

# RIVER

## Mikado's Army Japanese Resulted Retreated--Jap- anese Evacuated

Japanese in artillery, and the heavy losses they inflicted on our troops during these positions made it clear to General Zassalich that it was impossible to hold Chin Tien Chen. Consequently the troops were ordered to retire from Chin Tien Chen, while still holding the Potietinsky road.

### TRIBUTE TO JAPS.

Five Masked Positions of the Guns Evokes Admiration of Russians.

St. Petersburg, May 2.—3 a. m.—The first Japanese army, consisting of the 1st, 2nd and 12th divisions, according to official advices from the front, crossed the Yalu above the mouth of the river.

For three days 3,000 Russians, under Generals Skochkov, Mischukov and Kashtalinsky, have been struggling on the Manchurian side of the river, and have been harassing and impeding the crossing of Japanese.

On Saturday a gunboat flotilla at the mouth of the river and all the field guns posted on the Korean bank opened a bombardment and shelled the Russians in the Manchurian position. The Russian reports pay tribute to the masked positions of these guns.

In two days' fighting the Russians lost two officers and five men killed, six officers and thirty-five men wounded.

### OF LITTLE AVAIL.

In Spite of Fortified Position Russians Were Compelled to Retreat.

London, May 2.—Various opinions are expressed this morning regarding the importance of the Japanese victory at the Yalu. It is considered in some quarters that it was not likely that Russia would win the right bank of the Yalu except for tactical purposes, and that the success of the Japanese will greatly increase their prestige.

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent says: "The Russians have been driven from a fortified position in spite of every advantage entailed by modern art." The news of the very serious losses did not reach London in time to appear in the morning papers, and these losses are not yet mentioned from Russian sources.

A dispatch from Mukden says Gen. Kuropatkin arrived there on Sunday morning and left in the afternoon. His designation is not stated.

### WERE OVERWHELMED.

Czar's Soldiers Unable to Withstand the Attack of the Japanese.

St. Petersburg, May 2.—At 2.30 this afternoon the Associated Press was informed that the Russian army had been driven from the Yalu river by the overwhelming superiority of the Japanese on the Yalu river, no details have been received since the report of General Zassalich, commander of the second Siberian army corps, yesterday, of the retirement from Chin Tien Chen to Antung.

It is quite possible the loss on both sides in the week's fighting may reach the figures given by the Japanese, as the reserves were not brought up to support the Russian position at Chin Tien Chen, where the fighting was the heaviest. The Russians made a special effort to hold as long as possible the heights of Chosen, on an island opposite Chin Tien Chen, whence their guns commanded considerable stretch of river to the south, but a Japanese battery on a hill above Wiju dominated the position which the Russians eventually were forced to relinquish, thus losing the key to the river.

The desperate character of the struggle there may have been due to the necessity for gaining time for the withdrawal of the Russian detachments above and below.

Gen. Zassalich was in command of the force on the Yalu, which extended along a front of over thirty miles, with reserve supports fifteen miles back.

The whole, according to the best information obtainable, did not exceed 7,000 men. What was the actual force engaged is not known at present, though probably it was not more than 5,000 men, if it was that large.

No confirmation has yet been received of the reported capture of 28 Russian quick-firing guns or the wounding of General Zassalich and Gen. Kashtalinsky, in command of the third division. The latter's wound was from a bullet in the chest, and the burning of Antung. It is confirmed that a village of thatched huts was set on fire by a shell.

The statement that the Russians have fallen back so far as Feng Huang Ching is declared to be untrue.

The advance has retired and will continue to retire before the main army of the enemy, according to the Russian programme, but it will keep in constant touch with the army, and skirmishing of a more or less serious character is expected as Gen. Kuropatkin advances.

It is considered absolutely necessary in order to always know exactly where the main army of the enemy is. The general staff believes Gen. Kuropatkin's forward march on Feng Huang Ching will be accompanied by a landing at Tatung Kan, at the head of Korea bay, and not far from the mouth of the Yalu river, and other places along the coast as far as Taku Shang, under the protection of warships. These troops can keep in touch with Gen. Kuropatkin's main force, and they can get up a portion of the guns from places down the coast than drag them all up the mountains towards Taku Shang, from the Yalu.

The Japanese are expected to turn to turn the Russian position at Feng Huang Ching.

At the army headquarters here there is not the slightest doubt that the Russians consider they have sustained a reverse. The crossing of the Yalu by the enemy was taken as a matter of course, and as part of the programme.

