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A Cat's Paw

Or, The Maid of the Mill

CHAPTER XXIX.

It is only due to observe that John

Turkish fr ntier. To whom, as on world. be as well put on the table, if not as his wife. well cooked, the wine as carefully icor the Cafe de Paris itself. When the valuable domestic into the sitting- him. We left him at Homburg liter- height! He must have been as mad tess, these were ready to receive rose from his chair, as if to be off He must indeed! That poor territransparent dress that set off the symmetry of her neck and shoulders to perfection, her only ornaments a heavy gold bracelet at her wrist, a heavy gold locket on a black velvet round her neck, and a white rose

The husband was laughing gaily; the wife looked tranquil and composed. How could the arrivals guess that there had been another scene so cordially to the two young men, had been swearing brutally at the delicate lady to whom they made their bow, accusing her of flirting with the one and valuing the society of the other, as being a dear friend to her lover-hers, a married woman!-but a lover whom he would take d-d good care she should never see again! All this, with strange mutterings, furious gestures, and averted eyes that never looked a moment in

in her dark chestnut hair.

Well, he was pleasant enough now. as untarnished as my own. It was, "Mr. Burton, will you take With a bow to be divided between you two fellows is the eldest? Never defiance for her husband's exclusive peared in Galignani within a week of to shell the new town from outside as five of the enemy's cruisers surthe wine is not bad, and after our ies, Mrs. Vandeleur marched out of broiling walk to-day we shall ap- the room and disappeared. up when she came in."

temptuously, and the party sat down out into a forced laugh. waited on by Auguste and a benevo- "Bachelors both!" said he, pushing sent German servant, who appeared a bottle of claret across the table. to resist with difficulty his desire to "if you're wise, you'll remain so. join in the conversation.

They talked about England of probably find out some day. course. English people always do Vandeleur isn't at all well just at talk as if they were within ten present. There's no end of steel in miles of Charing Cross. Burton en- these waters at Homburg, and this in his own anticipations of the Lon- I am taking her to England. Have den season, and she tried to listen as some more claret, and then we'll Dolly reverted to old times, to the In common decency the guests were faintly to her cheek. "He liked that of coffee, they were only too happy country," he said, "he liked that to take their departure. Calover the nicest place he had ever friend-

old as I am you'll both have seen a for it." thousand instances of it-that no wo- "What can you expect?" answered of so awful and irrevocable a crime. hea thy. They never are any neight tiful starlight night."

miles of it, as you know." escape the observation of his guests, tion,

to-merrow, I can tell you." that they were puzzled. He was ly. Do you suppose now, he could drinking a great deal of wine too, have been drunk?" hurry to order coffee. Norah, unwil- knows what he's about. Hark! kin's money, and he's failed." ling to remain, and afraid to go what's that?" of Pandy Burton, who bestowed them an altercation—a quarrel. Dolly's feel a fit coming on, and I'll go vessels to be seen, of which eight having sent medical comforts to the low there are a like medical comforts to the low the low there are a like medical comforts to the low there are a like medical comforts to the low there are a like medical comforts to the low there are a like medical comforts to the low there are a like medical comforts to the low there are a like medical comforts to the low there are a like medical comforts to the low there are a like medical comforts to the low there are a like medical comforts to the low there are a like medical comforts to the low there are a like medical comforts to the low there are a like medical comforts to the low there are a like medical comforts to the low there are a like medical comforts to the low the low there are a like medical comforts to the low there are a like medical comforts to the low there are a like medical comforts to the low there are a like medical comforts to the low there a

