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## Cat's Paw

Or, The Maid of the

CHAPTER XLIII.

Most of us have some friend in the peet him to pull us, though he should go in up to his neck on our behalf; and we generally favor him with a good deal of bad temper on our own account, and personal abuse, which

mand his advice. Such a friend was Dolly Egremont him, that Dolly, and nobody but Dolly, must be collared and consulted

ture to differ with us in opinion on

the very subjects for which we de-

the pit with their eyes open, the fellow in England."

tofore he had so ill-advisedly vowed he could serve a friend, and of him came; and this was the more unfair now, I ask your pardon. You be to find men with sufficient knowledge to love and to cherish.

home. Even at so late a stage of stop,-you bowl the twisters, I'll do would have set everything right. But growed to be a man. the proceedings, every day that could the fielding for you. Hang it, Jar- that explanation was never granted, This in a tone of mournful solilobe gained was in his favor. Dolly ry, when you and I get togethes, I those words remained unspoken. Miss quy, as of one disappointed, disheartthreading his way through the nar- rather wistfully.

search of the Accordion. came into unexpected collision with I sten to me. You never were a took good care to tell him she was many years is that ago?" Mr. Barrinton-Belgrave, who bounced sneak. You and I always went part- in England, tracking her steps, how-

That gentleman's greeting was cold now?"

prised at the dignity of his former I could divorce her. Ch! nonsense, I in a first-class carriage with a wrap- good and all." but hearing Dolly's voice, made for and then, at last, Dolly, I shall win somehow mixed herself up with the the very person whose death he had since that described the somehow is the somehow of the somehow is the somehow in the somehow in the somehow is the sound in the sound is the sound is the sound in the sound is the sou the sound. Opening a door by grop- the prize I have been praying for all morning sky and the budding hedges, come here to ascertain was alive and a lie in her many the sound. ing till he found its handle, he enter- my life." ticles as buff-boots, stage jewellery, the assistance of his friend. false hair, rouge-pots, and sham

looking more anxious than usual. Gerard took steps for following up season's profits of the Accordion just their bow-meeting and what-not at The miller fairly broke down. "How did you find your way here? the necessary inquiries in town. to see her once again.

managers. to talk to you about. We'll go be. their several characters, impels men the old love contracted insensibly in well mind; Lady-day comes round so promptly as he might. together, Dolly. If I'm not in the to play high stakes at a gaming-boyhood had grown to be a part of often now, and never a blink of fair

we call "plain-speaking," if he ven- sallied forth into the street.

made, or shut up our shop altogeth- a course of distant politeness and Grits. yards in the direction of Grosvenor of the theatre. To morrow's a fectually shutting out from her alive? He had barekindled by Gerard's interview with we've got this American star coming she can perceive the blue sky of forhis old love, but such an immunity over-this Madame Molinara-and giveness beyond.

always reverted to that, I fear, with even think of them. Well, the state- judging with more worldly wisdom thick coating of flour on the old but little feeling of compunction or ly ships go down, you know, and then might have been expected from man's face. His temper, too, seemed remorse, cherishing, like men in gen- perhaps hers may. I'm almost beast her character, was exceedingly jeal- the rustier for age. After a proeral, a persuasion that on them has enough to wish she was at the bot- ous of her admirer's connection with longed stare he shook his head, obbeen laid the whole weight of an tom of the Atlantic, upon my soul!" the Accordion and its snares. She serving scornfully, "There's a fresh unhappy marriage, that they alone "I wish with all my heart she hated the very name of an actress, crop of fools comes up every seedare the sufferers, and that, although was!" answered Gerard laughing. "I she almost hated Dolly himself for time. One more or less makes small she never asked them, although they want to talk to you about some- associating with that amusing and odds with spring drawing on. themselves must have taken the ini- thing else. I want you to help me. fascinating class. Burton, in his first Dolly laughed outright, and some- Russian Government is endeavoring to

