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## The Fair Captives

OR

THE SECRET CABINET

CHAPTER XIII.-(Continued.)

"It surely isn't worth an argument," says she with a little frown, again I am sorry if I have inconvenienced or annoyed you. I confess, too, that if you could assure me you were leaving for some better reason than -than this, I should feel happier." "I cannot, however," shortly.

"I really wish then," drawing a others?"

shall save myself from that, if I can. stands between them. Good-bye."

eyes aflame. "That gives you a chance here; none of him.

practice makes perfect. I am sorry! to be obliged to inconvenience you so far, but if I stayed away, I am his; letting but a meagre smile part afraid my father might want to know her beautiful lips when occasion calls to Vera It is a rather rude question toba, No. 1 northern, steady at \$1.- at \$4.25 to \$4.75, iair to good at the position, which, therefore, the Jawhy. He might even be so absurd as for laughter, remaining stonily silent but there is so much shame and an- 03; No. 2 northern, 98c; No. 3 \$3.50 to \$4; mixed lots, medium, at to miss me."

"Why should you take it for granted that I desire your absence?" cries Vera, her voice vibrating with anger. "Come, remain, or stay away for

ever, what is it to me?" Her heart is still throbbing violentcousin take his departure-returns to

the summer-house "Well, did you make it up?" asks

she anxiously. "No," recklessly, "I only made bad worse. Once for all, Griselda, try to understand that that hateful man and I have not one sympathy in common. We clash at every turn, every word, every look. He is gone; that is my one solace. Let us pray he may never return."

"Pray for the moon, if you like, says Griselda. "Nobody can prevent you, and there may be pleasure in it. But I think you are just as likely to get that prayer answered as the

other." ":The proverbial wise woman would have ahased herself before you," says "Well, perhaps he will make us Vera moodily. "It appears we are both wretched." to have the pleasure of his society

once every week." "No! Bless my stars, what brings

"A mutual admiration that exists between his father and himself. He insinuates that they could not live if separated from each other longer than seven days."

profess to regard that old mummy within with any sort of veneration. must have a screw loose somewhere. He must at all events be a born hypocrite. Just think of Uncle Gregory! An old fiend whose veins run venom instead of blood! Oh, no! You must have mistaken him, Vera." "I didn't. And you forget he is his

son. He might see a charm where we could not, even in so arid a spot." "Perhaps so. But if he does he's

clever," says Griselda, distinct unbelief in her tone. "And so he's coming once in every seven days. I was uncertain before, but now certainly life is not worth living, with such a sword as that hanging weekly over one's head. However, pluck up your courage, Vera. I'll stand by you, and perhaps after all it was only threat."

"No, he meant it. There was fell ! purpose in his eye." "What reason did he give?" still ly. unbelieving.

"I told you. To see his father." "Tut, who would believe that? You would credit Munchausen, I really think, if he only had you to himself for five minutes. Do you honestly believe that any living thing ever wanted to see Uncle Gregory the

second time?" "I can only tell you what he said. And he was rude, very rude; really, farouche would better describe him. pug. He said, too, that if he stayed away his father would want to know why, and, of course, that would be awk-

ward for-me." that? I like that. It somehow assures me he is not going to peach," says Griselda thoughtfully. even such small mercies, let us than ful"

CHAPTER XIV.

July reigns, vice June dethroned, deceived. but still the roses hold full sway. Seaton Dysart's arrivals being only not let me go my way unquestioned, moullie, \$24 to \$28 per ton as to In that small inner garden in which looked for by the girls at about sev- and you yours? What am I to you quality. Gregory Dysart takes all the walks en o'clock in the evening—just an hour when all is told? I am outside your Meal—The tone of the market for rebellious areas. abroad he ever does, and the love of time to prepare for his coming.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Express, dealing with of the London Express with the love sole humanizing element about him, Any day on which he was expected, my likes and dislikes." sole numanizing element amount min, Any day on which he was experiences the queen of blossoms uprears her Mrs. Grunch brought a formal meshead in stately beauty, though in sage to Vera from her uncle to that the effect. Never yet had their cousin sage to Vera from her uncle to that the would compel you to—to more than the effect. Never yet had their cousin said to s a carpet on the tender green swards, ing made, and so thoroughly under-

many a time, to and from Greycourt, be Mr. Peyton's knock had made her am so afraid you thin't that I was- quietly going on leading to a turnand by degrees a little of the con- blood run cold. There had been a shrugging her shoulders. "I tell you early visits has worn away. He has him and her the day before yestereven so far advanced as to be almost day, and a wild fear that he had

on friendly terms with Griselda.

