

FREDERICK VILLIERS SPEAKS OF THE WAR.

The Famous War Correspondent of the Illustrated London News Says Japs Could Take Port Arthur in One Day.

Seated on one of the leather-covered settees in the smoking room of the steamship Empress of India last evening, just after the big white liner had come to the outer wharf from what her officers described as the roughest voyage in the history of the pioneer argosy of the Canadian Pacific railway's magnificent fleet. Mr. Frederick Villiers, the special war artist and correspondent of the Illustrated London News, formerly of the London Graphic, sat smoking placidly an aromatic Havana and smilingly receiving a machine gun fire of question from the eager local scribes as to the war, especially as to Port Arthur, where he has been in the Japanese cantonments with General Nogi, never idle, sketching every possible phase of the war at that point, and filling many fat sketch books with priceless impressions of the Japanese and Russian soldier in action and in camp; as unit militant and as unit in waiting.

"Yes," said Mr. Villiers to the Colonel, "I am homeward bound to 'write up,' so to speak, my notes, which are becoming uncomfortably full. I shall return in the spring either to the Liaotung peninsula, or to Manchuria, to witness the progress of the war wherever it may be going through its most important stages."

Mr. Villiers in reply to the volleys of question was induced to give not only a very clear and succinct account of the operations around Port Arthur, but also a vivid glimpse of his own marvelously varied career as war correspondent, with numberless interesting comparisons of this war with the great wars of the past which it has been his privilege to witness as representative of famous English journals.

of ridges surrounding Port Arthur, many times with the Russian shells bursting in the air and on the earth all around him.

Mr. Villiers said that far from the Japanese being in the position of an army slowly striving to win something that can only be attained by strenuous perseverance and patient waiting, they are prepared to seize Port Arthur in one day if necessary. Why they do not do so is simply because, in spite of the reports to the contrary, the Japanese commanders are most economical of their men. They order their men to cover wherever possible, and do not throw away a man whose life can be saved by a little judicious manoeuvring or waiting. The tales which have been coming out of reckless waste of life by the Japanese commanders are incorrect. Of course, where it is necessary, the men are put to it in a fashion that leads to heavy casualties, but those assaults are never delivered without the most careful study of the position to be attacked.

If the Baltic fleet were to make an unexpectedly swift movement, say from Port Arthur to Aden to some point in the Eastern Indian ocean, and proved that they would not be long in showing up at the Pescadores, Port Arthur would fall within twenty-four hours. It is reluctance to sacrifice men that restrains General Nogi from launching his legions over the parapets of Port Arthur like a living sea of humanity, topped with steel and flame, and supported by a shell fire from hundreds of high power modern guns.

PREMIER ACTS IN HUNGARIAN HOUSES.

Asks For Writ of Indemnity so Elections Might be Held.

Buda Pest, Hungary, Dec. 16.—At to-day's session of the lower house of parliament, Premier Eisza announced that unless the house organized within three days as required by the standing orders, he would be obliged to dissolve parliament, as he desired to appeal to the electors to ascertain whether or not they approved of his course. The premier asked the house to grant him a bill of indemnity for a very brief period so that he might issue writs for the new elections. He added that even if the opposition party resisted his request the elections would be held all the same.

What Sulphur Does For the Human Body in Health and Disease.

The mention of sulphur will recall to many of us the early days when our mothers and grandmothers gave us our daily dose of sulphur and molasses every spring and fall.

It was the universal spring and fall "blood purifier," tonic and cure-all, and mind you, this old-fashioned remedy was not without merit.

The idea was good, but the remedy was crude and unpalatable, and a large quantity had to be taken to get any effect.

Nowadays we get all the beneficial effects of sulphur in a palatable, concentrated form, so that a single grain is far more effective than a tablespoonful of the crude sulphur.

In recent years, research and experiment have proven that the best sulphur for medicinal use is that obtained from Calcium (Calcium Sulphide) and sold in drug stores under the name of Stuart's Calcium Wafers. They are small chocolate coated pellets and contain the active medicinal principle of sulphur in a highly concentrated, effective form.

