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JAPANESE VICTORY.

The world has been patiently awaiting the result of a great naval battle, probably the greatest in the world's history, between the Japanese and Russian fleets. War correspondents have furnished the Associated Press newspapers with simply their opinions of the movements of the fleets, but it has been noticed that there has been a painful silence regarding the movements of Togo's fleet. Every movement of the Russian fleet has been cabled to The Astorian, and with the wireless telegraphy system, there is no doubt but that Admiral Togo has been informed hourly of every movement of the Russian fleet. It was certainly a great strategic movement on the part of the Japanese admiral to induce Rojestvensky to enter the narrow Korean straits where he would have a better opportunity of annihilating it, than in an open battle on the high seas.

The information furnished the press has been misleading and to a great extent contradictory, but the public has always manifested implicit confidence in Admiral Togo and his superior fighting prowess, although outnumbered by the Russian fleet. The great battle has come off and a crushing defeat administered to the Russian fleet, sinking or capturing 12 of the finest of the Russian fleet. What effect this will have upon the war is problematical, but one thing is certain, Omyha has made careful preparations to administer just as crushing a defeat to the land force's under Linedvitch and Kuropatkin on land as was administered by Togo on sea.

There seems to be no doubt but the result of the recent Russian defeat will mean the cessation of hostilities, and Japan must certainly have had this in view when it refused to make terms of peace, except as dictated by itself, and it is in a better position today to demand even greater concessions from Russian than ever before. It is a recognized fact that Russia was one of the greatest powers of the world, and Japan was considered insignificant in comparison, but no soldiers will fight for a country or flag that has nothing to fight for. All there was for them was to perpetuate one of the most corrupt and tyrannical oligarchies known in the world's history, while the Japanese were fighting for God, for home and native land. This is what inspires heroism in the brave soldiers; it was what contributed to victory in the war of the rebellion; in the war with Spain, and is an inspiration that is productive of victory in the past and will be in the future.

Every American seems to sympathize with Japan, and this sympathy is actuated by the love of liberty and justice that dwells in every loyal American breast, and in every loyal subject of any other nation where liberty dwells and tyranny does not rule. Tyranny will never make good soldiers, and success in war is won by nations where the corner stone is laid upon the grand principles of liberty, truth and justice. Men inspired with a love of country, of home and national honor fight for a principal, but where this is lacking, defeat is the inevitable result.

BOYS IN BLUE.

Forty years ago the great war of the rebellion ended. Thousands of the brave boys in blue are sleeping today in unknown graves on southern battle fields. Many of the soldiers of the war are resting in their narrow beds in Hillside, Greenwood and Oceanview cemeteries. Today the loyal people of Astoria will commemorate the achievements of the heroes both living and dead. The ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic are growing less day by day, and in a few short years they will have joined the great majority of heroes. It is both fitting and proper that Memorial day be observed, not only in commemoration of the achievements of those who laid down their lives that this country might live, but to instill into the minds of the rising generation the duty enjoined upon them, in after years to emulate the example of the loyal surviving few and assure them, that although their comrades have passed away, they will never be forgotten and their valor and heroism will be stamped indelibly upon the minds of future generations. Again the example and conduct of

such as these is a pleasure to place the record of a band of men who have done their full public duties like heroes and patriots. They received little from the commonwealth, yet offered to lay down their lives for it. These soldiers, young men on the thresholds of their lives, took life and limb and happiness, all they had or hoped to have, or are or hope to be, and placed all on the altar of their country.

A word for the heroic dead: They have performed the noblest and sublimest act it is given to humanity to achieve; they have given their lives for their country. Theirs were not lives nearing the close, worn out with dissipation, broken with toil, devoid of hope, their cup of happiness drained to the dregs. Their lives were at the beginning, unspent, everything to hope, everything to achieve, everything to live for. Before the prime of manhood had been reached their life's work had been done and well done. Their rest will be eternal, their fame secure. Their honor will be forever unsullied, their memory will be like sweet perfume. They have received and are wearing their crown and no power on earth will pluck it from their brows.

The gratitude of their country will be theirs for all time; their memory will be cherished as long as youth loves life; their examples will be a treasure and an inheritance of inestimable value to generations yet unborn. Through that bloody war our nation received a new baptism of freedom; we have placed patriotism above heroes for future and higher aspirations. We have placed patriotism above business and valued liberty more than wealth. The hearts of poet and orator have been touched with a holier fire. We have learned diviner songs; instinct with national spirit. Now more than ever, we are one people, have one language, and one law and under one flag. And among those who have contributed to this glorious result is the brave boys in blue.

It is said that nations are ungrateful; that peoples are ungrateful, but while this may be true in many instances, it is not true where the stars and stripes wave over the most loyal and patriotic people the world has ever known. The noble Christian woman of Astoria will today weave bright garlands of beautiful flowers to decorate the graves of the brave and true; the children of Astoria will plant roses upon the graves of the brave boys in blue, and the winds from old ocean will waft the fragrance of these emblems of purity and love into every home where patriotism has been taught, and the hearts of the people will once more go out in sympathy to revere the memories of the gallant defenders of the nation's honor, where the stars and stripes wave over the homes in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments by a Layman. The arbitration board need to settle the school strike is just an ordinary shingle.

After all, these cool May winds in Astoria are preferable to the summer breezes with cyclone variations which prevail in other states.

It is pleasant to learn that Colonel Bryan plans a tour of the world to study economic conditions. With a knowledge of economic conditions, Mr. Bryan is likely to become an exceptionally useful citizen.

Astoria teacher—Mary, suppose the

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butcher asks 25 cents a pound for mutton chops, what would three pounds come to?

Mary—They wouldn't come near our house. Mom wouldn't ever pay that much for chops.