has taken a blacker hue and merged with rapture. your decision and stay. Have you lighter frame of mind. Vera, al- as he comes into the room. thought how strange it will appear- though taking herself to task, and "It is good of you to call it hap- needn't; I am sure he won't." your going in such haste-to-to the condemning herself for a want of py," says he, casting a really grateful "Oh yes, he will speak to his fa- 151c to 17c. "Until this moment no one has the bosom, still shrinks from any ad-ently with Vera. "In time for lunch- will prevent that. But I am not ever questioned my actions," says vance on his part with so cold a de- eon too, I see, though," with a ra- fri-htened," proudly. "I shall wait he, with a swift smile. "You are the termination that sometimes, with a ther surprised glance at the table." until his interview is at an end, and first to do so. And why should I bitter word or two, Dysart swears to you don't seem in a very hospitable then I shall go to-to Uncle Gregory, Western Cattle Market to-day was bearing, arrived on Friday in an our great surprise we found that stay? Ty give you the time required himself to abstain from further at- mood. Nothing to spare, eh? Peter, and ask him as a favor not to alter not so good, and trade was slower open sailboat carrying despatches. the slope which we had to climb was to perfect your detestation? No. I tempt to break down the barrier that get me something."

He bows coldly without offering her back again to try once more-to seek mighty hurry. for kindly word or gentle smile, such | "We didn't know you were coming old miser beyond will be only too de- lines were quiet. Sheep and lambs Port Arthur. "By-the-by." he says, turning again as he sees her lavish on Griselda, to you see," says Griselda mildly. "That lighted to fall in with your wishes, at the doorway, "I am afraid you which even a melancholy little kitten, knowledge would have worked a mir- on this subject at all events." will have to put up with me for a that has attached itself to her, is no ac'e in this household. And it isn't few hours every week. I shall pro- stranger. He has let it be clear to lunch you see (or rather you, don't mise to make them as short as I her in various ways that he is willing see) before you; it is dinner.' possibly can. But my father likes to not only to forgive but to forget that "What!" says Seaton, flushing many things," says Vera, her dark strange touch of obduracy, she puts refuses to see it. "Dinner?"

rarely lifting her soft dark eyes to anything in iscreet?" in his presence, unless directly called xiety in his tone that Griselda for- northern, 92c, Georgian Bay ports; \$3 to \$3.50; common at \$1.75 to \$2upon for speech.

nervousness her manner holds when we dine early." that will surely emanate from him. Good Heavens! he to hart her! 'After more mildly than before. a little while he acknowledges himwarm within his breast.

"You are treating him shamefully!" cries Griselda one day. "What has he done? That is what I want to know." She speaks with quite a lit- desire, of course, but if sometimes it Rye-74c to 75c for No. 2.

tie rush of indignation. "I can't. I don't know myself. I cannot explain it," says Vera wear- to her feet. ilv. "But I feel sure, I know, he

will make me miserable yet." making me so? and I don't feel in the deal of moral use to us. I have al- 321c, low freights, and 32c, north and tone, but is quoted unchanged at least superstitious about him."

"Not me certainly. As for you, not stand it. Yet in spite of that that it does not occur again." I do not believe he will ever harm

da, solemnly. "Anyone who could presence I icel I dislike him more and ject. Griselda is only in jest; she more. It grows on me and is an un- speaks like a foolish child. I," foldaccountable prejudice." "A mere vagary, I tell you. Get forbid you to say anything about

you intentionally or otherwise."

over it, ducky. Throw it off and get into your right mind once more.

meens. I shan't."

