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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
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All persons having claims against the
estate of Arthur Robinson, who died on
the 12th June, 1904, are required, before
the 12th June, 1904, to send to the under-
signed administrator full particulars of
their claims, duly verified, and the nature
of any securities held by them. After said
12th June, 1904, I will proceed to distribute
the assets of said deceased amongst the
parties entitled thereto, having regard only
to the claims of which I shall then have
notice, and I will not be liable for the said
assets or any part thereof to any person
notice of whose claim shall not have been
received by me at the time of such distribu-
tion.
Dated 11th March, 1904.
EMILIE ANNIE ROBINSON,
Duncan, B. C.

NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that sixty days
after date I intend to apply to the Hon-
orable Chief Commissioner of Lands and
Works for permission to purchase 80 acres
of my own land, situated at Cheyenne,
and designated Lot 330, Group 1, Cariboo
District.
Dated this 1st day of March, 1904.
F. C. COPPLELAND,
A. C. A. Clerk, B. C.

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Notice is hereby given that 60 days after
date I intend to apply to the Chief Com-
missioner of Lands and Works for permission
to purchase the following described land:
Commencing at a post marked F. R. 8 B.
corner, which is high tide mark on the
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District, B. C., and thence running
(along the west boundary of Lot 50, B. 5)
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Feb. 15th, 1904.

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SENT TO BOTTOM BY THE RUSSIANS

Guns on Shore Sank Boats in Which Japanese Tried to Escape After Closing Port Arthur.

Tokio, May 13.—1 p. m.—The Japanese torpedo boat No. 49 was destroyed while removing mines from Korea by north of Tallenwan (Port Dalny) yesterday. Seven men were killed and seven were wounded.

This is the first warship the Japanese have lost in the war.

FROM PORT ARTHUR.

Arrival at Liao Yang Tells of the Sinking of Jap Boats by Russians.

Liao Yang, May 12.—The train which left Port Arthur at the resumption of communication arrived here today. A passenger said:

"Life at Port Arthur goes on and plenty of provisions are there.

"On the day that communications were cut off crowds of people listened to a band concert on the boulevard.

"The last attack of the five ships was a wonderful sight. The fire ships and torpedo boats moved swiftly. The long streaks of search-light lit up the sea and the vivid red flashes from the guns on the batteries and of those far at sea cut the darkness every second as though a juggler were playing with fire.

"The crews of the five ships took to boats search-light was turned on them and the guns sent them to the bottom."

ADMIRAL'S ADDRESS
To Men Who Were Sent to Bottle Up Port Arthur.

London, May 12.—The Daily News writes that Vice-Admiral Kuroki addressed the men who were going to bottle up Port Arthur as follows:

"My dear children, I am sending you to the most horrible spot in the fight. You are victims promised to the enemy's guns. Had I sons I should be proud to send them with you. You go to show to the world the courage of a Samurai in the land of the Rising Sun."

ON THE PENINSULA.
Japanese are Strengthening Their Position in the Vicinity of Pilsnow.

St. Petersburg, May 13.—3.20 a. m.—Further progress of the Japanese in Southern Manchuria is reported in the official dispatches given out last night.

The position of the division which is following the direct road to Haicheng has not yet been disclosed, and caution is also apparent in the operation on the peninsula in Liao Tung, where 20,000 Japanese are seeking to render themselves secure in the western section of the peninsula and the vicinity of and the position before inaugurating the operations which have been planned.

Nothing has been given out regarding the raid of Cossacks at Anju. There is to such general information as that Mandariff, of whose force the raiding Cossacks were said to form a part.

The report is current that the Mikado, in answering a message of congratulation on the Yalu victory, sent by students of institute of mines in St. Petersburg, expressed his thanks and good wishes, but praised God that he had no such subjects.

An attempt to send a response to a private message from Port Arthur, received yesterday, May 12th, failed, the postmasters refusing to take it.

UNCONFIRMED.
Reports of Fighting Have Reached Seoul, But No Definite News is Obtainable.

Seoul, May 13.—A junk that has arrived at Chemulpo brings a report that heavy explosions were heard at sea early this morning. It is believed that the explosion occurred either at Port Arthur or Dalny.

An American miner who left Anju on May 8th has arrived here, and reports that a force of 2,900 Russians recently spent the night at Usan. He says also that large bodies of Russians were reported to be in that vicinity.

Reports of fighting were received here today, but they lack confirmation.

WATCHING RUSSIANS.
Japs Are Guarding Against a Flanking Movement on the Yalu.

