#### FIGHT OR RUN.

London Papers Wonder Whether Kour

London cable says.—No further news has reached London, throwing light upon the appearance of Japanese troops northeast of Mukden, or indicating by what route they reached that point, so unexpectedly. The Japanese are so successfully in hiding their movements that it is only possible to guess at them from the vague indications in Russian official despatches.

According to the Standard's Tien-Tsin

According to the Standards 12en-18in correspondent, Gen. Kouropatkin has left for Harbin, Viceroy Alexieff still being at Liao-Yang, with 20,000 troops. It is noticeable that Russian des-patches seldom name the place whence

A question greatly discussed in the London papers this morning is whether Gen. Kouropatkin has succeeded in ascertaining that the Japanese are threatening his rear so near the Mukden line and has been enabled to begin a retreat, or whether he has elected to fight.

In any case, it is considered that any day may bring news of a great battle in this district, as the transport difficulties are believed to be so great as to

confirms the report that Gen. Kouropat-kin's aggregate forces for the impending battle do not exceed 100,000 men.

Execution of Two Japs.

Both prisoners were executed April 21 Both prisoners were executed April 21 between the new and old towns of Harbin, in the presence of a large crowd. They were shot instead of being hanged, upon order of Gen. Kouropatkin. A strong guard was thrown about the spot to hold back the public at a distance of 400 yards. No photographs were allowed to be taken

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The younger prisoner refused to allow the bandaging of his eyes. When told it was necessary, according to Russian law, he asked that an exception be made to his from The Alder Lawrence at 197 in his favor. The elder Japanese, a staff officer, wept, and fainted, but finally al-lowed himself to be blindfolded calmly. One of the men was a Catholic, and made his final confession to a Russian priest, there being no representative Catholic priesthood in Harbin.

#### RUSSIANS DRIVEN GUT.

Che Foo cable says .- As a result of the engagement which the Japanese had on Monday with the Russian garrison at Monday with the West coast of the Liao Tung Peninsula, 23 miles directly south of Kin Kow, the port of New chwang, the Russians were driven out of Kai Chou, the nearest point to New Chwang, with the exception of the Liao River, where there is sufficient water to allow of the landing of troops.

Chieses who recently arrived here

Chinese who recently road north and south of Kin Chou. Circulars have been posted at New Chwang and in its vicinity, signed by the chief of staff of the Japanese army, advising the Chinese to maintain order and secure stocks of provisions and transport wagons, for which the Japanese will pay full value.

The small Russian guard remaining

small Russian guard remaining at New Chwang is ready to leave on the near approach of the enemy. Quantities of wood and oil have been placed on board the Russian gunboa

Sivouch, in New Chwang waters, to be used in destroying her by fire when the Russians evacuate New Chwang. QUIET AT PORT ARTHUR.

### Chinese Runners Get Through the Jap-

St. Petersburg cable.— The Admir alty received to-day an official despatch from Rear-Admiral Wittsoeft, believed

insure the frequent transmission despatches, which, if captured, are intelligible to the Japanese, as they

#### SUBMARINE BOATS.

Russians Convinced Togo Used Them in His Operations at Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg cable says.—The Admir St. Petersburg cable says.—The Admiralty is now convinced by mail reports received from Port Arthur that Vice-Admiral Togo used submarine boats in his operations. A letter from Lieut. Gen. Stoessel says that he was standing on Golden Hill when the Russian battle-ship Petropavlovsk went down, and he saw a submarine boat torpedo the battleship. Lieut. Schreiber claims he distinctly saw the periscope of a submarine boat, and could trace the course of the vessel. Officers of the Russian battleship Pobeida testified that a submarine boat discharged a torpedo against their ship, and they fired at the submarine boat, hoping to sink it, but failed.

The same letters describe the reverence of the Russians for the overcoat of the late Vice-Admiral Makaroff when it was taken out of the water. On its

of the late Vice-Admiral Makaroff when it was taken out of the water. On its approach they bared their heads, made the sign of the cross and prayed for the repose of the admiral's soul.

