

FORCES OF THE MKAIA PREPARING TO MAKE AN ASSAULT BY LAND AND SEA ON FORTRESS AT PORT ARTHUR

Three Japanese Regiments Are Reported Wiped Out by Russians. Report of the Engagement Is Carried to Cheifu by a Chinese.

CHEFU, July 7, 5:30 p. m.—A trustworthy Chinese who arrived here to-day from a point on the east coast of Kwangtung Peninsula, near Port Arthur, brings the information that on July 5 one division of the Japanese army reached the northeast side of Takushan Mountain, the summit of which is less than three miles from Port Arthur. This division parted from another division of the army on the highway north of Port Arthur, after which it made its way through mountainous country. The other division continued along the main road toward the marine camp, to reach which it will have to pass over a plain; but attacked by this division in conjunction with that on Takushan Mountain, the marine camp will not be tenable.

Port Number Sixteen, which is on the main line of the defenses surrounding Port Arthur, was taken by the Japanese on July 6. Continuing the Chinaman declares that Russians in Port Arthur say that last week three regiments of Japanese troops were wiped out just north of Port Arthur. A Russian regiment which was out reconnoitering was driven back by the three Japanese regiments, who were in turn surrounded by two regiments of Cossacks and wiped out.

The Russians say also that in another engagement between outposts near Port Arthur were killed and seventy-two were taken prisoners. These reports lack confirmation. The Russian troops at Port Arthur still believe that an army is marching south to relieve them. It has been learned here that only one division of the Japanese army under General Oku occupied Kaiping. Another division of this army is marching along the old Poonchow road, which turns to the northwest at Kichou and continues to Yinkow (the port of Newchwang). There probably will be an encounter between this latter division and Russian forces at Erhntamban. This report was received from Newchwang.

The third division of General Oku's army is proceeding along the east side of the railroad track and is acting in co-operation with the division which is on the railroad. The name Takushan used in this dispatch to designate a mountain near Port Arthur means "lonely mountain," and this meaning accounts for the frequent use of the word.

FORM COMPLETE CORDON. Japanese Occupy All the Hills Commanding Port Arthur. CHEFU, July 7, 7 a. m.—Chinese who arrived here last night from Port Arthur say the Japanese forces have formed a complete cordon around the land side of the town and that they are occupying all the commanding hills, including Wolf Mountain, within a radius of seven miles of the fortifications.

The Chinese say also that two large warships are missing from the squadron which went out from Port Arthur on June 23 and that the Russian battleship Sevastopol was damaged on that day. The Japanese bombarded Port Arthur from the sea on June 30, but did not damage the town. Admiral Togo in an official report sent out from Tokyo on June 25 said that on the night of June 23 Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers sunk a battleship of the Russian type and disabled the battleship Sevastopol off Port Arthur. That these ships were damaged by the Japanese was subsequently denied by the Russian authorities.

RETURNS TO CHINWANGTAO. Russians Object to Presence of British Gunboat at Newchwang. TIENTSIN, July 7.—The British gunboat Espiegle has left Newchwang and returned to Chinwangtao. The Russian authorities objected to her remaining at Newchwang. A Russian gunboat is anchored at the mouth of the Newchwang River for the supposed purpose of disputing passage should the Espiegle return. Heavy firing was heard at Kiachou Wednesday and it is rumored that the Russians gained a victory.

The British gunboat Espiegle spent last winter at Newchwang and left there on April 12. Last week she was ordered to return and watch over British interests at Newchwang, and she arrived there on July 5.

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JAPANESE GUNBOAT KAIMON STRIKES A MINE AND IS LOST

TOKIO, July 7 (7 p. m.).—While engaging in special work off Talienwan Bay on July 5 during a dense fog, the Japanese gunboat Kaimon struck a Russian mine and sank almost immediately. Commander Takahashi ordered the crew to enter the boats and leave the ship, but refused to leave himself, and it is presumed that he remained on the bridge and went down. A majority of the crew escaped in boats. Besides Commander Takahashi, two officers and nineteen men are missing.

The Kaimon was of wood and was launched in Japan in 1882. She had a complement of 230 men. Her length was 210 feet, beam 32 feet and mean draught 16 feet 5 inches. She had a displacement of 1490 tons, and her speed was 12 knots. She was rated as a cruiser until 1896, when she was relegated to the gunboat class.

SUFFER A HEAVY LOSS. One Hundred Russians Killed in Fight Northeast of Port Arthur.

CHEFU, July 7 (noon).—In fighting which occurred on July 4 for the possession of one of the hills northeast of Port Arthur the Russians lost according to Chinese one hundred men killed and fifty men wounded. Fifty Chinese were sent out to bring in the Russian dead and wounded. The Japanese, having occupied the second range of hills around Port Arthur, are now massing men to march on the Russian marine camp that commands the principal pass through the hills, which is directly back of Port Arthur. This camp is considered vital to the safety of the fortress, and it is guarded, according to the Chinese, by twenty thousand marines and sailors. In the Chino-Japanese war the Japanese occupied this land for seven days before they took Port Arthur.

The last Japanese gunboat to leave Port Arthur was towed out of the harbor, and her passengers were compelled to remain below until she had cleared the harbor entrance. This measure was adopted to prevent the passengers from obtaining knowledge of conditions at the entrance to the harbor. From a thoroughly reliable source it has been learned that ammunition at Port Arthur is plentiful, and at the present rate of consumption it probably will last longer than the provisions supply. There are enough of the latter to last one year. Chinese say the entrance to the harbor of Port Arthur is unsafe for the passage of vessels. One Russian warship was damaged while coming out recently, as a result of striking a sunken wreck, and two other warships collided in the entrance and had to undergo repairs.

