

GREAT RUSSIAN LAND VICTORY REPORTED; VLADIVOSTOCK FLEET ENGAGED OFF GENSAN

Another Bloody Fight in Which Japs Lost 10,000.

TOGO STILL BEFORE PT. ARTHUR

Hordes of Korean Bandits Prepared to Rise in the Event of a Jap Defeat.

London, May 5. — 4:02 p.m. — A dispatch to the Central News from St. Petersburg says a rumor is current there that a second battle has been fought at Kiu Lien Cheng, in which the Russian loss was 7,000, the Japanese loss 10,000 men, and resulted in the Japanese being driven back in disorder. The dispatch adds that no confirmation of the report is obtainable.

London, May 5. — A dispatch to the Central News, dated at Seoul, Tuesday, says:

"Heavy cannonading was heard off Gensan (on the east coast of Korea) on Monday and this morning. It is supposed that Rear-Admiral Uriu's fleet has succeeded in engaging the Russian Vladivostock squadron."

A rumor to the effect that the Japanese had succeeded in bringing the Russian Vladivostock squadron to bat-

tle off Vladivostock, was circulated in Paris yesterday, but up to this morning no confirmation had been obtained. Evidently this dispatch refers to the same rumor.

TOGO THERE AGAIN.

Port Arthur, May 4. — The enemy's ships were visible, cruising on the horizon this evening, and a fresh attack is anticipated.

It has been ascertained that twelve fresh ships participated in the latest attempt to block the entrance to the harbor. The vessels of eight of these have been definitely located, the positions of the remaining two, unable to withstand the terrific fire of the Russian guns, turned back. The average tonnage of the fresh ships exceeded 2,000 tons. They were the Shikata, Kokura, Asagao, Mikawa, Totomi, Fudasan, Yodo, Nagata, Otsu, Sagami, Aikoku and Sakusa, the latter of 3,000 tons.

This dispatch makes no mention, it will be noticed, of the blocking of the harbor, as reported in Tokyo. The first dispatch from Port Arthur expressly stated that the attack failed to close the channel.

London, May 5. — A Tokyo dispatch from the Central News states that after the steamers had been sunk at the entrance to Port Arthur harbor, the Japanese fleet bombarded the fort and town on May 3. The bombardment was continued on the morning of May 4th.

JAP FLEET OF FORTY.

Chefoo, May 5. — 9 p.m. — Chinese junk which have arrived here report that a fleet of forty Japanese warships and transports was off Wei Hai Wei, on Tuesday, steaming northwest.

THE DAUNTLESS JAPS

Crews of Togo's Fireships Died Fighting and Cheering.

Port Arthur, May 5. — The Japanese displayed desperate courage in their fire-ship attack on the night of Tuesday. The ships, as they approached, were divided into three groups, all heading straight for the entrance of the harbor. While still far from the shore they ran on the Russian mines and they were under a murderous fire from the Russian batteries. Three torpedo boats followed the fireships to pick up the crews of the latter. When the first ship foundered the crew clambered up the mast, cheering for the Emperor of Japan, as they went down. From the masthead of the second vessel, as she began to sink, her crew waved lanterns to indicate her course to those astern. Their small boats, though soon riddled, did not raise the white flag.

A Japanese sailor, who came ashore at Electric Hill, when summoned to surrender, sprang forward with a revolver in his hand and died fighting. Another Japanese sailor who was pulled out of the water tried to throttle himself with his necktie.

One of the Russian rowboats which approached a sinking ship for the purpose of saving her crew, was met by a small arm fire. The Russian sailors showed every consideration for the captured Japanese, wrapping them up in their own coats and carrying them ashore. One of the rescued Japanese officers committed suicide by disemboweling himself, declaring he would rather die than go home in disgrace.

POPE SENDS PROTEST

An Official Note Protesting Against Loubets Visit to Rome.

Rome, May 5. — The Osservatore Romano, the Vatican organ, publishes an official note saying that the Holy See considers President Loubet's visit to Rome as the gravest offense against its dignity and rights, and, therefore, has sent to the French Government a formal and energetic protest, which has been communicated to the other governments in diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

KIDNAPPED THE BAKERS

Strikers Carry Off All But Two Brought from St. Louis.

