MAY SURROUND RUSSIANS.

Japanese Now Engaged in a Double Turning Movement.

JAPS ON THE MOVE.

A despatch from London says:—The operations north of Kaiping as related by Gen. Sakharoff and Russian correspondents are regarded here as showing that the Japanese are changing their positions. They appear to have withdrawn towards Kaiping from the immediate neighborhood of Tashichao, and to have evacuated the intervening valley. It is suggested that they are carrying out a flank movement. This is borne out by a press despatch, from New-Chwang, which says that the positions of the first and second Japanese armies point to a movement to completely encircle the Russians below Mukden. Safe retreat to Hai-Cheng from Tashichao is already impossible. Gen. Kouropatkin must be cognizant of this fact. The Russian explanation is that he is confident of his ability to repel a Japanese attack on Liao-Yang, and at the same time assume the offensive in every direction. A telegram from Chefoo describes the Japanese operations as a double-turning movement on a grand scale between Kaiping and Liao-Yang. Gen. Oku, with a force that is estimated to be three divisions, is nearing New-Chwang, fighting small engagements on the way, Gen. Nodzu, as strong or stronger, is concentrating his army on the railway from the east, while Gen. Kuroki, with five divisions, is circling round north with the object of getting astride of the railway and cutting off the Russian retreat. Considerable fighting has occurred north of Kaiping, with varying results, but Gen. Ovu has experienced nothing in the nature of a check. The Japanese are remarkably strong in artillery, they having a total of 600 guns in Manchuria.

The situation is puzzling the military officers at St. Petersburg, where the evacuation of the valley south of Tashichao is alternatively ascribed to an attempt to turn Gen. Kouropatkin's left, or that part of the army has been sent southward to balance the enormous losses alleged to have been afflicted on the besiegers at Port Arthur. The story of an immense defeat of the Japanese at Port Arthur continues to be reiterated in St. Petersburg, although the estimate of 30,000 casualties has fallen to 2,800.

NAVAL ENGAGEMENTS.

The Shanghai correspondent of the London Morning Post says that the steamer Fawan, which is the despatch boat chartered by the Chicago Daily News, has been seized by the Russians and towed into Port Arthur. The correspondent adds that a naval engagement was fought off Port Arthur on Friday. The details of the fight and its result are unknown.

POSITIONS RETAKEN.

A despatch to a London news agency from St. Petersburg says the War Office announces the receipt of a despatch from Port Arthur containing the report that the Japanese sustained considerable losses on Monday, the exact particulars of which have not yet been ascertained. According to the despatch the Russians recaptured all the positions lately taken by the Japanese.

A despatch to the London Times from Tokio says the story of a Japanese repulse, with heavy casualties, at Port Arthur on Monday is wholly discredited at Tokio, where no such reports have been received. It is believed that the story originated in Shanghai.

DOWNFALL NOT REMOTE.

A despatch from Tokio says: The Jiji Shimpo asserts that the siege of Port Arthur is progressing well, and that its downfall is not remote. The Russians are defending the place desperately. The paper does not mention any specific actions.

There is no information from Japanese sources regarding the losses at Port Arthur, but it is believed that numbers of Japanese voluntarily sacrificed themselves in order to clear the road for a general advance. The absence of the fleet suggests that large reinforcements are arriving.

RENNEKAMPFF WOUNDED.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: An official despatch states that between Liao-Yang and Saimatse the Russians encountered the Japanese outposts and drove them back, and proceeded to occupy Vandeapudze. While they were ascending a hill, the Japanese made an energetic attack upon their right. Gen. Rennekampff was shot in the leg at the beginning of the fight, but remained in action. The Japanese were repulsed. The Russian losses were fourteen killed and wounded.

occupied Taochao, three miles from Erhtoho, the previous day. Artillery fire is heard incessantly in New-Chwang. A correspondent there rode out ten miles Wednesday morning and found Russian pickets at numerous points and a detachment at Wutaize, two miles south. The garrison will be maintained until the last possible moment, but everything is in readiness for an immediate evacuation and for joining the army at Haicheng.

BIG RUSSIAN FORCE.

Correspondents with Gen. Kuroki's headquarters say under date of Wednesday that it is believed that the Russians at Kaiping are retiring on Haicheng. There is still a big Russian force between the Motien Pass and Liao-Yang. It is presumed that they intend to attempt to prevent the Japanese from advancing on Liao Yang. Apparently there has been no serious fighting, but the outposts have been in contact daily and shots have been frequently exchanged. The weather in that district is fine.

NOT CONFIRMED.

The story of the Japanese losing 30,000 men at Port Arthur is still without confirmation and its origin is unexplained. The marine fort, which it is rumored the Japanese captured, is identified here as being at Shiushiying. The Tokio correspondent of the London Chronicle says that the Port Arthur garrison is still keeping the Japanese at bay in the mountainous passes 14 miles north of the fortress.

