur. The stopping of the Russian squadron at Jihut may lead to international complications. Jihut being a neutral French port. It is understood that France is not likely to ask the squadron to leave.

The report is confirmed that an important bridge on the Manchurian Railroad has been blown up by the Japanese. Numerous unconfirmed and conflicting reports are given and among them one of another engagement at Port Arthur in which the Russians lost eight vessels sunk and 100 captured. The correspondent adds that the Russian officials were again caught napping, as all the naval officers were again ashore when the attack began.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Tagliche Rundschau, of Berlin, says that 600 Russian soldiers have been captured by the Japanese.

The correspondent adds that the temporary railroad across the lake is not yet completed, that a large detachment of troops was sent on a 22-mile march over the ice-covered lake and that it is presumed that part of these troops lost their way in a snowstorm and perished.

Over 2,000 Russian troops have been taken prisoners by the capture of three Russian transports of the volunteer fleet of the Korean coast.

St. Petersburg dispatches say: The Russian second-class cruiser Boyarin was blown up by mine Feb. 13 in the same manner as was the Russian torpedo transport Yenisei. She had on board 197 officers and men, all of whom, it is understood, were lost. No details of the disaster have been given out. A semi-official telegram dated from the headquarters of the vice-roy at Port Arthur says the German cruiser Hainan, which had been sent to reinforce German subjects from Port Arthur, and which had on board also a number of Russian women and children, had been fired upon by British warships. The telegram reiterates the statement that three Japanese torpedo boats have been sunk in a night attack on Port Arthur. All was quiet on Feb. 13 within the sphere of the war operations.

From Tokio, Japan: The Japanese have captured at least five commercial steamers, including the Ekaterinostav, of the volunteer fleet, the Monkden, Russia, Argun and Alexander. These vessels were caught in Japan, Korean and adjacent waters at various times since Saturday by small Japanese cruisers and gunboats. Some of the steamers are rich prizes.

From Seoul: The Korean government has granted Japan the right to traverse the country.

From the Che Foo: A dispatch from Port Arthur says:—The arrival is reported of 60,000 Russian troops at Ikiutsu. They are now nearing Harbin. Manchurian trains are now running regularly, bringing supplies from Siberia. Admiral Alexieff, vice-roy of the far east, is still making his headquarters at Monkden. A Russian fleet is reported to be moving in the direction of Korea or southern Japan with the intention of bombarding the nearest port, causing a diversion in favor of Port Arthur.

From Ning-Kow: Threatening demonstrations have been made against the British gunboat Esquile and the United States gunboat Helene by Russian soldiers, whose assaults upon and depredations against other foreigners continue. The civil administrator is making every effort to arrest the offenders and has assured Capt. Barton and Sawyer and Com. Miller that full reparation will be made. It is stated here that Japan will wait indefinitely to land troops in Manchuria, as she considers that the control of the seas obtained by Japan nullifies to a great extent Russian interests in the east.

An issue of 50,000,000 rubles credit notes, secured by gold, was made in Russia Feb. 13. The comparatively small influx of circulating credit notes into the treasures and the imperial bank and the increased withdrawals for the far east are assigned as the reasons for this operation. The total of the credit notes in circulation Feb. 14 was 680,000,000 rubles.

In reported that 12,000 Japanese troops were landed at Dace Bay last week and that they were met by the Russians, who engaged them in a hand-to-hand fight. The report says the Japanese were driven back. It adds that the railroad behind Port

While experimenting with gasoline and volatile chemicals, A. J. Branson, president of the First National bank of Plainfield, N. J., lost the sight of both eyes.

Hanging is the sentence given Frank Dawson, son of a prominent family at Paris, Mo., who shot and killed Aunt Hartmann a dance because she broke an engagement with him.

Hilda Nelson, a school teacher of insanity, brained her mother with a hatchet while the mother was sleeping, and then jumped into a cistern, drowning herself.

John Cline and Rolla Smiley, of Rockville, near Appleton City, Mo., quarreled over a girl in her presence. Cline shot and killed Smiley, and then fatally wounded himself.

Cars are delivering 100,000 feet of pine logs a day on the banking grounds of the Manistique Lumber Co., Grand Marais.

While drunk and numb with cold, Charles Nowack, a young man, walked in front of a Chicago & Northwestern train near Spalding, and was killed instantly.

There is not a single vacant house in Boyne. Six new brick houses will be begun in the early spring, and others are contemplated.

Four hundred dwellings will also be erected this year to provide for the needs of the incoming families.

Important News From  
All Parts of Michigan

Happenings of the Week Chronicled Briefly For  
\*\*\*\*\* Busy Readers \*\*\*\*\*

## Horrible Taking Off.

Clay Kiefer, aged 10 years, son of Edgar Kiefer, a well known Grand Rapids tanner and member of the board of public works, and nephew of Dr. G. H. Kiefer, of Detroit, was killed by an electric car Thursday morning while on his way to school.

