

right before going to the bottom. The previous repeated efforts of the Japanese to "sweep" the harbor have been as much with the view of its ultimate situation as for protecting landings.

Nothing is known here of the Chefoo reports of fighting at Inchen Tze, four or five miles from Port Arthur, but the general staff hardly believes the enemy could have advanced so rapidly.

The admiralty denies the report of the loss of two Russian torpedo boats destroyed by the Japanese battleship Hatuse. The officials say Port Arthur has been heard from since the Hatsuse was blown up, and if the report of the loss of the torpedo boat destroyers was true they would have known it.

No surprise is expressed at the admiral's statement in the intercepted Russian dispatches that the Hatsuse was blown up. The upper waters of the Daito are the subject, except to reiterate their denial of the charge that the Russians had been using floating mines. It is in this connection a naval attaché of a great power declared that his government is in possession of the best information to the effect that the Japanese used "driving" mines, bunting them to drift below the surface, and thus causing the loss of the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk. A prominent diplomat, said: "The Russians are fully justified in using mines to repel the enemy's invasion of their coasts. There is no law to prevent that country from doing anything it pleases to keep off the enemy from their shores. If Great Britain was at war and chose to fill the channel with floating mines for the defence of her coast no power could raise any objection."

Owing to it being a holiday it is impossible to obtain official opinion regarding the announcement made to-day by the British correspondent in the Daily Express of London, that the Russian minister at Pekin, M. Lessar, had informed the Chinese government that Russia will finally evacuate Manchuria provided China grants a concession for a railroad across Chinese Mongolia, and that Russia will evacuate Manchuria if China leaves Hui, Hsiao, and Kuldja, territory to Russia. But in diplomatic circles the report is regarded as absurd as it is pointed out that Russia already owns the railway line which it would be so difficult to give up, and it is pointed out that the Japanese left wing during the battle at Kinchoon on the 24th. The junks just arrived here on their way down passed four Jap war vessels nine miles from here.

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St. Petersburg, May 29—12:40 p.m.—Intense interest is displayed in the Japanese reports of the Kinchoon battle. The people almost mob newspapers to secure extra editions of the newspapers containing the dispatches. Crowds stand round the office bulletin boards awaiting the Russian versions, but none arrive. The official word, as well as the public, are entirely dependent upon the Japanese reports. The details are eagerly looked for, especially regarding losses.

General army landing at Taku Shan, will conduct operations on Hai Cheng and Newchwang until they are occupied by the Japanese. Gen. Kuroki will move against Gen. Kourapatkin's main position unless he has formed a base at Newchwang.

One of the Associated Press Russian correspondents has just returned from Port Arthur. He is thorough familiar with the forts and defences there. His opinion is that the fortress cannot be taken except by systematic siege operations that will require many months. "Unless the Japanese shall be able to carry it in less than three months," he carries on, "they will be too late to take it."

EVACUATING DALNY. Russian Soldiers Reported to Have Been Withdrawn from Port Arthur.

Chefoo, May 29—4 p.m.—Dalny has been practically evacuated according to the statement of Shikhi, a Russian refugee arriving here to-day by junk. Most of the troops and the ammunition have been taken to Port Arthur. The only civilians remaining are the electric engineers in charge of the mines laid in the harbor, and also those set to destroy docks and piers.

LEAVING LIAO YANG. Many Chinese Merchants Are Winding Up Their Business—More Troops Arrive.

Liao Yang, May 29—(Delayed in transmission)—The Liao Tung frontier guards have several times come into collision with the Japanese cavalry. The Japanese tactics have been to retreat and entice the guards towards the Japanese infantry, which lay in wait. Newchwang reports that Japanese troops have not landed there, as reported. Foreign merchantmen continue to arrive at that port. The gunboat Sivouch still guards the mouth of the Liao river.

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station at Sia Juchen and Vansailing, and to-morrow will complete the work between Baifangry and Waifandian. The Chinese are readily offering themselves for employment.

DEFENCES AT NANSIHAN. Many Guns From Russian Ships Had Been Placed in Land Batteries.

Chefoo, May 30—10 a.m.—Chinese from Dalny say that the Russians had 26 machine guns at Nanshan, and also that many guns from the Port Arthur fleet had been placed in the land batteries.

LEAVING LIAO YANG. Many Chinese Merchants Are Winding Up Their Business—More Troops Arrive.

Liao Yang, May 29—(Delayed in transmission)—Most of the Chinese merchants are closing their stores and winding up business in expectation of serious events. Those remaining in business have raised the price of meat and other products. A Chinese personage here is believed to be organizing a movement against the Russian troops. The Russian cavalry is in great need of foraging. Chinese arriving here brought the news of the fighting at Kinchoon. The results of the fighting on the peninsula caused no appreciable effect on the troops, whose health and spirits are excellent. Fresh supplies are arriving daily.

IN HONOR OF DEAD. A Solemn Religious and Military Ceremony Held at Tokio.

Tokyo, May 29—A solemn religious and military ceremony in honor of the 15 officers, residents of Tokio, who were lost at the time of the disasters to the battleship Hatsuse and the protected cruiser Yoshino, were held here to-day.

UNBOAT ESCAPED. Russian Vessel Which Shelled Japanese From Hallenwan Bay Eluded Pursuers.

London, May 30—The Standard's Chefoo correspondent says that a Russian gunboat, believed to be the Bobr, which was in action at Tallienwan Thursday, has arrived from Port Arthur. She was chased by Japanese cruisers, but was able to take some refuge and reach Dalny. She was not followed into that port on account of mines.

FIRE DESTROYS PIT HEAD WORKS

WESTERN FUEL COMPANY SUFFERS HEAVY LOSS

Men Who Were in Mine Escaped Uninjured—Damage Estimated Eighty Thousand Dollars.

Nanaimo, May 30—Fire last night destroyed No. 1 pit head, the property of the Western Fuel Company, of San Francisco, the finest and most modern equipped on the Pacific Coast. The loss amounted to \$80,000, partially covered by insurance.

THE THIBETANS DRIVEN FROM STRONGHOLD

Communication With the British Mission Restored—A Lieutenant and Three Sepoys Killed.

His Plans Failed. Herman Durand Arrested in South Africa on Charges of High Treason.

Headwork of Shaft No. 1, Now Destroyed by Fire.

CYCLONE STRIKES TOWN IN ONTARIO

PROPERTY DAMAGED—TRAFFIC INTERRUPTED

Two Men Lost Their Lives While Driving Logs—A Farmer Killed by Lightning.

Amherstburg, Ont., May 27—A cyclone struck this town yesterday afternoon, raged for nearly an hour and left a trail of ruin in its wake when all was over.

THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC BILL PASSED THIRD READING EARLY FRIDAY

Measure Was Disposed of Before House Adjourned—Government Had Majority of Forty-Six.

Ontario, May 27—Robert Abbe, of Westwood, Man. near Harkiss, was thrown from a lumber wagon by a runaway team and instantly killed. He came from England.

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WINNIPEG NOTES.

Site Selected For Agricultural College Buildings—St. Boniface Assesses.

Winnipeg, May 27—The new agricultural college board has been organized, W. Lynch, of Fortage in Prairie, being chairman, and S. H. McKellar, secretary.

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BUDGET SPEECH ON TUESDAY NEXT

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Bright Prospects for Liberal Party in the West—Seeking Aid for Westminster Fair.

Million of Increase. The assessment roll of the town of St. Boniface was returned by the assessor Monday last. The total amount of property assessed is \$2,037,872, being a million higher than last year.

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