An Astoria landlady says that one of her tenants snored so loudly that she and her husband cannot sleep and she wants him ejected. There is no use trying to get even with a man who sleeps like that in an Astoria boarding house bed.

The editor of the Clackanine Chief insists that a patched pair of pants often covers a warm heart. That editor needs a few more lessons in anatomy or some kindred study at his earliest possible convenience.

"If your daughter engaged to that nobleman?"

"Well," answered the fond father, "I wouldn't say that they were engaged, but I think I might say we have a option on him."

One of the pretty and intellectual school teachers in the Nehalem has written a beautiful little balled telling of woman's work in the garden, which she asks us to publish. We can't spare the space this week, but will in some future issue. The title is: "She sits among the cabbages and beans." The line-type man is not in a good humor—it don't go.

"Your little birdie has been very ill," wrote an Astoria young lady to one of the clerks in an Astoria store. "It was some sort of a nervous trouble and Dr. Estes said I must have perfect rest and quiet, and that I must think of nothing. And all the time dear, John, I thought constantly of you."

The wedding announced for June has been declared off.

Ask the ad man.

There are some business men in Astoria who are so stingy and selfish that they would not spend a cent to perpetuate a heaven of eternal rest, unless they had positive assurance that they would die in 24 hours.

Dr. Henderson says that as a rule women live longer than men. We have frequently noticed that widows live longer than the men whose wives they were.

An evening paper ends up a long editorial on "The Poor English Diplomacy," as follows: "s gmnou Wpparskgainzstevnsky." This strikes most people as dealing rather with Russian than English.

An Astoria male unfortunate asks what he shall do to get his wife to talk to him when she is in a fit of sulks. This man's experience is unusual. Many husbands go down town for a rest.

Wise's May Sale Draws the Crowds. Cut Prices Does It!

Saved by Dynamite.

Sometimes a flaming city is saved by dynamite a space that the fire can't cross. Sometimes, a cough hangs on so long, you feel as if nothing but dynamite would cure it. Z. T. Gray, of Calhoun, Ga., writes: "My wife had a very aggravated cough, which kept her awake nights. Two physicians could not help her; so she took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which eased her cough, gave her sleep and finally cured her." Strictly scientific cure for bronchitis and La Grippe, at Chas. Rogers' drug store, price 50c and \$1.00; guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

PERSONAL MENTION.

R. R. Carruthers is in Portland today.

H. Chrono was in Portland yesterday on business.

Martin Both of Rainier is in the city on business.

Ed Abbott of Seaside was in the city Sunday.

J. L. Jones of Cincinnati was in the city yesterday.

A. J. McCloud of Portland was in the city yesterday.

Francis Sullivan of Rainier was in the city yesterday.

A. A. Reeves of Nasel registered at the Parker yesterday.

Fred Lowe of Canby was in the city yesterday on a visit.

H. N. Hathaway of Vancouver is registered at the Central.

Mrs. Eggman of Skamokawa visited friends in Astoria yesterday.

German Bras of Seattle is in the city and stopping at the Cole.

Mrs. Tallman of Skamokawa was in the city yesterday shopping.

Chas. Brown of Prerson and Brown went to Portland last evening.

T. E. Elliott and wife of Walla Walla are visiting friends in Astoria.

Alex Campbell of Skamokawa was in the city yesterday on business.

Frank J. Smith and wife of Portland are registered at the Occident.

Miss Saldren of Portland is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. J. T. Healy.

Mrs. August C. Kinney returned on Sunday from a few days' stay at Gearhart.

Wm. Medley of Jewell was in the city yesterday and expects to return home tomorrow.

F. R. Stokes left yesterday for Collins springs and expects to be absent about two weeks.

Miss Mammie Shannon went to Portland on last evening's train on a visit with friends.

Capt. Joe Harriman of the Columbia river lightship is in the city enjoying a vacation.

Hon. J. Bruce Polworth, a prominent republican from Cathlamet, was in the city yesterday.

F. S. Webber and wife, who visited friends in Astoria Sunday returned to Warrenton yesterday morning.

Frank Patton and wife will leave for Portland tomorrow morning to attend the Lewis and Clark fair.

M. Somerfield and wife of Seattle, who have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kline, returned home yesterday morning.

Rheumatism, gout, backache, acid poison, are results of kidney trouble. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea goes directly to the seat of the disease and cures when all else fails. 35 cents at Frank Hart's drug store.

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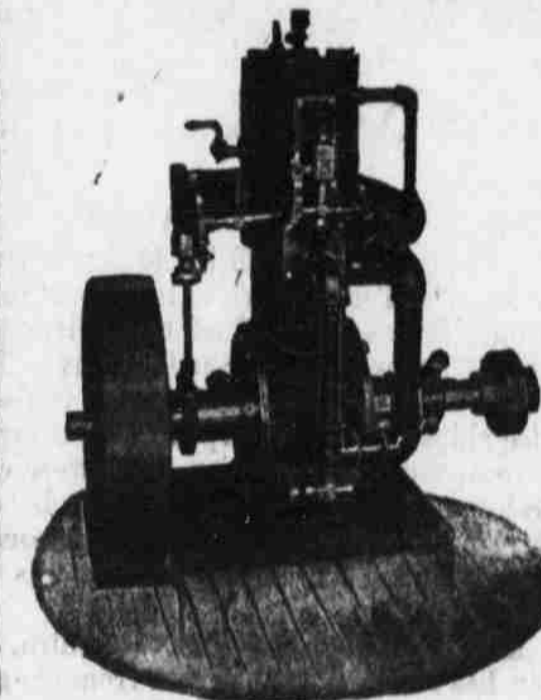
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