

INCOMPETENT LEADERS OF RUSSIA'S VAST ARMY. "The Russian Officers Are the Worst in the World," Says an Italian Correspondent—Alexieff, Kuropatkin, and Others and Their Characteristics.

(Mail and Empire.) That the Russian army is the worst led in the world is the view of an Italian correspondent of the London Times. Seven months with the Manchurian forces has qualified him to speak with some authority on the subject, and most interesting and illuminating are the facts which, in that time, have come under his observation. The correspondent was an eye-witness to several disgraceful orgies on the part of officers in the field, and one cannot but believe that drunkenness is prevalent among this class. The lack of discipline in the Russian navy, as indicated by Admiral Rozhdestvensky's outrage on the Hull fishermen, is apparently duplicated in the army. On the way to the front the correspondent saw a lieutenant "mad drunk" in the presence of Admiral Jessen, who took not the slightest notice of the affair, indeed, everyone appeared to consider it the most natural thing in the world.

Alexieff Polite and Witty. Of Alexieff, the Viceroys, we are given a description, "a smile of self-complacency illuminated his face. Like many other Russian superior officers his appearance is that of a well-to-do bourgeois, who has always led an easy life, and has spared neither food nor rest. He is jovial, polite, and witty, with not a touch of the military stiffness which we are supposed to find in all officers. Alexieff was hated and despised by soldiers and officers in the Manchurian army, save in the case of a few persons who had linked their fate with his, and who had to be compensated now and then with a shower of decorations. After the Battle of the Yalu it was rumored that he had sent all his goods to Harbin, and kept an engine always ready to leave at five minutes' notice for the north. He fought, it is true, one desperate battle with Kuropatkin in a last victory with the appointment of Gen. Gripenberg, and then left Manchuria."

Kuropatkin's Eagle Eye. Here is the description of Kuropatkin—"I have seen him several times, and have always present to my mind the two black and piercing eyes, and the fierce look which darts from under the eyebrow, as though it were always looking for a victim. Kuropatkin is one of the few Russian generals who looks like a soldier. He is erect, a little above the average in height, and not very stout. His high forehead, and dark hair and beard, sprinkled with white, give an impression of force which is felt by all those who are acquainted with him. It cannot be said that he is popular, especially among the officers."

Kuropatkin and Linevitch. "Linevitch, the general who is in command of the Vladivostock division, is more popular, and is beloved by all military men in Russia. The latter, now more than 70 years of age, is a self-made man and a true soldier, who worked his way from the ranks to his present position by sheer dint of energy and toil, and has always remained a brave but plain man, and, notwithstanding his years, an impetuous general, full of fiery spirits. Kuropatkin, like most Russian generals, is a court favorite,

FATTENING THE CATTLE.

Winter Feeding --- The Type to Select --- Some Hints on Management.

Lawa, Nov. 22.—The fattening of cattle is carried on under such widely different circumstances that it is impossible to lay down any hard and fast rules, and say that these are right and all others wrong. There are, however, three conditions essential to success in the stall feeding of cattle, viz., good cattle, an abundance of cheap winter food, and good management. Fifteen or twenty years ago the cattle required for the export trade were the heavy four and five year old steers weighing 1400 to 1800 pounds. At that time, quantity, not quality, was the standard. To-day we find that compact, well-finished, two and three year old animals weighing from 1250 pounds up, will command the highest prices. Of course, if weight can be combined with quality, so much the better, but quality is of first importance. From the butcher's point of view the steer of best quality is the one which carries the greatest percentage of its weight in those parts of the carcass which give the highest priced cuts. In the Chicago and New York markets, the most discriminating in the world, the rib and loin cuts, command over four times the average price paid for the remainder of the carcass, and it is apparent that the prime beef animal must be good in these parts. They must be thickly and evenly covered with firm yet mellow flesh of uniform good quality and free alike from hard rolls and blubbery patches. Coarse, patchy animals will no longer be tolerated, much less those that are bony and bare of flesh on the back ribs. In addition to the general beef with good backs, ribs and loins, there is, says the eminent American authority Prof. Curtiss, a certain quality, character, style and finish that constitutes an important factor in determining the value of beef cattle. One of the first indications of this, is to be found in the skin and coat. A good feeding animal should have a soft, mellow touch, and a soft but thick and heavy coat. A harsh, unyielding skin is an indication of a sluggish,

