

SOUTH SHEET

Japanese Will Attack Port Arthur.

GUNS ARE BEING PLACED

Investment From Land Side Is Well Under Way.

GENERAL OKU IS CONFIDENT

That Russians Will Make a Stubborn Resistance Is Realized--Kuroki to Move on Liao Yang.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND PORTLAND OREGONIAN.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 12.—According to reports brought here by Chinese runners, the investment of Port Arthur, from the land side, is well under way. The entire second army under General Oku is taking a position across the peninsula, and is bringing heavy siege guns into position to shell the defenses of the town.

While it is thought that the Russians will make a stubborn resistance, the Japanese are declared to be confident of their ability to reduce the town.

General Kuroki's forces, who are operating from Feng Wang Cheng, are about ready to move against Liao Yang. A detachment which is said to be numerically strong, and to be equipped with plenty of artillery, is now marching on Salmathi with the object of outflanking General Kuropatkin's forces, who are holding Liao Yang.

Wait for Reinforcements.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND PORTLAND OREGONIAN.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 12.—General Kuropatkin reports that General Kharkevich, who has been assigned to watch the Japanese column which is advancing toward Suifu, has notified him that the enemy, who number 20,000 and have 30 cannon, have halted at Salmathi, apparently to await the arrival of reinforcements.

REPORTS SMALL SKIRMISHES.

Russian General Tells of Movements on the Liao Tung Peninsula.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 12.—General Kharkevich, in a dispatch to the general staff, says on May 8 part of the Japanese vanguard appeared in the valley of the Sodo River, and that a considerable body of the enemy continues to occupy Douanmyo. Another detachment, composed apparently of one battalion of infantry and half a squadron of cavalry, is situated about five miles north of Takushan.

Other information indicates that on May 10 a Japanese force of 10,000 men, equipped with the mountain type and advanced on May 11 toward Siu Xen.

Another telegram received by the general staff from General Kharkevich says: "On May 4 some 600 Japanese transports and warships appeared at sea between Pitsewo and Cape Terpenel. Detachments of sharpshooters were sent to reconnoiter a small detachment of infantry was sent from Polandien.

"The troops sent to reconnoiter announced that the Japanese were landing at Cape Siao Kanushin in Kin Chai Bay near the mouth of the Tcheng Yu River and were posting a division of 10,000 men in the neighboring villages. The Russian population was withdrawn from Tsewo.

"Having fulfilled its task, our small detachment retired on the evening of May 5, but met en route a superior force of the enemy and took shelter in a ravine. The detachment was pursued by the Japanese for a distance of six miles and our casualties were one sharpshooter wounded and three horses killed.

"The Japanese on the evening of May 5 sent two regiments toward Tatlatang and also two detachments south and west of the points of disembarkation.

"Japanese scouts appeared at 8 o'clock on the morning of May 5 at Polandien, and then Japanese infantry came up and opened fire on a small train bound north, but without result.

"The Japanese evacuated Polandien May 7, probably because a great storm began to gather, and also because they feared being cut off.

"On May 8 a small detachment of Russian cavalry effected a reconnaissance toward San Chihpiu, Pitsewo and Afungtien, covering in a day 60 miles.

"The railway is still free of the enemy. Japanese detachments, consisting of one to one and a half companies each, kept watching and passing the night east of the railway. Then they proceeded southwest.

"Our detachment having covered seven miles northwest of Pitsewo, advanced to within three-quarters of a mile of a fortification under construction, which was occupied by a Japanese infantry company. During a fusillade, one of the frontier guards was wounded.

"According to Chinese information, 20,000 Japanese landed east of Pitsewo with field artillery and siege guns, and Pitsewo was occupied by 100 men.

"A Japanese detachment of four or five companies attacked our posts near Shih-ko, killing four of our frontier guards and wounding eight.

"On May 8 the Japanese left the railway line, and communication with Port Arthur was re-established by Lieutenant-Colonel Spindonoff, of the Fourth Trans-Amur Railway battalion, with soldiers of that battalion.

"Detachments of the Japanese advance guard advanced May 9 and 10 on the villages of Mutstatun and Siatiatin, nine miles south of Polandien. Other detachments of the Japanese advance guard have taken up positions 7 1/2 miles west of Pitsewo.

"A squadron of the enemy's cavalry approached within 12 miles east of Wu Fang-tien, but turned back on meeting our scouts.