It is officially denied that Viceroy Alexieff has gone to Liao Yang to assume command of 20,000 troops, and that Gen. Kouropatkin has left Liao Yang for Harbin. It is said that Kouropatkin is either at Liao Yang or in its vicinity.

Letter From Stoessel. Paris cable says.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris has been shown a letter from Lieut-Gen. Stoessel, now in command of the military forces at Port Arthur, to a relative recounting the loss of the battleship Petronaylovsk in which is the following: recounting the loss of the battleship Petropavlovsk, in which is the following:
"As the squadron approached the entrance to Port Arthur the battleship Pobleda was struck by a Whitehead torpedo discharged by a submarine boat. We saw the submarine for a few seconds and I ordered that it be fired at, but the heat was not hit" the boat was not hit."

Another letter from Gen, Stoessel says he saw two submarine vessels in the roadstead on April 15.

#### SAVED WIFE, LOST SON.

North Brandon Family's Struggle in Brandon, May 23.—A sad acci-

dent occurred this afternoon in Gilbert Posthelwaite, nine which years of age, was drowned. William Posthelwaite, with his wife and son, were driving into town, Wien nearing First street bridge the horse got into a washout and before left came the three were indeep water, over their heads, and being carried away by the swift current of the river. Mr. Posthelwalte told—the boy to hold on to the buggy while he tried to save when she had succeeded in getting hold of the top of a maple tree Mr. Posthelwalte went to rescue the

hold of the top of a maple tree Mr. Posthelwaite went to rescue he boy, but he had disappeared been eath the water. The father clung to another maple. James Brown and Malcolm Mclanes, who were passing, rescued the couple at great risk to themselves. They were risk to themselves. They were brought to shore, where everything was done for their comfort.
The boy's body has not been found.
Mr. Posthelwaite is a well-known farmer of North Brandon.

#### MAIL BAG RIFLED.

stolen From the G. T. R. Station at Napanee.

Kingston despatch.-A mail was stolen from the G. T. R. station at Napance darly on Sunday morn-ing. Some children noticed letters ing. Some children noticed letters on the tracks 300 yards from the station in the afternoon, and the rolled were notified. The bag was found some distance away. It is said to have contained 1,000 letters and veral registered parcels and letters. One registered package, addressed to W. P. Deroche, Napanee, was untouched. Only one registered letter is missing.
The rain-soaked and mutilated let-

ters were gathered together and will be delivered to the owners. In many cases the addresses are al-most obliterated, as the bag lay in the rain all Sunday morning.

#### FAST GROWING WHEAT.

Sown a Week Ago Now in Vigorous Growth.

Winnipeg, May 23. — The latest crop reports sent in by Canadian Northern Railway station agents show that wheat seeding is about finished, and that the seed planted a week ago is up and growing vig-orously under the genial influence of the prevailing summer weather. Grain has been gotten in by good season in spite of the late opening of spring. All conditions are gratifying, and farmers are gleased with the prospects. Next week they will begin sowing barley and oats, and the following week flax will be sown.

### BOUNTY-FED STEEL.

Cargo From Canada the Subject of

London, May 23 .- The Herald declares that the combined cargo of steel and pig iron on the way from Nova Scotia to the Clyde is full of interest to Britain and America. The question of the open door to Canada for British finished products. If Canadian bounty-fed steel is to be received, is bound to become a live one in the early future. The paper deplores the fact that Scottish ironmasters have not diverted their capital long ago to the iron fields of Newfoundland and eastern Canada, instead of to the insatisfactory fields of Spain.

#### No "Italian Invasion."

Montreal, May 23.+Misleading reports have been sent out from this city depicting what has been called an "Italian invasion of Montreal." As a matter of fact, the number of Italians who have passed through this city so far this spring are not seriously in smooth of other years.

