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Life In the Besieged City

The Archibald Forbes of Russia Relates Experiences at Port Arthur.

Escaped From the Beleaguered Fortress on the Last Train Leaving.

Women From Doomed Dalny Were Sent For Safety to the City.

Liaoyang, May 15. — Nemirovich Danchenko, popularly known as the Russian Archibald Forbes, who is now in the service of the Associated Press, has just arrived here from Port Arthur and furnishes the following chronicle of the events of the first week of the investment of that fortress. Danchenko escaped from the beleaguered city by the last train.

"From Thursday, May 5th, the powerful fleet of the enemy's cruisers, the Adsuma, Azama, Idsumo, Iwate and another, the name of which is unknown, together with the flagship Mikasa and battleships Hatsuz, Asabi, Yashima and the Fuji remained constantly in sight at Port Arthur, departing every night and returning at daylight.

"The Japanese torpedo boats occasionally swept our coast with searchlights at night, while their barges lay in waiting off Pigeon bay beyond our vision on the western horizon and beneath the lofty hills that skirt the Liaotung gulf. Apparently the Japanese were watching to see if we intended to interfere with their landing farther north.

"Our communications with the northwest were broken Thursday and the following day the telegraph office in Port Arthur refused to accept our messages.

"Japanese cavalry reconnoitred the peninsula from the north to ascertain whether we were safely imprisoned. But this fact did not cause any particular impression in Port Arthur.

"The weather was beautiful, a band was playing on the boulevard and there were many persons unconcernedly promenading the streets. We heard the Japanese had fired on the last out-going train, carrying the Russian sick and wounded and had succeeded in wounding two of the passengers."

"Rumors also floated in announcing the destruction of the railroad and the blowing up of some of the bridges, but our spirits remained singularly undepressed. The military officers and men talked of nothing except a second siege of Sebastapol, although as a matter of fact Sebastopol had never been cut off from its communication on the land side.

"We can die like our forefathers," was the universal sentiment expressed.

"The Chinese continued working as usual, for the most part very lazily, but them attempting to escape. It seems that the sole defence of the Russian stronghold is in the hands of General Kondranko. He knew no rest, is ceaseless in his activity. The utmost vigilance prevaile throughout the fortifications, and the energy displayed by everyone from the highest to the lowest is marvelous. No one is now admitted to Port Arthur. The women from Dalny, which was doomed to destruction, sought shelter here, but were not allowed to remain any later than Friday of last week.

"The number of Chinese seeking work from the fortifications and as servants is more numerous than ever. As long as there is rice there will be Chinamen. The attitude of the Chinese authorities is changing and becoming threatening. The natives are clearly our friends and the authorities clearly antagonistic. For instance the governor of the province of Fuchow, northwest of us on the Liaotung peninsula, has announced that he will behead all the natives in our service very soon, and that he will burn Wafandian, one of the neighboring towns which has shown itself friendly to the Russians. After the skirmish at Wafandian, between the Japanese advance and the Russian guard, the governor executed the interpreter and the servant of Lieut. Helmer, the Russian military chief in charge of that section of the railroad.

"Beyond Cape Terminal the Japanese are landing immense stores of rice and siege guns. The surrounding heights are occupied by their scouts. The Japanese struck the railroad first between Saushillipo and Polandien, about fifty miles from here and blew up a section of the bridge with melinite."

TURKS EXTERMINATE THE ARMENIANS

French Official Despatches Now Confirm Burnings and Butcheries.

Paris, May 13.—An official despatch to the foreign office from Constantinople confirms the report that Turkish troops have burned villages throughout the Sassoun district of Armenia, killing the inhabitants. The French ambassador is sending consuls to Erzerum in the hope of limiting the destruction and bloodshed. However, the official advices, although brief, indicate that the work of exterminating the Armenians occupying the mountainous district of Sassoun is practically accomplished. The Turkish methods appear to have been much the same as those adopted during the Armenian massacres. The official reports do not give exact details as to the number of towns burned and people killed, but they show that the action of the Turks has been sweeping.

