

FIERCE CONFLICT NOW IN PROGRESS

Japs Drove Russians From Forts at Port Arthur, But Were Unable to Hold Them.

Artillery Fire Rendered Positions Untenable—American Admiral Offers to Escort Russian Ships at Shanghai Beyond Three-Mile Limit.

Chefoo, Aug. 21.—9 a.m.—Reliable authorities declare that yesterday's (Saturday's) attack on Port Arthur was unsuccessful, but continued last night and today, and will go on for one more day. If the Japanese are still repulsed, a siege is expected.

JAPS ONE MILE FROM GOLDEN HILL.

Chefoo, August 21.—(Noon).—It is reported that the Japanese before Port Arthur have captured the No. 25, one mile north of Golden Hill. The Japanese are not attempting to storm Lioto promontory. Their right wing terminates at Pigeon bay.

The Russian garrison of Port Arthur, estimated at 23,000 men, are covering an area of twelve miles.

A junk arriving at Tongchow from Miaoiao island reports seeing five Japanese men-of-war pursuing two Russian warships, type unknown.

It is understood that the Japanese plans at Port Arthur contemplate a three days' assault. They expect to triumph on the third day. They have a sufficient force to maintain an assaulting force of 60,000 men throughout.

Four thousand Japanese are reported to have landed at Pigeon bay yesterday. It is alleged that the check of Saturday does not jeopardize the progress of the assault as planned.

RUSSIANS DRIVEN FROM PIGEON BAY.

Chefoo, Aug. 22.—11 a.m.—The Japanese have swept the Russians from Pigeon bay and captured the northernmost fort of the western line of inner defenses at Port Arthur. The Russian artillery prevents the Japanese from occupying the fort on Pigeon bay.

HOLDING OUT TO FACE OF DESPERATE ASSAULTS.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 22.—4:50 a.m.—The latest reports from Port Arthur indicate that the Russian line is holding out with wonderful tenacity in the face of persistent and desperate assaults. The only question is how long a body of troops without serious tactical punishment and whether the garrison in the fortress can outlast the Japanese ammunition and men.

The report that 30 regiments have been drawn from Gen. Oku to strengthen the attackers is believed to indicate that the Japanese have not enough men to prosecute simultaneous campaigns of great magnitude in the north and south.

SHIPS COMPELLED TO RETURN TO HARBOR.

London, Aug. 21.—According to reports to various agencies from Chefoo, Shanghai and other points, the attack of the Japanese on Port Arthur generally believed to have begun with the intent of finally destroying the Russian fortress utterly, was commenced on the evening of Friday last and was continued until the early afternoon of yesterday. Farther than this note of the reports are conclusive. The extent of the assault on the fortress is unknown here.

According to a cable dispatch from the correspondent of Lloyd's agency at Chefoo, while the Japanese warships were in the harbor of Port Arthur made another attempt to win the open seas. The Japanese reports that the Russian warships were driven down upon the Russian vessels and drove them back within the harbor. The damage to the Russian vessels is not stated. The Japanese warships sustained no damage.

STRONG POSITION TAKEN BY THE RUSSIANS.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 20.—The report from Chefoo that the Russians have driven the Japanese out of the positions at Picheng (Picheng), from which they had been bombarding the forts of Port Arthur, was received with considerable gratification at the war office where it was regarded as evidence that the defenders are strong enough to even take the offensive when the occasion demands. For this reason the war office is not inclined to credit reports that the Japanese have captured forts No. 3 and No. 4, just beyond Nagousin hill, five miles northeast of Port Arthur. It is admitted that the possession of these forts would render the situation of the besieged desperate.

The war office has no official information from the fortress going beyond August 8th, 9th and 10th, which probably was sent through the captured Russian torpedo boat destroyer Ryschik, although this is not admitted. This report tells of the desperate character of the Japanese attacks, which continued practically without intermission for 40 hours.

General Stoessel's reports of the assaults of August 14th and 15th are expected at any hour.

According to private information coming from Port Arthur by way of Chinese junks, when the Japanese sent in the flag of truce, Friday, they conveyed a message to both the general command-

ing the military forces at Port Arthur, dated August 16th: "The Japanese made a two days' attack on our position on Uglivla mountains, near Louisa bay. Their attacks were repulsed. The Uglivla, Vysokia and Divisiona mountains remain in our hands. The enemy's losses were very great.

"This morning a representative of the Japanese army presented himself at our advanced post with a letter signed by Gen. Nogi and Admiral Togo, demanding the surrender of the fortress. The proposal was, of course, rejected. "I have the happiness to report that the fortress is in excellent condition, and that they fight heroically."

PROBABLY MEETING UNEXPECTED DIFFICULTY.

London, Aug. 22.—There is the keen anxiety here for news of the progress of the siege of Port Arthur, but it is difficult to extract anything quite cool. When not giving orders he was cheerfully conversing with the gunners at their stations. Capt. Berinsky was killed by a splinter which struck him on the head in the beginning of the fight.

LIAO TAI, Aug. 21.—The Japanese column which is advancing on the Liao Yang river is understood to have reached the Manchurian highway. The Russian troops, and the defensive works erected at Haiheng, proved that they are taught by experience. The Russian navy, in the opinion of British officers, if the Russian ships fail to dislodge them, they must take the consequences.

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FEW WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN CITY.

Tsintau, Aug. 22.—According to what Major Hoffman, the German military attaché who left Port Arthur by the Emperor's orders, said in a guarded interview today, the foreign naval attachés, during the last few days of their stay there were quartered on the Tiger's Tail, where a battery 60 feet high prevented them from witnessing the naval battle of August 14th. They were not in their quarters, but they did not consider themselves in a dangerous position on that account. The attaches were treated with respect and courtesy.

