

THE JAPS NORTH OF PORT ARTHUR

20,000 Troops Said to Have Landed at Kin-Chou.

TRIED TO KILL KUROPATKIN

Attempted Assassination of Russian Commander at New Chwang—50,000 Russians on the Yalu.

St. Petersburg, April 23.—A report is current here that the Japanese have landed 20,000 troops at Kin Chau above Port Arthur. This report, however, cannot be confirmed tonight. [Kin Chau lies to the North of Port Arthur at the head of the Liao Tung Gulf. It is close to the Trans-Siberian Railway and a strong force operating from this point could cut communications between the fortress and the Russian base.]

St. Petersburg, April 23.—The story that an attempt was made on Gen. Kuropatkin's life by two disguised Japanese, while the commander-in-chief was in New Chwang a few days ago, is confirmed. The would-be assassins impersonated Chinese beggars. They were false queues. One of them reached for a dagger, but was felled to the ground by one of two Cossacks who always accompany the general.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—Some excitement was caused here today by a report that mines had been planted at the mouth of the River Neva, where they had been planted for the purpose of blowing up the battleships when they leave. The report grew out of the sighting of four floating powder cans. These were recovered and turned over to the police authorities, who, upon making an examination, found the cans were part of a load of powder which was being transported in the city and were dropped through the ice.

St. Petersburg, April 23, 2:05 p.m.—In spite of the reports from Seoul and Tokyo that the Russians are massing 50,000 men to resist the Japanese crossing the Yalu River, it can be asserted with great positiveness that an obstinate obstruction of the enemy's crossing is no part of General Kuropatkin's tactics. The Russians intend that the Japanese shall have the river behind them before giving battle in force. Kuropatkin's plans in this respect are fully approved here. Of course, the Russians will do all in their power to render the crossing as difficult and expensive as possible, but the first decisive engagement will be fought in Manchuria, where the Russian will have all the advantages of position. The Japanese fleet is again reported to be off Port Arthur, but the report is not official.

Che Foo, April 24.—Private letters received from Port Arthur and elsewhere on April 15 state that the Japanese bombardments of April 13 and April 14 did no damage to the town. No shells fell inside the city.

Shanghai, April 24.—Fearing a possible attack the Chinese officials have decided to remove the Shanghai arsenal to Wuhu, an inland town, about 100 miles west of Shanghai. It is estimated that the entire cost of moving the arsenal will reach three million taels.

St. Petersburg, April 23.—The young Empress is taking such intense interest in the daily little trousseau, which is being prepared for her wedding, that she no longer appears at public functions. The royal stork is expected to appear on the banks of the Neva in the summer, and prayers of all the Emperor's subjects will be for an heir to the throne.

London, April 25.—The far eastern dispatches this morning are full of reports and speculations about Japanese landings and the plan of campaign. The Daily Telegraph's London correspondent says that the present delay is more apparent than real, both as regards field and naval operations. The Japanese, according to the correspondent, are acting prudently and will not be hurried. They realize that certain movements must precede the next coup by land and sea, and they are waiting both favorable weather and oceanic conditions on the alert. Announcing the notification that military assistance is being rendered to the Japanese, in matters of equipment, etc., the correspondent attaches and correspondents like prizes.

The Daily Telegraph's Shanghai correspondent cables that a second Japanese army will sail shortly, and will land on the island of Diauwei, near Yungchow. According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris, Col. Vanovsky, of the Russian general staff, declares that the report of a Japanese reverse on the Yalu has not been confirmed. The colored dispatches, however, there has as yet been any serious fighting on the Yalu, neither side having gained the concentration of troops. He estimated the Japanese strength in Korea to be 5,000 men.

The Daily Telegraph's Brussels correspondent says that agents of the Russian Government have signed an agreement to purchase three large men-of-war constructed at Genoa for the Argentine Republic at a price of \$18,000,000. One of the ships, the Gerbaldo, is a vessel of 12,000 tons.

A Port Arthur dispatch, dated April 24, says: "Chicago News" dispatch boat, which approached Friday night last, was boarded by Russian soldiers. The correspondent was arrested, but was liberated on condition that he avoid the Kwang Tung peninsula in future. All is quiet, and there is no change in the situation here.

