

OFF FOR THE FRONT.

Night Departure From Tokyo of the Imperial Guard.

NO OTHER TROOPS SO POPULAR.

English Writer's Description of Their Spectacular March in Japan's Capital to the Railway Station.

Thousands of soldiers, war-worn and carried brilliant laurels.

A. G. Hales gives the following description, in the London News, of military Tokyo and of the departure for the seat of war of the Imperial guard: All day long there had been signs of unusual stir and bustle in the Japanese capital. The quiet of the place was shaken, women were going to and fro with anxious faces as though an event of importance were about to occur. As the day wore away and the dusk of evening settled upon the city the pulses of the people began to throb more feverishly. ...

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PATRIOTS OF NIPPON.

How Two Japanese Spies Met Their Fate.

FAUCED DEATH WITH HEROISM.

Officers of the General Staff War Administration and privates of the regiment requested their dying girl be used for the poor wounded among their enemies.

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same religion as your fellow prisoner?

"No, president. I am a Christian! And observing the astonishment produced on every one by this declaration he hastened to add:

"But I am a true Japanese, born of Japanese parents. Only in my youth I was captivated by the gentle teachings of Christ and I became a convert to Lutheranism."

"Colonel Jokoka spoke English, and it was a subject of King Edward, an employee of the Russo-Chinese bank, who translated to the court the declarations of the prisoner. Captain Jokoka was interrogated by means of a Chinese interpreter. The accused were shown the explosive materials which had been found upon them. They did not attempt to defend themselves or to deny in any particular the statements of the Cosacks who had arrested them. The interpreters translated to the prisoners the military prosecutor's speech, asking the punishment of death by hanging."

"I watched the countenances of the two men, and I could not observe in them the slightest indication of fear. The counsel of the two Japanese asked that the sentence of death should be commuted to imprisonment with hard labor; the accused men having made a complete confession."

"The two officers remained unmoved by their counsel's warm appeal. They did not utter a word. "Since the law allowed of a lighter punishment we all expected a commutation of the sentence. The deliberations lasted for half an hour and the court condemned the two officers to the maximum penalty—the scaffold. Colonel Jokoka and Captain Jokki heard their sentence with as detached an air as if it had concerned indifferent persons."

"The sentence was to be executed on the following morning at 1 o'clock. All that was waited for was a dispatch from General Kuropatkin confirming it. The telegram arrived promptly. The generalissimo approved the condemnation, but spared the Japanese officer the humiliation of the scaffold and granted them the grace of being shot according to the military code. "I was present when the commandant read to the prisoners General Kuropatkin's order. 'It is well,' responded Colonel Jokoka. 'I am a Christian. The captain said nothing. His expression that because every moment more disdainful, showed his indifference to the manner of punishment reserved for him. Colonel Jokoka asked permission to write to his family, then he embraced the captain."

"I do not mind tranquil than you, colonel," said the latter. "Why do you say that?" "I have fulfilled my duty to my country and to the deity. You have done yours for your country only." "What do you mean, captain?" "I have reflected a goal dealt on what you have said in my heart. Christianly, you are always wanting superiority. Well, I think you are not in accord with Christ, while I have nothing to reproach myself with."

"Perhaps you are right, captain. And I have a favor to ask of you. Give me your authorization to perform the first holy Christian act which I have been given me to perform during my life. You know I have a number of Chinese bank notes, to the value in all of about a thousand Russian rubles. I desire to send this money to the commandant, to be given to the Russian Red Cross for the poor wounded among our enemies. Do you consent to this gift? Jokki rejected for an instant."

"I have always had a great affection for you, colonel, and if it will give you pleasure I am quite willing that you should give this money to our enemies." "When the commandant came for the prisoners Colonel Jokoka gave him a bundle of white bank notes with red signs. There are here about a thousand rubles, and we beg you to give them to the Russian Red Cross." "But would it not be better for me to send this money to your families?" "Oh, no," cried both the condemned men together. "The money will not forget our wives and children."

