

Three Jap Armies Closing In On Mukden; Kuropatkin in Peril of Mikado's Trap

Giant Operation to Head Off Further Retreat of Russians—New Chwang Completely Evacuated—A Jap Army Turns Up Unexpectedly at Kin Chan—A Russ Detachment Cornered Near Anju—Vladivostok Not Blockaded, Say Russians.

Mukden, Monday, May 17.—The fighting line is steadily nearing Mukden, where Viceroy Alexieff's headquarters still remain. Little reliable information can be obtained by the newspaper correspondents, who are forbidden to proceed to the scene of operations and official information withheld until advised as to St. Petersburg. It is now known, however, that the Japanese are stretching their striking distance of the Russians, and that the forces protecting Liao Yang are stretching eastward from the road along the Mao Tien mountain range. The Japanese are advancing in three columns and are now north of Shu Yen and Feng Wang Cheng. Two columns are reported to be working further to the northward with the object of turning the Russian position and advancing upon Mukden.

Numerous small engagements have been fought, but no decisive action has taken place. Port Arthur is now completely isolated by the Japanese expedition at Polandien. The Japanese are now operating in a rugged country well suited to the Russian defense, but north of the Liao Yang to Mukden the country is a flat plain intersected by rivers. The weather recently has been hot and dry, but the rain which has fallen in the past two days has made the roads almost impassable for vehicles, and when the rainy season begins, the end of June, this plain will be converted into a morass. This condition will probably result in the practical suspension of operations.

Mukden is now the receiving center of wounded from the various engagements south of the Mao Tien mountains. A hospital has been established in the Lama temple, and a field hospital has been located in a wood near the military camp around the station. Significant features of the situation is the demeanor of the Chinese population, which may be said to be a barometer of the military weather. A close observer of the expressions and general attitude of the Chinese can tell you how the fighting a hundred miles away is turning. They have rapid and mysterious channels of information, through which the result of the battle at Feng Wang Cheng spread, and could be suspected from the outward manner of the Chinese before the Russian retreat.

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A Novel Atlantic Liner To Cross Ocean in 3 Days

New York, May 17.—The World this morning says: "Preliminary steps were taken yesterday for the organization of a company that will build a ship which will cross the ocean in three days. The meeting was held in the office of Lewis Nixon, at which were present Richard Benjamin Painton, inventor of the 'multiple electric propeller.' The plan tentatively agreed upon is to build a vessel 600 feet in length, at a cost of about \$2,000,000, with which it is confidently asserted, the passage time between New York and

THE WAR NEWS.

With the last of the Russian troops out of New Chwang, Port Arthur actively besieged by land and sea, and Japanese armies almost within striking distance of Liao Yang and Mukden, the war situation still remains favorable for the Japanese. It would appear that the Japs are making an effort to cut off the retreat of Kuropatkin, should he be obliged to evacuate Liao Yang.

The appearance of a Japanese army at Kin Chan is taken by the Russians completely by surprise. This point is close to Yn Kow, and but a short distance from New Chwang, and could be used as a base from which to hurl a flank attack on the Russians.

The sinking of the Japanese cruiser Miyako, the second disaster of the kind to fall upon the Japanese, at Tallewan Bay, has raised the spirits of the Russians somewhat, being considered in the nature of revenge.

The Russians claim that the Vladivostok fleet is not blockaded.

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BRITISH LOSE HEAVILY

13 Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers Killed in Nigeria.

Cologne, May 17.—The Berlin correspondent of the Cologne Gazette telegraphs that private dispatches from Cameroons says the Cross River rebels have been completely crushed, after an obstinate fight, by a British force in the territory of Southern Nigeria. The British losses were heavy. Thirteen officers and non-commissioned officers were killed.

TIES FOR PANAMA

Ontario Men Secure a Big Contract for the New Canal.