"The village of Tansia Fang was found occupied by a detachment consisting of cavalry, artillery and infantry.

"Cannon fire was opened by the Japanese on coming into contact with our small detachment, which had penetrated within 2 1/2 miles of Pitsewo."

ROUTE FOR MAIL IS CHANGED.

Russia Fears Letters From America May Be Seized by Enemy.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Apparently to avoid the risk of Russian mail falling into the enemy's hands, the Russian government has requested the United States to change the route of all mails sent from or through this country for Manchuria or Siberia. In accordance with this notification the following general order, addressed to postal employees throughout the country, was issued today by the Postoffice Department:

BOW UP THE ROCKS

Russians Take Bold Step at Dalny.

IT MAKES LANDING HARDER

Russia Denies She Plans to Make an Issue in Germany.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 12.—The statement published in the foreign press that at the present time is floated, another will be issued in Germany, is officially declared to be without foundation.

The following statement has been officially communicated to the press:

"The war which broke out in spite of the peaceful intentions of Russia found the finances of the empire in a satisfactory position. The effective capital of the exchequer, which at the beginning of the year amounted to 152,000,000 roubles, has been more than doubled up to the present by reason of the limitation of the budget expenses. Now the whole sum at the disposal of the exchequer exceeds 300,000,000 roubles.

"Despite this the war expenditures must be very considerable and as a precaution it has been thought prudent to discover a new method for providing funds. These funds might be borrowed from the state banks in the amount of 100,000,000 roubles but in order to avoid expending the effective capital at the risk of a disturbance of the money in circulation, and as the government wishes to avoid a loan at the end of the war in the same financial position as before the outbreak of hostilities, the Finance Minister has considered it necessary to have recourse to an external loan.

"By imperial order of May 12, for an increased war fund, the issue of a 5 per cent external loan for a short term has been decided upon, with a nominal capital of 200,000,000 roubles, or \$90,000,000 francs, under the title of 5 per cent stated exchequer bonds of 1904, free forever from Russian taxes. The issue of these bonds will be redeemable at the issue price and must be presented for redemption in Paris.

"The flotation of the loan is entrusted to the Netherlands Bank, the Credit Lyonnais, and Hottinguer & Co., of Paris."

RUSSIANS CLEARING CHANNEL

Divers Place Dynamite in Hulls of Ships at Port Arthur.

NEW YORK, May 12.—An explanation of the explosions heard at Port Arthur, which led to reports that the Russians were destroying their warships in that harbor, is furnished in a World dispatch from St. Petersburg. It is to the effect that the operation at Port Arthur is endeavoring to clear the harbor entrance of the stone-laden ships sent in by the Japanese. In order to remove the obstructions, divers are said to have been employed, who placed charges of dynamite in position and succeeded in blowing away enough of the cement and rock cargoes to admit the passage of torpedo boats through the channel.

BRITAIN SENDS WARSHIP.

Will Be Near Niu Chwang in Case She Is Needed.

LONDON, May 12.—Earl Percy, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in a letter published in the Times says information reached the Government from a well-informed source at Niu Chwang that no apprehension now appears to be entertained by residents of danger to life or property there, but as a precautionary measure the government has ordered a warship to proceed to Ching Wang Tao.

Japanese Making Themselves Secure.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 12, 3:30 A. M.—Further progress of the Japanese in Southern Manchuria is reported in the following dispatch, given out last night:

"The position of the division which is following the direct road to Hancheng from the west is not disclosed, and caution is also apparent in the operations on the Peninsula of Liao Tung, where 20,000 Japanese are seeking to render themselves secure in the western part of the peninsula, and in the vicinity of and below Pitsewo before inaugurating the operations which have been planned."

"Nothing definite is given out regarding the raid of Cossacks at Anju.

"There is no such General in the Far East as Mandariff, of whose force the raiding Cossacks were said to form a part."

Hospital Train for Harbin.

MUKDEN, May 12.—The first properly equipped hospital train passed through here today on its way to Harbin with 250 wounded men on board. It was made up of 12 freight and passenger cars, which had been converted to the use of the Russian wounded. Each car was painted white and carried 8 to 12 movable berths. A car specially fitted for surgical operations was carried. The car carried nurses and Sisters of Charity. The men were well cared for, and were well supplied with cigarettes.

