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RUSSIANS RETIRING

Czar's Army on the Litsung Pen-
insula Withdrawing to
Port Arthur.

Number of Towns Abandoned and
General Retreat Is In
Progress.

Tokio, May 31.—General Oka, in
command of the Japanese forces
operating against Port Arthur, reports
that the Russians have abandoned Chen-
chenpau, Huangshan and Lushutun.
No Russians have been seen east of
Chenchenpau.

General Nakamura's detachment,
which occupied Lushutun Friday, cap-
tured four Russian guns.

London, May 31.—A dispatch to the
Central News from Tokio, after cov-
ering the news previously contained in
the dispatches to the Associated Press,
detailing the fighting on the Kwangtung
peninsula, adds that the Japanese cap-
tured a quantity of powder and fifty-
six railroad cars at Lushutun.

The dispatch also says that the
Japanese, after defeating the Cossacks
at Aiyangpenn, northeast of Feng-
huancheng, occupied that place and re-
inforcements were sent forward to
support them.

JAPANESE PLAN OF CAMPAIGN

RUSSIANS CONFIDENT SIEGE OF
PORT ARTHUR WILL BE
GIN SHORTLY.

St. Petersburg, May 31.—According
to information received by the Asso-
ciated Press from a high source im-
portant news regarding the Japanese
plan of campaign which has reached
the Russian authorities since the bat-
tle of Kinchoo compels the conviction
that the advance of General Kuroki
and the activity of his scouts north-
west and southwest of Fenghuancheng
are parts of a well executed plan to
prevent General Kuropatkin from de-
taching a strong force to hamper Gen-
eral Oka's operations on the Liaotung
peninsula. Under cover of General
Kuroki's screens, it is added, part of
the Japanese army landed at Taku-
shan will be moved southward into the
peninsula, while Kuroki attempts to
make Kuropatkin believe that he in-
tends to force a decisive engagement
with him. This information would
tend to prove that the primary object
of the Japanese campaign at present
has been Port Arthur and that once
that fortress is in their hands, unless
an exceedingly favorable opportunity
offers to attack Kuropatkin, the Jap-
anese plan is simply to make their
tenure secure and force the Russian
commander to assume the offensive.
Moreover there is information to the
effect that the Japanese

Propose to Storm Port Arthur

with the briefest possible delay, after
having first closed the harbor to re-
nder the egress of the Russian ships
impossible at the last moment, thus
forcing the Russians to destroy them
without subjecting the Japanese to the
inevitable losses which must occur if
the Russian squadron gets out for a
last fight before going to the bottom.
The previous repeated efforts of the
Japanese to "cork" the harbor have
been as much with the view to this
ultimate situation as for protecting
landings.

Nothing is known here of the Chefoo
reports of fighting at Inchenste, four-
teen miles from Port Arthur, but the
general staff hardly believes the en-
emy could have advanced so rapidly.
The admiralty denies the reports of
the loss of two Russian torpedo boat
destroyers while laying mines which
destroyed the Japanese battleship Ha-
suse. The officials say Port Arthur
has been heard from since the Ha-
suse was blown up and if the report

of the loss of the torpedo boat destroy-
ers was true they would have known
it.

No surprise is expressed at the ad-
miralty at the Tokio report of the en-
emy's advance, but the Russian dis-
patches, contained in the Japanese dis-
patches, that the Russian fleet was
blown up by Russian stationary mines.
The officials decline, however, to com-
ment on the subject except to refer to
their denial of the charge that the
Russians used floating or drifting
mines, which the officials have insist-
ed on from the outset.

STOESSEL ORDERED TO FIGHT.

Will Dispute Jap Advance From Kin-
chou to Port Arthur.

London, May 31.—The Times corre-
spondent at Wladivostok learns from a
fugitive Russian that General Stoessel's
orders are to dispute every inch
of the country between Port Arthur
and Kinchou because it is believed
that the main advance on Mukden can
be delayed until Port Arthur falls.
Every day is important to Kuropat-
kin, Stoessel, upon receiving these
orders, hurriedly prepared a suc-
cession of positions.

Jap Torpedo Boats Reach Red Sea.

St. Petersburg, May 31.—The Novoe
Vremya has a telegram from Odessa
reporting that persons arriving from
Port Said substantiate the story that
Japanese torpedo boats have reached
the Red sea.

Number of Outpost Affairs.

Tokio, May 31.—General Kuroki re-
ports a number of outpost affairs and
the capture of eight Russian scouts.

SEVERAL VESSELS CLEAR.

Grain Laden Ships Leave Superior for
Buffalo.

