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Dr. Brown

Sydney Chymer

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Dear Dr. Brown:

I have been wanting to write to you for some time but it seems that I do not get it done. I must at least write a line to night just to let you know that up to the present we are well and doing, would we ever hear at

Sydney Chymer.

As you of course know we were for about six weeks within the Russian lines but for nearly four weeks now we have been within the lines of the Japanese. Between 20 and 40,000 ^{thousand} Japanese have passed us within that time and now they are at the Yalu with the Russians on the other side. For the last three days there has been firing, more or less frequently. Yesterday, the Japanese had a little victory.

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knowing the Russians off some island
 out in the river in front of Eui ju and
 below. To-day we heard cannonading
 ourselves. We could hardly believe it
 came from artillery, for the sound would
 not carry so far but this evening we
 learned that there are some pretty large
 pieces in some Russian fortification at
 the mouth of the Yalu and they were en-
 gaged with a Japanese torpedo boat that
 was trying to get up the river.

If the Russians are victorious we
 will no doubt be in the market of things
 here for the world of course at once in
 evening, back in the way, but it is in-
 certain, possible - we do not look for it
 to happen. Our fate depends upon the
 next few days. When you read this
 you will understand for you will know
 all about it, but I hope this gets to you.
 Back as we have the fight going on the can-

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not but wait anxiously for return of the
battle. As I said, a Japanese defeat means
everything to us, while a Russian defeat
means the passing of the Japanese army
out of Korea and peace to us.

We can only be patient and await
results.

By both Russians and Japanese we
have been treated with kindness and res-
pect. There have been unfortunate oc-
currences with the latter more than the
former but of course their numbers were
so much greater that we should expect
that. The Koreans have suffered at
the hands of both armies and at times
the war, the, flocked around us even much
pathetic.

Since Korea is so much to the
front these days and Syon Chyem probably
coming in for her share of thought you might
like to see our two houses. Mr. Williams
has had a room in our house since the
war began. Russian and Japanese officers,

