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The Fair Captives

OR THE SECRET CABINET

CHAPTER XIII .- (Continued.) "It surely isn't worth an argu-

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 little nearer to him, and speaking earnestly, "that you would reconsider

your going in such haste-to-to the to perfect your detestation? No. I tempt to break down the barrier that get me something. shall save myself from that, if I can. stands between them.

Good-bye."

many things," says Vera, her dark strange touch of obduracy, she puts refuses to see it. "Dinner?"

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 violently when Griselda--having seen her cousin 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 Vera moodily. "It appears we are both wretched." to have the pleasure of his society

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

"He's no good," prophesies Griselda, solemnly, "Anyone who could 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

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 a

son. He might see a charm where we

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

"I told you. To see his father." would credit Munchausen, I really course, it wouldn't matter; I should "If you must know," says she, for five minutes. Do you honestly laws. But as it is, every defect and blood a little hot, "you are too like 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. ward for-me.

sures me he is not going to peach," seemed beenly desirous of dragging that?" he says, and then, with a tents, \$5.80; strong bakers', \$5.50; says Griselda thoughtfully. "For the cultrit to justice, had never afsays Griselda thoughtfully. 'For the current to make the first to finish even such small mercies, let us be terwards taken any notice openly of grieved in his whole air that Vere's land is been so so to \$5.40, the 'Hymn of Liberty.' The latthe rich has thrown new file into the first to finish the small mercies, let us be terwards taken any notice openly of grieved in his whole air that Vere's land is been so so to \$5.40. than ful

CHAPTER XIV.

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

I many a time, to and from Greycourt, be Mr. Peyton's knock had made her

on friendly terms with Griselda. enced or annoyed you. I confess, too, first dark veil of distrust still hangs her. At such a moment the advent heavily, distrust that, on Vera's side, of Seaton is hailed by her, at least, 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." condemning herself for a want of py," says he, casting a really grateful "Oh yes, he will speak to his fa- 15½c to 17c. charity hitherto unknown in her gen- look at her as he shakes hands sil- ther; I saw that in his eye. Nothing "Until this moment no one has the bosom; still shrinks from any adently with Vera. "In time for lunch- will prevent that. But I am not he, with a swift smile. "You are the bitter word or two Dyeart sword or two Dyeart swo ever questioned my actions," says vance on his part with so cold a de- eon too, I see, though," with a ra-

He bows coldly without offering her back again to try once more-to seek mighty hurry. "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 acle 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

to be obliged to inconvenience you rarely lifting her soft dark eyes to anything indiscreet?" 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, fair 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-

> bles him most of all is the suspicion of savors of disapproval. "As a rule, west, 15c to 20c higher for choice, quiet and in light demand. The few in the past month. nervousness her manner holds when we dine early." 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 that will surely emanate from him. Good Heavens! he to hurt 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 tie rush of indignation.

"I can't. I don't know myself. I cannot explain it," says Vera wearily. "But I feel sure, I know, he will make me miserable yet."

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 you intentionally or otherwise." presence I feel I dislike him more and ject. Griselda is only in jest;

accountable prejudice." "A mere vagary, I tell you. over it, ducky. Throw it off and get into your right mind once more.

prophesying I could quite like Sea-

means. I shan't.' "I am not going over to anyone. I shall back you up always, right or 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?" exbeyond a doubt, and handsome to a

arms upon her knees, and directing a pensive gaze at the bare boards of ton was half as good-looking."

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." see beauty in him against all beauty's looking back defiantly at him, her flaw lies open 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 hon-

yet Griselda's wanderings through white hand grasping the back of a mand for oats was somewhat slow, reports of the disaffection in Russia. and, of course, that would be awk- the scented woods have not been in- Seaton whose force been that seaton whose force been seaton whose force been that seaton whose force been that seaton whose force been seaton whose force the scenter woods and Seaton, whose face has changed. An lots of No. 2 white at 39c to 391c frequency in the provincial towns "For us," fondly. "Did he say Mr. Dysart is still in ignorance of expression of keen pain crosses it. per bushel ex-store. that? I like that. It somehow as- them. Mrs. Grench, who once had that? he save and them that? I like that the somehow asther absences, by which Griselda fond- grieved in his whole air that Vera's and in bags, \$2.50 to \$2.60. ly but acroneously argued that she heart smites her. had forgotten all about it. Later

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 and that it is perfecting plans for an 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 or so before dinner-gave them plenty life, I ever shall be; yet it seems to rolled oats remains steady, but the The St. Petersburg correspondent for the flowers in which is the one of time to prepare for his coming. me as if you were bent on compelling volume of business passing is small of the London Express, dealing with at Jentsuji, has supplied the followsole humanizing element about him, Any day on which he was expected, my likes and dislikes." the queen of blossoms uprears her Mrs. Grunch brought a formal meshead in stately beauty, though in sage to Vera from her uncley to that closer to her, his face very pale, "I per bag. every corner fallen petals may be effect. Never yet had their cousin Would compel you to—to more than Hay—No. 1, \$9 to \$9.50; No. 2, at any moment. I believe that the "There were three lines of barbed health at Kabul, December 12. a carpet on the tender green swards, ing made, and so thoroughly under-

Jajajajajajajajajajajaja when after a rather longer absence than usual, an absence extending ly. over all last week and part of this,

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 knock!"

