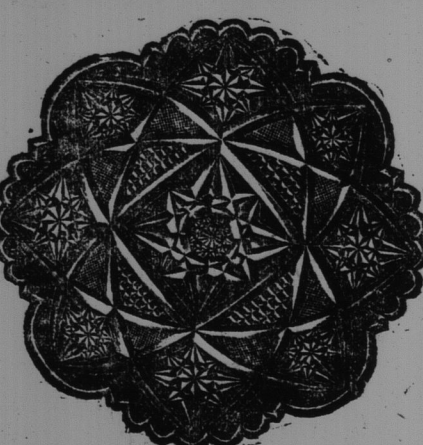


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HUNT FOR MISSING

\$2,000,000 ESTATE.

Search to be begun in Philadelphia

for Wealth of J. O. Brown.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 24.

Search of the various safe deposit

vaults of this city will be begun soon

in an effort to get some trace of the

missing fortune of the late J. O.

Brown, the former recorder of Pitts-

burg. It is estimated by relatives that

about \$2,000,000 worth of securities are

on deposit somewhere in the east, and

his brother, J. R. P. Brown, a lawyer

of Dodge, Neb., is expected here from

New York to take charge of the search

in Philadelphia.

J. O. Brown died mysteriously on

March 15, 1903, at the residence of his

stenographer, Miss Nettie McLean, in

Pittsburg. An autopsy indicated that

he had taken poison. Practically all

the fortune which he was believed to

have possessed disappeared at the time

of his death. All the banks in the east

have been asked to aid in the search.

Philadelphia bankers have received

the following letter from the brother:

"I am a brother of Joseph O. Brown,

of Pittsburg, late recorder. He died

under peculiar circumstances at the

house of his stenographer, in Pittsburg,

on March 15, 1903. His papers nearly

all disappeared immediately from her

house also from his clerks in Safety

building and City building, Pittsburg,

and we cannot find his safety vaults.

"He removed them from Pittsburg

about four years before he died. He

was director of Public Safety before he

died. Please write me if he had a

safety vault or a deposit account with

you."

Recorder Brown was one of four po-

liticians who made a written agreement

by which they controlled the affairs

of Pittsburg for many years. The mys-

tery of his missing fortune has been

as great as the mystery of his death.

Mr. Brown is known to have netted

\$750,000 from one oil well, and a few

years ago his real estate holdings and

securities amounted to more than \$1,

000,000. All of this has disappeared,

excepting about \$600,000, which Re-

corde Brown decided to his stenogra-

pher. His wife got only a few thou-

sand dollars.

J. R. P. Brown has obtained from the

Standard Oil Co. a statement of the

recorder's holdings in oil lands. These

are valued at more than \$500,000. A

few days after his death all his oil

lands were transferred to Miss McLean

for the consideration of \$1 in each case.

READY FOR A CHANGE.

Smith-T'm afraid it will be useless

to ask Homer to join our club.

Jones-Why do you think so?

Smith-He's a married man.

Jones-Oh, that's all right; he has

been married more than six months.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

LOST-A pocket book containing a

small sum of money and several notes

of hand with other papers. Finder will

please leave same at office of the Sun

Printing Co.

LOST-Yesterday afternoon, a black

and white Setter, answering to the

name of "Prince". Finder will kindly

inform MR. MOWATT, 245 Duke St.

STORE OPEN THIS EVENING. St. John, N. B., Aug. 26, 1904.

Close at 1 O'clock Saturday

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FROM

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JAPS EASTERN ARMY RESUMES THE ADVANCE

Severe Fighting Reported and a
General Engagement is Expected
At Any Time--Japs Have Three
Armies Advancing Against Kur-
opatkin

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 26, 2:15 p.
m.—After four weeks interval the
Japanese have resumed their advance
against Gen. Kurapatkin's position.
The opposing armies are in contact east
and south of Liao Yang and fighting
has been in progress since Wednesday.
The advice at hand are too meagre to
enable the officials to form a correct
opinion as to whether it will result in
a general engagement, but the extent
and character of the Japanese move-
ment leads to that conclusion.