The French authorities were advised some time ago that Turkey was taking advantage of Russia's pre-occupation in the Far East and intended to adopt the decisive course towards the rebellious Armenians. The powers made an energetic protest. This delayed Turkey's action, which, however, has now been executed with the same severity as at first contemplated

WHEN YOUR CHILD SUFFERS.

For lack of knowledge of the value of Dr. Chase's Ointment as a cure for eczema, many a mother has been worn out in the effort to relieve her child of suffering. Eczema, scald head and other forms of itching skin disease are common to children, especially during the teething period. Though readily cured by Dr. Chase's Ointment, eczema, if neglected, becomes chronic and may last for years.

Russian Diplomacy.

London, May 14.—The Mail this morning publishes a despatch from Constantinople, according to which Russia is concentrating troops just beyond the Caucasus. The information, the despatch says, fixes the present total number of troops at 175,000.

ROSSLAND FOR BOSTOCK.

Rossland, B. C., May 13.—Rossland Liberals tonight unanimously endorsed the appointment of Hewitt Bostock to the vacant senatorship.

BLACK DIAMOND MINES SOLD.

San Francisco, May 13.—One of the largest mining deals in the history of recent years is the sale of the Black Diamond coal mines in Washington for $4,000,000 to the Pacific Coast Company, of this city. The Pacific Coast Company is a coal mining and importing company, an adjunct of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company.

CHINESE LABOR CONVENTION.

Applies to All British Possessions as Well as Transvaal.

London, May 13.—The Anglo-Chinese labor convention was signed by Foreign Minister Lansdowne and the Chinese minister at the foriegn office this afternoon. The convention applies to all British possessions. The word "Transvaal" is not mentioned.

U. S. LAND FRAUDS.

San Francisco, May 13.—After an examination which has been in progress for several weeks in the United States court, Commissioner Heacock decided today that F. A. Hyde and Henry P. Diamond, both of this city, should be held for trial at Washington, D. C., on an indictment found by the Federal grand jury of the District of Columbia charging Hyde and Diamond with conspiracy to defraud the United States government by illegally acquiring title to public lands. The bail of Hyde was fixed at $40,000 and that of Diamond at $25,000.

UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT.

Ashcroft, B. C., May 13.—G. Stuart Rose, electrician, son of H. G. Rose, a prominent Vancouver real estate man and formerly of Victoria, was accidentally killed at the Ashcroft Water & Electric Light Company's power house this morning. In endeavoring to stop a large gear wheel of the pump by placing a stick of timber through it, Ross lost his balance and fell beneath the timber. Jack screws had to be used in order to release the body from the immense weight. Death was probably instantaneous. The remains will be shipped to Vancouver tomorrow.

ANOTHER ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

Capt. Peary Preparing for a Four Year's Sojourn in Far North.

St. John's N. F., May 14.—Robert E. Peary, civ. engineer U. S. N., the Arctic explorer, is negotiating for the sealing steamer Eagle to convey him and a preliminary expedition to Littleton island, in the Greenland seas, during the present summer, where he will arrange for his polar expedition next season. Capt. Peary contemplates a sojourn of four years in the Arctic regions.

Professor King En Route West

The Dominion Astronomer Outlines Season's Work on Boundary Survey.

Each Government Will Send Three Parties Into the Field.

Winnipeg, May 13.—Prof. W. F. King, chief astronomer of the Dominion, is in the city, proceeding westward to make arrangements for a survey of the Alaska boundary, according to the joint tribunal's recent award. Discussing his mission, Professor King said: "I am commissioned by the imperial government to undertake this work, though the management and expense is, of course, the affair of the Dominion. The United States commissioner is O. H. Tittman, superintendent of ocean and geodetic surveys at Washington, and together we will mark the boundary as directed by the Alaskan boundary arbitrators.

"By the award certain mountain summits were decided upon as being the points of the line, and these are to be joined by a straight line to define the international line between Canada and the United States. The survey, of course, is a joint one and the Dominion and the States are each sending three parties. Two of these joint parties are to work on the Chilcat river, and the third will proceed up the Stickeen river. These representatives of both governments will work in conjunction in all that they do in connection with the delimitation of all the now settled boundary between Alaska and the northern portion of British Columbia and the Yukon.

