

# A FURIOUS ASSAULT

### Japanese Still Pegging Away At the Russian Stronghold

## GREAT LOSSES AT PORT ARTHUR

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Paris, By Cable.—The Martin's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs as follows:

"Telegrams of which the general staff have as yet no knowledge reached the Emperor at 4 o'clock Saturday morning. I can affirm that they concern Port Arthur, regarding which place the greatest anxiety prevailed at court. The Japanese are now engaged in a general assault, which is more furious than its predecessors, attacking the town on three sides simultaneously and employing their whole forces, being determined to finish the business. Russians mines blew up whole battalions. General Fock especially distinguished himself, directing the fire from the wall which the Japanese reached after indescribable losses. The whole of Admiral Togo's and Vice Admiral Kamimura's squadrons are riding the struggle, which, it is feared here, will be final. The besieged forces are fighting as in a furnace. A perfect storm of shell is falling on the town, port and fortress from the whole hill and roundabout. General Stoesel is going from fort to fort, encouraging the defenders in their desperate efforts.

"In St. Petersburg the facts concerning the tragic event which perhaps will terminate by a glorious fall of Port Arthur, are wholly unknown. At court hope has not yet been entirely abandoned.

### Russians Use Balloons.

Mukden, By Cable.—The Russians are using war balloons southeast of Mukden, for the purpose of observing the movements of the Japanese in that direction. The line of outposts established by the Japanese is so effective that now even the Chinese have been unable to penetrate it. It is impossible, therefore, to say definitely how Marquis Oyama has disposed his forces. It is believed that General Kuroki's army stretches from Benhua to Bentasupta, and the armies of Generals Oku and Nodzu from Yestul along the high road and railroad to Shapupu, sixteen miles south of Mukden, while a fourth army is moving from Daliantchen across the Da Mountains. All these roads converge at Mukden. Of the four armies, those of Oku and Nodzu are nearest Mukden, and their progress will have to be slackened in order to permit Kuroki and the flanking columns time to come up. Meanwhile, Oku and Nodzu have command of the railroad. Supplies of grain and ammunition are carried from Yestul over heavy roads exposed to capture by enemy raiders. There has been an improvement in the weather, which had been of great help to the Japanese.

### Imperial Tombs Endangered.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—A brief telegram was received from Lieutenant General Sakharoff, announcing the advance of the Japanese from Bentasupta to the village near Fu Pass, east of Mukden, and the site of the imperial tombs, which is likely to revive the fears expected at Peking that an engagement may be fought at the burial place of the Manchurian dynasty. No mention is made of resistance to the advance, but it is not believed this indicates that the Russians do not intend to further oppose the march of the Japanese on Mukden. It probably signifies that the Japanese force is using the small road Fu Pass, between the highways leading to Mukden and Fushun, with the intention of isolating the Russian columns guarding Fushun. The Japanese are still trying to turn General Kuropatkin's left flank, but there is no indication of their moving west of the Hun river. Minantia is still held by the Cosacks.

### Still Eating Boll Weevils.

Washington, Special.—The Secretary of Agriculture has approved the plan for further studies of the "kelep," the boll weevil-eating ant. O. F. Cook, who discovered the ant in Guatemala, and three assistants are now in Texas making preparations to establish the habits of the ant during the coming winter and to send more colonies if the latter are not successful in during the winter season in this country that the cotton crop in Guatemala is grown. The Secretary states that of the 89 colonies already imported only one has been lost and that through an accident.

### Tax Collection Short.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—A special to the Register from Montgomery says: "Assistant State Examiner Sedberry, who has been in Mobile for the past two weeks examining the tax books of 1893, filed his report with the government yesterday, stating that former Tax Collector John C. Case had defrauded the State \$3,808.91. Case, who is now chief of police of Mobile, said he had nothing to say."

### Spain Stops Russian Cruiser From Canary Islands.

Las Palmas, Canary Islands, By Cable.—The Russian cruiser Terek, which has been stopping British vessels in the vicinity of Gibraltar, commenced coaling here yesterday, but on orders received from Madrid, she was stopped from coaling and was ordered to leave here this morning. Her commander replied that he was unable to put to sea, owing to the Terek's engines needing repairs. She was, however, forbidden to take on board any more coal or any water or stores.

