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2,000 RUSSIANS FELL IN RETREAT

Terrible Loss in Engage-
ment with Japanese
Troops.

Destruction of Jap Warships Con-
firmed—Also Rumor of Blow
From the Yalu.

London, Friday, May 20.—The Standard's correspondent at Tien-Tsin cables that while the Japanese fleet was covering the landing of troops near Kai Chau on Monday a sharp engagement occurred at Hsin Yen Cheng. Two thousand Russians were killed or wounded. The Russians retreated and the Japanese occupied both Kai-Ping and Kai-Chau. The Chinese governor at Cheng-Chow has received news, the correspondent adds, that the Russians have destroyed the railway between Tashichiao and New Chwang.

JAPS DRIVEN BACK.
A despatch dated New Chwang, May 19, evening, says:—It is reported here from reliable source that the Japanese army from the Yalu River has received a heavy blow, and has been driven back to Feng Wang Cheng.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.
Special despatches from Shanghai to the London morning papers report that the Shikishima was sunk, while Fuji and the Asama had to be towed away only damaged. Presumably the Russians wrongly identified the vessel, the Shikishima and the Hatsuse being practically sister ships.

TO PROTEST BRITISH INTERESTS.
A Wei Hai Wei despatch says the British sloop of war, Espiegle, has started for New Chwang to protect British interests.

RUSSIAN CRUISER AGROUND.
The correspondent at St. Petersburg of the Echo de Paris says:—“The Russian cruiser Bogatyr grounded during a fog in the rocks near the entrance to Vladivostok. Her position is critical. Her crew was saved.”

THE SINKING OF THE JAP WARSHIPS.

A despatch dated St. Petersburg, May 20, 3 a. m., says:—“The loss of at least two warships is at least officially confirmed. A despatch, dated Port Arthur, received by carrier pigeon, dated Mukden, was transmitted to the Emperor early yesterday morning, saying that two Japanese warships had been lost off that port. This message followed the Emperor to Kourak, and no one here knew its contents until late last night, when foreign telegrams brought full details of the Japanese loss. Without reference to its effect on the campaign the people attribute the enemy's disaster to divine interposition in the Russian cause. It is an offering to Russia upon the day of Ascension and the Emperor's birthday, and it is a sign that God is with us,” was the remark generally heard. The general staff tonight is without direct news of the sinking of the Shikishima and the Fuji, but there is an impression that it may be true. The admiralty has been expecting such a mishap to Vice-Admiral Togo, particularly since the naval commanders at Port Arthur have duplicated his plan, which resulted in the sinking of the Petropavlovsky.

The loss of the Hatsuse is of the utmost importance, according to the general staff, members of which pointed out that it tends to restore the equilibrium afloat.

RUSSIA'S NAVAL CASUALTIES.
“Despite the number of casualties in the Russian fleet, it has really only lost one battleship, the Petropavlovsk. It is true that the Retvizan and Czarevitch were torpedoed at the beginning of the war, but both these battleships were safely towed into Port Arthur. The damage they sustained was serious, but repairs have been in progress since then, and the official state that the Retvizan is practically ready to assume her place in the fighting line. The Czarevitch is still undergoing repairs, and it will be some time before she can put to sea. Prior to the isolation of Port Arthur several thousand shipwrights entered the city and they have since been rushing the work of repair.”

THE CAPTURE OF PORT ARTHUR.
“It is now generally agreed that the mission of the second Japanese army is not merely the investment of Port Arthur, but its capture. The Japanese must appreciate, now that their fleet has been weakened, that the appearance of the Baltic fleet will make Russia immensely superior afloat unless the Port Arthur squadron is destroyed. If the Japanese are to be successful in the war, they must retain command of the sea, however great the cost. Whatever may have been the original object of the landing of the troops in the southern part of the Liao-Tung Peninsula, it is believed here that it can now only be the destruction of the squadron at Port Arthur. Even should the enemy capture the fortress, it was emphatically declared last night they will never get the Russian warships. Under orders given before Port Arthur was cut off, the crippled squadron was to leave the harbor immediately before the fortress fell and attack the Japanese fleet. If the enemy retained the su-

periority which existed before his ships were destroyed, there would have been little chance of a successful sortie. Now the authorities are hopeful that in case the squadron go out the chances in the conflict will be more even. This will be the case if the repairs to the Retvizan and Czarevitch are finished. The crippling of Togo's fleet, will, it is thought, more than ever deter the Japanese commander from dividing his fleet, as he must retain his heavier ships off Port Arthur. Thus the Vladivostok squadron may have another opportunity for raids.”

EDITORS HELD UP

One Newspaper Man Made Sixty Con-
ferences Part with Their
Valuables.