### THE CAPTURE OF GUNS.

Twenty-eight Quick Firing and Small Arms and Ammunition Taken.

Washington, May 2.—The Japanese liaison here today received the following official cablegrams from Tokyo:

"General Kuropatkin, commanding the first army corps, advanced, notwithstanding strong resistance on the part of the enemy, by three roads, driving the enemy before them, and at 8 o'clock p.m. occupied a line extending from Antung to Liu Shu Kuo. The Imperial Guards surrounded the enemy on two sides, and after a severe fight captured 20 guns with horses and carriages, more than 20 officers and many men. The general reserve corps advanced by the Lien Yang road."

"The enemy was composed of the whole third division of sharpshooters and Gen. Mischukov's cavalry brigade, with about 40 guns and eight machine guns. The enemy fled towards Feng Huang Ching."

"Our casualties will not exceed 400 men."

"Twenty-eight quick firing guns and a large quantity of small arms and ammunition were captured. Our heavy field guns were very effective."

"Russian officers who were taken prisoner say that both of the commanders of the army corps and the division commander were wounded, and that the Russian casualties exceeded 1,000."

"Admiral Kamohara's fleet arrived at Gusan on the 26th of April without having effected the intended bombardment of Vladivostok, owing to the thick fog prevailing. Learning that the Kinsu Maru was overdue, the fleet left port on the 27th in search of the steamer, and again proceeded near Vladivostok, but the thick fog prevented any further operations, and the fleet returned to Gusan."

### JAP SQUADRON BUSY.

Will Attempt a Landing on Liao Tung Peninsula—Warships Accompany Transports.

Chefoo, May 1.—It is expected here that the Japanese will land on the Liao Tung peninsula, near Takushan, if they have not already done so. It is learned that the Chinese, who have armed the Takushan, at about 22nd four Japanese warships, 12 torpedo boats, and some torpedoes have approached Takushan. Nearly seven hundred officers and a party of men landed. They were discovered by the Russian guards, who fired upon them. The Japanese then returned to their ships, and were still off Takushan, when the Chinese left on April 25th.

There are some grounds for the belief that a number of transports joined the Japanese fleet at a rendezvous on the west side of the bay of Korea.

### INTERRUPTED BY FOGS.

Japanese Movement Against Vladivostok Not Successful.

Tokio, May 1.—9 p.m.—The latest Japanese naval movements against Vladivostok failed of success because of the dense fogs which prevailed in the vicinity of that port.

### A NARROW ESCAPE.

Vladivostok Fleet Surrounded by Japanese But Saved by a Fog.

St. Petersburg, May 2.—2.30 a.m.—Information received here shows that Rear-Admiral Vessén, commanding the Vladivostok squadron, had a narrow escape while on his raiding expedition through the wireless messages of the Japanese, which he had intercepted. The admiral found he was surrounded by Japanese warships, but owing to a fog he was able to slip into Vladivostok unobserved.

### DARING TACTICS.

Japs Laid Mines at Port Arthur—They Were Later Destroyed by Russians.

Port Arthur, May 1.—Details of the demonstration off Port Arthur on April 29 disclose the desperate ingenuity of the Japanese. The squadron set off a strongly connected rafts carrying burning material in the early morning, and five miles off shore the combustibles were set on fire, and the burning rafts were brought towards the harbor.

Under cover of this screen of fire eight Japanese torpedo boats towed a mine filled with mines, slipped around to a spot near where the Petropavlovsk was lying, and were discovered by the Russians. The Japanese opened fire, and drove the mineships off, but not before the mines had been laid. The mines have since been destroyed.

The Russians knowing that the Russians would intercept wireless messages, tried a new trick to deceive and worry Victory Alexieff. For several nights in

### HOW LOCAL OPTION WAS USHERED IN

FOR HALF AN HOUR LIQUOR WAS FREE

Disgraceful Orgy at Toronto Junction—Two Million Trees for Farmers in the West.

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Body of Lieut. Semineff, Who Commanded Russian Scouts, Has Been Found.

Tokio, May 1.—8 p.m.—On Wednesday last week a Japanese force found the body of Lieut. Semineff, who had been in command of the mounted scouts of the 22nd East Siberian Rifles, at Kurito Island.

### THE IOWA'S GUNS.

United States Board of Inquiry Reports on Recent Exploits.

