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KIN CHOU CAPTURED; JAPS ATTACK DALNY.

Russians Ambushed and Suffer Heavy Loss.

1000 of Czar's Troops Fallen Upon by 30,000 of Kuroki's Army, and They Lose 4,000 Men and 1,000 Prisoners--Togo Laying Mines in Port Arthur Roadstead--Fifty Thousand Japanese Land at Takushan--Mikado's Forces Closing on Russian Stronghold.

London, May 27--The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Express says it is reported that the Japanese have captured Kin Chou, and are now attacking the Russian positions on the heights.

Russians Concentrating at Liao Yang.

London, May 27--The Newchwang correspondent of the Daily Mail, in a despatch dated May 23, says that the Japanese advance in the direction of Liao Yang has been a concentration of all the available Russian troops between Liao Yang and Miao Tien Pass and that the fortifications of Liao Yang are being feverishly hurried.

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St. Petersburg, May 26--The general staff has received the following telegram, dated May 25, from Lieut-General Sakharoff--"There is no change in the general situation in the Feng Wang Cheng district. Our cavalry report that the Japanese are constructing fortifications around Feng Wang Cheng, where they have a force of 30,000 infantry and 2,000 cavalry, with thirty-six field guns.

Japanese Advance Guard Has Advanced to Twenty-one Miles of the Ai River, their front being turned towards Samatse and Kuan Tien Shan. They are effecting no other movements north of the Ai river.

It is reported that a great many Japanese cavalry horses have become exhausted and are broken down.

About Polandia 3,000 troops of all arms and five guns are concentrated.

In the neighborhood of Pisevoo and further south Japanese landing continues, the troops marching towards Kin Chou with covering detachments thrown out on the west.

According to Chinese reports a battle took place at Kin Chou May 18, in which the Japanese lost 700. The Russian losses were not so great.

A Japanese landing at Takushan began five days ago, and it is reported that 50,000 troops, principally infantry, were landed, but this has not yet been sufficiently verified. The troops landed are marching from Takushan southwest towards Sui Yen and southwest towards Port Arthur.

On May 21 a Russian reconnoitering party got behind the Japanese army near Tanshanzhe, on the main road from Sakhezta to Liao Yang, and found a Japanese detachment 300 strong. Heavy transport wagons were necessarily passing. The Russian scouts watched for sixteen hours, during which time at least 18,000 Chinese and Korean coolies passed, together with 200 carts. The Japanese finally discovered and attacked the Russian scouts, all of whose horses were killed. The scouts were obliged to return.

Reports from Rear Admiral Wittoeff Grigorovitch today state that the Japanese have entered the Kwang Tung gulf, about 12 miles north of Port Arthur, with gunboats. (The viceroys' staff does not give the date of the arrival.)

On the following night the Japanese attempted to block the roadstead of a sort in miles from Port Arthur, but were repulsed and two torpedo boats were destroyed.

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Associated Press despatches of May 26, which are believed to be accurate, state that the Japanese had lost 700 on May 18.

Opinion of the best authorities is that the Japanese rushed Kin Chou by night attack, unsupported by heavy artillery, which it is believed they have effected at a tremendous loss to the Japanese.

A war office is inclined to believe that the fighting is in progress in the southern part of the Liao Tung peninsula about narrowest point of the peninsula, but evidence is attached to reports that Japanese have entered the Kwang Tung gulf (south of and connected with the Liao Tung peninsula).

No change of importance in the positions of General Kuraki or General Kurapatkin are reported.

208 1/2 mi Construct 30 Miles of Railway Towards Port Arthur.

London, May 27--The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, under date of May 25, sends the following:--"The Japanese have already constructed thirty miles of light railway for the transportation of siege guns towards Port Arthur."

Around Kin Chou, the Japanese have been fighting stubbornly for the past eight days, but are making little progress against the Russian positions.

General Strike Ordered on New Haven Road; Company Will Fight.

