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CHINESE REPORT JAP SUCCESSSES

If Story is True, Port Arthur Has All But Fallen---Russian Anticipates Change of Tactics.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 22.—The storming of Port Arthur, which the foreign dispatches say is progressing, is inviting attention. The brave resistance which Gen. Stoessel is making is evoking high praise, and the war office and public are hoping almost against hope that he will be able to hold out in spite of the heavy odds against him, that the Japanese are unable to gain a foothold in the inner defences is considered to be encouraging.

STOESSEL SAYS FORTRESS WILL BE HIS TOMB.

London, Aug. 22.—According to the Moscow correspondent of the Morning Post, General Stoessel concluded a telegram to an intimate friend with the words: "Farewell forever, Port Arthur will be my tomb."

THE NEUTRALITY OF THE CHINESE.

London, Aug. 22.—Interest in London today is centered at Shanghai, where British interests are strongly appealing for protection.

SAYS JAPS HAVE LOST TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND.

Liao Yang, Aug. 22.—The following is supplied by a Russian correspondent of the Associated Press: "With each additional report from Port Arthur wonder increases both at the persistence of the Japanese attack and the heroic stoutheadedness of the defenders of the fortress. The Japanese are literally throwing away thousands of lives in the hope of shaking the courage of the Russian troops."

THE TAOTAL UNABLE TO ENFORCE HIS ORDERS.

Paris, Aug. 22.—The officials here confirm the statement that the Taotal at Shanghai is unable to enforce the neutrality of the port.

SHANGHAI HAS INFORMED THE CHINESE CONSUL-GENERAL GOODNOW.

Washington, Aug. 22.—United States Consul-General Goodnow cabled the state department to-day from Shanghai, telling of the appearance of a Japanese vessel in the harbor there.

HEARD THE SOUND OF HEAVY FIRING.

Chefoo, Aug. 22.—Evening.—The steamer Victoria, which arrived here this evening from Newchwang, reports hearing a tremendous heavy firing at Looian and Pigeon bay respectively northwards and west of Port Arthur, between 10 o'clock last night and 1 in the morning.

LIAO YANG EXPECTED TO FALL SHORTLY.

Tientsin, Aug. 23.—Lloyd's agent at Newchwang reports as follows: "The Russians are detaining powder from the interior. Liao Yang is expected to fall shortly."

JAPANESE WARSHIP BOMBARDED KORSKOVSK.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 22.—The Emperor has received a report, dated yesterday from the Russian commandant at Korskovsk, Island of Sakhalin, as follows: "Since 7 o'clock this morning the enemy has bombarded Korskovsk. A few houses have been destroyed. One of the enemy's ships appeared on the horizon about 10 o'clock this morning. The vessel was a torpedo boat and was fired upon by the Russian batteries. There was no casualties."

HIPSANG WENT DOWN WITHOUT JUST CAUSE.

Shanghai, Aug. 23.—The finding of the naval court of inquiry in the case of the British steamer Hipsang was delivered this morning. The Hipsang was torpedoed and sunk on July 16th while passing Pigeon Bay. The findings of the court are as follows: "A Russian torpedo boat destroyer, now identified as the Rastoropy, came up at daylight with the Hipsang, whose lights were burning brightly, and which had the British flag flying. The destroyer fired shells, killing and maiming passengers. The Hipsang stopped directly, but the Russian vessel fired a torpedo, sinking her. There was no contraband aboard her nor any Japanese. Her captain was experienced, and he acted perfectly correct."

THINKS JAPS WILL CHANGE THEIR TACTICS.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—12.35 p. m.—Despite the popular feeling that Port Arthur is doomed, the success with which Lieut.-Gen. Stoessel has been beating off the Japanese assaults and the heavy losses suffered by the besiegers offer considerable encouragement to the war office.

SEVERAL ATTACKS HAVE LEFT FORTRESS.

Tientsin, Aug. 21.—Major Hoffman, the German military attaché at Port Arthur, who left the Russian position upon the Japanese abandonment of the fortress, arrived here yesterday on the Japanese cruiser Yaezuma. In an interview to-day said Lieut. Newton A. McCully, a major of the British army, at Port Arthur, left Pigeon bay with a junk on August 14th, with the intention of going to Chefoo. Capt. Decuerville, the French attaché and Lieut. von Gilgenheim, the German military attaché, left Port Arthur August 17th by junk for Shanghai.

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PORTS OCCUPIED BY THE JAPANESE.

Chefoo, Aug. 24.—9.30 a. m.—A junk which left Liao Yang yesterday night on August 21st, has just arrived here. She reports that the Japanese have succeeded in occupying Antungshan fort, as well as other forts, probably Etzshan. About a mile southwest of Antungshan they have driven the Russians from the parade grounds (which lies about two miles north of the harbor). They have destroyed two forts at Chaochanko, which is within the eastern fortifications, and they have advanced to a point near Chaochanko.

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