REFUSES TO DISARM OR LEAVE HARBOR.

Shanghai, Aug. 21.—Shanghai was thrown into a fever of excitement this afternoon by the arrival of a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer, which had just come in from the south at half-past 4 o'clock. She passed Woosung at full speed and started up the river for Shanghai. The United States torpedo boat destroyer Chauncey clipped her cable and followed the Japanese vessel. The Japanese boat was cleared for action. She anchored off the Consular dock, where the Russian cruiser Askold is undergoing repairs.

THE NOVIK BEACHED AFTER THE FIGHT.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The American state department today received the following cablegram from United States Minister Griest at Tsintau, Chefoo, that the Russian cruiser Novik of Sakhalien today.

RUSSIANS RETIRE TOWARDS MUKDEN.

Chefoo, Aug. 22.—Information from Port Arthur, dated August 18th, shows that the Russian line has been reinforced by 30 regiments from Gen. Oku's army. A general assault is expected to be made upon the fortress to-day.

UNABLE TO WITHSTAND FIRE OF ARTILLERY.

Chefoo, Aug. 22.—Noon.—The first detailed news of the general assault on Port Arthur indicates that tremendous conflict is raging and that victory is hanging in the balance.

RUSSIANS GRANTED EXTENSION OF TIME.

Shanghai, Aug. 22.—A long meeting of the consular body was held today for the purpose of discussing the case of the Russian cruiser Askold and the destroyer Grozovoi, which put into this port on August 12th. No decision was reached, but it is believed that the final action will be the same as that taken in the case of the Russian gunboat Mandjur, which was captured on August 11th and which was compelled to dismantle on March 31st.

STOESSEL REPORTS HEAVY JAP LOSSES.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 21.—Emperor Nicholas has received the following message from Lieut-General Stoessel,

glancing upward to the overhanging cover and entered through the porthole, killing a lieutenant and two quartermasters, wounding two lieutenants and again wounding Capt. Dabich in the head and breast. Not a single man in the tower escaped. There being no one to steer the ship the captain, severely wounded though he was, dragged himself to the wheel and managed it until another quartermaster had been summoned. Subsequently learning that the crew were depressed by the fact that he had been wounded a second time, the captain insisted, after the second dressing, on being supported along the decks to the casemates, encouraging the sailors, saying: "I am alive brothers, go on smashing the Japanese."

When Capt. Andrieff of the Rosalia, ascertained that only three out of her 20 big guns could be fired, he coolly gave orders to get explosives.

At readiness to sink the ship, Capt. Andrieff is usually nervous, but in this case he is quite cool. When not giving orders he was cheerfully conversing with the gunners at their stations.

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THE CHINESE WILL GRANT COMPENSATION.

London, Aug. 22.—The Chefoo correspondent of the Times asserts that China has pledged guiltily to a charge of assaulting the Russian fleet, and will grant compensation for the destruction of the Askold and the Grozovoi.

THE PARAGUAY REVOLT.

Paraguay Establish a Provisional Government—Capital Has Not Been Bombaraded.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 21.—An artillery engagement has been fought between the San Joacimo battery of the Paraguayan army and a body of revolutionists, in which the latter succeeded in dislodging the guns of the government forces. The losses on either side are not stated.

TRAGIC SEQUEL.

Rancher for Whom Edgar Wallace Selected a Bride Passed Away Suddenly.

London, Aug. 22.—Edgar Wallace's search for a wife for Cochrane, a British Columbia rancher, has had a tragic sequel. Rev. Mr. Dunstan, of Salmon Arm, British Columbia, gave Cochrane a certificate of character, and six hundred dollars applied in answer to an advertisement.

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G.T.P. SHAREHOLDERS MEET NEXT MONTH

Directors Will Be Elected at Gathering at Montreal—News Notes From Ottawa.

Ottawa, Aug. 22.—The imports for consumption in Canada for July amounted to \$2,905,489, as against \$2,677,042 for the same month of the year previous.

The Dominion revenue for July last amounted to \$4,701,291, being nearly \$200,000 in excess of the expenditure.

The authority given to Captain P. H. Horwood to create a reservoir by the erection of a dam at or below the junction of Carback's Forks with Bonanza creek, in the Yukon Territory, has been amended so that prior grants of water rights on Bonanza creek may not be interfered with.

BOUNDARY OUTPOST.

More Than Half a Million Tons Shipped Since Beginning of the Year.

PHOENIX, Aug. 20.—The Boundary ore shipments have passed the 500,000 ton mark for this year, the following being the figures for the several mines for the past week.

LADYSMITH NOTES.

At Ladysmith on Friday, before G. Thompson, S. M. A. E. Thompson pleaded guilty to a charge of assaulting W. W. Southin. The magistrate reserved judgment.

ATLANTIC RATES.

New York, Aug. 18.—The New York agent of the White Star line announced the experimental rates of the White Star line on their steamers to Liverpool.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Ottawa, Aug. 19.—At Pembroke today Gustav Middlesex was committed to stand trial on the charge of murder on the person of William G. Egganville.

PROF. SHUTT'S MISSION.

Farmer's Advocate Refers to Visit to British Columbia Farming Country.

SECURED COUNTRY.

TRACED THEFTS.

WIRELESS PLANT WILL BE IN USE ON THREE OF THE PACIFIC COAST STEAMERS

The Steamers Dolphin and Equipped With Oil Notes.

Steamships Umatilla, Queen, and of the Pacific ship line, are to be equipped with telegraphic apparatus.

There is still other telegraphic stations being prepared by the Dominion government.

There is little doubt that the beneficial to shipping in their many ramifications during the winter season when news of vessels in the coast has to be awaited for the officials of the Steamship Company are first to board their vessels.

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