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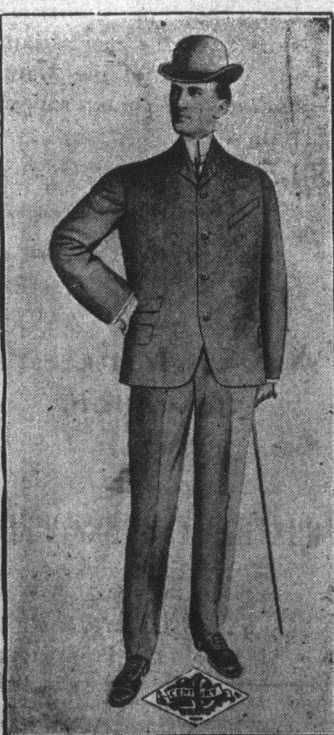
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KAI-CHOU IS RETAKEN

There is an Unconfirmed Paris Story to This Effect.

Japanese Have Captured a Strong Position—Russians Make Night Attack on Japs at Sangoss.

Paris, July 24.—The correspondent the Matin at Yin-Kow says a violent cannonade, lasting several hours, was heard to the northward of Kai-Chou on July 22. The roofs of the houses in New-Chwang were crowded with Europeans and Chinese looking on. The Russians claim to have retaken Kai-Chou on July 21, and says the fight reported was the result of the Japanese resuming the offensive.

RUSSIANS LOSE 700.

Tien Tsin, July 24.—News has reached here that a battle is raging outside of New-Chwang. The fighting can be seen from the house tops. In the engagement of yesterday the Russian losses are reported to have been 700. The Japanese are slowly nearing New-Chwang. Great excitement prevailed in that city during to-day's and yesterday's fights. WITNESSED FROM NEW-CHWANG. New-Chwang, July 24.—A battle was fought yesterday (Saturday), near Tai Tche Kiao, attended, it is believed, with heavy losses. The progress of the battle was watched by many people in New-Chwang from the roofs of the houses. The day was clear and the smoke of the guns could be plainly seen.

JAPS WERE SUCCESSFUL.

Tien Tsin, July 24.—A report from New-Chwang states that yesterday's battle was at Tai Hsiang, six miles distant, and that the Japanese were successful. Many Chinese refugees arriving at New-Chwang have reported that nine Japanese gunboats from Port Arthur have arrived at Tai-Ting-Shan.

STORY OF A NIGHT ATTACK.

St. Petersburg, July 24, 4 a. m.—A badly mutilated despatch from Tachekia, dated July 20, which has been received here, indicates the engagement of some importance had occurred on the east coast road between Kai-Chou and Yin-Kow. The despatch states that the Russians made a night attack on a fortified Japanese camp at Sangoss, on the sea coast, north of Kai-Chou. They got within close range, and opened fire on the camp before they were discovered, and forced the retirement of the Japanese toward Kai-Chou.

Here a portion of the despatch is missing. Apparently the attackers were enveloped by a counter Japanese movement, probably by troops from some neighboring position. For this whole region is strongly fortified, and the Russian detachment was in danger of being cut off and annihilated. The message continues by saying that when the Russians had given themselves up for lost, a welcome diversion was created in their rear by Captain Rotovski, in command of three companies of Russian troops, who threw his force into the fight. Cossack companies also came up in a gallop. Here occurs another mutilation. The message continues as follows:—

RUSSIANS RETREAT.

"The next day we abandoned our position, leaving the bodies of fifteen Japanese we were unable to bury. The general situation in this region does not indicate activity in the near future. The rains have commenced ruining the roads. Information has reached here from the south that the railway is flooded between Kai-Chou and Wafangow, and that the Japanese, through the water, are moving their cars by horse power. The Japanese are strongly entrenched south of Tachekia, and have pushed out their fortifications on both sides of the railway as far as the village of Lavalga, of which they have several large junks. Their apparent object is to pass along the sea coast road to Erdago, two-thirds of the way from Kai-Chou to Yin-Kow. Our scouts here are ready to contest the Japanese advance."

JAPANESE TACTICS.

