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THE WAR.

OFFICIAL.

DETERMINED RESISTANCE.

Chifu, Sunday 2nd.

The general assault on Port Arthur lasted from August 27 to 31, when the Japanese retired everywhere except from Palangshan, which they had secured with apparent firmness.

The Japanese now expect two months further fighting, and possibly more.

Half of the town of Liaoyang has been destroyed and the greater part of the Russian supplies, it is said, fell into the Japanese hands.

ALMOST ANNIHILATED.

A message from St. Petersburg early this morning states that it is reported there that General Kuropatkin's rear guard has been almost annihilated, and that his main army is in imminent danger of being surrounded.

OVER 50,000 LOSSES.

According to St. Petersburg telegrams, General Kuropatkin has telegraphed from Yentai to the Czar that the enemy's losses exceed 30,000.

The "Daily Telegraph" states that it is estimated at Tokio that from August 23 to yesterday the Japanese had had 25,000 killed and wounded. The Russians are thought to have lost at least 30,000.

An unconfirmed report is current that Kuropatkin abandoned two hundred guns at Liaoyang.

TO-DAY'S OFFICIAL TELEGRAMS.

EVACUATION OF MUKDEN.

St. Petersburg, Tuesday.

The Mukden correspondent of the "Russ" states that as the army is 25 miles south of Mukden evacuation of that town has begun.

CITY DROWNING FATALITY.

LABOURERS SAD END.

About six o'clock last evening the body of a man, who has been identified as Joe Sullivan, 42 Back Clare Street, was picked up in the slob at Arthur's Quay. An hour previous to the recovery of his remains, Sullivan was observed sitting on the wall, opposite Clodessy's public house in Charlotte Quay. No one saw him fall into the water, but a woman who sells apples at Baal's Bridge, stated to Sergeant Beatty that she heard the splash in the river, and simultaneously another woman cried out that a man was being borne away by the going tide. From the circumstances there appears to have been no attempt at rescue and certainly if an alarm was raised by the drowning man it was too feeble to be heard. Another statement made is that the body came through the bridges, which suggests that Sullivan must have fallen in at the slip above. However the deceased met his doom, one thing must be said and that is Limerick has been singularly unfortunate in the number of its drownings within the last couple of months. The deceased in this instance was a widower and a quay labourer, and leaves four children to mourn his untimely end.

THE INQUEST.

At the inquest to-day it was shown that the deceased was a sober man, and was sober when last seen by Thomas Gleeson, who saw him topple over the wall into the ebbing tide on his back. Michael Carmody tried to save him while he was yet alive, but the current was too strong. Sergeant Murphy expressed the opinion that the wall should be raised, and the jury endorsed this in returning a verdict of accidental death, extolling the conduct of Michael Carmody.

MURDER AND ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

A CALLOUS RUFFIAN.

(By Telegraph To-day.)

At Grimsby this morning a seaman, it is alleged, strangled his wife and then attempted suicide. A little child was in bed with the couple, and it is stated that after killing the woman the man called her sister, who was downstairs, to see what he had done. The man was taken to hospital, and will recover. He only arrived from sea yesterday, and the murder is attributed to jealousy.

A later telegram from Grimsby says that the man's name is George Osborne Turner. He had only been married a few months, but quarrels were frequent. A fortnight after a quarrel the wife left the house, and it is alleged picked up with another man. Turner, as alleged, told the woman's sister he had killed his wife.