Chicago, May 5. — An attempt to import twenty-nine bakers from St. Louis to fill the places of strikers resulted yesterday in a complaint to the police that twenty-seven of the twenty-nine had been kidnapped by members of the Chicago Bakers' Union. Two of the striking bakers were arrested and the police are looking for the twenty-seven men who have disappeared. The men arrived in Chicago and started in a body for the plant of the Schulz Baking Company, where they had been promised employment. When within half a block of the plant they were surrounded by several hundred union bakers' sympathizers. The bakers wanted to be taken to work at the plant, but the strikers refused to accept work at the beleaguered bakery. Some of the non-union bakers, however, and a night started a riot call was heard. When the police arrived the crowd had disappeared. Only two of the St. Louis bakers were seen in reaching the Schulz plant, and the others had been spirited away.

138 YEARS OF AGE

Son, Aged Ninety, of World's Oldest Man, in Windsor.

Windsor, Ont., May 5.—Felix Mays, of Bombay, India, passed through Windsor yesterday on his way to Detroit, where he interviews Mayor Mather, in company with his mother and father. Mr. Mays is 90 years of age, and was born in Bombay, while his father and mother are said to be, respectively, 138 and 118 years of age. They are both Chinese Indians and were born in the United States, leaving for India over 60 years ago. Both are hale and hearty, and the elder Mays can claim to be probably the oldest living man in the world.

BALFOUR ON COTTON

The Congress at Zurich and Gambling in Futures.

London, May 5. — Premier Balfour declines to commit the Government to any official part in the proposed international cotton congress at Zurich, Switzerland. In a letter on the subject he points out that little assistance can be expected from other nations in the efforts to increase the supply of raw material.

With regard to gambling in futures, Mr. Balfour says it is difficult to distinguish between legitimate and illegitimate transactions, and he is doubtful, therefore, of the possibility of finding any legal remedy. With regard to limiting the output, he considers that it would be improper for any government to offer an opinion.

BOARDED UP PUMPS

The Hotelkeepers of Blenheim Seeking for Revenge.

Blenheim, Ont., May 5. — The temperance people of Blenheim carried a local option bylaw and now the hotelkeepers are getting even. The latter's licenses expired on Sunday, and they at once closed their hotels and refused to give either board or lodging to the traveling public. The hotelkeepers have gone the limit in their idea of squaring matters for themselves and have boarded up the pumps in front of their hotels, and farmers coming to town are forced to go to private houses to secure water for themselves and horses. The temperance people say they will open houses of entertainment in the town.



Wanted—A Corkscrew. Apply to Emperor Nicholas, St. Petersburg.

OPEN REBELLION SAYS REDMOND

Repeal of the Irish Crimes Bill Defeated—Causes Remarkable Statement.

London, May 5.—The House of Commons yesterday, by a vote of 187 to 124, rejected a resolution in favor of the repeal of the Irish Crimes act. Geo. Wyndham, chief secretary for Ireland, in opposing the motion, charged the repeal of the act with the anticipation of a recurrence of social disorders in Ireland, but said that the repeal of the act would do no harm by reviving the angry passions now laid at rest.

BABY BURIED ALIVE.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., May 5. — Mrs. Lottie Desroche has been sent to the supreme court for trial charged with the murder of her infant by burying it alive in the sand at Tracadie Beach.

A \$100,000 FIRE.

Detroit, Mich., May 5. — A special from Republic, Mich., says: "A large part of the business portion of Republic was destroyed by fire today. The losses will reach \$100,000. The buildings destroyed include the Finnish Co-operative Store, the South Shore and Atlantic Railroad depot, and the business blocks of Munson and Peterson, and J. Outberg, also several large warehouses."

WEATHER BULLETIN.

TOMORROW—FINE AND WARM.

London, Thursday, May 5.
Sun rises 5:30 a.m. Moon rises 12:30 mid.
Sun sets 7:24 p.m. Moon sets 3:58 a.m.
Toronto, May 4-5 a.m.
The weather remains unsettled and showery in the Northwest Territories, attended by numerous thunderstorms. Elsewhere in Canada it continues very fine and everywhere quite warm.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Dawson, 34-50; Victoria, 42-50; Calgary, 32-42; Q'Appelle, 46-52; Winnipeg, 54-50; Port Arthur, 34-54; Parry Sound, 46-72; Toronto, 42-72; Ottawa, 52-50; Montreal, 56-76; Quebec, 42-78; St. John, 38-48; Halifax, 32-72.

FORECASTS.

Thursday, May 5-8 a.m.
Today—Light to moderate winds; fine and warm.
Friday—East to south winds; fine and warm.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary 30 25 Clear
Winnipeg 58 56 Cloudy
Toronto 48 48 Fair
Ottawa 50 50 Fair
Montreal 60 54 Clear
Quebec 56 54 Cloudy
Father Point 48 48 Clear

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather remains cool and showery in the Territories, and elsewhere very fine and warm.
The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 3 p.m. Wednesday were: Highest, 72°; lowest, 42.5°.