Washington, April 26.—The navy board, consisting of Captain Rayton, Commander Fletcher and Lieutenant Diefenbach, appointed to investigate the circumstances attending the bursting of two eight-inch guns on the Iowa, February 5th last, has reported to the secretary that the board finds that in firing of the guns all precautions were taken.

The report says: "What the gorges of the guns were being machined at the gun factory, defects developed, the defects being described as numerous small breaks in the continuity of the metal, and also minute sand and slag spots. The forgings thereupon were rejected by the factory."

On a protest by the manufacturing company, the report recites, a board was ordered in accordance with a clause in the contract. This board recommended the rejection of certain of the forgings, but on further protest of the manufacturer another board was ordered, and it found that the "defects" that are referred to as existing are common to all forgings in a larger or smaller degree, but neither the sand nor the slag spots or breaks are serious enough in the present stage to cause us to recommend their rejection."

"The forgings of ordnance, it is shown, approved and recommended acceptance of the forgings with a ten per cent. reduction; the department approved the forgings. The guns were designed for use with brown powder, but smokeless powder was used instead. With the adoption of smokeless powder the muzzle velocity of the guns was increased from 2,300 feet in its conclusion the board finds that the guns, so far as material is concerned, were as strong as the forgings, and that the defects in the forgings did not result from weakening from previous firing, from the premature bursting of shells in the bore or from excessive pressure resulting from abnormal action of the powder charge."

But the board says the increase of muzzle velocity from 2,300 to 2,500 while at the same time the breech was decreased, reduced the margin of safety along the chase too much. It is recommended that more extensive experiments be made to determine the advantage and disadvantages of the present gun in comparison with ships.

The department has the report of the board under consideration.

### HEARTY WELCOME.

To King Edward and Queen Alexandra at Kilkenny.

Kilkenny, Ireland, April 30.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra, having completed their visit to Dublin, arrived here this afternoon and had the heartiest reception. The town was filled with thousands of people from the surrounding country. Several addresses were presented to His Majesty.

Replying to the address of the corporation, the King spoke of his gratification at the fact that his deep interest in the Irish people was recognized. Both the Queen and himself were glad to see Ireland take that place in the industrial world which the intelligence and definiteness of her people amply qualified her to take.

The King's visit to Ireland was a better acquaintance with the needs of the people and convinced them of his kindly feeling, he would be amply repaid.

### PROBABLY MURDERED.

Mysterious Death of a Philadelphia Travelling Man at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 30.—G. O. Webster, a travelling man of Philadelphia, died here today under mysterious circumstances, and it is believed by the police that he was murdered. Webster was brought into the Hotel Pentail at night in a dazed condition by a stranger, who explained that he had fallen down stairs in a down town block. Webster was suffering with a crushed shoulder and had concussion of the brain, and died shortly afterwards without regaining consciousness. Only \$1 was found in his pockets, while a friend declares that Webster had \$300 upon his person.

### A FEW QUESTIONS.

Editor of Berlin Paper Asks if Government Knows Boats Are Being Built For Russia.

Berlin, May 2.—Edmond Bernstein, member of the Reichstag, begins the publication today of a new Socialist weekly entitled Das Neue Montagsblatt. Here Bernstein discusses his editorial column with the following questions:

"It is known to the German government that torpedo boats and destroyers built at the Russian government are being built at one of the largest German shipyards. It is known to the government that in order to disguise this breach of neutrality the several parts of the vessels are exported as half finished manufactures and put together in Lihau, Russia? Is it known finally that the work proceeds from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.?"

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### BAKERS ON STRIKE.

Boston, Mass., May 2.—The principal difficulty to occur on May Day in New England was the strike of more than 1,300 bakers in this city and nearby places. The master bakers refused to sign a schedule.

### SIR THOMAS LIPTON.

Entertained by the King and Queen of Italy—Created a Knight Templar.

Naples, May 1.—Sir Thomas Lipton, who is visiting Naples on his steam yacht Erin, was entertained at dinner last night at the palace by King and Queen. His Majesty created Sir Thomas a Knight Templar of the order of the Crown of Italy.

### FORMER SHIP OWNER DEAD.

New York, May 2.—John W. Kissam, who went to California in 1849 and established the first steamship line between San Francisco and islands in the Pacific, is dead at his home here. He became an extensive importer of asphalt.

The inventor of a process for refining and handling the crude material, which is now in general use. After retiring from the Pacific trade, he inaugurated a steamship line between New York and Portland, Maine.

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