Gerard, then, felt chiefly anxious to man cherished of his own, it was in Madame Molinara, the American star, "Your servant, sir-your servant," on the authority of a naval engineer prove the death of one whom here his nature to put them aside when who was always coming, but never he repeated nervously. "I know you that the Government is much exercised It would be difficult, of course, to true, "that there is something grati- set eyes on the syren who, yet a men-the lusty 'un' (he had obvious- the Far East. obtain information at such a dis- fying to every one in the misfortunes thousand leagues off, could cause poor ly forgotten his name). "Walk in,

leys, in which the staple commodities tude of boyish bravado. Gerard Ain- Madame Molinara did him a world of purpose at the well-dressed visitor. pursuing his researches, I think he ed boy in Mr. Archer's pupil-room. | manent cure. But, confound her! all to come down here for an after- strategical importance, being situated | Mail from Fusan says that the Rusmost have failed at last, but that he "Don't jaw, Dolly. Hold on, and she came back. The Morning Post noon's fishing after study. Ah! how about 40 miles north-east of Kaiping, sians have apparently taken the of-

my daily bread. With some per- death. What makes me think she up, once for all, and devote himself thaw an anchor-frost on the mill- us we sons, nevertheless, memory on such is dead? Why of course she must be, entirely to the business he had taken wheel. Ah, young master! if it's on the matters is not to be trusted. Step You don't suppose, Polly, that wo- in hand for his friend.

ed a small uncomfortable room, with | Before they parted it may easily be the rooks happing heavily off the new- Old Brits followed his visitor's yours, Mr. Egren

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and thought he detected a glance of this period in a fit state for any ex- Ripley, crossing the stiles he had over, they'd never have looked more any information from the hurt, heart something of much more importance normal mood which, according to creased, Dolly felt too surely that was it last Ripley feast? I don't was to finish his beer and depart as Japanese

ed with the lapse of time.

It is curious how differently people happiness, and do all in his power to "I'm ready now," answered his aggrieved by an imaginary neglect or of his own.

out of the theatre. To-morrow's a fectually shutting out from her every ly time to ask himself that question wiped out, only one or two escaping. ded and one hundred soldiers killed or the Japanese strength at 300,000 clear day, but it's the first I'v had opportunity of making amends or ere he saw the old man in person for a month. To me, indeed, my even asking what she has done to leaning an arm on the half-door of dear Jerry, I do assure you 'all the offend, and finishes perhaps by a his bolting-room, scanning the mea-I have said that the idea of Mrs. world's a stage, and all the men and series of false accusations, a storm of dows with a grim wrinkled frown just Ainslie's existence had in no wise women d—d bad players!' I never which she thinks have to do all those years ago. tempered the first glow of happiness was so harassed in my life. Now which she thinks herself fortunate if It seemed as if he had never moved the first glow of happiness was so harassed in my life. Now which she thinks herself fortunate if It seemed as if he had never moved

of the White Rose's presence had a beauty, they say; such an actress, reached the second stage of this ungarden-path between the fresh-dug and such a Tartar to deal with. If comfortable and intermittent malady, beds. "I know you, but you don't In the very middle of the first she don't draw twice as many peo- He was sulking with Jane Tregunter, know me." crossing he traversed, it came upon ple as the house will hold every night was trying to persuade himself he Old Grits gave an ominous grunt. him like a flash, that unless he could we shan't pay our expenses,-I can did not care for her, never had cared "Like enough," he answered, "and positively certify Fanny's death; could see that already. Everything is to for her, never would care for her, nor may be I doesn't want to." be found her, my boy; and her dress- for any other woman in the world! "Look again," replied Dolly, no very proofs in his hand, he was not maker's bill would swamp a life-boat. He had a right, he thought, to feel whit disconcerted; "you had a better only committing a crying sin by the I was running up a few items just aggrieved. This young lady had memory when I was here last. Come, only committing a crying sin by the now when you came in, 'and I would left town shortly after her refusal of Mr. Draper, now haven't you seen me Russians. The garrison are using casualties. eyes this was perhaps ever a more that my tongue could utter oaths Dandy Burton's offer without vouch- before?" serious consideration-inflicting a that arose in me.' I've agreed, too, safing to Dolly any notice of her indeadly injury on the woman he lov- Jerry, that's the worst of it. Given tentions, or informing him of her des- to foot, and Dolly could observe how ed. Of course, she must be dead! He in to all her terms, and I dare not tination. The fact is, Miss Tregunter the wrinkles had deepened under their

