

JAPANESE MASSACRE AND HORRID ATROCITIES.

Cruel Barbarities of Three Days' Duration.—Over 2,000 Defenseless Beings Wantonly Put to Death.

James Creelman, of New York, has furnished his home papers full details of the taking of Port Arthur by the Japanese. His account abounds in horrors unknown to the civilized and christianized world.

It is true that when the Japanese troops poured into Port Arthur they saw the heads of their slain comrades hanging by cords, with the noses and ears gone.

No attempt to take prisoners was made. I saw a man who was kneeling to the troops and begging for mercy pinned to the ground with a bayonet, while his head was hacked off with a sword.

A merchant in a fur cap knelt down and raised his hands in entreaty. As the soldiers shot him he put his hands over his face.

About 5 o'clock there was a sound of music on the parade ground, where all the Generals were assembled with the Field Marshal—all save Noghi, who had gone in pursuit of the retreating enemy.

In the morning I walked through the streets. Everywhere I saw bodies torn and mangled as if by wild beasts. The slain shopkeepers lay piled in the roadway, with tears frozen in their eyes and bloody icicles hanging from their wounds.

Dogs were whimpering over the stark corpses of their masters. Here and there the famished animals were tearing at the flesh of human bodies still warm.

Then I saw a white haired, toothless merchant dismembered on the threshold of his own shop, which had been looted. Another victim had his breast ripped open by a Japanese sword, and a pet dog lay shivering under his arms.

There was a dead woman lying under a heap of slain men in every conceivable attitude of agony and supplication. At one corner there were twenty-five corpses in a pile.

Twenty feet away was a white-bearded wrinkled man with his throat cut and his eyes and tongue torn out. Nowhere the sign of a weapon, nowhere the sign of war.

I saw soldiers trampling over the twitching bodies of dying men to rob their houses. There was no attempt

to conceal the appalling crimes. Shame had vanished. It was heart-rending to see men dodging around corners like hunted beasts and kneeling for mercy but getting none.

All through the second day the reign of murder continued. Hundreds and hundreds were killed. Out on the road alone there were 227 corpses. At least forty were shot down with their hands tied behind them.

Just at dawn on the morning of the third day after the battle I was awakened by the sound of rifle shots. They were still at it. I went out and saw a body of soldiers, led by an officer, chasing three men. One carried a naked infant in his arms.

I ran forward and made the sign of the Red Cross on the white non-combatant's bandage around my arm, but the appeal was useless. The bayonet was plunged three or four times into the neck of the prostrate man, and then he was left to grasp his life out on the ground.

I hurried back to my quarters and awakened Frederick Villiers, who went with me to the spot where I had left the dying man. He was dead, but his wounds were still smoking.

While we were bending over the corpse we heard shooting a few rods around a road and went forward to see what it was. We saw an old man standing in the road with his hands tied behind his back.

They had ripped open the corpse and were cutting the heart out. When they saw us they cowered and tried to hide their faces. I am satisfied that not more than 100 Chinamen were killed in fair battle at Port Arthur, and that at least 2,000 unarmed men were put to death.

It may be called the natural result of the fury of troops who have seen the mutilated corpses of their comrades, or it may be called retaliation, but no civilized nation could be capable of the atrocities I have witnessed in Port Arthur.

This may be warfare, but it is the warfare of savages. It takes more than one generation to civilize a people. The Field Marshal and all his Generals were aware that the massacre was being continued day after day.

A Lady With 2,600 Pipes. There is a lady in Paris named Bide. She must be a strange woman, or a new woman, for she has a mania for smoking. This is not so eccentric in itself, perhaps; the eccentricity comes in when her failing inspires her with a desire to color meerschaum pipes.

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WE'RE GROWING FAT.

This Seems to be the Latter-Day Tendency of Americans. In many ways we are made aware that we live in an age when men tend to adipose tissue.

A glance at the portraits of the whole line of our presidents confirms the belief that our national physical type is becoming more portly. The post-bellum presidents have been weightier men than their predecessors.

So marked has the inclination to obesity become among us that we are constantly hearing of prominent citizens who feel constrained to undergo vigorous courses of diet or training to rid themselves of superfluous flesh.

He Ate Flooring Nails. An inquest was held at the County Asylum, Lancaster, England, recently, by Mr. Holden, respecting the death of William Fitzpatrick, forty-four years of age.

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To Make Sunlight. Nicola Tesla, whose wonderful achievements in the line of electricity are well known, thinks that he will be able to produce sunlight on the earth at will.

A Curious Employment. Gent.—Where were you employed last? Man Servant—At a writing master's.

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