LOSS BY JAPANESE

ATTACK FORT ON THE YALU BUT CANNOT TAKE IT.

Russian Fire Also Proves Too Heavy for Gunboats Which Went to Support of Troops—Submarine Boat Reported to Have Sunk Transport and That 600 Men Went Down.

Lao Yang, April 29.—The Japanese troops, which crossed the Yalu north of Euitjiou (Tchangdjiou) charged during the night of April 26-27 the Russian position near Liavena, a village on the Manchurian bank of the Yalu. They were repulsed, but their loss is not known.

Two gunboats steamed up the river to the support of the Japanese, when a Russian field battery opened fire upon them, resulting in a battle which lasted for 20 minutes. The Russian fire was too hot, and the gunboats were forced to steam out of range.

Japanese Transport Sunk.

Paris, April 29.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Journal reports that a Russian submarine boat sunk a Japanese transport which was conveying 600 men to Corea, and that all the troops were lost.

ADVANCES MONEY FOR CANAL.

French Syndicate Desires to Expedite Panama Deal.

Washington, April 29.—Attorney General Knox today received cablegrams from Messrs. Day and Russell, who went to Paris as his representatives to conduct the negotiations for the Panama canal property, to the effect that the deeds of the property and all other papers and effects, which will belong to the United States under the transfer, have already been turned over to them, and that the pruchase price of $40,000,000 has been advanced to the canal company by a Paris syndicate of bankers. This syndicate, it is understood, offers to pay over the money with a view to expediting the consummation of the sale on the assurance of the Attorney General that the draft of the syndicate on the United States for the $40,000,000 will be honored on presentation at the treasury at Washington.

At the time the money was paid over to the canal company in Paris, Major Markbrooke, of the engineer corps of the army, now in Colon, was authorized formally to receive the papers on the isthmus in the name of the United States. Whether this transfer has actually been made by the republic of Panama, the department of justice has not been advised, but it is assumed it will be made within a day or two. Messrs. Day and Russell are expected to return to Washington within the next ten days.

MAY MOBILIZE FOURTH ARMY.

Japan Evidently Means to Move on Vladivostok and Port Arthur.

London, April 29.—It is announced from Shanghai this morning that the third Japanese army, now mobilizing, will comprise the fifth division from Hiroshima, the tenth from Hinieju, and the eleventh from Zentsuuji. Preparations are on foot to mobilize a fourth army should it become necessary.

The destination of these armies is a matter of considerable speculation here, though it is supposed that it may be the intention to use them against Vladivostok or Port Arthur.

No further light has been thrown upon the operations on the Yalu and in the absence of official dispatches little attention is paid to Russian reports of Japanese reverses which, it is believed, are spread with the motive of influencing the European money markets in favor of Russian financial operations.

No definite news has been received regarding the whereabouts of the Vladivostok squadron, but the indications are that it has regained the harbor.

Britain Loses Territory.

London, April 29.—The Associated Press understands that one of the most important results of the work in East Africa along the Anglo-German Congo frontier, west of Victoria Nyanza, is the discovery that the whole of Albert Edward Nyanza belongs to the Congo Independent State. As a result, Great Britain loses the valuable salt deposits north of Lake Albert Edward. It is also announced that the mouth of Kagera river is in British territory. Hitherto, it had been believed to be in German territory.

Kuropatkin Ahead of Them.

Chicago, April 29.—A report to the Daily News form Niu Chwang says: "If official Russian advices from Mukden can be relied on, General Kuropatkin's deployment is so far advanced that it covers the very lines the Japanese propose to occupy. Should the Japanese succeed in driving the Russians north, the Muscovite line of defense will extend from Niu Chwang to Liao Yang and from Liao Yang to the Yalu river.

Russians Harass Chinese Villages.

London, April 29.—The Tientsin correspondent of the Standard sends a report that 40,000 Russians are harassing the Chinese villages west of the Shuang Tai Su river, midway between Chin Chau and Yinkow.

CHINA DESIRES TO BE NEUTRAL.

Diplomat Says Only Danger Lies in Priests Stirring Up a Revolt.