the lambs frolicking in the meadow, merry in the house? no carret, fitted up like an office, supposed that folly Egremont had turned plough. When he got out for glance. "There they be," said he me, sir; you was alw save for a few such incongruous ar- piedged himself heart and hand to breakfast at Shunter's Junction, the huskily, "and theer they'll bide till you was, but don't let Hebe who made his tea, though it she come in at that theer door, or me ever core a-nigh. must be admitted no two people till I be carried out on it. They be blood between us, there could be found more unlike, brought ready for ye, my pretty, never fear, she allus used to write afor and Mr. Bowels, with a cheque-book In parsuance then of the compact fercibly to his mind the woman he them wot you was allus used to weer and tak her form. I'll ne before them, and an expression on the between this Dancon and Pythias, had resolved to think of no, more, and we'l they became ye-more's the as she'd forsake me of her countenance of either that denoted a Dolly started for the country by a By the time he reached Ripley Sta- pity! Ay, beauty's a snare maybe, will, like this here. Ah! lit summing-up of accounts in which very early train the following morn-tion, two miles from Oakover, he but there wasn't such a one to look little Fan! I'll not last long expenditure had exceeded income. ing, it having been arranged that he had forgiven her from the bottom of at not in a dozen parishes round. back to me before I'm gone! "What, Gerard!" exclaimed Dolly, should employ his one day of leisure his heart, only wished her well, and Look'ee here, Mr. Egremont-I mind ready for you. Come back wh

Not come about the play, have you?" It may not be out of place here to Walking through the familiar lanes for twenty mile and more. If you'd deavored to console him in vain. Gerard answered in the negative, observe that Mr. Egremont was at and footpaths about Oakover and taken and bolted of 'em nine times was obviously impossible to obtain

table, to traverse the Rocky Moun- himself, that to tear it away was tains on half-rations, or to cross the to deprive him of the best and nob-Atlantic in a yawl. Dolly felt sore lest in his nature, that for his own and sick at heart, all the more so sake it was far better to cherish and that the part of a disconsolate sui- loyal, even though hopeless and untor was quite out of keeping with returned, than harden to the selfishh's frank manly nature and hopeful ness of cynicism, or sink in the mire disposition. Nevertheless, truth to of reckless indulgence and dissipation. tell, he worried himself a good deal He resolved, then, that he would at about Miss Tregunter, and his sor- least continue her friend, that he row, which dated now some months would tell her so frankly and candidback, rather increased than diminish- ly the first time he had an opportunity, that he would rejoice in her

I'll wait here till you are act under the different sentiments of increase its stability, even though the friendship and love. If a man feels edifice should be reared on the ruins fied in inflicting our grievances, con- friend, shuffling a lot of papers to- tribindness from some tried comrade. Then he shook himself free from the fidences, sorrows, and chiefly our gether and cramming them into a for whom he entertains a sincere re- one ruling idea, raised his head, and drawer. After a whispered dialogue gard, he asks simply for an explana- walked on feeling, he knew not why, with Mr. Bowles, in which were to be tion, and in three words their good a happier and a better man. Followdistinguished such words as "exorbi- understanding is re-established as ing the well-remembered path to the tar' terms," "impatient public," firmly as ever; but with a woman, Mill, and looking on the sluggish "novelty," "attraction," and "New who is, after all, the more easily stream, the quiet fertile meadow, the

York," he took Gerard's arm, and reconciled of the two, he adopts a orchard trees just coming into bud, diametrically opposite system. He he could hardly believe so many "The fact is, said Dolly confidenti- usually commences with a levity of years had elapsed since he used to ally, and in accents of relief as they conduct and bitterness of speech in escape joyfully from Archer's pupilheard the stage-door of the Accordion tended to force on her the conviction room, and wander down here in the clang to behind them, "we've got a that he has no value for her good soft spring weather, just like to-day, speculation on hand now that will opinion whatever; from this Eind and for a glance at the trimmers, a pot either be the best hit a manager ever considerate treatment he proceeds to of mild ale, and a chat with old

