

DRIVE JAPS BACK

Russians Encounter Force West of Yalu.

INFLECT HEAVY LOSSES

Fleet Is Surprised While Trying to Land 12,000 Men.

ENEMY IS LYING IN WAIT

Admiral Togo Again Bombs Port Arthur Without Damage to Fort, Although Several Are Killed.

LONDON, April 16.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Standard sends a rumor to the effect that Vice-Admiral Togo's fleet escorted a Japanese landing of troops to the westward of the Yalu River. When 12,000 men had been landed the Russian troops, which were lying concealed, suddenly attacked them, driving them back to the ships, with heavy losses in men and guns.

Russian Fortifications Completed.
ST. PETERSBURG, April 15.—A dispatch from Liao Yang says that the Russian fortifications on the Yalu River have been completed. The center of the line of fortified positions is Autung. The right flank rests on Tu Tung Kau and the left flank on Kiu Len Cheng, on the west bank of the Yalu.

AGAIN BOMBARD PORT ARTHUR

Japanese Fire Many Projectiles, but Cause No Damage.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 15.—A telegram from Admiral Alexieff from Port Arthur to the Emperor says that from 9:15 o'clock this morning to midday the Japanese fleet, in two divisions, bombarded the fortresses and the town alternately from the Liao Tshan promontory, firing 135 projectiles.

The Russian squadron, including the battleship *Pobeda*, replied from the anchorage by a plunging fire. The batteries also participated.

The losses on land were seven Chinese killed and five soldiers and three Chinese wounded.

The Russian warships sustained no damage and there was no loss of life on them.

This attack is taken here to show Admiral Togo has not given up his purpose of damaging the rest of the Russian ships, now that there is little possibility of their again going to sea. Unquestionably he is aware of the effect of his previous bombardment, and the fact that he has repeated it indicates to the officers here that he believes there is a good chance of a projectile hitting a target. In order to drop a shell into the harbor or city, a high-angle fire is necessary. This is the reason the Japanese squadron took up a position at Liao Tshan. Other bombardments were from the same point, which, at the time, did not seem to be within the range of the Russian batteries. It is not known whether the new guns which have been installed at Port Arthur command this point, but it is certain that Togo's ships escaped without material damage. The abandonment of Vice-Admiral Makaroff's policy of taking the fleet to the outer roads to return the Japanese fire is shown in the report of Vice-Admiral Alexieff that his ships fired over the hills.

Grand Duke Cyril Improving.
ST. PETERSBURG, April 15.—This evening Prince Galitzin repeated his assurance to the Associated Press that the Grand Duke Cyril is better, and that he was charged by his brother Boris, his headquarters at Liao Yang. His fever has at last disappeared. Persistent rumors, however, are circu-

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If King County Interests Demand It, He Will Be Candidate, but He Is Not Looking for Trouble.

SEATTLE, April 15.—(Staff Correspondence.)—The political plot in King County continues to thicken, and there is less danger than ever of this turbulent county losing its reputation as the chief political storm center of the state.

The breezy and clever young men who manipulate matters here never fail to attract the attention of the rest of the state by sheer force of noise and numbers. Then when the critical moment comes and an unbroken front is needed, they split up into numerous factions, divide their strength and do the Kilkenny cat stunt, while despised Pierce County or some of the outlying districts grab the prize for which King County was scrapping herself.

King County went into the United States Senatorial fight two years ago with one candidate for that high office and was beaten to a standstill. This time she has three candidates and by working the problem out on mathematical lines, it is not difficult to forecast that she will last about one-third as long as she did in the fight two years ago. This is the situation as it now appears, but "conferences" by day and by night are being held with a frequency that makes continuous vaudeville stand still.

RUSSIA HAS LOST TEN SHIPS.