TROOPS FOR MANCHURIA.

According to the Telegraph's advices the Japanese are hurrying more troops to Manchuria. Transports have cleared from Nagasaki and Moji daily during the past fortnight, each carrying from 1,500 to 3,000 men. The belief is confirmed that some eight inch siege guns were lost when the transport Hitachi Maru was sunk by the Vladivostock squadron.

COLLIDED WITH WARSHIP.

Torpedo Boat of British Navy Badly Crushed.

A Portsmouth despatch says:—The British torpedo boat No. 109 was seriously damaged in collision with the warship Hannibal in Portsmouth harbor on Friday. The tide swept the Hannibal against the torpedo boat, which was crushed like an egg shell. The crew was saved. The torpedo boat was quickly taken in tow and placed in dock before she sank.

ENGLISH GUN-SMITHS.

It is reported that a dozen gunsmiths, whose time at the Woolwich arsenal has expired, gre going to Japan to assist in repairing heavy ordnance. Marquis Ito is making a tour of the Government iron works investigating their capacities.

CAVALRY SCORES.

A despatch from Haicheng says:—A detachment of Major-General Mistchenko's army fought a brilliant engagement Tuesday near the Black Mountains. Some prisoners ewere taken.

The Japanese are entrenching themselves five miles from Tatchekiao. Terribly hot weather prevails here. The Russian troops are in excellent spirits.

FIGHTING GOING ON.

An official report received from Tokio in London of the Japanese occupation of Yinkow and the difficult escape of the small Russian garrison there is apparently untrue. Telegrams from Yinkow not only do not mention a Japanese occupation, but say that the Russians are still there and that Russian officers from Tashichao frequently arrive at the port, where the Russian gunboat Siyoutch still remains. Fighting, however, is going on near Yinkow. The Japanese are reported to have taken Erhtoho by assault on Wednesday. This place is nine miles from New-Chwang.

INTO MONGOLIA.

The Japan Mail remarks that Gen. Kouropatkin is evidently concentrating at Tangihai against Gen. Nodzu's Takushan army. The level country there would give an opportunity for the use of the powerful Russian cavalry.

The Nichi Nichi, of Tokio, commenting upon Gen. Kouropatkin's apparent indecision, states that, while Gen. Kuroki was temporarily at Fengwan, the Russians spent their strength in attacking his flanks, leaving the Motien Pass lightly defended. Now the line into Mongolia is the only certain avenue of retreat he has open to him. Russia would hesitate to invade neutral territory, yet China's recent orders to the Guards on the Mongolian frontier are significant.

MAY GO TO THE FRONT.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Telegraph says a widespread sensation has been caused by the announcement in the newspapers that the Czar, who is ostensibly visiting only the depots whence troops are going to the front, has arrived at Ufa and started for Zlatousk. The opinion is growing, although there is no confirmation, that his Majesty may continue his journey to the seat of war.

JAPANESE LOSSES.

A despatch to the Japanese Legation at London from Tokio on Wednesday announces that Gen. Oku reports that in the fights leading to the occupation of Kaichau the Japanese casualties, from July 5 to July 7, were four men killed and twenty wounded. The casualties of the Japanese July 8 and July 9 were about one hundred and fifty killed or wounded.

VLADIVOSTOCK SQUADRON.

A despatch to the London Daily Mail from Tokio says it is rumored that torpedo boats belonging to the Vladivostock squadron were seen off Hokkaido Wednesday night. It is also stated that the Russian cruisers have reappeared.

DEFIED THE RUSSIANS.

A despatch from London says:—Loyd's received on Wednesday a despatch from Perim confirming the report of the stopping and searching of the British ship Menalaus by the Russian volunteer steamer St. Petersburg in the Red Sea. The telegram adds that the Russian lieutenant, who boarded the Menalaus ordered the master to open some of the cases in the cargo. He refused to do so, and none of them were disturbed.

WHALERS AS SCOUTS.

A despatch from Tokio says:—There are strong suspicions that certain Norwegian whalers in Corea Straits have been scouting for the Vladivostock squadron. The suspicions are not decreased by the fact that no whales are to be found in the Sea of Japan.

The Hokkaidao Railway, which was recently damaged by the storms and floods, has again received much damage from the same cause.

RAISING MONEY ORDERS.

Warning Issued by Postoffice Department.

An Ottawa despatch says:—The following warning has been issued by the Post-office Department:

"Postmasters are informed that an organized gang have been operating in Canada and the United States, raising the amount of money orders. It is requested, therefore, that strangers who apply for orders for small amounts be closely scrutinized, so that it may be possible to identify them afterwards, if such action should be found necessary."