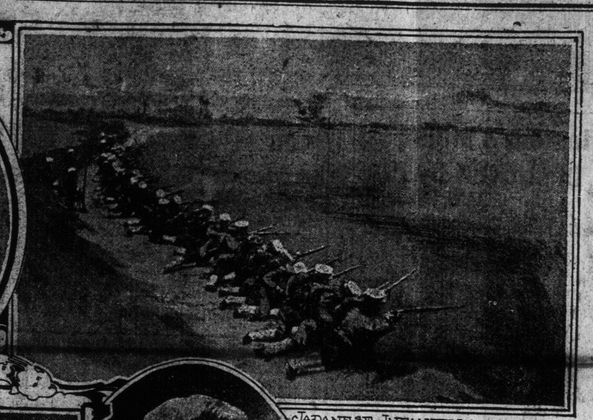
"My purpose in going to Vancouver is to complete the organization of our parties, and after that is through I shall return to the east for a short time. We can get to work actually by the end of this month if we start as scheduled by May 21st. Yes, we hope to be on the scope of operations by June 1st. The parties of each government consists of the usual surveyor's outfit of about eight or nine men apiece, comprising a surveyor, a couple of assistants, perhaps a cook, and four or five extra men. We shall take no horses with us as we expect to get what horses we may require up there. I am afraid that horses will not always be practicable on the mountain ranges and a certain amount of packing by men will have to be done.

"We made a topographical survey of the same region about ten years ago, obtaining information for the coming sitting of the tribunal. This was made in 1893-94 and 1895, and was also a joint survey, and we have pretty accurate information with regard to the territory that we are now proceeding to go over. The tribunal used that information and we are now going to lay the line as determined by that commission for all time."

NOT IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

London, May 14.—It has been definitely decided that Sir Henry M. Stanley, who died May 10, will not be buried in Westminster Abbey. A memorial service will be held there on the day of the funeral, May 17.

GENERAL HASEGAWA—PRINCE AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF IMPERIAL GUARD



JAPANESE INFANTRY ON THE FIRING LINE

Ralph Smith's Predicament

Greatly Perturbed Over Preston's Endorsation of Salvation Army Immigrants.

Lord Dundonald Thinks Terminal City Should Be Fortified.

Captain of the Ottawa's Rough Riders Succumbs to Injuries Caused By Fall.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 14.—Ralph Smith is greatly perturbed over W. T. Preston's endorsation of the Salvation Army's immigration scheme. He will ask if the government endorses the scheme.

Lord Dundonald has recommended that Vancouver city should be fortified.

James McGee, captain of the Ottawa Rough Riders, who was thrown from his horse last Tuesday, died this evening. He was the eldest son of J. J. McGee, clerk of the Privy Council, and a nephew of the famous Irish-Canadian martyr, D'Arcy McGee.

Capt. Norwood, of Dawson, has been given the right to divert water on Bonanza creek.

The Lumsdoons Lumber Company has been incorporated with a capital of $300,000. Messrs. Fowler and McCuntick, M. P.'s, are among the incorporators.

The Similkameen & Keremeos Railway Company is seeking a revival of its charter.

Arrangements for the fortifying of Partridge Island, St. John, N. B., are complete. The guns have been ordered in London, England, and will be delivered this season. They will be large enough to meet the attack of any warship.

The fish trap regulations will be ready for next Saturday's Canada Gazette. They have passed the cabinet.

A PROPHETIC BRITISHER.

General Wilkinson Tells New York Press That Japan Is Sure to Win.

New York, May 14.—Lieut.-General Sir Henry Clement Wilkinson, K. C. B. (retired), who arrived from Liverpool on the Campania today and who expressed strong pro-Japanese sympathies, said in an interview that Russia is practically sure to be beaten for the Japanese in the present struggle. He was equally sure that Russia will not be able to recover her lost prestige. He said that the sentiments he expressed were those of the officers of the British army and navy, who knew how well Japan was prepared for war and how helpless Russia was and is. He said further that Russia has been living for a long time on her past, and must be supposed to be spent on munitions of war and fighting ships was squandered or stolen. General Wilkinson declared that Japan, who is up to the most modern military tactics, will defeat Russia both on land and on sea as easily as she did China.