"Do not refuse us this satisfaction," said Jokoka. "Distribute this money among the Russian wounded." "The commandant again urged the officers to let them should leave behind them to be sent to Japan. Jokki appeared to hesitate for a moment. He looked at his companion in misfortune, who reiterated his desire to make this compensation for the evil he had done on this earth, and the captain bent his head in acquiescence with the wish of his brother in arms. The Russian commandant yielded and asked the two Japanese if there was anything in which he could be of service to them. "I should like to have a bath, if it were possible," said the Buddhist. "After that we shall be at your orders."

"A bath-room being an object of luxury unknown at Harbin, the commandant caused tubs of water to be brought and ordered the soldiers to go on side, so that the unfortunate men might be able to perform their ablutions at their ease."

was the more tranquilly than a, for I have never felt more kindly than now have little in mind reflecting on my life has been with the teachings of Jesus."

"The vehicle which was to convey the two men to the place of execution was already waiting. The two Japanese officers arrived at the place of execution, impassive as ever. Still, it could be seen that the colonel was a prey to a final reflection. Both officers then lighted cigarettes and asked that they should not be bound to the stakes. The commandant took two handkerchiefs from his pocket and handed them to the Japanese officers. The colonel bound his eyes himself. Jokki disdainfully refused to do so, saying he desired to be instructed by his captives. A dozen soldiers were posted in front of the colonel, a dozen others in front of the captain."

"If you have pity for these two unhappy men," said the commandant to the platoon detailed for the execution, "aim straight at the heart—death will be instantaneous." "The soldiers fired. Jokoka went to the left; Jokki, without having winked an eyelid, fell forward. Both had been instantly slain. Our good soldiers had had pity for them."

"My companion punctuated these last words with a groan. He had involuntarily turned his wounded knee. "Unfounded Japanese!" he cried. "In what way have I dressed my wounded knee? But no matter. That does not prevent my regretting the death of Jokoka and Jokki."

And seeing this victim of Japanese bullets so strongly moved by the death of the two spies of the enemy, I recalled the words of the Russian painter Verestchagin, that the valor of both combatants was the most serious obstacle to the war. And, indeed, I kill one another when either side ceases the other?"

BLUE FROCK COATS. Sartorial Novelty Adopted by King Edward's new frock coats, says the Philadelphia Record. They were of dark blue broadcloth as seen at the Ascot races and were, of course, immediately adopted by many of the more fashionable dressers. It looks as though the black, gray and oxfords were to be put aside over there, but whether the new color will be adopted in the United States is a question.

It takes longer than it used to, according to some authorities on this side, for a new fashion set by Edward to be followed over here, and some tailors declare the blue frock coat will not be seen in America at all. It would, they say, be susceptible to so much expansion and development in the hands of the cheap imitator that it will be eschewed altogether. The present tendency in men's dress is not toward variety in color and shape, as was the case a few years ago, but toward conventional and monotonous forms. The average man wants nowadays to be dressed as much like other men, as inconspicuously as possible, and to wear variety and new shapes to the women.

Would Make Sahara a Sea. French engineers have declared it is perfectly feasible to convert the desert of Sahara into a vast lake, thus opening to commerce great regions of the interior of Africa, which can now only be reached by long, tedious and dangerous caravan journeys. They say that a large portion of the desert lies below the level of the Atlantic and that by digging a canal to let in the waters of the ocean the great change could be effected easily and at a cost which would be small compared to the benefits which would accrue.

A Japanese Custom. At the birth of a Japanese baby a tree is planted, which must remain untouched until the marriage day of the child. The tree is cut down, and a skilled cabinet maker transforms the wood into furniture, which is considered by the young couple as the most beautiful of all the ornaments of the house.

Greenland Thawing Out. The ice in Greenland is melting more rapidly than it is formed. Comparison of the descriptions of the Jacobshavn glacier shows that its edge has receded eight miles since 1850, and it has lost twenty or thirty feet in depth.

A Furry Plea. "Prisoner, the judge has declared you guilty."

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