Seoul, May 12.—8 p. m.—It is asserted here that the Japanese garrison between Ping Yang and Wiju have sent scouting parties through the country, east of Cha Sung, on the extreme right of the Japanese forces on the Yalu river, in anticipation of a Russian flanking move-

ment. The Japanese authorities here considered it fortunate that the Cossack raiders, who passed around further east, did not do more damage than they did.

The entire control of Korea will shortly be given to Gen. Hara, who is the Japanese commander here. A military depot will be established at Seoul.

Infantry officers and officers of the reserves have left Seoul for Chinnampo, where they will strengthen the line beyond Ping Yang. Further Japanese forces are expected here to strengthen the garrison which hitherto has been constantly changed. Troops are being sent to guard the Seoul-Pusan railroad line.

The report that the Korean ministers who resigned May 11th because the Emperor censured them for neglect of their duties, have withdrawn their resignations, is confirmed.

CHARGED TO THE RUSSIANS THEMSELVES AND NOT TO THE JAPANESE.
Officers in command of the Japanese column advancing on Potanien reported that, when approaching that place on May 6th they discovered a train moving northward from the direction of Port Arthur which bore none of the marks required by the Red Cross and had Russian troops on board, which opened fire, which the Japanese promptly responded. Suddenly the train stopped and disintegrated. The Japanese troops immediately stopped the firing and went forward to investigate, when suddenly the train started ahead at full speed and escaped.

THE YALU BATTLE.
Priest Who Led Russian Regiment Tells of the Fighting.

Liao Yang, May 11.—Among the wounded from the battle of the Yalu who arrived here today was Father Stephen Tcherbakoffsky, the priest who led the charge of the Eleventh Regiment of the St. Petersburg Father Stephen said to the Associated Press: "On the morning of the 1st of May I arose at 3 o'clock, knowing there would be a terrible battle. I was determined to do my duty and to show them an example by my death. At 4 o'clock I prayed, then laid down my Bible and stood with the company. As the company moved forward to the charge, I blessed the soldiers and went in front of the flag with my cross in my hands, standing by the side of my assistant. Bullets were flying all around us. I never felt my first wound. The second bullet struck my shoulder, and I fell, losing consciousness."

The other wounded arriving seem to be in good condition and are exciting the admiration of the foreign attaches. Many of them have asked General Kuroki to return them to the front.

RUSSIAN FINANCES.
Were in Flourishing Condition at Outbreak of War—No Issue of Bonds.

St. Petersburg, May 13.—3 a. m.—The Official Message of the day breaks up a ukase from the Emperor and a notice from the minister of finance with regard to the issuance of bonds of the nominal value of \$100,000,000 paper five years from June 14th, 1904, bearing interest at 5 per cent, to be paid semi-annually.

The bonds are to be of the denominations of \$100 and \$1,000, and are to be issued through the Bank of Paris and the Netherlands, the Credit Lyonnais and the Credit Commercial, at Paris. If further bonds are issued, the number of the bonds to be issued is to be determined by the minister of finance.

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READY FOR EMERGENCY.
British Warship Will Be Sent to Newchwang Should Services Be Required.

London, May 13.—Earl Percy, under secretary of state for foreign affairs, in a letter published in the Times this morning says information has reached the government from a well-informed party at Newchwang that no apprehension appears now to be entertained by residents of danger to life or property, but as a precautionary measure the government has ordered a warship to proceed to Chin Wang Tao.

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attached to the train, which was guarded by soldiers and carried nurses and sisters of charity. The men were well cared for and comfortable, and were supplied with food and cigarettes.

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Rome, May 13.—A secret report received from St. Petersburg depicts the internal situation of Russia as becoming most serious as regards the preservation of the present institutions, the military failures in the Far East having strengthened the opinions that the evils are due to the present organization of the country, in which a change is necessary. A hope is expressed that the Emperor himself, seeing the danger, will be induced to grant the country a constitution, in which the Emperor will retain the authority of the people will become so great as to render it possible to raise an army and collect the money necessary to defeat the Japanese. If otherwise, it is believed, all the efforts made at St. Petersburg will remain futile, as besides the war the Far East Russia will be obliged to face a latent, if not open revolt at home, depriving her of the assistance of the most progressive elements of the Empire, such as the Poles and Finns.

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ON ROAD TO LIAO YANG.
Suojin, 60 Miles East of Russian Position, Also Taken.

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GENERAL'S SON TAKEN.
Lieut. Honvial Falls Into the Hands of the Japanese.

Washington, May 14.—The Japanese legation has received the following cablegram from Tokio, dated today:

"General Kuroki, commander of the first army corps, reports that on May 11th a detachment of our troops occupied Suojin, 60 miles east of Liao Yang, on the main road, yesterday. Their number is not known. The country is hilly."