St. Louis, May 19.—Sixty members of the Northwest Missouri Editorial Association, coming to St. Louis from St. Joseph, were held up in the famous “Blue Cut” near Kansas City, by one of their number.

Will E. Williams, of St. Joseph, unnoticed by the others, donned a mask, and with a formidable-looking but empty pistol marched into the car and ordered the editors, to hand over their cash, passes and other valuables. They complied with alacrity, and at the next station began sending telegrams home asking for money. They did not learn of the hoax until they arrived at the Union Station here, when their property was restored to them.

DETROIT HOLD-UPS

Ugly Crimes Committed in the City
of the Straits Last Night.

Two desperate hold-ups were perpetrated in Detroit early last evening. John Klee's saloon at Macomb and Hastings streets was entered by an unknown man at about 8.30, who at the point of a gun held a number of men at bay while he rifled the cash register, dumping on a car with several accomplices, who acted as guards, the robber hurried over to Bowman Bros. saloon at 103 Grand avenue where he shot bartender B. Collins, three times, ransacked the cash register, and then rushed out and up Brush street. Callans lies dying at Grace Hospital, doctors declaring positively that he cannot live. His assailant is still at large. The police worked all night on the case but failed to locate the robber and his pals. “Tommy” Good, arrested on suspicion of the Summers murder on Sixth street is suspected of being an accomplice. He cannot be found.

Joe Tilt, who was in Detroit last night, says the above hold-ups created a great sensation throughout the city. “Everybody had their hand on their guns,” said Joe, “and everywhere you went people were discussing the peculiarly daring features of the hold-up.”

PUZZLED THE CON.

When a Wabash freight train pulled into the Grand Trunk yards this morning, the conductor got off and entered the operator's room with a very pre-occupied air, in fact, so solemn did he look that the operator asked him what was the matter. “I wish I was a scientist,” said the conductor, “so I would be able to explain the cause of a queer sight I saw at Stoney Point station this morning. While walking along the platform at that station in a heavy rain, I chanced to notice a spot about ten feet square that was perfectly dry, although the rain was pelting on it. Now, I don't drink or hit the pipe, and it kind of phased me for a minute. The station agent and farmer also came and looked at it but none of us knew what to make of it. ‘Gosh all hemlock,’ said the farmer, ‘but I wish I had some of the stuff that makes that dry for my farm. Its got two feet of water on it right now. This is a true story,” said the Con., as he swung aboard his train, before anyone could get at him.

ARE COMING

Capt. Sim Smith informed Planet reporter this morning that he attended a meeting of Windsor, Walkerville and Detroit old boys. “The meeting was held at the Crawford House,” said Mr. Smith, “and was not only a large one, but a very enthusiastic one. They decided to all come to Chatham together, chartering a special train. A sum of money was subscribed for the expenses of a hand. This band will be from Detroit and is one of the best in the city, consisting of twenty-three pieces. Some exceedingly fine badges are being selected also, and taking it altogether there will certainly be a fine turnout from these three places. ‘We'll be there with the goods,’ as some Detroit men expressed it.”

Books cannot always be kept within bounds.

COMMISSIONER STEPS OUT

East Kent License Board
Undergoes Changes on
Blenheim Situation

Richard Young Succeeds Arch. Mc-
Diarmid and Matters Remain
Unchanged

Toronto, May 19.—Archibald McDiarmid has resigned from the East Kent License Board, and Richard Young, of Harwich township, has been appointed to succeed him.

Mr. McDiarmid had been a commissioner for fourteen years. In his letter of resignation, he gives no reason other than that it “will not be convenient for him to serve any longer.”

The town of Blenheim comes within the jurisdiction of the East Kent commissioners, and McDiarmid, it is understood, was one of those who voted against the issue of licenses, notwithstanding that the town council declined to give the third reading to the local option by-law carried by a small majority at the polls.

The new member of the board, it is believed, agrees with the attitude of the commissioners in refusing licenses, consequently the situation is not changed by McDiarmid's resignation.

WORDY THUNDER STORM

A dispute occurred in front of Hotel Garner last night, which for red-hotness beats all known records. About twenty-five bystanders took in the performance and enjoyed it immensely. A well known Vet. and a prominent farmer who owns horses and cattle, were disputants, and of course, the dispute was about the above named quadrupeds.

A peculiarity about the dispute was that it resembled a thunderstorm, commencing with low mutterings, it gathered into volume until just as it reached a climax (and one man wanted to bet big money) the other backed down and the tremendous thunderous tones of their speech (which could be heard as far as Cap Stevens' office) gradually subsided until the prominent farmer, who owned the prominent cattle, just simply evaporated into the cold night air—and then the crowd moved on.

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