"The Russians may be a brave people," continued General Wilkinson, "but now they are not pitted against ignorant Turks. The Japanese are lively little fellows, good strategists and are provided with the latest implements of war. The disasters that have fallen the Russians are yet but small, and in the first great battle that takes place they will be annihilated by the Japanese."

IN WOMAN'S FAVOR.

Few treatments stand so high in woman's favor as Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. This is not only because of the extraordinary control which this preparation has over diseases and weakness peculiar to women, but also because of its power as a tissue builder. By weighing yourself while using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food you can prove that new flesh and weight is being added to the body.

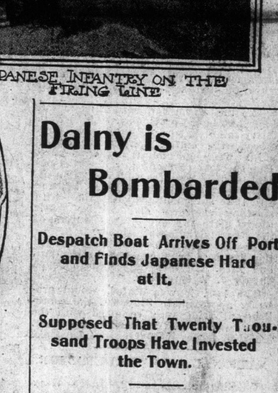
FORTUNE FOR BROTHER'S WIFE

Bristol, Tenn., May 14.—It appears tonight that Edward L. Wentz left a will, executed a few days before his death, in which he leaves his fortune to Mrs. D. B. Wentz, wife of a brother with whom he was closely associated through the years of their residence at Big Stone Gap. The report lends color to the theory of suicide, now firmly believed, in by many of those most conversant with the facts. A short time before death Wentz secured $250,000 by bequest from an uncle, and it is this money that passes by Wentz's will.

JOHN BULL INVOLVED.

Washington, May 14.—It is possible that Great Britain may become involved in the threatened clash between Brazil and Peru. United States Minister Thompson cables the state department today from Petropolis that Brazilian officers yesterday stopped a British ship at Manaos while she was making her way up the Amazon river, on the ground that she had aboard 200 cases of ammunition destined for the Peruvian military forces in the up-river country, the possession of which is now a subject of dispute between Brazil and Peru. As there has been no declaration of war, it is expected that the British government will enter a protest against the stoppage of the ship as illegal.

GENERAL KUROKI



GENERAL ASSITCHENKO

Losing Confidence In Kuropatkin

Military Critics Satisfied That Russian Siberian Army Was Overestimated.

Great Congestion In Traffic at Lake Baikal Owing to the Ice.

Paris, May 14.—French confidence in Russian prowess is much shaken as a result of the recent developments concerning the weakness of General Kuropatkin's land forces. The early Japanese successes were accepted as merely preliminary, it being believed by the officials and public here generally that Kuropatkin was concentrating a vast force, approximately 400,000 men, which would eventually annihilate the small Japanese army.

The military experts of the Figaro and other leading journals have sought to demonstrate that Kuropatkin's success was a mathematical certainty, on the ground that his force was four times greater than that of the Japanese. But the reports of the last ten days have shown a constant shrinkage of Kuropatkin's army, until now it is generally accepted in official circles that he has not over 200,000 men, including those bottled up at Port Arthur and in other garrisons.

The announcement that the Russian commander has put off taking the offensive until July in order to secure reinforcements, adds to the belief that his strength has heretofore been greatly over-estimated. However, the officials and the public generally continue to believe that General Kuropatkin is working out a strategic plan, attracting the Japanese far inland, where ultimately he will overwhelm them, but the feeling of confidence is steadily diminishing.

Official advices received here today say there is an enormous congestion of military forces near Irktusk, owing to the inability of the troops to cross Lake Baikal, the floating ice still preventing the passage of the boats, and a detour around the foot of the lake requiring seven days. Therefore, a large force is held back until it is possible to cross the lake. It is the belief here that these troops may sufficiently augment Kuropatkin's strength to permit him to take the offensive.

WILL BE ACCOMMODATED.

Mukden, May 14.—Grand Duke Boris has left here and rejoined General Kuropatkin's staff at Liaoyang. The Grand Duke is anxious to see some fighting.

