

Downers Grove Reporter.

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TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

Dr. Grant Showman, assistant professor of Latin in the University of Wisconsin, has been appointed to fill the chair of Latin at Princeton university during the college year of 1904 and 1905. Dr. Showman will occupy the position held by Prof. T. E. Carter, who has been granted a year's leave of absence by the faculty.

Rabbi David Leftowitz of Springfield, Ill., proposes to bring action in the courts to prohibit the reading of the Bible in the public schools.

The national convention of the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, which closed at Alliance, Ohio, elected Mrs. Ella B. Leib of Lombard college as grand president.

Officials at Jacksonville, Fla., have discovered a Chinese bureau where bogus certificates entitling the holder to residence in the United States are issued to order.

Because she refused to marry him, William Loudon shot and fatally wounded Nora Howells, aged 17, daughter of a farmer near Peoria, Ill. Loudon was arrested.

Dr. J. S. Wentz sent a letter to the Bristol, Tenn., coroner's jury denying that he had criticized its verdict of accidental shooting in the case of his son, Edward L. Wentz.

Mrs. Daisy Larkin at Terre Haute, Ind., who carried the body of her husband in a room to show the mourners "how nice he looked," was adjudged insane.

C. T. Tilsman of Chicago and Maurice Jacobs, Mrs. E. S. Ede, Jr., and Miss McMillan of Reno were thrown into the Truckee river and drowned at Lawson Springs, Nev., by the breaking of a steel cable of a suspension railway on which they were crossing the stream. The men lost their lives in attempting to save their companions.

Frank Barker was convicted of murder and sentenced to death at Red Cloud, Neb., for killing his brother and the latter's wife.

Claiming that he had become financially involved for \$165,000 through deals in cotton, a man supposed to be Charles Small or Snell, a broker of New York, jumped overboard from a steamer between Cleveland and Buffalo and was drowned.

The district court of appeals at Washington refused to quash a subpoena for Countess Esterhazy in the suit for \$100,000 damages brought by Mrs. Louisa M. De Long, who accuses the countess of alienating her husband's affections. The countess is said to have sailed from New York for Europe.

Records of the Postoffice Department, which showed that E. J. Arnold & Co., a turf investment company of St. Louis, which was represented by Harrison J. Barrett and allowed the use of the mails by General Tyner, had failed for \$3,000,000 and \$75,000 assets, were introduced in the postal trial in Washington.

The Nipsic, one of the old wooden vessels of the navy, built in 1879, has been ordered out of commission at the Puget Sound navy yard, where she has been serving as a receiving ship. The Nipsic was the only survivor of the German and American fleets in the great hurricane at Samoa. She will be replaced as receiving ship by the cruiser Philadelphia.

Dr. Craye Priestly, aged 29, great-grandson of Joseph Priestly, the discoverer of oxygen, died of pneumonia at Des Moines. He was taken ill Monday after delivering a lecture to the Drake College medical students.

Judge Hynes at Denver discharged W. D. Hayward, secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, who was charged with desecrating the American flag.

Guy Andrews, son of Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews of the University of Nebraska, was committed to an insane asylum at Lincoln, Neb., on complaint of his father.

Workmen at Neenah, Wis., unearthed six skeletons on the site of an old roadhouse. It is believed they were the remains of victims murdered in the early days of the state.

A farm of forty-four acres near Nachusa, Ill., presented by Mrs. Mary E. Shippert was dedicated as an orphan's home. It will be managed by the synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church.

The remains of Henry L. Wentz were buried at Philadelphia. Neither the family nor the detectives will accept the verdict that his death in the mountains of Tennessee was accidental.

Mrs. Mary A. Powell, convicted at Dover, Del., of murder in the second degree for killing Estelle Albin, was sentenced to imprisonment for life, her counsel withdrawing a motion for a new trial.

At West Heights Park, Ind., a horse drawing a survey in which were John Waterman, his wife and four children became frightened and ran away. The buggy was overturned and Clara Waterman, 10 years old, was instantly killed. All of the occupants were severely bruised.

The most important matter to come before the general conference of the Methodist Protestant church, which meets at Washington next Friday, is the proposed union with the Congregational and United Brethren churches.

HEARST FORCES LOSE IN INDIANA

Judge Parker Secures the Democratic Delegation to St. Louis.

HELD IN CHECK BY UNIT RULE

By a Vote of 954 to 582 the Convention Declares That its Representatives Must Act as One Man—Minority Will Make a Contest.

