

JAPS CLOSING IN ON PORT ARTHUR

Said to Have Carried First Line of Defense.

MET WITH LITTLE RESISTANCE

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London, Saturday, June 4. — The Rome correspondent of the Central News Telegraph, a Tokyo dispatch to the Giornale d'Italia says that the Japanese have occupied the first line of the outer fortifications of Port Arthur after a feeble resistance.

SORTIE FAILED. — The correspondent at Tokyo of the new agency Liberas says that four divisions of Japanese troops have occupied Kwang Tung heights, on which they replaced heavy artillery, dominating Port Arthur. The same correspondent adds that the Russian squadron attempted a sortie, but was forced to return, being threatened by the Japanese fleet.

FROM CHINESE SOURCES.

London, June 4. — No further light has been thrown on the mysterious rumors concerning General Kurapatkin's intentions. Dispatches to the Morning Post from Shanghai and the Chronicle from New Chungwang repeat the reports of the movement of 15,000 Russians to Kai Ping. The correspondents assert that five days' fighting took place at Wangfang and that the Russians are employing 4,000 carts to remove munitions from Liao Yuen. Kai Yuen, 70 miles north of Mukden. The Morning Post's Shanghai correspondent also says that General Mischenko has sent the Japanese to cut off the Japanese at Pitseu. No great reliance can be placed on the reports of these dispatches, which, evidently, have some common Chinese origin.

THE BATTLE OF KIN CHOW.

St. Petersburg, June 3. — Lieutenant Zelnitsky, chief of staff to General Kurapatkin, transmits to the Minister of War, under date of June 2, a report of General Kurapatkin's battle of Port Arthur, May 25, as follows: "After a fierce battle lasting two days, I ordered our position at Kin Chou to be evacuated in the evening, for we had opposed to us at least three divisions with 120 guns. The enemy's fire, particularly that from four gunboats and six torpedo boats, completely annihilated our batteries mounted at Kin Chou. The Fifth division, which stood their ground heroically, the fire of this regiment, as well as that of our batteries and the gunboats, inflicted enormous losses on the Japanese. Our losses amounted to 20 officers and 900 men killed or wounded. We blew up or damaged all our guns which the Japanese had not put out of action. I would have been inexpressible, certainly, to bring up siege artillery during the fierce fighting. The battle, May 25, began at 5 p.m., and lasted until 8 p.m., when I ordered the position evacuated gradually. The explosion of a number of our mines and fortifications was rendered useless, for the cause the Japanese turned our position immediately.

KUROKI'S OUTPOST.

Liao Yang, June 3. — General Kuroki's outpost now hold the line at Liao Puzia, Se Liao Jan and Chai Jai Day. The Japanese forces disembarked at Taku Shan, have reached Liao Puzia. A division of the guards from the connecting line between Liao Puzia and Feng Wang Ching. The Japanese landings at Feng Wang Ching, Liao Tung Peninsula, continue. The Chinese are again willing to accept Russian paper notices.

LONDON WAR MESSAGES.

London, June 4. — The Daily Mail's correspondent at Mukden, telegraphing under date of June 3, says that fighting occurs daily between Liao Yang, but that a decisive battle is not expected for some time. The Japanese line of campaign is regarded as Mukden as having now been definitely disclosed. They occupy the Liao Tung Peninsula in three divisions, between the Naungien (Nan Wang Ling), and Wangfang, with a line of communication by the coast to their position at Feng Wang Ching. The Russian line of campaign has been disclosed. The Russian line of campaign has been disclosed. The Russian line of campaign has been disclosed.

TO QUIT ANTICOSTI

Member to Close Industries on Which He Spent \$1,500,000.

Montreal, June 4. — M. Menier, the French Canadian, has decided to abandon his task of trying to run the Island of Anticosti as a business concern. M. Menier since his purchase of the island has spent over a million and a half dollars in establishing different industries, but a year ago he found that the island was a dead weight.

HEW MONSTER CAVERN

Exploration Develops Natural Wonder in Nevada.

Salt Lake City, June 4. — A cavern of unknown extent is being explored near Cain Spring, on the Moapa River, Nevada, on the line of the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad. The vast underground chamber bids fair to become a natural wonder of the west. The existence of the cave has been known for some years, but only recently recent explorations have disclosed its great dimensions and wonders come to light. In many places there are abysses deep enough to swallow a man, and the high ceilings of the cavern are supported by basaltic pillars. A railroad contractor, has just penetrated over 2,000 feet from the entrance.

LOST BOTH LEGS.

Hamilton, Ont., June 4. — John Goodwin, aged 42, of this city, went to St. Catharines a few days ago to look for a job at his trade as miller. He was returning Thursday night on a freight train, when he fell off just east of the city and had both legs run over by several cars. At the hospital both legs were amputated below the knees, but it is hoped that the amputee will survive the shock.

BRITAIN TO PLAY AT NAVAL WAR

Submarines the Feature of Coming Maneuvers.

THE LESSONS FROM FAR EAST

1,000 Volunteers to Man the Underwater Craft, Despite the Peril Involved.

London, June 4. — Important naval maneuvers, based on the experience of the fighting fleets in the Far East, are to be carried out this month in British waters by British fleets.

The signal successes achieved by the Japanese navy have been followed with the closest attention by British naval experts, who hold that the achievements of our allies are a strong incentive to the improvement of our own fleet. The British authorities believe that this work which the admiralty is carrying out, will be of great value to the fleet.