ble nutrients which they contain, in that they exercise a beneficial effect upon the digestion and general health. Cattle that receive liberal rations of succulent feed, such as roots and ensilage, will have the sleek, thrifty appearance of grass fed cattle, and there will be little trouble with indigestion or having them go off their feed, as is often the case with cattle that are fed exclusively on dry fodder and grain. The grain ration depends so largely on circumstances that it will not be discussed here. It is always well, however, to commence with a comparatively light ration and finish with the more concentrated grains. Water and salt should always be within easy reach, and the cattle should be kept free from lice by the use of some of the proprietary dips, or even ordinary black oil, which is perhaps as cheap and effective as anything else. Yours very truly, W. A. CLEMONS, Publication Clerk, 1

A SKELETON AS WITNESS In the Trial of Nan Patterson in New York. New York, Nov. 23.—Several unusual features were presented in the supreme court yesterday in the trial of Nan Patterson for the alleged murder of Caesar Young. During the day a skeleton and two pieces of skin from Young's second finger were produced in court by the prosecution. The skeleton was shown in order that the course of the bullet that killed Young might be traced. The state, it is understood, expects to use the pieces of skins in relating the suicide theory. The introduction of these exhibits caused a sensation in the court room, and for a time Miss Patterson seemed on the verge of collapse. The court room was crowded when the trial was resumed, and the corridors of the building were thronged. Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon, who performed the autopsy, was called, and said the cause of death was hemorrhage of the left lung resulting from a bullet wound. By means of the skeleton he then showed the direction taken by the bullet. The skeleton was again brought into the court room when the trial was resumed today. The ghastly exhibit was suspended near the witness stand when Miss Patterson, continuing the cross examination of the coroner's physician, which was interrupted by the adjournment of the court yesterday afternoon.

MENACED BY FOREST FIRES. Ploughing up Earth to Stay the Advancing Flames. Monongahela, Pa., Nov. 23.—A forest fire, which was started by a railroad engine spark last Sunday on the hillside opposite here, broke out at last night, and the flames are now menacing not only the village of the Monongahela, mine and farm houses but the whole village of Axletton. Axletton is at the foot of the hill, a half mile up the river from where the blaze is now raging, and besides about fifty houses contains the plant of the Liggett Spring and Axle works. Extreme danger threatens farm houses and crops on the level land at the top of the hill. Here men are now working against the flames in an endeavor to plough up enough earth to stay the flames. A stretch of a mile along the high hillside has already been swept by the flames. At the Monongahela mine an effort is being made to save the company's property.

FINANCIAL. THE RISE IN STOCKS. The great advance in values of stocks in Wall street is causing no end of wonder. Are stocks worth 50 cent of yesterday's value? No, but the interest yielded on the principal stocks at present figures—

Table with columns: Am. Sugar, Atchafalaya, Smelter, A.C. & P., C.P.R., N.Y. Central, Detroit, D. & H., Con. Gas, Ill. Central, L. & N., Manhattan, Metropolitan, St. Paul, Twin City, Union Pacific, Wabash, Wes. Union. Includes columns for Close, Divid., Yield.

STOCK MARKET COMMENT. The theory of continued ease in money during the remainder of the year was upset yesterday by the calling of loans and the sharp advance in call money rates for a time. This was due to the purchase of a large amount of bonds by bankers, and indications of further large amounts of gold to be taken for export. There is nothing to indicate that the banking and other important interests have changed positions on the market. It is expected that prices will have another advance before the end of the week. Holders of good stocks should not be worried by setbacks, and the lower level will afford opportunity to get in the next movement.

WALL STREET. New York, Nov. 23.—Prices of a number of the important stocks today were forced down half percent in the few minutes trading. American Copper per cent. On the other hand Atchafalaya and Reading gained substantial fractions and Working Valley a point.

