

The Japanese right flank, near the Shahe, is being heavily reinforced, and they are frequently bombarding Lonely Tree Hill and the district west of it.

Only eighty of the Russian officers at Port Arthur have given their parole. All the forts have now been taken over by the Japanese, who entered the town on Thursday.

THE BALTIC FLEET'S ORDERS:

(By Telegraph To-day.)

Paris, Saturday.

The "Echo de Paris" St. Petersburg correspondent learns that Russia contemplates giving orders to Rozhdestvensky to cruise between Madagascar and Jibutel for two months until the arrival of the third squadron.

JAP FORTIFICATIONS.

(By Telegraph To-day.)

Washington, Saturday.

The State Department has been informed from Korea that the Japanese are fortifying the Island of Quepart.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN SCULLY.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Scully ex-sergeant R.I.C. who passed away yesterday afternoon at his residence 64 Henry st. after a lengthened illness. Deceased who was in his 53rd year served in the local R.I.C. and retired many years ago and has since been cattle Inspector at the Docks. He was a man of a most kindly and genial manner and his demise is deeply regretted by many friends who sincerely sympathise with his widow and family. Funeral on Sunday at two o'clock from his late residence for the new Cemetery.

The "St. James's Gazette" says: Miss Rhodes, only sister of the late Cecil Rhodes, died on Thursday at St. Leonard's.

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THE RIVALS MEET.

At noon on Thursday Generals Stoessel and Nogi met at the village of Shuishiyang, and their meeting is represented to have been a friendly one, personal questions only having been discussed.

FIGHT (LABOURER'S) SCHEME.

At the meeting of Limerick No. 1 Council today, on the motion of Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. John Hayes, it was decided to adjourn consideration of eight scheme to the 4th prox.

THE LATE MR. WALTER BOURKE.

The funeral of the late Mr Walter Bourke, head gardener of the People's Park, took place yesterday morning from St. Michael's R.C. Church for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. The funeral was very large and of a most representative character, testifying to the high esteem in which an upright and worthy citizen was held by all classes of the community, and the regret which his demise has occasioned. The Mayor, the members of the Corporation, and the officials were present. The chief mourners were Messrs Edward and Walter Bourke, sons; T. Ryan, V.S., son-in-law; P. Bourke, T. Bourke, Shower, Newport, cousins; Mr. J. Ryan, J.P., Killenure, etc. The clergy present were—Father Cregan, and Father Carroll, C.C.

RURAL LIBRARIES ACT.

Sometime ago the Limerick No. 1 Council had under consideration the question of putting into operation the provisions of the Rural Libraries Act in their district. The Local Government Board now ask what further action had been taken in reference to the matter. The clerk, Mr. Guinane, it appears, has been in communication with Mr. Carnegie on the subject, and it has now been decided to inform the Local Government Board accordingly.

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