Paris, April 28.—Mr. Ou, first secretary of the Chinese legation here, in an interview on the danger of China being drawn into the Russian-Japanese war, said General Ma was not a very important personage, and had never been commander in chief. He is in command of the regular troops in the province of Pechili under the viceroy of Tien Tsin, who would incur the death penalty, if he acted without the direct orders of the Pekin government, which, the secretary said, was determined to maintain neutrality. Moreover, General Ma had not over 15,000 troops, which there was no reason to suppose were ill disposed toward Russia.

Asked point blank whether he did not foresee danger of complication, the secretary admitted the Chinese people were favorably disposed toward the Japanese, and in this fact there might be a possible source of trouble. If the Buddhist priests and the secret societies stirred up a revolt, and the rebels attacked the Russians, the latter might consider the imperial government responsible.

"If we should be treated as belligerents," said the secretary, "we should be obliged to defend ourselves. That would be the only event in which we would make common cause with Japan."

SUBMARINE BOATS IN ACTION.

Russia Hears From Vessels Sent in Sections to Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, April 28.—A dispatch from Port Arthur says:

"Experiments with submarine boats here have been attended with brilliant success.

"All is quiet in the region of the fortress."

The entrance into service of four submarine boats at Port Arthur means the addition of a new and formidable weapon for the defense of the stronghold. The dispatch of the boats in sections over the railroad have been shrouded in secrecy, and even today many in St. Petersburg are inclined to doubt the report by officials of their presence at Port Arthur, or to accept the information as trustworthy.

An effort now to close or blockade Port Arthur will be too dangerous, it is thought, for Vice Admiral Togo to attempt. The defenders of the port will be able to guard against Japanese submarine vessels entering the harbor and attacking the Russian ships at anchor.

TO CUT OFF RUSSIAN SQUADRON.

Japanese Ships Pass Kobe, Undoubtedly Making for Gensan.

Chicago, April 28.—A special cable to the Daily News from Kobe says:

"Under full steam a strong squadron of Japanese armored cruisers were observed this morning, making their way northward in the Japanese sea. It is believed that the vessels are on their way to attempt to cut off the Russian squadron that appeared off Gensan, on the east coast of Corea yesterday. It is feared, however, that, as the czar's cruisers are superior in speed to those of the mikado, they may escape in safety to the shelter of Vladivostok.

"It is also stated that the Japanese have succeeded in luring the Russians from the protection of the Vladivostok guns, and that there is another Japanese squadron between them and their retreat, but these are mere rumors."

Amending the Patent Laws.

Washington, April 28.—Favorable reports were authorized today by the house committee on patents on the Mann bill amending the patent laws by authorizing the issuance of patents on the formulae of proprietary remedies instead of on the manufactured article, and the Tawney bill requiring affidavits to be filed with copyright applications stating the place where the type for the publication was set. No copyright is to be issued on works not printed in this country. The penalty for a misstatement in the affidavit is fixed at $1,000.

Steamers Fear Mines.

Tokio, Aril 27.—Japanese companies which operate steamers on the Yellow sea, and the gulf of Pechili are cancelling their engagements to call at points beyond Chemulpo, Corea, because of the mechanical contact mines which are known to be adrift on the high seas. These mines drifted away from Port Arthur and Port Dalny, and constitute a serious menace to navigation. It is known that many mines have been detached from their moorings by storms and currents and several have been destroyed.

Eight-Hour Bill May Go Over.

Washington, April 28.—The senate committee on education and labor, by a vote of 4 to 3, today decided to postpone action on the eight-hour bill until next December. There were two members of the committee absent, and they will be permitted to record their votes. Friends of the bill believe that when the absentees have voted the result will be changed and the bill may be favorably reported at this session, although they express no hope of passing it.

Russia to Buy More Warships.

Paris, April 28.—According to a report, the truth of which it is impossible to verify, the sum of 105,000,000 rubles has been appropriated by Russia for the purchase of several torpedo boats in France, two Argentine cruisers and two German transports. The two German transports have already arrived at Libau.

VALUE QUESTIONED

SENATE DOUBTS ADVISABILITY OF OF BUILDING BIG WARSHIPS.

