

MEN WHO WERE AT BATTLE OF MUKDEN ARRIVE ON THE STEAMER KOREA.

Captured Correspondent Tells
of Fight.

RUSSIAN RETREAT

Sandstorm Saves
Slaves From the
Japanese.

GEORGE ADE BACK

Three men who witnessed the famous fifteen-day battle of Mukden arrived yesterday from the Orient on the liner Korea. As a climax to the two weeks of excitement the three witnesses were captured by the enemy. They are now on their way home to tell of their experiences. Two of them will whisper their tale to the Secretary of War and to nobody else. The third will tell what he has not already told in the columns of the Chicago newspaper which sent him to the front with Kuro-patkin's forces.

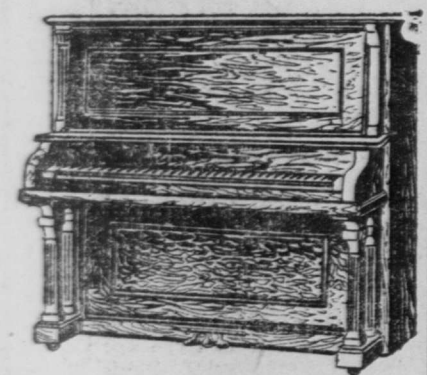
The three prisoners of war are Colonel V. Havard, assistant surgeon general of the United States army; Captain W. V. Judson of the engineer corps and Richard H. Little, war correspondent for the Chicago News. They were all attached to the Russian army. Bound by the rules under which they were allowed to accompany the Czar's forces, the army officers may not discuss their experiences. Upon Little, however, there is no restriction and he has much of thrilling interest to tell of that bloody engagement.

Little was with the Russian army about a year. He admires the Russian officers, but deprecates the lack of definite purpose and narrowness of many of his former hosts.

"Generally speaking, I found the Russians fine fellows," he said. "It is true many of them are not strictly honest, but the principal reason for there being more graft in the Russian army than in our own and the armies of some other lands is that the Russian army is larger, the business system looser and the opportunity for dishonesty greater. Give the officers of any other nation an equal chance to knock down and there would be found just as much crookedness as uncovered in the Russian army. The history of our own war shows that under the star-spangled banner are many men only too ready to line their own nests where Uncle Sam's system of accounting leaves a hole in the granary wall. Not all, not the majority of Russian officers are dishonest.

Although Little was present at the battle of Mukden, and at times in the thick of the confusion, he saw comparatively a small part of all that happened. The battle line was 120 miles long. The Russian forces were in retreat and to the smoke and rattle of artillery and small arm fire were added the discomforts of dust and snow storms. It was a dust storm, says Little, which saved the Russian rear from annihilation.

NOT GOOD SCOUTS.
The Russian cavalrymen were failures as scouts and the Russian rear received no warning of the approach of a large body of Japanese until the little brown soldiers had almost succeeded in dividing the Czar's forces. Just as



