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TOGO TRIUMPHS AT PT. ARTHUR

The Russian Fortress Now
Declared to be Effectual-
ly Corked.

Japanese Celebrate the Fact—Rus-
sians Admit 2,000 in Recent
Battle.

London, Thursday, May 5.—The Tokio correspondent of both the Daily Telegraph and the Daily Chronicle assert that Port Arthur is effectually "corked." Another Tokio despatch, dated nine p. m. Wednesday, says: "The reports which have been received here of the successful blocking of the entrance to Port Arthur harbor by the Japanese coming on the heels of the news of the victory on the Yalu River stirred Tokio to another popular demonstration, and to-night thousands of men carrying lanterns, swinging high from bamboo poles, paraded through the city. Half a dozen bands of music led the various processions. The offices of the war and navy departments and of the general staff were the scenes of the greatest enthusiasm. Two of the imperial princes visited the navy department, and the assembled crowd welcomed them with cheers. Then the throng demanded Admiral Ito, chief of the general staff and the hero of the fight on the Yalu during the Sino-Japanese war. He appeared in response to the calls of the people, and saluted the crowd. It had been expected that tidings of the Port Arthur engagement would come from Vice-Admiral Togo some time during the day, but none were received."

ABSOLUTELY SEALED.
The opinion gains ground in London that the Japanese have at last effectually blocked "Port Arthur." No official Japanese report on the subject has yet been received, but the Tokio correspondents are very positive regarding the matter. The Daily Telegraph's correspondent declares that the entrance to Port Arthur is "absolutely sealed," and adds that the Japanese fleet in effecting its purpose, steamed into the entrance at full speed, and that the naval officers who made the two previous attempts begged permission to carry out the next attack by daylight, that being easier, and their request was granted. "The Japanese were they to succeed," adds the correspondent, "that they decided, if necessary, to lose half their men. The number of casualties sustained by the Japanese has not yet been announced. In favor of the supposition of Japanese success in blocking Port Arthur, it is pointed out that the channel so narrow that a couple of vessels sunk in the fairway would probably suffice to seal up the entrance, while there is a noticeable evasion and half-heartedness in the Russian denials of the enemy's success."

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS.
There is no confirmation in London of the Paris rumor that an engagement between Russian and Japanese squadrons had taken place off Vladivostok, and St. Petersburg knows nothing of the rumored capture of New-Chwang. It is reported that the Japanese advanced to within 18 miles of Feng-Wang-Cheng, and that another engagement is expected almost immediately. Major-General Kashtalinsky's insistence on the fact that he was ordered to accept battle by Lieut-General Zassalitch is interpreted as showing his intention to throw the responsibility upon that officer for risking a fight with his inferior forces, and to confirm the reports that Gen. Zassalitch had been censured.

JAPS CAPTURED RAILWAY MATERIAL.

Reports have reached London that the Japanese captured a quantity of railway material after Sunday's battle. This is supposed to indicate that the Russians had made great progress with the railroad from the main Manchurian line to the Yalu. If this is so it would be a simple matter for the Japanese to repair this line, which would materially assist them in their advance through a difficult country. English correspondents with the Japanese forces on the Yalu are permitted to send ample descriptions of the people and country traversed, but not a word about the fighting.

A WRACK POSITION.

The Standard's Tien-Tain correspondent says he is convinced that the Russian position in Southern Manchuria is exceedingly weak in consequence of the enormous number of men detached to guard the railway and to obtain provisions. He believes that the forces at Hai-Cheng and Liao-Yang are greatly overestimated. The camps, he says, are numerous, but there are few men in them. There are several fortifications in the hills between Feng-Wang-Cheng and Hai-Cheng, but the lines of communication are weak and straggling.

"WELCOME NEWS."

A Tokio despatch says: "The report which has reached here from Europe that Gen. Kuropatkin, the commander-in-chief of the Russian troops in the Far East, is personal-

A SUGGESTION FOR CHATHAM

It is now unlawful in St. Thomas to expectorate on the sidewalks or in other places in that city, and offenders are liable to a fine not to exceed \$50 or in default of payment a term in jail not exceeding 21 days. At last evening's meeting of the Council an anti-spitting by-law was passed. The by-law states that "no person shall spit on any sidewalk in the city or in any passage way, stairway or entrance to any building used by the public or in any room, hall, building or place to which the people resort in the said city or in any street car or public conveyance."

It seems to The Planet that many citizens, particularly the ladies and the health authorities, would heartily endorse a similar enactment by the Chatham City Council.

ly leading 20,000 men from Kiao-Yang to Feng-Wang-Cheng, is welcomed as good news, on the theory that the more aggressive the Russian campaign becomes the more speedy will be Japan's final victory."

A St. Petersburg despatch, dated May 5, 3:47 a. m., says:—"The Russian losses at the battle of Kiu-Lien-Cheng were 2,000 men and 40 officers—far greater than previous reports indicated. This is the official estimate of Major-General Kashtalinsky, who directly commanded the division that suffered the brunt of the attack, and whose report was received yesterday by the Emperor. Many are inclined to place the Russian losses even higher. General Kashtalinsky mentions also that more than 700 wounded had arrived at Feng-Wang-Cheng and these may not be included in his calculations. He made no attempt to estimate the Japanese losses, merely stating that they must have been colossal. The magnitude of the Russian losses had an almost stunning effect on the authorities and aroused general grief, mitigated only by satisfaction at the bravery displayed by the Russian troops. Not for a moment was there any intention to pay such a terrible price for delaying the enemy's crossing of the Yalu. This fact was known throughout the city, and gave rise to renewed reports, attributed to official sources, that Gen. Kuropatkin had officially censured Lieut-General Zassalitch. If this was so, General Kuropatkin's telegraphed criticism of Zassalitch was carefully cut out of the despatches which have been published, and the general impression now held is that he will remain in Manchuria. General Kashtalinsky's report establishes the fact that the Russians sustained the greatest loss in order to save the two regiments which were occupying Antung. The 11th regiment was given the post of honor at the rear with instructions to hold back the oncoming Japanese. The 12th regiment and the 3rd battery quick-firing detachment were directed to retire."