"I am not going over to anyone. I shall back you up always, right or will be if you try to alter matters wrong, whatever comes of it. I only in our favor.' mean that to my unassisted vision he appears a likely young man enough thing at my hands, is that it?" ex--amiable apparently, long-suffering claims he, passion that will not be beyond a doubt and handsome to a repressed in his tone; the coldness charm. I only wish," leaning her seems broken up, there is fire in his arms upon her knees, and directing a eyes and a distinct anger. "You have pensive gaze at the bare boards of had that 'time' you spoke of; has it her bed-room floor. "that Tom Pey- fulfilled its missions, has it taught ton was half as good-looking." with you?" asks Vera, a little quick- the room, "don't go, you should give

"Oh, nothing," airily, "nothing courtesy, for I won't believe that I Nothing at all. That's just it, you am naturally abhorrent to you. see. If he were anything to me, of There must be something else." course, it wouldn't matter; I should "If you must know," says she, see beauty in him against all beauty's looking back defiantly at him, her laws. But as it is, every defect and blood a little hot, "you are too like flaw lies oren to me. And when one your father for me to pretend friendhas to see a person every now and ship with you." then, it would be as well, I think, that that person shouldn't have a say that!" cries Griselda, now honnose that would not misbecome a estly frightened at the storm she has

By all this it will be seen that as her. Vera, with one little slender very little doing in wheat, the de- newspapers here print further mailed yet Griselda's wanderings through white hand grasping the back of a mand for oats was somewhat slow, reports of the disaffection in Russia. the scented woods have not been in- local like in the provincial towns the simple reason that Seaton, whose face has changed. An lots of No. 2 white at 39c to 39½c frequency in the provincial towns in the provincial towns in the provincial towns. "For us," fondly. "Did he say Mr. Dysart is still in ignorance of expression of keen pain crosses it. them. Mrs. Grunch, who once had "Has he been so bad to you as Flour-Manitoba spring wheat paseemed keenly desirous of dragging that?" he says, and then, with a tents, \$5.80; strong bakers', \$5.50; the cultrit to justice, had never af profound sigh, "My poor father!" | winter wheat patents, \$5.70 to \$5.terwards taken any notice openly of There is something so honestly 80; straight rollers, \$5.30 to \$5.40, ther absences, by which Griselda fond- grieved in his whole air that Vera's and in bags, \$2.50 to \$2.60. ly but arroneously argued that she heart smites her. had forgotten all about it. Later

head in stately beauty, though in sage to Vera from her uncle to that closer to her, his face very pale. "I per hag.

than usual, an absence extending ly. over all last week and part of this, he turns up at half-past two in the embarrassment in several quarters.

"What's that?" says Griselda, starting and dropping her fork (they are at their early dinner). "Did you hear it? A knock! A thundering like that? I didn't, indeed. And I per lb.

y, changing color.

to ashes," hazards Griselda, her tone now as genial as usual. For one income up to have it out with her now, to say! Don't talk to me li'e that. Brtter-At present local jobbers But between him and Vera, that and there, had taken possession of first dark veil of distrust still hangs her. At such a moment the advent

charity hitherto unknown in her gen- look at her as he sha'es hands sil- ther; I saw that in his eye. Nothing

"Yes sir," says that old fossil, Yet, ever and always he has come shambling out of the room in a

see me every seven days or so, and I inopportune remark of hers, the me- dar's red. He has got up from his like to see him. Do you think," a mory of which is difficult of banish- seat and is regarding her ,almost slight smile crossing his face, "you ment; but with a resolution that puz- sterrly. So is Vera, with a light will be able to live through it?" | zles even herself, and belies the really in her eyes meant to strive Griselda "I have lived through a good tweet nature resting beneath this into silence, but that rec'less person

him from her, as it were, and will "Yes," says Griselda returning her cousin's stern glance with the pleas-At arm's length she holds him, antest little nod. "Have I said

bles him most of all is the suspicion of savors of disapproval. "As a rule, we t, 15c to 20c higher for choice, quiet and in light demand. The few in the past month.

coming," supplements Griselda even 30 for bakers'. self beaten, and a terrible sadness glance at the scanty meal, "do you bult, \$18 to \$18.50 for shorts, east

your dinner every day?" ly. "That is the chop that change extra, and 41c for No. 3 malting eth not. It is not all that one could outside. Toronto freights.

might be altered for--"

Griselda in a meekly injured tone. ronto. "Pooh, nonsense! A mere fad. How "I was merely going to add that a Cats-Firm; 33c to 33 c for No. cwt. up, at \$5 to \$5.75. can he make you wretched without fowl occasionally would be a good I white, east low freights; No. 2, ways heard that to keep the temper- west.

is necessary." "I feel as if I ought to apologize to ronto, 25c more for broken lots here, if so you have provoked your own fate. Such a life as you lead that clusively, "and as if, too, no apology and east."