"Seaton's knock!" says Vera faint-

ly, changing color. "What can have brought him this hour? London must be reduced to ashes," hazards Griselda, her tone now as genial as usual. For one instant a sickening fear that it might straint that had characterized his short but sharp encounter between ily, moving away to a distant win- Friday last, at prices ranging from shrugging her shoulders. "I tell you early visits has worn away. He has him and ther the day before yesteragain I am sorry if I have inconvenicome up to have it out with her now, But between him and Vera, that and there, had taken possession of

> itself into dislike. In vain does "Why, what happy wind drove you Griselda rally her about it, in vain down at this hour?" cries she, with seek to laugh her into another - a the friendliest air, beaming on him

"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- dark 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 strike Griselda "I have lived through a good tweet nature resting beneath this into silence, but that reckless person

him from her, as it were, and will "Yes," says Griselda returning her practice makes perfect. I am sorry At arm's length she holds him, antest little nod. "Have I said 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-

coming," supplements Griselda even 30 for bakers'.

self beaten, and a terrible sadness glance at the scanty meal, "do you bulk, \$18 to \$18.50 for shorts, east mingled with a righteous anger grows mean to tell me that-that this is and west; Manitoba, \$21 for shorts, your dinner every day?"

"I iterally," says Griselda cheerful- Parley-Dull; 45c for No. 2, 43c eth not. It is not all that one could outside, Toronto freights. know." She speaks with quite a lit- desire, of course, but if sometimes it Rye-74c to 75c for No. 2. might be altered for-"

> to her feet. Griselda in a meekly injured tone. ronto. ways heard that to keep the temper- west

well, really I shouldn't wonder. And you for all this, says bysart with and 40c for bro en lots outside.

if so you have provoked your own a heavy sigh, addressing Vera expenses. Peas-67c to 68c for No. 2, west HALIFAX LOSES DOCKYARD pitiable condition. The prisoners opatkin telegraphs that unless the supplier of trains and 40c for bro en lots outside. 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

"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 submore. It grows on me and is an un- speaks like a foolish child. I," folding her hands tightly together, "I Get forbid you to say anything about

"I regret that I must disappoint declare but for your croaking and you," says Seaton courteously, but 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

will be if you try to alter matters "You mean that you will accept no-

-amiable apparently, long-suffering claims he, passion that will not be repressed in his tone; the coldness charm. I only wish," leaning her seems broken up, there is fire in his eyes and a distinct anger. "You have had that 'time' you spoke of; has it her bed-room floor, "that Tom Pey- fulfilled its missions, has it taught you to detest me? No!" detaining "Why? What has Mr. Peyton to do her deliberately as she seeks to leave with you?" asks Vera, a little quick- the room, "don't go, you should give me a real reason for your studied dis-"Ch, nothing," airily, "nothing, courtesy, for I won't believe that I

"Ch. Vera. I think you shouldn't on track here. nose that would not misbecome a estly frightened at the storm she has raised, but neither of the others hear By all this it will be seen that as her. Vera, with one little slender very little doing in wheat, the de-

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; sia, that it has numerous branches,

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. like that? I didn't, indeed. And I per 1b.

"But I must explain to you," per- bag and choice at 60c to 65c.

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

of 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 t'em to make a quick passage from cut off the blasting lines. With the 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.

The Ruling Prices In Live Stock and Breadstuffs.

BREADSTUFFS.

neath all this. But perhaps what trou- Vera coldly, with a gravity that to \$4.40, buyers' sac's, east and Stockers and Feeders-Continue Japanese have lost three destroyers "She means that we always dine \$5.70 for first patents, \$5.20 to \$5.- vious quotations. Stockers are Russian Consulate, where enquirers Hill. They declare that the dynamite Millfeed-Is firmer with the winter

"And this-" with a hurried demand; \$15 to \$15.50 for bran in \$18 for bran, exports.

ly. "That is the chop that change extra, and 41c for No. 3 malting unchanged at 31c to 51c per lb. and the steamers that lately ran the could not be recognized as human

new American, No. 3 yellow, easier, er tone. Export sheep are quoted "Why should I not speak?" asks 52c to 521c; mixed, 52c, on track To- at \$2.50 to \$4.20, culls are higher "Pcoh, nonsense! A mere fad. How "I was merely going to add that a Oats-Firm; 33c to 334c for No. cwt. up, at \$5 to \$5.75.