# JAPANESE WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF THE RUSSIANS.

## First Big Battle Will be Fought at Liao Yang.

## **New Chwang Evacuated** Russians Ready to Retreat.

## Landing of Japanese at Kai-Chau Was a Surprise to Russians.

A recent New Chwang cable says .-- In confirmation of the recent Associated Press despatches, the Russian evacua-Press despatches, the Russian evacua-tion of this city has been completed. Nothing remain but the destruction of the gunboat Sivouch, which it is ex-pected will take place early in the morning. The Russian troops marched out in perfect order, Gen. Kondratsvitch leavg with the last regiment.

The Associated Press correspondent has received exclusive information from the highest Russian authority that the ese advance will be resisted at Cheng, whence the Russian forces fall back upon Liao Yang, will make a determined stand. they will make a determined stand, with a fighting strength there available

70,000 men.

If defeated no stop will be made at Mukden, but the retirement will be con-Mukden, but the retirement will be continued to Thiling, a town at the head of navigation for native craft on the Liao River, 20 miles north of New Chwang. At the same time the Cossack regiments will be employed in the rear of the Japanese army of the Yalu, harassing the troops and interfering with its communications. It is not believed that the Lapanese will work into the that the Japanese will move into the interior until they have thoroughly established their base here, repeating the movement which they made during the war with China.

war with China.

The Russians admit the advance of the Japanese army to a point within litteen miles of Hai Cheng, many of their wounded entering there. The near-est fighting expected before the Japancse reach New Chwang will be at Tashi Ichao, but it will not amount to much. This city is now guarded by 300 Chinese police, and everything is quiet. The Japanese force at Kai Chou is reported 20,000 strong.

#### RUSSIA'S FIRST LINE.

## The First Great Battle Will Likely be

Fought at Liao-Yang. Antung cable, via Seoul, recently says The concentration of the Russian force at Liao-Yang, will make that place the first line of defense, and the first great battle probably will be fought there. No important aggressive action by this army is expected in the near future. Since the Russian fleet at Port Arthur has been bottled up the Japanese find it possible to safely use this port as a base, and to abandon most of the land a base, and to abandon most of the land transportation through Corea, using the regular army transport equipment for conveying munitions from Antung to the front. The Chinese do not object to sands at good wages, and furnish a mar-ket for provisions at inflated prices.

been opened to foreign commerce,
The correspondents who remain at
headquarters visited the Russian wounded, who expressed satisfaction at their
treatment. Their only complaint concerning provisions was that they received no bread, the Japanese army not being provided with stores of that kind.

#### WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE.

The Japanese Army is Advancing in Three Columns—Wounded at Mukden. Mukden cable — The fighting line steadily nearing Mukden, while Vicero Alexieff's headquarters still remain. Lit-tle reliable information can be obtained tle reliable information can be obtained by the newspaper correspondents, who are forbidden to proceed to the scene of operations, and official information is withheld until advices are sent to St, Petersburg. It is now known, however, that the Japanese are almost within striking distance of the Russians, and that the forces protecting Liao-Yang are stretching eastward from the railare stretching eastward from the rai range. The Japanese are advancing in three columns, and are now north of Siu-Yen and Feng-Wang-Cheng. Two columns are reported to be working further to the northward, with the object of turning the Russian position and advancing upon Mukden. Numerous small success the keys been found to the superior of the Baltic squadron, which is destined for the far east, Vive-Admiral Romannia of the Russian position and advancing upon Mukden. Numerous small success the keys been found to the superior of the Baltic squadron, which is destined for the far east, Vive-Admiral Romannia of the Russian position and advancing upon Mukden. Numerous small superior of the Baltic squadron, which is destined for the far east, Vive-Admiral Romannia of the Russian position and advancing upon Mukden. Numerous small superior of the Baltic squadron, which is destined for the far east, Vive-Admiral Romannia of the Russian position and advancing upon Mukden. of turning the Russian position and awareing upon Mukden. Numerous small engagements have been fought, but no decisive action has taken place. Port Arthur is now completely isolated by the Japanese expedition at Polandien.