HALIFAX LOSES DOCKYARD tured two Japanese, who were in a pitiable condition. The prisoners opatkin telegraphs that unless the fate. Such a life as you lead that clusively, "and as if, too, no apology and east. unhappy man. Flesh and blood could could be accepted. But I shall see

"I beg you will do nothing," says Vera quickly. "Nothing. I will not "I do. Every time he enters my have my uncle spoken to on this subing her hands tightly together, "I

"I regret that I must disappoint declare but for your creaking and you," says Seaton courteously, but prophesying I could quite like Sea- with determination. "My father's house is in part mine, and I will "Go over to the enemy by all suffer no guest to endure discomfort

"There is no discomfort now. There

"You mean that you will accept noyou to detest me? No!" detaining "Wby? What has Mr. Peyton to do her deliberately as she seeks to leave me a real reason for your studied dis-

"Ch, Vera, I think you shouldn't raised, but neither of the others hear

"Why will you bring up this dis- to \$18; shorts, \$19 to \$20 per ton; on, however, she was to be un- cussion again and again?" she says Ontario winter wheat bran, in bulk, with remorseful impatience. "Why \$17 to \$18; shorts, \$19 to \$20;

heralds, alas: of a sure-coming death. stood was it that he would not put him, and her eyes now uplifted look 75 per ton in car lots. Scaten Desart has come and gone in an unexpected appearance, that defiance into his.

He turns and leaves the room. afternoon, his coming causes distinct brought upon me," cries Vera, facing 24c to 25c, and Montreal limed at Griselda, with vehement agitation. | 20c per dozen. "Oh, I am sorry," says Griselda Poultry-Turkeys sold at 14c to "Seaton's knock!" says Vera faint- and I do so hate those chops and-" choice primes were made at \$1.35 "What can have brought him at Vera growing cold again, and putting bushel. this hour? London must be reduced up one hand as if to command sil-

"But I must explain to you," per- bag and choice at 60c to 65c. stant a sickening fear that it might sists Griselda, really unhappy; "I Cheese-There has been some buying straint that had characterized his short but sharp encounter between ily, moving away to a distant win- Friday last, at prices ranging from

"Oh, darling, what a horrid thing for finest eastern fall grades.

anything where we are concerned."

(To be Continued.)

The Ruling Prices In Live Stock and Breadstuffs.

BREADSTUFFS.

6c more granding in transit.

"Why swould it not be true?" says Flour-90 per cent. patents, \$4.25 at \$2 to \$2.75. neath all this. But perhaps what trou- Vera col'ly, with a gravity that to \$4.40, buyers' sac's, east and Stockers and Feeders-Continue Japanese have lost three destroyers Manitoba unchanged at \$5.35 to offering sold about steady with pre- The men delivered despatches at the "She means that we always dine \$5.70 for first patents, \$5.20 to \$5 .ly when Griselda—having seen her thing that will be for her hurt, and early except when we know you are 40 for second patents, and \$5 to \$5.- quoted at \$1.50 to \$3.25; bulls are were told that the Russians still hold early except when we know you are 40 for second patents, and \$5 to \$5.- quoted at \$1.50 to \$3.25; bulls are were told that the Russians still hold early except when we know you are 40 for second patents, and \$5 to \$5.-Mi liced-Is firmer with the winter

"And this-" with a hurried demand; \$15 to \$15.50 for bran in mingled with a righteous anger grows mean to tell me that-that this is and west; Manitoba, \$21 for shorts, \$18 for bran, exports. "Literally," says Griselda cheerful- Parley-Dull; 45c for No. 2, 43c

> Corn-New Canadian yellow, 43c; "Griselda!" interrupts Vera, rising mixed, 42c, f.o.b., Chatham freights:

"Why should I not speak?" asks 52c to 521c; mixed, 52c, on track To- at \$2.50 to \$4.20, culls are higher

in a healthy state, change of food | Bolled Oats-\$4 for cars of bags for lights and fats. and \$4.25 for barrels on track To-

Buckwheat-Dull; 50c to 51c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

do tubs ...... 19c to 20c with this order the employes were

Dairy Ib. rolls, good to do medium ..... 14c to 15c and powerful flying squadron, in-

Cheese-Has a firmer tone and is stead of a fleet permanently stationquoted to higher at 10%c to 11c for ed at Halifax and Bermuda. job lots here.

large and 11c to 114c for twins in Egg -- Are quoted steady at 20c to 21c for fresh and 20c for limed. Poultry-Turkeys, 13c to 14c for young and 10c to 11c for old. Ducks and geese, 8c to 9c. Chickens at 54c to 9c, and hens at 5c to 6c.