Recent Russian Losses are Cited—Some Favor Submarines—Conference Report Giving the President Power to Delay Construction of Battleship If Deemed Advisable Agreed To.

Washington, April 27.—The senate today passed a bill to provide for an associate justice of the supreme court of New Mexico.

Hale called up the conference report on the naval appropriation bill eliminating the differences between the two houses. In making a statement on the report Hale criticised the modern battleship. Continuing he said:

"I mus. say that if I were secretary of the navy in the present condition, I should not dare to go on and commit the government to the building of another immense battleship costing $8,000,000. The lessons of war between Russia and Japan thus far go to show the vulnerability and the unsafety of these immense and lofty battleships and the undesirability at present of committing ourselves to the further construction of them. The great and salient evils of war show how incomplete as an engine of war is one of these enormous high turreted battleships. If she is struck below the water line and the center of gravaity is disturbed she turns over like a turtle and everybody on board is drowned.

"If an explosion takes place through hurried firing in a turret, it is more than likely to ignite the magazine and the whole ship is blown into the air and everybody on board is killed. Aside from the disasters in the East, where the large Rusisaan battleships have been disabled and put out of business, we have had three explosions on our own battleships within a year."

Stewart expressed the opinion that the battleship will soon be a thing of the past and that submarine craft will take their place.

Continuing, Hale said he thought congress should legislate on the character of battleships for the navy, and not leave it to the department.

Allison said the discretion given to the president to defer action for a year was a wise one, because of the fact that a test of battleships was going on in a pretty lively way in the Far East.

The conference report was agreed to.

GAME OF STRATEGY.

Kouropatkin Has Large Force Thrown Across Upper Yalu.

St. Petersburg, April 27.—General Kouropatkin has played a strong card in the game of strategy. A large portion of General Rennenkampff's Cossack cavalry division has been thrown across the upper reaches of the Yalu, and a considerable force of cavalry, which crossed the Tumen some time ago, is moving down to the southwest to effect a juncture with it. Together with this force, which, it is believed, totals 20,000 men, he will threaten Lieutenant General Inouye's left flank when the Japanese are ready to cross lower down on the Yalu.

Being composed of cavalry with a few mountain guns, Rennenkampff's force is extremely mobile. Unless it should be dislodged, it will compel the Japanese to leave a strong army to guard the communications, whereas, if a Japanese force should be sent to drive it out, it would have to move directly away from the main army while the Russian army, if compelled to fall back, can recross in the direction of the Russian troops concentrating in Manchuria.

KUROPATKIN TO BE CHIEF.

He Is Destined to Command Forces on Sea as Well as on Land.

St. Petersburg, April 27.—General Kouropatkin, it is believed in the highest military circles here, is destined to become commander of all the emperor's forces, both military and naval in the Far East.

Admiral Alexieff may remain there for some little time as viceroy, but his reign is considered practically ended. He will not be humiliated, but in order to effect harmonious relations a way will be found to secure his elimination. While Alexieff and Kouropatkin are on fairly good terms, harmonious relations between Vice Adimral Skrydloff and the viceroy are considered impossible and with the three enjoying independent commands it is realized that friction ultimately will be bound to arise which might endanger successful operations. Skrydloff and Kouropatkin, on the contrary, are warm personal friends.

One Veto by Governor of Hawaii.

Honolulu, April 27.—There was only one veto by Governor Carter in the special legislative session. He disapproved a joint resolution calling for a commission to frame a county government act, because the matter of compensation was left to be determined later. Another resolution providing for a commission of five members and fixing compensation was approved, and the commission will be appointed at once to frame a county bill.

Treaty With America to Hand.

St. Petersburg, April 27.—The draft of the treaty whereby American firms can sue in Russia and Russian firms in America, over which Ambassador McCormick has been negotiating, has been received from Washington and laid before the foreign officers. Since it is no longer possible to secure its ratification during this session of congress, Mr. McCormick probably will allow the treaty to take its normal course.

RAIN CAUSES KANSAS FLOOD.

Rescues From Homes Surrounded by Rising Waters.