By the time the latter movement commenced the Japanese had almost surrounded the Russian position. The 12th regiment was compelled to charge with the bayonet and succeeded in breaking through the enemy's line. The second battery's quick-firing detachment without horses could not move the guns and were compelled to abandon them. The men of the second battery put their shoulders to the wheels in an effort to push the guns up the mountain side, but the Japanese fired so hot they were turned to the protection of the 11th regiment.

Nearer and nearer approached the Japanese and a charge upon the 11th regiment and the second battery was imminent, so the guns were abandoned. Then a priest led the troops and they began the terrible march across the valley.

"Kiu-Lien-Cheng is historic and we must now deal with impending events," said an officer of the general staff.

The idea has prevailed that the Russians would not make a stand at Feng-Wang-Cheng, but he thought that a Japanese occupation of that point would enable a movement to the southwest, thus cutting off the Liao-Tung peninsula, which is taken into consideration by the authorities. Leads to the expectation that General Kuropatkin will despatch strong reinforcements there and make a determined stand.

The activity of the Japanese, it is remarked here, is not only north of the Yalu from which there is constant scouting, but also off the Liao-Tung peninsula, though the failure to seal operations they had expected to carry out on the west coast of that peninsula.

BOY MISSING

Robert Carey, who lives across the Pere Marquette railroad in Harwich, reported to the police last night that his 11 year old grandson had started for school yesterday morning and hadn't returned until 8 o'clock last night. The boy and his brother started for No. 1, Harwich, school, which they attend, yesterday morning. At the corner of the cemetery road and the second concession road, the lad said he wasn't going to school. It was too nice a day. He was going down to the Tobin bridge. That was the last the brother had seen of him until a late hour last night.

WAS DECLINED WITH THANKS

Public Library Board Not
Enamored With Christian
Science Principles.

Retiring Librarian Recognized—
Other Business of Last Night's
Session.

"I strongly advise against having it in the Library," resolutely remarked Albert Sheldrick at the Library Board meeting last evening when Secretary W. J. Twohey had read a communication from Mrs. Thomas Wickham, Wellington street, offering to supply the Library, free of charge, with a weekly paper called the "Christian Science Sentinel."

"Those are my sentiments, too," added Mr. Humphrey.

It was moved and seconded that the offer be not accepted. The motion carried.

There were present at the meeting Chairman A. Sheldrick, F. Stone, Wm. Anderson, Capt. S. M. Smith, Dr. C. R. Charteris, J. W. Humphrey and Secretary W. J. Twohey. Routine business was all that was dealt with.

Secretary Twohey reported that the Library Bureau accounts had been all straightened away, a receipt in full received. Richard Lees, of the St. Thomas Library Board, wrote asking whether the Chatham Library deed was made out to the Library Board or city. The Secretary was instructed to write that it was made out to the Library Board.

A communication was read from Hon. Richard Harcourt relative to the reference library.

The Canadian Magazine wrote asking for a picture of and short article on the Chatham Public Library. It was decided to send both. Mrs. Robinson, the retiring Librarian, was presented with an extra month's salary.

The Librarian was instructed to bulletin that the old newspapers on hand were for sale.

The Room committee was given power to secure flowers and shrubs, to buy hoes, and lawn mower, and generally improve the grounds.

The small balance of the Building fund was transferred to the general account. The old building committee was dismissed.

Dr. Charteris gave notice of two motions—namely, that the Room committee be changed to the Building and Grounds committee; two, that the age limit for taking out books be done away with.

The Secretary was instructed to pay the salaries and draw on the city for \$125.

The following accounts were passed:

Robert Cooper, 25c.
William Owens, 35c.
John Higgett & Sons, \$19.70.
The Planet, \$1.05.
The Planet, 68c.
Janitor Reusch, \$2.00.
The News, 90c.
James Watt & Sons, \$33.17.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

New borrowers, 33.
Books given out, 1,596.
Received for fines, \$4.04.
Received for cards, \$1.65.
Country fee, \$2.00.
Papers, \$1.50.

NASTY RUNAWAY

An exciting runaway occurred on King street west yesterday afternoon. One of the shafts of Thibodeau & Jacques rig fell on the horse's heels and frightened the animal. The young driver, Rumble, lunged on as long as he could but was thrown violently out upon the sidewalk. The runaway collided with Drs. Holmes & McCough's rig, overturning it, but the horse was stopped a little farther on by L. E. Tillson. The rig was badly smashed and the boy slightly jarred, but the horse was uninjured.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jas. Capman has bought out Mr. Fred Goodland's meat market, North Chatham. Mr. Capman is well known in the butcher business, having been in it since a boy. He was with Thos. Edmondson for five years, and no doubt many of his old customers will remember him as always being pleasant and in every way trying to satisfy the buyers. Mr. Capman has been in the wholesale business for a number of years, having supplied Messrs. Putnam, Potter and Edmondson, three butchers who handle nothing but first class meats. Mr. Capman intends keeping nothing but the best of everything, and would be pleased to have all of Mr. Goodland's customers give him a chance to please them. Of course, as he is not acquainted with the cuts they are in the habit of getting, it will take some little time for him to please them.

Geo. Waxter, a Chatham old boy, was in the city to-day. He'll be here for the Re-unions.

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