Potatoes-Ontario stock, 65c to 70c on track, and 75c to 80c out of store. Eastern, 75c to 80c on track and 90c to 95c out of store. Dressed Hogs-Car lots on track here are quoted unchanged at \$6.25 thorities, it is expected that the the freezing of the river. Baled Hay-Quotations are unchanged at \$7.50 per ton for No. 1 onial Railway. timothy and \$6.50 for No. 2 and mixed clover on track here.

Baled Straw-Quotations are unchanged at \$6 per ton for car lots en track here.

MONTREAL MARKETS

Montreal, Dec. 14.-Grain-There is per bushel ex-store.

Feed-Manitoba bran in bags, S17

when after a rather longer absence; "If I could," supplements he gent- ing at 18c to 19c per dozen, and Montreal limed at 19c. The demand for selected ergs in a jobbing way "Now see, see what you have continues fair and prices rule firm at

> with immense contrition in her tone. 16c, chickens at 81c to 11c, ducks "I never thought he would get angry at 10c to 12c and geese at Sc to 10c thought it such a good opportunity: | Beans-In a jobbing way sales of

"Oh, don't! That will do!" says to \$1.40, and seconds at \$1.30 per Potatoes-Car lots of fair to good stock are anoted at 43c to 50c per

"You were vulgar," says Vera ic- over of more than 20,000 boxes since 19%c for Ontario tail ends up to 10%c

Was it vulgar not to pretend it was rearily concede 21c for 30-th tubs for luncheon? Or shoul'n't I have said the city trade and demand for them heavily, distrust that, on Vera's side, of Seaton is hailed by her, at least, anything about the chors at all? is rather in excess of the supply. Any Vera, you know I'd cut my tongue choice creamery obtainable in 56itself into dislike. In vain does "Why, what happy wind drove you out before- Why, you're crying! Ib. boxes that is suitable for export little nearer to him, and speaking Griselda rally her about it, in vain down at tois hour?" cries she, with Why, Vera! Oh! are you afraid he is heing bought up also on the basis Metre Hill will be able to cover the earnestly, "that you would reconsider seek to laugh her into another - a the friendliest air, beaming on him will speak to his father and make of 20%c and put away. While underthings even more uncomfortable? You grade creamery ranges down to 20c, the western forts dairy butter sells as to quality at

CATTLE MARKET. ...

were firm and hogs weak in tone.

cows at \$3.25 to \$4

Milch Cows-Are steady, and are are evidently exaggerated. quoted unchanged at \$30 to \$60 per

Calves-A fair lot were offering, unchanged at 31c to 51c per lb. and the steamers that lately ran the could not be recognized as human \$2 to \$10 each. Sheep and Lambs-Despite a fair

thing was sold, prices having a firmnew American, No. 3 yellow, easier, er tone. Export sheep are quoted continue to enter the port. at \$2 to \$4, and lambs are 25c per Hogs-The market retains its weak ing.

\$4.80 per cwt. for selects, and \$4.60

Closed Down by Order of the British Admiralty. A Halifax despatch says:-Orders Butter-The demand continues ac- were received from the British Ading that the naval dockyard here be Creamery, prints .... 22c to 23c closed down at once. In accordance

Daity tubs, good to choice 16c to 17c given one week's notice that their do medium ..... 13c to 15c services would be no longer required. do inferior grades ....... 10c to 12c | This order is in keeping with Sir John Fisher's scheme for the reor-do large rolls ..... 16c to 17c and for the establishment of a huge

The naval dockyard at Halifax has been in existence for 150 years, and the employes numbered at the height of the season some 400, though now they are down to about 100. The dockyard embraces a stretch of half right, which General Bennenkampff a mile on the west part of the water- recently drove back to the Taitse front, and its great area is enclosed River, is again reported to be movby thick stone walls twelve feet high, ing north-east, and strongly holding It is located just north of the Gov- the Siaodagai-Sinchan region. They ernment railway water terminus, and also occupy Siaodyr, on the south it has long been desired to obtain it bank of the Taitse River, and are handicaps, but have at last definitefor the use of the road. Now that it guarding the bridge, which is is closed down by the Imperial au-longer of any importance, owing to the psychological moment. They o \$6.30 per cwt. for selected weights. Dominion Government will make an The extreme cold keeps things quiet | ivostock and the eastern littoral cut effort to secure it for the Intercol- along the front. The distribution of off and de facto theirs, instead of

### RED FLAG IN RUSSIA.

An Armed Rising May Take Place at Any Time.