The Japanese are now operating in a rugged country, well suited to the Russian defence; but north of the Liao-

Feng-Wang-Cheng spread, and could be suspected from the outward manner of the Chinese before the Russians made it known here. The cutting off of Port Arthur is another instance in point. The Arthur is another instance in point. The newspaper correspondents are most courteously treated by Col. Poestich, the officer whom Viceroy Alexieff appointed to attend them, but they are chafing under the restrictions imposed here, which prevent them from seeing anything of the Schting Con Kouvenettin is evidently fighting. Gen. Kouropatkin is evidently unwilling that the foreign correspondents shall witness the present phase of operations, though he may accept them in the indefinite future, when the Russians are able to make a sweeping ad

#### KOUROPATKIN'S POSITION. London Newspapers Believe it to be Pre

carious-Menaced by Chinese Rebels. London cable says.—In the abscence of actual news from the seat of war in the Far East, the London newspapers the Far East, the London newspapers this morning are commenting on what is believed to be the precarious position of Gen. Kouropatkin, who is menaced by the possibility of the Chinese rebels cutting his communications, as well as by the difficulty of divining the Japanese plan of campaign. The Standard, which is rather inclined to be pro-Rustander of the standard of the communication of the communication of the standard of the standard of the communication of the standard of the standa sian in its views, admits that Kouro patkin has at his disposal south of Muk den about 100,000 troops of inferior quality, only 75,000 of whom are avail-able for active operations, while Gen. Kuroki certainly has 140,000 first class

troops, the equal of those in European armies.

"Under such conditions," the Standard says, "the issue of battle is very seldom doubtful."

The Constantinople corespondent of the Daily Mail sends a report to the offect that Russia has suggested to

effect that Russia has suggested Turkey some scheme for the capitaliza-tion of the indemnity due by the latter for immediate payment to Russia as a means of increasing the revenue for war

#### A CHINESE OPINION.

## An Aliance With Japan Would be Fatal

to China-Russia a Neighbor. Liao Yang cable (delayed) says. Chinese offic'al asserted to day in a speech at a dinner given in his honor and in that of the other Celestial officials by the military authorities of Liao Yang that Japan wants an alliance with China in order to use her. The official further declared that the Chinese considered it their duty to preserve good relations with Russia, whose frontier adjoined China's. He added: "An allirelations with Russia, whose frontier adjoined China's. He added: "An alli-ance between China and Japan would be fatal. Japan made war on us once, and Russia's intervention caused her to leave us in peace. An alliance now would en-able her to use us and then again attack us." In hunting for the Chines bandits the Cossacks burned the villag of Shontaidza. The military author ities have now organized a subscription for the relief of the villagers, who will be given employment on the railroad. The Chinese report that Gen. Ma is the district of Cheng Te Fou, Province

A detachment of Russian troops recent crept upon the rear of the Japanese dvance on the road from Feng Wang theng to Liao Yang, causing the enemy

to fall back slightly.

#### ST. PETERSBURG TALK.

#### What Will Skrydloff Do?-The Japs

Double Purpose St. Petersburg cable says.—The probability that there will be no further com munication with Port Arthur, thus pretined for the far east. Vive-Admiral Ro-jestvensky, who has been gazetted to command the latter, is a junior of Vice-Admiral Skrydloff, and would be ordered to report to him as commander-in-chief. Whatever Skrydloff's future plans may be, the Admiralty saye he will certainly proceed to Vladivostock and inspect the

ther recently has been hot and dry, but the rain which has fallen in the past two days has made the roads almost impassable for vehicles, and when the rainy season begins, at the end of June, this plain will be converted into a morass. This condition will probable the roads almost in the past two days has made the roads almost impassable for vehicles, and when the rainy season begins, at the end of June, this plain will be converted into a morass. This condition will probably result in the practical suspension of operations, Mukden is now the receiving centre being Admiral Skrydloff's plan to risk

