

## CONFESSION OF A HIGH ROLLER.

Bob Sievier's Libel Suit Against  
Sir James Duke is a  
Failure.

### PLAINTIFF TOLD OF HIS CAREER.

Three Times a Bankrupt. Often in  
Police Court, and Has Done a  
Little of Everything.

London, May 11.—A sensational libel suit brought by the well known race horse owner, R. S. Sievier, against Sir James Duke, also well known on the turf, was concluded today with a verdict for Sir James. Sievier charged the latter with calling him a thief, a car sharper and murderer, and that Sievier caused his famous mare Spectre to be pulled in the Derby. Sir James pleaded privilege, as the statements were made within the Raleigh club, but he endeavored to show that Sievier's character was such that he could not be believed. The jury today decided that Sir James had not committed any libel and mulcted Sievier in the costs of the suit. Sievier, who was remarkably cool throughout the case, broke down towards the end of his counsel's speech and sobbed bitterly.

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The case attracted continued interest owing to the fact that Sievier's past life was probed with a minuteness scarcely ever equalled in a similar case. He confessed to having been three times bankrupt and to being several times in police court, but for trifling assaults on card games and billiard matches. Betts running into thousands of pounds were recounted from the witness stand with a frankness and in numbers that somewhat amazed the hearers. In the long run, Sievier declared, he was a heavy loser in gambling transactions. One game in particular, when the Duke of Braganza lost about \$25,000 while playing with Sievier at Monte Carlo, caused much cross examination. The defendant's counsel declared that a famous American card sharper named Burns, brother of a man imprisoned for robbing J. P. Morgan's house, participated in the game, but Sievier declared he was not aware of his identity until after the game was over, when the duke of Braganza himself and Guy Chetwynd came to an arrangement satisfactory to all. Chetwynd is a son of Sir George Chetwynd and married Rosalind Scott.

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Through all the phases of his checkered career, from the time he "smoked Lord Deerhurst's face," in a Melbourne racing club (the same Deerhurst who married Miss Rogers of San Francisco and who was then aide-de-camp to the governor) to the present day Sievier's life was a succession of ups and downs. He has been a thief, a car sharper, a murderer, and a gambler. He has been a bookmaker, a gambler, a thief, a car sharper, a murderer, and a gambler. He has been a bookmaker, a gambler, a thief, a car sharper, a murderer, and a gambler.

Siever married Lady Mabel Bruce, sister of the fourth Marquis of Ailesbury. She had arranged to marry another man, but two days prior to the wedding she ran off with Sievier. "John" Sievier, the former owner of Spectre, is classed as the most daring speculator ever seen on the English turf. W. K. Vanderbilt in May, 1902, was reported to have offered Sievier \$200,000 for Spectre, winner of the 2,000 guinea stake and of the 1,000 guinea stake that year.

Siever is well known and well educated, and has been in turn a bookmaker, an actor and manager of a touring company, a gambler, a thief, a car sharper, a murderer, and a gambler. He has been a bookmaker, a gambler, a thief, a car sharper, a murderer, and a gambler.

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## JAPANESE FORCES ARE ON THE MOVE.

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### RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES PUZZLED

They Expect Kuropatkin to Take Advantage of Kuroki's Dividing His Army Into Three Parts.

St. Petersburg, May 12.—(3.35 a. m.)—Impending events of great importance to the military situation in Manchuria are foreshadowed in official dispatches given out late last night by the war commission.

On May 8 the Japanese forces cautiously moved from Feng Wang Cheng toward Hai Cheng, which is 32 miles east by north of Newchwang, and it is the opinion of the general staff that they should certainly reach their destination within two days. If the Japanese occupy Hai Cheng, with Port Arthur effectively cut off, Newchwang, which the Russians have already dismantled, would pass into their hands. The entire Liao Tung peninsula, in fact, save Port Arthur and perhaps Kaiping, would be committed to them. The sackmaster felt at the re-establishment of communication with Port Arthur is increased by the knowledge that a Russian column of considerable strength advanced from Feng Wang Cheng, May 8, in the direction of Hai Cheng.