Squadron Will Not Be Risked Again in Battle.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 15.—Altogether ten Russian vessels have been damaged or lost since the outbreak of the war. The disaster of Wednesday ends the hope that the ill-fated Port Arthur squadron would be able to become an aggressive factor in the operations before it is reinforced by the arrival of the Baltic fleet. The Russian navy is now in a position to hold Port Arthur and conserve the remaining ships without the protection of its guns. Temporarily at least the Russian navy is in a position to hold Port Arthur and conserve the remaining ships without the protection of its guns. Temporarily at least the Russian navy is in a position to hold Port Arthur and conserve the remaining ships without the protection of its guns.

As a result of the depressing influence produced by the loss of the *Petrovsk* some pessimism is manifested, and in consequence all kinds of wild talks are heard. This is not strange, considering the fatalism inherent in the Russian character. As an example, the specter of foreign complications has appeared. It is said that the *Petrovsk* was blown up by a submarine boat furnished to Japan by Great Britain, which of course would be a most serious matter. In furtherance of this idea, it is pointed out that the British Parliament has granted permission for Indian troops to cross the frontier of Tibet, which naturally means that the British are preparing to aid her ally by advancing upon Central Asia. But such talk finds no echo in responsible quarters, where, indeed, it is regarded as a most absurd notion. The latest reports are to the effect that the Japanese fleet is still in sight from Golden Hill. General Kourapatkin is concentrating his second line of defense between Mukden and Liao Yang.

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GOLD TO HEROES

Carnegie Creates Fund of \$5,000,000.

COMMISSION IS CHOSEN

Next of Kin to Those Who Lose Lives Will Also Benefit.

MEDALS PART OF THE SCHEME

Famous Philanthropist Makes His Offer Apply to America and Canada, and All Who Face Death to Save Others.

PITTSBURG, April 15.—Andrew Carnegie has created a fund of \$5,000,000 for the benefit of the dependents of those losing their lives in heroic efforts to save their fellow-men, or for the people themselves, if injured only. Provision is also made for medals to be given in commemoration of heroic acts.

The endowment is to be known as the "hero fund," and consists of \$5,000,000 of first collateral 5 per cent bonds of the United States Steel Corporation. The trust is placed in the hands of a commission composed of the following gentlemen:

Charles T. Taylor, chairman; Edward W. Anderson, Edmund Blackburn, Edmund M. Bigelow, Joseph M. Buffington, William F. Frew, Rev. J. H. Gilliam, John B. Jackson, Thomas Lynch, Charles C. Mellor, E. N. Miller, Thomas Morrison, Frederick C. Perkins, Robert Pittsford, H. Kirk Porter, James H. Reed, W. L. Scarfe, William Scott, W. H. Stevenson and F. M. Wilnot, secretary.

CHAMBERLAIN HOME AGAIN.

Ex-Secretary Is in Good Health and Greatly Enjoyed His Tour.

LONDON, April 15.—Joseph Chamberlain, the ex-Colonial Secretary, and Mrs. Chamberlain, arrived in London tonight and were given a warm welcome. Both are in excellent health and greatly enjoyed their tour.

Arbitrators Give Church Mine.

CHICAGO, April 15.—By the decision of the board of arbitration in the matter of the title and proceeds of placer mining claim No. 9 above, on Anvil Creek, Cape Nome, Alaska, N. O. Hultberg, assignee for the Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant of America, recovers from the White Star Mining Company of Illinois, Dr. Cies W. Johnson and Peter H. Anderson, the mining claim in dispute and proceeds to the amount of \$23,658.

General Scheme of the Fund.

In a letter to the hero fund commission Mr. Carnegie outlined the general scheme of the fund, which, in his own words, is "to place those following peaceful vocations, who have been injured in heroic effort to save human life, in somewhat better positions, pecuniarily, than before, until again able to work. In case of death, the widow and children, or other dependents, to be provided for, the widow until she is remarried, and the children until they reach a self-supporting age. For exceptional children, exceptional grants may be made for education. Grants of sums of money may also be made to heroes or heroines as the committee thinks advisable, each case to be judged on its merits."