"How do you, Mr. Draper?" said could not last long after the glamour she's to make all our fortunes. Such Dolly Egremont had as yet only the visitor, walking briskly up the

tiative, and at some stage of the Polly, you must stand by me like a and second parallels, before risking a thing in his laugh recalled him to get eight triple expansion engines of proceedings must have walked into brick. I'm going to be the happiest final attack, had made no small use the old man's recollection. Wiping his 3,200 indicated horse power in Gerof this offensive engine in his plan hand sedulously on his trousers ere many for four proposed torpedo boats. whole business is solely the woman's Honest Dolly's face brightened at of operations; especially had he in- he proffered it, the miller opened the The hulls and other parts will be once. Whatever sorrows this gentle- sisted on the dangerous charms of half-door and bade his guest step in. built inland. The correspondent states La Rochefoucauli's aphorism was not because Dolly, as we know, had not one o' Mr. Archer's young gentle to take out the ships proceeding to Janey such disquietude. Here, again, sir-walk in. I be proud to see you. "I'm your man," said lie. "Wicket- a personal interview of ten minutes, I thought you'd a drawed down nigh

quarter of an hour Gerard was sometimes wish we were," he added, Continent, and made no sign. It was for the inevitable drawbacks of life. a long and dreary winter to the man- "I'm glad to see you looking so row streets about Leicester Square in | I believe that with old schooliel- ager of the Accordion. How many hearty," said Dolly, cheerfully, while lows, even men of sixty go back in- letters for Nice or Mentone he began he seated himself in the well-known to the correspondents and Military critics profess to be not alto-To find a theatre by daylight is al- to boyhood, and are capable, at least and tore up unfinished to litter the wooden chair, and filled a glass of the military attaches themselves, who gether certain whether Gen. Kuroki's most as difficult as to follow a bridle in fancy, of "knuckling down" at wastepaper basket beneath his table, the ale brought in by a red-cheeked, road in the dark. Gerard foolishly marbles, "bolstering" in bed-rooms, it is not for me to calculate. I be- red-armed lass, as like the original abandoned his cab, and was soon robbing apple-trees, cribbing verses, lieve that the counter-irritation pro- Jane of careless memory as she could lost in a labyrinth of lanes and al- and taking floggings with the forti- duced by his correspondence with stare, which indeed she did to some seemed to be gin, oysters, stale vege- slie, bronzed and bearded, here in the good. I believe if Miss Tregunter "Here's your health, Mr. Draper, and tables, penny ballads, second-hand streets of Lendon, answered as he had remained abroad altogether he long may you keep it. Why, you're The Town of Siu-Yen, now occupied tunies, penny banacs, second might have done when a smooth-fac-might eventually have attained a per-not a day older than when we used by the Japanese army, is of great A despatch to the London Daily a detachment the furniture, and old clothes. Steadily might have done when a smooth-fac-might eventually have attained a per-not a day older than when we used by the Japanese army, is of great A despatch to the London Daily a detachment than the second per-not a day older than when we used by the Japanese army, is of great A despatch to the London Daily a detachment than the second per-not a day older than when we used by the Japanese army, is of great A despatch to the London Daily a detachment than the second per-not a day older than when we used by the Japanese army, is of great A despatch to the London Daily a detachment than the second per-not a day older than the second per-not a day of the second per-not a day older than the second per-not a day of the second per-not a day of the secon