Pu-chen station is occupied by our frontier guards, and the damage to the railway by the Japanese as far as Sanchilip has been repaired. All the work was carried out under the supervision of Lieut.-Col. Spiridonoff of the Fourth railway battalion. This gallant officer undertook to get through to Port Arthur a trainful of ammunition which had arrived at Liao Yang after the landing of the Japanese at Pitzevo. Every preparation was made to blow up the train in case of necessity in order to prevent its falling into the hands of the Japanese.

The task was carried out and the self-sacrifice of the man of the Fourth railway battalion was crowned with complete success.

Shortly after 4 o'clock in the afternoon the train arrived at Jie Shan station (40 miles from Port Arthur), where it was handed over to Gen. Jorok, who immediately dispatched it into proper protection to Port Arthur. Lieut.-Col. Spiridonoff returned on a locomotive.

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JAPANESE ADVANCING.

St. Petersburg, May 11.—Gen. Sakahara sent a dispatch to the general staff today communicating a report of Lieut.-Gen. Zassaltchik, dated May 10, as follows:

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From reports received from the river district, it may be concluded that the Japanese army is concentrated in three groups, the two southern groups being on the lower section of the river Yang at Hombouhanya, on the left bank in the same locality, and the northern group of the river at Dayan and at Donanyo group opposite Habalina on the road from Feng Wang Cheng to Seimadza, 14 to 16 miles from Feng Wang Cheng.

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and it is regarded in certain quarters as an indication that the Russians have not sufficient supplies of war material.

The Associated Press has received the following assurance from a member of the general staff:

"There are ample supplies of munitions of war at Port Arthur, but naturally Gen. Kuropatkin desired to send as much as possible to the fortress. During the expected siege great quantities of shells and explosives will be fired, and we cannot afford to permit the reproach of the defenders that they could not hold Port Arthur because of a lack of powder and shells. But I assure you there are enough supplies there for one year."

With such a large force of the enemy before Port Arthur it is well understood here that it is a question of days, perhaps hours, before communication is again cut off.

It is predicted that there will be a daring attempt at a repetition of Lieut.-Col. Spiridonoff's plan to get ammunition into Port Arthur.

One fact mentioned in the official dispatch on which the authorities lay stress is the action of the Chinese in saving a detachment from a Cosack ambush. Such incidents as these can only lead, it is said, to Gen. Kuropatkin's taking determined measures. He cannot have the enemy within as well as outside the lines.

WAR MATERIAL TAKEN TO PORT ARTHUR.