Since the rains ceased a week ago
there have been continued intimations
that Gen. Kurapatkin was about to
resume the offensive, but instead of
that it was the Japanese who attacked
the Russian commander's eastern and
southern positions.

A Japanese column 10,000 strong was
reported on Tuesday to be marching
up the right bank of the Liao River,
which would seem to indicate that
three Japanese armies are co-operating
in enveloping positions of Liao
Yang. From the meagre accounts re-
ceived it appears that Gen. Kurapatkin
selected Tantsiapuday as the point for
his attempt to drive the wedge into
Kurapatkin's outer defenses at Anping
and Liandian, which are situated
respectively ten miles northwest and
southwest of Tantsiapuday. The latter
being on the Liao He River, slight
miles above the confluence of the Tat-
se River, whence a mountain ridge
runs westward. The fact that the Ja-
panese are preparing positions at the
Tatse River was noted in these de-
spatches several days ago.

The capture of the bridge will be the
first obstacle of the Japanese and
doubtless will entail severe fighting in
which the Japanese probably are con-
fident of their superiority of their moun-
tain guns. If they are successful the
Russian positions at Anping and Li-
andian will become precarious. Opera-
tions on Anping are supported from
Outafaty, three miles higher up the
Liao He river and along the Tatse
river, as shown in the despatches report-
ing that the Russian front south of the
Tatse river was engaged and that Gen.
Kurapatkin was simultaneously moving on
Liao Dian Sian, along the high road
from the Liao Yang and another Japanese
column is moving on the south
road from the Liao Yang, ten miles north-
west of Salschong.

That Gen. Kurapatkin had foreseen
these various moves is shown in the
manner in which the attack on Tan-
sap was met and by the repulse of the
Japanese at Salschong.

The Russian fleet, which sailed from
Cronstadt last night on a ten day's
trial cruise consisted of twenty war-
ships.

The emperor leaves tomorrow for the
Don to bid farewell to the departing
troops.

FIGHTING NEAR LIAO YANG.

LIAO YANG, Aug. 26. — A big battle

commenced today twenty miles east

of Salschong.

The Russian front from the Tatse

river south was engaged.

LIAO YANG, Aug. 26. — The fighting

which began yesterday continues to-
day at Liandian, twenty-two miles

southwest of Liao Yang. The Ja-
panese are attacking.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 26. — A de-

spatch from Liao Yang under date of

August 25, says the Japanese eastern

forces began a forward movement Au-

gust 24, eight companies going on the

main Liao Yang road, in the direction

of Liandian.

The Russian outposts held their po-

sition, the fight continuing yesterday.

The result is not stated, but it is un-

derstood the Second and Twelfth Ja-
panese Guards divisions are particu-

larly active.

THE SINKING OF THE NOVIK.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 26. — The

emperor has received from Viceoy

Alexis the report of the commander
of the cruiser Novik which was sunk
at Korsakous, island of Sakhalin, in
the fight with the Japanese protected
cruisers Chitose and Ishikuma. It
shows that the Novik put to sea from
Korsakous to engage one of the cru-

isers. By the end of the engagement only
six of the Novik's boilers were in good
order, and this fact, added to the de-
struction of her steering gear, compelled
her commander to return to Korsakous
to examine the vessel's condition.
In doing this he intended to put to
sea again at night, but finding it im-
possible to repair the rudder, and the
enemy's vessels approaching he decided
to sink the cruiser in shallow wa-
ter. The officers and stores were con-
veyed on shore. The casualties on the
Novik were two sailors killed and 15
slightly wounded.

AN UNFOUNDED REPORT.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 26. — The

Russ today declares it is in a position
to state authoritatively that there is
not the slightest foundation for the
report that Italy has suggested to
France an offer of her good offices on
behalf of Russia.

Protection of the cruiser Askold now
devolves upon China and incidentally
upon the neutral powers having war-
ships at Shanghai. The Russ adds
the warning: "This protection must be
effective as another breach of neu-
trality on the part of Japan will force
Russia to regard China as a belliger-
ent and thus change the whole aspect
of affairs in the Far East."

