

PORT IS BLOCKED

ADMIRAL TOGO AT LAST SUCCESSFUL AT PORT ARTHUR.

Great Bravery Exhibited—Officers Were Ready to Lose Half Their Men—Men Who Took in Fireships Persuaded Admiral to Make Attack in Daylight Instead of Night.

London, May 6.—The opinion gains ground here that the Japanese have at last effectually blocked Port Arthur.

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent declares the entrance to Port Arthur is "absolutely sealed," and adds that the Japanese fleet, in effecting its purpose, steamed into the entrance at full speed.

So determined were they to succeed, adds the correspondent, that they decided, if necessary to lose half their men. The number of casualties sustained by the Japanese has not yet been announced.

The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle is also positive the harbor is "corked."

In favor of the supposition of Japanese success in blocking Port Arthur it is pointed out that the previous attempts had left the channel so narrow that a couple of vessels sunk in the fair way would probably suffice to seal up the entrance, while there is a noticeable evasion, and half-heartedness, in the Russian denials of the enemy's success.

There is no confirmation here of a Paris rumor that an engagement between the Russian and Japanese squadrons had taken place off Vladivostok, and St. Petersburg knows nothing of the rumored capture of Niu Chwang.

Reports have been received here that the Japanese captured a quantity of railroad material after Sunday's battle. This is supposed to indicate that the Russians had made great progress with the railroad from the main Manchurian line to the Yalu.

The Standard's Tientsin correspondent says he is convinced that the Russian position in Southern Manchuria is exceedingly weak, as a consequence of the enormous number of men detached to guard the railway and to obtain provisions.

LOST TWO THOUSAND.

Russian General's Official Report on the Yalu Battle.

St. Petersburg, May 6.—The Russian losses at the battle of Kiu Lien Cheng were 2,000 men and 40 officers, far greater than previously reported.

This is the official estimate of Major General Kashtalinsky, who directly commanded the division that suffered the brunt of the attack, and whose report has not been received by the emperor.

General Kashtalinsky mentions also that more than 700 wounded had arrived at Feng Wang Cheng, and these may not be included in his calculations.

The magnitude of the Russian losses had an almost stunning effect on the authorities, and aroused general grief, mitigated only by satisfaction at the bravery displayed by the Russian troops.

Not for a moment was there any intention to pay such a terrible price for delaying the enemy's crossing of the Yalu.

Building Torpedo Boats for Russia.

Berlin, May 6.—It is reported that the Vulkan Shipbuilding company at Stettin, is busily engaged in the construction of torpedo-boats and destroyers in sections for the Russian government.

Nearly 5,000 Shots Fired.

Port Arthur, May 6.—There have been no developments since the attack on Port Arthur, May 3. During the bombardment the big guns of the Russian ships and batteries fired 2,500 shots, while the machine guns of the gunboat Giliak fired 2,000 shots.

Steamers to Enter the War.

Berlin, May 6.—A special dispatch from Libau, Russia, says that the former German liners Columbia, Belgia and Kaiserin Maria Theresa have just arrived there to be fitted out for war purposes.

TOGO AGAIN AT IT.

Japanese Make Another Attempt to Close Port Arthur Harbor.

Port Arthur, May 5.—Another daring attempt was made by the Japanese yesterday morning to block the entrance to Port Arthur. A few minutes before 1 o'clock the first shots were fired, awakening the town with their thunderous noise.

The projector moved to the right from Liao Tishan to Golden Hill. For a quarter of an hour the light was watched with curiosity, and then a second cannonade began, the heaviest fire being directed to the left of Golden Hill, where the fireships were located.

The fireships were ten in number and of about 3,000 tons each. It is reported that two Japanese torpedo boats were sunk, the remainder withdrawing in a damaged condition.

TO MARK ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

Canadian Commissioner is Preparing to Dispatch Surveyors.

Vancouver, B. C., May 5.—W. F. King, Canadian boundary commissioner, is on the way to Vancouver to arrange for the dispatch of three Canadian parties of surveyors, who are to work jointly with the American surveyors in delimiting the Canadian-Alaskan boundary under the London award of last year.

STORM BREAKS OUT AGAIN.

Colorado Railroad Traffic is Again Practically Suspended.

Buena Vista, Colo., May 5.—After an abeyance of several hours, the storm which has practically suspended railroad traffic in this section, resumed with added force this afternoon.

The Colorado Midland railroad has abandoned its tracks in this vicinity and is using the Rio Grande tracks. The trains on the latter road are 12 hours behind the schedule.

Russian Officer Blamed.

Paris, May 5.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris General Kouroupatkin, in telegraphing to the emperor, blames Lieutenant General Zassalitch's obstinacy in refusing to retreat in time despite the orders he received.

Funds for Great Irrigation Work.

Washington, May 5.—The secretary of the interior has set aside, provisionally, the sum of \$1,000,000, for the construction of the Path Finder reservoir, on North Platte river, in Wyoming.

Insurance to Be Higher.

Chicago, May 5.—It has been practically settled by the committee of the Union Fire Insurance association to advance premiums in the West at least 20 per cent within a month.

VICTORY COMPLETE

BATTLE ON YALU PLACES JAPANESE IN ABSOLUTE CONTROL.