New York, May 26--Lawrence J. Curran, president of the International Freight Handlers Union, tonight sent telegrams to all the local unions along the line of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad ordering all members out on strike tomorrow morning. The order included freight handlers, weighers, checkers and truck loaders.

"I want to see the freight begin to pile up along the lines of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroads," said President Curran. "The company already has lost much money; when the officials see more money going after what they have

already lost, they will become more tractable."

General Supt. Shepard, of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad declared today that by midnight ten transfers and two express boats would be working. The Maryland, he said, had been running all day. Mr. Shepard added that all perishable freight is being shipped to New England via Poughkeepsie bridge route, thus obviating all handling. The freight handlers, he said, had decreased greatly on account of the strike but on the whole he was quite pleased at the situation of affairs.

The freight handlers, he reiterated, will not be taken back under any circumstances.

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TEN MEN DEAD AND SIXTEEN INJURED IN TUGBOAT EXPLOSION.

Louisville, Ky., May 26--The tugboat Fred Wilson was torn into fragments, ten men were blown to pieces and sixteen others injured by a tremendous explosion of the boats boilers today on the Ohio river. Of the 33 persons aboard the boat, only seven escaped unhurt. Of the injured one will probably die. The force of the explosion was so great that it shattered windows and awakened the occupants of houses in Louisville, four miles from the scene.

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Such the Verdict of Coroner's Jury in Robinson Inquest.

Woman's Body Shows That the Limbs Were Chopped Off Before They Were Burned--Husband Was Around During the Fire, But Made No Inquiries About Fate of Wife--Blood Bespattered Axe Found.

Berwick, N. S., May 26--(Special)--The coroner's inquest in the Robinson case opened here at noon today before Dr. Marsh.

The mutilated and charred body was brought here and viewed by the jury. The body shows evidence of having some of the limbs chopped off and there are marks on parts of it which point strongly to foul play.

Robinson and his wife resided alone in the house and it is not known at what time the fire started. At 7 o'clock in the morning some of the neighbors discovered that the residence and all the outbuildings were in ashes. Mrs. Robinson was missing and her body found in the ruins. Some time after Robinson appeared on the scene and stated he knew nothing about the origin of the fire.

The coroner has now in his possession a blood bespattered axe found within a few feet of the burned building. The axe has the appearance of being washed.

Robinson, the husband, was about the building while the fire was in progress and according to his own statement to the coroner today, he made no attempt to enter the house nor did not arouse any of the neighbors but left the place and sought a comfortable job for himself up, as he felt he said, that suspicion would fall upon him. He made no inquiries at the neighbors about his wife's death and professed ignorance of his wife's death.

At the conclusion of the inquest the following verdict was returned:--"We the undersigned jurymen sworn to give our unbiased opinion as to how the late Teresa Robinson, wife of Will S. Robinson, came to death, hereby unanimously declare it to be our opinion that deceased came to death by violence before the fire took place by the hands of a person or persons unknown."

May Demand Far East War Cease Powers Apprehensive Over Result of Sowing Mines on the High Seas.

United States is Sounding Other Governments About Intervening in Case Russia or Japan, or Both, Are Guilty of This Dangerous Practice.

Washington, May 26--(Special)--The sinking of the Japanese battleship Hataze may lead to the end of the war in the east. The disaster has concentrated the attention of all maritime powers upon the question of the right of any belligerent to protect itself by sowing the high seas with explosive mines. The possibilities of ruin to merchant shipping and the great loss of human life not related with the pending war, are so serious that the powers will take decisive steps. But the present sources of information are not sufficiently trustworthy to warrant any hasty action.

The course of this government will probably be followed by others, in instructing naval attaches and other representatives abroad to ascertain what really happened. The general response to every tentative suggestion, however, has been that the time is not yet ripe for any movement of the kind, both combatants wishing to be let alone. This wish would be respected as long as the combatants conducted the operations so as to confine the evils to their own countries and peoples, but if others reach a point at which war becomes "intolerable," and no delicacy will withhold the powers from stepping in and demanding that hostilities cease.