The little fellow was walking in the tracks owing to the slippery condition of the sidewalks and stepped aside to let a car pass. He slipped on the ice and slid under the car. Both legs were cut off and his body was awing around on the ice so that when the moment the head was also completely severed from the body. The parents are distraught and fear are entertained for the mother.

## Committed Hart Kar.

J. P. Roberts, of Eaton Rapids, who for years been in a demented condition, succeeded in killing himself Tuesday. He had twice made an attempt, but had been thwarted. The body was found in an outhouse, and showed that falling in an attempt to hang himself had cut a gash across his stomach, from which his intestines protruded. A second gash was made across his breast and he finished the job by cutting his throat, where he had left the knife when unconsciousness overtook him. He was 68 years old, and for years a prominent business man of this city.

## A Strenuous Passage.

Pere Marquette car ferry, No. 14, arrived in Port Huron Friday morning, having covered the 60 miles from Detroit in one week. One wheel and part of the shaft were gone, and the rudder damaged, but Capt. Egard declared that the boat is the best ice breaker on the lakes. On the trip 400 tons of coal were consumed, and counting in the provisions and wages the cost of getting the boat from Detroit to Port Huron was not far from \$6,000, aside from the damages. The heaviest ice was encountered in Lake St. Clair, where it was 32 inches thick. The boat will run between here and Sault Ste. Marie.

## Abject Poverty.

A sad case of destruction was disclosed by the Grand Rapids authorities Wednesday. The family of E. Blakowski were budded in a little shanty at the plaster mills, and the husband was lying dead in bed, having succumbed to an attack of pneumonia. The wife and children were almost frozen. The county authorities gave them relief at once. The dead man was too poor to call for medical attention and died.

## Gossy Story.

Ironwood physicians who are treating O. W. Johnson, who was operated on Chicago surgeon some months ago and failed to mend, made an examination which developed the fact that when the Chicago doctors performed the operation they had left about four yards of gauze in the pleural cavity of the man. This was what was causing the trouble since he came home. The gauze was removed and the first officers are open and night.

The first officer of the hospital was turned out to be chickenpox. While cutting steak in his market, Sampson Powell, of Stanton, fell dead.

Seven members of the Borgman family near Muskegon have smallpox.

Harry Kellogg, lumberman in jail at Port Huron for alleged cattle stealing.

One thousand property owners are in arrears with taxes at Port Huron.

S. H. Pease, of Blisfield, has sold 875 pairs of pigeons to an eastern firm.

Cold weather and snow have killed thousands of quail throughout the state.

A Negroe family narrowly escaped death by eating poached oysters.

Locusts are coming so fast at Menominee that miles are unable to care for them.

Two and a half million feet of lumber will be floated in Black river this spring.

The first Chinaman in the Ionia reformatory was sent from Saginaw for assault.

The public schools of Commerce have been closed as a result of the fuel famine.

A poor Indian couple lost all their money and railway tickets for Chicago at Durand.

Ten North Lansing business men organized a company to raise sugar beets.

The formal announcement of the candidacy of Justus S. Stearns for governor is out.

Agricultural college students have designed and are building a big drilling machine.

Astrologer Allen, of Plainville, sees nothing but disaster in his horoscope for February.

Postmaster Newkirk, a lawyer of Central Lake, has been sent to the insane asylum.

George Smith had a narrow escape from drowning while gathering ice in Big Bear lake.

Verla Smith, aged 12, of Battle Creek, died of injuries received in a skating accident.

Schools and church in Montezuma township, near Alpena, are closed on account of diphtheria.

Prices have dropped 10 per cent on meat and 25 per cent on fox pelts in southwestern Michigan.

Fred Witt, of Riley, is in jail for driving wife and children out of the house with butcher knife.

A directory of farmers in Houghton, Marquette, Keweenaw and Ontonagon counties will be published.

Twelve-year-old Lansing boy arrested because he refused to go to school, preferring to smoke cigarettes.

Clara Greenen, a Kalkaska young woman, receives \$2,000 a year in comptroller's office, Washington, D. C.

Michigan Central dentists claim that a Syrian stole his own goods from the railroad company and then brought suit at Bay City to recover \$200.

Six Port Huron boys who organized a band for looting freight trains in the Grand Trunk yards, have been arrested. None of the six is over 14 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Smith, aged 82 and 83, were buried together in St. John, having died within three days of each other. They had celebrated their sixty-second wedding anniversary a few days before their death.

Cotton Operatives.

There are more than 17,000 machine tenders operating in Lowell, Mass., caring for 280,000 spindles and earning over \$600,000 a month in wages.

Convicts Tunnel to Freedom.