### Nine School Girls Suffocated.

Cincinnati, Special.—School closed Friday at Pleasant Ridge, seven miles north of Cincinnati, with the first quarter of the season, when nine, possibly ten, school girls were suffocated in a vault during the forenoon recess, and a score of others narrowly escaped the same horrible death. During the rest of the day the suburb was wild with mingled excitement, sorrow and indignation, and those openly charging the calamity to official negligence are making serious threats, among them being many women.

# NEWS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

Paragraphs of Minor Importance Gathered From Many Sources.

### Through the South.

A man named Troy, at Point Comfort, W. Va., killed his wife and himself.

Additional particulars of the havoc by the late storm on the Eastern Shore of Virginia have been received.

The Atlantic Coast Line is planning to build a large export terminal at Jacksonville, Fla.

Dr. Julian M. Baker, at Tarboro, N. C., was acquitted of the murder of Dr. H. T. Bass.

In Martinsburg a jealous negro blew up a house with dynamite, killed his rival and mortally injured two negro women.

Governor Montague has granted a respite to Henry Dickerson, colored, who was to have been hanged Friday, until October 21.

Ex-Senator Henry G. Davis has been made, the Virginia maneuverers are pronounced to have been generally advantageous to State militia organizations.

A Laredo, Tex., dispatch says: Rain has ceased to fall, and for 12 hours the skies have been clear. The waters of the Rio Grande river, however, are still on the rampage, and no marked decrease in the high stage is looked for for several days.

Two shocks of earthquake were felt at Augusta, Ga. Within the city limits the disturbance was noticed only by a few, but on the hills west both tremors were distinctly felt. The first was noticed at half-past 2 and was followed in five minutes by the second. No damage was done.

A special from Waynesboro, Ga., says: "An attempt was made to burglarize the Citizens' Bank here Wednesday morning. A large hole was dug under the vault, but the metal was not pierced. During the night the home of Cashier Berrien, of the same bank, was robbed of silverware and jewelry. In pursuing the robber Berrien fell and broke a knee-cap."

At the quarterly meeting of the Columbia chamber of commerce Tuesday night the river navigation committee reported that unless a company was organized with a capital of from \$12,000 to \$15,000 for the purpose of building a boat to put in the river, the matter of river navigation for Columbia had better be abandoned for the present. A meeting of business men to organize such a company will be called in a few days.

### Washington Happenings.

Trade conditions throughout the country are reported good, but not so favorable as last year.

Organized labor will seek recognition in the appointment of a successor to Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner of Labor.

It is stated that dismissal from the army of Second Lieutenants W. W. White and Charles F. Smith and First Lieutenant Harry J. Collins has been approved.

### In the North.

Ex-Senator Henry G. Davis has been consulting Senator Cornman in New York about his letter accepting the Democratic nomination for the Vice Presidency.

Connecticut Republicans are holding their State convention.

Governor and Mrs. Warfield held a reception in the Maryland Building at the St. Louis Fair.

What rose to \$1.18 in Chicago and \$1.27 in Minneapolis, on news of blighting frosts in Canada.

Six persons were burned to death in a tenement house fire in New York.

Five bandits held up and robbed a Rock Island express train near Letts, Iowa.

The American Bankers' Association began its annual convention in New York.

The Interparliamentary Union representing many countries, began its convention at St. Louis.

### Foreign Affairs.

Prince Herbert Bismarck died at Friedrichsruh, Germany.

The Uruguayan insurgents asked the Government for peace terms.

The conflict at Port Arthur has reduced both armies to ferocity, and awful scenes are witnessed.

Major Gorgas reports the sanitation of Colon will be difficult, but is an urgent engineering necessity.

Tashi, Lama of Shigatsse, was proclaimed at Lhasa as successor to the spiritual dignities of the Dalai Lama.

Father Agius, the new Apostolic Delegate to the Philippines, was consecrated in Rome Archbishop of Palmyra.

When the Kaiser drove through Hameln, recently, hundreds of children stood along the route dressed either as rats or in the picturesque costume of the famous "Pied Piper's" period.

Miscellaneous Doings.

Certain tribes of Indians in the Indian Territory object to negro children attending their schools.

Joseph Jefferson, the famous actor, is reported to have permanently retired from the stage.