handsome hostess. The latter looked pressed, a whisper hissed down into all the while to good-natured Dolly the court-Egerton as her mainstay, feeling a "By h-ll, I will! I'll strangle Vandeleur was one of those gentlemen certain protection in his presence you!" who, if they intended going up in a while he remained, for something Then a long, wild, ringing shrick, balloon, would take care to have it told her he would prove a true and and dashing into the house for a warmed, aired, and made thoroughly loval friend, but dreading to be left rescue, Dolly, closely followed by his wives of Russian officers who have Russians near Anju. Twenty Rus-He was, indeed, well used to tra- should be time for their guests to go with Mrs. Vandeleur in her night- Arthur declare that much damage was three men, killing one of them. It velling on the Continent, and knew away. Fear, however, in the female dress, her hair down, her feet bare, done by Thursday's bombardment. is believed that no other fighting has better than most people with how breast is seldom unaccompanied by her whole appearance denoting ex- They declare that 38 persons were occurred little extra forethought and trouble it the nobler emotion of anger. If her tremity of terror and dismay. is possible for those who have plenty physique be equal to it, a high-spiri- "Save me! save me!" screamed A 12-inch shell, which exploded in with a few guns, and a number of of money to carry with them all the ted woman, like a high-couraged Norah, clinging to Dolly like a territhe lower land fort, killed or wound- Cossacks, occupy the country north luxuries of home. He employed a horse, is never so daring as when her fied child. "He'll kill me!-he's rav- ed an officer and 42 men. The Rus- of Anju. foreign servant, too, a perfect trea- nerves are excited by well-founded ap- ing mad! Help him, somebody!" she sian fleet did not participate in the sure, who suffered nobody to rob his prehension. North was conscious of added, beginning to sob as her cour- fighting. The battleship Retvizan master but himself. A servant to terror, but her soul rose in rebellion ageous nature re-asserted itself. was hit by three shells. whom he need only say, "We start against the unworthy and uncomfor- "Help him!-perhaps he'll kill him- A despatch to the London Daily to-morrow at five for Constanti- table feeling, and she felt, to earry self!" nople," and everything would be on the equine metaphor, that one jerk Even while she spoke they heard a ready at daybreak, including, per- of the bridle, one more dig from the rushing sound, followed by a dull

the present occasion, he had but to The silence grew irksome; Dandy alarmed. Lights were glancing, and observe, "Auguste, dinner in half-an- Burton, wishing to break it, stumbl- servants running about in all direchour! Covers for four!" and Augus- ed on the happy topic of Gerard Ain- tions. They covered Mrs. Vandeleur te would reply. "Milor" (he persisted slie. With characteristic felicity he with a cloak, and carried her off unin calling his master "Milor") "shall asked point-blank whether his host resisting, for she had fainted away. he served to the minute!" taking care had heard or seen anything of his "It's all over!" said Burton, as

ally begging his bread." Dolly half as Pedlam!"

Mrs. Vandeleur.

and turning very pale again in a moment; "and it is cowardly to say yard below! it behind his back. Yes, cowardly, Mr. Vandeleur, and unworthy of a man! Mr. Ainslie has been unfortunate, more unfortunate than I can describe; but I tell you, and I tell these old friends of his, that I will not believe a word you say against

in my wife? Let me see, which of her guests, and a stare of haughty mind. Dolly, you will come with me. benefit, with head up, measured gait, I can't give you a decent dinner, but proud gestures, and sweeping draper-

Mrs. Vandeleur smiled rather con- himself creditably enough, and burst

man ever likes to live at her hus- the other. "He's much too old for This paragraph found its way band's place. It's either too high her, and she hates him. How hand- into the London papers, and his or too low, or the trees are too near some she looked when she walked out! old associates in clubs or such land movements of the Japanese the house or there's standing water the house, or there's standing water booked when she walked out! old associates in class of such from any source, but as the Seoul within half a mile that makes it was and smoke in the court, places of public resort talked from any source, but as the Seoul correspondent of the London Times within half a mile that makes it un-hea'thy. They never are any neigh-

these objections are got over, it's by the hotel, and on the fourth by always as mad as a hatter! Very have no intention of marching their sure to be too damp for her consti- by the hotel, and on the fourth by always as mad as a natter! very have no intention of marching their the stables. It wanted still some pretty girl, was she? Clergyman's main army any further than neces-"I like Onkover very much," observed Mrs. Vandeleur, quietly: "and retired to rest. Lights were gleamas for the climate not agreeing with as for the climate not agreeing with ing from many of the windows, ed out of the window instead of Corea and seize Ping-Yang. me, I was brought up within two standing open to let in the fresh him, and I'd been underneath to right-air. Polly and Burton, smoking catch her! "Oh, you're a pattern wife, of their cigars, wondered lazily which And this was Vandeleur's "Requicourse, was his answer, with so were those of Mrs. Vandeleur, and escat in pace!" unpleasant a smile that it could not pursued the thread of their conversa-

