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Port Dalny is Occupied by Japanese.
WASHINGTON, May 31.—The Japanese Legation today gave out the following dispatch from the home government at Tokio. (General Ota, commanding the army operating against Port Arthur, reports that our troops occupied Dalny on May 30. Over 100 warehouses and barracks, besides the telegraph office and railway station, were found uninjured. Over 200 railway cars are usable, but all small railway bridges in the neighborhood are destroyed. All dock piers except the great pier, which sunk, remained uninjured. Some steam launches were also found at the mouth of the dock.

CHEFOO, May 31, 7:30 p. m.—Five hundred Chinese refugees from Port Dalny and Talienwan arrived here today. After sifting their conflicting stories, it appears that the Russians left Talienwan (Port Dalny) May 26 for Port Arthur, after burning everything likely to be of use to the Japanese. Bandits later took possession of the town and were pillaging when the Japanese cavalry appeared, May 27. The Russians previously burned the offices and residences, destroying the railroad and scuttling three large merchantmen, the Zeid, Boreia and Nagadan, and all the dredges and launches.

Some of the refugees also say the Russians destroyed the gunboat Bobr, which is said to have taken part in the battle of Thursday last at Kinchou, and three torpedoboats. Others say these vessels returned to Port Arthur.

The docks and piers at Dalny were not destroyed. Bandits occupied the city after the Russians left and levied tribute on the inhabitants. A Chinese contractor who had built most of Dalny for the Russians was held for ransom and his clerks were killed. The town was still burning May 28, when the refugees started for Chefoo. The Japanese had not appeared at Dalny up to that time.

One junk which was leaving Dalny was sunk by bandits and five persons were drowned. The Chinese who have arrived here did not leave Dalny or Talienwan because they were afraid of the Russians or Japanese.

For Relief of Port Arthur.

TIENSIN, May 31.—It is reported here that the First Brigade of the First Russian Division, consisting of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Siberian regiments, left Tashichao (a point on the railroad about 20 miles south of Niu Chwang), for Kinchou yesterday. The purpose of this movement is not known, but it is believed that the troops are moving to the relief of Port Arthur. They are to be followed by an entire division.

NIU CHWANG, May 31.—(Morning).—Refugees who continue to arrive here from the southern part of the Liao Tung Peninsula report daily fighting there and severe losses for both armies, but the reports are not confirmable officially. The Russians here are depending on the press bulletins for news from that vicinity.

The very highest Russian authority here, while not believing that Port Arthur will fall, admits that its loss would be a terrible blow to the Russian arms. The same authority says Russia may send a large army to the south of Niu Chwang in the event of General Stoessel being able to hold his own at Port Arthur. This, however, is not possible at present, owing to the positions occupied by the Japanese armies operating from the Yalu River and Taku Shan. The Russians are not sanguine as to the outlook for Port Arthur. More contraband of war is arriving here. Two cargoes of flour and tinned meats and speire were rushed to Mukden as soon as they were unloaded.

Heavy rains are daily making the roads almost impassable. The Chinese brigands are becoming active.

To Print Hanna's Portrait on New Panama Bonds.

The decision of Secretary Shaw, to have the portrait of the late Senator Marcus A. Hanna printed on the Panama bonds has met with the approval of every one who learned of it. It is recognized as a fitting tribute to the memory of a man who did such great service in advocating the several measures and the ratification of the treaty which have made the canal possible. The secretary states that the plates for printing the bonds had been ordered, but it was not expected that they would be needed soon, since additional legislation is necessary. The bonds are authorized, but there are important details yet to be arranged regarding their interest bearing rate and their standing as securities in relation to the consols.

JAPANESE SLAUGHTER
RUSSIANS RAN THEIR ENIMIES THROUGH WITH LANCES
THE SIEGE OF PORT ARTHUR IS NOW BEGUN IN EARNEST BY THE JAPANESE LAND FORCES.

LIAO, YANG, May 30 (delayed in transmission).—The Japanese lost 200 men killed and a number of horses in the fight at Vagenfuchu today. The Russians opened fire at 8 in the morning, and after two hours and a half long-range firing the Japanese, under General Akkima, prepared to charge and crush the force which had been harassing them for 21 days.

In the meantime, General Samsonoff was approaching Vagenfuchu with a strong force of cavalry. It was a sight worth seeing, when, at the word of command, the Russian squadrons formed and rushed like a whirlwind across the terrible cut-up country, clearing away all obstacles, the Japanese at the same time trotting along the frightful roads. Having passed the railroad station, the troops came under the fire of the Japanese machine guns, but withdrew without suffering much loss.

The Fourth and Sixth Companies of the Eighth Siberian Cossacks furiously charged the Japanese cavalry with lances, attacking both flanks. In a few minutes they literally cut the whole squadron into pieces. This was the first time the lances were used, and they struck horror into the enemy. In some cases the lances pierced the riders through and wounded their horses. Some of the lances could not be withdrawn from the bodies into which they had entered.

The Japanese infantry, numbering four battalions of 300 men to a company, and a squadron of cavalry, attempted to advance, but the Russian batteries opened fire, and soon the slope up which the enemy was advancing was covered with black spots, and the enemy was forced to scatter and retire. Some of the Japanese cavalry were wonderfully dashing, charging with shouts upon the Russians, who met and scattered them.

A Cossack who had lost his lance and sword wrenched a sword from a Japanese officer and cut off the officer's head.

The Cossacks picked up boots which had been taken off by the Japanese in order to facilitate their flight, and flourished them on their lances as trophies.