opinion prevais that this is an indication of the intention of the Japanese to make an attempt to stop Gen. Kouropatkin's retreat northward, while the main Japanese force is hurled against Liao-Yang and Mukden. It is believed here that the Japanese generals must appreciate that they would lose the fruits of their achievement if Kouropatkin retired unmolested to Harbin, and there await reinforcements, leaving the invaders to hold the country, and there by losing men by disease. The Japanese course would have grand prospects of success if they had sufficient strength, but the authorities here are convinced that the enemy is too weak to carry it out. Further showing that Kouropatkin never had any intention to attempt to stop the northward advance of the Japanese, a railroad engineer, who has just arrived here from the far east, was quoted to-day as saying that when he talked with the commander-in-chief in February, the latter wanted an additional line built in the rear of the Manchurian army, so as to enable it to fall back and subsequently advance. The engineer added: "Kourapatkin said he hoped to advance at the end of June, or, in case the rains interfered, at the end engineer added: "Kourapatkin said he hoped to advance at the end of June, or, in case the rains interfered, at the end of August. I pointed out that he had better go slow and make a survey, to which Kouropatkin replied: "'Build immediately. There is no time for a survey. Otherwise the whole territory will be in the enemy's hands."

### LANDED AT KAI-CHAU.

#### Disembarkation of the Second Japanese Army Surprised the Russians.

St. Petersburg cable says-The follow ing telegram from Gen. Kouropatkin to the Emperor, under adte of May 16, has ben given out here; "Towards noon seventeen steamers

"Towards noon seventeen steamers approached Siungyue-Cheng and opened fire upon the town, while five vessels approached the shore.

"At 1.30 p. m. three large steamers appeared off the Cape, and at 3.20 p. m. the enemy landed at Huangtsiatung and commenced a march in the direction of Kaining."

of Kaiping."

Gen. Sakharoff reports to the general staff under to-day's date, as follows:

"Gen, Samsonoff reports at 11.30 last night that the Japanese confined their efforts to feints at landing in the neighborhood of Siungyue-Cheng and Kai-Chau. Their vessels opened fire on the town of Siungyue-Cheng, on our scouts of Kaiping.'

town of Siungyue-Cheng, on our scouts and on the coast.

"The Japanese squadron left after 5.30 o'clock, proceeding southwest, and several of its vessels remained visible on the horizon until dusk."

### TERRIFIC BOMBARDMENT.

#### The Shore Defences Silenced by Japan ese Warships. London cable says.—There is little

London cable says.—There is little of importance that can be added to the official Russian despatches, concerning the operations on the west coast of the Liao-Yany Peninsula. Telegrams from New-Chwang state that Japanese troops have landed, and make no mention of a feint. The firing covering the landing of the troops is described as a terrific bombardment of four warships. The shore defences were silenced at four o'clock in the afternoon. The Russians retreated towards Tashichao. The Japanese advanced rapidly, and, according to one story, are outflanking the Russians at Tashichao and New-Chwang. Another correspondent, however, says Another correspondent, however, says that a Japanese advance is not expected at present, as rains have canverted the country into a quagmire.

Despatches from Shan-Hai-Kwan report that the Japanese have occupied Tashichao.

## NEW-CHWANG EVACUATED. The Last Russian Regiment Left the

Place on Monday. New-Chwang cable says—The evacua-tion of the city by the Russians has been completed. The evacuation was completed at 10 o'clock last night, with the exception of the destruction of the unboat Sivoutch, which is expected to take place to-day. Gen. Kondratevich the general who has been in command of the place, left with the last regi

The troops marched out in an orderly nanner. The city is guarded by three hundred police and is quiet.

It is stated on high authority that the Rusians expect to make resistance the Japanese advance on Hai-Cheng a then fall back on Liao-Yang, where th will make a determined stand. They are said to have 70,000 troops at Liao-Yang. Should they be defeated there they would not stop at Mukden, but retire to Ticling, which is 200 miles from

Complete Withdrawal.