"It's backy you to like the place | "I thought his eyes were very though, for we go straight back there queer." observed Burton, after expressing an unflattering opinion that The young men looked at each Mr. Vandeleur had aged very much other in consternation. Vandeleur's in the last few months. "And his manner was so different from his voice seemed changed. He mopped up woman." usual easy good-humored courtesy, his champagne, though, pretty free-

and seemed strangely impatient when "Drunk? Not he!" answered Dol- one in mourning? Why, that's Mrs. Auguste neglected to fill his glass. ly. "There's no stronger-headed fel- Jenkins." "You don't mean to Even after dinner was over he con- low out than Vandeleur, nor a less say Jenkins is dead, do you ?" "Not tinued at table, and appeared in no excitable one. Depend upon it, he at all. You see, she married Jen- from Wei-Hai-Wai describes a visit to

lively interest in the breast of his tones, eager, excited, in accents of small sum of five cents."

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scorn, expostulation, then entreaty-

The two listeners sprang across the bound, beneath the windows of a brightly-lighted apartment on the second floor. The rooms below were very lofty, and it was not easy to hear what went on within an upper chamber so high above the ground. Shadows passing rapidly to and fro traversed the wall opposite the

broad open casement. Hoarse, as with mad fury long sup-

haps, a Sultan's firman waiting at brutal spur, would get her head up, dead bump on the paved surface of the first post he should reach on the and rouse her to face anything in the the court. Norah's strength failed Port Arthur, and that great damage Japanese trooper was killed. her now. Already the hotel was

at the same time, even in a greasy fellow-pupil since he left Mr. Archer's? the hand he lifted fell lifeless, and German hotel, that the dinner should Vandeleur grinned maliciously at inert across Vandeleur's bruised and manuled body, lying in a pool of "I'm sorry you've inquired," said blood. "Stark naked, too!" he aded, as at Oakover, or the Clarendon, he. "I ought to tell you all about ded, looking down at the ghastly him. I ought to warn you against mass. "And to jump from such a

them. Vandeleur, gentlemanlike and that moment by the train for Frank- fied woman, now happily insensible, fort, and I think Mrs. Vandeleur lik- could have told them how her hus-Norah, pale and beautiful, in a high ed him none the worse for this sud- band forced himself into her chamber, den movement, which she probably raving at her with a maniac's incounderstood. "You need not pity herent fury, tearing off article after him; neither of you. He has done article of clothing as he stormed; how everything that is bad. He has turn- he hunted her into the sitting-room, ed out a thorough blackguard. No threatening her every moment with a lady ought even to mention his name, horrible death; how she reached the eral attached, had been fortunately post has brought accounts of the miral Makaroff, commanding the fleet He can never look a gentleman in the door, in which the key, with its num-Dolly had got as far as "It's im- left on the outside, and turned it on possible!" when he was silenced by him ere she fled; lastly, how to her "You dare not say it to his face!" the dire horror that this act of self- struck an incoming train, completely March 10 (four of them being under ing gertleman extending his hand exclaimed Norah, flushing crimson defence had caused him to leap

It was well for Mrs. Vandeleur that she had a true friend like Egremont received advices Sunday that all was to stand by her in this sad crisis of well there, and that Russia would her life. Everything that could be never evacuate or surrender the done for her comfort was attended to place. his follies, he has never been guilty propriety she strongly urged-for Nor- anese bombardiment did extensive 8 o'clock in the morning five of our of a low or a mean action, and I ah never lost the habit of thinking damage to the forts and the new torpedo-boat destroyers had returnwill pledge all I have in the world for herself-that he consented to pros- town, including the destruction of ed. When the critical position of that his sense of honor is as high and ecute his journey with Burton next the new bank building and the mili- the Stereguschtchi became evident, I