HE CONFESSES TO FIENDISH CRIME

Frenchman's Statement of Fearful Tragedy Enacted Near Canmore.

Calgary, N. W. T., May 13.—Francois Marret was committed for trial before Magistrate Worsley at Canmore on the charge of murdering his brother, John Marret. After being properly warned, he made a full, complete statement. He said that he slept with his brother. He had decided to kill him on the night before, and about midnight went downstairs, took the axe and brought it upstairs and took it to bed with him. At 5 o'clock he got up, took the axe, and, while his brother was sleeping, hit him over the head. The body moved and he hit again. He then took the body on his shoulders and carried it to the river and threw it in. He threw it in the river so that the ghost of it would not come back to worry him. He then went to a neighbor to get a map to take his brother's place to work. He said he killed his brother because his brother had tried to kill him by using an electric machine. He had never seen the machine, but had often heard it. Dr. Richardson testified that there had been ten distinct wounds, any one of which would have caused death. The trial will take place this week.

Russian Report From the Front

Japanese Cavalry Seen at Points on Railway Above Port Arthur.

Rumor of Imminent Chinese Rising Against Russians and Christians.

St. Petersburg, May 14.—The general staff has received a despatch dated May 13th, from Major-General Kuropatkin as follows: "A Japanese detachment of about 1,000 infantry and two squadrons of cavalry advanced May 12th towards Polandien, where it did slight damage to the railway line. A train from Dalny, bearing families of employees, was obliged to return there. The Japanese withdrew in the evening. The Wafandian station was closed about midnight May 12-13th. During the night of May 13th Polandit was illuminated by the searchlights of the Japanese ships in Adams bay.

"On May 13th detachments of Japanese troops were observed in the neighborhood of Polandit, on the slope of the Erkskulin mountain and in the valley of the Manuko river, about seven and one-half miles east of Siuyen. Chinese bands are aggressive in the main road between Fengwangcheng and Saimatsi. A strong band of Chinese brigands have been sighted near the station at Yantia.

"Major-General Pflug, telegraphing under date of May 13th, says the Japanese have evacuated Kwantiensien, and a column of the enemy, about a division strong, is marching on Siuyen and the Tayang river. According to information there are considerable forces of the enemy around north of Takushan. The Koreans are destroying the telegraph line between Kengtchen and Sentchin.

"According to information from the front guards and missionaries at Tapatesatze, twenty-five miles southwest of Huptchentsi, a Chinese rising against Russians and Christians is being prepared."

DIVES TO DEATH IN FLAME.

Raleigh, N. C., May 14.—"Professor" Danton, a Hungarian diver, circled in flames, tonight dived to death from a 110-foot ladder. He made a miscalculation, his head and shoulders striking the side of a tank of water, into which he intended to dive.

FIRED ON RED CROSS TRAIN.

St. Petersburg, May 14.—In an official despatch from Mukden, under date of May 14, Major-General Pflug reports that the exhaustive inquiries regarding the allegation that the Japanese fired on a Red Cross train bound from Port Arthur May 6th, prove that the Red Cross flag was flying on the train as it left Tainjua, and that not a shot was fired from the train, which was carrying only Russians who were ill. The Japanese, General Pflug says, opened fire spontaneously and only ceased when the train was beyond range.

PLEASED WITH THE SHIP.

Trial Board Returns After Trip on Board Missouri.

Newport News, Va., May 14.—The battleship Missouri returned this afternoon to Hampton Roads after a successful trip to sea. The trial board, which has been aboard for twenty-four hours, returned to Washington tonight. This was the final acceptance trial. The members of the board, it is apparent, are pleased with the ship's performance and will hand in a favorable report. The Missouri will go into drydock for repairs.

CONGRESS OF MOTHERS.

Great Gathering of Special Educationalists in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., May 14.—James Hughes, of Toronto, Ont., addressed the National Congress of Mothers in Handel hall, in the University of Chicago, today. In explaining his subject, "Education for the Art of Life," Mr. Hughes said that the child should be so educated that he should achieve the best, not only for himself but for his race. A plea for teaching the worship of Divinity was made by Mrs. E. C. Grice, of Paterson, N. J., corresponding secretary of the National Congress. Mrs. E. R. Weeks, of Kansas City, Mo., spoke on conducting parents' and teachers' meetings.