A London despatch says:-The Petersburg. The people taking part the same to a desire to reward them balf a million men, disposed in three in these demonstrations carry red for the hardships they are now en- armies, amply sufficient to turn Oyaflags and sing the "Marseillaise" and during. the opposite sense. It is even stat- off the Japanese quickly, in order to ed that a central organization that get home to live as men with liberis working against the Government ties. has its headquarters in South Russia, that it has numerous branches, and that it is perfecting plans for an armed rising simultaneously in the

Fggs-Cold storage eggs are offer- eaucracy to its foundations."

## The Forts to Be Taken Are Enormously Strong.

AT PORT\_ARTHUR.

A despatch from Headquarters the Third Japanese Army, via Fusan, says: The Japanese are working their ad ance on the shores of Pigeon Bay on comparatively level ground against the Tai-Yan-Kow, Idzchan, and Antzeshan forts. The approaches to the fortifications are easy, but the forts are enormously strong, and the near approach is all the more difficult, as the sapping of trenches will have to be done through frozen ground. The naval guns mounted on 203-

advance of infantry against any of

STOKSSEL IS HOPEFUL. Russians in civilian garb, but a ing up all our courage we determined Toronto, Dec. 20.-Trade at the military training obvious in their to attack the first line also. in the week. The quality of the cat- They were unwilling to talk and defended by a large number of mines "Then it will be mutton to the end the was not so good, and trade was went immediately to the Russian and pitfalls. As it was dangerous to af our days," says Griselda with a quieter on this account. Butcher Consulate. A high wind enabled crawl among these, we endeavored to noble effort at resignation, "as that cattle are quoted easier. Other them to make a quick passage from cut off the blasting lines. With the

Export Cattle-Trade was quiet, warships at Port Arthur have been ing no shears, we were obliged to very few cattle of this kind being on destroyed, but they are confident that gnaw them apart. I myself, gnawed the market. Quotations all round the fortress will hold out for off four of them. Each of them conare unchanged. Extra choice are months. They say that three steam- sisted of twenty-four slender wires quoted at \$4.40 to \$3.75, good to ers with food and ammunition ran enveloped in rubber, making the line medium at \$4.25 to \$4.40, good the blockade during the past fort- about as thick as a thumb. So,

Butcher Cattle-The run of Christ- The fact that the boat in which are damaged. As for the pitfalls, I mas cattle is pretty well over, and they made the trip from Port Ar- took off my white waist cloth, tore none of this variety was offering to- thur was a large one and had a big it into pieces, tied the latter to day. The quality of the butchers' sail spread, and also the fact that small sticks we carried, and fixed generally, too, were not so good, she came out in the daylight with- them on any pitfalls discovered, with and trade was slower on this ac- out molestation show the imperfec- a view to warning the troops who count. There is still a good de- tion of the blockade. When they were about to follow us. We were Toronto, Dec. 20-Wheat-Ontario- mand for good cattle, but little de- left, according to their story, nei- able to reach the first line of en-Very dull, 98c bid for red and white; mand for those of poor quality; ther belligerent held 203-Metre Hill. tanglements and returned in "Is it true?" as's Seaton, turning spring, 93c; goose, 86c to 87c. Mani- Good to choice butchers' are quoted The guns of four big forts command triumsh." 50,, cows at \$3 to \$3.40, and bulls The capture of the hill cost the Japanese 12,000 men in two hours. The

vious quotations. Stockers are Russian Consulate, where enquirers quoted at \$1.75 to \$2.50. Feeders all the northern forts. The despatches are unchanged at \$2.50 to \$4.25 per indicate that Cen. Stoessel is hopeful and that the Japanese official reports use ought to be banned by the Gene-

FLOUR FOR PORT ARTHUR. and they sold steady. Quotations are Telegraph from Chefoo says that of shattered flesh and bones, which run, the trade was brisk and every- thousand tons of flour. Many junks slopes of the hills are now cleared

GRUMBLE AT COLD. cold, and said they were glad to be fed and warmed. The general position is uncertain.

ed by the freezing of wells and the Brigandage is increasing. There is paign. considerable want and suffering among the natives. Reports from Vladivostock state that the number

of sick in the hospitals there is rap-

idly decreasing, and that there are

few cases of serious illness.

