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WIJU DESERTED BY THE RUSSIANS

No Sign of the Enemy When Japanese Scouts Reached Town on Mouth of Yalu River.

London, April 5.—Eight weeks from the opening of the war sees Japan without any real fighting apparently in complete possession of Korea and the first stage of the to the Daily Mail's Kobe, Japan, correspondent, who telegraphed under date of April 4th, a Ping Yang dispatch has been received there, confirming the report from Shanghai that Japanese scouts entered WiJU, Korea, at 11 a. m. Monday, and that the Russians apparently retreated beyond the Yalu river, but no further news of any extent is to be had throwing light on either land or sea operations. Everything, however, is regarded as pointing to the imminence of important developments.

The Daily Mail's Seoul correspondent telegraphing Monday, asserts that the landing of Japanese troops at Chinnampo has now ceased, but that the port is guarded by a large fleet and the Japanese base has moved north from Ping Yang, where only a few troops now remain.

The Morning Post's Tokyo correspondent says Japanese torpedo boats scouting at Port Arthur have discovered an un-encumbered channel 130 yards wide, which still permits of the passage of vessels.

Further reports of skirmishing between the Russians and Japanese in the Yalu river region are reaching London, but no reliable details are given.

The Daily Telegraph's Seoul correspondent believes that the defense of Port Arthur have been so weakened that the early capture of the fortress is expected. There is, however, a correspondent says, that only a narrow passage is left and that at the first favorable opportunity the Japanese will block the channel.

The Japanese are fortifying Fusan, Southern Korea and Kaula Island, off the southern coast to defend Masampo. The Russians over estimated the strength of the Japanese forces at Anju, and consequently retreated without making any gains, and the Japanese are opening all the mails.

There are persistent rumors here of the landing of Japanese troops on the Liao Tung peninsula, and in the vicinity of Newchwang. The authorities here are opening all the mails.

Major-General Pflug Denies Reports of Operations of Troops.

St. Petersburg, April 5.—Major-General Pflug telegraphs from Mukden under yesterday's date denying the reports of Japanese operations in Manchuria, and stating that there are no Japanese troops in Manchuria.

ENEMY NOT IN SIGHT.

There is No Change in the Situation at Port Arthur.

Port Arthur, April 5.—There are no signs of the Japanese and there is no notable change in the situation. Grand Duke Bagrat left Port Arthur to join the field forces.

A CONFERENCE.

Former Minister Will Meet Viceroy Alexieff and General Kouroupatkin.

St. Petersburg, April 5.—It is announced that M. Pavloff, former minister to Korea, is on his way to Manchuria, where he will confer with Viceroy Alexieff and Gen. Kouroupatkin and give them a general description of the conditions existing in Korea.

COMMANDER'S HEADQUARTERS.

Nothing But a Round of Hard Work—Men Are Well Fed.

St. Petersburg, April 5.—Lieut.-General Poloff, who has been acting chief of the general staff since Gen. Sakharoff's appointment as war minister, has been granted the rights and privileges of an assistant secretary of state by the Emperor. This may foreshadow his permanent appointment as chief of the general staff.

Tokio, April 5.—Non-Reports have been received from Ping Yang to the effect that when the Japanese scouts entered WiJU on Sunday last, they found the town deserted by the Russians.

off to their allotted stations. There is no serious illness among the arrivals and no epidemic among the troops.

The German wireless telegraph system has been adopted at the Baikal ferries because the Kroustard works are too busy supplying the warships with the Raup system to furnish apparatus for Baikal.

The Novosti devotes a long editorial to show that the proposed new triple alliance (Russia, France and Great Britain) will not be for the purpose of isolating Germany.

LACK OF SUPPLIES.

Prices of Necessities Very High at Vladivostok.

Vladivostok, April 5.—The military situation is quiet. There is no evidence of the presence of the enemy in the region.

RETURNING.

Inhabitants Who Fled at Start of War Again Take Up Residence at Vladivostok.

Vladivostok, April 5.—Many of the inhabitants who fled Vladivostok at the outbreak of the war are returning. The Usuri has resumed forwarding freight to private consignees.

SURVIVORS OF BATTLE.

Preparations to Welcome Crews of the Variag and Korietz to St. Petersburg.

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KOREANS WITHDRAWING.

Exodus of Natives from Japanese Line of March Said to Be Causing Unrest.

Paris, April 5.—The Tokio correspondent of the Petit Parisien says that the exodus of the Korean population before the Japanese line of march is causing great difficulties, and that the Japanese minister at Seoul is doing his utmost to restore the confidence of the Koreans.

NEGOTIATING SALE.

Hamburg Company Decline to Give Name of Prospective Purchaser of Atlantic Liner.

Hamburg, April 5.—The Boresenhalle now confirms the sale of the Hamburg-American steamer Fuerst Bismarck yesterday to a foreign firm. It has been reported that the Korean Bismarck, which is a twin screw steamer of 3,226 tons, had been sold to Russia.

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Yongnamho, south of WiJU on the Yalu river, Korea, have been wrecked and burned by a detachment of Japanese infantry, numbering three hundred men.