AGAIN VISIT GENSAN. Russian Torpedo-Boats Burn a Tug in the Harbor.

LONDON, July 7.—A dispatch to a news agency from St. Petersburg says Vice Admiral Skrydloff has reported that on July 3 the Russian cruisers commanded by Vice Admiral Bezobrazoff met a Japanese squadron consisting of three battle-ships, four protected cruisers and two torpedo-boats in the Korean Gulf and turned back. The Japanese pursued the Russians and fired on them without result. Japanese torpedo-boats then attacked the Russians, which returned the attack, and Admiral Bezobrazoff believes that two or three torpedo-boats were sunk. The next morning the Japanese had disappeared. The Russians sustained no damage. Admiral Skrydloff also reports, the news agency dispatch continues, that the Russian torpedo-boats have again visited Gensan, burned a tug and destroyed numerous other boats. Japanese troops fired at the torpedo-boats, which replied. The Russians sustained no losses. The same dispatch says that Admiral Skrydloff confirms the capture of a third British steamer, which the admiral says, was loaded with timbers and sleepers for the Fusan and Seoul railroad.

JAPANESE HOLD THE PASS. Column of Brown Men on the Road Leading to Liaoyang.

TATCHEKIAO, Wednesday, July 6. (Delayed in transmission.)—The Japanese swarmed over the mountain crests early this morning and advanced on Kaichou, compelling General Chirikoff to fall back. A wide brigade of Japanese, with masses of cavalry, followed and occupied the village of Nantay, driving out two companies of Russian infantry and two companies of Cossacks, who were entrenched there. The Japanese arrived within five miles of Kaichou. It was then nightfall. General Samsonoff made a heroic attempt to check the Japanese, galloping out with guns and shell the Japanese left, and inflicting great losses on them, but fearing his retreat would be cut off, he fell back and is now holding Kaichou. General Chirikoff's force is stationed southeast of Kaichou. The plans of the Japanese remain a mystery to the Russian commanders.

Russians Capture Japanese Supplies. LIAOYANG, July 7.—According to a trustworthy report, Major General Mistchenko on July 5 captured a large convoy of Japanese provisions, principally rice. In the convoy were fifty head of cattle. In view of the extreme heat most of the moving of troops is done at night.

Japanese Army and Navy Are Tightening Their Grip on Port Arthur.

Operations of Paramount Importance Are Going on in the War Zone.

TOKIO, July 7, 11 a. m.—Operations of paramount importance are going on within the war zone, but the Government succeeded in veiling them in almost absolute secrecy. Since the occupation of Port Dainy the Government officials have been silent concerning conditions at Port Arthur. It is generally known, however, that the Japanese army and navy are daily tightening their relentless grip on the besieged city, and that a final assault, followed by the capture of the fortress, is now only a matter of a few weeks.

It is known also that engagements of varying importance are constantly occurring on the hills surrounding Port Arthur. The first of Admiral Togo's is in motion day and night and is frequently engaged, but the forces and number of guns of the besiegers, as well as their positions, details of past operations and future plans are secrets, which probably will not be revealed until the final and decisive action. Fragmentary information from various sources, especially Chinese, reaches Japan, but its publication here or the sending of it abroad is forbidden under severe penalty.

No foreigner accompanies either the Japanese forces which are besieging Port Arthur, the army under General Makino, or the navy, which is under the command of Admiral Togo. The Japanese newspaper correspondents and foreign attaches with General Kuroki are made to remain within a circle having a radius of a little more than half a mile. The Russian forces are to travel afield along a Japanese front which extends for 250 miles in order to determine, by actual scouting, the positions and the strength of their enemy, and added to this the Japanese are devising a series of clever feints and ruses designed to deceive them.

Many false reports concerning the war operations are being sent abroad; these the Japanese welcome as being just so much more chaff and sand in the eyes of the enemy. The curtain now drawn over the theater of war will, however, soon be raised, and it is confidently expected that the lifting will reveal the Japanese to be in possession of splendid strategical advantages, with men and guns enough to carry the present campaign to a successful conclusion.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 7 (noon). It is reported that the Emperor will leave St. Petersburg Saturday for the Volga region and will visit Kazan, Penza, Samara and Syzran to bid farewell to the Fifth and Sixth Siberian army corps, which will be held in reserve at Irkutsk and Omsk. According to official information received by the War Office the Japanese began their advance toward Liaoyang June 29, one column moving along the main line, the other over the direct road, the former reaching Ouhfangkou, ten miles beyond Fenshui Pass, and the latter reaching Liaokho Pass, twelve miles northwest of the Motien Pass. They halted at these points until July 3, the Russians falling back to Langtse Pass, thirty miles from Liaoyang. The Japanese advance guard, consisting of 1500 men, was only two miles east of the Russian position. The next day occurred another reconnaissance in force, when the Japanese were discovered to be trying a flank movement in the direction of Liandiansian. This is the last fighting reported northward, but still farther north a Japanese column is continuing to hold another Fenshui Pass, twelve miles northwest of Salmatza, on the road leading to Liaoyang and Mukden and 857 miles east of the latter place. At this time the Japanese main forces are on the Siyuen and Kaichou-Tatchekiao roads, at Vandiapudze and Ahiaheouya, respectively, thirty-seven miles from Haicheng and fifty miles from Tatchekiao and Kaichou.

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