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HASTY FLIGHT OF THE RUSSIANS FROM DALNY

Town Occupied on Monday by Japanese Troops Who Found Much Valuable Property Uninjured--Running Fight Which Lasted All Night With Force of Cossacks.

St. Petersburg, May 31.—The report of the flight of Cossacks at Aiyangpien was the only news and almost the only topic of conversation in St. Petersburg last night. No official dispatches were given out last evening, but officers at military headquarters were reluctant to accept the Japanese dispatches. They think it possible that the Japanese met General Mitshenko's command, which recently has been raiding in Korea. It is formed of comparatively raw recruits, though now tolerably hardened by three months' campaigning. It is conceivable that they might have been defeated, but not General Mitshenko's. It is conceivable that they might have been defeated, but not General Mitshenko's. It is conceivable that they might have been defeated, but not General Mitshenko's. It is conceivable that they might have been defeated, but not General Mitshenko's. It is conceivable that they might have been defeated, but not General Mitshenko's.

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movement is not known, but it is believed that the troops are moving to the relief of Port Arthur. More contraband of war is arriving here. Two cargoes of flour and thread meats and some specie were raided to Mukden as soon as they were unloaded. Heavy arms are daily making the roads almost impassable. The Chinese brigades are becoming active. PREPARING FOR JAPS.

HAS BEEN BUSY.
Japs Believed to Have Mined Bay, on Which Vladivostok Is Situated.

CHINESE BANDITS
Will Be Executed Without Cases Being Referred to Authorities.

QUIET NEAR MUKDEN.
No Japanese Troops Sighted Within a Radius of Sixty Miles.

RUSSIAN SHIPS LOST.
Number of Torpedo Boat Destroyers Sunk by Mines Outside of Port Arthur.

REPORT DENIED.
Gen. Kouropatkin Is Not Senting Troops Towards Port Arthur.

ST. PETERSBURG, MAY 31.—The Russian press is sparse of its comment on the Kinchow affair, but there is an evident disinclination to accept the Japanese official reports in their entirety.

Seven Cossacks Killed in a Running Fight With the Japanese. St. Petersburg, May 31.—1.30 p.m.—The war office has received a detailed report of the fight at Aiyangpien (about 60 miles northeast of Feng Huang Cheng) on Saturday night in which two squadrons of Japanese infantry, numbering about 2,200 men, attacked five squadrons of the Cossacks. The Japanese losses were seven Cossacks killed and one officer wounded and nine horses killed.

FLIGHT FROM DALNY.
Russians Evacuated the City Leaving Much Valuable Property Uninjured.

Tokyo, May 31.—3 p.m.—The Russians evacuated Dalny so hastily that they failed to destroy much property which will prove highly valuable to the Japanese.

STRUCK BY SHELL.
Petty Officer on Japanese Gunboat Killed While Making Reconnaissance.

Tokyo, May 31.—Noon.—Four gunboats, two destroyers and two torpedo boats, sent to Port Arthur early on Monday morning by Vice-Admiral Togo, effected a careful reconnaissance, drawing a heavy fire from the land batteries. They discovered a new Russian searchlight station and one or two new forts on the Liao Tien Shan promontory. Number 3 gunboat was struck by a shell, which killed one petty officer, injured three men and damaged one of her guns. The other boats escaped without any damage.

RUSSIAN REPORT.
Claim Japanese Gunboat and Two Destroyers Were Sunk at Port Arthur.

Mukden, May 31.—The Japanese on the night of May 28th made another attempt to block Port Arthur, sinking merchant vessels in the harbor entrance. The attempt was discovered through the operation of a searchlight, and one Japanese gunboat and two torpedo boats were sunk. Two merchant boats were then retired.

RUSSIANS ON MOVE.
Moving Towards Kinchow and Are Believed to Be Trying to Reach Port Arthur.

Tientsin, May 31.—It is reported here that the first brigade of the Russian division, consisting of the first, second, third and fourth Siberian regiments, left Amursho, a point on the railroad about twenty miles south of Newchwang, for Kinchow yesterday. The purpose of this

movement is not known, but it is believed that the troops are moving to the relief of Port Arthur.

disinclination to accept the Japanese official reports in their entirety, the general tone of the papers indicates the belief that even the fall of Port Arthur would not decide the war. Much praise is given for the splendid defence at Nanshan made by the Russians against superior numbers.

successfully bring the crew back to Vice-Admiral Togo's squadron. **OKU'S PROCLAMATION.** Sets Forth the Position of Japan to Residents of Liao Tung Peninsula.

Tokyo, May 29.—General Oku, commanding the Japanese army now investing Port Arthur, has issued a proclamation setting forth that Japan was forced to appeal to arms on account of the unprovoked aggression of Russia in China and Korea. The proclamation declares that the Japanese army is fighting for the cause of justice, pledges protection to persons and property and non-interference with orderly citizens. It promises ample remuneration for all houses and food supplies requisitioned, and warns the people to refrain from assisting the Russians, under penalty of severe punishment.

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The Fujii is a first-class modern battleship of 13,200 tons, and has an armament belt from six to 15 inches thick. The armament of the Fujii is four 12-inch guns, ten 6-inch guns, twenty 3-pounders and four 4 1/2-pounders. She is 374 feet long and has five torpedo tubes. Her speed is estimated at over 19 knots, and her crew number 600 men. She was built in England, and was completed in 1897.

REPORT OF FIGHTING.
Dispatch Received in Rome Evidently Refers to Engagement With Cossacks.