Gen. Kachitinsky also reported that opposite Turmitchon, on the island of Matuzon, in the Yalu river, some Russian volunteers had a skirmish with a Japanese outpost from WiJU. There were no casualties on the Russian side. Six Japanese were killed.

BANDITS KILLED.

Ten Slain and Twenty Wounded in Conflict With Frontier Guards.

Mukden, April 6.—In a skirmish between frontier guards and Chinese bandits on April 2nd at a point on the southern section of the railroad, three guards were wounded, and ten bandits were killed and twenty were wounded. A force has been dispatched in pursuit of the bandits.

REMOVING WOUNDED.

Thirteen Russians Arrive at Harbin From Port Arthur.

Paris, April 6.—The correspondent of the Matin at Harbin telegraphed yesterday, saying: "A hospital train arrived here to-day from Port Arthur with thirteen wounded and five sick, in care of four sisters."

TAKEN TO VLADIVOSTOK.

Many of the Wounded Russians Under Care of Nurses.

Vladivostok, April 6.—Many wounded men from Port Arthur have been brought here. They are receiving the greatest attention from numerous volunteer sisters of mercy.

SERVIAN VOLUNTEERS.

Thanked by the Czar for Sympathy, But Their Services Are Not Required.

Belgrade, April 6.—The committee which has been enrolling volunteers for service with the Russian army in the Far East, has been dismissed by receipt of a telegram from the Emperor of Russia thanking members of the committee and the volunteers for their Russian sympathy, but did not interfere with the financial results of the festival, to which King Peter contributed \$1,000.

NORTH OF THE YALU.

Impending Battle Near Boundary Will Be But Fore-runner of Larger Operations.

Shanghai, April 6.—It is not believed that the Russian troops between Antung and Chien Chien (about 10 miles north of Antung) comprise the main Russian forces, and consequently the engagement which is looked for at or near these points is probably not decisive, but only a forerunner of larger operations.

REVIEW AT NEWCHWANG.

Gen. Kouroupatkin Inspected Four Thousand Russian Troops.

Newchwang, April 6.—General Kouroupatkin, commander-in-chief of the Russian military forces in the Far East, arrived here to-day, and reviewed about four thousand troops on the parade ground outside of the fort. One battery of horse artillery, several batteries of field artillery, parts of two regiments of Siberian rifles, and detachments of Cossacks and regular cavalry participated in the review. Russian secret service agents report that the Japanese intended to attack Newchwang yesterday.

BANDITS EXECUTED.

Forty-Five Reported to Have Been Put to Death in Korea.

Yamamoto, minister of the navy, commanding officers in the army and navy, Major-General Ishimoto, vice-minister of war; Rear-Admiral Saito, vice-minister of the navy, and a number of the older statesmen were present. It is understood that the recent naval campaign was discussed, and detailed reports of Admiral Togo's operations were read. Any conclusions regarding future operations were not made public.

DISTRIBUTING PROPERTY.

New Bedford "Miser" Decided to Give Away His Houses and Lots.

New York, April 6.—A dispatch to the World from New Bedford, Mass., says: "Clark Ridley, who describes himself as 'a miser,' has announced he will give away all property before his death. He reached the conclusion that it is a disgrace to die rich. Thus far this week he has given away three houses and lots. Ridley owns six or seven houses. The news of his action is spread all over the city. Agents of local charitable societies were among the applicants for property from Ridley."

BRITAIN AND FRANCE REACH AGREEMENT.

Regarding Newfoundland, Morocco and Egypt—Important Questions Have Been Settled.

Paris, April 5.—Foreign Minister Delcasse held a long conference to-day with M. Paul Cambon, French ambassador at London, relative to the Anglo-French colonial treaty setting several long-standing issues, principally in regard to Morocco, Egypt and Newfoundland. M. Cambon will return to London to-morrow, and it is the expectation that the treaty will be signed toward the end of the present week.

The main points are settled, but there are some details capable of causing delay. For instance the Newfoundland government does not wish the French fishermen to retain the right of catfishing their own bait off shore. However, this is considered to be a minor detail and not likely to affect the general agreement. France surrenders her sovereignty over Newfoundland and receives an indemnity. The latter is two-fold. First, for French individuals giving up property along the surrendered shore, and second, the French government's relinquishment of its sovereignty. The reports current setting forth the amount of the indemnity were inaccurate as the present intention is to submit the amount of the indemnity to the Hague tribunal.

Morocco will figure in the treaty. Spain seeks the partition of Morocco, so that she may control a portion of the country. France opposes the partition, believing the future of the country depends upon its unity. Great Britain has no territorial, but commercial ambitions only, in Morocco, and therefore the treaty will safeguard her commercial rights and insure against fortifying the coast opposite Gibraltar. Thereafter France and Spain will adjust the political future of Morocco, but the indications are that the present treaty will strengthen the French position that her North African empire eventually will stretch westward to the Atlantic.