The Japanese used the trick of displaying dummies, but the Cossacks did not waste a shot on them.

General Samsonoff highly praised the practice of the Russian gunners.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 1.—A special cable from the staff correspondent of the Indianapolis News, at Chefoo, dated June 1, says:

"The Japanese land attack on Port Arthur was begun yesterday morning. Russian forces that were driven southward from Dalny and Kinchou by the Japanese are assisting the garrison at Port Arthur, and the Russian navy has joined in the movement to repulse the enemy.

"There may be several days of skirmishing and outpost work before the Russian city is taken, but it is the opinion of refugees who have arrived here from the besieged 'Gibraltar,' that the Russians eventually must succumb to overwhelming numbers.

"Dalny, Kinchou, Talienwan and Nan Shan have already fallen before the Japanese."

ROME, June 1.—A Tokio telegram says that General Kuroki has administered a complete defeat to the Russians under General Kuropatkin, near Sumentz, and that all Russian positions east of Hai Cheng have been abandoned. Several guns were captured, according to the report, and a whole squadron of Cossacks taken prisoners.

It is possible that the above is a greatly exaggerated account of the fight at Simatsi, 35 miles north of Feng Huang Cheng.

LONDON, June 1.—A report has been received here which tells of the capture of an entire squadron of General Kuropatkin's Cossacks, the seizing of many guns and an overwhelming defeat to Russian arms, near Sumentz.

No confirmation whatever has been received and the report is doubted here by the Russian representatives.

The latter say that General Kuropatkin's plan has steadily been one of concentration and gathering together of greater forces of men. Hence it is believed that such a defeat as the reports indicate would have been impossible. Kuropatkin's plan is to remain practically inactive until he is in a position to make any move he may attempt a crushing one to the Japanese forces.

Sultan Planning to Kill all Armenians.

BERLIN, June 1.—Ali Nouri Pasha, the Turkish reformer, contributes articles to Volks Zeitung in which he states that the sultan of Turkey is planning a great and final massacre of the Armenians, the result of which will be the complete annihilation of all Armenians in the Ottoman empire.

Japanese Soldiers Ration.

Gen. Weston, Chief of Subsistence of the American Army, has solved what he believes to be the great secret of the wonderful mobility of the Japanese Army. It lies in the field ration, a sample of which he has received from Major W. B. Barker at Nagasaki, one of the American officers who are watching the war. The ration shows that the Japanese soldier can live and fight for a month on a food supply that weighs less than the daily ration of the American soldier in the field.

The fish received by Gen. Weston is about seven inches long and an inch and a half thick in the middle, and is dried until it resembles petrified wood. It weighs only twelve ounces, but Major Barker says it will sustain a Japanese soldier for seven days.

When soldiers are on the march they eat the fish just as it is, biting off small pieces, which are thoroughly masticated, but when they are in camp the fish is shaved off in small slices and cooked with rice. The fish resembles a mackerel, but its Japanese name is "Mamibushi."

The fish is about two feet long and thick and solid before preparation for the army ration. In preparing it for army use it is cut in to and steamed and dried alternately until it is reduced to about one-eighth of its original size, with a corresponding reduction in weight.

Each Japanese soldier can carry enough fish and rice to last him three or four weeks, and a whole army can be made absolutely independent of the commissary trains that are indispensable in other armies. If the Russian soldiers could live on as little as the Japanese require the Siberian railroad would have little to do but haul troops, for one train-load of dried fish and rice would sustain Gen. Kuropatkin's army for weeks.

Dried fish is used only as a field ration. The regular daily ration in the Japanese Army consists of one and a half pounds of rice and a half pound of canned meat. The daily ration in the United States Army weighs about four pounds, and the emergency ration is not a great deal lighter.

A Champion Liar.

Breaking engagements does not worry the Sultan of Sulu. He kept Major-General Bates waiting for him at Sulu for nearly two months, breaking engagement after engagement according to Everybody's Magazine. At the time first appointed, instead of the Sultan, his brother and Hadji Butu, his prime minister, arrived at Sulu and explained to General Bates that "His Highness" deeply regretted his inability to be present, as his religious festivities were just beginning and would keep him at Maibun, the Moro capital, several days; but he would surely come as soon as the festivities were over. Another meeting was agreed upon. Again the sultan failed to appear, and his prime minister, with profuse apologies, assured the general that his master was suffering so with boils on his neck and arms that he could not put on his coat, and without it he could not even think of appearing before a great American general. Thus two months were frittered away and then the American soldier decided that as he was in a Mohammedan land he would do as Mohammed did when the mountain failed to call. He is the best single-handed liar in the Philippines. And as there are few Filipinos who will not lie frequently, deliberately, and persistently, that is saying a good deal.

Hay Asks Brazil and Peru to Arbitrate.

In the hope of averting hostilities between Brazil and Peru, whose relations have again become strained at the moment when an amicable adjustment of their difficulties over the Acre territory appeared to be certain Secretary Hay has directed the United States legation at Rio de Janeiro to suggest to Brazil that the United States government would be greatly pleased if Brazil and Peru would confer in a spirit of mutual concession and settle the question between themselves, or, if that is not possible, to agree to submit the points at issue to arbitration.

Senator Calderon, the Peruvian minister, has made a presentation to Secretary Hay of his government's side of the incident arising from the seizure in the Amazon by Brazil of a British vessel engaged in carrying ammunition and arms to Peruvian territory. Peru maintains that these munitions of war are not intended for her soldiers, but for settlers who are required to protect themselves in the wild rubber forest.

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