Vancouver, May 17.—A number of Ontario financiers, having secured the contract for supplying millions of ties to be used in the construction of the Panama Canal works, are making arrangements to erect the largest lumber mill on the Pacific coast in Vancouver. The cost will be over \$1,000,000. Neither Canadian nor local trade will be touched, the whole output being for supplying the demands of the foreign market. It is expected the immense order for timber given for the Panama Canal will place the new firm solidly on their feet, so that they will soon become one of the largest concerns in the lumber world. The promoters have been working quietly and have already secured hundreds of thousands of acres of timber limits. No names are given out officially.

TIBETANS ON BRITISH REAR

Form Menace to Lines of Communications—Growing More Active.

London, Tuesday, May 17.—A dispatch to the Times from Gyangtse, dated May 15, says that the daily postal escort was fired on Saturday, and that communication after Monday would be less certain. The Tibetans have received heavier ordnance from Lhasa, and considerable reinforcements from the east and north. The rumors that they are receiving white assistance are becoming more frequent. These probably refer to the British.

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ASK MONUMENT FOR SALISBURY

House of Commons Desires That One Be Placed in Westminster Abbey.

London, May 17.—The House of Commons today voted an address to King Edward praying his majesty to order the erection of a monument to the late Lord Salisbury in Westminster Abbey, and at public expense. The only dissenting voice came from the Irish benches, where John Redmond, the Irish leader, opposed the motion, and the House upon it. Mr. Redmond said the Nationalists could not associate themselves with the movement, because the Irish are "hotentots," an expression which still rankled.

THE INLAND REVENUE. Ottawa, May 17.—The unreviewed statement of inland revenue for the month of April shows a total revenue of \$1,066,365.61, as compared with \$1,041,088.42 for the corresponding month of last year. The chief sources of revenue are: Spirits, \$486,286.41; tobacco, \$346,846.17; mail, \$99,407.91; cigars, \$88,744.67.

WEATHER BULLETIN

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD. London, Tuesday, May 17. Sun rises, 4:50 a.m. Moon rises, 6:52 a.m. Sun sets, 7:37 p.m. Moon sets, 9:32 p.m.

HIS LURID FINISH

Sully, Famous Cattle Thief and Desperado, Killed. Chamberlain, S. D., May 17.—In a running fight on horseback in which many shots were fired, Jack Sully, head of a band of cattle thieves, has been killed by United States Marshal Peire and a posse of mounted Indian reservation. Sully's fight for life was made at a gallop and he fired at his pursuers until he had been shot many times and his horse had been killed under him.

About a week ago Sully ran off nearly 200 cattle from a party of men in Nebraska. United States Commissioner Tidrick sent out Marshal Peire and a posse of mounted Indian reservation to bring in Sully dead or alive. They found Sully at his home, on Blackfries Island, and ordered him to surrender. He sprang on his horse and made a dash for liberty, closely followed by the posse. A running fight was kept up until Sully fell dead.

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CONSIDER RUSSIA

GIGANTIC HUMBUNG

Prevailing British View of the Muscovite Colossus.

London, May 17.—Russia has been found out. That is the text of a good deal of English comment just now. One responsible London journal even dubs her the most gigantic humbug that modern history records. It goes on to indicate as a striking instance how she has systematically misled the world on the irony of fate that Russia is finding the scene of her humiliation in the far eastern regions. It is a good job, it is said, that the Russian defeat upon the Yalu. "This war will keep quiet for the next 50 years, anyhow."

That is the pretty general English reflection of the Russian situation. The long has been regarded as a standing menace to Great Britain's hold upon India, and the far eastern markets generally, is their fondly held hope, when the old moon goes gone, to be the armed bidding of Great Britain's own ally, and Englishmen's patriotism is not lessened by the evidence which continental correspondents send, that European nations are not so easily replaced by the Japanese specter.

The Spectator, in an editorial to this theme, it shows how wrong all of us have been in classing the Japs with Asiatic people, who all have one thing in common, and that is, they are not to be trusted. The daring and precision of the Japanese army and navy was conceivable, but here is a nation capable of enough patriotism to induce 20,000 volunteers to assist in sinking steamers under the very nose of their own government. The certainty of an awful death. Even Englishmen must revise their estimates of the Japs, and is naturally added the Spectator, "that continental nations were penetrated through with dread of the Russian might, should be bewildered by the phenomenon for which they had no precedent."

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