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All persons having claims against the
estate of Arthur Robinson, who died on
16th February, 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
whose claims 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 hay meadow land, situated at Cheyaco,
and designated Lot 350, Group 1, Cariboo
District.
Dated this 31st day of March, 1904.
F. C. COPELAND,
Alexis Creek, B. C.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after
date I shall apply to the Chief Com-
missioner of Lands and Works for permission
to purchase 40 acres of land, more or less,
situate about three miles southeast of
Hazelton, B. C., and described as follows:
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THE RUSSIANS LOST THREE HUNDRED MEN

Left Thirty Dead on Field Near Kinchow--The Japanese Retreat to Feng Huang Cheng --Landing at Taku Shan.

London, May 20.—The correspondent of the Daily News cables from Tientsin as follows under date of May 19th: "It is reported that the Japanese are marching to the relief of Port Arthur, and the Japanese are consequently hastening offensive operations. "Forty-five thousand troops have already been landed at Kinchow and Taku Shan, thus entirely investing Port Arthur. The Japanese advanced lines are seven miles from the Russian trenches. Skirmishes occur daily along the railroad. "It is believed that the Japanese intend attacking Port Arthur with the entire force when it numbers 50,000. They are mounting six-inch naval guns on steel wheels with the object of silencing the Russian batteries. "The Manchurian railway south of Harbin is constantly broken up by Chinese marauders, and the Russians threaten reprisals. The Russians admit that they have to contend with terrible difficulties along the whole line. Their men, however, are behaving splendidly and they are very confident. "The Standard's correspondent at Tientsin cables that while the Japanese fleet was covering the landing of troops near Kaichau on Monday a sharp engagement occurred at Hsin-yencheng. Two hundred Russians were killed or wounded. The Russians retreated and the Japanese occupied both Kaiping and Kaichau. The Chinese governor at Chechow has received news, the correspondent adds, that the Russians have destroyed the railway between Tashichiao and Newchwang. Rumors of Reverse.

Newchwang, May 19.—An evening reported here from reliable sources that the Japanese army from the Yalu river has received a heavy blow, and has been driven back on Feng Huang Cheng. Yalu River Losses. Tokyo, May 19.—General Kuraki reports that the Japanese losses at the battle of Kaichang on May 1st were: Killed, 5 officers and 218 men; wounded, 33 officers and 703 men; 1,363 Russian dead were buried and 18 officers and 405 men were made prisoners. The Japanese captured 21 quickfiring guns, 19 ammunition wagons, 1,417 shells, 8 machine guns and 37,000 shells for a total of 1,222 shells. The Japanese also captured 10,000 rounds of ammunition, 63 horses, 10 wagons, 1,244 coats and 541 tents. At Feng Huang Cheng the Japanese captured 20 shells for mountain guns, 188,000 rounds of rifle ammunition, 1,720 coats, 40,000 loaves of bread and other supplies, with a quantity of tools and telegraph stores. Gunners Aground. Paris, May 20.—The correspondent at St. Petersburg of the Echo de Paris says: "The Russian cruiser Bogatyr grounded during a fog on the rocks near the entrance to Vladivostok. Her position is critical. Her crew was saved." May Make Sortie. St. Petersburg, May 20.—The loss of at least two Japanese warships is officially confirmed. The admiralty has been expecting such a disaster since the Admiral Togo, particularly since the naval commanders at Port Arthur have duplicated his plan which resulted in the sinking of the Petropavlovsk. After the battleship was destroyed the Russians attempted the same plan as the Japanese, that of sending out torpedo boats at night to place floating mines where the enemy had appeared a few hours before. Mines were especially planted off the Liao Tshan promontory, which was a favorable point, from which the Japanese bombarded Port Arthur. The loss of the Hatsuse is of the utmost importance, according to the general staff, members of which pointed out to the Associated Press that it tends to restore the equilibrium. Despite the number of casualties in the Russian fleet, it has really lost only one battleship. The Russian fleet, the Retzian and Caracovich were torpedoed at the beginning of the war, but those battleships were safely towed into port. The damage they sustained was serious, but repairs have been in progress since then, and the officials state the Retzian is ready to resume her place in the fighting line. The Caracovich is still undergoing repairs, and it will be some time before she can put to sea. Prior to the isolation of Port Arthur several ships were sent to the city and they have been rushing work on the repairs. It is now generally agreed that the mission of the second fleet was not merely the siege of Port Arthur, but its capture. The Japanese must appreciate now that they have been weak. The appearance of the Baltic fleet will make Russia immensely superior

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VICTORIA, B. C., TUESDAY, MAY 24, 1904.

RUSSIAN INFANTRY. The Russians were repulsed in thirty minutes. Our casualties were 1 officer and 4 men killed, and 1 officer and 8 men wounded.

AT TAKU SHAN.

