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MORE SKIRMISHES ALONG THE YALU

Six Japanese Soldiers Killed by Russian Scouts--Survivor of Battleship Tells How Makaroff Died.

Liao Yang, April 19.—A number of important skirmishes are reported along the Yalu river. Six Japanese soldiers were killed by Russian scouts on April 18th. Fighting was heard on April 18th, but the result of the engagement is unknown. Newchwang, April 19.—The Red Cross was initiated today when a number of natives were dispatched to Tientsin by the local Red Cross Society.

CONTROL KOREA.

Japanese Army is Divided into Two Divisions—More Troops for Yongsampho.

Shanghai, April 19.—Noon.—Authentic advices from Seoul, dated the 12th inst., declared that the Japanese are in complete control of Korea, and that the Russian scouting parties have retired across the Yalu before the Japanese, who occupied Wiju practically without resistance.

The Japanese army is divided into two forces, one for expeditionary purposes and the other for occupation. The former, numbering 45,000, is advancing to the Yalu, and the latter, consisting of 15,000 reserves, is making arrangements with the headquarters at Seoul, where there is a garrison of four thousand. The headquarters of the transport service is at Chemulpo. Railroad building and road grading is progressing rapidly.

The fortification of Kojedo Island, at the mouth of Masampho harbor, which protects the southern terminus of overland communication, also guards the passage to Vladivostok and Port Arthur through Broughton Strait. Forty transports of eight are supposed to have landed part of their forces at Taku Shan, and it is the general belief that the Japanese are preparing to force the Yalu.

HOW MAKAROFF DIED.

Naval Commander-in-Chief Killed on the Bridge of the Petropolsk.

Liao Yang, April 17.—The Associated Press correspondent at Port Arthur, continuing his story regarding the loss of the Petropolsk and the Bezstrashni, says that after the sinking of the latter the Japanese torpedo boats turned and made off at full speed, followed by the Bayan. To their support came six of the enemy's cruisers. Still the Bayan went on, seemingly inviting certain destruction. She soon turned and steamed a broadside into the enemy's line. Projectiles rained around the ship, but none struck her. To the eastward suddenly appeared five more of our torpedo boats, returning to the harbor under forced draught. Two of the Japanese cruisers were immediately detached to cut them off, but the Bayan, noting the movement, checked it by turning a hot fire upon them. The movement was effective. The Japanese cruisers slowed down, the torpedo boats slipped through into the harbor.

Meanwhile, in accordance with Vice-Admiral Makaroff's order, the battleships and cruisers in the inner harbor slipped anchor. Majestically the Petropolsk, flying the admiral's flag, steamed through the entrance. On her appearance the formidable army of Japanese cruisers turned and fled. The admiral signaled the Bayan to return. Then a stream of flags flattered out "Brave Bayan." Continuing the correspondent says: "Our squadron continued the chase, finally fading from view. I waited anxiously for its appearance, and in about an hour it came in sight. Far behind it the number of points from which smoke arose announced the presence of the enemy.

"Our squadron, with the Petropolsk leading, arrived at the entrance to the harbor and drew up in line of battle. I watched the Petropolsk closely as she steamed toward Electric Cliff. She was almost without hesitation, when suddenly I saw her tremble. She seemed to rise out of the water, a tremendous explosion rent the air, then a second and then a third. Fragments flew in all directions, and wreckage and men were mixed up in a terrible mass. I was hardly able to realize the horror of it, when the ship began to list. In a minute the sea seemed to open and the water rushed over her. The Petropolsk had disappeared.

"The floating woodwork and the few men struggling in the water were all that was left to recall the splendid fighting machine which a few hours before had sailed out of the harbor.

"The same shock, experienced by the observers on Golden Hill paralyzed for a moment the men on the ships, but when it passed torpedo boats and small boats hastened to the rescue of the survivors.