Superior, Wis., May 31.—The steam-
er Frederick B. Wells, grain laden,
of the Peavey line, cleared from this port
during the night for Buffalo, command-
ed by J. W. Norcross of Montreal.
Captain Norcross is marine superin-
tendent of the Great Lakes and St.
Lawrence Transport company of Mon-
treal and was brought here for the pur-
pose of taking this vessel out.
The steamer Sultana, grain laden,
belonging to the Tomlinson fleet,
cleared for Buffalo during the morning
in command of George McCaffrey.
The steamer Robert Waller, of the
Great Lakes company is leaving at the
Great Northern docks here for Mon-
treal.

TIBETANS ARE ROUTED.

Village of Pala Taken After Eleven
Hours' Fighting.

London, May 31.—The Daily Mail's
correspondent at Chumbi, India, says
the British expedition on May 26, after
a fight of eleven hours, expelled the
Tibetans from the village of Pala,
close to the British camp at Gumbise.
A British lieutenant and three sol-
diers were killed and three officers and
nine men were wounded. The Tibetans
suffered heavily and thirty-seven of
them were taken prisoners.
Pala is a well fortified stronghold
which the Tibetans started building
works with a view to outflanking the
British position.

FORTUNE TO KEEP PASTOR.

New York Congregation Will Raise
\$100,000 for Purpose.

New York, May 31.—By a unani-
mous vote of the congregation of the
West End Presbyterian church it was
decided to raise \$100,000 for the pur-
pose of building a new church and to
make a substantial increase in the
salary of the pastor, the Rev. Dr. John
Balcom Shaw, provided he declines to
accept the call recently extended to
him by the Second Presbyterian
church of Chicago.

A subscription list was opened and
in a few minutes \$14,000 had been
promised.

CLEVELAND FOR PARKER.

Declares That New York Jurist Will
Be Nominated.

Philadelphia, May 31.—In a dispatch
from Princeton, N. J., on national
Democratic politics former President
Grover Cleveland is quoted as follows:
"I have believed for some months,
and I believe now, that Judge Alton
B. Parker of New York will be the
nominee of the national Democratic
convention for the presidential office."

Czar Will Inspect Warships.

St. Petersburg, May 31.—Emperor
Nicholas will make another inspection
this week of the ships of the Baltic
fleet now under construction at Cron-
stadt. The guns forming the second-
ary batteries of the battleships
Sissoi Veliky and Navarin have been
installed.

JAPS ROUT COSSACKS

Two Thousand of Russians Crack
Cavalry Flee Before
Mikado's Troops.

Japanese Loss, Thirty-two Men
Russian Casualties
Unknown.

Tokio, May 31.—A detachment of
Japanese troops attacked and defeat-
ed 2,000 Cossacks at Aiyangpenn,
northeast of Fenghuancheng, Sat-
urday. The engagement began at 10:30
and ended at 11:30 a. m. The Japanese
lost four men killed and twenty-eight
wounded. The Russian casualties are
not known.

St. Petersburg, May 31.—There is no
confirmation at the general staff of
the reported defeat of 2,000 Cossacks
at Aiyangpenn, northeast of Feng-
huancheng, but the message from Gen-
eral Kuropatkin recording the Japane-
se advance from Kianbianshan (Kwan-
tlen) to Saimatsza lends color to
the Tokio report in view of the fact
that Aiyangpenn lies between the
above points.

FALL OF KINCHOU EXPECTED.

Russians Say No Determined Defense
Was Intended.

St. Petersburg, May 31.—A semi-
official telegram from Mukden says:
"Owing to the impossibility of de-
fending the position southward of Kin-
chou without the aid of the fleet the
Russian defense at that point was only
of a demonstrative character. The de-
fending force was armed with guns
taken from the Chinese in 1904 and
had little ammunition. The occupation
of the position by the Japanese at a
great cost to themselves does not alter
the situation."

MORE JAPANESE TROOPS SAIL

ANOTHER ARMY DIVISION ON ITS
WAY TO THE SCENE OF
HOSTILITIES.

Washington, May 31.—Admiral
received here report the departure
from Japan of another army division.
While its destination is not stated it is
conjectured that these troops are about
to close in the Russian rear in North-
east Korea, cutting off the railroads
which have threatened General
Kuroki's communications.