Indianapolis, Ind., dispatch: Amid scenes of excitement the plans of the Parker element, led by Thomas Taggart, were carried out in the Indiana Democratic state convention, which adjourned at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The Hearstites made no attempt to hold a rump convention, the vote electing Alonzo Greene Smith, permanent chairman, and the vote instructing the delegates to vote as a unit for Judge Parker in the St. Louis convention were almost identical with the figures predicted by Mr. Taggart.

The sole purpose of the convention was to elect delegates to the national convention, the state convention for nomination of candidates for state office having been called for July 20, when the same delegates that were in this convention will return. A platform will then be adopted.

The Hearst followers had been brought to a high pitch of determination by rousing addresses beforehand by the Rev. Sam Small of Georgia and

speaking he was greeted with hisses and groans by the Hearst men.

Senator Johannes Koppelke of Crown Point furnished one of the sensations of the convention when he said:

"I find that the proceedings which resulted in my election as vice president were outrageous and I do not care to accept honors or preferment coming in such a way, even though in the interest of the candidate I favor."

The followers of Hearst have been collecting evidence which they say will be presented at the national convention to prove their claims that they were not given fair treatment. Contests from the Second, Sixth, Tenth and Thirteenth districts will be carried to St. Louis.

POSTAL MEN SELECT OFFICERS

Letter Carriers Hold Annual Election at Oak Park Convention.

Chicago, Ill., special: At the sixth annual convention of Illinois letter carriers, held in the Warrington opera house at Oak Park, the following officers were elected: President, Thos. H. McCann, Rockford, re-elected; vice president, John Rudell, Peoria; secretary, M. T. Finnan, Bloomington, re-elected; treasurer, C. C. Ives, Clinton; sergeant at arms, John W. Solomon, Springfield; chairman of different committees appointed are: Executive P. J. Carey, Rockford; organization, Carroll Beal, Danville; credentials, C. T. Donohoe, Chicago; auditing, J. W. Murray, Chicago. The convention next year will be held in Mattoon the second Thursday in May.

CROWN PRINCE UNDER ARREST

Kaiser Orders Son Punished for Riding Dangerous Race.

Berlin cable: It is reported that by order of the kaiser Crown Prince

THE LAST SNAG REMOVED.



—Brooklyn Eagle.

C. A. Windle of Chicago. The Rev. Sam Small advised against voting for Parker if he were nominated.

Parker Forces in Majority.

The first vote on the organization of the convention showed the Parker forces to number 1,094 and the Hearst following 468. The vote on instruction for Parker was 954 to 582, many delegates being in sympathy with the plea of the Twelfth district that its two delegates be allowed to vote their sentiments for Hearst, that otherwise it might endanger the seat of Representative Robinson, Democratic congressman from the district. This was the only district of the thirteen carried by the Hearst following.

A feature of the convention was the demonstration that followed the mention of the name of George B. McClellan of New York. The cheering lasted for several minutes, several hundred delegates and spectators rising and waving their hats and handkerchiefs.

Refuses to Hear Appeal.

The chair announced that the first question to be settled would be the organization of the convention and no recommendations for delegates at large would be read till the convention was organized. An effort was made by the Hearst following through Senator Ulrey of Fort Wayne to appeal from the chair. There was great confusion, but the chair refused to recognize anyone and Mr. Aiken moved the adoption of the minority report, which recommended Judge James McCabe of Williamsport for chairman. On this a call of counties was ordered. This brought out the first test of strength. The vote resulted 468 to 1,094, and Mr. Smith took the chair.

Hisses for Chairman.

When Chairman Smith arose to

Frederick William has again been sentenced to three days' house arrest for taking part in a dangerous riding competition at the Berlin race track.

Mounted on his famous Arabian charger the prince outrode a dozen of his brother officers and won the gold cup presented by his father, the emperor, for the best combined high and broad jump. As the contest resulted in a dead heat with a young lieutenant the crown prince gallantly renounced his right in favor of his rival. The illustrated papers show the prince negotiating a sixteen-foot jump over a tall hedge with a wide water ditch beyond. The kaiser has always forbidden the heir to his throne to engage in sports that endanger his life; but his highness is apparently not to be denied.

MOTORMAN PREVENTS A WRECK

Sees Man Placing Ties on Track and Stops Car in Time.

Racine, Wis., dispatch: Only the presence of mind of the motorman on an interurban car prevented a wreck on the Northwestern railroad and the loss of many lives. As the car was running almost parallel with the Northwestern tracks toward the subway four miles north of Racine the motorman saw a man placing ties on the track. Hurriedly the car was stopped and the obstructions removed just as the passenger train rounded the curve and sped by. The man who is charged with the attempted wreck gives his name as Peter Nelson, a ship carpenter.

