

RUSSIANS RETIRED BUT CLAIM A VICTORY. A Sharp Engagement Took Place Near Chong Ju, in Which the Japanese Showed Great Bravery.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 23.—General Kurapatkin in his first report to the emperor from the scene of war announced that offensive land operations had taken place against the Japanese upon the sixth anniversary of the occupation of Port Arthur by the Russians. These operations took the form of a cavalry attack by six companies of Cossacks, led personally by general Mishchenko, against four squadrons of Japanese cavalry, which the general believed to be beyond Chong Ju, but which he found in occupation of that town.

ling under yesterday's date, says: "The Russians today ordered the American flag on the correspondents' mess to be hauled down. The proclamation of martial law completely paralyzes the whole commerce of this port."

SUSSEX SEED FAIR. Interesting Discussion and Instruction on the Breeding of Horses.

SUSSEX, March 23.—The Seed Fair and Farm Convention continued to take place in Sussex on Monday and Tuesday, 22nd and 23rd instants, was opened on Monday at 1 p. m. by Col. Campbell, president of the institution, after which G. H. Clark, chief of seed division, Ottawa, commenced judging the various samples of seeds entered for competition.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The Japanese legation has received from Tokyo the following official report made by Admiral Togo respecting the sea combat to "bottle up" the Port Arthur squadron:

At 3.30 a. m. of the 27th of March, the "bottling up" squadron composed of four ships, escorted by a torpedo boat flotilla, reached the outside of the harbor of Port Arthur.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 23.—The emperor has received a despatch from General Kurapatkin giving a lengthy report from General Mishchenko dated 4 p. m., March 23, which says that an important engagement took place near the town of Chong Ju in which the Russians were defeated, retiring in perfect order.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. March 23—Str Ionian, from Liverpool via Halifax, Wm Thomson and Co, gen cargo.

DEPARTURE. March 23—Str Ionian, for Liverpool via Halifax, Wm Thomson and Co, gen cargo.

DOMESTIC PORTS. Arrived. HALIFAX, N.S., March 23.—Str Tullis, from St. John, and sailed for Liverpool; Dominion, from St. John; Oruro, from St. John; Oruro, from St. John.

BRITISH PORTS. Arrived. GIBRALTAR, March 23.—Str Hohenlohe, from New York; for Naples and Genoa.

FOREIGN PORTS. Arrived. BRISBANE, March 27.—Str Mowbray, from Melbourne; and Naples for New York.

WORN OLD GARTER HELD A TREASURE. Jokers are Chagrined When Son of a Loser Claimed It and Showed \$25.

Hart's Island Point, remained about half an hour, was pulled off by a tug apparently un-aided; T. A. Stuart, from Calais, Me; E. O. Galt, from Bangor.

PORTLAND, March 23.—Str Dominion, from Liverpool via Halifax; sch Kipling, from Bridgetown, Barbados.

MEMORANDA. In port at Bermuda, March 23, barkin Ethel Clark ready for sea.

REPORTS. CHATHAM, Mass., March 23.—Light easterly winds; cloudy at sunset.

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FREDERICTON. FREDERICTON, March 30.—At a meeting of the U. N. B. student body yesterday it was decided to send the basketball team to St. John to play the team of that city if a game could be arranged.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. MONCTON, March 23.—Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Allen were waited on by a number of members of Moncton Curling Club and lady friends tonight.

CHARLOTTE TOWN. CHARLOTTE TOWN, March 23.—The legislature now stands, composed of 13 liberals, 12, including the speaker.

MARRIAGES. ALBERT-BLEAZARD.—At 121 Water street, on the 22d of March, by Rev. G. P. Lips, George Albert and Florence Bleazard, both of this city.

DEATHS. ANTHONY.—On March 23rd, Margaret, wife of James Anthony, aged 52 years, at her late residence, 75 Elmwood street.

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