Insurmountable ice prevented the Zeigler relief expedition from reaching the Arctic exploration steamer America, in Franz Josefland.

Mexico City was gaily bedecked with the flags of all nations Friday, the Mexican banner predominating, the occasion being the 94th anniversary of the achievement of independence by the Mexicans of the Spanish.

Chief George W. Horton, of Baltimore, delivered an address on the Baltimore fire to the International Association of Fire Engineers at Chattanooga.

# A HEAVY FAILURE

### W. B. Smith-Whaley Goes to the Wall for a Large Amount OWES OVER A MILLION, HAS \$1,200

He is the Senior Member of the Wm. B. Smith-Whaley Company, of Boston, and Was the Promoter of Several Cotton Manufacturing Enterprises in the South.

Boston, Special.—Owing over a million dollars, with assets of \$1,200, William B. Smith-Whaley, the financial supporter of several cotton manufacturing enterprises in the South, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States District Court Tuesday.

Mr. Whaley was the senior member of the Smith-Whaley Company, of this city, and is a resident of Newton. For some time he has been interested in raising funds for textile industries in the Southern States, particularly in South Carolina, which have not resulted favorably. Mr. Whaley's total liabilities are \$1,114,155. The secured claims amount to \$1,087,951, and the unsecured to \$26,174.

In his petition Mr. Whaley states that his only assets are personal property valued at \$1,100, real estate worth \$100, and household goods. There are 91 creditors. The individual claims range from \$500, to the lowest, to \$175,000, the highest. Among the principal secured creditors are the Merchants' National Bank, New York, \$175,000; the Draper Company, Hopedale, Mass., \$107,000; Fales & Sons, machinery manufacturers, Pawtucket, R. I., \$107,000; Baltimore Trust and Deposit Company, Baltimore, \$45,000; J. C. Sheehan, Baltimore, \$25,000; Carolina Loan & Trust Company, Charleston, \$30,000; Carolina National Bank, Columbia, S. C., \$65,000; Carolina Bank, Columbia, S. C., \$60,000; Bank of Columbia, Columbia, S. C., \$17,000; Merchants' National Bank, Camden, S. C., \$15,000; People's National Bank, Charleston, \$10,000; Merchants' National Bank, Baltimore, \$10,000; Orangeburg Manufacturing Company, Orangeburg, S. C., \$10,000. The largest unsecured claim for money advanced by the Olympia Cotton Mills, Columbia, S. C.

F. L. Norton, Mr. Whaley's counsel, said in regard to the petition: "While nominally it appears to be a large failure, it is not nearly so bad as it looks. The obligations are distributed among New York to South Carolina. Mr. Whaley was interested simply in financing these Southern mills, and in a measure they have fallen down."

### Killed by Unknown Man.

Asheville, Special.—A special to the Citizen from Clyde, N. C., says that Ralph Wells, a traveling salesman, who died at Columbia, S. C., today from the effects of blood poison, received his injuries at Clyde from a bottle thrown by an unknown man, with whom the deceased had quarreled. The fight is said to have taken place several days ago. Mr. Wells was the son of H. N. Wells, a prominent physician of Murphy, and had relatives living in Asheville, who state that they have received the details of the manner in which the deceased met his death. He leaves a wife and two children.

### Supplies Taken by Japanese.

Tokio, By Cable.—Field Marshal Oyama, commanding the Japanese forces in Manchuria, telegraphed as follows: "An investigation of the trophies captured by us, made since our last report, shows the number of Russian buildings occupied by us in the neighborhood of Liao Station to be 353 houses and 214 warehouses, covering an area of 58,000 square yards. We also seized 75,260 bushels of barley, rice, wheat, and millet; 1,300 cases of kerosene, 1,800 cases of sugar, 166 tons of coal and much cordwood. The amount of coal captured by General Kuroki will be reported later."

### One Candidate Stabs Another.

Macon, Ga., Special.—A special to The Telegraph from Waycross says that Dr. J. M. Spence, Representative from Ware county, was probably fatally stabbed near Wareboro, by J. R. McDonald, who is opposing him as an independent. It is said that Spence went to McDonald's home for the purpose of forcing him to sign affidavits withdrawing certain charges, and the affair followed. It is claimed that a friend of McDonald's held a pistol on Spence while McDonald was stabbing him. Owing to the prominence of the parties concerned, there is considerable excitement over the affair.