BRIGADES AT NEW CHWANG.

Likely to Make Things Warm When Russians Leave.

New Chungwang, June 4. — The brigades in this vicinity are becoming bolder after receiving 1,000 Manlicher rifles. Their renewed activity is causing dissatisfaction among the foreign residents on the necessity for gunboats as a protection for their lives and property. During the interval which must elapse between the departure of the Russian and the entrance of the Japanese troops into New Chungwang, a British gunboat is still lying at Hing Wang Tan, but the decision of the Washington authorities that the Russian fleet will winter at Canton is taken to mean that United States Consul Miller's recommendation, made in April, has been unfavorably received by the Government.

MAY ATTACK GENSAN

Japanese Expect an Assault of the Town by Russians.

Seoul, June 4, 6 p.m. — The Commissioner of Customs of Gensan, Korea, writes that a Russian attack on Gensan is deemed imminent. He is making preparations to remove the women and children to a mountainous region. A British gunboat is still lying at Hing Wang Tan, but the decision of the Washington authorities that the Russian fleet will winter at Canton is taken to mean that United States Consul Miller's recommendation, made in April, has been unfavorably received by the Government.

GO TO BATTLE CREEK

G. T. R. Shops May Be Removed From Port Huron.

Kalamazoo, Mich., June 4. — On what appears excellent authority, it is stated that the Grand Trunk Western will remove its shops from Port Huron and move to Battle Creek. The deal, which has been frequently rumored and denied, has apparently been consummated. The Grand Trunk Western agreed to move its headquarters if the Battle Creek business men agree to buy the necessary land. The proposition was accepted, and \$17,500 was raised in a few hours. The Grand Trunk Western is a street fronting east of the present Grand Trunk yards in Battle Creek, has been bought. The Grand Trunk Western is a street fronting east of the present Grand Trunk yards in Battle Creek, has been bought.

TO ERECT HOUSES FOR MINISTERS

The Presbyterian Assembly Authorizes Increase in Amount of Loans.

St. John, N. B., June 4. — At yesterday's session of the General Assembly, after devotional exercises, a motion of Dr. Warden, that ministers' stipends be increased from a minimum of \$750 to \$800, was referred to a special committee. The Truro Presbytery presented an overture in favor of the increase, and many delegates spoke in favor of it. Dr. Pringle presented the claims of the Good Samaritan Hospital, Dawson City, for support and assistance, and a committee will look up the matter.

DEATH OF A PRINCESS.

Gmunden, Upper Austria, June 4. — Princess Mary of Baden, eldest daughter of the Duke of Cumberland, and wife of Prince Maximilian of Baden, died here this morning. She was born in 1870.

FOR WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE COLLEGES AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

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HEAD-ON COLLISION

Disastrous Accident to a Flyer on Missouri Pacific Road.

Kansas City, June 4. — By a head-on collision of two Missouri Pacific passenger trains near Masten, 22 miles south of Kansas City, one person has been killed and 19 have been injured, most of the latter being passengers. The trains were the Colorado Flyer, westbound, and an accommodation train, eastbound.

THE KIONDIA OUTRIP.

Seattle, Wash., June 4. — A Dawson special to the Post-Intelligencer, says: Since slaving began in the Kiondia on May 8, a royal has been paid on 55,733 ounces of gold, or nearly 1,700 tons. This is the largest amount ever produced up to June 1 in this district. Last year only 11,000 ounces were taken out in a similar period.

B. C. ASKS FOR DUTY ON LUMBER

A Large Delegation From the Coast Waits On the Government.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Ont., June 4. — A large delegation of lumbermen from the Pacific coast is waiting on Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Fielding and Senator Templeman this morning with a view of getting a duty on rough lumber. The British Columbia Lumber Manufacturers' Association, accompanied the delegation. What the western lumbermen complain of is the close competition from the United States. The request for a duty on rough lumber is strongly opposed by the Manitoba and Northwest lumbermen.

IN THE COMMONS

Session of House Taken Up in Answering Questions.

Ottawa, June 4. — Today's session of the House was taken up mainly with the answering of questions. Mr. Casgrain inquired as to a measure promised, compelling a majority of directors railway companies to be British. The Premier said the bill was ready to be introduced. Mr. Earle asked whether Victoria, B. C., would be a port of call for the steamers of the new line to be established between Canada and Mexico. Dr. J. R. Macdonald, secretary of the steamers would call at Victoria, B. C., and would be a port of call for the steamers of the new line to be established between Canada and Mexico. Dr. J. R. Macdonald, secretary of the steamers would call at Victoria, B. C., and would be a port of call for the steamers of the new line to be established between Canada and Mexico.

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Tangier, June 4. — The rumor to the effect that the United States will land armed parties on June 6, Messrs. Perdicaris and Varley, captured by brigands, headed by Raisula, are not believed to have been proved to be untrue. The Sultan's reply to the powers has not yet been received, but it is said that the powers will probably be satisfied by the end of next week. A Paris dispatch says: "The official view of the situation is a more hopeful view of the situation at Tangier. Reports show that Mohammed el Tirres, the representative of the Sultan at Tangier, whose efforts to obtain the release of Messrs. Perdicaris and Varley failed, has another plan for securing their release, which is believed to be acceptable to the Sultan and Raisula, the brigand chief."

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