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237,000 MEN IN THE FIELD IN MANCHURIA.

Of This Number Approximately One Hundred Sixty Thousand Are Actively in the Field, the Remainder Doing Guard and Garrison Duty and Watching Port Arthur—Over Sixty-One Thousand Are Cavalry.

London, July 8.—There are four Japanese armies now in the field, three of which are acting in co-operation in the general advance against General Kuropatkin in Manchuria, leaving the fourth engaged in the siege of Port Arthur. The four armies are accompanied respectively by Generals Kuroki, Oku, Nodzu and Nogai. Marquis Oyama, the commander-in-chief, is expected in Manchuria the coming week to take supreme command of the four armies.

The first army, General Kuroki's, is that which disembarked at Chemulpo between February 8 and March 7, consisting of 22,500 men—17,000 combatants and 5,500 coolies—with 5,000 horses and 36 guns and an immense supply of stores and ammunition. This army is that which marched through Korea to the Yalu, crossed that river at the battle of Chin Lien Cheng on May 1, and having occupied Feng Wang Cheng, has made its headquarters there pending the development of the plan of campaign.

Kuroki's army was originally composed of the Imperial Guards division, the Second and Twelfth divisions, and possibly has been reinforced by the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth divisions, these three being those kept back for disposition as circumstances might require.

The second army, under General Oku, is that which was landed at Pitsewo and elsewhere on the Liao Tung peninsula. After obtaining possession of Kaochow and the neck of the peninsula by the battle of Nanshan, this army was divided, two divisions and possibly another being instructed, as the Fourth army, with the task of subjugating Port Arthur, under General Nogai, while General Oku led the rest of his force northward along the line of the Manchurian railway to co-operate with Kuroki and Nodzu. It was this army which engaged and drove back General Stakelberg at the battle of Wafangow. It originally consisted of the First, Third, Fourth and Fifth divisions.

Lastly, the Third army is that of General Nodzu, which was landed at Taku Shan and concentrated in the neighborhood of Siu Yen. It is composed of the Sixth, Tenth and Eleventh divisions.

Including the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth divisions, the location of which is not certain, this accounts for all the 13 divisions of the Japanese army. Roughly speaking, the strength of a Japanese division, combatants and non-combatants, is 25,000.

If the permanent active army has been put into the field there would be altogether 203 battalions, 55 squadrons of cavalry, 684 cannon, 61,390 horses, 7,500 officers and 193,700 men.

It has been reported that the reserve battalions of each division have also been sent into the field. This adds 52 battalions, 17 squadrons, 114 cannon, 9,000 horses, 10,000 officers and 35,000 men, making the total of fighting men 228,300 rank and file and 8,500 officers. Allowing for troops guarding communications, garrisons and 50,000 engaged at Port Arthur, this would give 150,000 men, or 160,000 approximately, as opposed to the Russian army at General Kuropatkin's disposal.

COMING EVENTS.

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PORT ARTHUS IS RUSSIA'S PRIDE

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Comparison of the Modern Fort and the Great Russian Fortress of the Crimean War—Tactics of the Crimean and Japanese War Compared.

If the siege of Port Arthur is to be similar to that of Sevastopol, it will be well into next June before the big Manchurian fortress falls.

The events which led up to the siege of Sevastopol were in many ways like those which led up to the present siege. In the former case, however, there was much more complicated cause of war, which originally was between Russia and Turkey, and ended up by being between Russia on one side and England and France and the kingdom of Sardinia on the other.

Russia's ambitions and aggression were the prime cause of the Crimean war, as they were of the present war, but Turkey was not, like Japan, able to fight it out alone. When England and France took hold of it, they like Japan, secured command of the sea.

The Russian fleet of that day, consisting of 15 old-fashioned sailing line of battleships, numerous frigates and brigs and only one big steam war vessel, took refuge in the then existing strongest Russian fortress, Sevastopol. The French and English fleets held command of the Black sea, but could not feel secure as long as the Russians ships were in being.

The obvious course, therefore, was to land an army and capture the fleet from shore.

The troops were sent out in the month of September, 1854, and it was the general expectation that they would have a walk over and win before Christmas. But there was no such intelligent plan of campaign as that worked out by General Oku and Kuroki.

Instead of threatening the remote Russian rear, as Kuroki has done, they concentrated all their army in the neighborhood of Sevastopol, so that, throughout the siege, they were continually threatened by armies sent to the relief of the fortress, and at no time were they able to close thoroughly the Russian line of communication.

Instead of falling before Christmas, Sevastopol, at that time, appeared as strong as ever, and the besiegers had to sit down for a winter campaign. A terrific hurricane swept over the English and French camps in November, blew away practically all the tents and even stripped the bedding off patients in the hospitals. Bitterly cold weather at once set in and the suffering of the troops was intense. It was not until nearly spring that proper clothing and means of shelter were sent out from Europe. And the food supplies also ran low.

Next spring and the following summer, the siege still continued but with increasing vigor. Trenches were dug to within 25 or 30 feet of the fortifications and several assaults were made ineffectually.

At last on September 8, 1855, the final assault was ordered. The French troops occupied the Malakoff, one of the principal forts, by charge, but the English troops who attacked the Redan, a similar fort, were repulsed. But with the Malakoff in the hands of the French the position became untenable and on the night of September 9, the Russian fleet was burned in the harbor and the hulks scuttled.

With the fall of Sevastopol the Crimean war drew to an end and peace was soon declared.

One of the great differences between the Sevastopol and Port Arthur situation has been the greater remoteness of Port Arthur from the main Russian forces. Not only has Kuroki flanked any possible reinforcements, as the English and French were never able to do in the Crimean war, but Oku has so effectually occupied the strip of land north of Port Arthur, that it would take a counter siege to get him out.

Another point of the greater superiority of modern weapons over those of 60 years ago. The French and English had abandoned muskets but were using muzzle-loading rifles. There were no armored ships of any kind and the artillery was of a comparatively small caliber.

Before Sevastopol the French and English each had 30,000 men and later Sardinia sent 20,000 men. The Russian garrison at the beginning of the siege consisted of 35,850 effectives, which is about the size of the present garrison of Port Arthur. At the time of the Sevastopol siege, the principal of long range converging fire was practically unknown. Today heavy guns placed in a wide circle can practically annihilate any given object in the middle on which they can all concentrate. In the old days, attack and defense was on parallel lines only.

In the first assault on Sevastopol the French lost 7,007 men, the English 2,271 and the Russians 12,913.

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