### Fatal Poisoning.

Augusta, Ga., Special.—Rev. Byron Woodward, pastor of North Augusta Baptist Church, is in a critical condition and his wife died, as a result of ptomaine poisoning. Three days ago they were taken violently ill after eating canned goods which had been opened and left standing over night. Their two children were not affected.

### New Army Order.

Washington, Special.—That no army officer be permitted to marry until he has first secured the permission of the Secretary of War and satisfied that official that his income is sufficient to support himself and family and that he is entirely free from debt is the recommendation made by Major General H. C. Corbin, Adjutant General, commanding the Atlantic division and Department of the East, which was issued at the War Department.

### Shot Nephew For Squirrel.

Greenville, Special.—Tuesday afternoon, seven miles from Greenville, A. G. Fussell and Samuel Derr went out hunting squirrels. They separated in the woods and while creeping about Mr. Fussell saw the bushes shaking. Thinking a squirrel was in the bush he fired and was horrified to discover that he had shot Mr. Derr. The load struck Mr. Derr in the face and head and he died in a few minutes. Derr was a young man from Goldsboro, and was visiting relatives in this county. He was a nephew of Fussell.

### To Form Second Army.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—Acting upon the advice of his military advisers, Emperor Nicholas has decided to form a second Manchurian army. It will be formed of the corps which are being sent to the far East, and Lieutenant General Linvitch probably will be given the command of the second army. General Kuropatkin will become chief of both armies, but probably without the title of commander-in-chief.

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# SOUTH CAROLINA CROP BULLETIN

Weather Conditions Favorable for Gathering the Crops.

The week ending 8 a. m., September 18, 1904, had a mean temperature of 75 degrees which is nearly normal. The early part of the week was warm, but the last four days were very cool. The extremes were a minimum of 45 at Spartanburg on the 16th, and a maximum of 93 at Batesburg and Blackville on the 16th and Blackville and Kingstree on the 18th.

The precipitation was confined to the eastern part of the State, and was excessive from Horry to Chesterfield counties, the greatest amount being 4.70 inches at Conway. The rainfall occurred on the 13th and 14th. The other days were generally fair. Practically no rain fell in the western part of the State.

The week has been favorable for farm work except in the eastern portion of the State where the storm of the 13th and 14th delayed work and did great damage to growing crops.

There were numerous reports of deterioration of cotton due to rust and shedding, and in the eastern counties, caterpillars are still doing damage. Considerable damage is reported in the northeastern counties from the storm on the 14th. Cotton is opening rapidly and picking has become general throughout the State.

Corn is reported to be in good condition generally, but in the northeastern counties where it was damaged by the storm of the 14th, fodder pulling is practically completed.

Rice was not damaged as much as was first reported; harvesting and threshing are progressing.

The weather has been favorable for haying during the past week. The forage crops are good. Potatoes are generally good, but poor in a few places. Minor crops are very promising.

### The New Lawmakers.

After the second primary the following is a complete list of the State's new lawmakers:

SENATORS.—Wm. E. C. N. W. SENATORS.—The following are the new senators: Dr. J. B. Black, Bamberg; Geo. H. Bates, Barnwell; E. J. Dennis, Jr., Berkeley; N. S. Connor, Dorchester; W. J. Johnson, Fairfield; T. G. Talbert, Edgefield; Walter H. Wells, Florence; Charles E. Mauldin, Greenville; J. Edgar Brooks, Greenwood; F. P. McGowan, Laurens; D. F. Edfr. Lexington; C. L. Bleasie, Newberry; J. R. Earle, Oconee; E. S. Bleasie, Saluda.