Waitress Loses Her Life.

Rochester, Minn., special: Emma Dorndyl, a waitress, lost her life in the burning of John Ziegel's restaurant.

MAD DOG SCARES BOY TO DEATH

George Aid Collapses in Arms of His Mother, Who Came to Rescue Him.

Philadelphia, Pa., dispatch: After being chased several blocks by a mad dog, 7-year-old George Aid, 1134 South Eleventh street, staggered up the steps of his home and fell dead in the arms of his mother, who had heard his screams and just reached the door. The boy had been playing, when the dog, pursued by a crowd, came running down the street and took after

JOY CAUSES DEATH OF A GIRL

Michigan Student Receives Unexpected Visit From Her Mother.

Buffalo, N. Y., dispatch: Miss Marlon Walton Gorham of Marshall, Mich., is dead, and the physician's report ascribes the cause to shock from over-joy. Miss Gorham, who was attending a private school here, received an unexpected visit from her mother. She started toward her with an exclamation of joy and collapsed after taking a few steps. She was dead in a few seconds.

PLAN TO CRUSH RUSSIANS

Japanese Will Endeavor to Strike Kouropatkin Before Reinforcements Can Reach Him—Gloom at St. Petersburg.

London, May 16.—The Japanese armies are in force within forty miles from Liaoyang and all military observers here believe Gen. Kouropatkin is on the eve of a most disastrous defeat.

Gen. Kuroki and Oku, it is believed, plan to mask Port Arthur with a relatively small force and to endeavor to envelop and destroy Gen. Kouropatkin's force before it can be organized and reinforced.

The St. Petersburg estimate of the number of Japanese soldiers actually landed is taken as probably near the truth—that is, eight divisions of 23,

capture Dalny, blew up the piers and quietly evacuated the place.

Two thousand Japanese have reoccupied the road to Sanchillip, again cutting off Port Arthur. A strong force is advancing against Polendien.

Correspondent Says Port Arthur is in No Danger.

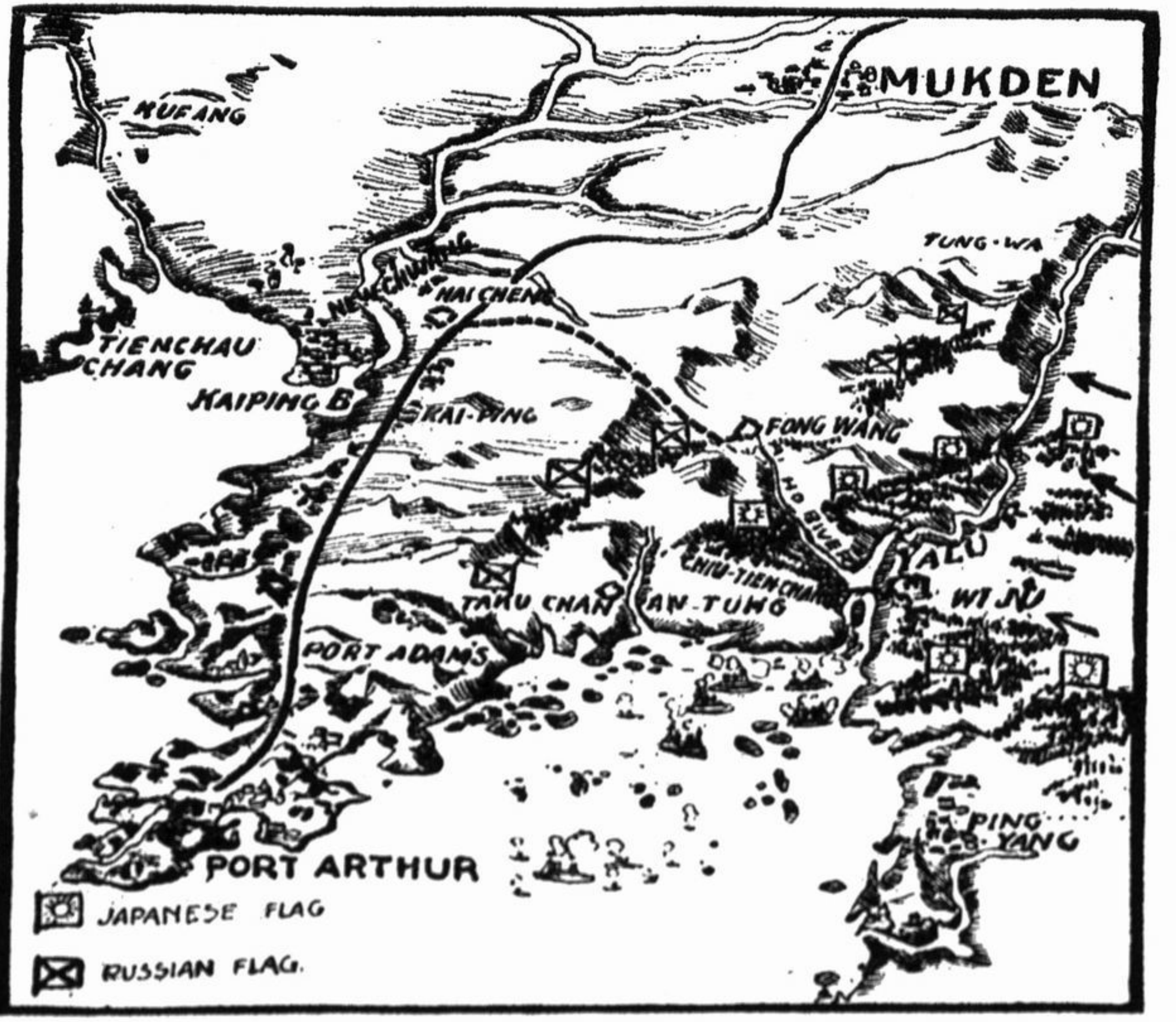
London, May 16.—The correspondent of the Daily News, who just arrived at Chefoo from Port Arthur, which place he left on Thursday, says that the entrance to the harbor has been cleared and that cruisers are passing in and out. He says that