"Eager to ascertain what had occurred on board the sunken ship, I hastened to a landing, where a small remnant of the gallant crew were being put ashore and conveyed to a hospital. Signalmann Pochkov, who was slightly wounded, was able to give me the remarkable clear statement of the disaster. He said: "I stood in the wheel house looking at the signal book. The admiral's last signal had been for the torpedo boats to enter the harbor. The Petropolsk slowly steamed and almost stood still. Suddenly she shook violently. I heard a fearful explosion, immediately followed by another and then another. They seemed to me to be directly under the bridge. I rushed to the door of the wheel house, where I met an officer, probably a lieutenant, who was trying to sprang to the window and jumped out. The ship was listing and I feared that every moment she would turn over.

"On the bridge I saw an officer wearing in blood—it was our admiral—Makaroff. He lay face downward. I sprang to him, grasped him by the shoulder and attempted to raise him. The ship seemed to be filling. From all sides flew fragments. I heard the deafening screech and the frightful din. The smoke rose in dense clouds and the flames seemed to leap toward the bridge where I was standing beside the admiral. I jumped on the raft and was washed out, but succeeded in grabbing something.

"On our ship was an old man with a beautiful white beard, who had been good to our men. He had a book in his hand and seemed to be writing. He was Veretchagin, the painter.

NEW COMMANDER.

Vice-Admiral Skrydloff Arrives at St. Petersburg En Route to Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, April 19.—Vice-Admiral Skrydloff arrived here today on his way to the Far East, where he will take command of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur. The admiral was accorded an enthusiastic reception by the people who thronged the streets. The vast Znamenskai square, opposite the Nicholas railroad station, was black with people, and the police guarding the platform were quite unable to cope with the crowd who broke through the cordons and rushed toward the train. There were repeated outbreaks of enthusiasm as the admiral left the car, and from the bareheaded through a peasant stepped out and presented Skrydloff with a copy of a picture entitled "The Holy Virgin of Joy to the Afflicted," which is reputed to have miraculous power. The peasant also presented the admiral with consecrated bread, telling Skrydloff that he saluted him in the name of the masses of the Russian people, all of whose hopes depended on him as the hero of the Russo-Turkish war. "The people are convinced," added the speaker, "that Admiral Skrydloff will justify the hopes of the Emperor and the Fatherland like the Virgin whose picture has just been given him will bring joy, and that soon to a visibly afflicted."

The admiral, who was visibly affected, took the picture, declaring that he accepted it as a happy presage, and adding that he would not part with the picture throughout the campaign, and that he would put all his faith in God. A representative of the middle classes presented the admiral with a picture of Saint Theodosius, the miracle worker of Czeranovsk. The admiral then drove off, followed by deafening shouts of "Long live Skrydloff."

On arrival at his hotel, a little girl presented the admiral with a bouquet, calling Skrydloff as "the supreme commander of my brothers who are serving in the navy in the Far East." "God help you," said the child, "in all your paths, and may heaven grant that good fortune attend you always during the war, for the glory of our dear country."

The admiral embraced the girl, and the action brought out salvos of cheers. Subsequently Skrydloff called on the Grand Duke Alexis, high admiral, and on Vice-Admiral Avellan, chief of the admiralty.

To-morrow Admiral Skrydloff will be received in audience by the Emperor and Empress. Probably he will return to Sebastopol on Saturday to formally head over the Black Sea fleet to his successor.

CONGRATULATES TOGO.

Japanese Minister of Marine Praises Work of Navy.

Tokio, April 17.—6 p.m.—Admiral

Baron Yamamoto, the minister of marine, sent the following congratulatory message to Vice-Admiral Togo today: "I am delighted over the success of the eighth attack on Port Arthur. The result was splendid, and while it is attributed to the Emperor's illustrious virtue, the loyal and gallant action of the officers and men of the fleet played a conspicuous part. Their behavior leaves nothing to regret. I tender my congratulations to you and to the officers and men in your command, and I hope that the same noble discharge of duties will be continued while the present great national problem lies before us. The goal is yet distant. Take the best care of yourself in order that you all may be enabled to finish the great work expected of you."

WIRELESS MESSAGES.

Times Correspondent Says Dispatches Were Sent From High Seas on Neutral Waters.

London, April 19.—The Times correspondent at sea, in a dispatch published by this paper this morning, protests that his wireless telegraph messages were veiled in cipher, which neither the Russians nor the Japanese could understand. He says he never sailed in Russian water, and that all his messages were sent from the high seas or from neutral waters.