THE WAR NEWS.

All the correspondents of the London papers cable that Togo has at last sealed the entrance to Port Arthur. While the report is unofficial, the fact that this morning a fleet of 40 Jap warships and transports was seen heading north, goes to show that Togo was successful. Heavy firing off Gensan is reported, and it is rumored at Paris that the Vladivostock squadron has been enticed from port and his engaged the Japs. It is reported that a second land battle has been fought at Kiu Lien Chang, the Japs being repulsed with a loss of 10,000 men. The Russian loss was 1,000.

CHICAGO FEARS GIANT LOCKOUT

50,000 Workmen in the Building Trades Soon To Be Idle.

Chicago, May 5. — Fifty thousand workmen employed in the building trades in Chicago will be thrown out of work within forty-eight hours, according to the statements of the officials of the association of manufacturers and dealers in building materials, unless a speedy settlement is reached between the stone, lime and cement workers and their employers. Nearly 1,000 teamsters hauling building and street work material were locked out yesterday, because the union had called a strike in two cases, and work on a number of buildings was stopped because the supply of building materials had been exhausted. When contractors appealed to the territorial men to rush their orders, they were told that no more material would be furnished until a settlement of some kind had been reached with the unions. As none of the contractors has more than a meagre supply of material on hand, construction of buildings, sidewalks, and other work of that character will be at a standstill unless the controversy is speedily settled.

BADLY CRUSHED.

Walkerville, Ont., May 5. — Walter Lund, a foreman at the Canadian Bridge works, while unloading girders with several other men, was pinned to the ground by one of the girders and badly crushed about the head and chest. He is now at Hotel Dieu.

FUNERAL OF LATE W.F. MCCREARY, M.P.

Commoners and Senators Attend Service at Ottawa—Sent to Winnipeg.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Ont., May 5. — The remains of the late W. F. McCreary, M. P., who died suddenly in the Russell House were forwarded today to Winnipeg by the afternoon train. Service was held at the undertaker's, Rev. G. W. Salton, of the Dominion Methodist Church, conducting the service. Mr. Sifton and other members looked after the arrangements.

All the cabinet ministers and Liberal members, the leader of the Opposition and his following in Parliament, were in attendance. The room was too small for many to be present while the service was going on, but there was a steady going and coming on the part of the parliamentary representatives, both commoners and senators, as well as many citizens of Ottawa, all forenoon. When everyone Mr. McCreary was a great favorite, and his sudden death caused a gloom over Parliament.

Six Dominion policemen carried the coffin to and from the hearse. An immense crowd followed the remains to the Central depot. Mr. Stewart, M. P., Mr. Puttee, M. P., and Dr. Douglas, M. P., accompanied the body to Winnipeg.

There was a Government caucus called for 11 o'clock. A resolution of condolence with Mrs. McCreary and family was passed. The caucus was called some days ago to consider among other things the claims of the shareholders of the Chicago scheme, but no action was taken. The caucus adjourned shortly before 12 o'clock to attend the funeral.

MURDERERS DIE TOGETHER

Three to Be Hanged From the Same Scaffold For Crime.

Nashville, Tenn., May 5.—From the same scaffold, three murderers will take the drop into eternity together at Winchester, Franklin County, Tenn., today. The crime for which John Delp, John Evans and Henry Judge will pay the penalty was a particularly atrocious one.

On Aug. 3, 1903, Delp and Evans called at the home of aged Simon Bucher, in the mountains near Winchester, enticed the old man into his garden and shot him in the back. Leaving him for dead they returned to the cabin, shot Mrs. Bucher down and set fire to the house. Next morning a passing horseman discovered the ruins and found Bucher with enough life in him to make a statement which led to the arrest of Delp and Evans. Their confessions implicated Henry Judge, who they said hired them to do the murders, promising a payment of \$125. Judge's motive, it was alleged, was to get free access to cut timber which stood on lands, which Bucher was employed to watch.

TAKES HIS CUE FROM NAPOLEON

Kuropatkin Striving to Prevent Junction of Japs.

ZASSALITCH HAS BEEN RECALLED

Relieved of His Command for Disobedience to Orders in Fight On the Yalu.

