

RUSSIA'S FIGHTING ARMY

Estimate of Strength of the Czar's Forces in the East

London, July 9.—According to the latest estimate of the available fighting strength at General Kuropatkin's command it is improbable, after allowing for losses already sustained, casualties and ill, that the Russian commander-in-chief can dispose of more than 94,000 bayonets and sabres, with 263 field guns. His force can hardly on a liberal calculation, exceed 100,000 infantry, 3000 engineers, 10,000 Cossacks and 311 field guns.

With this number General Kuropatkin has to retard the Japanese advance and defend the long line from Niu-Chwang to Siamatse, on the road to Mukden from the Yalu river, in order to keep his line of communications open along the Trans-Manchurian railway to Harbin, 600 miles from the sea.

This army forms the main group of the Russian forces. It consists of 63 battalions of the East Siberian rifles, of the seventh, second, third, fifth sixth and ninth divisions, 16 battalions of the tenth and seventeenth army corps and 48 battalions of Siberian infantry, or a total of 127 battalions, with 41 batteries of field and two machine guns.

The second group is that of General Stoessel, intrusted with the defense of Port Arthur, consisting of the 4th division, three infantry regiments and the seventh division, the total making probably about 28,000 of the land

army, allowing for sick and a loss of 2000 at Kin-Chow. With 10,000 sailors his combative strength should be 38,000 men, with some 50 field guns and four hundred siege guns, besides naval ordnance.

The third and last group of the Russian forces in the field is that of the troops assigned to Vladivostok, consisting of the eighth division, and fortress troops, and a number of Cossacks raiding in northern Corea. These are under the command of General Linevitch, and in number probably do not exceed 12,000.

The Russian staff has arranged for the despatch of 162,000 men and 83,000 tons of stores during the six months from May to October, a monthly supply of 27,000 men and 13,883 tons of stores. With the most favorable circumstances and the unhampered use of the Trans-Siberian railway, it seems improbable that General Kuropatkin within the next few weeks can oppose anything like equal numbers of the Japanese armies attacking him.

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The woman had had a quarrel with her lover during the day, and she determined to end her miserable career on this earth. Down to the river she hurried, but she met a man on the street, and woman-like, she told him what she intended to do.

He gave the alarm, and the woman's companion followed her, reaching the river after she had made the plunge. He quickly rescued her, and was brought back to her hovel.

She soon recovered, and was on the street during the evening.

John Redmond to Attend.

New York, July 9.—Great preparations are being made for the Irish convention which is to be held here next month. John Redmond and several members of the parliamentary party are expected to attend. The United Irish League, under whose auspices the gathering will take place, has made arrangements for a great public meeting on August 28 at Carnegie Music Hall. The local committee on arrangements is composed of many prominent men, clerical and lay and it is said that this will be one of the most important events in Irish-American circles in many years.

PASTOR JUMPS FLOCK

Actions of California Minister Caused a Shock

Oakland, July 9.—The officials of the Plymouth avenue Congregational church have as yet taken no judicial notice of the disappearance of their pastor, Rev. Charles Wayland Hoag, and his rumored departure with Mrs. William Nelson Benedict, who until a fortnight ago was a member of the church choir. They have, however, informally discussed the fact that the name of the pastor has been coupled with that of Mrs. Benedict, but they hold that, inasmuch as they granted him a month's leave of absence, that he has a perfect right to go where he pleases, and, if he sees fit, to refrain from advising them as to his whereabouts.

For this reason they say that they have not undertaken any investigation of the informal charges made against their pastor. At a meeting held last evening the subject was informally discussed, and Benedict, though not a member of the church, was present at the meeting. Just what nature the discussion took Benedict, as well as the trustees, decline to state. Benedict declines to answer direct questions as to whether he has any positive information as to the whereabouts of his wife, and incidentally Pastor Hoag. He declares that he has no interest in locating Mrs. Benedict except that he may personally serve her with a copy of the divorce complaint which he recently

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Benedict regarding the whereabouts of her reverend spouse. She is still living in the parsonage, just back of the church, and intends to stay there for the time being, at least. She professes to believe that her husband is resting somewhere far from the mails and daily papers, and that at the expiration of his furlough he will return to his charge and to her.

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