There have been no complaints of a serious nature received from Ontario points, but it has been thought best to call the matter to the attention of postmasters, and to caution people against cashing postal orders or notes for persons of whom they know little.

SIR WM. MACGREGOR.

Has Been Appointed Governor of Newfoundland.

A despatch from London says: King Edward has approved the appointment of Sir William MacGregor to succeed Sir Cavendish Boyle as Governor of Newfoundland.

ROOF OF FOUNDRY FELL.

Several Workmen Badly Injured at Hamilton.

A despatch from Hamilton says: At the Westinghouse Electric Mfg. Co., where many large buildings are under construction, the roof of the new foundry building collapsed and several workmen were injured on Friday. A. W. Alders, G. McDonald, T. Fullerton and R. Copley are injured the most serious of any, and it is feared one or more of these will not live.

BATTLE EXPECTED.

A despatch from London says:—There is a total absence of news of events in Manchuria. Every paper which has a correspondent with Gen. Kuroki's headquarters has received a short despatch indicating that a battle at Motien Pass is expected almost immediately. The Russians there have been greatly strengthened, but they show no signs of taking the offensive. There have been ten days of fine weather, so rain is now to be expected.

30,000 TROOPS LAND.

A German correspondent who was recently allowed to depart from Mukden, where he had been arrested as a spy, reports that 30,000 Japanese landed on July 11 and July 13, in the neighborhood of Pigeon Bay. Their operations were covered by the entire Japanese fleet. The Russians made only a faint resistance, firing a few shots from their shore batteries.

GROWTH OF WINNIPEG.

Four Million Dollar Increase in Building Operations.

A Winnipeg despatch says:—The city's building statistics are expected to show an increase of $4,000,000 over last year. Six millions was spent last year. Houses are bought or rented months before they are completed. Permits issued up to the end of June, 1904, call for the erection of buildings valued at $6,072,450. Permits issued to the same date last year aggregated only $2,782,300, and up to the same date in 1902, $1,386,550. Among the many big structures under construction are the C. P. R. repair shops in the north-western part of the city, at an estimated cost of $2,000,000; the new C. P. R. depot and subway, estimated cost $3,000,000; the new C. P. R. freight sheds, $200,000; Union Bank block, $400,000; Free Press building, $150,000; addition to R. J. Whitla's wholesale dry goods warehouse, $125,000; Scott furniture warehouse, $100,000.

WIPED OUT HIS FAMILY.

Grain Merchant Kills Wife and Child, Then Suicides.

A despatch from Buffalo says: One of the most shocking tragedies that ever occurred in this city came to light on Friday when the dead bodies of Edgar T. Washburn, a member of the grain firm of Heathfield and Washburn, of the Board of Trade, Washburn's wife, Janella, and his young daughter Gladys, 15 years old, were found in a bedroom on the second story of their home at 83 Putnam Street. Mr. Washburn had shot and killed his wife and daughter and then turned the revolver on his forehead and killed himself.

It is believed the terrible crime was committed while Mr. Washburn was suffering from a temporary fit of insanity. He had written a letter to a relative recently, saying he was having troubles in business. As far as is known the members of the family had not had any trouble among themselves.

TWO HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

Cloudburst Caused Destruction of Philippine Town.

A despatch from Manila says: A cloudburst over the hills north-east of Manila caused a flood which has destroyed San Juan Delmonte, on Wednesday. Two hundred lives were lost. The low lying districts were inundated. The homes of Americans and foreigners are isolated. Transportation through the streets is carried on in boats only. Rain has fallen for twenty-seven hours, totalling 17 1-5 inches. This is unprecedented. Communication with outside places is interrupted. The damage to property is estimated at $2,000,000.

FAMINE THREATENS RUSSIA

Failure of the Crops in Some of the Provinces.

A St. Petersburg despatch says:—The prospective failure of the crops in some of the southern provinces possibly attendant with famine, and the necessity of adopting relief measures is beginning to attract attention. The Governments of Kherson, Tes sarabia, Taurida, Poltava, and Kharkoff are principally affected. In the district of Triaspo the peasants already have been compelled to harvest the unripe crops to feed the live stock. Committees have been appointed to relieve the distress. The failure of the crops is attributed to unfavorable weather. In some districts no rain has fallen. In many parts of Bessarabia cattle are being sold for almost nothing.

ACROSS IN 60 HOURS.

New Boat to Make Her Voyage Shortly.

A despatch from New York says:—Carl J. H. Flindt, of Hoboken, a former sea captain, has invented a boat which he says will be able to make the voyage between New York and Liverpool in sixty hours. He also says that German shipbuilders have already offered him $10,000,000 for his invention. Capt. Flindt's model boat, which is called the Triumph is lying in the North River, and men are busy putting in the machinery. Capt. Flindt says that she will be ready for her trial trip in about two weeks. She is to make the trip with gasoline for fuel.