St. Petersburg, May 5. — Attempted landings are now momentarily anticipated off New Chwang and the head of the Korean Bay. Occupying an interior line and pursuing the tactics of Napoleon, Kuropatkin's problem will be to prevent a junction of the enemy's forces. It is necessary for him to await the development of the Japanese plans and ascertain the direction, strength and objective of the column will come, before deciding how to fight his adversary in detail. It is believed here that the Japanese plans for concerted action have been embarrassed by their failure to block the entrance to Port Arthur Tuesday, and a repetition of the attack on the strait is being contemplated. The Russian Gibraltar is momentarily expected. Vice-Admiral Togo's fleet was sighted off Port Arthur last night, and indeed unconfirmed rumors say he was attacked at daylight this morning, and that fighting is now in progress there. At least the cutting off of Port Arthur, if not the fate of the fortress, depends in the opinion of the general staff upon Gen. Kuropatkin's preventing a junction of the Japanese forces.

It is understood that Gen. Zassalitch has already been relieved of his command for disobedience of orders, and that his action is under investigation. In connection with the obstinate stand made by the Russians at the Yalu against instructions, and in face of an overwhelming superiority of men and especially of guns, an interesting bit of history of what occurred during the maneuvers near St. Petersburg last summer is being recounted, which illustrates this in Gen. Zassalitch's character. He commanded an infantry division and insisted on storming the heights commanded by artillery and in the face of a fire which theoretically wiped out his command. The judges of the high court that they regarded the blunder with a zero mark against the general's name.

Under the old rules and traditions of the Russian army the second and third batteries of the Third Artillery Brigade and the third battery of the Third Brigade, which lost 100 men at the battle of Kiu Lien Cheng, would be stricken from the army list forever. The names of batteries losing guns and those of officers who were killed or otherwise disgracing themselves formerly disappeared from the list. This was the case of the celebrated immortal Imperial Guard, which participated in the conspiracy against Emperor Nicholas. Only a few years ago the regulations were amended, owing to a realization of the fact that it would work great injustice in the case of batteries and regiments forced by circumstances to sacrifice themselves, as was the case of Sunday.

TO WRITE OFF \$1,500,000

Western and British-American Insurance Will Issue New Stock.

Toronto, May 5. — As a result of meetings of the directors of the Western Assurance Company, Ltd., and British-American Assurance Company, held yesterday and last night, it was decided to write off from the paid-up capital stock of the former company, which at present stands at \$2,000,000, the sum of \$1,500,000, and from the assets of the latter company, which stands at \$1,000,000, the sum of \$500,000, for which amounts new stock will be issued. This step is, of course, due to the recent conflagration at Hamilton and Toronto, in the course of which the two companies fared badly, as well as in the latter.

BATTERY FOR HAMILTON

What Kingston Loses Will Be Gained by Ambitious City.

Hamilton, May 5. — Col. Weatherbee, of the militia department, Ottawa, who was in the city yesterday, is the authority for the statement that it is the intention of the Government to move a Battery, Kingston, to Hamilton. He says that Hamilton has proved to be a good recruiting ground for the militia, and that the Government would establish a permanent infantry corps here with Major Ross in command. When improvements are made to the drill hall property the present building will be used largely for a riding school and school for gunnery.

KIDNAPPING DELEGATES

Strenuous Methods Pursued at American Party Convention.

Peoria, Ill., May 5.—The Republican congressional convention of the sixteenth district, held here, developed a sensational incident when, at the opening of the convention, with his coat split up the back and covered with dust, his collar torn, his necktie gone and his whole attire in disorder, H. B. Pinkerton, a delegate from Hanna City, rushed into the hall, mounted the platform and declared that Lucas Butts, the county clerk and a candidate for congressional committee, had only a few minutes before attempted to kidnap him, and had run him off in a motor car, from which he had escaped after a desperate struggle. The man's story seemed absolutely incredible, but later developments proved the statement true.

Pinkerton was met on the corner by Butts and two other men. He was asked to enter a carriage to go to dinner at a hotel. When they reached the hotel Butts stepped out, and when Pinkerton attempted to follow him the other two, whose names are unknown, threw him to the bottom of the vehicle. He then ordered the driver to drive on. Pinkerton fled the door open and rolled out into the street. He then went to the convention hall, where he told his story. Butts became alarmed, left the city, and was not present at the convention, where he was defeated by an overwhelming vote. Later in the evening he returned and confessed to the attempted abduction.

Togo Turned the Trick; Pt. Arthur Corked at Last

Tokio Reports That Russians Are Helplessly Trapped.

Sealed the Harbor at Great Cost in Ships and Men.