LEAVING VLADIVOSTOCK.

Provisions Running Short—Women and Children Are Departing.

St. Petersburg, April 19.—The population of Vladivostok is in want of the most necessary kinds of provisions, and in consequence of flooded rivers which interrupt communication it is impossible

to furnish the supplies. There is also a scarcity of money. Many inhabitants, particularly the women and children, are leaving the city, abandoning their property which they are unable to sell. Half of the houses in Vladivostok are empty and the civilian population is already reduced to 5,000.

Liao Yang, April 19.—The outposts on the island of Yalu, between Anju and Wiju, has been engaged in continual skirmishes for several days. Some Japanese are reported to have been killed. At night when the Japanese retire they disguise themselves in the straw cloaks of Koreans. They are making bags with bark and matting, which they fill with earth and use in building their defensive works.

Russian Views. St. Petersburg, April 19.—The reports that there are five thousand Cossacks in the neighborhood of Gensan (Wonsan), on the east coast of Korea, are denied. The Russian cavalry is scouting along the east coast of Korea, but not so far down as Gensan. While there is almost constant skirmishing along the Yalu, the Russians do not anticipate important land fighting for some time, not believing that the Japanese will seriously attempt crossing the river until their advance can be supported by two corps, which their advance indicates represents the strength of the Mikado's soldiers in Korea. The general staff is of the opinion that the Japanese rear must be protected, and that a third corps must be landed and entrenched in a line across the peninsula before the real forward movement can begin.

Lack of transportation facilities, according to the Russian advices, are delaying the Japanese. The Japanese horses are dying by the hundred. It will

be impossible to bring up regular field artillery and they will have to rely on mountain guns. General Kouropatkin's dispositions, the general staff says, are progressing rapidly and satisfactorily.

The troops concentrating below Mukden are being sent to their allotted positions. About 30,000 are employed in guarding the railroad. The Russians know the Japanese are making a desperate fight to cripple the road by blowing up bridges.

St. Petersburg is flooded with rumors from all directions regarding the plans of the Japanese now that the Russian fleet at Port Arthur is unable longer to menace their troop transports. The Associated Press, in a dispatch from Port Arthur, Sunday last, gave 20 as the number of Japanese transports reported as having been sighted steaming in the direction of Yin Kow, the seaport of Newchwang. Officials of the general staff, while having no information in this respect, would not be surprised if the rumor should turn out to be correct or even that a larger number are steaming there. Vice-Admiral Togo's immense superiority enables him to hold the Russian squadron in Port Arthur and Japanese transports therefore can safely pass through the Straits of Pechili and attempt to land at the head of the Gulf of Liao Tung under the guns of the warships. If this should succeed, the Japanese will be in an excellent position to execute a flank movement of Liao Yang or cut off Port Arthur.

General Kouropatkin recently inspected Newchwang. He is familiar with the strategic position there and disposed of a strong force to contest a Japanese movement at that point, and if such move is made it is believed he will be able to check it.

Prince Hillkoff, minister of railroads, left St. Petersburg to-night for Irkutsk, where he will supervise the completion of the railroad around Lake Baikal and

RUSSIANS ASSERT JAP CRUISER SANK

Is Said to Have Gone Down Off Port Arthur Last Friday--Japanese Force Reported Near Newchwang

but he heard afterwards that exactly one minute and forty seconds passed between the explosion and the ship's disappearance.

NEAR NEWCHWANG.

Force of Japanese Reported to Have Landed.

London, April 20.—2:20 p.m.—A dispatch to the Central News from St. Petersburg says it is reported that a Japanese force has landed near Newchwang.

THE RUSSIANS.

First Line of Defence is Forty Miles Southeast of Liao Yang.

Tientsin, April 20.—It is understood here that only four Russian regiments remain on the Yalu river, and that the Russians first line of defence extends

to the point where the river crosses the railway. The Japanese force is reported to have landed near Newchwang.

GONE TO MUKDEN.

Newspaper Correspondents Now Allowed to Join the Russian Army.