OYAMA'S ARMY MOVING ON. A despatch from Mukden says: The Japanese column on General Oyama's

tically finished. REFORMS THEIR REWARD. ers at the front are keenly interested Arthur falls, and 50,000 reinforcein the proposed reforms in Russia. diers talk of little else, appearing Mukden. In February, before the

the "Hymn of Liberty." The lat- The idea has thrown new life into force the Japanese back into Corea ter parodies the national anthem in them, together with a desire to finish and the Liao Tung Peninsula."

JAPS GNAWED WIKES.

men, destroyed the third line of wire, for a School of Engineering,

thirteen of them being killed and three severely wounded. A second storming party, also of volunteers, was then formed, consisting of seven men, including myself, under the command of a non-commissioned officer named Hosoi. The night was extremely dark and the absolute stillness of the atmosphere was very impressive. We all covered ourselves with green branches and leaves and proceeded on all fours, keeping as close as possible to the ground. The Russians were busily searching for any signs of an enemy by the means of searchlights and fireworks, but they failed to find us. We succeeded in reaching the second line of entanglements, and destroyed it, and, as we had then discharged our duty, A despatch from Chefoo says: Seven we might have returned, but, mustergreatest possible effort, we succeeded The men admit that the Russian in destroying twenty, although havas you may suppose, all my teeth

WORSE THAN SHAMBLES.

A despatch from London says: English correspondents with Gen. Nogi's army, which is besieging Port Arthur, express themselves as being horrified by the carnage at 203-Metre Hill. They declare that the dynamite bombs and hand grenades used by both sides are a hundred times worse than dum-dum bullets, and that their

va Convention. The effect of the grenades thrown at close quarters was hideous beyond description. The Rus-A despatch to the London Daily sian trenches were filled with masses blockade at Port Arthur carried bodies. The sight was more sickening American cargoes. One took in a than a meat shumbles. The northern of the dead, but the southern slopes The despatch adds that Gen. Stoes- are still strewn with heads, hands, sel has been wounded again, but not limbs, and other fragments of humseriously. His former wound is heal- remains, all horribly mutilated.

PREPARING FOR DEFEAT. A despatch from Paris says:-The A despatch from Usanchen says: Oc- St. Petersburg correspodent of the casional artillery firing is heard east Temps telegraphs that the news reof the railway. The Russians cap- ceived there from the front is of the Railroad is considerably increased it will be impossible to keep the army in provisions, in which case he would be unable to answer any longer for movements on both sides are hamperthe course of the campaign. As it is tive for choice grades. Quotations are miralty on Thursday by cable direct- lack of snow, which render it neces- kin's request, his opponents are consary to keep near the river for water tending that he is endeavoring to supplies and near the coal mines for shirk the responsibility in case of the failure of the Manchurian cam-

said on Wednesday:-

TROOPS IN MUKDEN. A despatch from St. Petersburg says:-The general staff apparently is entirely satisfied with the military situation in Manchuria, being convinced that the Japanese have reached their high tide. A high offic al

"The Japanese army is unique in military history, and, probably the strongest in the world, combining the strength of barbarism with civilization, drawing from the former fanatical bravery and scorn of death and from the latter the latest knowledge of the science of war. We have been fighting them under heavy no ly stopped them. They have missed should now be at Harbin, with Virdwarns clothing to the troops is prac- wintering where they are. The cold is Russia's ally now, as it was against Napoleon. The Japanese cannot endure extreme cold like the Russians. They are not strong A despatch from St. Petersburg enough to attempt to turn Mukden says: It is significant that the soldi- now, and will not be even if Port ments are sent up to join Field Mar-M. Kiriloff, in a special despatch to | shal Oyama. In the meantime Rusthe Russ from Mukden, says the sol- sian troops are piling up behind ma's position at the Sha River, and

OYAMA'S PROCLAMATION.

A despatch from Rome says:-A telegram from Tokio states that a despatch has been received from Mar-A despatch from London says: An shal Oyama announcing that he has engineer named Kawamura Sakuji, issued a proclamation provisionally

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