"Well, perhaps he will make us in a healthy state, change of food Rolled Oats-\$4 for cars of bags for lights and fats. and \$4.25 for barrels on track To-"I feel as if I ought to apologize to ronto, 25c more for broken lots here,

Buckwheat-Dull; 50c to 51c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter-The demand continues ac-Creamery, prints 22c to 23c closed down at once. In accordance

do infe ior grades 10c to 12c This order is in keeping with Sir Dairy Ib. rol's, good to Cheese-Has a firmer tone and is stead of a fleet permanently station-

quoted ic higher at 10%c to 11c for ed at Halifax and Bermuda. large and 11c to 114c for twins in job lots here. 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 5½c to 9c, and hens at 5c to 6c. Potatees-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.

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

MONTREAL MARKETS

Montreal, Dec. 14.-Grain-There is

Feed-Manitoba bran in bags, \$17 "Why will you bring up this dis- to \$18; shorts, \$19 to \$20 per ton;

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

"Oh, I am sorry," says Griselda Poultry-Turkeys sold at 14c to with immense contrition in her tone. 16c, chickens at 81c to 11c, ducks

thought it such a good opportunity; Beans-In a jobbing way sales of and I do so hate those chops and-" choice primes were made at \$1.35 "Oh, don't! That will do!" says to \$1.40, and seconds at \$1.30 per Vera growing cold again, and putting bushel. up one hand as if to command sil- Potatoes-Car lots of fair to good

stock are quoted at 43c to 50c per sists Griselda, really unhappy; "I Cheese-There has been some buying am so afraid you think that I was- quietly going on leading to a turn-"You were vulgar," says Vera ic- over of more than 20,000 boxes since

to say! Don't talk to me like that. Butter-At present local jobbers Was it vulgar not to protend it was readily concede 21c for 30-1b tubs for luncheon? Or shouldn't I have said the city trade and demand for them anything about the chops at all? is rather in excess of the supply. Any Vera, you know I'd cut my tongue choice creamery obtainable in 56out before- Why, you're crying! Ib. boxes that is suitable for export Why, Vera! Oh! are you afraid he is being bought up a'so on the basis Met:e Hill will be able to cover the will speak to his father and make of 20% and put away. While underthings even more uncomfortable? You grade creamery ranges down to 20c, dairy butter sells as to quality at

cows at \$3.25 to \$4

Manitoba unchanged at \$5.35 to offering sold about steady with pre- The men delivered despatches at the quoted at \$1.75 to \$2.50. Feeders all the northern forts. The despatches both sides are a hundred times worse are unchanged at \$2.50 to \$4.25 per indicate that Cen. Stoessel is hopeful than dum-dum bullets, and that their

quoted unchanged at \$30 to \$60 per

\$2 to \$10 each. Corn-New Canadian yellow, 43c; run, the trade was brisk and every- thousand tons of flour. Many junks slopes of the hills are now cleared "Griselda!" interrupts Vera, rising mixed, 42c, f.o.b., Chatham freights: thing was sold, prices having a firmat \$2 to \$4, and lambs are 25c per

can he make you wretched without fowl occasionally would be a good I white, east low freights; No. 2. Hogs-The market retains its weak ing. making me so? and I don't feel in the deal of moral use to us. I have al- 32½c, low freights, and 32c, north and tone, but is cuoted unchanged at \$4.80 per cwt. for selects, and \$4.60

Closed Down by Order of the cold, and said they were glad to be

Daity tubs, good to choice 16c to 17c given one week's notice that their

The naval dockyard at Halifax has the employes numbered at the height of the season some 400, though now they are down to about 100. The changed at \$7.50 per ton for No. 1 onial Railway.

RED FLAG IN RUSSIA.

A London despatch says:-The newspapers here print further mailed in these demonstrations carry red for the hardships they are now enflags and sing the "Marseillaise" and during. the "Hymn of Liberty." The lat- The idea has thrown new life into force the Japanese E ed that a central organization that get home to live as men with liberis working against the Government ties. has its headquarters in South Rusarmed rising simultaneously in the

at \$2.121 per bag. The demand for the situation says:- The red flag of ing account of one of his experiences "You are right," says he, going commeal is fair at \$1.35 to \$1.45 revolution is waving all over Russia. with the investing army at Port The British Mission to Afghanis-A general rising may be precipitated Arthur to the Samuki Shimbun:-\$8 to \$8.25; clover mixed, \$7 to \$7.- first news of a heavy disaster to the wire entanglements before the enemy's John D. Rockefeller is said to have such a rising as will shake the bur- ing volunteers, consisting of twenty 000,000 to the University of Chicago

"If I could," supplements he gent- ing at 18c to 19c per dozen, and

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?" asks Seaton, turning spring, 93c; goose, 86c to 87c. Mani- Good to choice butchers' are quoted The guns of four big forts command triumsh." in his presence, unless directly called xiety in his tone that Griselda fornorthern, 92c, Georgian Bay ports; \$3 to \$3.50; common at \$1.75 to \$2-50., cows at \$3 to \$3.40, and bulls The capture of the hi'l cost the Ja-

Milch Cows-Are steady, and are are evidently exaggerated.