Newchwang, April 20.—The correspondents of leading French, Italian and British newspapers, of one American newspaper and of the Associated Press have been permitted to proceed to Mukden. They left here to-day. They are the first foreign newspaper men admitted from here to the Russian lines since the declaration of war.

VICEROY ALEXIEFF.

Japanese Greatly Interested in the Report of His Resignation.

London, April 20.—The Japanese legation here is greatly interested in the announcement of Vice-Admiral Alexieff's resignation. The opinion is expressed



VICEROI ALEXIEFF, Who Is Reported to Have Asked to Be Relieved of Duties.

that if he had resigned six months ago there would have been no war, but now that hostilities are in progress the Japanese would have preferred to see Alexieff retain control.

CONTACT MINES.

Found and Destroyed by the Japanese Fleet.

Nagasaki, April 20.—11 a.m.—Contact mines have been found floating seaward five miles from Cape Shang Tung. Three of them were discovered and destroyed by the Japanese fleet.

CHINESE IMPATIENT.

General Ma Says His Troops Are Anxious to Attack the Russians.

Shanghai, April 20.—Gen. Ma Yu Kun, commander of the Chinese army on the Manchurian border, reports that the Russian troops are moving west of the Liao river. He says it is difficult to control his troops, as they are anxious to attack the Russians.

LEAVES FOR WEST.

Captain McAllister, Well-Known on the Lakes, Coming to the Coast.

Winnipeg, April 20.—Capt. and Mrs. James McAllister, formerly of Owen Sound, were in the city yesterday on their way to British Columbia. Capt. McAllister has been a well-known figure on the lakes for the last eighteen years, during which time he has been in command of the C. P. R. steamship Alberta. He has now resigned from the company's service, and will in future superintend a ferry system between Vancouver and North Vancouver, a new steamer for which was recently built by Poleson in Toronto and shipped out in sections.

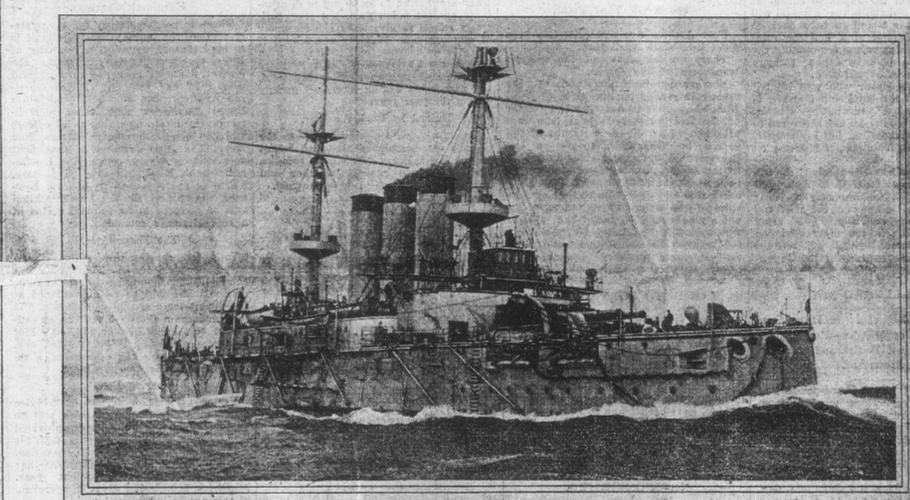
BUYING STEAMERS.

Negotiations For Four Ships Were Carried on at Constantinople.

St. Petersburg, April 20.—In regard to the reported purchase by Russia of four ships in the United States, it is now said that the deal was negotiated at Constantinople by General Williams, the agent of a Philadelphia shipbuilding firm, and the Russian ambassador to Turkey, M. Zinovief.

BLIZZARD REIGN.

Conditions Reign Throughout Northern New York--Snow has Fallen to the Depth of Several Inches, and the Storm has Raged Continually for the Past Twenty-Four Hours.



JAPANESE BATTLESHIP SHIKISHIMA. The Shikishima, one of the ships of Admiral Togo's fleet, was launched on the Thames in 1898. Her tonnage is 14,850, and horse-power 14,500. She has a speed of 18 1/2 knots, and a complement of 741 officers and men. The Shikishima carries four 12-inch guns in the turrets.

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