

JAPANESE PRESSING ON.

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led with the dispositions made of the Russian troops to meet the Japanese advance upon the Feng-Wang-Cheng line. He has also made a favorable report upon the strength of the Hai-Cheng line above New-Chwang and the conditions on the Liao-Tung Peninsula.

It is said that General Kuropatkin upon his arrival at Liao-Yang doubted the expediency of holding that place, but he is now convinced that it should and can be held.

RUMORS OF A BATTLE DENIED.

The reports of a big Japanese victory on the Yalu are pronounced here to be impossible, unless the Japanese choose to interpret their practically unimpeded passage of the river as a great victory. As the Russians have little more than observation outposts, with a few guns to harass the crossing of the Japanese, anything beyond skirmishing is declared by a member of the general staff to have been out of the question. Liao-Yang is connected by wire with the headquarters of the general commanding the outposts, and it is presumed that the commander would report immediately any incident of importance; but the latest information of skirmishing is covered in the statement issued by the general staff tonight.

General Kuropatkin, under to-day's date, reports as follows:

General Sasselitch reports that the night of April 28, 29 passed quietly. Small bodies of Japanese are moving on the right bank of the Yalu, at the mouth of which steamers are arriving.

On April 28, at about 2 in the afternoon, Japanese columns were seen going from Yongamp'ho toward Wiju, and a party of Japanese scouts was seen on a mountain to the southwest of Indjaju.

The Japanese have not yet undertaken any active operations.

RUMORS OF BIG BATTLE.

State Department Hears of Great Japanese Victory on Tuesday.

Washington, April 30.—Reports have reached the State Department, the sources of which the officials do not care to divulge, to the effect that a great battle has been fought on the Yalu River, resulting in a complete Japanese victory. Details are not obtainable.

The department's advices place the scene of the Japanese crossing of the Yalu at Chin-Tien-Cheng, a town on the Manchurian side of the river, which, it is reported, was finally captured by the Japanese. The date of the battle is stated to have been last Tuesday, and the delay in receiving the news is ascribed to the absence of telegraph facilities in this remote quarter of Manchuria.

Kouping-Tse, April 30.—The first land battle of the war is persistently reported to have occurred on the Yalu River. Sixteen thousand Japanese, the report says, crossed the stream on Thursday, and attacked thirty thousand Russians who were strongly fortified. It is rumored this morning that the Japanese were reinforced, and that the battle continues. The Japanese sharpshooters killed many Russian officers, whose uniforms were conspicuous.

Shan-Hai-Kwan, April 30.—Four Danish missionaries who have arrived here from New-Chwang say that when they left Antung ten days ago the Russians in that vicinity numbered thirty thousand men and occupied strongly fortified positions between Antung and the Ai River, which empties into the Yalu River about twenty miles northeast of Antung. There also were small Russian forces at Hsu-Yen and Feng-Wang-Cheng, where bases had been established. These two places are respectively about sixty-five and forty-five miles to the northwest of Antung.

The Russians along the railroad line, according to the missionaries, were burning bean cakes, endeavoring with some success to prevent the export of this product.

SHIPS OFF VLADIVOSTOK.

Alexieff Reports Appearance of Japanese Squadron.

St. Petersburg, May 1.—In a telegram to the Emperor, dated April 30, Viceroy Alexieff says:

About 2 o'clock yesterday morning four Japanese torpedo boats appeared in the Gulf of Ussuri, off the Skrypiel lighthouse, but shortly afterward put out for the open sea again. It was reported from Askold Island at 7:20 in the morning that ten Japanese cruisers and six torpedo boats were coming up from the south. They steamed in the direction of the Gulf of Ussuri without coming in range. At 10 o'clock in the morning they headed toward Cape Gamova, and steamed along Russky Island as far as Scott Island, eventually disappearing in a southerly direction in a thick fog, which prevents further observation of their movements.

SKIRMISHES ON RIVER.

Many Russians Wounded by Small Boats' Fire—Attacks Start.

Tokio, April 30.—Admiral Hosoya, commanding the Third Squadron, reports that on the morning of April 29 gunboats fired on the enemy at the mouth of the Yalu River, but the Russians did not reply.

Later a flotilla of small ships, armed with cannon, opened fire on 150 of the enemy at Sanloroto, and the Russians retreated to the mountains, leaving many wounded. The Japanese had no casualties.

Fourteen foreign military attaches, who have been assigned to the First Army, left Tokio today by rail for the port of Shimonsu. They will sail on May 3 for an unknown destination. Members of the general staff, the ministers, and a large crowd of people bade them farewell at a railroad station.

CHINA'S ANGER WAXES.

Reports of Russian Interference Cause Stir in Peking.

Peking, April 30.—The Russian censorship over telegrams has been extended to the station at Hsin-Min-Tun, Manchuria, which is about thirty miles west of Moukden. The Chinese government is greatly amazed at what is termed Russian interference with the telegraph at Hsin-Min-Tun, with which communication hitherto has been free and regular.

The report that the Russians are about to enforce martial law in the country west of the Liao River has been confirmed, and in certain diplomatic quarters here the feeling that Russia is seeking an occasion to quarrel with China is gaining ground.

EMPEROR GOES TO TSARSKOE-SELO.

St. Petersburg, April 30.—The Emperor and Empress, with the imperial grand duchesses, proceeded to Tsarskoe-Selo to-day.

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PETROPAVLOVSK'S LOSS.

Commission Says Japanese Mine Sunk Battleship.