Crews of Jap Fireships Went Down Fighting—Would Not Surrender—Officer Suicides.

London, Thursday, May 5. — The Tokyo correspondent of both the Daily Telegraph and the Daily Chronicle assert that Port Arthur is effectively "corked." Another Tokyo dispatch dated 9 p.m., Wednesday, says: "The reports which have been received here of the successful blocking of the entrance to Port Arthur harbor by the Japanese, coming on the heels of the news of the victory on the Yalu River, turned Tokyo into a city of jubilation, and tonight thousands of men carrying lanterns, swinging high from bamboo poles, paraded through the city. Half a dozen bands of music led the various processions. The officers of the war and navy departments and the assembly of the city were with them with cheers. Then the throng demanded Admiral Ito, chief of the general staff, to lead the parade on the Yalu during the Chino-Japanese war. He appeared in response to the calls of the people, and saluted the crowd. It had not been long since the news of the Port Arthur engagement would come from Vice-Admiral Togo some time during the day, but none were received."

The opinion gains ground in London that the Japanese have at last effectively blocked Port Arthur. The Japanese report on the subject has yet been received, but the Tokyo correspondents are very positive regarding the matter. The Daily Telegraph's correspondent declares that the entrance to Port Arthur is "absolutely sealed," and adds that the Japanese fleet in effecting its purpose, steamed into the entrance at full speed, and that the naval officers who made the two previous attempts begged permission to carry out the next attack by daylight, that being easier, and their request was granted. "So determined were they to succeed," says the correspondent, "that they decided, if necessary, to lose half their men." The number of casualties sustained by the Japanese has not yet been announced. In favor of the supposition of Japanese success in blocking Port Arthur, it is pointed out that the previous attempts had left the channel so narrow that a couple of vessels sunk in the fairway would probably suffice to seal up the entrance, while there is noticeable evasion and half-heartedness in the Russian denials of the enemy's success.

A BANDIT RISING.

Seoul, Korea, May 4. — 7 p.m. — The Korean officials admit that if the Japanese are not victorious in their operations on the Yalu River, the tonghaks (bandits) of Northern Korea, will rise in open rebellion. Their leaders are now, it is said, awaiting any Japanese reverse.

It is probable that the southern branch of the tonghaks has already risen, as they are now troubling the district officials, annexing the Japanese workmen on the Seoul-Fusan Railway, and endeavoring to intimidate the Korean coolies to stop work.

Effective military occupation has silenced the northern agitation and it probably will be necessary for the Japanese to take stringent measures to quiet Southern Korea.

RUSS PRESS ON DEFEAT.

St. Petersburg, May 5. — The Russian papers are rather sparing in their comment on the battle of Kiu Lien Cheng, evidently awaiting more complete details, but what they say contains no trace of discouragement. The Novoe Vremya says the days of patience announced by Gen. Kuropatkin have now begun and declares that the Japanese difficulties will increase as they advance. The paper believes the chief danger now is in the attitude of the Chinese and says:

"Our diplomats must make Pekin realize the danger of Chinese violation

BATHED IN FLAMES

Gasol Tanks Explode Killing Firemen—Riot Follows.

Philadelphia, May 5. — An explosion of a gasoline tank in the freight yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Twelfth and Market streets, early today, in which twelve firemen were burned, and the city firemen got a stream on the building it exploded. All the men nearby were literally bathed in flames.

Underground in the yard some distance from Market street, are tanks of gasoline. Fire starting near them was quickly communicated to the storage house. Just as the city firemen got a stream on the building it exploded. All the men nearby were literally bathed in flames.

Half an hour after the fire started a trainload of emigrants arrived from New York. The newcomers tried to leave the cars and back through the fire. A fight ensued, in which Eyre, a Detective Constable was shot in the side, by one of the Italians.

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GET \$5,000 DAMAGES

Widow of Famous Railplayer Wins Against Railway.

Welland, Ont., May 4.—The case of Mrs. Delahanty against the Michigan Central Railway Company for damages for the death of her husband, which occurred at Bridgeburg, was heard here today before Justice Britton, and a verdict was given against the railway for \$5,000 damages to the widow and \$2,000 to the child subject to a question of law and application for non-suitt.

The case was taken up at 10 o'clock this morning, and the jury returned their verdict at a quarter past 5, having been out an hour and a half. Wm. German appeared for the plaintiff, and J. Saunders, solicitor for the railway.

Delahanty was the famous ballplayer, and was put off a Michigan Central train, and was drowned the same night.