out of a dirty door-way in a dead ners in everything, and have not fail- ever, with considerable delicacy, no to his point. Old Draper's shaggy both places. Siamatzsa is also an along the railway. They are being wall covered with hanging strips of ed each other yet. Will you see me farther inland than the Pavilion Ho- brows lowered, and his trembling tattered red-letter advertisements. through the great 'go-in' of my life, tel, Folkestone. And behold Dolly hand jingled the ale-jug against the in perpetual fever and discomfort tip of the glass. "My service to spring weather from year's end to Wang-Cheng from Saim its "Till all's blue!" answered the oth- once more! Would she write now? you, sir," said he, setting it down year's end." grieved that he should have seen less er in the same vernacular; and then She might find a thousand excuses! after but a modest sip. "Ah! it's It seemed obvious to Dolly that her ering their front. The of the man whom he had befriended his friend, with many interruptions Or should he? Perhaps she had for not so many years, maybe, but father at least believed Mrs. Ainslie roads and pesses are in distress since "Fortune," as he from basket-women, street-sweepers, gotten him outright. Women, he there's been great changes, great was still alive, and he could pursue The Japanese beautifully expressed it, "had show- loitering cabs and thundering omni- had always heard, both on and off changes, up at Oakover, and down his inquiries therefore with less cirered her sunniest smiles upon her buses, disclosed as a profound secret the stage, were exceedingly prone to here at Ripley, since you and me cumspection. minion." The actor lifted his hat his attachment to the White Rose - forget. Six months was a long time lifted the trimmer with the seven- "I ought to have asked after my with stately politeness, and would an announcement that created no |-foreign travel a wondrous distraction liver and would an announcement that created no |-foreign travel a wondrous distraction liver and would an announcement that created no |-foreign travel a wondrous distraction liver and would an announcement that created no |-foreign travel a wondrous distraction liver and would an announcement that created no |-foreign travel a wondrous distraction liver and would liv have passed on, but that Gerard surprise whatever-and his intention tion. He thought, with some one by and took it home in he; "I haven't forgotten any caught his hand, and held him by to be married to her without delay, of the heart, how many charming his carriage. Yer, I remember of them. Is it long, Mr. Droa determination that drew from Dolly French marquises. Italian counts, you now quite well, sir. Egre- you have heard from "You ought to know," said he, "if a protracted and discouraging whistle. Russian diplomatists, and Austrian mont, if I'm not mistaken. You was "Daughter!" anybody does. I want to find the "There is but one difficulty," in- officers, might have made themselves always a keen chap for the fishing, in voice sisted Gerard, waxing eager and elo- agreeable to the fresh English "Mees" and now Squire's gone, and Madam, withstand His manner was frank as usual, quent as he warmed to the subject, while he was minding his rehearsels she do never come to the Hall. And was rais Mr. Belgrave, however, totally un- "but one obstacle in my way, and at the Accordion. What a fool he there's them missed from the Mill got a mollified, replied with freezing dig- that, you will say, is not easily sur- had been to care for her. It only down here as used to- as used to- maid nity, "I certainly am not likely to mounted. I cannot at present ob- made him wretched. Much better well, as used to come in and out, in an forget the workshop where I make tain conclusive proofs of my wife's give it up! Yes, he would give it merry enough and bright enough to hold

them as lives longest as learns most, as I've in there, Mr. Ainslie. I wish you man would have left me alone if she Dolly arrived at this sensible con- it's them too as has most to forget. bush his had been above ground when I came ches'on by the time he reached the I do I now as my memory's failing- black hair So Ainslie stepped in, a little sur- into some money? If she's not dead, railway station, to establish himself I do sometimes wish he were gone for hind you,

friend, but attributing it in his ig- know I could. Time has nothing to per over his knees, and a number of Dolly looked round the room to christening norance to some part he was fresh do with it. But there's no occasion the Fortnightly Review, which he did avoid the old man's eyes, in which rise. The from studying, and of which he for anything of the kind. I tell you not even think of cutting in his tears were rising fast. On a table got two ne could not at once skine off the tragic she is dead. I am as sure of it, as hand. Whirling into the soft, spring near the window he observed a wo- self, Mr. deportment and majestic air required. that you and I are opposite the Bur- landscape of the real country, he man's straw hat, a water-pot, and a their business. He found himself in a dark pas- lingten Arcade at this moment. I found the job not quite so easy as pair of gardening gloves. He almost father. I sage, apparently leading nowehere; must prove it, that's all. Prove it, he expected. Jane Tregunter had started. Could it be possible that But I've ne

in as hearty a voice as ever, but in a journey to Ripley Mill, while felt he would willingly give a whole your name now, sir-I've a been to you've a mind!