Erdago is the last position barring the Japanese road to Yin-Kow. The opinion of Major-General Kondratovich is that the Japanese positions, both south and east, are weakly held, but strongly fortified, and that much of the Japanese infantry has been drawn off to reinforce Gen. Kuroki, who is operating against Lieut.-Gen. Count Keller. At some positions south of Simocheung dummies are actually being used to a man the entrenchments. The Russians are so surrounded by entrenchments to the south and east that it is hard for them to move without coming under fire. There is apparently more artillery than infantry in these positions. The Japanese are loath to disclose the locations of their guns. A few days ago Gen. Baron Stakelberg and his staff personally reconnoitered the position at Makutsudzi Hill without drawing the Japanese fire, though the party were conspicuous in their uniforms. The Russians are harassing the Japanese posts almost nightly, their scouts creeping up and firing at close range. The Japanese never attempt to follow the attackers.

RUSSIAN REPORTS.

St. Petersburg, July 24.—Lieut.-General Sakharoff, in a despatch to the general staff, dated July 23, reports skirmishes in the vicinity of Kai-Chou on July 22. Lieut.-General Count Keller's reconnaissance on the same day showed that the Japanese had only weak detachments at the Siakao and Wafanku Passes. There was no change in the situation on the high road to Mukden, according to the report, but strong Japanese columns with thirty guns were advancing along the left bank of the Taizze River in the direction of Siakhotan.

AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS.

Liao-Yang, July 22.—delayed in transmission.—The Japanese forces to the eastward are grouped at Liaokho, Fenchui and Sigowlin Passes. The southern army is at Siu-Yen in close contact and apparently awaiting developments. Yin-Kow is quite free from Japanese troops, who have made no attempt to occupy it.

GOOD-BYE TO DUNDONALD

The Scotchman of Glangarry Bid a Touching Farewell.

The Great General Spent Sunday at Alexandria and Attended Divine Worship.

Alexandria, Ont., July 24.—Yesterday witnessed Glangarry's farewell to Lord Dundonald. He arrived on the nine-fifty train from Ottawa, and was met at the station by a crowd of people from all over the country. Among those present were—J. A. Macdonnell, Greenfield; A. A. McKinnon, president, Glangarry Liberal Association; Mayor Costello; J. L. Wilson, president of the Farmers' Association, and Mr. Craig, president of the Liberal Association of Renfrew. The Earl, after being escorted from the station by the crowd, was entertained at the house of J. A. Macdonnell, and from there shortly afterwards, attended divine service at the Presbyterian church, where a very interesting and instructive sermon was preached by Rev. MacLaren. The old church was taxed to its utmost capacity, so many visitors being present. The Earl was entertained at luncheon at J. A. Macdonnell's, and during the afternoon he made a number of visits to Scotch families living outside the town. At six o'clock the Earl was entertained at dinner by His Lordship Bishop Macdonnell. He left on the 8:20 train for Ottawa, being escorted to the station by a large crowd. As the train passed out from the station the bagpipers played a lament—Glangarry's.

BAND INTIMIDATED.

Ottawa, July 24.—The Governor-General's Foot Guards Band, at a meeting held this morning, decided not to turn out for the send-off to-morrow. The band was engaged, and the decision came as a surprise to the committee in charge of the demonstration. The reason assigned by the band is that the demonstration is a straight party affair. The committee men say the Government threatened the band, nearly all of whom work in some department of the Government service. The 43rd Regimental Band will turn out, and the committee is trying to bring in outside bands.

THE LAST CHANCE

St. Thomas Lacrosse Club Will Make a Desperate Effort Wednesday to Stay—Great Interest Being Taken Here.

The St. Thomas lacrosse club will run a special excursion on Chatham on Wednesday, 27th inst., that is next Wednesday, when the St. Thomas and Chatham lacrosse clubs will play. Chatham has already beaten St. Thomas twice, and both encounters were of the thrilling kind. This is the Saints' last chance to stay in the district championship contest and they are coming down here on Wednesday determined to stay. They will arrive here about 3 o'clock by special train. Not only are they coming down loaded with new players, but they will also be accompanied by two bands and a band of rosters. This promises to be the greatest game ever seen in Chatham. Excitement is a high pitch here but St. Thomas is a little on the keen edge according to this game being their last stand. It is the desperate man's chance and they are making it what it is. Chatham has the advantage of playing on their own grounds. The Chatham boys had a good workout Saturday afternoon, although a little stiff from their game at Wallaceburg. They expect to be in the pink of condition when St. Thomas comes here day after to-morrow. The Tecumsehs will take some practice every day and when they line up in the field on Wednesday they should be at their best and winners. They realize that this will be a struggle for supremacy and St. Thomas' last hope and they will be ready for it. Manager Frank Babcock has arranged to have the reserved seat plan open to-morrow morning so that Chatham people can have an opportunity to obtain good seats before the St. Thomas crowd rush.