St. Petersburg, May 1.—The following telegram from Viceroy Alexieff, under date of April 30, has been received by the Emperor:

The special commission appointed to inquire into the cause of the sinking of the battleship Petropavlovsk has established beyond a doubt the fact that the battleship struck a mine laid by the enemy within the radius of the customary evolutions of our fleet on the occasion of its sorties into the outer roadstead to meet the enemy. The explosion of this mine under the bow compartments and bunkers of the Petropavlovsk resulted, according to the view of the commission of experts, in which I share, in a series of explosions through the detonation of the pyroxilin and the twelve-inch shells in the ship's magazine and in the explosion of the powder cartridge stores, as well as of the cylindrical boilers. These several explosions were observed in the two minutes which elapsed before the battleship was wrapped in a sheet of flame and disappeared beneath the sea.

RUSSIAN WARNING TO PEKING.

Spies Seid To Be Passing Through Mongolia—Admiral Skrydloff's Successor.

St. Petersburg, April 30.—Russia has called the attention of the Peking government to reports received here from the Russian military authorities indicating that Japanese officers are making their way through Mongolia to the railroad near Harbin, with the intention of destroying it. The two officers who were executed ten days ago at Harbin came through Mongolia.

An official announcement was gazetted to-day saying that the Emperor is refusing all applications of foreigners for permission to serve as volunteers in the Far East, because he considers that the life and strength of the individual belong, above all, to his native country.

Ambassador McCormick has learned that exclusive of 570 Japanese in the Island of Saghalien, the total number of Japanese in Siberia is 251, of whom sixty-three are in the Province of Amur, chiefly at Port Zeya; 280 in the Province of Primorvsk, chiefly at Nikolaievsk, and a major and his wife, five soldiers, two merchants and an interpreter, under arrest as spies. They are all being concentrated at Stretinsk, whence, as soon as navigation is opened, they will be forwarded to Irkutsk, whence they will go to Berlin, by way of the Black Sea, the Russian authorities desiring to transport them as far as possible by water.

Some of the military attaches, on their way to the Far East, have written letters here, commending the organization of the Trans-Siberian Railroad. They say that on this side of Lake Baikal there are sidings from two to seven miles apart and that six trains are passing daily each way.

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CZAR CALLS FOR MORE MEN.
Imperial Decree for Formation of Third Siberian Army Corps.
St. Petersburg, April 30.—An imperial decree has been issued ordering the formation of a third Siberian army corps.

BAIKAL ICE BREAKS UP.
Transportation Across the Lake Temporarily Interrupted.
Berlin, April 30.—A correspondent of the "Lokal-Anzeiger," on his way to the front, telegraphs from Tjain, Siberia, that transportation across Lake Baikal is interrupted by the breaking up of the ice four days ago.

THE SINKING OF THE KINSHU.
Tokio Official Report—Officers Ordered Men Not to Surrender.
Washington, April 30.—The Japanese Legation to-day received the following official report from Tokio on the sinking of the transport Kinshu:
Tokio, April 29.—As 9th Company, 87th Infantry Regiment (peace strength about one hundred and fifty), was returning to Wonsan in transport Kinshu, registered tonnage 2,388, after reconnoitering Yi-Won and neighborhood of Ham-Gyong-Do, it was stopped at 11:10 p. m., April 25, off Sinpho, by three Russian cruisers' d torpedo boats. The Russia then approached. The ship's captain, accompanied by the superintending naval officer and two other officers, went at 12 the Russia, where they were detained. The enemy gave an hour's respite for surren-

der, but the soldiers, in strict discipline, obeying officers' order, refused. At 1:30 a. m. the enemy discharged a torpedo; hereupon our soldiers, forming themselves in lines on deck, exchanged fire with the enemy, in which many of our officers and men perished.
At about 2 a. m. another torpedo was discharged, and, hitting the engine room, split the transport in two. Some coolies and merchants had previously taken to boats, and were subsequently joined by some soldiers after the explosion. The boats were then rowed westward, and, after indescribable sufferings, the men reached Sinpho on April 27.
There were forty-five petty officers and privates, six coolies and three merchants. Most of the crew and coolies appear to have been taken by the enemy. All military except the above mentioned survivors are believed to have died. Of the company lost there were two captains, two first and one second lieutenants, one ensign, seventy-three privates, and two interpreters. Of the surviving soldiers, ten are slightly and one seriously wounded.

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A sale has been arranged for WEDNESDAY next, May Fourth, of the following selected styles of Waists:

Brussels Net Waists, trimmed with Valenciennes lace,	\$12.00
Point d'Esprit Waists, trimmed with Cluny lace,	14.00
Hand-made Waists of White Persian Lawn, trimmed with lace and jour work,	\$12.00, \$14.00

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Summer Dresses of Imported Linens (assorted colorings), lace trimmed,	\$15.00
Summer Dresses of Imported Linens (assorted colorings), Tailored, Blouse Coat model,	\$14.50
Summer Dresses of White Persian Lawn, with hand fagotting,	\$18.00
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AMERICAN OBSERVERS GO TO THE FRONT
Washington, April 30.—Lieutenant Colonel Oliver E. Wood, military attaché of the United States Legation at Tokio, has informed the War Department that Colonel Knapp H. Crowder and Captain Peyton C. March, of the United States Army, authorized military observers with the Japanese forces, have left Tokio in order to join the First Army Corps in the field.

KAISER NOT TO BUY VENETIAN PALACE.
Berlin, April 30.—The report that Emperor William is negotiating for the purchase of a palace at Venice is semi-officially denied.

IT'S A SHAME TO DO IT.
but if you do not want anything by the little advertisements in the narrow columns to-day, tear out the page for future needs.