Dalny is Bombarded

Despatch Boat Arrives Off Port and Finds Japanese Hard at It.

Supposed That Twenty Thousand Troops Have Invested the Town.

Landing of Second Army Corps Was Completed at Pitsewo Friday.

Chicago, May 14.—A special from Chefoo to the Daily News says: "When the Daily News' despatch boat Fawn arrived off Dalny early this morning a heavy bombardment was in progress. As the channel was thickly mined by the Russians and the Japanese Admiral, Katsoka, had issued strict orders that non-combatant boats were to be excluded, it was impossible to get within the roadstead, hence an accurate report of the proceedings is impossible. As far as it was possible to ascertain, the armored cruiser Yakamo, four other cruisers, one gunboat and one battleship, having cleared the channel, entered the harbor shortly after daylight and began a heavy fire, which was still in progress at noon. It is estimated that 20,000 Japanese troops are investing the town, and there is every reason to believe that they delivered the assault this afternoon and are now in possession of the city. It is understood that the landing of the second army was completed yesterday at Pitsewo. There are now 50,000 Japanese troops on the peninsula."

Advance Guard Moves Forward

First Japanese Army Pushes Outposts on Towards Liaoyang.

Strong Entrenchments Being Erected and Movements Made With Care.

Liaoyang, May 13.—The advance guard of the first Japanese army has appeared six miles below Liienchenkuan on the road to Liaoyang. It is not making any further advance, but is erecting strong fortifications. The Japanese movements were made with the greatest care.

A persistent report is current that a Russian squadron of cavalry succeeded in getting behind the Japanese, who were several squadrons strong and is occupying Kuandiansan. The unexpected appearance of the Russians caused the Japanese immediately to evacuate the town and to retire towards the Yalu. The report is believed to be correct.

Prof. Karavieff, who has arrived on a train from Port Arthur, asserts that he saw near Polandien station the body of a Russian cut into quarters. In a skirmish near Polandien one of the patrol was wounded. On the approach of the Japanese the soldier feigned death, and it is said a Japanese officer shot him in the mouth. Colonel Elshen, who has returned from a reconnaisance of the district near the Rivar Taitsi, was attacked on May 9th by Chinese bandits. One Cossack and two porters were killed by the bandits, who were driven out.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR THIBET.

Simla, British India, May 13.—Half a battalion of Fusiliers and half a battalion of native infantry, with four tenpounder guns, have been warned to prepare for service in Thibet.

JEWEL ROBBERY.

New York, May 13.—Mrs. Gay, an American, arrived at Cherbourg from New York on Monday last. On obtaining possession of her baggage, says a despatch form Paris, she missed a valise containing $20,000 worth of jewels. The police are searching for the thief. Mrs. Gay is the wife of Charles Gay, a leading Hawaiian sugar planter.

A BOLD IMPERSONATOR.

Defrauds Vancouverites Through Remarkable Likeness to Victorian.

Vancouver, May 13.—(Special.)—A man giving the name of Norman Bradley has been posing during the last week in Vancouver and Westminster as a son of David Spencer, of Victoria. The likeness to a son of Mr. Spencer was so remarkable that a number of former Victoria residents were taken in as a result of the young man's borrowing tour. He borrowed in small sums upwards of one hundred dollars as a son of David Spencer, but the theft of a valise resulted in his arrest, and he is now in the city jail.

The Chinese Make Attack

St. Petersburg Caused Great Uneasiness By the Latest News From Manchuria.

Fear Expressed That the Uprising May Affect All Christians.

Japanese Propaganda Blamed For the Far-Reaching Movement.

St. Petersburg, May 14.—Disquieting news regarding the attitude of the Chinese is contained in despatches from officers at the front issued by the general staff today. In addition to giving further details of cutting off of Port Arthur and confirming the report of the Japanese advance upon Liaoyang, these despatches state specifically that the Chinese have commenced hostilities against the Russians. Major-General Karkevich reports that the Chinese attacked his outposts on the Fengwangcheng road leading to Saimitsi.

