

RUSSIA WILL WIN IN SECOND YEAR.

What Colonel Holmes Says Will
Happen in Great Oriental
Conflict.

JAPAN WAS ACHING FOR FIGHT.

Sure to be Victorious in the First Year
of the Mighty Struggle but Must
Succumb Later.

Col. Edwin F. Holmes, who recently
contributed an interview of marked in-
terest to the Deseret News on the great
conflict between Russia and Japan has
written the following article on the
same subject to Hon. Frank J. Cannon
of the Ogden Journal:

Although not of your political faith
nor believing in the doctrine you advocate
generally, still I cannot but admire
the fearlessness with which you advocate
that in which you believe, and
particularly is this true of your views
concerning the present war between
Japan and Russia, which seems to me
to be entirely unwarranted, and un-
called for, and will result in the loss
of probably a quarter million of lives
and thousands of millions of money.
A great wrong was doubtless done the
brave Japanese people, when the great
powers of Europe took from that
country the fruits of her victory in the
late war with China, and Japan
has steadily prepared ever since that
time to regain that of which she was
then deprived, and she was eager to
begin the present conflict and falling
in one excuse, opening the war
would have sought another, and was
entirely prepared for the conflict. Rus-
sia, who is working out great problems
in the interest of the human
race, desires and must have an open
all-the-year-round sea port, such as
the Dalny Port. Arthur terminus of
the great Trans-Siberian railway sys-
tem. She is the desired outlet at
the Baltic in the north, and the
Black sea in the south. She tried
Vladivostok in the far east but the
severe ice-bound port proved imprac-
ticable for several months of the
year. She entered the Manchurian
province under treaty and proceeded
to develop that country, no other
land could or would do. Land val-
ues were doubled or trebled all along
that line when law and order were
made to prevail and the advancement
in Christian civilization was greater
in five years than in the previous hun-
dreds of years. Through their influ-
ence it was possible to travel and do
business where formerly the Manchurian
robbers and marauding hordes
ruled the country, besides furnishing
ingress and egress to that great Si-
berian country, the extent of which
our own great western country is small
and insignificant in comparison. What
would we think, what would any na-
tion think if our country was con-
fined to that part east of the Sierra
Nevada, if to get our outlet to the
great Pacific coast we had to work
north to Alaska? All creation couldn't
have kept us out of San Francisco.

Let any one who has seen a modern
Russian city, as they are being
built today, compare the same with
the best that China, Korea and even
Japan can do, and note the differ-
ence.

We go among the Russians and
find them like ourselves, jolly good
people; they love art and good music,
wear clothes like ourselves, sit on
chairs at table like ourselves, eat
suitable food, using knife, fork and
spoon, as we do; they have a Chris-
tian religion; it may not be the exact
form that you or I would prefer, but
hundreds of millions of people be-
lieve in it. It is as reasonable to con-
demn the great Roman Catholic re-
ligion, the two systems are so simi-
lar.

Very early in the war I nearly pre-
dicted what has happened; that the
Japanese having been nearly ten
years preparing for this conflict which
they had forced whether or no, would
be able to utilize their entire army
and navy strength at the very out-
set, while Russia, quite unprepared,
and with internal troubles of her own,
would be late in the field, and for the
first year of the war would meet seri-
ous reverses, and the second year
would be entirely victorious.

I also predicted that the first real-
ly great battle of this war would be
fought late this season upon the
plains about Mukden; that Port Ar-
thur would fall after a long siege.
When there a year ago we drove one
entire afternoon among and around
their principal forts and fortifications,
and I have recorded in my notes of a
trip around the world, that there
would be required a garrison of 100-
000 to defend and 250,000 to overcome
it. Probably neither side in the present
conflict has this quota of men, but
doubtless about the same ratio an above.

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and the war, and the cause of this is,

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per concert.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY.

The first reunion of all the veterans of "Mormon" military organizations
commenced in Provo.

China sustained another heavy loss in the destruction by the Japanese of
three more warships.

FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY.

The Utah battery boys arrived home and were given a historic reception
in Liberty park.

Figures on the hurricane in Ponce valley, Porto Rico, showed 750 lives
lost and the region a complete wreck.

of course, easily found; anything that
will weaken England's enemy is Eng-
land's gain, and that country will sup-
port plucky little Japan with words
and money, but she will not fight for
her. Does she ever fight anybody her
size? To be sure she did with a
quarter million men and five hun-
dred millions of treasure, after two and
a half years, wipe out that brave little
Boer nation with scarce 50,000 men and
loyal fighters. Just now she is telling us
that blood is thicker than water, she
needs us in her business and we are
willing to play the wall to her kite.
Excuse me for having written at such
length, but I feel strongly on the sub-
ject, having traveled considerably and
read much of those countries, remem-
bering, too, that nearly always Russia
has been friendly to us from the days
of the great Catherine and it is the
one country of all Europe that is not
jealous of us or that would not op-
pose our enforcement of the so-called
Monroe doctrine. Yours truly,
E. F. HOLMES.

Salt Lake, August 1, 1904.

WAS IT DELIBERATE?

Story to the Effect That Loop the Loop
Man Suicided.

Rumors are afloat to the effect that
Otto La Page, the bicycle rider who was
killed at Utahna park while attempting
to loop the loop on Thursday night, in-
tended his ride to result as it did; in
other words, that it was a case of delib-
erate suicide. Whether this view of
the case is true or not, sure it is that
there are strong circumstances in sup-
port of it. It is believed by the daring
rider's best friends that he took this
method of ending his earthly career.

C. G. Quigley, a room-mate of the
dead man, and perhaps better acquaint-
ed with the circumstances leading up
to the tragedy than anyone else, says
that just previous to La Page starting to
loop the loop on the fateful night, he
asked: "Where is the best place to
leave that loop, do you think, if a man
wanted to do so?"

