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## the eastern war


adapted country a actually is better
than during the apanese advance London, Nov. 23.-A dispatch
from Tokio to the Standard reports increasing desertions from the Port
Arthur Garrison into the Joper Arthur Garrison into the Japanese
lines, the stories the deeserters tell indicating the demoralization of the Ruscian defenders, The same
correspondent says the Russian decorrespondent says the Russian de-
fenders on the zeafront of Port Ar${ }^{\text {thu }}$ of A Japanese correspondent writ-,
ing to the Morning Post, betrays
growing anxiefy growing anxiety concorning the
Ruseian second Pacific squadron which probably is due to the
strength of Port strength of Port Arthur's resisting
poomer. He points out the incon-
Bistency of pipt Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's ship
to coal when not to coal when not going to a Ruasian
port, compared with te port, compared with the refusal o
such facilitiea when the $S$ Spanish such facilitiea when the Spanish
Admiral, Camara, wanted to take
the battie ship Palsyo by the Suez route six years ago, snd maintains
it is great Britain's business to com. it is great Britain's business to com
pel Egypt to maintain neutrality in the present case.
The Daiiy Telegraph's correspond-
ent at Port Said $\begin{aligned} & \text { cays the Russia }\end{aligned}$ ent at Port Said cays the Russian
warships when berthed will becom pletely isolated fro o other shipping
and that they will be allowed to take on water and provisions, bu the correspondent addz it is stil
doubtful whether they will be mitted to coal, the authorities se m ing to be undecided on that point. $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered}\text { Copenhagen telegrams report } \\ \text { that the supplementary detachment }\end{gathered}\right.$ ron is still detained at Skagen by storms.
London, Nov. 23.-The Japanese foo t the Chronicle, ere reported
to have captured the British ateamer Tung Chow, laden with ${ }^{30,000}$
cases of canned meat for Port thur. Tokio, Nov. 23 .-Army head-
quarters yesterday received quaring telegram from Manchuria
lomed headquarters:
"On Monday, the monning, our detachment ad in vanced toward Weitzzuku north of
Scienchuang, and attacked and ofScienchuang, and attarked and oc-
cupied the enemy's bivouacking cupied
ground.
Subsequently a superior foree of lef flank and radually Reessed our
Reeeiving reinforcements, we drove the enemy
towards Chenholin at $9: 30$ an. "The enemy's strength was about 600 infantry and 300 cavalry, with four guns. on the field. We took six prisoners
as well as spoils, including rifles
entrenohing tools, ammanition, etc.
"Our casualties
Ingure Lientenant killed and 28 men killed or In
Tokio, Nov. $\overline{23 .- \text { A telegramfrom }}$ third army; besieging Port Arthar,
Baya: "On Mondsy night, Novemsays: "On Mondsy night, Novem-
ber 21 , the enemy made a counter
atteck on our forco in front of the the North fort of the eastern group
of forts on Kekwan Mountain The attack was repulsed.
Portland, Nov. 23.-Burglars got
ittle in retorn for their labors last little in retorn for their labors last
night, when they broke into the sub-
urban postoffice at Hillsdale, carted arban postoffice at Hillsdale, carted
a 5oo-pound safe a distance of 500
feet, obtained tools from the Southfeet, obtained tools from the Soath-
ern Pacific section house, blew the safe open and secured
coppers and old coins.
There is no clve to
except that tracke of a No. 7 and a
No. 9 . shoe were left in No. S. shoe were left in the soft
earh about the spot where the wrecked safe was left. Before makfive boxes of cheap cigare.
Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.-
Ever singe the inception of gov-
ernment work looking toward the
reclamation of the arid lands by
means of irrigation, numerons
bands of swindlers have been busily engaged in victimizing home-
seekers who are interested in the various reclamation projects under-
taken by the government. aken by the government.
The recent activity of the
tors" in Oregon and the fact that they are meetiog in a cortain de-
gree with suecess, is a zource of great surprise in view of the nem-
erous warnings iesued by Federal officials. It should be clearly understood that oaly a relative emall
portion of the area ultimately to be irrigated under the Malhpur project
is unpatented, and that it is not possible that any of the land under the project can be watered inside of
two years, so that any bomesteader two years, so that any homesteader
filing on land now will find it very
difficult to comply with the homestead law. Any such entry on which the terme of the law are not
fully complied with will be elmost certain to be successfully contested by other settlers when the proper
time arrives to take up the land. It has been called to the atten-
tion of the Department that for a consideration of from $\$ 50$ to $\$ 100$
these "locators" guarantee to place these "locators" guarantee to place
settler upon the beet irrigable lands under the irrigation worke,
while the fact is that the govern-
ment engineers themeelves do not have the final approval of the locatakes marking the lines run the estimates will be no in indication of he line upon which construction Settlers who mat
Settlers who make filings based
on the information received from these swindlers will not lose the money paid out, but are liable la
ter to find the lands are not includ er to find the lands are not includ
ed in the Government's proposed ed in the Government's proposed
syatem. When the proper tims
comes for throwing open to entry the lands under the Manheur or any
other of the great irrigation works ther of the great irrigation works
the Secretary of the Interior will give due notice through the public
press. Until such announcement t will not be safe for settlers to lo ate upon the e lands.
New York, Nov. 23.-The most
expensive single garment yet wor an opera is Mrs. Adolph Let worm
oohn's $\$ 28,000$ sable coat. Som
ool who sav the $\$ 28,000$ coat affirmed arment in the world. This, bow ever, furriers say, is not strictly
true.
One leading tradesman ssid to. day that he was engaged in a trans action for a $\$ 31,000$ coat. He said
his customer had not been willing is customer had not been willing
o go above $\$ 27,000$, but that it was imposible for her with the coat she
wanted, exclusive of the work in wanted, exclusive of the work in
making, for less than $\$ 31$,000
 garment.
banker.

When Mr. Whitney began bis Whk at the fair a month ago, he ycombed with the everywhere ho moles. He has already uzed at will probably have to tuse ss many more, but when he has completed
his work there will not be a mole bill on the Exposition grounds.

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