It is provided that no grant is to be continued unless it be soberly and properly used, and the recipients remain respectable, well-behaved members of the community. A medal shall be given to the hero's widow or next of kin, which shall recite the heroic deed it commemorates. The medal shall be given for the heroic act even if the doer be uninjured, and also a sum of money, should the commission deem such gift desirable.

Mr. Carnegie warns the commission against the danger of interference or conflict with the pension funds for municipal employees that exist in many cities and urges it to act in harmony with such funds.

The claims upon the fund for some years cannot exhaust it. After years, however, pensioners will become numerous. Should the commission find, after allowing liberally for this, that a surplus will remain, it has power to make grants in case of accidents—preferably where a hero has appeared—to those injured.

Foreseeing the probability that cities and employers on this continent will ultimately be placed under similar conditions to those of British, German and other European states, and required to provide against accidents to the employees, the commission is empowered, by a two-thirds vote, to devote any surplus that may accrue to the relief of those in want, caused by no fault of their own.

"The field embraced by the fund is the United States and Canada and the waters thereof. The sea is the scene of many heroic acts," says Mr. Carnegie's letter, "and no action more heroic than that of doctors and nurses volunteering their services in the case of epidemics. Railroad employees are remarkable for heroism. All these and similar cases are embraced. Whatever heroism is displayed by man or woman in saving human life, the fund applies."

The usual provision for reports and accountings is made, and it is directed that a roll for the heroes and heroines shall be kept displayed in the offices at Pittsburgh. The commission has full power to sell, invest or reinvest all funds.

The wish of the commission is to put the beneficial results of the fund in operation at the earliest possible moment.

RAILROAD WILL ECONOMIZE.

Pennsylvania Decides It Cannot Complete Improvements.

CLEVELAND, April 15.—The Leader tomorrow will say: Orders have been sent out to stop at once all the improvements that are in contemplation on the Pennsylvania Railroad system.

The officers of the company are said to have reported to the directors that the business, to take care of which the improvements had been contemplated, had not materialized, and the cost of operation had been increased enormously, and therefore a curtailment in some respects had been absolutely necessary.

"WHIP" IS ACTIVE

Tawney Asks the House to Quit Loafing.

CANNON REQUESTS AS MUCH

Leaders Want to Adjourn Congress This Month.

APRIL 28 THE PROBABLE DATE

Circular Mailed Members in No Uncertain Language Declares All Must Attend Sessions if Work Is Finished.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The nonattendance of Republican members of the House in what are considered the closing days of the session is causing some vexation to the managers of that body. A circular was mailed tonight to the Republican membership, signed by Representative Tawney, the "Republican whip," and issued at the request of Speaker Cannon, calling attention to no uncertain language to the necessity of attending to business. The leaders today predict that April 28 will be the day of adjournment, and they are bending every effort to carry out this plan.

FRANCE WILL PUNISH HERO.

Marchand's Open Letter Held an Offense Against the Military.

PARIS, April 15.—The Council of Ministers has decided that Colonel Marchand's recent open letter referring to his resignation is an offense against military discipline, and is deserving of censure and punishment. The punishment awaits the action of War Minister Andre, who was not present at the council, but it is understood that it will be 30 days' confinement. His resignation from the army thereafter being accepted.

HEAVY SNOW IN NEW YORK.

One County Reports Good Sleighting --Traffic Is Affected.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 15.—A heavy snow storm is sweeping Central and Northern New York. In Syracuse the snow is three inches deep, and Oswego County reports good sleighting. Street railway traffic is affected, and steam roads are delayed.

Fourteen Inches of Snow.

BUFFALO, April 15.—Following three of the coldest April days since the Weather Bureau was established, a snow storm of unusual severity for this time of the year occurred tonight. By midnight five inches of snow had fallen and the storm had not abated. The fall of snow was heavy in all parts of Western New York. At Tonawanda, 14 inches were reported.

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