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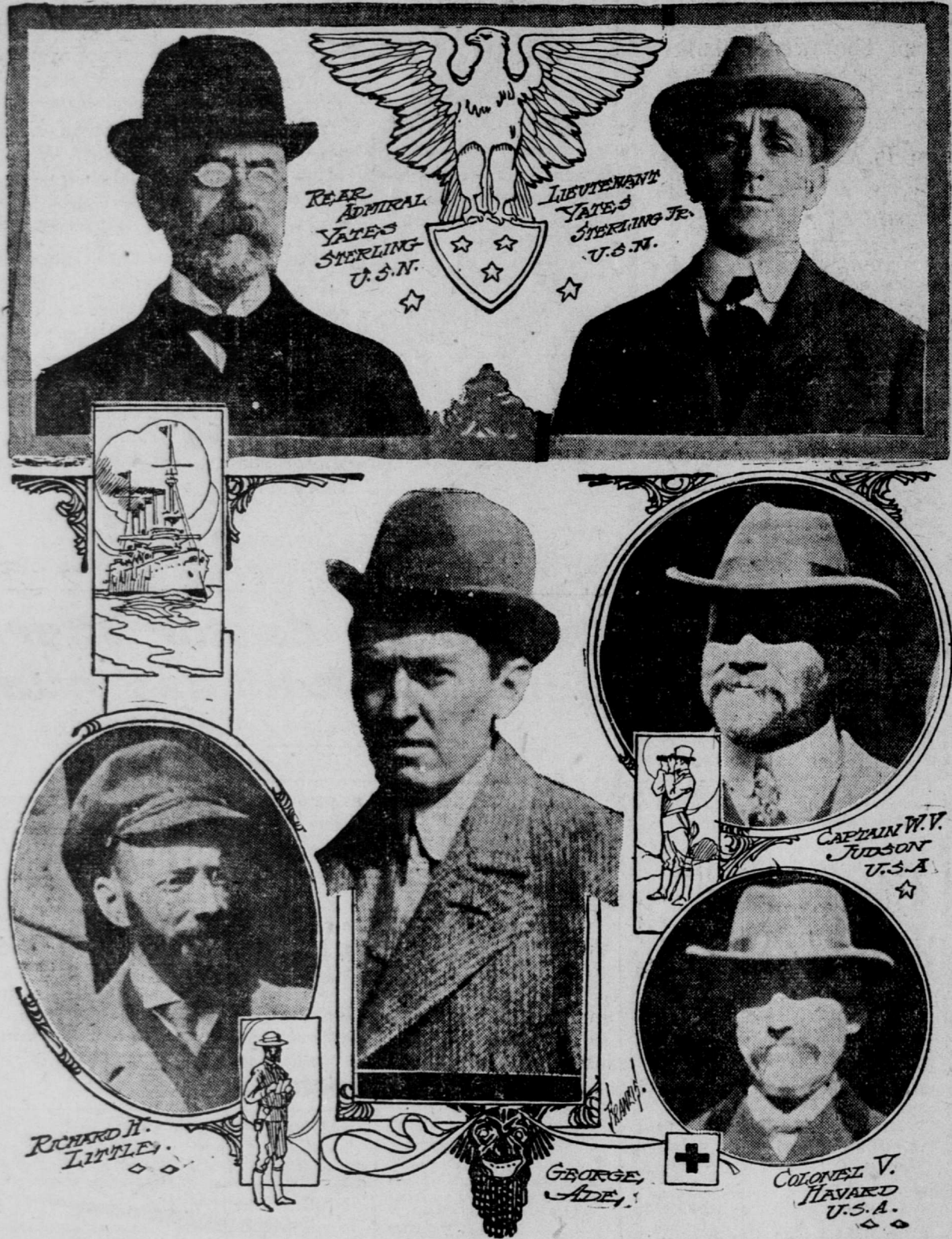
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TWO ARMY OFFICERS AND A NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENT WHO WERE CAPTURED BY THE JAPANESE AT THE BATTLE OF MUKDEN. TWO NAVAL OFFICERS AND A WELL-KNOWN AUTHOR, ALL OF WHOM ARRIVED FROM THE ORIENT YESTERDAY ON THE KOREA.

The Japanese were preparing to close in on the enemy, a blinding sand storm caused general confusion. The Japanese, unable to see where they were going, halted.

It was at this stage that Little witnessed what he describes as the craziest and bravest deed he ever saw a soldier dare. Before the sand storm the Russians, in their trenches, had seen the Japanese advancing in great force. The sand shut them from the Russian view. A Russian captain of artillery suddenly ordered his men to charge the enemy. Out from the shelter of the trenches the Russian soldiers dragged eight guns and at full gallop the little battery disappeared in the direction of the enemy. When close to the Japanese line the battery got into action and began pouring a murderous fire into the Japanese lines.

This sudden onslaught threw the Japanese into disorder and they were preparing to deal with a large force, when a sudden clearing of the air showed them the eight-gun battery out on the open plain, without shelter, boldly defying the hosts of the Mikado. The artillery officer got safely back to the Russian lines with four of his guns. His bold interference had no effect on the final outcome, but it served to delay the Japanese advance and did much to steady the Russian retreat.

Neither Little nor the two military attaches who returned with him on the Korea had any idea that they would be captured. From the information available they were in the safest possible position. Suddenly the orderly retreat broke into the wildest kind of confusion and Japanese became mixed up with Russians in a most bewildering way. And then the capture and for the captives, peace.

When it became evident that the Russians were abandoning Mukden, says Little, the Chinese residents of the place opened fire on the Czar's forces from the windows of their houses, killing many.

ANXIOUS FOR CAPTURE.

Among the Russians were hundreds only too anxious to be captured. These loitered behind and added to the difficulties of the Russian officers in charge of the retreat. Other Russians looted the vodka shops, became intoxicated and playfully fired at friend and foe as they reeled about the streets of the town. With the coming of the Japanese in force order was quickly restored and the non-combatant prisoners of war were soon on their way to Tokyo, homeward bound.