Oakover, and see all the quality, ah! hid his face in his hands. Dolly

## Flanking Movement Repulsed Near Hai-Cheng.

limportant point, as it controls the

roads to Liao-Yang and Mukden. By

hold, will be avoided on the advance

RUSSIANS DEFEATED.

Gen. Kuropatkin telegraphs to the

"Outposts of Cossacks on the main

IS KUROKI ADVANCING?

loss of 100 men.

incline to the latter view.

ASSUMED OFFENSIVE.

preted as caused by anxiety to hamp-

of the Japanese army northward.

JAPANESE REVERSE.

A Hai-Cheng, Manchuria, despatch Japanese around the Russian left from Feng-Wang-Cheng. June 9, was repulsed with a loss of two whole battalions. (A battalion consists of

A large Japanese force moved out in the morning along the Feng-wang-Cheng and Hai-Cheng Road. The Emperor, under date of June 8:-Russians had a force strongly posted "A Japanese brigade attacked a of the Japanese. in a ravine 30 miles south-east of Russian detachment occupying Sai-Hai-Cheng. The Japanese were pre- matza on June 7. The Russians recoded by two battalions, who walked tired slowly, because of the enemy's into the Russian ambuscade. They great superiority, towards Fenchulin received a murderous rifle and artil- Pass. lery fire at close range, and were "Our losses were two officers woun- Japan, in which he said he estimated

The main Japanese force, which was greatly superior to the Russian force, tried to outflank the Russians, who drew off without losing a man. The Japanese, closing in, found the ravine vacant, save for their dead.

THROWING UP TRENCHES.

A despatch to the London Express from Nagasaki via Shanghai, savs that information from a high source in the Cossack outposts. A detach- officers in 1903. Their knowledge asis to the effect that the Japanese engineers are sapping their way towards Cossacks. The Japanese abandoned the fortifications at Port Arthur. Under cover of the artillery, new earth- their attack, having lost one officer works are thrown up nightly. The and non-commissioned officer captured trenches are gradually nearing the shells sparingly, and are evidently re-Liao-Yang road were driven in June serving their ammunition. Over 200 7, but reinforcements forced the Japfield guns cover the operations of the anese to retire. Our loss during the trenchmakers. Siege guns have not been used yet. They are being mounted on cement platforms, in command-

FOR NEW TORPEDO BOATS.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Standard says that the er as much as possible whatever

FROM KUROKI'S CAMP.

A despatch from Gen. Kuroki's The Russian authorities say that ent to institute inquiries which must keeper, cover-point, slip, or long- a frank explanation of as many words a score more, though, when you'd headquarters, via Fusan, says: The they are without information about be pursued abroad no less than at keeper, cover-point, slip, or long- the twistors. I'll do would have get everything right. But growed to be a more, though, when you'd headquarters, via Fusan, says: The they are without information about present is another period of prepara- the fight at Siamatze beyond the oftion. The most interesting news can- ficial despatch that was made public not be telegraphed because it would on Thursday night, but that the Rusbe gamed was in his lavor.

They would be gamed was in his lavor.

They would containly go to furnish clues to future movements. Sian withdrawal was quite in according to the lend, but accepting such dis-illusions furnish clues to future movements. Sian withdrawal was quite in according to the lend, but accepting such dis-illusions furnish clues to future movements. Sian withdrawal was quite in according to the lend, but accepting such dis-illusions furnish clues to future movements. The great strength of the Japanese ance with Gen. Kuropatkin's pre-aroccupying advanced positions and the ranged plan, although the Russian disposition of the main forces are losses indicated stubborn fighting. have practically no informant on the movement means a real advance, or is subject except what is gathered from simply a feint to distract Russian atthe bulletins issued here.