The Novoe Vremya supposes now
that the Vladivostok squadron is tem-
porarily out of commission. Russia
will resume its usual swing, "es-
pecially since the Smolensk, which has
proved to be the flying Dutchman to
English traders on the South African
route, is now definitely headed off."

MUTILATED JAPANESE DEAD.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. — Further me-
dical reports are published in Tokio,
says a Tokio despatch to the Times,
showing the mutilation of Japanese
dead and the slaughter of Japanese
wounded by Russian soldiers.

A detachment of the 11th Regiment
of Siberian Rifles is specially men-
tioned as guilty of offenses against
when on outpost duty on Aug. 19.

Another instance of massacre of Ja-
panese fishermen by Russian soldiers
is reported from Kamchatka. A fish-
ing craft, containing 172 men, lying in
the comparative safety of a bay, was
sunk Aug. 9. Twenty-three Japanese
were killed.

A WAVE OF "GRAFT."

A New York Preacher Alarmed by the
Moral Corruption of the American
People.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. — Preaching in
the Protestant Episcopal Church of the
Epiphany, Brooklyn, on Diagonety and
Gambling, the Rev. Dr. Dean Richmond
Babbitt declared that a great wave of
moral corruption was sweeping over
the people. The degradation of public
life here by "graft," he said, had be-
come a scandal of the world. He spoke
of the dishonest labor leader, and as-
serted that corruption among employ-
ers and business people was setting the
pace for the political corruption.

"All this," said Mr. Babbitt, "strikes
at the very root of American govern-
ment and the American style. If we
are to become a nation of grafters, let
us haul down the stars and stripes and
unfurled the black flag of piracy. When
we turn from this to consider other
methods of fraud and dishonesty, such
as gambling, we stand aghast at the
conditions of society in this land.
Raffling at a church fair, where much
gambling begins, or the devious deal-
ings in margines, is less as much crim-
inal as that at the faro table or the
roulette wheel."

"We need to have the conscience of
the public aroused to these great and
advancing dangers, and to put all gam-
blers, whether in the church on change
or at the gambling table, where they
belong."

THE JAP RIFLE HUMANES.

BOSTON, Aug. 26. — The American
board has received from Rev. Sidney L.
Gulick of Matsuyama, Japan, a report
of missionary work which states that
on July 25 there were more than 1,200
Russian prisoners in the city. The
prisoners are quartered in several large
temples and are given very unusual
care and liberty for prisoners. Miss
Farnham, of the American board has
met the prisoners more freely than any
other foreigner but she has been great-
ly restricted by official rules.

Special buildings have been erected
on the drill grounds north of the city
for use as a hospital where some 60
wounded have been or are being treat-
ed with the best care the country can
provide. Out of the total number
treated only five have died; one more
is considered hopeless so that of the
wounded thus far reaching Matsuyama
99 per cent. have been successfully
treated. The chief surgeon attributes
it to the special character of the Ja-
panese rifle, a variety of general ad-
vantage of which he urged on the au-
thorities five or six years ago on the
basis of the humane nature of the wound it in-
flicts, disabling and not killing.

Five prisoners who escaped were cap-
tured after a sharp resistance with
knives. To escape from the island is
practically impossible. An attempt
only makes the lot of others harder.

NATURAL DEDUCTION.

He—That young woman who just left
must be a book agent.

She—Why do you think so?

He—She speaks volumes.

REMARKABLE STORY

Officially Buried to Deceive His

Father—Now Wants His Own.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 25. —

Telling a remarkable story of how he
was once officially buried and record-
ed dead in the health office of the Dis-
trict of Columbia, Lewis Alexander,
and electrician, of New York city, to-
night declared that with documents
inherited from his foster mother, Mary
Almarola, a wealthy negress, he would
force his real father, a distinguished
resident of Washington, to provide for
him.

"Until five years ago," said Mr. Alex-
ander tonight, "my father supposed
that all that was mortal of me rested
beneath a little white stone marked
with a cherub and the name 'Lewis
Alexander Almarola.' But all that
the coffin beneath that mound contains
is the remnants of what more than
twenty years ago was a doll."