It is well known that La Page was an
expert at the business, and had suc-
cessfully performed the feat many
times in different places. On Tuesday
night he rode with a firm, steady hand
and kept the big line till he reached
"the best place to leave that loop,"
when the course of the wheel was sud-
denly turned off the loop, and the rider
shot out to his death, alighting almost
at the feet of his friend Quigley, who
though not much surprised at the ac-
tion of his comrade, was very much
shocked.

Other persons relate that the de-
ceased made many other remarks about
"his last day on earth." "It will soon be
over," etc., which though meaningless
at the time they were made, seem plain
enough now, and convey the one im-
pression that the man, deliberately
threw himself from the course. No one
seems to know where La Page is from,
but it is believed his home is some-
where in Ohio, where he was formerly a
jockey.

BECKSTEAD ARRESTED.

Serious Charges Made Against Well
Known West Jordan Sheepman.

Martin A. Beckstead, a well known
sheep man of West Jordan, has been
arrested at La Grande, Or., on the
charges of embezzlement and grand
larceny preferred against him by Mrs.
M. Wright, a widow residing at Lehi.
As soon as requisition papers are hon-
ored by the governor of Oregon, Beck-
stead will be brought back to Tooele
county for trial.
It is charged that Beckstead secured
768 head of sheep, of the value of \$2,000,
from Mrs. Wright to run on a percent-
age of the sales of wool and mutton.
He then took the sheep to Rush valley
and sold them and appropriated the
money to his own use. It is said that
he went to Oregon and invested the
money in land. It is claimed that he
also misappropriated funds belonging
to two other widows, one residing at
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Bishop Edw. Bunker of Bunkerville,
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to interest local capital in raisin raising
in his country. That such an industry
can be profitably carried on down there
is evident from the fact that last year,
the Bishop was able to raise 11,339
pounds from three acres of land. The
raisin is from the Thompson seedless
grape which is made to grow with rich-
ness and profusion in that part of
the country, and can be cured in six
days, as there are no dews there to
hinder; whereas in California, the dews
prolong the curing to double that time,
and the raisin is much darker and not
so attractive looking as the Nevada ar-
ticle. The latter too is richer in sacch-
arine matter.

The Bishop's ranch is 40 miles from
Moapa, and 55 miles below St. George
on the Rio Virgin. He has found that
there is money in this business, as on
last season's crop he netted 8 cents,
and has contracted with Idaho, Ogden
and Salt Lake parties for this season's
crop which he figures at six tons. Bishop
Bunker is organizing a company
with \$40,000 capital to operate on Mus-
quite flat, three miles out of Bunker-
ville, and including very choice land
which in its raw state can be had for
\$12 an acre. The Bishop has written
endorsements from the First presidency
of the Church, and the St. George stake
authorities, and has aroused consider-
able interest in this city, in his propo-
sition.

The Bishop is also a successful grow-
er of pomegranates and figs, and is
very sanguine as to the future of the
raisin and fruit industry generally on
the lower Virgin river. The fact that
consumers will pay 1 cent more for the
Nevada raisin than the California ar-
ticle, is considered a great point in
favor of the home product.

THE FLY DETECTIVE.

Richard Watson Gilder, the editor
and poet, is enox for the summer.
At a Lenox dinner party the other
night, as he dropped a lump of sugar
in his coffee, Mr. Gilder said:

"This sugar reminds me of a mean
old man—a miser, in fact—who used to
live in Bordentown.

"I was born in Bordentown, and I
remember a lawyer's story of how he
called on the miser one morning, about
a mortgage, and found him at break-
fast—for he was a bachelors-alone, is
very sanguine as to the future of the
raisin and fruit industry generally on
the lower Virgin river. The fact that
consumers will pay 1 cent more for the
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ticle, is considered a great point in
favor of the home product.

"The two discussed their business till
the meal's end, and then the miser
leaped up and began to caper about the
room with considerable agility. He
skipped here and there. He brandished
his arms above his head. He was en-
deavoring, the lawyer finally perceived,
to catch a fly.

"And, at last, he caught one.
"Good, good," he muttered, in a sat-
isfied tone, and he dropped the fly in
the sugar bowl, and clapped down the
lid upon it.

"Then—at 10 per cent interest," he
began, and the discussion of the mort-
gage was resumed as though nothing
had happened whatever.

"The lawyer, while he talked, thought
and thought about the fly. He tried to
fathom the miser's motive in putting
it in the sugar bowl. He knew the man

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too well to believe that he had dropped
it amid such sweet surroundings mere-
ly in order to give it a pleasant meal.
And finally, curiosity getting the better
of him, he said:

"Pardon me, my dear sir, but do
you object to telling me why you have
imprisoned a fly in that sugar bowl
there?"

"Not at all," replied the miser. "I
simply want to find out if the servants
are stealing the sugar."

A SURE CURE.

"There is no excuse for illegible hand-
writing," said Miss Jeannette L. Gilder,
editor and critic. "A typewriter is one
cure for illegibility; care is another cure;
and the third cure has been devised by a
friend of mine."

"My friend writes well enough her-
self; she applied the cure to a certain wo-
man who writes miserably. This woman
had bothered her with a number of illegi-
ble notes, and finally, when one came
that was unusually hard to read, my
friend sat down and wrote in answer to it:

"I take great pleasure in accepting
your kind invitation to dinner tomorrow
evening at 6:30."

"This brought a quick call on the tele-
phone."
"My note asked you to subscribe to our
free-lance fund," the woman said. "It was
not a dinner invitation."
"You write so badly," said my friend.
"Oh, I'll be very much more careful
in the future," said the woman.
"And since that time, I understand, her
writing has been legible enough."

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