GOLD SHIPMENTS. New York, Nov. 23.—Goldman, Sachs and Sachs Company, today announced that they will ship \$700,000 and \$1,000,000 in gold coin to Berlin on Thursday, this being in addition to their shipment of \$500,000 heretofore announced.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE. New York, Nov. 23.—Money on call strong at 3 1/2 percent. Prime mercantile 4 1/4. 1 percent. Exchanges \$883,954,795.

COTTON. New York, Nov. 23.—Cotton futures opened steady, November 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1904. March 9.57; April 9.60 bid; May 9.67; June 9.69 bid; July 9.74; August 9.80.

THE BUTCHERS WILL STRIKE. Chicago Stock Yard Butchers Agree to Act on Call of Union. Chicago, Nov. 22.—Cattle butchers employed in the large plants at the stock yards held a mass meeting tonight, and agreed to act on the call of the union.

THE WORLD OF SHIPPING. MINATURE ALMANAC. 1904. Rises. Sets. High. Low. Nov. 21 Mon 7.184 4.45 10.33 4.20 22 Tues 7.36 4.44 11.12 5.00 23 Wed 7.37 4.43 11.50 5.38 24 Thurs 7.40 4.43 12.13 6.15 25 Fri 7.40 4.41 12.53 6.54 26 Sat 7.41 4.40 1.34 7.35

REPORTS, DISASTERS, ETC. Vineyard Haven, Mass., Nov. 22.—The schooner Parker, from Port Johnson for St. John, N. B., completed temporary repairs today and sailed for her destination.

VESSLS BOUND FOR ST. JOHN. Alceides, from Glasgow, Nov. 19. Bavarian, from Liverpool, Dec. 17. Corinthian, from Liverpool, Dec. 29. Concordia, from Liverpool, Dec. 19. Gulf of Anecd, from Liverpool, Nov. 20. London City, from London, Nov. 12. Lakonia, from Glasgow, Nov. 26. Lake Champlain, 4885, from Liverpool, Nov. 17. Lake Erie, 4814, from Liverpool, Nov. 29. Lake Mantoba, 6275, from Liverpool, Dec. 13. Manchester, Exchange from Manchester, Nov. 3. Parisian, from Liverpool, Dec. 1. Scotia, from Liverpool, Dec. 22. Sicilian, from Liverpool, Dec. 2. St. John City from London, Nov. 22. Salacia, from Glasgow, Dec. 10.

DOMINION PORTS. Halifax, Nov. 22, Arrd, str Siberian, from Glasgow, via Port of Spain, 20. Johns, N. F., and cleared for Philadelphia; str Elsie, from New York via Liverpool, N. S. Sailed, str Ulunda, Chambers, for Liverpool. Sydney, C. B., Nov. 23.—Stur Dumore Head, from Glasgow.

BRITISH PORTS. Swansea, Nov. 21.—Arrd, str Mascot, from London, Nov. 22.—Arrd, str Henley, from Darien via Sydney, C. B. Lizard, Nov. 22.—Passel, str Hungarian, from Montreal for London. Sydney, N. S. W., Nov. 22.—Arrived Karen, 918, Swansea, Oct. 30.

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EXPORTS. For Fort-de-France, per schooner John C. Gregory, 160,150 feet pine boards, 1,000 boxes herings (dry salt), 200 boxes herings (salt). For St. Lucia, 190,477 feet pine boards, 111 spruce spars, 500 boxes herings. For Barbados per schr Lewanika, 140,000 feet spruce boards, 100,000 feet pine boards, 1,000,000 cedar shingles.

The Weather. Forecasts.—Moderate west shifting to south winds, fair and mild until Thursday evening. Synopsis.—Winds to Banks and American Ports, moderate westerly gradually shifting to southerly. Local Weather Report at Noon. Nov. 23, 1904. Highest Temperature during past 24 hours, 44. Lowest Temperature during past 24 hours, 32. Temperature at noon, 44. Humidity at noon, 72. Baromet. readings at noon, 30.08. Wind at noon, Direction, N. W. Velocity 12 miles per hour. Clear. D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

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