Official Dispatch Announced the Landing of Japanese Force Near the Yalu. London, May 20.—2.56 p. m.—The Japanese legation to-day received the following official dispatch: "Tokyo May 20.—A portion of one squadron was sent to Taku Shan (west of the mouth of the Yalu river) yesterday." "The landing of Japanese troops at Taku Shan began yesterday." "The Japanese legation to-day received the following official dispatch: "Tokyo May 20.—11 a. m.—The loss of life incurred by the sinking of the cruiser Yoshino included Capt. Seyjii, Commander Hirovateri, three first lieutenants, five second lieutenants, five midshipmen, a paymaster, eight engineer cadets, and eight waterway mates. Of the crew the number of those lost is unknown. "The Hatsuse was sunk by coming in contact with the mine and not by the attack of a submarine boat. "The report that the battleship Shikishima was damaged and the battleship Fuji sank is denied here.

THE JAP LOSSES.

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TELLS OF LANDING.

After Coast Had Been Bombarded Blue-jackets Went Ashore and Raised Flag. Tokyo, May 20.—9 p. m.—Admiral Hosoya, commanding the third squadron, reports that with the third squadron he protected the landing of troops at a new unnam'd place, probably Taku Shan, yesterday. He bombarded the coast and landed a party of blue-jackets, who occupied a point of land and raised a battle flag. The Japanese landed in good order with great rapidity.

THE RETREAT.

Japs Fell Back in Good Order on Feng Huang Cheng. Newchwang, May 20.—7 a. m.—The reports of the Japanese retreat to Feng Huang Cheng are officially confirmed. The Japanese numbered 20,000, were camped on Monday, six miles west of Feng Huang Cheng. It being unwise to risk a battle the Japanese retreated in good order with great rapidity.

FEELING AT CAPITAL.

Gaily Affronting the Development of Events—Praise For Torpedo Boats. St. Petersburg, May 20.—With greater calmness than has been shown since the beginning of the war, Russia to-day faces the situation in the Far East. The disasters sustained by the Japanese fleet have strengthened the confidence and the chiefs are carefully pointing out that they have restored in a measure the prestige lost by the past unfortunated success of the enemy. Should the reports of the Japanese navy being driven back to Feng Huang Cheng prove true, then the authorities and people will feel that the Russian progress has been vindicated, and that the more the Japanese plan to commence the war on a more even footing.

RUSSIAN REPORT.

That Japs After Defeat Fell Back on Feng Huang Cheng. Tientsin, May 19.—It is announced from authentic sources that the Japanese army from the Yalu to-day sustained a severe defeat and was driven back to Feng Huang Cheng.

RUSSIANS JUBILANT.

Over Reported Victory at Feng Huang Cheng—Victory of Heavy Jap Losses. Newchwang, May 19.—Midnight.—The Russians are jubilant over their reported victory near Feng Huang Cheng, and consider that it being Emperor Nicholas's birthday the victory is "good medicine" for the Japanese.

TO CHECK JAPS.

Ten Thousand Russians Said to Have Been Sent to Kaiping, Near Newchwang. London, May 20.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says the Russians will withdraw to Kaupai Tse, concentrating their forces at Fukien, 100 miles to the north, to support their new base at Kai Yuen and Tsieling, whether their stores and munitions were being taken from Mukden and Liao Yang.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The Japs Lost Five Killed and Nine Wounded. Tokyo, May 20.—8.30 p. m.—The following official statement has just been issued here: "A section of infantry of the Liao Shan Chusan and met two sections of

which charges that the government is spending too much money on the navy. The reports that the battleships Shikishima and Fuji were lost apparently rest mainly on the assertions of Russian refugees who arrived at Chefoo.

The Morning Post, which is well posted on Japanese views, thinks that the disasters to the Japanese vessels will lead Japan to devote her attention to reducing Port Arthur on the ground that it is all important that she retain command of the seas. The same paper suggests as an explanation of the conflicting reports of Russian doing at Newchwang that the Russians quit Newchwang, but finding the way northward blocked by Japanese, decided to return to Newchwang and hold out there as long as possible in the hope of relief.

SOUNDS OF FIRING.

Engagement Probably in Progress in Vicinity of Port Arthur. Chefoo, May 20.—1 p. m.—Heavy firing was heard in the direction of Port Arthur this morning. Chinese arriving from Dalny say that the Russians regained control of the railway but lost it again.

KOREA'S ATTITUDE.

Edict Confirms Action of Cabinet in Rescinding Treaty With Russia. Seoul, May 19.—5.30 p. m.—Delayed in transmission.—An imperial edict confirming the action of the cabinet abrogating all existing treaties and agreements between the Russian and Korean governments, covers the original treaty of 1894, a special agreement regarding the Imperial household, and all mining and timber concession on the Yalu and Tumen rivers and on Negelet Island, off the east coast. It declares that lumber grants to private individuals, the time limitation of which has lapsed, were extended surreptitiously by the prime minister, and that the Korean government, through a minor official of which signed the extension under Russian pressure. An additional clause inserted had given territorial privileges in the concession, which became the means of cloaking government land-grabbing schemes, and was, therefore, declared null and void.