JAPANESE HOLD ROADS.

congratulation exchanged by the two pedition involving expenditure of jumped so often in his boyhood, 'seconds' by the side of my Fan. Yes; broken father, and after a few comsurplus energy, endurance of physical scanning the orchards and meadows, you may come when you like, my monplace expressions of sympathy load "Play!" said he, "hang the play! discomfort, or deflance of personal all so little altered, save that their pretty. It's all ready for you, and and condolence, Bolly thought the sions, I'd forgotten all about it. I've got danger. He found himself in that ab- dimensions had unaccountably de- I got a new ribbon for your hat - greatest kindness he could do his host have dimensions. chau from

(To be continued.)

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the first stage of a more extensive

at Pulandien. Apparently this is only

RUSSIANS CHEER JAPS.

An entire absence of personal feeling against the Japanese is noted at. Liao-Yang. This may be due to conscious superiority over the foe. No doubt the Russians are entirely confident of final victory. The message of sympathy sent by the Japanese on the occasion of the Petropavlovsk disaster was not expected by the Russians and led to a conviction that they had to deal with a chivalrous foe. An incident testifying to the existence of this sentiment took following this route the Mao-Tien- place at Liao-Yang in a restaurant, says: A flanking movement of the Ling pass, a strongly fortified and which is frequented by officers. The almost impregnable Russian strong- war was being discussed and also the recent disaster to the Japanese warships off the Kwantung Peninsula, when an officer proposed cheers for the brave Japanese, which were warmly given by the Russian officers, who undoubtedly admire the courage

JAPAN HAS 400,000 TROOPS.

The Lokal Anzeiger, of Berlin, prints an interview with Gen. Meckel, formerly professor of military tactics in men and 100,000 reserves. He believ-"Japanese troops are concentrating cd there were still 150,000 troops in southward with a front extending Japan. He did not doubt that the more than ten miles from Pulanden Japanese would storm and take Port to Fang-Tsia-Tung, in the valley of Arthur, as they did Kinchau. The heroism of the Japanese soldiers was "A Japanese force of two compan- unequaled, and they were splendid ies of infantry and a squadron of marksmen. The army organization cavalry advanced on June 7 north- was splendid, and the officers, who ward from Feng-Wang-Cheng into the were very intelligent, were admirable Fan-Ta-Fang-Hung district, driving leaders. He instructed six Japanese ment of chassen's and of infantry tonished him, and his pupils ultimatehastened from Ualindi to aid the ly became his teachers.

RUSSIANS MEET REVERSE.

A despatch to the London Morning and several men killed. We had no Post from Shanghai says that the Russians, who were marching south under General Stackeiberg, were repulsed near Waufungtien Saturday, and retired to Taschichiao.

Gen. Kouropatkin is still at Liaofighting, which lasted until 7 p. m., Yang, but he has thrown out a screen ers killed and five soldiers wounded." of 10,000 troops to the southward as movements. There are daily conflicts between the Russian and Japanese All Japanese movements are inter- scouts.

OPPOSING FORCES.

movement Gen. Kouropatkin makes The Paris Matin prints an interview to help Port Arthur. Not only have it had in London with M. Suyematsu, the Japanese bombarded the West an ex-Japanese Minister, who said regarding Port Arthur that the fortress coast of Liao-Tung Peninsula, where the railway runs close to the shore, was besieged by about 160,000 Japmaking feints of debarkation, but anese, while the defenders numbered Gen. Kuroki has assumed the offenabout 20,000. Doubtless its capture sive eastward. He has sent an overwould cost dear, but that was inevitpowering, strong column that drove able. The news of the capitulation of out the Russians from a fortified pothe fortress would come soon. If the sition at Saimatze, 20 miles north-Japanese took Port Arthur and dewest of Feng-Wang-Cheng, inflicting a feated Gen. Kuropatkin at Liao-Yang they would certainly march north. He would not say they would go as far as Harbin. That was a long way. They would not fortify Mukden, but would occupy a strate-

When asked whether with Port Arthur, Mukden, Harbin and Vladivostock in their hands the Japanese could hold them and the railway against the Russians, M. Suyematsu said:- "In preparing for war we tention from Port Arthur, but they thought of everything.

Gen. Kuroki re