It is still uncertain, from the information received in diplomatic circles, whether Japan or Russia or both are guilty of high sea mining. Not until there is certainty on this point will the other powers proceed further, but when that is settled the outside world will interfere.

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Referring to the I. C. R., Mr. Borden said that if it had been under the management of the Grand Trunk in the past, and he did not refer to any one political party, better results would have been obtained. There was a growing sentiment to retain the Intercolonial under government control. If government ownership was a good thing for the unprofitable eastern division, it was a good thing for the western division. It was not a national railway, it was a corporate railway, and the terms of that corporation were in the United States. The extension of the I. C. R. to Montreal was a policy of state ownership, and now this policy, Mr. Borden said, was being reversed.

Mr. Borden's Amendment.

In conclusion, he moved the following:--"That the bill be not now read a third time but that it be resolved that the bill propose to ratify and confirm agreements imposing upon the country enormous obligations for the construction of a transcontinental railway, a large portion of which is to become the property of a railway corporation to whom the remaining portion is to be leased for fifty years on terms onerous to the country."

That the obligations undertaken by the country under the proposed agreement will provide almost wholly for the cost of constructing the proposed railway, while the obligation assumed by the Grand Trunk railway company is comparatively small.

The house is of opinion that instead of ratifying the proposed agreement it would be more in the public interest that the dominion should assume the whole obligation necessary for extending across the continent the present government system of railway, thereby completing a transcontinental railway from the Atlantic to the Pacific owned by and under the control of the people of Canada.

Mr. Fielding then took up the amendments to last year's contract with the G. T. P., the first one with which he dealt was that permitting the G. T. R. to dispose of a portion of the G. T. P. common stock so long as it retained a sufficient amount to control the policy of the road. The original compact had bound the G. T. R. to lock the entire common stock up for a period of fifty years. Mr. Fielding maintained that the concession was of great importance because it is still effectually provided that the G. T. P. shall be controlled by the parent corporation.

The only interest the public has in the capitalization is to prevent the issue of an excess of stock because of the influence it might have in keeping up freight rates.

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GREAT AMERICAN TURF EVENT RUN

Picket Won the Brooklyn Handicap Thursday After Exciting Race.

IRISH LAD SECOND.

Western Horse Only Won by Hand's Breadth--Forty Thousand People Witnessed the Struggle--\$20,000 Was Winner's Share of the Stake--Time 2:06.3-5.

New York, May 26--Turdion of the case covered to the most this afternoon at Gravesend when the Picket won the Brooklyn Handicap. While the latter colt was beaten by only the breadth of a hand, it is due to the winner to say that if the race had been one-quarter of a mile longer the western wonder probably would have finished several lengths in front. He was perfectly ridden from beginning to end and at the crucial moment moved up on the rail and seventy yards from the finishing line poked his nose in front of the Irish Lad.

Francis chasers which had been ringing from the throats of nearly 40,000 onlookers died away when it was realized that Irish Lad had gone down to defeat. The time of today's race was 2:06.3-5.

Hermis and the favorite, Irish Lad, got away from the barrier practically together. They ran for three-quarters of a mile like a team but upon swinging into the home stretch Hermis died away. Hours before the time set for the first race the turnstiles at the gateways began clicking and before 1 o'clock the grandstand, which was packed with people for the first race both tiers of the double-decked grandstand were crowded to the top. The Irish Lad had gone down to defeat. The time of today's race was 2:06.3-5.

The fourth event, drew near, the name of Irish Lad, from the stable of Herman B. Duray, could be heard on all sides. As the race was about to start, the Irish Lad had little hope of gaining any distinction but were determined to send him over the top to the injury sustained in his work four days ago. His owners admitted that he had little hope of gaining any distinction but were determined to send him over the top to the injury sustained in his work four days ago. His owners admitted that he had little hope of gaining any distinction but were determined to send him over the top to the injury sustained in his work four days ago.

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