Little has served with distinction, as war correspondent, in Cuba and in the Philippines and enjoys a national reputation as a newspaper man.
George Ade, who has promised to write no more fables in slang, and who left here on the Korea, returned on the liner yesterday. He enjoyed the trip but wishes he had traveled under another name. He met many people and declares that nearly every introduction was followed by a strange silence while the person introduced pucker up his face in apparent readiness to show proper approval when the man whose name should say something funny. In trying to live down his reputation for humor Ade has acquired an almost funeral cast of countenance. He says he enjoyed the fresh air, feels fine and is ready to tackle some hard work he has mapped out for himself.

Rear Admiral Yates Sterling of the United States navy came home on the Korea and next month will be placed on the retired list. He was lately in command of the Asiatic station, relieving Admiral Cooper. Admiral Sterling was accompanied by his wife, daughter and son. Mrs. and Miss Sterling have been touring Japan. They joined the Admiral at Yokohama. The Admiral's son, Yates Sterling Jr., was his father's flag lieutenant on the Wisconsin.

Another distinguished passenger on the Korea was Charles Denby, adviser

BUNKER'S TRIAL DRAWS CROWDS

SACRAMENTO, April 20.—The interest in the trial of former Senator Harry Bunkers for bribery is increasing and the courtroom was crowded all day. George N. Tichenor told the tale of his entrapping the accused and reiterated it on cross-examination, while Joseph S. Jordan began his story of corrupt negotiations with the Senators charged with accepting money to control their acts as legislators in the matter of investigating building and loan associations.

Tichenor, who is an inspector for the Continental Building and Loan Association of San Francisco, gave his testimony clearly and told of his connection with the trapping of Bunkers and associates.
On cross-examination Tichenor said he brought the money to Sacramento to entrain the Senators on the basis of the suppression of supposed facts relative to the Renters' Trust and the Phoenix Building Associations. He was told that the plan was to trap the Senators on the line of preventing investigation.

In all his conversation with Jordan the latter understood that the money was paid to have protection. Jordan did not know a trap was being prepared through his agency.

Jordan, who was next called, told of his dealings with the defendant, but his testimony was not concluded when the court adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

SUES RAILROAD FOR DAMAGES

SANTA ROSA, April 20.—As an outcome of the recent battle between the California Northwestern and the new electric railroad over a crossing, G. W. Wade to-day began suit against the former corporation to recover \$5000 damages for injuries alleged to have been received at that time. In anticipation of the trouble the engines on the California Northwestern had been equipped with special steam pipes and in an effort to keep the electric company's employees from working at the point in controversy steam from the engines was turned on them. Wade, who is connected with a local theater, claims he was scalded and badly injured.

Sleeping Car to and From Sacramento

A good night's rest may be secured by travelers between San Francisco and Sacramento. A comfortable standard sleeper is attached to train leaving San Francisco daily 7 p. m., returning with train leaving Sacramento 8:20 a. m., the latter arriving in San Francisco at 10:30 a. m. Passengers to Sacramento allowed to occupy berths until 7 o'clock a. m.; coming to San Francisco, may take possession of berth any time after 9 o'clock on evening before.

to Yuen Schai Kai, Viceroy of Chih, China. Denby is said to have great influence with the Viceroy, who is one of the most powerful in China. Denby says that the outlook in China is for peace and prosperity and he expects to return to the Flowery Kingdom and enjoy those blessings after a short vacation he will spend in the Eastern States.

Eliminate from the blood the uric and lactic acids that cause rheumatism by using Lash's Kidney and Liver Bitters.

STRIKES TRAIL OF FUGITIVE

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, April 20.—Chief of Police Carroll stated this evening that he was on the trail of Professor Anton Weber and wife, the clairvoyants who took \$2000 from Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Drew, and that their arrest would soon be effected. The Drews are rapidly recovering their minds and have about cleared themselves of the hypnotic state into which they were placed. This morning it was learned from D. E. Collins, the president of the California Bank of Oakland, that he had secured the money for the Drews from an East-rick bank, where it had been on deposit, on a telegraphic order. Then they brought the money to this city and turned it over to Weber and his wife. A warrant charging Mrs. Weber with grand larceny has also been sworn to, as it is felt certain that she had a hand in the robbing of the couple. She made a number of trips to the home of the Drews and hypnotized them, the last visit having been made on the morning that she and her husband took their departure from the city.

POLICE LOCATE AN ABSCONDER

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, April 20.—O. W. Hillery, who absconded from this city on March 11 last with \$800 belonging to the Metropolitan Insurance Company, has been located in the Eastern States by Sheriff Ross. The case against him is strong, but Governor Pardee has refused to issue a requisition on the ground that there is no funds available to return Hillery to this State for trial. It looks as though Hillery will not be brought to justice as the Metropolitan Insurance Company does not want to spend its own funds to bring him back for trial.