St. Petersburg cable says: The complet withdrawal of the Russians from New Chwang is believed to have followed the strategic command of the port by the columns sent westward by Gen. Kuroki. The exact conditions under which the evacuation was brought about are not known here, as all the official despatches have been forwarded to the Emperor. The Foreign Office is not advised as to whom the administration of New Chwang will be handed over, but the authorities express confidence that the Russian commander arranged for the safety of the foreigners before his departure. The Ministry of the Interior denies the reports of riots among the peasants in the Proriots among the peasants in the Pro-vince of Volpynia. It is said that the western section of European Russia is enjoying agricultural prosperity stead of bad crops, which are al to be the cause of the outbreaks.

carry out the plans of operations which had been previously determined upon, he had displayed a stubborn resistance, which showed to the enemy and to the

the courageous spirit or past generations.

What will become of Zassalitch, whether he will remain in the Far East or be assigned to a less important region, cannot be learned to-night, but it is emphatically stated that there is no intention to disgrace him, and that if he returns from the Far East it will be on sick leave and at his own request. It is generally believed that he will find it convenient to make such an application.

Lieut,-Gen. Count Keller recently re signed the governorship of Ekaterinoslav in order to go to the front. He is far abler a soldier than an administrator, and is younger than Gen. Zassalitch, being only 54. He participated in three campaigns during the Turkish war. 1887 he commanded the Imperial 1887 he commanded the Imperial Rifle Regiment, and later was director of the corps of imperial pages, by which he was thrown into frequent contact with the members of the imperial family, with whom he is popular. He is considered to be a distinguished strategist, and the possessor of cool judgment.

## TO FALL BACK UPON HARBIN.

Almost Certain Kouropatkin Will Do St. Petersburg cable.- The Journa

St. Petersburg cable.— The Journal savs it is reported that Gen. Kouropatkin will abandon Liao Yang and retire upon Harbin with 150,000 men and await there the arrival of 55,000 men, on their way from Kharkoff, Southern Russia, and 50,000, who are about to be despatched from Moscow district.

The conflict between Viceroy Alexieff and Gen. Kouropatkin is acute. The latter attributes the Russian defeat on the Yalu River to Viceroy Alexieff's orders countermanding his previously given instructions. Gen. Kouropatkin proposes the abandonment of Port

proposes the abandonment of Port Arthur, the junction of the forces, with his army, and the retirement of the united forces to Harbin, maintaining that the Russian force is not sufficient to cope with the Japanese: Viceroy Alexieff holds this course to be folly, as the abandonment of Port Arthur would mean the loss of the fleet, the suffering of a mortal defeat, and the the abandonment of suffering of a mortal defeat, and the risk of the extermination of the Port Arthur force while seeking to make a junction with Gen. Kouropatkin. The Emperor's entourage, it is added, tends to support Viceroy Alexieff.

## JAP FIRE POOR.

#### Kouropatkin Reports Small Skirmishe With Enemy.

St. Petersburg cable says Gen. Koure patkin telegraphs to the Emperor under date of May 16, as follows: "On May 10 our Cossacks encountered a force of the enemy composed of one battalion of infantry and two squadrons of cavalry telonging apparently to the Japanese guard division near Kiandian Sian, and the fusilade lasted for an hour and a half. The fire of the Japanese infantry and cavalry was poor. We had one Cossack wounded, one horse killed and another wounded,

and two Cossacks missing. and two Cossacks missing.

"On May 15 the Japanese vanguard occupied Haihamentsa, in the valley of the Patao River, Tsiangtao, in the valley of the left branch of the same river; Shitsiafutsu and Hitvouchen, in the valley of the Ai River, and Kiandian Sian.

dian Sian. "There were no Japanese at Siuyen "There were no Japanese at Suyen on May 15.

"On May 14 the Japanese occupied Polandien with a detachment of two battalions of infantry and two squadrons of cavalry.

"On May 14 and 15 the Japanese reconsistences had not neglect beyond

connaissances had not pushed beyond 4½ miles from the station of Wafan-"On May 15 there was no advance of any considerable force of the enemy north of Polandien. "No fresh report has been received

### regarding the Japanese raid on Kai INVESTMENT COMPLETE.

Port Arthur is Shut Off Both by Land and Sea. London cable says.—There is hardly a line of news respecting Port Arthur. A correspondent at Tien-Tsin claims to have official Japanese authority for stating that its investment by land and sea nsidered complete. Communications very kind with the fortress have

been entirely cut.