Senators Aldrich of Barnwell, Forrest of Saluda, Sharpe of Lexington and Taylor of Beaufort were defeated. Senator E. J. Dennis died and is succeeded by his son. Senators Dean of Greenville, Ragdale of Fairfield, Ragdale of Florence, Herndon of Oconee, Gaines of Greenwood, Goodwin of Laurens, Mower of Newberry, Sheppard of Edgefield and Mayfield of Bamberg did not offer for reelection. Of those selected Senators Hayfield, Hayrick and W. E. Johnson had opposition.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The members of the house of representatives are: Abbeville—J. Fraser Lyon, J. N. Macdonald, J. C. Laney, W. P. Pollock. Aiken—D. L. B. Etheridge, G. L. Toole, John R. Cloy and B. K. Keenan. Anderson—J. W. Ashley, J. B. Watson, Geo. E. Prince, M. P. Tribble and J. C. Millford. Bamberg—J. S. C. Faust and E. T. Latte. Barnwell—Dr. Ryan Giles, J. E. Harley and Dr. J. Milton Turner. Beaufort—C. J. Colcock, Jos. Glover and W. N. Heyward. Berkeley—E. E. Ballentine, W. L. Parker and Geo. B. Davis. Charleston—J. W. Higgins, J. W. Earnhardt, J. W. Taylor, J. W. Oconee—E. E. Verner, J. D. Sheldon. Orangeburg—J. A. Banks, T. F. Brantley, R. F. Duke, D. O. Herbert, E. L. Culler. Pickens—Laban Mauldin, T. J. Mauldin. Richland—A. D. McPaddin, J. D. Rawlinson, P. A. McMaster and L. W. Haskell. Saluda—W. A. Webb, J. C. Edwards. Sumter—Altamont Moses, T. B. Fraser, J. H. Clifton. Spartanburg—C. P. Sanders, J. Wright Nash, W. M. Walker, K. D. Edgewood, H. H. Arnold, W. J. Gibson. Union—J. P. Porter, J. B. Brantley. Williamsburg—W. L. Bass, Jao. S. Graham, Philip Stoll. York—Dr. J. E. Massey, J. W. Ar. J. W. Deamguard and Dr. J. M. Deary.

### Belgrade, Servia, By Cable.—Peter Karagorjevitich was crowned King of Servia Wednesday. There were no hostile demonstrations and no attempt to carry out the numerous threats against the new king's life. In these solemn rituals of the Greek church and in the elaborate state procession which preceded and followed the coronation the tragedy of Servia's previous ruler found no echo. Amid the thunder of the saluting guns from the royal palace and the garrison King Alexander's murder was at least outwardly forgotten.

### Sign of a Settlement.

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### Nominations in New Orleans.

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### Nominated For Governor By the New York Democrats

## ALL NOMINATIONS UNANIMOUS

State Democratic Leaders Find a Way to Harmonious Action—Murphy's Opposition Fatal to Gout and McCarran's to Shepard.

Saratoga, N. Y., Special.—Out of a situation which at times seemed almost impossible of an amicable solution, the leaders of the Democratic party found a way to unanimous action, and at 3:30 o'clock the State convention adjourned without day, after having nominated unanimously the following ticket:

For Governor—D. Cady Herrick, of Albany, at present Justice of the State Supreme Court.

For Lieutenant Governor—Francis Burton Harrison, of New York, now a Representative in Congress from the thirteenth district.

Secretary of State—John Wallace, Jr., of Monroe, now a member of the Assembly.

For Attorney General—John Cuneen, of Erie, the present incumbent.

For Comptroller—George Hall, of St. Lawrence, now mayor of the city of Ogdensburg.

For State Engineer and Surveyor—Thomas H. Stryker, of Rome, Oneida county.

For Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals—Edgar M. Cullen, of Kings (Democrat), now an Associate Justice of that bench and the Republican nominee.

For Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals—Wm. E. Werner, of Monroe (Republican), now of the bench by designation of Governor Odell, and the Republican nominee.

### Dynamite on Track Kills 9.

Melrose, Mass., Special.—An outward bound electric car containing 32 persons was blown to pieces in this city Wednesday night by striking a 50-pound box of dynamite that had fallen off an express wagon. Six persons were killed outright, three mortally of their injuries within an hour, and 19 others on the car were taken to the two hospitals suffering from severe injuries. At least a score of persons in the immediate vicinity of the explosion were hurt by flying glass and splinters.

The following dead have been identified: Malcolm E. McLennan, Melrose Highlands. E. B. Hayes, Melrose. Winsford Rowe, Saugus, Mass., mortally.

E. A. Stowe, South Boston. Fred D. Marshall, Boston. The unidentified dead were three women and a three-year-old girl.

Edward A. Waterhouse, of Melrose, had his foot amputated, and was otherwise badly injured.