Brings Gold From Japan.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—The steamer Doric, arriving from the Orient tonight, brought \$2,500,000 in gold from Japan. On board was Earl B. Shaw, son of the Secretary of the Treasury, who went to the Far East sometime ago on a Government mission. As soon as the Doric dropped anchor, Shaw was taken aboard the Gold Gate and hurried to the Oakland Pier, where he caught an overland train. Hon. C. A. Willard, Justice of the Philippine Supreme Court, and Judge Waite, a Manila jurist, were also on board.

Concentrating Near Port Arthur.

SIAM HAI KWAN, May 12.—A report received from London that there has been fighting at Wu Fung Tin is discredited here. It is reported that there is only one small Japanese force in that vicinity. The main force of the Japanese is said to be concentrating near Port Arthur with siege guns, and their intention is believed to be to attempt a repetition of the strategy of the naval and military forces before Santiago and to drive the Russian fleet out to battle. There is no news here of the whereabouts of the first Japanese army corps.

Japanese Faced Almost Certain Death

LONDON, May 12.—The Daily News states that Vice-Admiral Kamimura addressed the men who were going to bottle up Port Arthur as follows:

"My Dear Children: I am sending you to the most terrible spot in the fight. You are acting bravely in the enemy's hands. Had I sons I should be proud to send them with you. You go to show the world the courage of the Samurai in the land of the rising sun."

Telegraph Line Is Repaired.

LONDON, May 12.—A dispatch to the Central News from Seoul, Korea, in reporting the Anju fight, adds that the broken telegraph line has now been repaired. General Haraguchi, heretofore commanding the Japanese troops in the Seoul district, assumed command of all the Japanese troops south of the Yalu River.

Complete Coast-Guard System.

LONDON, May 12.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Standard reports a Cossack prisoner who was taken at Anju and who has promised to organize a complete coast-guard system from Kiangsu, in Northeastern Corea, through Fossait Bay to Vladivostok.

MME. MARCELLA SEMBRICH

Colorature Soprano Will Sing at the MARQUAM GRAND

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 13

It is a well-known fact that in New York Sembrich, by the luscious beauty of her voice and the subtle witchery of her art, has drawn a bigger and more brilliant audience to Carnegie Hall for a simple recital than any one else now before the public. Paderevski alone excepted. The New York Times of November 18 says of Sembrich:

"To describe the singing of this incomparable artist would be to describe the art of song itself. The educated musician has no moments of anxiety or discomfort. All he has to do is to sit easily in his chair and drink in the beauties of an art so exquisite, so finished, so fascinating, that it is a joy to be on the same earth with it.

"But what is to be said of her wonderful coloring of tones, her mastery of declamation in several languages, her ravishingly brilliant upper notes, her flute-like lower tones, her phrasing, finished to the delicacy of mosaic-work?"

"Her study is vitiated by a rich temperament, and this temperament floods her delivery with a warm glow of poetry. Who has ever heard 'Der Musbaum' (Schumann) sung more beautifully than she sang it yesterday? The audience made her repeat it, and almost asked for it a third time. It was a touching piece of singing. What deep reposed tenderness she threw into the Gluck air, what buoyant archness into the Pergolesi number, and what contagious humor into the delicious excerpt from the Bach cantata!

"These were rare exhibitions of high art, a mine of riches. There are singers and song recitals, but only one Sembrich."

"This star, the greatest lyric soprano of the present age, will be heard in Portland for the first time Friday, May 13, at the Marquam, under the direction of Lois Steers.

The piano used by Mme. Sembrich on all occasions is the Baldwin and it is for sale in this territory by the

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ism of fire.

To fight with the army is one of the traditions of his house. Alexander I entered Paris with the allied powers after the battle of Waterloo.

Nicholas I died during his visit to Japan in 1888, only having been saved from death by the noble action of his cousin, Prince George, of Greece. Should he finally conclude to go, the Emperor would not leave the command of the troops, but would have an imperial headquarters, taking with him all the members of his military cabinet. Being on the march, the Emperor would more easily advise General Kuropatkin in the event of any question of great military moment which he might desire to submit to his majesty. But, of course, the chief stimulus would be the stimulus which the personal presence of the sovereign would have on the officers and men.

Advance of the Japanese.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 12.—The Ministry War has received the following dispatch from Major-General Pflug, dated May 11:

"According to information received May 10 from the Feng Wang Cheng, the guards divisions advanced along the Hai-cheng road, and about a division and 500 cavalry were to advance by the Feng Wang Cheng road, and the second on the lower course of the Tayang River. The latter commenced to cross on the same day."