Another despatch from Tien Tsin asserts that the Russians are keeping up communication as far as possible, but Japanese from Kaiping are scattered all

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over the peninsula.

The rumor persists that Russian torpedo boats have managed to get out of Port Arthur.

A report from Secul states that the Japanese have been attacking Port Arthur since Monday. It is believed, the statements to the contrary notwithstanding, that Dalny has not yet been occupied by the Japanese,

The Tokio corespondent of the Chroncle refers to two wounded officers who were taken prisoners, as the sole Japanese survivors of the last gallant attack by a company of 24 men on Gold tack by a company of 24 men on Gold-en Hill fort at Port Arthur. The cor-

respondent possibly refers to a naval action, though the wording of his des-patch suggests a land storming. Sim-ilar mysterions fragments of news per-colate through the Japanese censorship rom time to time.

The Chefoo correspondent of the Chronicle again refers to the danger to navigation off Shan-Tung, owing to loose mines, of which several are

#### GROUND HEAVILY MINED. Storming of Port Arthur Would Entail

Frightful Loss.

thur and captured, thus inflicting further loss of prestige to the Russians, which could not be permitted at this

The weakness of the Manchurian army, said this officer, left only one course to pursue, namely, that of mobilizing sufficient troops at Port Arthur to hold it until relief came, abandoning every point outside which did not contribute to the strategic design of the contribute to the strategic design of the contribute to the strategic design.

opatkin Will Fight or Retreat.

According to the Standard's Tien-Tsin

hey are sent.

A question greatly discussed in the

this district, as the transport uniqui-ties are believed to be so great as to make it almost impossible for General Kouropatkin to direct a rapid retirement. Indefinite reports continue to reach Lon-don of Japanese bombardments of Port Arthur and Dalny.

The Standard's Odessa correspondent

Shanghai despatches report that the Chinese are greatly gratified with the Japanese invitation to the Tartar Viceroy of Mukden to re-establish the administration of Antung and induce Chinese trader to actume and present the statement of the sta ese traders to return and resume

Execution of Two Japs.

St. Petersburg cable.— Details have been received here from Harbin regarding the execution, April 21, of the two Japanese officers, Yukoka and Oki, for attempting to dynamite bridges and destroy telegraph communication on the Eastern Chinese Railway. The prisoners admitted they were part of a detail numbering 100 men, whose purpose it was to destroy the railway at various points. When told that they must have been extremely brave people, they re-

been extremely brave people, they re-plied: "Not at all; we are only carrying out our duty and the order of the Mikado."

#### Russians Preparing to Destroy the Gu boat Sivouch.

chinese who recently arrived here from New Chwang, while confirming the above, also say that the Japanese are skirmishing on either side of the railroad north and south of Kin Chou.

## anese Lines With Despatches.

from Rear-Admiral Wittsoett, believed to have been dated from Port Arthur, May 14, reporting that there had been nothing to report since the telegraph line had been cut, the Japanese ships not having attacked. Everything was well with the Russian squadron. The despatch was gratifying to the authorities, not only for the news it contained, the practical suspension of operations, without causing inconvenience, it being Admiral Skrydloff's plan to risk either of the Russian squadrons until health sauding a squadron reaches the Pacific No official despatches were given out this morning, on account of the Chinese population.

A close observer of the expressions and general attitude of the Chinese population.

A close observer of the expressions and general attitude of the Chinese can tell how the fighting a hundred miles away is turning. They have rapid and tell how the fighting a hundred miles away is turning. They have rapid and the latest reports of the appearance of the suspension of A close observer of the expressions away is turning. They have rapid and tell how the fighting a hundred miles away is turning. They have rapid and the latest reports of the appearance of the morning of the continuing its speculation based on the latest reports of the appearance of the pression of Manchuria. The but because it was received, and the fact, while the telegraph line is severed, a system of communication by means of