Few people are aware of the value of this form of sulphur in restoring and maintaining bodily vigor and health; sulphur acts directly on the liver, and excretory organs and purifies and enriches the blood by the prompt elimination of waste material.

Our grandmothers knew this when they dosed us with sulphur and molasses every spring and fall, but the crudity and impurity of ordinary flowers of sulphur were often worse than the disease, and cannot compare with the modern concentrated preparations of sulphur, of which Stuart's Calcium Wafers is undoubtedly the best and most widely used.

They are the natural antidote for liver and kidney troubles and cure constipation and purify the blood in a way that often surprises patient and physician alike.

Dr. R. M. Wilkins while experimenting with sulphur remedies soon found that the sulphur from Calcium was superior to any other form. He says: "For liver, kidney and blood troubles, especially when resulting from constipation or malaria, I have been surprised at the results obtained from Stuart's Calcium Wafers. In patients suffering from boils and pimples and even deep-seated carbuncles, I have repeatedly seen them dry up and disappear in four or five days, leaving the skin clear and smooth. Although Stuart's Calcium Wafers is a proprietary article, reason tabooed by many physicians, yet I know of nothing so safe and reliable for constipation, liver and kidney troubles and especially in all forms of skin disease as this remedy."

At any rate people who are tired of pills, cathartics and so-called blood "purifiers," will find in Stuart's Calcium Wafers, a far safer, more palatable and effective preparation.

TOOK AN INHUMAN WAY TO COLLECT HIS DEBT.

Toronto Widow's House Stripped By Avaricious Money Lender to Whom She Owed Small Sum—Bailiff Took Everything But Her Bed.

(Toronto News.)

An almost incredible case of inhumanity has just come to light on Wickson avenue. A widow, with three children, almost destitute, would have been turned out on the street on Saturday last with her family at the instance of a money lender if she had not been sick in bed. As it was the bailiff, acting at the instigation of an unscrupulous money-lender, took almost every bit of the woman's household belongings, including her stove and the beds of her children. Everything except the bed occupied by the woman was taken, and but for her own strenuous exertions that would have gone, too.

The case dates back three months to September 6 last. Left a widow seven years ago, with three small children, one of them an infant, the woman has long been forced to earn her living, and that of her children, by working out. On the evening of September 6 she was returning from her work at a house in Rosedale. Passing a section of broken sidewalk at the corner of Huntley street and the South Drive, she fell.

The fall was heavy enough to break one of the bones in her left ankle, injured her spine, and also hurt one arm. From these combined injuries she was forced to take to bed and to pay for the services of a doctor. Her savings were meagre, with three children to keep. Her house rent was sixteen dollars a month, a tidy new house which she was compelled to take at that extravagant figure because nowhere in Toronto could she find a cheaper one.

Urged by necessity the woman gave a chattel mortgage, on October 27 to a well-known money-lender on everything she possessed. The amount was \$49, and the security included a square piano and a good sewing machine, besides the other goods of the household. On this security and for that amount, she agreed to pay back \$8.65 a month for nine months. Nine times \$8.65 is \$77.85, which would have left a comfortable balance of \$28.85 interest for the nine months, or a trifle over 78 per cent. per annum.

At the end of the first month, November 27, the first payment fell in arrears. The mortgagee waited two weeks. The eldest child, a girl of sixteen, was occupied in waiting on her sick mother. The second, a boy of fourteen, was not at home. There was no way for money to come in, and this woman, like many another, was unwilling to apply to the City Relief Department, who knew nothing of her case.

On Friday last—this was the beginning of the cold snap—came the day of reckoning. The two younger children were at home with their sick mother. The doors were locked. A loud knock came to the front door. No response. The girl looked out and saw two men strangers to her.

Unable to gain entrance by the doors, the two visitors broke the cellar door. And before the girl or her mother could clearly determine what was happening, the visitors had started to remove the furniture.

Then the woman knew that these were not ordinary housebreakers. They were bailiffs, and they were taking away all she had in the world.

Room after room was ransacked by the intruders. The kitchen furniture and utensils, the stove, the sideboard chairs and table, and the children's beds and bedding; the piano, centre-table, chairs, and the very pictures on the walls, were all taken.