nothing but pessimistic opinions, it being admitted that the unexpected display of numbers by the enemy renders Gen. Kouropatkin's position critical in the extreme.

"Great bitterness is felt and expressed over the tone of the German press, so unexpectedly going back on this country at a time when Russia much needs friends. Chancellor von Bulow's well meant efforts are only making matters worse."

The Ruskys invalid, the army organ, says: "We believe that two Japanese divisions are moving forward from Feng-

HOW THE ARMIES FRONT EACH OTHER IN MANCHURIA.



The flags with the central sun mark the advancing line of the Japanese, who are forcing their march deeper and deeper into Manchuria. The ships at the Yalu's mouth indicate the position of the Mikado's fleet which covered the crossing of the land forces from Wiju to Chin-Tien-Chang. The flags marked with the Russian cross indicate the present front of Kouropatkin's resistance. The concentration of the conflict, on land and sea, is shown by the proximity of Port Arthur (lower left corner) which Admiral Togo has at last succeeded in bottling up.

000 men each, or a total of 185,000 men, with 50,000 horses and 250 guns.

There may be more, but available statistics show, even as matters stand, that the Russian field force is inferior to the armies advancing against it.

The Times estimates that Gen. Kouropatkin has no more than 100,000 men and 256 guns, apart from his heavy guns, to defend 100 miles of front from Newchwang to Mukden. These are drawn up parallel to the line of communications and there is only a single line of retreat.

Torpedo Raid Results in Crippling Japanese Cruiser.

Liaoyang, May 16.—The Russian fleet scored its first distinct naval success of the war on May 10 by the torpedoing and crippling, though not the sinking of an armored Japanese cruiser in Tallienwan bay.

The Russian attack was carefully planned on May 10, while the Japanese squadron was concentrated outside of Dalny, devoting its whole attention to Tallienwan bay, and was carried out the same night.

The attacking force was not a regular torpedo boat, but was only a small naphtha launch in command of a young naval officer, who had with him three jackies. The launch mounted a small machine gun and carried three torpedoes.

When darkness fell the launch crept out of Port Arthur, hugging the shore, with no lights aboard and no glow from engines to betray its presence. It was late when the launch gained the outer line of the Japanese squadron. Slipping through the torpedo boat pickets and selecting the nearest warship, a big armored cruiser, the launch stole toward the great warship and succeeded in exploding against its side a single torpedo.

A deafening roar followed the explosion, which echoed far ashore. Immediately flames enveloped the cruiser, which evidently was badly crippled.

The crew of the cruiser was seen to be fighting the fire, which they at last succeeded in extinguishing. A sister ship took the damaged vessel in tow and disappeared to the southeast.

The launch escaped the hot fire directed against it by the Japanese ships, but being unable to return to Port Arthur or to get into Dalny it was beached not far from Dalny.