Crossing of Troops to Islands Above and Below Wiju Was Only to Conceal the Route of Their Principal Movements—Their Front Extended for Twenty Miles.

Tokio, May 4.—As the details of Sunday's battle and the Japanese victory at arms, and maneuvers preceding, come to hand it is plain that the plans of the Japanese general staff were followed to the minutest detail.

The Guard's division, constituting the center, and the Second division, forming the left wing, crossed respectively to the islands above and below Wiju. These were feigned advances, designed to cover the main movement, and were to be continued in the event of the success of the contemplated advance.

Thus, at dawn of May 1, the army had a front of 20 miles, with the left near Antung and the right opposite Mako. When the advance was ordered, the Twelfth division, wading the river with the water waist deep, rushed the enemy's entrenchments, ultimately swinging around toward Chiu Tien Cheng.

BRITAIN IS MUCH PLEASED.

Comment of Press Shows She Was in Doubt as to Japan's Ability.

London, May 4.—The latest dispatches received here confirming the completeness of the Japanese victory on the Yalu river could hardly have given greater satisfaction in Tokio than in London.

AS KUROPATKIN DESIRES.

He Wires the Czar He is Glad the Japanese Have Crossed the Yalu.

Paris, May 4.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris in a dispatch this morning, says a high officer of the general staff made the following statement to him: "General Kouroupatkin has telegraphed the emperor expressing satisfaction that the Japanese have crossed the Yalu, because this lengthens their line of operations, whereas the Russians are approaching their base."

Cloudburst Causes Damage.

Florence, Colo., May 4.—A cloudburst in the Green Horn range, eight miles south of Florence, today caused the Arkansas river to rise between eight and nine feet here in less than an hour.

Hall Plays Havoc With Orchards.

Denver, May 4.—A heavy storm, consisting of rain on the plains, and snow in the mountains has prevailed over nearly the entire state today. Considerable damage to railway property and delay by washouts was caused.

New Russian Battleship Aground.

St. Petersburg, May 4.—The new Russian battleship Orel, to which the finishing touches are being put, ran aground on a sandbar in the Neva yesterday. As difficulty is expected in refloating her, the icebreaker Ermak has been sent from Constadt to assist the tugs in pulling her off.

FORCE THE YALU.

Charge of Brown Men Irresistible and Russians Fall Back.

Tokio, May 3.—Advice received here state that the Twelfth division of the Japanese army forced a crossing of the Yalu river above Wiju just before dawn Saturday morning.

The Russian left flank has been turned and a general attack began at dawn Sunday by all the Japanese batteries on the south side of the river and a flotilla of gunboats co-operating with the army.

The Japanese have the advantage of positions and numbers and are confident of routing the enemy.

The News From St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, May 3.—The general staff account of the operations on the Yalu river Saturday is as follows:

"At 4 o'clock this morning Japanese field batteries and 47 guns opened a terrific fire on our position at Turenchen and our troops near Potientensky.

"The overwhelming superiority of the Japanese in artillery and the heavy losses their fire inflicted on our troops occupying these positions made it clear to General Sasselitch that it was impossible to hold Turenchen.

"When General Sasselitch dispatched his telegram the Russian troops were retiring in good order from Turenchen and Schakhedzky to their second position, and the battle was continuing at Potientensky and Tchingu."

WILL TRY TO KEEP FLEET IN.

Togo Wants No More Raids Made by the Vladivostok Squadron.

St. Petersburg, May 3.—A dispatch received here from Viceroy Alexieff says:

"The continued presence of the Japanese squadron off Vladivostok has convinced the authorities that Vice Admiral Togo has taken to heart the sharp lesson taught him through his failure to consider the possibilities of mischief by the formidable Russian division at that port, and is now seeking means to stop further raiding operations in the Sea of Japan.

FAIR GATES OPEN.

Great Through Witnesses Ceremonies at St. Louis Exposition.

St. Louis, May 2.—The Louisiana Purchase exposition was formally opened Saturday afternoon. The inaugural exercises were simple and were carried through without delay and without halt or delay of any description.

The weather was without a flaw. The handling of the crowd, the guarding of inclosures and the police work generally could not have been improved upon. This work was in the hands of officers of the regular army, who directed the exposition guards in their duty.

At 12:15 the signal was given to President Roosevelt that all things were ready. In a few minutes came the answering touch over the wire from the White House. This officially opened the exposition.

The crowd was fully as large as that which filled the grounds one year ago when the exposition buildings were dedicated.

Oregon Cannot Get Lands.

Washington, May 3.—The secretary of the interior today confirmed the decision of the general land office canceling two selections made by the state of Oregon under lists 434 and 444 in lieu of school lands relinquished to the government.

Russia Heaves Sigh of Relief.

St. Petersburg, May 3.—Without a dissenting voice the Russian press approves of the decision of the government, as announced in its circular note, not to permit mediation and warning the powers that they must keep their hands off when the terms of peace are settled.

Russians Find Japs Laid Mines.

Paris, May 3.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris, specialists who have examined the spot where the battleship Petropavlovsk sank, declare the Japanese had laid a large group of connected mines, each containing 80 pounds of lyddite, in Port Arthur roads. These have now been found and removed by the Japanese.

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