THE LOST WARSHIPS.

The Hatsuse Was a Vessel of the Latest Model. The Japanese cruiser Yoshino, which sank off Port Arthur after being rammed by the Kasuga, was a vessel of 4,180 tons and was 350 feet long. Her armament consisted of four 6-inch guns, eight 4.7-inch guns and twenty-three 3-pounders. Her speed was 23 knots, and her crew numbered 300 men. The Hatsuse, the battleship destroyed by the mine, was of 15,000 tons and of the latest model. She was only completed in 1900, was 400 feet long and was heavily armored. Her armament consisted of four 12-inch guns, fourteen 6-inch guns, twenty-two 3-pounders and four 24-pounders. She had four torpedo tubes and an estimated speed of 19.1 knots. Her crew numbered 741 men.

SYMPATHY FOR JAPS.

English Papers Express Regret at Loss of the Warships. London, May 20.—The English newspapers express greatest regret and sympathy at Japan's disaster in losing two warships. They consider it due purely to accident, probably to derelict mines, not believing that the Russians placed mines at such a distance. "Admiration is expressed at the smartness of the Japanese in saving so many lives from their vessels. Incidentally, this paper says the ill-timed loss of a lesson to the British political party

said, that there is no truth in the report that Kourapatkin has sent 10,000 men to retake that place. The report that Kourapatkin has sent 70,000 men to relieve Port Arthur is declared by the general staff to be unreliable.

WILL BE TAKEN BY STORM.

Chicago, May 20.—A special to the Daily News from Tokyo says: "Port Arthur is to be taken by storm the moment proper preparations have been completed. Siege guns have yet to be placed in position and the land forces appointed for the assault have to be strengthened. The unexpected loss of two fine vessels has emphasized the insecurity of sea power and the authorities feel that no chance must be taken that would encourage Russia to send out the Baltic fleet, counting on finding a harbor of refuge in Port Arthur.

RUMORS OF BATTLE.

Report is Current Among the Chinese at Chefoo. Chefoo, May 21.—10.30 p. m.—There is a rumor among the Chinese here that a battle was fought on the Liao Tung peninsula to-day. It cannot, however, be confirmed.

ON THE PENINSULA.

Japs Placing Guns to Resist Any Sortie By Russian From Port Arthur. Newchwang, May 20.—Delayed in transmission.—The officials have not received any further information regarding the fighting which resulted in the retreat of the Japanese on Feng Huang Cheng, but there is good authority for saying that the Japanese movements in the direction of Liao Yang and Hai Cheng were for the purpose of causing the Russians to believe that they were moving northward, thus giving the Japanese an opportunity to complete their preparations to capture Port Arthur.

RECONNOITRING.

Flootillas of Gunboats, Destroyers and Torpedo Boats Approach Port Arthur. London, May 21.—A dispatch to the Japanese legation from Tokyo says Vice-Admiral Togo has reported to-day as follows: "The gunboat squadron and the torpedo boat destroyers and torpedo boat flotillas approached Port Arthur yesterday for the purpose of reconnoitering, which was successfully carried out with little damage, in spite of a hot cross fire from the forts. There were no casualties on our side."

MORE RUSSIANS ARRIVE.

Force Near Liao Yang Preparing to Resist Advance of Japanese. Mukden, May 20.—The main body of the Japanese forces, estimated at 50,000 men, remains south of the Russian troops, who are covering Liao Yang. They have apparently suspended their advance. This inaction causes surprise and some satisfaction, for every postponement of a decisive engagement is considered favorable for the Russians, who are daily increasing their forces, and are enabled by the delay to strengthen their positions. It is supposed that the recent rains hampered the movement of the Japanese artillery and compelled a temporary halt. The Russians still hold the railroad to Tshikiau. Eleven military trains have come in here during the past 24 hours. The rains have stopped suddenly, and fine weather has set in.

DESTRUCTION OF HATSUSE.

The Japanese Battleship Was Ten Miles Off Coast When She Struck Mine. Tokyo, May 20.—Noon.—It is absolutely certain that the battleship Hatsuse was sunk by a Russian mine ten miles off the coast. The position, over three miles north of navigation, dangerous for neutral vessels, and a protest from foreign governments is expected. The loss of the Japanese warship is keenly felt here.

IN EASTERN KOREA.

Cossacks Bay in the Vicinity of Gensan—Going Towards the Northwest. Seoul, May 20.—4 p. m.—(Delayed)—The Russian coast at Gensan reports that about 300 Russians occupied Kan Kow (Ham Heung), forty miles north of Gensan, on May 19th, with the usual stories of looting and rapine by the Cossacks. The main body of 8,000 men is