There are no less than 15,000 sol-
diers in the expedition.
The reported offer of Japan to China
to surrender to her so much of Man-
churia as already has been taken by
the Japanese troops is viewed here
with interest because of the possi-
bility, if the offer is accepted by China,
that Russia will hold that the Celestial
empire has thereby violated her
pledged neutrality, thus affording
ground for attack upon certain parts
of Mongolia that would be of great
strategic value in the war. Although
the state department has consistently
insisted upon recognizing the sov-
ereignty of China over Manchuria, as
evidenced by the appointment of con-
suls under Peking executives to that
province, it also has agreed to admit
the existence of a field of war in that
section, which field was under Russian
control at the outbreak of hostilities.

The alternate said to be presented
by Japan, of an administration of the
captured territory of an international
commission, is not likely to meet with
much favor in Washington, as the ex-
perience of the government in the
Boxer uprising and the subsequent dif-
ficulties in getting clear of the obli-
gations incurred in conjunction with
European nations have not encouraged
further concurrent movements of that
kind.

JAPANESE MOVE FORWARD

KUROPATKIN REPORTS THE EN-
EMY ADVANCING ON
KWANTLEN.

St. Petersburg, May 31.—The war
office has received the following dis-
patch from General Kuropatkin:
"I have received a report stating
that the Japanese advance on Kwan-
tlen has begun from Saimatsza. The
numbers of the enemy are not known.
Kwantlen is almost directly east of
Fenghuancheng."

JAPS FORCED TO RETREAT.

Kuropatkin Reports Small Encounter
Near Waifanghoon.

St. Petersburg, May 31.—The em-
peror has received the following dis-
patch from General Kuropatkin:
"A detachment of Japanese cavalry,
consisting of 120 sabres, moved for-
ward from the main body May 27 and
approached within eight kilometers
contest of Waifanghoon station, but
on encountering our frontier guards
fell back rapidly."
"On May 26 a Russian patrol heard
heavy artillery firing in the direction
of Kinchou."

As Viewed by Russians.

Mukden, May 31.—As far as can be
judged from the grouping of the en-
emy's forces his attention is directed
principally against Port Arthur. It is
possible that part or the whole of the
Second Japanese army may be sent
thither.

PLACED AT \$1,000,000.

Loss by Destruction of Piers at Jersey
City.

New York, May 31.—One death may
have resulted from the fire that start-
ed on the Staten Island Pier at Jersey
City, and swept overboard of the
Delaware, Lackawanna and Western
Railroad company's freight and coal
piers. The pier was estimated to be
worth \$1,000,000. The fire was caused
by a spark from a locomotive engine
which had been backing up the pier
and had been struck by a falling
beam.

The police estimate the loss by the
fire at \$1,000,000. This, however, they
say, is a conservative estimate and it
may be found that the loss is several
hundred thousand dollars higher. The
officials of the railroad company are
unwilling as yet to give out any defi-
nite figures on the loss, as it has so
far been impossible to learn just how
much freight was destroyed.

Three engines are still pouring
streams of water on the smoldering
ruins.

PERISHES IN THE FLAMES.

Hotelkeeper Loses Life While Trying
to Save Horses.

Hinckley, Minn., May 31.—Donohue's
livery barn was burned during the af-
ternoon, with all its contents, consist-
ing of horses and carriages.

Mr. Donohue perished in the flames
in an effort to save his horses.

The cause of the fire is not certainly
known, but there is a suspicion that it
was the work of an incendiary.

BRIDGES UNSAFE FOR USE

KAW RIVER AT TOPEKA, KAN.,

EIGHTEEN FEET ABOVE LOW

WATER MARK.

Topeka, Kan., May 31.—The Kaw
river is eighteen feet above low water
mark at this point and apparently at a
standstill. The run of the river has
been very heavy and the Rock Island
people were busy the greater portion
of the night dislodging the accumu-
lation at their bridge with dynamite.
Notwithstanding the efforts, the
greater portion of the false work of
this bridge, which is being reconstructed,
went out, making the bridge un-
safe for traffic. The street railway
bridge also was knocked out of align-
ment, making the passage of cars im-
possible. The waters extend far up in
the city park and out on the North
Side to some of the dwellings, but no
serious damage further than the wash-
ing away of chicken coops and side
walks is reported.

In "Little Russia" a number of the
families are moving out, as the waters
are backing up to their doorways.
Many North Topeka citizens came
across the bridge to Topeka, Kan.,
at Abilene and Manhattan the Smoky
and Kaw rivers are falling.

Lawrence, Kan., May 31.—The Kaw
river here rose two feet during the
night. It is believed that the water
is two feet higher than at any
time since the great flood last summer.
The bottoms south of town are flood-
ed and the stream there is from two
to three miles wide. The water is over
many of the wagon bridges and the
crops in the valley are ruined.

Ottawa, Kan., May 31.—The Ma-
jors Cynos river is higher than ever
known and the overflow has caused a
serious flood. Two hundred families
are homeless in the lower portions of
Ottawa and vicinity.