Heavy Explosions Are Heard.

SEOUL, Korea, May 12.—A junk that has arrived at Chemulpo brings a report that heavy explosions were heard at sea early this morning. It is believed here that these explosions occurred either at Port Arthur or Dalny. An American who left Anju on May 8 has arrived here, and reports that a force of 2000 Russians recently spent the night at Usan. He says that large bodies of Russian troops were reported to be in that vicinity.

Reports of fighting were received here today, but they lack confirmation.

Russians Refuse to Fight.

SEOUL, Korea, May 12.—According to the latest official reports received here, the Russian forces which attacked Anju was part of General Mandariff's flying column of Trans-Balbaik Cossacks. These troops came from Liao Yang, and were covering 25 miles a day. Prisoners say that the force had provisions for only 12 days, and that half the men refused to fight.

During the engagement, Japanese sharpshooters picked off several Russian officers.

America Notified of Protest.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Secretary Hay has been notified that the Russian government has made a formal protest against the action of the Japanese forces which landed at Pitsewo, on the Liao Tung Peninsula, recently in firing on the Red Cross train going north out of Port Arthur and carrying a number of wounded Russian soldiers. The protest was laid before the Japanese government by the French Minister at Tokio.

Czar to Pray for Victory.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 12.—The Emperor will go to Moscow Saturday to pray for victory at the Trinity Sergius Convent. He will then, after a few days, to Kharokoff to bid farewell to the Tenth and Seventeenth Army Corps, previous to their departure for the Far East.

Grand Duke Cyril Very Ill.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 12.—Grand Duke Cyril's whole nervous system and his heart are somewhat seriously affected as the result of his experience at the time of the blowing up of the battleship Petropavlovsk off Port Arthur, April 12. The official report of his medical attend-

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10c Toilet Paper 6c	25c Rosettes 17c	Gingham Aprons 19c
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Children's Millinery

Two big specials ready for today's selling in Children's Millinery. Daintiest, prettiest styles, coupled with the very lowest prices.

At 65c we give you choice of our children's 75c, 95c and \$1.25 Straw Sailors, including a very fine assortment of satin "Jap" braids in plain and fancy colors, trimmed with silk ribbon streamers, in red, white, blue and black, all finished with leather perspiration bands—choice of the lot for 65c.

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Walrus, Seal and Alligator Grain, assorted colors, \$1.75 regular—special at 98c

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Solid Leather Steel Frames, brass bolt, lock, lined, lined, shirt fold in lid \$3.95

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Oxford and Club styles, brown grain leather—leather lined, best locks, at \$3.95

Wash Goods Specials

Linen Crash Suitings, in the natural color—25c and 30c regular—special today at 18c
Colored Linen Suitings, 36 in. wide, gray, blue, tan and cream—50c regular—special at 37c
Novelty Mercerized Suitings, in mottled, tan, gray and blue—75c regular—special at 49c

Two Ribbon Specials

Double-faced, all-silk, Liberty Satin Ribbon, 4 1/2 inches wide—45c regular 25c
All-Silk Liberty Satin Ribbon, 7 inches wide, all colors—65c regular 45c

Neckwear Specials

New White Linen Tab-End Collars, embroidered in white, pink and blue 25c
Venise Lace Tab-End Collars at 25c
75c Silk Embroidered Tab-End Collars at 33c
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Book News

An extraordinary announcement today—
"THE VIRGINIAN"
By Owen Wister, heretofore to be had only in the \$1.50 edition, to be had here in HEAVY PAPER COVER 25c

Will Command Black Sea Fleet.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 12.—Vice-Admiral Chouknin, it is announced, has been appointed to command the Black Sea Fleet and Rear-Admiral Korakoff will succeed Vice-Admiral Chouknin as chief of the Naval Cadet School.

Denies Railway Has Been Restored.

TOKIO, May 12.—Official inquiry shows that Viceroy Alexieff's report that railroad communication with Port Arthur has been restored since Monday is untrue.

Tutt's Pills Cure All Liver Ills.

Doctors Say; Bilious and Intermittent Fevers which prevail in miasmatic districts are invariably accompanied by derangements of the stomach Liver and Bowels. The liver is the great "driving wheel" in the mechanism of man, and when it is out of order the whole system becomes deranged and disease is the result.

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