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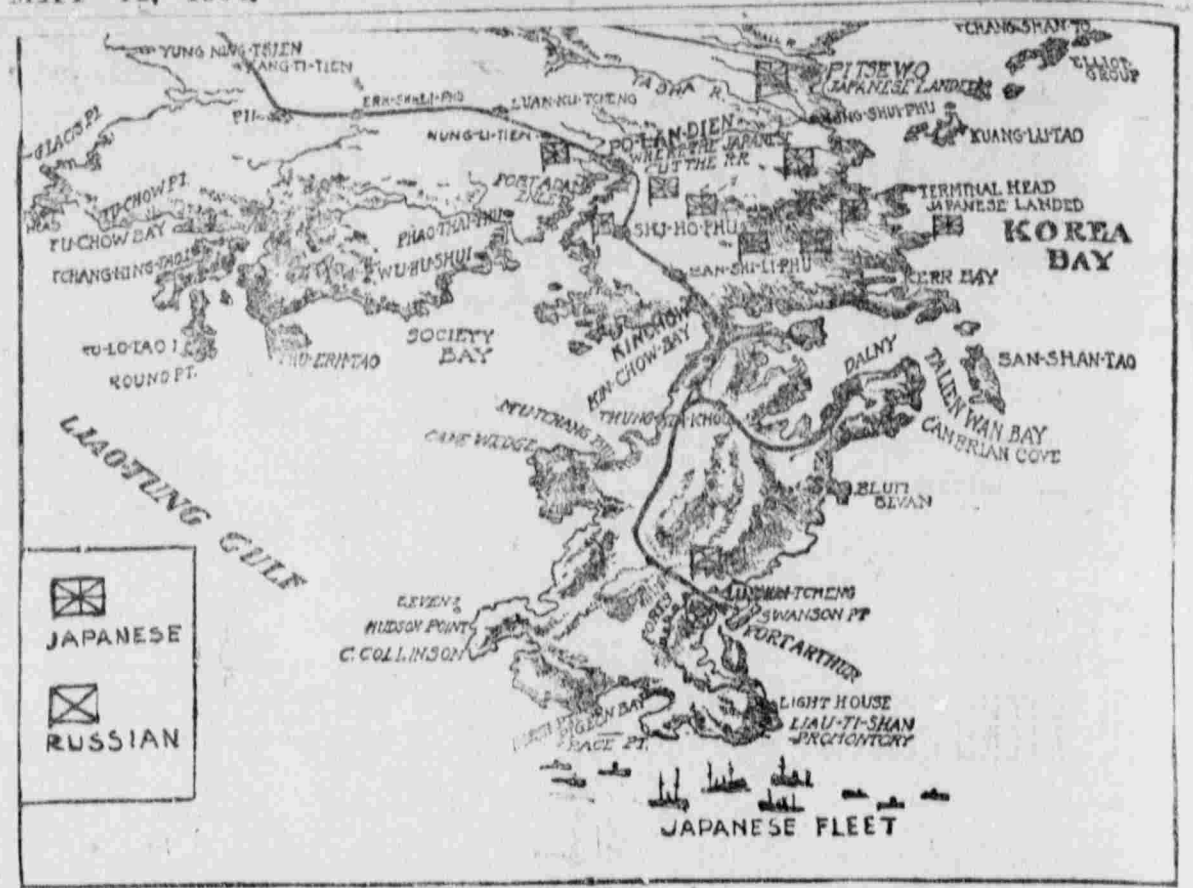
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MAP SHOWING HOW THE JAPANESE EFFECTED THE ISOLATION OF PORT ARTHUR.

## Taken from Nature.

From the pure fountain of nature flows the stream of energy and health, which renews and invigorates our race. In every period of the world's progress man have received their greatest strength and inspiration direct from nature. It is the greatest teacher and developer of mankind. Not only do we get inspiration from nature, but health as well. To live in the open, in the sunshine, in the fields or woods, drinking pure air into the lungs, is best for those who have the opportunity. For people who are run-down, nervous, suffering from occasional indigestion or dyspepsia, headaches, night-sweats, whose machinery has become worn, it becomes necessary to turn to some tonic or strengthener which will help them to get on their feet and put the body into its proper condition. For centuries it has been known that nature's most valuable health-giving agents are roots, herbs, barks and berries, and some forty years ago Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., found a combination of roots, herbs and barks, taken from the fields and woods and made into an alternative extract, produced results in the system which was satisfactory in almost every case of blood disorder and stomach trouble. This concentrated extract of nature's vitality purifies the blood by putting the stomach into healthy condition, helping the assimilation of food which feeds the blood, and putting the liver into activity. Nervousness and sleeplessness are usually due to the fact that the nerves are not fed on properly nourished blood. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery makes pure, rich blood, and thereby all the organs of the body are run smoothly. Like machinery which runs on clean, strong and strenuous— you feel braced up, and you are good for a whole lot of physical or mental work. Best of all, the strength and increase in vitality and health are lasting. The trouble with most tonics and medicines which have a large sale for a short time is that they are largely composed of alcohol holding the drugs in solution. This alcohol fairly shrinks up the red blood corpuscles, and so one may feel exhilarated and better for the time being, yet in the end weakened and with vitality decreased. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery does not contain alcohol. The proof is easy. Dissolve a little in a glass of water and see for yourself. Every bottle of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery bears the stamp of public approval. For the druggist to offer you something he claims is "just as good" is to insult your intelligence. What you want is a remedy without alcohol, and one which has stood the test of time.

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