"My father was a native of Kentuck-
y and prominent in American public
life. Soon after I was born I was
placed in the hands of Mary Almarola,
a really remarkable negress. Then my
father and my mother were divorc-
ed. Mrs. Almarola was told to raise
me if I lived. She knew that my fa-
ther did not care whether I lived and
never intended to recognize me."

"My mother, evidently fearing that
my father, should I grow up and ever
have a suspicion of my true birth,
would take steps to see that I never
came into my own, arranged that Mrs.
Almarola should tell my father that I
died. This was done, a doll was
placed in a coffin and a funeral was
held. My mother died later, but not
before she had placed in Mrs. Almarola's
hands certain evidence, which serves
as absolute proof as to my birth."

"I cannot say I have been approached
by any emissaries of my relatives, but
today a lawyer with whom I was talk-
ing suggested in an apparently off-
hand manner that I take a trip to
Europe. He said: 'Do not stir this
thing up. It will only cause a scandal
in the history of public life and diplo-
macy. It will do no good. Now, if you
desire, I know that you can go any-
where you like—San Francisco, San
Diego, and live a gentleman.'"

"I don't intend to leave until I have
had an understanding with my father's
people. It is not likely that I
shall tell who they are."

THE SILVER SLIPPER.

A Big Theatrical Organisation—Carry
One Hundred People.

George H. Murray, business manager
for John C. Fisher's stupendous mu-
sic production, "The Silver Slipper,"
arrived in the city today to complete
the final details for the appearance of
the huge musical organization at the
Opera House on Thursday, Friday and
Saturday, Sept. 1st, 2nd and 3rd, with
a special matinee Saturday.

This company numbers one hundred
people and travels exclusively by spe-
cial train. They will arrive here on
Thursday next, at 12:30 p. m., by the
Atlantic coast line, and will remain
until fulfilling the engagement here
will leave for Fredericton by their own
special over the C. P. R., September 5
at 10:30 a. m.

Mr. Murray states that aside from
the Metropolitan Opera Company, this
is by all odds the largest theatrical
company that will tour the country
this season.

An array of extra stage hands, elec-
tricians and other workmen are pur-
posely carried; also their own orches-
tra of twelve men.

The prices for the engagement range
from 50c to \$2.00, and for the matinee
25c to \$1.50. The seats will open
Monday, August 29th at 10 a. m.

OLDEST TRIPLETS.

HOLD A REUNION.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Aug. 24. —

There was a reunion in Clarkburg
of the famous Aldrich triplets, the only
day, said to be the oldest in the country,
who came from the Far West to be
with their aged mother on the fifty-
seventh anniversary of their birth.
Their mother, who is ninety years old,
is in fair health.

The celebration consisted of a dinner
with a social gathering during the af-
ternoon. The triplets are Ambrose,
Alfred and Albert. When the civil war
started the triplets were 17 years old.
Each wanted to enlist, but Ambrose
was the only one allowed to fight for
his country by the donor Aldrich.

Ambrose and Albert are now pros-
perous business men of Stockton, Cal.,
and Alfred is manager and the largest
stockholder of a department store in
Minneapolis. On their fifty-third birth-
day the three brothers held a reunion
at Monterey, Cal. It was the first time
Alfred had seen the other two in thirty
years.

NOT A BAD IDEA.

Little Willie—See, pa, is the pen
mightier than the sword?

Pa—So some people think, my son.

Little Willie—Then why don't the
Russians arm themselves with fountain
pens?

TIME FOR DRAPPEERING.

He never told his love for when
The fatal words he would have said
Her father from above yelled down—
And the young man quickly fled.

FIRE ON THE S. S. ST. CROIX

Broke Out Shortly After
Steamer Left Portland

Considerable Excitement Among
Passengers and Steamer Headed
Toward Portland.

The last trip of the St. Croix from
Boston to this port afforded the pas-
sengers excitement of a kind not gener-
ally relished on a voyage.

The steamer had left Portland be-
hind and was about two hours out on
its way to St. John when a fire was
discovered in the forward hold.

An attempt was made to subdue it without