Dr. Perry, of Wakefield, had both legs broken. Mrs. John Conway, of Melrose, had both legs broken.

George H. Andrews, of Melrose, received a compound fracture of the left leg and his foot was also amputated. All of these are likely to die.

So great was the force of the explosion that all but 10 feet of the rear portion of the car was blown into small pieces, while windows within a radius of a quarter of a mile were shattered.

The immediate vicinity of the accident presented a fearful spectacle when those in the neighborhood reached the scene. The ground was strewn with legs, arms, and other portions of the bodies of those who had been killed, while shrieks and groans heard from the living forms of the injured. The car contained mostly men on their way to their homes in this city, the accident taking place only a mile from Melrose's centre.

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# THE BARBER'S SHEARS

Chat With an Expert on One of the Most Important Tools of His Trade.

Mr. Glimmerston took notice of the fact that in the course of trimming his hair and beard the barber used three different sized pairs of shears. "And why so many?" he asked. "Why," said the barber, "simply for greater convenience in the work. I could do it all with the same pair of shears, but I can do it easier and better with three pairs of shears, each best suited for the particular part of the work to be done with it."

"Now, these heavy shears," he continued, "as he held up the largest pair, 'I use for the rough work; that is, the heavy work on the top of the head where the hair is thickest, and where the shape of the head makes the work all plain shilling."

"These such shears can be used to advantage; but for the back of the head, and around the neck and the ears, where there are more and shorter curves to cover, smaller shears are better and also handier to use. And then in trimming the beard I use smaller shears still."

"These shears with which I am now trimming your beard, I have had for fourteen years, using them continuously, all the time, and for some years now on beards alone. They were an inch longer in the blades when I first got them, but they have lost that in repeated grindings. But they are perfect shears for my use, and I would not part with them, half worn out as they are, for twice what they originally cost."

"How much do barbers' shears cost? Two dollars a pair, and they are not very large, either. So you see barbers' shears are rather costly. They must be of the finest material and perfectly made and adjusted in order to make them serviceable and adapted to their work. But, expensive as they are, and supposed to be all good and fine, they may really differ greatly in quality of character. They vary as much, in fact, as razors do."

"Of two pairs of shears of the same make and grade and same shape and size bought at the same time, one pair might turn out perfect shears, and the other not nearly so good. One pair might need to be ground every two weeks, and the other might cut perfectly for a month or more before needing grinding."

"So on the score of economy, as well as because of their greater comfort and convenience in use, a good pair of shears over the shears that get dull and must often be put out of commission for repairs, is something highly to be prized. The good shears, less of ten ground, last longer to begin with, and then it costs less to keep them in order."

"The barber keeps his own razors in order himself, but when his shears need grinding he must send them to a grinder, and to put it in figures, it costs twenty cents for the grinding of a pair of shears. So the difference in the cost of upkeep between two pairs of shears, one good and the other poor, may amount to dollars in the course of a year; certainly a consideration of importance."

"And so, taking everything together, the barber—who becomes attached to the tools of his trade, just as the men of any other craft or calling become attached to theirs—may easily come to have for a good pair of shears, that he has long been accustomed to, a feeling of decided attachment, as I have, for instance, for this pair that I have had since I began in the business, the pair with which I am now trimming your beard."—New York Sun.

### Japanese Man Power.

The present war in the East is probably the only instance of a great campaign between civilized nations in which one of the combatants has relied almost entirely on man power, instead of horse power, for transport, the whole of the supplies of each Japanese division of infantry being carried by as many coolies, or porters, as there are fighting men. The Japanese porters are mainly men whose physique is not judged to be good enough to entitle them to fight in the line of battle, though according to modern European notions theirs would be considered rather the more arduous task of the two. But the Japanese have shown up till now that their choice of means has generally been correct, and it is not likely that they have made a mistake in this case.

They know their own people, and for centuries human transport has been the occupation of a large class of their unskilled labor. The litter, or rickshaw, has been adopted, in imitation of their method, even in Simla, the governing city of India. By a simple mechanical contrivance they have also greatly facilitated the work of bearing burdens. A bamboo is carried on a kind of pad over the shoulder, and the load, carefully balanced, is suspended to each end. The carrier thus avoids one of the greatest sources of fatigue, namely, the effect of picking up the burden when it has been laid down to rest,