berg and Supposed Suicide of a Gen- It is evident from the despatches ing I did not succeed in saving the tleman.—On Friday last, this ro- from every source that the bombard- Stereguschtchi, which foundered. St. Petersburg that such a voyage quotes at the such at the mantic old town was startled by one ment of Port Arthur Thursday was Part of the crew were made prison- is feasible, and if it proves so the Pe difficult have fainted, she looked so knocked each other's faces aghast. Vandeleur of those awful calamities which ocbecame almost purple, but recovered cur at intervals to rouse us from the accounts state, but the reports of the in the attack one officer was seriousapathy of conventional life. An Eng- evacuation of the place are not credlishman of high position, accompani- ited. They are probably due to the ly and three others were slightly ed by his lady, and attended by sev- fact that the new town has been ren- | wounded, but two solders were killed eral domestics, arrived in the early dered impossible to live in, and has and eighteen wounded. train from Frankfort to take up his been abandoned. Ladies have their tantrums, as you'll quarters at the Rheinische-Hof. After visiting the castle and other objects of interest in the neighborhood he sat down to dinner with a few don Daily Telegraph says that a telfriends, who parted from him at an egram received from Tokio Sunday deavored to interest Mrs. Vandeleur air is much too bracing; that is why early hour apparently in his usual night states that the Russians have emy fired 154 twelve-inch shells. The line his arrested Bort Arthur health and spirits. About midnight virtually evacuated Port Arthur, damage to our vessels was insignifithe inmates of the hotel were alarm- probably fearing that they would be cant, and they are again ready for if her thoughts were not far away. smoke a quiet weed before we part." ed by the screams of his lady, and it cut off by the Japanese destroying battle. Our losses were one officer was found that the unfortunate pen- the railway. tleman had precipitated himself from The correspondent of the London "The illumination of the sea at pil-room at Archer's, and her eye the claret seemed flavorless, the con- an upper-floor window into the courtbrightened, while the color came versation flagged, and, after a cup yard below. Dr. Drum of Heidelberg Spr. that Thursday's hombardment and reversal times isolated shots from was promptly on the spot, but medi- say that Thursday's bombardment and several times isolated shots from cal skill proved necessarily unavail- led to the desertion of the town, our batteries forced the enemy's neighborhood, he admired the scenery. As they threaded the long corridor ing in so frightful a catastrophe. Sidence The forts are unable to rehe enjoyed the climate, he thought of the hotel, Dolly whispered to his Continued ill-luck at the play-tables of Homburg is rumored to have been "We've spent a deuced unpleasant the cause of this rash act, and when "I wish you could persuade Mrs. evening, to my mind, and I'm sorry we mention the rame of the victim as Vandeleur of all that," said the host, for it. You can't call that a 'din- John Vandeleur, Esq., of Oakover, in who seemed, contrary to his usual ner of herbs, my boy. Well, matri- the county of ---, we leave our habit, inclined to grow quarrelsome mony's a noble institution, no doubt; readers to infer how enormous must and argumentative. "It's a devilish but what we've seen to-day is dis- have been the pecuniary losses that odd thing-though when you're as couraging, and I don't feel the better could thus drive the owner of a princely fortune into the commission or two, and forgot him. "Married, Points out, the practicable landing bers. It's dull in the summer and So the two went down into the wasn't he? and for the second time?" places are hardly yet free of ice. The cold in the winter. Or, suppose all courtyard, surrounded on three sides said the Club-world. "Ah! he was ed the difficulties. The Japanese hours of midnight, and even the hon-daughter somewhere near his own main army any further than neces-

PECULIARITY OF THE SEX.

(To be continued.)

Jayson-"It is strange, isn't it?" Jimpson-"Er-what is strange?" Jayson-"Why; that the oldest inhabitant is always a man-never a

"Who is that attractive-looking woman in black?" "You mean the

liberally, satisfied he was kindling a sharp ears caught Mrs. Vandeleur's somewhere else and have it for the are warships. Few soldiers are vist-

Thirty-Eight Russlans Killed and Over a Hundred Wounded.

TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION.

The Yin-Kow correspondent of the London Daily Mail says that the vation force is in touch with the alone with her husband when it friend, came in collission, at the door arrived at New-Chwang from Port sians attacked a Japanese post of killed and over a hundred wounded. It is estimated that 1,500 Russians

> ternoon a report was received that a quently occurring. Four Russian destroyers were put do not appear to be advancing. out of action inside the harbor, and were deserted by their crews.