Thirty convicts recently escaped from the Nikolok-Ussuri jail, in Siberia, by driving a tunnel 180 feet long under the





# THE GIRL AT THE HALFWAY HOUSE

A STORY OF THE PLAINS  
BY E. HOUGH, AUTHOR OF THE STORY OF THE COWBOY  
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## CHAPTER XIX.

BILL WATSON.

The sheriff of Ellsville sat in his office oiling the machinery of the law; which is to say, cleaning his revolver. There was not yet any courthouse. The sheriff was the law. Twenty two new mounds on the hillside back of the Cottage Hotel showed how faithfully he had executed his duties as judge and jury since he had taken up his office at the beginning of the "cow boom" of Ellsville. His right hand had found something to do, and he had done it with his might.

Ellsville was near the zenith of its bad eminence. The entire country had been broad-born. Money being free, whisky was not less so. The bar of the Cottage was lined perpetually. Wild men from the range rode their horses up the steps and into the bar-room, demanding to be served as they sat in the saddle, as gentlemen should. Glass was too tempting to the six shooters of these enthusiasts, and the barker begged the question by stowing away the fragments of his mirror and keeping most of his bottles out of sight. More than once he was asked to hold up a bottle of whisky so that some cow-puncher might prove his skill by shooting the neck off from the flask. The bartender was taciturn and at times grim, but his face was the only one of the bar that showed any irritation or sadness. This railroad town was a bright, new thing for the horsemen of the trail—a very joyous thing. No funeral could check their hilarity; no whisky could damp their throats long scared with alarm.

It was notorious that after the civil war human life was held very cheap all over America, it having been seen how small a thing is a man, how little missed may be a million men taken bodily from the population.—Nowhere was life cheaper than on the frontier, and at no place on that frontier of less value than at this wicked little city.

The sheriff of Ellsville looked thoughtful as he tested the machinery of the law. He had a warrant for a new bad man who had come up from

so over an' get Cap Franklin. He's a good man. Pick up somebody else you want to go along with you; an' then you start out on Cal's trail, near as you can git at it. You better take along that d—d Greaser o' yours, that big Juan, fer he kin run trail like a houn'. You stop at all the outfit you come to, fer say fifty miles. Don't do nothin' more'n ask, an' then go on. If you come to a outfit that hasn't seen him, an' then another outfit furder on that has seen him, you remember the one that haint. If you don't git no track in fifty miles, swing around to the southeast, an' cut the main drive trail an' see if you hear of anything thataway. If you don't git no trace by that, you better come on back. In an' tell me, then we'll see what to do about furder."

"All right, Bill," said Curly, rising and taking a chew of tobacco, in which the sheriff joined him. "All right. You got any papers for us to take along?"

"Papers?" said the sheriff contemptuously. "Papers? Hell!"

Ike Anderson was drunk—calmly, magnificently, satisfactorily drunk. It had taken time, but it was a fact accomplished. The actual state of affairs was best known to Ike Anderson himself, and not obvious to the passer-by. Ike Anderson's gaze might have been hard, but it was direct. His walk was perfectly decorous and straight, his brain perfectly clear, his hand perfectly steady. Only, somewhere deep down in his mind there burned some little, still, blue flame of deviousness, which left Ike Anderson not a human being, but a skillful, logical and murderous animal.

"This," said Ike Anderson to himself all the time, "this is little Ike Anderson, a little boy, playing. I can see the green fields, the pleasant meadows, the little brook that crossed them. I remember my mother gave me bread and milk for my supper, always. My sister washed my bare feet, when I was a little, little boy." He paused and leaned one hand against a

"Colored scion," said he, "thereafter to oblige me would you mind whooping it up with your broom a little?"

The negro scowled and muttered, and the next moment sprang sprawling forward with a scream. He had shot off the heel of his shoe, in the process not sparing all of the foot. The negro swept as he had never swept before. Twice a bullet cut the floor at his feet, and at last the stick of the broom was shattered in his hand. "Colored scion," said Ike Anderson, as though in surprise, "your broom is damaged. Knock down and pray for another." The negro knelt and surely prayed.

On all sides swept the wide and empty streets. It was like Anderson's town. A red film seemed to his gaze to come over the face of things. He slipped his revolver back into the scabbard and paused again to think.

A quick footstep sounded on the walk behind him, and he wheeled, still puzzled with the red film and the mental

At the annual banquet of the chess club for men in a certain district the topic, "Is Society an Organism or an Association?" was discussed for several hours.

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# FOR THIRTY YEARS

Congressman Meekison Suffered With Catarrh—Read His Endorsement of Pe-ru-na.



CONGRESSMAN MEEKISON, OF OHIO.

Hon. David Meekison is well known, not only in his own State but throughout America, for his political career by serving four consecutive terms as Mayor of the town in which he lived during which time he became widely known as the founder of the Meekison Bank of Napoleon, Ohio. He was elected to the Fifty-fifth Congress by a very large majority, and is the acknowledged leader of his party in his section of the State.