London, June 1.—A special dispatch from Rome says a telegram has been received from Tokyo reporting that General Kouropatkin's forces near Saimantsa (probably Saimantsa or Simantsa). All the Russian positions east of Saimantsa, lasting from the morning of May 27th until daylight on May 30th, which resulted in severe losses on both

sides and the retirement of the Russians upon Saimantsa. The latter place is 35 miles north of Feng Huang Cheng.

OFFICIALS GLOOMY.
Tried Hard to Suppress News of Defeat of the Russians.

Tientsin, June 1.—Morning—A courier, who has arrived from Newchwang, says: "While it is known that the Russians received reports from Mukden last night, giving the losses sustained by them during the fighting at Kinchow and Nanshan hill and the conditions prevailing, they will not talk on the subject. The officials are desperately gloomy. The press bulletin giving the news of the fighting on Kwan Tung peninsula with the European commentary on the victory of the Japanese was suppressed on its arrival at Newchwang, but was released when the Russians learned that two copies of it were in possession of Englishmen, and were being shown to other people. The Tientsin newspapers which reached Newchwang last night were eagerly snapped up. Knots of officers stood in the streets, and in and about the club eagerly scanning the papers. Six hundred junk loads of supplies, mostly beans and grain purchased at Newchwang, were shipped to Liao Yang yesterday. These were the same supplies the Russians ordered from the Chinese in the interior at the time of the second evacuation scare, saying the Japanese would confiscate or burn them. The Russians were compelled to pay four times the price demanded a month ago. The Russians are again meddlesome with the telegraph offices between Newchwang and Shan Hai Kwan."

JAPS LOSSES.
Two Hundred Reported Killed in the Fight With Cossacks.

Liao Yang, May 30.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The Japanese lost two hundred killed and a number of horses killed in the fight at Yangenfuchu to-day.

JAPANESE PRISONERS.
Two Hundred and Six Officers and Men Have Arrived at Tomsk.

St. Petersburg, June 1.—Advises received by mail from Tomsk, Western Siberia, report the arrival there of a regiment of Japanese prisoners, consisting of

of the loss of some torpedo boat destroyers. How many is not mentioned, but it is indicated that there were at least two.

The heavy loss of life which accompanied the sinking of the cruiser Yoshino, as the result of colliding with the Japanese cruiser Kasuga on May 15th, was due to the smashing of five of her boats by falling masts. When the ships came together collision masts were used and a tarpaulin was placed over the helm, but it was impossible to stop the rush of water. The ship settled quickly, listing to the starboard. Capt. Gin Sayoki ordered the crew to take to the lifeboats, but they were unable to do so. The ship was struck on the port side, and one of the boats on the port side, but before they were lowered commenced to sink. The masts and davits smashed all the boats on the starboard side. Capt. Sayoki remained on the bridge and cried "banzai!" The sailors as they were entering the boats, when last seen he was shaking hands with Commander Ilvotarski and bidding farewell.

At this moment Lieutenant Naito sprang overboard and swam to the only cutter which had escaped from the wreck. He rowed to the cruiser Kasuga and returned with three boats, but no trace of the Yoshino or her crew could be found with the exception of six men, who had already been rescued by boats from the cruiser Chitose. The fog was so dense that the searchlight of the Kasuga, though not more than 600 metres distant, was only faintly discernible. The Kasuga struck the Yoshino on the port side, near the engines, and the force of the blow was so great that the dynamo of her lighting plant were destroyed, leaving the ship in darkness. The portrait of the Emperor aboard the Yoshino was rescued and carried to the Kasuga. Commander Honda, who commanded the flagship Totomi in the successful sealing of Port Arthur, arrived here today, Honda and the entire crew of the Totomi were defended by their terrible experience. The explosions and awful cannonade ruptured the tympanum of their ears. Commander Honda may recover the hearing of one ear, but he will be permanently deaf in the other. Honda and his comrades did not discover their unfortunate condition until they were leaving the ship. He alerted his orders to his men, yet he failed to hear his own voice, and he was forced to make signs in dictating his orders to order-

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All persons having claims against the estate of Arthur Robinson, who died on 18th February, 1904, are required, before the 12th June, 1904, to send to the undersigned administrators full particulars of their claims, duly verified, and the nature of any securities held by them. After said 12th June, 1904, I will proceed to distribute the assets of said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which I shall then have notice, and I will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person notice of whose claim shall not have been received by me at the time of such distribution.
Dated 11th March, 1904.
EMILIE ANNIE ROBINSON,
DUNCAN, B. C.

FOR SALE
Residence of Mr. W. J. Smith.
HILLSIDE AVENUE.
Tenders will be received up to noon of 15th June, 1904, for the purchase of Lots 205 and 206, Block 13, Hillside Extension of Work Estate, with brick residence thereon. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
CREASE & CREASE,
Victoria, B. C.,
Solicitors for the Mortgagees.

NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permits to purchase 40 acres of land, more or less, situated about three miles southeast of Hazelton, B. C., and described as follows: Commencing at a post on the Indian Reserve No. 8 (Tahiti) corner of the Indian Reserve No. 8 (Tahiti) thence north 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, following the meanderlines of the Bulkley River, thence west 20 chains to point of commencement.
JANE HILL,
Hazelton, B. C., February 17th, 1904.

FOR SALE—At Salt Spring Island, 1500 acres, some cleared, good fruit and poultry ranch. For particulars address J. Le Jeune, South Salt Spring Island.