The St. Petersburg correspondent which describe Thursday's engage Chwang. ment as being more serious and the Russian losses greater than were at

first believed. ard from Chefoo says that a late | Mukden, Friday, which says: "Adfearful panic at Port Arthur during reports from Port Atthur, under the bombardment Thursday, which date of March 10, that six torpedo was of the fiercest kind. Shells boats went to sea the night of driver. Replying to reports that Port Arthur would be evacuated. Russian officials at Chefoo say they

by kind-hearted sympathizing Dolly, A despatch to the London Stand- commanded by Lt. Sergueiren, susand it was only at her repeated en- ard from Tien-Tsin states that the tained damages; her engine was distreaties and the considerations of Russians admit that the last Jap- abled and she began to founder. By day, and left her to the charge of tary headquarters. It is the opinion hoisted my flag on the cruiser Novik an English physician resident in the of experts that it would have been and went with the Novik and the town. The following paragraph ap- impossible for the Japanese ships cruiser Boyarin to the rescue. But the harbor, and consequently they rounded our destroyer, and as their "Deplorable Catastrophe at Heidel- must have made their way inside. | battleship squadron was approach-

> PORT ARTHUR EVACUATED? A Shanghai despatch to the Lon-

turn the Japanese fire. A despatch to the London Express plied to the enemy's fire. from Chefoo says that news from The crews of all the ships engage Chinese sources is to the effect that ed gave proof of remarkable coolness tion the Russians have withdrawn from in action: Below decks the work of 000,000 Year Port Arthur, the evacuation occurr- the day followed its ordinary course, ing last Friday.

A similar report comes from Tokio, the vessels and covering them with but it has not yet been confirmed.

LAND FIGHT IMMINENT.

There is no real information of the

IN SPLENDID FETTLE.

troops who have already landed as strong offensive against the Japan- and had a feel and had been fold as strong offensive against the Japanbeing in splendid fettle. They are ese fleet, and to contest the control (things) and had no field manoeuvres. The range from \$3.25 to \$3.75 for cattle clothed a little heavily for marching of the sea, which the Japanese have but quite sufficiently to stand the in- | hitherto held. How far such a line tense cold of the north. Besides, could be operated in by the Vladivoeach man carries a species of posteen stock squadron cannot be gussed at, horses, disband, and leave us with- of sheep and lambs, which were due, blanket coat, with goats' hair inside. there still being no hint of its The enthusiasm and confidence in- whereabouts. There is nothing from spired by the navy's success is ex- the Japanese side concerning the hilrating to sec.

A despatch to the London Times haroff's report. Chemulpo. On the previous visit of ble. but there are pyramids of sus Africa. Probably the offer will be bles and ruin the wantry.

plies. Practically all the troops bombardment. have left Seoul except the permanent garrison of 6,000 men. The obser-

RUSSIANS DRIVEN BACK.

alry vedettes last Tuesday at Katan, were distinguished at sea within the Telegraph from Tokio says that pri- which is about seventy miles south area of our searchlights. Our batvate telegrams state that two Rus- of the Yalu, on the western coast teries opened fire on them. At 2.40 bakers' at \$4.90, bags included, on sian torpedoboat destroyers were of Corea. The Russians were driven our torpedo boats put to sea, and the track Toronto. sunk in Thursday's engagement at back. Their loss is unknown. One about 4 o'clock came in contact with

was done to the docks, forts and ar- The most reliable estimates of the Liaotishan lighthouse. After firing and \$16 for bran in bulk middle senals, including the explosion of a number of Russians in Northern Cor- several shots the enemy retired millifeed is steady at \$21 for cars of powder magazine. It is reported that ea place them at 8,000, of whom southward in the direction of Shan- shorts and \$20 for bran, sacks in-Dalny was almost destroyed. The two-thirds are on the west and the tung. Our torpedo boats returned to cluded, Toronto freights. despatch adds that at a late council remainder on the east coast. Small the harbor at 6 o'clock. They were at military headquarters Sunday af- encounters between scouts are fre- again sent out to reconnoitre, and 44c for No. 3 and 43c for No. 3

number of guns were observed to be The Russians in Northern Corea certained that the enemy:s squadron dismounted during the attack on appear to be withdrawing in the dir- was approaching. The Japanese Port Arthur. The garrison was ection of the Yalu, the passage of opened fire at 8 o'clock on our cruisdriven out of the works. The which they are preparing to defend, ers and the fortress. They had four-European quarter was set on fire. The Russians in North-eastern Corea teen ships. They fired the whole

NEARING NEW-CHWANG.