Only one law marred the otherwise complete success of this rising statesman. Catarrh with its insidious approach and tenacious grasp, was his only unconscious foe. For thirty years he waged unsuccessful warfare against this personal enemy. At last Pe-ru-na came to the rescue, and he dictated the following letter to Dr. Hartman as the result:

"I have used several bottles of Pe-ru-na and I feel greatly benefited thereby from my catarrh of the head. I feel encouraged to believe that it is a short time longer I will be fully able to eradicate the disease of thirty years' standing."—David Meekison, ex-member of Congress.

THE season of catching cold is upon us. The cough and the sneeze and nasal twang are to be heard on every hand.

The origin of chronic catarrh, the most common and dreadful of diseases, is

This is the way the chronic catarrh generally begins. A person catches cold, which lingers on longer than usual.

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And life is with the dells;  
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And the children's rosy faces, and he sings them all to sleep!

And it's love-time and dream-time  
By all the hills and streams;  
And life is with the dells;  
And love is with the dreams!

—Atlanta Constitution.

## IN THE USUAL WAY

By JULIA ELEANOR ANDERSON

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"No," said Miss Southnell, pulling with unnecessary force a petal from the rose she held, "there is no such thing as Platonic friendship!"

"Pardon me for the contradiction, and with all due respect to your opinion, still I am sure it has existed—and does exist to-day—between man and woman," persisted he in the golf suit.

"But I have no proof of it, save your word; and I have never seen it demonstrated. Invariably the ending of so-called 'Platonic friendship' is in the many 'chimes of wedding-bells,'" laughed Miss Southnell.

"Stiff and rubbish!" The young man did not express himself audibly in these words, but he thought it with great emphasis. Aloud he said:

"Do you mean to tell me you really believe that a woman and a man can't continue on terms of friendly equality without coming out at the finish in that homely old way? If, as you say, it usually ends by falling in love, it is my opinion that the woman is the first to discover that she has been the one to curse the name!"

"But women never propose!" Miss Southnell's dark eyes flashed meaningfully, and a row of pearly teeth set themselves with cruel force into the soft, red lip beneath.

"You frighten me, Miss Southnell. Dismiss that tragic air and let us talk the matter over sensibly—least we won't quarrel about it. I think you are a very obstinate, little 'daughter of Eve,' but we each believe our individual opinion to be the correct one. Suppose we demonstrate it—you and I—suppose we form a compact of Platonic friendship. There is sufficient affinity between us, I think, to make it interesting and not enough—don't you know—to make it dangerous. Come, what say you?"

"Oh, that would be quite impossible! Can't you understand that it would place me in an absurdly concealed light, believing as I do that Platonic friendship does not exist? Were I to agree, it would mean that your heart must fall a victim to mine, and the thought is quite unpleasant."

"Unpleasant! Thanks—very much. I admire your candor. But according to my views, there is no end—no climax, you understand. Just in our case, I assure you. Now, will you consent?"

There was a slight hesitancy—an undashable reluctance—in her manner; but he had wished it to be so; the compact was made, and she closed it with a faint "Yes," and sealed it by giving him her hand.

This was at the beginning of the watering season, and they had known each other three whole weeks.

The hot days and cool nights rolled by in monotonous success, but the day was never too hot for Jack Blair to spend the choice portion of it with Miss Southnell—she was the recipient of all his joys and his sorrows; they rowed together, frolicked in the surf together; sat together on the beach where the dashing waves murmured something which they could not understand, and where the moon came out and cast their shadows in bold relief against the cliffs, yet never did they deviate from the true course of Platonic friendship, although "their set" was broken.

Strangely, the veranda was deserted, and even the moon was coqueting among the flecks of clouds, leaving the two for an instant in absolute obscurity.

"I cannot help saying, 'I told you so,' came in a muffled voice from the darkness.

When a few moments later, the moon threw off her fleecy draperies, she illumined a picture of another pair of pilgrims entering Eden; and alas! The immortal Plato had lost his two disciples.

Uncle Ned's Life Insurance. Turner Tranksley, a representative of the Workingmen's Industrial Aid Insurance Company, called upon Edmund Grant, an elderly colored man, with a view of getting him to insure his life.

"Good morning, Uncle Ned," said Mr. Tranksley.

"Mawnin', Boss," said the old man, raising his hat and making a low courtesy.

"Uncle Ned, do you carry any insurance?" inquired the solicitor.

"Do you carry any insurance? Is your life insured?" asked the solicitor, by way of explanation.

"Bless Gawd! yes, yas," replied the colored man, "long ag—long ago."

Then the solicitor asked: "In what company?"

Uncle Ned answered: "I'm a Baptis' asb; I'm a Baptis'—a deep-wat' Baptis'."—Lippincott.

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