Fort Scott, Kan., April 27.—Fort Scott is experiencing the most serious flood in its history. Marmatong river and Mill creek, which runs into the former stream here, have risen ten feet in the past 24 hours, the result of heavy rains. Several hundreds of persons have been rescued in boats. As far as known tonight no lives have been lost. The estimated loss in livestock drowned and property damaged is $100,000.

The two streams began to rise at 10 o'clock last night and today the city was divided into three sections and almost completely isolated. Normally Mill creek runs into the Marmatong river, northeast of the city, but because of the rapid rise they formed a new channel which cut across one end of the city. Tonight the entire northern part of the city is cut off, and part of the city is inundated.

Ten feet of water is rushing through the streets in that part of the city and several hundred persons in what is known as Belltown have been forced to leave their homes. Many were taken away in boats.

There were several narrow escapes from drowning. Late today an aged couple named Lemore, living north of the city near the river, were rescued in boats. They were completely hemmed in. Rescuers were out all day under the direction of Fire Chief Ausman, Mayor Congdon and Chief of Police Mendenhall, and they succeeded in saving thousands of dollars' worth of property as well as the hundreds of inhabitants of that district.

Many who refused to leave Belltown will still have to be taken away in boats, as all avenues of escape have now been cut off.

The gas works is three feet under water and has closed down. The engine and pumps at the water station are 20 feet under water. The Southwestern Wholesale Grocery company's warehouse is flooded and the water has reached the office. The wholesale district is completely surrounded and merchants are removing their stocks of goods. All the railroads are tied up, bridges being threatened and tracks covered.

Washouts are reported in all directions. In the low farming land the water is from five to ten feet deep and much stock has been drowned and heavy damage to property caused. It is estimated that 300 persons are homeless.

SOLDIER KILLED IN WRECK.

West Bound Santa Fe Train Collides With a Light Engine.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 27.—A west bound special train carrying several carloads of soldiers bound for the presidio, San Francisco, was wrecked at Hartoum Station, the first station west of Needles, Cal, on the Santa Fe railroad. One soldier, James M. Bowers, was killed and about a dozen injured.

According to the meagre information obtainable in this city tonight the wreck occurred sometime during the afternoon Sunday and was caused by the colliding of a light engine eastbound with the troop train. The engine had helped a train over a heavy grade just west of Needles, and was returning to that point, presumably without the knowledge of the special troop train.

Carnival at Portland.

The Federated Trades Council, representing 75 labor unions, and the Lewis and Clark Farternal Building association, comprising 34 fraternal societies, have arranged to hold a mardi gras and carnival in Portland June 28 to July 12 inclusive. It is intended to make this affair the largest and most complete ever attempted on the Pacific coast. A spectacle employing 300 people will be one of the chief attractions of the amusement features, as well as a circus, baloon ascensions, etc. The management has promised that the entire two weeks will be full of specialties and one cannot go once and see it all. There will be a monster Fourth of July parade, also an illuminated parade on the night of July 2. Reduced rates have been secured on all transportation lines running into Portland.

Irrigation Investigation at Yakima.

Washington, April 27.—District Engineer T. A. Noble, of the reclamation service, at Spokane, Wash, has been instrcuted to proceed to make the necessary investigations at the earliest possible date concerning the development of the Yakima valley, to ascertain whether the opportunities for irrigation works there are of such a character as to warrant the beginning of a large government work in this city. The investigation will be for the purpose largely of securing a better knowledge of the physical conditions of this region.

Cleaning Up to Adjourn.

Washington, April 27.—The time of the senate will be devoted wholly to clearing the calendar preparatory to adjournment, which most senators still say will occur during the present week. There remains only one appropriation bill to be passed by the senate, that for the military academy. A number of the supply bills are still in the conference, however, and it is expected there will be more or less discussion of conference reports.

Improvements at Puget Sound Yards.

Washington, April 27.—Bids have been opened at the navy department for a steel storage buliding at the Puget sound navy yard, the lowest bidder being the St. Paul Foundry company, $30,736, and for a boatshop at the Puget sound yard, the lowest bidder being T. Ryan, Seattle, $165.000.

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