IOWA YOUTH IS LAID UP.

Dives From Bridge into Missis-
sippi River.

Dubuque, Ia., May 31.—Charles Zuber,
aged nineteen years, in a feat of
courage, jumped from the high bridge
on Eagle Point high bridge, connect-
ing Iowa and Wisconsin, into the Mis-
sissippi river and is hovering between
life and death.

In addition to the bruises he sus-
tained while in the water, he is now
suffering from concussion of the brain
and physicians entertain slight hopes
for his recovery.

Young Zuber had read of the feats
of Steve Houtz and he was ambitious
to win fame a high life.

He selected the highest point from
which to leap and his body shot into
the water with a great splash, a dis-
tance of seventy-five feet.

GRAND JURY SUMMONED.

Murder of Miss Schafer Will Be Again
Taken Up.

Bedford, Ind., May 31.—A special
grand jury has been called to investi-
gate the murder of Miss Sarah Schafer.
The men called include many of the
most prominent residents of the county.
Judge Palmer, who in his argu-
ment for the defense in the McDon-
ald trial announced that he had evi-
dence locked in his bosom that would
shed light on the mystery, said he
would go before the grand jury and
disclose everything he knows. "It is
my duty," said he, "and I shall not
shirk it."

MRS. GARFIELD CRITICALLY ILL.

Widow of President Suffers From a
Nervous Complaint.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 31.—Mrs.
James A. Garfield, widow of President
Garfield, is dangerously ill and, while
her physicians report that her condi-
tion is not critical, absolute solitude
is demanded to ensure recovery.

Mrs. Garfield for several years has
been residing in Pasadena, but since
last fall she has been prostrated with
a nervous complaint which followed
an attack of grip.

Operating Departments Combined.

Norfolk, Neb., May 31.—The Chi-
cago and Northwestern railway has
combined the operating departments
of its Nebraska and Wyoming divi-
sions into one division of 860 miles,
with headquarters here. The new divi-
sion absorbs several small lines and
reduces materially the operating ex-
penses of these branches.

MAY SLAY CAPTIVES

Moroccan Bandits Threaten Lives
of American and His
Companion.

Admiral Chadwick's Flagship Ar-
rives at Tangier With
Strong Escort.

Washington, May 31.—Mr. Chad-
wick, the United States consul at Tan-
gier, in a cablegram received at the
state department, says that threats
against the lives of Raisuli's captives,
Porter and Varley, have been made
unless the bandits' demands are
granted.

A dispatch from Admiral Jewell

commanding the European squadron,
announces the departure for Tangier
of the cruiser Olympia, Baltimore and
Cleveland.

Tangier, Morocco, May 31.—The
United States cruiser Brooklyn, flying
the flag of Rear Admiral Chadwick,
has arrived here. Other vessels of the
United States squadron are following.

The authorities here consider that
the position of the American, French
cavalry, and his escort, General Varley,
a British officer, who were kid-
naped by bandits headed by Raisuli,
is now more serious than before.

It is the understanding here that the
admiral commanding the American
fleet has orders to evacuate the town
upon the Moroccan authorities to in-
duce them to accept Raisuli's terms.
The Sultan is willing to pay a ransom
and liberate Raisuli's captives, who
are now imprisoned, but Raisuli now
asks American protection for the so-
lution. This last condition is con-
sidered dependent upon the Sultanian
government.

DEFOUNDED AS BRUTAL.

Fatal Results Follow French Army
Walking Match.

Paris, May 31.—Fatal results fol-
lowed the army walking match Sat-
urday from the Hotel de Ville to
St. Germain and back, a distance of
about twenty-eight miles, in which
2,000 soldiers from many regiments
took part. Reports received by the
ministry of war show that forty-two
men are missing and a number of them
are believed to have succumbed to
hardships. Besides those missing,
thirty-four men were taken to hospital
along the course in various stages of
prostration. Six were in a serious
condition. One man is dead and an-
other is in a dangerous condition.
Some reports place the number of dead
at four.

In the chamber of deputies, War
Minister Andre was severely criticized
for permitting the contest, which is
denounced as brutal.

HALF A MILLION LOSS.

Fire at New Orleans Destroys Valuable
Property.

New Orleans, May 31.—A fire
erupted by a street car which had
about half a million dollars' damage
here. The Louis H. Rice sawdust
factory, Common and Magazine streets,
the Minnells Manufacturing com-
pany and the Hark, Brady & Linch
woodware establishments were de-
stroyed and a half dozen others dam-
aged.

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