POPULAR VALLEJOITES TO BE JOINED IN WEDLOCK

Engagement of Alrik Hammar, pharmacist at Mare Island, and Miss Lillian Bond is announced.

VALLEJO, April 20.—The engagement of Alrik Hammar and Miss Lillian Bond has been announced. The groom has been in the service of the Government on Mare Island as pharmacist for a number of years and is well known throughout the State in fraternal circles. The bride is the daughter of Dr. F. T. Bond, Health Officer of Vallejo, and has a wide circle of friends. The wedding will take place next Wednesday.

LITTLE GIRL IS KILLED IN A RUNAWAY ACCIDENT

Mother of Child Is Severely Injured While Trying to Stop the Frightened Horses.

CHINESE CAMP.—April 20.—As the result of a runaway to-day Thelma, the seven-year-old daughter of R. D. Anthony of Jacksonville, was run over and killed. The family was about to get into a buggy when the horses became frightened and ran off. Mrs. Anthony, in her endeavors to stop the frightened horses, was dragged some distance and severely bruised. The child was dashed to the ground and killed.

Prepare for Easter

The greatest dress day of the year is Easter—prepare for the event—now's the time—either of our two stores is the place.

We have two large stores brimful of bright, new, Spring goods—clothing, hats, shirts, collars, neckwear, hosiery, underwear—in fact, everything in wearing apparel for men or boys and girls' outer garments.

Our assortment of qualities and range of prices afford every purchaser to buy at a price to fit his purse.

Every article in our stores is really underpriced, as other stores ask more for the very same quality of goods. The immense growth of our business shows what a great number of people have found this out.

Easter is Sunday—buy to-day or to-morrow. The question before you is simply this: Are you going to buy your Easter outfit from S. N. Wood & Co. or go elsewhere and pay more money?

Men's Clothes

The style of the garment you shall wear is a matter for you to decide. However, we will mention sack suits, cutaway frocks and Prince Alberts. Making the clothes in our own workshops, we have designed them to satisfy our patrons. That is, we have them cut to just the style identified with what is absolutely correct, and we also have the garments cut in moderation for men of conservative taste; and some are made in the cut between the ultra and the conservative.

Sack Suits—Double and single breasted, in blue and black and also the new straw gray—the gray with a tinge of cream in it, which is now so popular; also the other Spring colors and mixtures; prices to fit all purses, from \$10 up to \$35.

Cutaway Frocks—Three-button style in black, smooth and rough finished goods, elegantly tailored; prices \$12.50, \$15, \$20 and up.

Prince Alberts—Black, clay and unfinished worsteds, some with silk lined lapels; others at higher prices are silk lined throughout—the range is from \$25.00 to \$40.00 for a full suit.

Trousers—In striped worsteds to wear with Prince Alberts, \$3 to \$8.



Boys' Clothes

The mother who buys her son his communion or confirmation suit here will save enough on her purchase to buy the boy his shirt, collars and necktie.

Boys' two-piece suits as pictured are all wool, double strand blue serge, color guaranteed; long shawl roll lapels; also the natty Norfolk style; either style, \$6.00.

A good story book by a popular author free with every boy's suit bought in our stores this week.

Boys' Fancy Vests

We carry a splendid assortment of fancy vests. One would delight the boy. Prices \$1.00, \$1.25 and up.



Girls' Reefers and Coats

Girls' Peter Thompson reefers, mannishly cut but girlish in style, with a colored chevron on sleeve and brass buttons; in tan and blue; ages 4 to 14 years; price lower than you have paid before for such good garments, \$5.50.

Girls' Tourist Coats, with box plaits front and back, full flare at bottom, in blue coverlets and the new "tiger" tan now so popular; ages 4 to 14 years; price lower than you would expect for such swell garments, \$6.50.

Men's Easter Hats

Derbies in black, also brown, russet and cedar, with brown bands and binding; latest shapes, different proportions of brims and crowns; prices \$1.95, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

Soft hats in all the many shapes and colors, with plain or fancy bands; prices \$1.95, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

John B. Stetson derbies and soft hats at \$4.00.

Straw hats, yacht shapes, fine or coarse weave, from 75c up.

Genuine South American Panamas, \$5.00 and \$7.50.

Men's Fancy Vests

Fancy vests, in plain shades, such as white, tan, silver, gun metal, brown, copper, myrtle, green and navy; solid colors or with colored figures, stripes and dots; materials—basket weaves, matting, crash, duck and mercerized goods; latest single-breasted cut; price \$1.00 to \$4.00.

Easter neckwear, in white, pearl gray and brighter colors, 50c and \$1.00.

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