Only a few of the higher officers were aware of the plan, the success of which depended upon secrecy. The achievement raised the spirits of the Russians afloat and ashore, and the young naval officer who was the hero of the exploit was feted and recommended for the cross of St. George.

The Russians, on May 11, apprehending that the presence of a Japanese squadron meant an attempt to

although 25,000 Japanese have landed north of Port Arthur, the garrison there is not dismayed. The garrison numbers 15,000 men, exclusive of 30,000 Chinese coolies.

The correspondent denies that Admiral Togo's bombardments were effective. He says not a single gun was disabled. The populated parts of the city were slightly damaged, but the arsenals and dockyards were not injured.

The battleship Retvisan is permanently disabled. The cruiser Askold is in dock and is being repaired. The other ships are not injured.

Warships are able to go to sea, as the channel has been cleared. Two cruisers and two torpedo boat destroyers steamed outside last Sunday. The garrison holds all the good positions within twenty miles of the fortress.

A battalion of Japanese soldiers advanced last Sunday from Kincho bay. They were met with a savage artillery fire, which was followed by a charge of Cossacks. The Japanese retreated, leaving eighty-five dead on the ground.

Wounded Russians Charge Japanese With Treachery.

Harbin, May 16.—The wounded who are arriving here from Fengwang-cheng describe a panic precipitated by the Japanese attack on the hospital guard during the retreat from Kluliucheng.

The Japanese rushed the mounted infantry escorting the hospital train, and the escort broke and galloped through the ambulances. The Japanese captured the whole of the hospital equipment.

The wounded also aver that the Japanese used the Red Cross to check the Russian advance in the battle of Kluliucheng, and then fired a volley and halted the Russians.

Russian Newspapers Admit Kouropatkin is in Danger.

St. Petersburg, May 16.—From Mukden the Japanese armies are reported to have turned up at six different new places, to have occupied four stations on the Port Arthur railway, blown up the line for three miles below Port Adams and taken Dalny.

At the same time Gens. Kuroki and Oku, with their divisions, are advancing in a line nearly 100 miles long, while the strategically important town of Siuyan is being strongly fortified with the object of securing the left flank of the main Japanese forces. There is a large amount of artillery being brought up.

The Novoe Vremya military expert says: "Delayed telegrams received show that the Japanese are operating with three armies. On all sides we hear

wangcheng, on the Liaoyang road. The presence of a large force of artillery at Siuyan, about fifty-five miles southwest of Fengwang-cheng, may indicate a Japanese intention of fortifying that place so as to protect the left flank of their base of operations, which probably is now included in a quadrilateral bounded by lines connecting Siuyan, Takushan, Fengwang-cheng and Antung. The advancing lines are probably connected with Japanese bases through Chantaiidzy, on the road leading to Pitsewo and Wiju and Anju into Corea."

There are continual reports of skirmishing with Chinese bandits along the Japanese front, and these are considered more serious than the mere numbers indicate. It is feared that flying columns of brigands will form a serious menace to the Russian communications and will not fail to incite the whole Chinese population to overt acts if they are convinced that the Japanese are making a winning fight.

Official Report of the Casualties in Yalu Battle.

Tokio, May 12.—A revised official report states that in the battle of Sunday, May 1, the Japanese had 31 officers killed and 29 wounded, and 160 men killed and 666 wounded. Of the Russians, 1,362 were found dead on the field. Four hundred and seventy-five wounded Russians are in Japanese hospitals. Prisoners to the number of 138 were taken.

Czar Thinks His Presence Would Inspire the Troops

St. Petersburg, May 13.—Convinced that his presence at the front will so inspire his troops that they will be able to stay the tide of the Japanese invasion and turn it back, the Czar practically has determined to go to Manchuria, with leading members of the general staff.

There is high authority for saying his present intention is to start for Harbin within a month or six weeks.

His Majesty has aged ten years since the first attack on Port Arthur three months ago and awaits tidings from the front with an eagerness that is pitiful.

Japanese Torpedo Boat is Sunk; First Loss of War.

Tokio, May 14.—The Russian port of Dalny, twenty miles from Port Arthur, practically is in the mikado's hands. The fleet yesterday searched the shores and hills of the surrounding bays, losing a torpedo boat in the operation. The torpedo boat No. 48 blown up by a Russian mine in Kerr bay, north of Dalny, is the first warship Japan has lost since the war began. Seven men were killed and a number wounded. The torpedo boat sank within a few minutes.