"That's my dead father's picture," said the girl trembling with fear at the parlor door. "You mustn't take that!"

But the visitors insisted until they saw that the girl was ready to fight if need be to save her father's picture, then they left it.

Not wishing to lose anything more, they approached the sick woman, and tried to take her bed. This she declined to give up, and the visitors good-naturedly left that also.

They then took their leave, having secured the following \$49 worth: One Stoddart square piano, a five-piece parlor set (valued by the woman at \$50), a large sofa, one Singer sewing machine, an Ideal cooking range, all the carpets, two pairs of lace curtains, one centre table, one sideboard, an extension table and six dining-room chairs, two bed-room sets, with all the bedding, blankets, pillows and quilts, all the rugs, the cutlery, the glassware, and all the eatables!

It was a cold day to be without a stove. Fortunately, there was a furnace in the house. A neighbor who was a teamster hauled a load of old cedar blocks, of which a fire was built. That night the children slept on the floor. The next day, Saturday, some of the neighbors, learning of the case, notified the mayor, and took over a box stove to the woman's house—no longer her home. Food was sent in. The mayor at Seattle, Washington, on December 1, once notified the City Relief Department, and on Saturday afternoon Mr. Walsh visited the house. He left money to buy food, and sent a half-

DO NOT WALK ON THIN ICE.

If You Have Catarrh You are in Danger—It Breeds Dyspepsia, Bronchitis and Consumption.

Aside from the extreme offensive and odious nature of the disease, catarrh is also very dangerous if left to run its course unchecked. The constant droppings into the throat, which are mostly swallowed during sleep cause poisonous disorders of the throat, stomach and lungs, which rapidly developed into dyspepsia, laryngitis, bronchitis and consumption. When these diseases become established, especially the latter, the result is too well known to need pointing out.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are a certain and absolute cure for catarrh in all forms and all stages. Catarrhal conditions are always of the same nature, whether they exist in the head, throat, stomach, bowels or bladder and these tablets act on all alike. They cleanse, renovate and purify the entire system of all catarrhal poisons and by thus going to the very root of the disease, effect thorough and permanent cures. This is the only way to treat catarrh, as local applications, such as sprays, ointments, inhalations, etc. afford only temporary relief and the malady takes hold again with increased vigor.

An Indianapolis physician says: "I prescribe Stuart's Catarrh Tablets on all occasions because I find they are most thorough and effective in their work. I have tried a great many prescriptions, my own and others, during 30 years of practice, but have never found anything quite so satisfactory in all respects as these tablets. I have known the most stubborn and virulent cases of catarrh to yield time after time to Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and I do not hesitate to prescribe and recommend them."

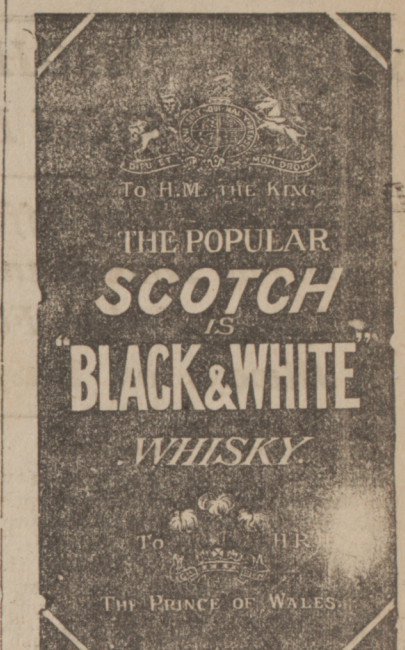
Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are for sale by all druggists at 50 cents a box. It will pay you to give them a trial and get away from the suffering, humiliation and danger caused by catarrh.

CASE CONTINUED.

St. Louis, Mo. Dec. 16.—The case against United States Senator Ralph Burton of Kansas, pending in the United States court of appeals, has been continued to the May term to await the decision of the United States Supreme court on appeal from the issue of jurisdiction.

BISLEY WINNIER DEAD.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Wm. Harp who was prominent in masonic and military circles for years died at Seattle, Washington, on December 1. The body has been brought home for burial. Harp was on the Bisley and Ottawa teams several years and once won the grand aggregate prize.



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