General Pflug telegraphs that, according to reports of patrols and missionaries, the Chinese at Tapadziatsi, 160 miles northwest of Mukden, and just outside the Russian sphere of influence, are preparing to rise against the Russians and Christians generally. As showing the extent of the hostile attitude of the Chinese, attention is particularly called to the fact that the distance in an air line from the point where the Russian outposts were attacked and Tapadziatsi, is 200 miles.

The authorities say that this matter affects not only Russia but the whole civilized world, as it is feared that the rising will spread to other parts of the empire. The hostile attitude of the Chinese is attributed to the action of the Japanese in spreading reports of their successes and magnifying their victories at Port Arthur and on the Yalu. This propaganda has been active recently in all parts of China.

So far as the railway is concerned, while it is admitted here today a Chinese outbreak will be a new source of danger, preparations have been perfected by General Kuropatkin to ensure the protection of this artery, which is vital to the supply of his army. It is a matter of satisfaction to the authorities that the Koreans are proving more friendly than the Chinese, as is shown by the reports of destruction by them of the telegraph wires used by the Japanese in northern Korea.

CHINESE NEUTRALITY.

Washington, D. C., May 14.—United States Minister Conger reports by cable to the state department from Pekin that the Chinese government has reiterated its determination to observe the strictest neutrality and has asserted its ability to do so.

THE PEACE PROPOSALS.

Berlin, May 14.—Nothing is known at the foreign office regarding the report telegraphed from Berlin that there is a strong probability of peace through the war party urging the Czar to end the trouble.

ANOTHER OFFICIAL DENIAL.

Berlin, May 14.—The National Zeitung, which maintains close relations with high financial circles in Berlin, denies, upon trustworthy information, the statement printed in London that Russia has opened negotiations with Berlin banks for a loan of $175,000,000.

MILL HAND'S DEATH.

Falls on Revolving Saw and Is Cut in Two.

Everett, May 14.—William Erickson, of 1507 Rockefeller avenue, employed at McNeeley Shingle Mill No. 1, fell upon a bolt saw late this afternoon. He was beheaded and both arms and legs were cut off, and with the exception of his face, which was unmarred, the body was badly mangled. Deputy Coroner Challacombe took the body in charge and an inquest will probably be held tomorrow. Erickson was engaged in pulling shingle bolts away from the drag saw. According to witnesses the hook which he used in his work was not fastened firmly in one of the bolts, and when he pulled on it, it slipped out. Erickson lost his balance and fell back upon the big power bolter. Death was instantaneous.

Erickson leaves a wife and several children.

ISAAC BURPEE IN BAD TROUBLE

Dawson Man Arrested Upon Defalcation Charge on Complaint of Partner.

Dawson, Y. T., May 12.—Isaac Burpee, of Dawson, was arrested at St. Louis by Detective Welch, of the Northwest Mounted Police service at Dawson, charged with heavy defalcations by his former partner, Ernest Schoff, a leading Dawson druggist. A warrant was issued here several months ago for the arrest. Burpee left Dawson last fall and went to St. Louis, where he opened a grocery. Schoff had Pinkertons shadow Burpee until extradition proceedings were arranged through the minister of justice at Ottawa.

The police here are informed that Burpee is making a big fight to resist extradition. He is understood to have much money available for engaging the best counsel. Burpee is a nephew of Senator Wark, Canada's famous centenarian member of parliament, and a nephew of Colonel Domville, another member of the Canadian parliament. Burpee hails from Nova Scotia, where he is highly connected. His brother was arrested here last year, charged with robbery of the mails, but released on the plea of insanity. Burpee was associated with Schoff in Duncan creek trading.

A SUDDEN CHANGE.

Berlin, May 15.—The newspapers of all parties have suddenly begun vieing with one another in praise of Japan's military genius and prophesy the continued defeat of the Russians. Several morning journals openly declare that the Russian cause is lost, one intimating that Russia will prefer to make an attempt to recover her prestige in another sphere, evidently meaning Southern Asia, rather than to continue the struggle in Manchuria indefinitely.