A despatch to the London Chronof the Daily Telegraph says there icle from Tien-Tsin, dated Sunday, number of 2,000 are reported to 53c, No. 3 yellow at 52c, and No. 3 are rumors that telegrams have been says that a Japanese force of 10,000 received later than those published, men is reported to be nearing New-

A despatch from St. Petersburg says :- The Czar has received a mes-A despatch to the London Stand- sage from Viceroy Alexieff, dated tousevitch), encountered the enemy's torpedo boats, fellowed by cruisers. "A hot action ensued, in which

the torpedo-boat destroyer Vlastini discharged a Whitehead torpedo and sank one of the enemy's torpedo stole private officials' charts and boats. On the way back the torpe- plans at Dalny and Port Arthur, do-boat destroyer Stereguschtchi, and conveyed them to Tokio,

"At 9 o'clock 14 of the enemy's of cruisers and torpedo ships assembled before Port Arthur confidently expected the and a bombardment was begun with prove squadron at long range. "This lasted until 1 5 clock

afternoon. It is retirented the en-

"At the commencement of t hardment the guns of the for in spite of the shells falling between

"A bombardment at such a distance must be considered ineffective, but the Japanese cruiser Takeshasago is reported to have been seen to suffer serious damage, the extent "I have the honor to report the foregoing to your Majesty.

(Signed) "ALEXIEFF.

TO TAKE THE OFFENSIVE.

The initiation, apparently, of more vigorous strategy by the Russian fleet at Port Arthur is attributed to Admiral Makharoff's arrival. It is suggested that if the battleship Retvizan has been removed from the cavalry was paraded before French ers' sold at \$4 to \$4.35. The Seoul correspondent of the entrance of the harbor, as reported, latest action at Port Arthur, Nothing is known of their losses except ALL GONE TO THE FRONT. | what is contained in Admiral Mak- tionary manifesto appealing to citi- prices next week. To-day sen

BOERS AS SCOUTS.

declined, as Russia has so many Cos-

FREQUENT SKIRMISHES.

Letters received at Chefoo from Mukden state that the Russians are extensively fortifying the banks of the Yalu River. The Cossacks have had frequent skirmishes with the Japanese near Cholsan and Chong- market is dull and easy, with buyers Ju, Corea. Strong reinforcements | holding off till prices are more setare being sent to Antung, New-tled. No. 2 red and white are Chwang, Mukden, and Kirin. Ap- quoted at 94c to 95c west or east. parently Russia intends to carry on Goose is quiet at 84c for No. 2 east. a war of exhaustion keeping her fleets | Spring is easier at 89c for No. 1 protected in the harbors, where they east. Manitoba wheat is about furnish unprofitable targets for steady at \$1.03 for No. 1 hard,

HARBOR NOW OPEN.

The Cologne Gazette has a despatch from Tokio which says that the entrance to the harbor of Port Arthur is now free of obstruction.

ANOTHER BOMBARDMENT.

commandant at Port Arthur re- prices did not keep pace the advance ports that at about 1 o'clock on in the prices of wheat, and that Thursday morning the outlines of there is now no reason for following There was a skirmish between cav- vessels, apparently torpedo boats, the recent decline. Cars of Hungarthe enemy to the westward of the steady at \$17.50 for cars of shorts returned to the harbor, having astime from behind Liaotishan."

TO BLOCK THE RIVER.

have arrived at New-Chwang. The mixed at 51c in car lots on the Russians are planning to block the track Toronto. mouth of the Liao River with junks and torpedoes.

SCOUTS EXCHANGE SHOTS. Russian and Japanese mounted scouts exchanged shots on Wednesday north of Ping-Yang. The Russians retired after a few rounds had been fired. There were no casualties on either side.

FEMALE JAPANESE SPY. A despatch to the London Morning Leader from Tien-Tsin says that a Japanese woman who left Port Arthur with a number of refugees

BY WAY OF ARCTIC OCEAN.