The Egyptian agreement does not affect Great Britain's protectorate over Egypt, being confined to the administration of the Egyptian debt. Great Britain having a larger latitude in disposing of the surplus without the concurrence of France, France gets improved facilities in seeking Lake Tchaud and other points in French Central Africa. The concession is a partial return for the surrendering of her sovereignty over the Newfoundland shore.

MINER'S SUICIDE.

Nanaimo, April 6.—Lying in a pool of blood, with his head almost severed from his body and a razor tightly clenched in his left hand, David Scannell, an Italian resident of Cumberland, was found in his home early yesterday morning. On Monday Scannell had been at the store of Messrs Marrochi Brothers, where he had made a number of purchases. He acted very queerly, which caused Mr. Marrochi to enquire if he (Scannell) was ill. Scannell replied that he was not, and left a moment later for home. Mr. Marrochi yesterday determined to visit his home, and arriving there, he found the doors and windows securely bolted. He returned to the city and informed the provincial authorities of his suspicions. Chief of Police Thompson, accompanied by Constable Banks, broke open the door, and found Scannell lying on the floor, his head all but severed from the body. From blood stains on the bed it is evident the deed was committed while the deceased was lying on the bed, and that the body afterwards rolled out. Deceased was a miner. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide.

FORMER QUEEN ILL.

Paris, April 6.—Former Queen Isabella of Spain is suffering from a severe attack of influenza, which causes great anxiety on account of her advanced age. She was born in 1800.

THE NEW LINE TO THE PACIFIC

BILL AMENDING THE CHARTER INTRODUCED

The Observance of the Lord's Day—Some of Provisions of Proposed Bill.

Ottawa, April 6.—A bill regarding the Grand Trunk Pacific was introduced by L. G. McCarthy to-day. It simply provides for amending the charter so as to amend the legislation before the House. Messrs. Hays and Wainwright are here to-day watching the legislation in connection with the transcontinental line. It is generally regarded that R. L. Borden's amendment is neither one thing or another. He is trying to please everyone.

The V. V. & E. A. Morrison in the House to-day introduced a bill respecting the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway Company, which was read a first time.

New Member. Mr. T. H. Sinclair, the newly elected member for Gushyboro, was introduced in the House to-day by Hon. W. S. Fielding and A. Johnson, Cape Breton. Sunday Observance.

A delegation from the Lord's Day Alliance waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Minister of Justice to-day in regard to a bill to be introduced for the better observance of the Lord's Day. It was arranged that the Minister of Justice should introduce a bill in the House and afterwards refer it to the Supreme court so as to get a decision as to whether it was within the jurisdiction of the Dominion and did not encroach on the provinces. The bill will prohibit all labor, work and business, except work of necessity and mercy. It prohibits Sunday excursions for pleasure, rifle practices, entertainments and sports, to which an admission fee is charged. It provides a graded penalty for infractions of the law, from \$1 to \$40 for employees, and from \$10 to \$100 for employers, and from \$250 to \$5,000 for corporations.

The Duke of Sutherland. The Duke of Sutherland, who arrived here last night, called on Sir Wilfrid Laurier this forenoon. Mr. Justice Nesbitt, of the Supreme court, entertained the distinguished visitor to luncheon at the Rideau Club to-day. Some of the ministers of the crown were present. The name of the Duke has been put forward in certain quarters as the next Governor-General of Canada, to succeed Lord Minto. His visit to Canada, however, is in connection with his investments in this country.

WINNIPEG NOTES.

Baptist Missionaries for the West—Arranging to Build Immigration Hall.

Winnipeg, April 6.—The home mission board of the Baptist church in the West in session here, has accepted 15 missionaries from the East for work in the West this summer.

W. D. Scott, commissioner of immigration, is in the city arranging to start work on the new hall. It will be four stories, and will accommodate 1,000 people.

Seeding has started on ploughed land around Birtle. The Liberal convention for Thunder Bay constituency is being held to-day.

SHIELDING A MURDERER.

Persian General Unable to Capture the Assassin of Rev. B. Labore.

Urmivah, Persia, April 5.—Gen. Midjah Saltanah, who has been charged by the Persian authorities with the task of discovering the murderer of Rev. Benj. Labore, son of Dr. Benj. Labore, superintendent of the American mission, has returned here and reports that the murderer, whose name is Seld, was found at a place where he had been hidden, but that the populace declined to give him up. Nevertheless, the authorities expect to effect the capture of the murderer.

GATHERING PROHIBITED.

Governor Guarding Against Outbreak of Anti-Semitic Disturbances.

St. Petersburg, April 5.—The Governor of Bessarabia has proclaimed a strict prohibition of gatherings in the streets and private houses, also of the carrying of weapons. This action was taken in consequence of threats of anti-Semitic disturbances.

JUDGE'S AWARD.

Two Law Firms Each Receive \$75,000 for Services as Attorneys for Fiat Estate.

San Francisco, April 5.—Judge Cook, in the Superior court, has awarded the law firms of Hoy & Wood and Knight & Hegerly \$75,000 each in fees from the estate of the late Charles L. Fair, for their services as attorneys for the estate. The firm named had put in claims for \$100,000 each.

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