British Admiralty. were received from the British Ad- ed by the freezing of wells and the ing that the naval dockyard here be Co tubs 19c to 20c with this order the employes were

do medium 13c to 15c services would be no longer required. John Fisher's scheme for the reor-do large rol's 16c to 17c and for the establishment of a huge do medium 14c to 15c and powerful flying squadron, in- idly decreasing, and that there are

been in existence for 150 years, and dockyard embraces a stretch of half right, which General Bennenkal a mile on the west part of the water- recently drove back to the Tak front, and its great area is enclosed River, is again reported to be mo by 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 for the use of the road. Now that it guarding the bridge, which is no is closed down by the Imperial au-longer of any importance, owing to the to \$6.30 per cwt. for selected weights. Dominion Government will make an The extreme cold keeps things quiet ivo Baled Hay-Quotations are un- effort to secure it for the Intercol- along the front. The distribution of off

An Armed Rising May Take Place at Any Time.

Eggs-Cold storage eggs are offer- eaucracy to its foundations." | men, destroyed the third line of wire, for a School of Engineering.

"I never thought he would get angry at 10c to 12c and geese at Sc to 10c The Forts to Be Taken Are Enor= mously Strong.

AT PORT ARTHUR.

A despatch from Headquarters of 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 9ac for Ontario tail ends up to 10ac the Tai-Yau-Kow, Idzchan, and Antzeshan forts. The approaches to the fortilications 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 na al guns mounted on 203advance of infantry against any of the western forts

STORSSEL IS HOPEFUL.

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, night.

FLOUR FOR PORT ARTHUR. Calves-A fair lot were offering. A despatch to the London Daily sian trenches were filled with masses and they sold steady. Quotations are Telegraph from Chefoo says that of shattered flesh and bones, which blockade at Port Arthur carried bodies. The sight was more sickening Sheep and Lambs-Despite a fair American cargoes. One took in a than a meat shambles. The northern continue to enter the port.

GRUMBLE AT COLD.

fed and warmed.

sary 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 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 ran-

OYAMA'S ARMY MOVING OF A despatch from Mukden says: military history, and, Japanese column on General Oyan

warm clothing to the troops is prac- winte tically finished.

REFORMS THEIR REWARD.

A despatch from St. Petersburg enough says: It is significant that the soldi- now, and ers at the front are keenly interested Arthur fall in the proposed reforms in Russia. M. Kiriloff, in a special despatch to | shal Oyama. the Russ from Mukden, says the sol- sian troops diers talk of little else, appearing Mukden. thoroughly to understand the mean- port of New and have begun in Moscow and St. ing of such reforms and attributing Kouropatkin Petersburg. The people taking part the same to a desire to reward them

the opposite sense. It is even stat- off the Japanese quickly, in order to

JAPS GNAWED WIKES.

wno is now at the military hospital annexing South Manchuria to Japan.

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, muster-CATTLE MARKET. ... Russians in civilian garb, but a ing up all our courage we determined 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-"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 The men admit that the Russian in destroying twenty, although havas you may suppose, all my teeth 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

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

and that the Japanese official reports use ought to be banned by the Gereva Convention. The effect of the grenades thrown at close quarters was hideous beyond description. The Rusof 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 human

seriously. His former wound is heal- remains, all horribly mutilated.

PREPARING FOR DEFEAT. A despatch from Paris cays:-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 tured two Japanese, who were in a most unfavorable kind. Gen Kourgrumbled greatly at the Manchurian number of trains on the Siberian will be impossible to keep the army in provisions, in which case he would The general position is uncertain. be unable to answer any longer for A Halifax despatch says:-Orders movements on both sides are hamper- the course of the campaign. As it is impossible to grant Gen. Kouropattive for choice grades. Quotations are miralty on Thursday by cable direct- lack of snow, which render it neces- kin's request, his opponents are conthe failure of the Manchurian cam-

TROOPS IN MUKDEN. A despatch from St. Petersburg says:-The general staff apparently is entirely satisfied with the military situation in Manchuria, being coned their high tide. said on Wednesday:-

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half a million armies, amply s ma's position at the

OYAMA'S PROCLAMA 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