SENSATIONAL RUMOR.
Current in Paris of the Fall of Port Arthur.

London, May 14.—A telegram from Paris says a rumor is current there that Port Arthur has fallen and that 10,000 men were killed during the engagement. Nothing confirmatory is obtainable in London.

The above rumor is probably false.

WILL BE DESTROYED.
Gunboats at Newchwang Are Being Dismantled—Removing the Supplies.

Newchwang, May 13.—(Delayed in transmission).—There is a persistent rumor here of a sharp fight between the Russians and Japanese near Liao Yang, which it is impossible to confirm officially. Otherwise, according to the latest authority regarding the movement of the Japanese army, it is believed that if three divisions had passed Feng Huang Cheng, toward Liao Yang, they would have to go through the difficult mountainous region of the Liao Tung peninsula, and be forced to turn back. It is not believed that they would attempt this now, but rather turn towards Newchwang, occupying the bridge of the Petropavlovsk, and he shielded the Grand Duke from a flying squadron which killed him on the spot. The Grand Duke says that although the batteries sank at once by the bows, the momentum carried the flagship forward, so that when he dived and came up he found himself floating astern.

THE JAPANESE ADVANCE.
Liao Yang, May 13.—The advance guard of the first Japanese army has appeared six miles below Liencienkuan, on the road to Liao Yang. It is making any further advance, but is erecting strong fortifications. The Japanese movements were made with the greatest care.

Japs Were Outnumbered.
Washington, May 13.—The state department after receiving advice from Minister Aman at Seoul to the effect that a considerable body of Cossacks are reported to have arrived south of the Yalu river. The minister further states that in the attack made on Anju, on the 10th and 11th, 700 Japanese soldiers protected by walls held off 500 Cossacks.

REPORT OF BATTLE.
Russians Said to Have Lost Fifteen Hundred Killed and Wounded—No Confirmation Obtainable.

Shan Hai Kwan, May 14.—A report of a severe engagement in the hills around Hain Yen last Thursday has been received here. It lacks verification, but according to it, the Russians lost 1,500 men killed and wounded and the Japanese occupied the town of Hain Yen. The Japanese loss was given as 500.

It is impossible to ascertain confirmation here of the reported fighting near Hain Yen, but a battle is not unlikely, as this place is the part of the advance of the first Japanese army corps.

Hai Cheng is the apparent objective of this corps. The place is situated in the midst of rugged hills, where a small force could stop the enemy with telling effect.

RUSSIAN VIEW.
Expect Japanese Force Will Combine and Make an Attack on Liao Yang.

St. Petersburg, May 14.—12.30 p. m.—The army organ is disinclined to believe that Hai Cheng is the Japanese objective. It says the division of Guards now marching in that direction probably will sweep northward toward Liao Yang, followed by the forces now at Su Yang Chow, and combining with the division reported to be at Somatzi, make a combined attack on Liao Yang.

The Novoe Vremya's expert estimates the forces advancing against Liao Yang at 10,000 men, with 50,000 horses and 270 guns, and believes that the Russians are retreating upon their base. "It is a critical and anxious moment, the paper continues. General Kouropatkin allowing the enemy to take the offensive, watching for a favorable moment to strike a decisive blow."

Although the issue price of the Russian loan is still a secret here, the newspapers express satisfaction with its terms. Novoe Vremya points out that 7 per cent was paid during the Turkish war and that now the rate is only 5 per cent, whereas the Japanese are paying at least 6 per cent for a smaller sum. The Emperor has received \$700,000 for the navy from Count Strogonov for the patriotic emergency funds, consisting of several million roubles deposited in the Imperial Bank of Donators to His Majesty's grandfather.

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STORY OF FIGHT DENIED.
The Vladivostok Fleet Has Not Been Engaged.

St. Petersburg, May 14.—4.51 p. m.—The admiralty denies the rumored engagement of Rear-Admiral Jessen's squadron. A telegram from Vladivostok this morning reports all well there.

The admiralty admits having received a message from Port Arthur several days old, in which Rear-Admiral Witsoeff reports that everything was as well as could be expected.

There is no further information regarding Japanese activity around Port Arthur.

The Tokio dispatch recording Admiral Katoka's operations and the loss of the Japanese torpedo boats in Kerr bay, near Port Dalny, was read by the admiralty with the greatest attention, and some satisfaction. It was considered to indicate that determined operations will be undertaken against the Russian coast. The general staff approves of the destruction of the piers at Port Dalny. A member of the staff said to the correspondent that the Russian general staff at Port Dalny would not be of the slightest