

**The Front** Russian Officies Despatches Covers on the Yal to 30th. eteen Muscovites Killed During Crossing and Japanese Loss Likely Large. Preparations on the Right Bank **Continue For Pitched** Battle. St. Petersburg, April 30.—An official despatch has been received at headquar-ters concerning affairs on the Yalu up to April 30. It is as follows: Official reports received during the last few days state that on April 22nd a movement was seen among the last Official reports received during the last few days state that on April 22nd a movement was seen among the Japa-meuse troops on the Yalu, small detach-meuts moving on the left bank. On April 23rd larger bodies concentrated opposite Wiju and the Japanese pro-ceeded to cross by small detachments. About two companies with a small body of calvary crossed at Siao Po Ussikhe. From the evening of April 24th onward reports began to come to the effect that the enemy was preparing to cross the Wiju at Turen Cheng and Tshao Chen Ling. On the following day the Japanese endeavored to throw bridges across the eastern arm of the Yalu op-posite Turen Cheng and Siao Po Ussik-he. Towards 3 o'clock in the afternoon they occupied the island of Somalinda and spent the night of April 26th on an island north of Saudakon. The Japa-nese, who numbered 15,000, were re-ceived by the fire of our light cavalry, who, being numerically inferior, took boats and crossed to the right bank, whence they kept up a lively fire, shel-tered by a sharp ascent. Our light cavalry lost the chief of the detach-ment, Lieut, Somonoff, and 18 men, who were killed, but their severe fire at short range against the Japanese in close formation, must have inflicted con-siderable loss.

who were killed, but their severe fire at short range against the Japanese in close formation, must have inflicted con-siderable loss. <sup>1</sup> At 3:30 a. m., April 26th. by their dring on the island opposite Turen Chong, our guns destroyed the bridge across the eastern branch of the Yalu towards the island of Somalinda, fore-ing the Japanese to cntinue their pas-sage of the river by pontoons south of Wiju. About midday a detachment of Japanese with a battery of artillery, be-gan a march upon Turen Chong, but meeting with the fire of our artillery. they retired in disorder and confusion dowards the place of their passage. The Japanese battery did not have time even to come into action. At 9 o'clock in the evening on April 27th some of the batallions of the Japa-nese crossed the Yalu with the village of Matoutsoo over the eastern branch. The night of April 27-28 passed quiet-iy. On the morning of April 28th our sconts reported that the Japanese had uccupied an island oposite the village of Sandston, having advanced posts an the with hauts. Set the city. Our trooms continued to occupied posts

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Hearty Welcome Remnants of Crews of Korletz





and Variag Reach St. Petersburg.

An Unsurpassed Outburst of Popular Enthusiasm Marks Event.

St. Petersburg, April 29.—The oldest inhabitant of St. Fetersburg does not remember such an outburst of popular entimeinam as was witnessed this morning or the arrival here of the sur-vivors of the Variag and Korietz. Un-deterred by ti's raw, ramy weather as many as a hundred thousand persons crowded the 'unee-mile Aevsky from the rational denot to the parage said are the railroad depot to the plance splant. The roofs and windows here were black with people wereing naval flags. Lue whole route was inned by soniers, sau ors and cadets of the military schools. Every regiment was represented, as the Emperor wishes all his righting men-to see now the brave are honcred. When the train drew up-the Grand Duke Alexis, as high admiral, re-ceived the heroes. A deatening storm of cheers burst out as the weather-beat-cu see more the brave are to see of the Variag and Korietz were quickly mustered on the platform, each man wearing the St. George's cross. The Grand Duke Alexis, attended by a brillinat staff of admirals, approach-ed the survivors of the Chemuho en-sagement, and Capt. Roudenerf, the boomander of the Variag saluted and presented the Grand Duke with a formal report of the battle and the number and state of health of the survivors. The Grand Duke, followed by Capt. Roudenerf and the admirals, then passed along the ranks and ear-ing "Well done, my children." To which the saliors replied as one man, "We are glad to do our best, Imperial Highness." The formalfities over, the bigh admiral, moved with emotion, em-braced Capt. Roudenerf and the other outcomes. It was now the turn of the deputations from the mobility and man the railroad depot to the parace square. The roofs and windows here were brack braced Capt. Roudeneff and the other officers. It was now the turn of the deputations from the nobility and num-nicipality to present address of wei-come and the traditional bread and salt. Then began the triumpkal march down the Nevsky of the officers and men of the Variag and Korietz, mar-skaled in two columns and preceded by two bands of music. The people went fairly wild over the heroes and show-ered them with flowers amid a mighty roar of cheering from roofs and win-dows, balconies and lamp posts and the surging masses below. Near the Pai-ace square should the cadets of the mit-itary school. Those of the younger class, the little fellows aged seven, for-soft to salute and instead tore off their cars and cheered listly. As the column of heroes approached sot to salute and instead tore of their cars and cheered leastly. As the column of heroes approached free portals or one Winter trance, tuy imperor and Empress came out on a balcony, greeted them and theu retired to receive the visitors in the magnifi-cent Nicholas hall, which had been converted into a church. There a spe-cial Te Deum was sung. The service was attended by a brilliant assemblage, rendering all the more couspicuous the tarnished uniforms of the noble jacks who fought at Chemulpo. After the service all the sailors remained and were banqueted as the Emperor's students, going later to eutertainments at the city hall and at the People's