The Morning Post's Shanghai correspondent says that spies have informed the Russians at Kin Chau that Japanese warships, carrying transports with 20,000 troops, are steaming northward.

According to the Daily Mail's New Chwang correspondent, the announcement that Viceroy Alexieff had resigned caused a great commotion. The correspondent says that it is generally thought in naval and military circles that there is a possibility of a peaceful settlement of the far eastern trouble through the mediation of the powers.

PICKED UP AT SEA. Philadelphia, April 25.—The steamship Haverford, which arrived here today from Liverpool, had aboard a crew of 28 men of the French fishing vessel Union, who were picked up at sea on April 19. The Union was abandoned and destroyed by fire.

AN ARISTOCRATIC BANDIT

A Frisco Society Swell Holds Up a Club and is Killed.

San Jose, Cal., April 25.—A masked man, armed with two revolvers, entered the rooms of the Delmonico Social Club, and after lining up against the wall six men who were in the room, took a diamond ring, valued at \$500 or \$600 from the table and then backed out of the room. After pursuit by citizens lasting over an hour, during which over 30 shots were exchanged, the robber was finally killed. Upon investigation the dead man was found to be Bert Thorndyke, a prominent young man. Thorndyke was one of the best-known young men in this city, and had wife and child. Thorndyke's mother is a wealthy widow of Stockton, it is said. His brother is an artist on a New York newspaper.

GLOOMY OUTLOOK IN SOUTH AFRICA

Mining Interests in Bad Shape—A Rumored Boer Conspiracy.

New York, April 25.—In his cable letter from London to the Tribune Mr. Isaac N. Ford says: "The outlook in South Africa is far from satisfactory. Protests against the demand of the crown colony agents for exclusive control of the purchase of supplies for the Transvaal and the Orange River colonies can easily be met by official compromises, but there are many signs of discontent and dangerous unrest in South Africa. One is the circumstantial evidence of the formation of a Boer secret conspiracy in the Lydenburg district, with concealed supplies of arms and ammunition. Another is the widespread disappointment over the continuance of hard times and the prostration of mining interests."

A LABOR LEADER FOR PREMIER

New Australian Ministry Being Formed—Items from Old London.

London, April 25.—The German steamer Excelsior, for towing the Ontario 900 miles to Queenstown, has made a salvage claim of \$90,000. Mr. Watson, the Australian labor leader, who is forming a government, wires to the Chronicle asking British trade unionists to withhold judgment until the Labor party and its future ministry. He knows nothing of a colonial offer, but will give courteous and generous consideration to any concrete preferential proposal.

Count Okuma declares that if Mr. Chamberlain's proposed campaign against the Boers is successful, the present Government will be obliged to raise the troops against Britain.

The free trade members of the Liberal Union Club have appealed to the Duke of Devonshire as the best means of preventing the club being endangered by association with the reactionary policy of protection.

The Chronicle says a responsible Canadian correspondent states that after the general election the present Dominion Government will be compelled by public opinion to have no preferential duties on wheat less than 20 per cent, and this rule will soon apply to all English goods.

Edward Ingram, who was sent to trial at the Old Bailey on charges of stealing jewelry valued at \$250, said he wanted to go abroad. The magistrate suggested Germany. The prisoner declared that he would try Canada, but the court missionary said Canada would not receive him.

Mr. Arnold, presiding at the St. George's banquet in the Hotel Cecil, said the history of the last few years had brought into the strongest possible relief the absolute duty of neglecting nothing which would bind closer the various parts of the empire. We must not forget this.

The Times' insurance correspondent says the Toronto fire will give an impetus to the movement to charge a cent on Canadian goods, which is fully justified although it will be a serious blow to the insurance industry. Insurance in Canada is seven times higher than in Britain, yet it is notoriously unprofitable.

White in the Sunday Sun reminds Canada that her forces would be unable to defend her southern frontier at the Old Bailey on charges of stealing jewelry valued at \$250, said he wanted to go abroad. The magistrate suggested Germany. The prisoner declared that he would try Canada, but the court missionary said Canada would not receive him.

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