According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris Temps the Russians contemplate attempting to unchanged at 11c to 111c for twins take the Baltic squadron to the Far and 10%c to 11c for large. fleet will certainly follow that route, concentrate to oppose day and night. It wil nine battleships and a

CHINA AGEIN Russia has served notine on s that the latter must not send thops Top beyond the Great Wall, and hat she fair demand for must exercise her influence to re- buyers are not prepared t strain the Chinese bandits, who are prices in view of present m partially under the control of Chin- ditions abroad. Drove ese officers, from interfering with the farmers will have to s railroad and telegraph lines. A re- to at lower prices to the fusal to heed this warning will be order that the cattle may be supp considered a breach of neutrality. | with a fair prospect of making some ersburg through official military now, with an almost certainty of a

channels describes the Chinese forces loss. Several lots of good heavy marching northward as being an un-cattle were sold at from \$4.60 to disciplined and almost grotesque mil- | \$4.80. One extra choice load was itary organization showing an entire reported at \$5. absence of equipment and training. Butchers .- Market is fairly active,

"Because many horse markets ex- Sheep and Lambs .- There ist within the interior, and we know practically no market to-day owing the cavalrymen would sell their to the non-arrival of several loads out cavalry."

REVOLUTIONISTS BUSK, autations to-day, but Thousands of copies of a revolu- weaker and prospects are fund were distributed throughout St. Petersburg on Wednesday. Some were posted on walls until the police

The Ruling Prices in Live Stock and Breadstuffs.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, March 15 .- Wheat-The \$1.01 for No. 1 northern, 98c for No. 2 northern and 95c for No. 3 northern at Georgian Bay ports, and

6c more grinding in transit. Flour-The market is dull and lower. Local exporters were quoting \$3.55 for cars of 90 per cent. patents in their bags to-day, west or east. Holders were asking 25c or more in advance of that price. Admiral Alexies, under date of Choice brands are quotes 15c to 20c Thursday, telegraphs from Mukden higher than those prices. Manitoba to St. Petersburg as follows :- "The flour is steady. Sellers say their ian patents are quoted at \$5.30, second patents at \$5, and strong

Millfeed-Is in fair demand and

Barley-Is steady at 45c for No. 2,

Buckwheat-Is firm at 52c for No. 2 west or east.

Rye-Is firm at 75c to 58c bid for No. 2 and 60c asked west or east. Corn-The market is steady for Canada and lower for American. Canada mixed is quoted at 38c and yellow at 39c f. o. b. cars west, Russian reinforcements to the American No. 2 yellow is quoted at

> Oats-Are dull and lower. No. 1 white are quoted at 331c and No. 2 white at 33c east. No. 2 white are quoted at 321c high freights west, and 33c middle freights. Oatmeal-Is steady at \$1.50 for

> cars of bags and \$4.75 for barries an the track Toronto, and 25c more for broken lots here, and 40c more for broken lots outside. Peas-Are steady at 65c for No. 2 west and 66c east. Choice milling

are quoted at 70c outside.

COUNTRY PRODUCE. Butter-Quotations are unchanged. Creamery, prints20c to 22c Dairy, pound rolls, choice 15c 17c do large rolls15c 16c do tubs, good to choice... 16c 17c do medium13c 14c do poor10c 12c

Chee-e-The market here is quoted

East by way of the Arctic Ocean. Eggs-Arrivals of Ontario eggs are It is not proposed that the vessels steadily increasing, and there are shall start before midsummer, and still stocks coming from Chicago. as soon as the warm weather sets in The result is an easier market. Earice-breakers of the Yermak sype will by in the day dealers were asking 22c probably go to the White Sea to and 23c per dozen, but buyers held ascertain whether the north-east pas- off, and prices dropped another cent sage is available. It is believed in to 21c, at which price they were

A report just received at St. Pet- profit for the shipper, instead of as

As evidence of the unreliability of but prices are not any higher. Owing these forces the following occurrence to the light supplies, the offerings is cited :- A body of Yuan-She-Kai's were picked up early. Good butchand German military attaches. The Stockers and Feeders .- There is former asked the commander why now some enquiry for stockers, but

> Prospects are fair. Hogs Chare

BUFFALO GRAIN MARKETS. Buffalo, March 15.- Par-Quel the correspondent the anchorage One hundred young Boers have of removed them. The manifesto also easy. Wheat-Nothing done. Corn away, sat in utter discomfort, trying What, indeed! A confused wrangle Housekeeper-"Well, sir, what do there was crowded with transports, fered to serve as scouts in the Rusto fix her attention on the platitudes of voices, raised to an angry pitch— want?" Tramp—"Please, mum, I but now there are barely a dozen who hestowed them