ENGLAND CALLED HALT

Then Russia Ordered Volunteer Fleet to Seize No More.

British Cruiser Sent to Red Sea and Torpedo Boats to Port Said to Protect Merchantmen.

London, July 23, 1.46 p. m.—Count Benckendorff, the Russian Ambassador, has received official notification from St. Petersburg reporting the capture of two more British ships in the Red Sea, and instructions from his Government to notify Great Britain that the same procedure would be followed as in the case of the Malacca, namely, the vessels will be taken to a neutral port for examination by the consuls of the two nations concerned.

BRITAIN'S DETERMINATION.

The effect of the additional seizures upon the British Government has been to intensify its determination to settle the status of the volunteer fleet vessels. It is understood that the sending of the British cruiser Venus to the Red Sea, and a number of torpedo boats to Port Said is an earnest desire of the Government's intention to protect British commerce. No warlike instructions have been given the commanders, but the Venus will closely watch the procedure of the volunteer fleets vessels. Some diplomatic circles regard this as being in the nature of a threat to Russia, but the Russian diplomats in London express no concern.

BLACK SEA QUESTION.

Ambassador Benckendorff, in his communications to Foreign Secretary Lansdowne, has not dealt with the general question of the Dardanelles. It is pointed out in Russian circles here that the subject is receiving consideration at St. Petersburg, and it is asserted that Russia will not abandon the right which she claims to send volunteer fleet vessels through the Dardanelles, and transform them subsequently into auxiliary cruisers, although no more ships are likely to be sent out of the Black Sea at present.

MALACCA'S MOVEMENTS.

St. Petersburg, July 23.—Although it was authoritatively stated yesterday that the Malacca had already reached Suda Bay, it now transpires that when the Malacca sailed from Port Said she was bound for Algiers. Unless orders are delivered to her on the way she will upon arrival there find an order to proceed immediately to Suda Bay, where under the agreement reached between Great Britain and Russia, an examination of her cargo will be made by the Russian and British consuls. The apparent delay in the delivery of orders to the captains of the St. Petersburg and the Smolensk account for the seizure of the Scandia and the Ardova.

CONFERENCE CALLED.

Great Britain having formally raised the question of the status of the St. Petersburg and the Smolensk, the Foreign Office has called a meeting of leading officials of the Admiralty to consider the subject. This conference is progressing. The decision will be submitted to the Emperor for ratification.

St. Petersburg, July 23, 3.45 p. m.—The Associated Press is able to announce that Russia has informally notified Great Britain that orders have been issued to the Russian cruisers in the Red Sea not to arrest any more merchantmen, and it has been agreed between the two powers that, pending the receipt of these orders by the captains of the St. Petersburg and the Smolensk, any other ships should be stopped and held as prizes these acts shall be regarded as not having taken place and the ships concerned at once released.

St. Petersburg, July 23, 5.40 p. m.—While not admitting the illegality of the Russian action in converting vessels of the volunteer fleet into warships after they had reached the Red Sea, it is probable, in view of the fact that neutral ships did not receive previous notice that Russia, in order to remove the shadow of a cloud upon their right to float the flag, will formally notify the powers of their conversion into warships, thus putting all neutrals upon their guard. In the meantime all the ships seized will be released unless the captains refuse to show their manifests, in which event the procedure in the case of the Malacca probably will be followed. Germany had not made any protest against the seizure of the Scandia up to four o'clock this afternoon.

NO MORE INTERFERENCE.

St. Petersburg, July 24.—Orders have been sent to the volunteer fleet steamers, St. Petersburg and Smolensk, to refrain from interference with foreign shipping. It is expected these steamers will eventually join the Baltic fleet and be replaced by ordinary warships.

WILL MAKE NO SEARCH.

Grand Duke Alex's presided at yesterday's council, which Count Lamsdorff, the Foreign Secretary, and Vice-Admiral Avellan, chief of the Admiralty Department, and other high naval officers attended. The result of the conference removes all doubts concerning the present attitude of Russia with regard to the volunteer fleet. The validity of the view expressed in the British note regarding the irregularity of the position of the vessels was so far admitted.

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