TWENTY PEOPLE KILLED

Picnic Train Dashes Into Freight Near Chicago.

A Chicago despatch says:—Twenty persons were killed and about twenty-five injured in a collision on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad at Glenwood, Ills., twenty-three miles south of Chicago on Wednesday. The collision occurred between a picnic train from Chicago, which was returning from Momence, Ills., and a freight train, into the rear end of which the excursion train dashed at high speed. The picnic train was coming north and the freight was on on the southbound track. A misplaced switch threw the picnic train over on the southbound track, and before the engineer could apply the brakes it ran at forty miles an hour into the rear of the freight. The locomotive, the baggage car and the first coach of the picnic train were demolished, and all of the killed and injured were on the locomotive and in the two cars.

LEADING MARKETS.

The Ruling Prices In Live Stock and Breadstuffs.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, July 19.—Wheat—Is firmer at 90c for No. 2 red and white middle freights. Goose is steady at 78c for No. 2 east. Spring is steady at 84c to 85c for No. 2 east. Manitoba wheat is a cent higher. No. 1 northern is quoted at 95c, No. 2 northern at 92c and No. 3 northern at 88½c at Georgian Bay ports, and 6c more grinding in transit.

Flour—Cars of 90 per cent. patents are quoted at $3.60 to $3.65 in buyers' bags west or east. Choice brands are held 15c to 20c higher. Manitoba flour is steady at $4.80 for cars of Hungarian patents, $4.50 for second patents, and $4.40 for strong bakers', bags included, on the track Toronto.

Millfeed—Is steady at $16.50 for cars of shorts and $15 for bran in bulk west or east. Manitoba millfeed is steady at $19 for cars of shorts and $18 for bran, sacks included, Toronto freights.

Barley—Is steady at 41c for No. 2, 39c for No. 3 extra, and 37c for No. 3 west or east.

Buckwheat—Is nominal at 45c for No. 2 west or east.

Rye—Is nominal at 57c to 58c for No. 2 west or east.

Corn—Is steady at 45c for cars of Canada west. American is firmer at 58½c for No. 2 yellow, 57½c for No. 3 yellow and 56c for No. 3 mixed in car lots on the track Toronto.

Oats—No. 1 white are quoted at 32½c and No. 2 white at 32c east. No. 2 white are quoted at 31½c west.

Rolled Oats—Are steady at $4.50 for cars of bags and $4.75 for barrels on the track Toronto; 35c more for broken lots here and 40c more for lots outside.

Peas—Are dull and easy at 60c to 61c for No. 2 west or east.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—The offerings continue liberal and the demand is moderate.

Creamery, prints	...17c to	18c
do solids	.....15c	16c
Dairy tubs, good to choice	.....12c	13c
do inferior grades	9c	11c
Dairy pound rolls, good to choice	...11c	14c

Cheese—Is easier at 8¾c for twins and 8½c for large in job lots here.

Eggs—There is a fair demand and the market is firm at 15½c to 16c for new laid.

Potatoes—Old domestic out of store are quoted at 70c to 75c per bag, New southern are quoted at $3.50 to $4 per barrel. New Canadians are quoted at 50c per basket.

Poultry—Spring chickens are quoted at 20c per pound and yearlings and old hens at 11c.

Baled Hay—Cars on the track are quoted at $8.50 to $9 per ton.

Baled Straw—Cars on the track here are quoted at $5.50 per ton.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, July 19.—Local trade is quiet in oats, but prices are firm in view of strong advices from England and dealers are demanding previous quotations, 37c in store for No. 3 and 38c for No. 2. Peas are about steady at 69½c afloat Montreal; No. 2 barley, 49½c; No. 2 extra, 48½c and No. 2 rye, 62c.

Flour—We quote: Manitoba patents, $4.75 to $4.80; strong bakers' $4.50; winter wheat patents, $4.75 to $4.90; straight rollers, $4.60 to $4.70; straight rollers, in bags, $2.15 to $2.25.

Feed—Hamilton bran, in bags, $18; shorts, in bags, $19 per ton; Ontario bran, in bulk, $17 to $18; shorts, $18 to $19; mouille, $26 to $28 per ton, as to quality.

Rolled Oats—Considerable price cutting is going on, and sales are reported at $2.20 per bag and $4.80 per brl, this being away below the association price. Dealers are asking $2.32½ for bags and $4.90 in brls on track.

Hay—No. 1 was $9.50 to $10 per ton on track; No. 2, $8.50 to $9; clover, mixed, $7 to $7.50, and clover, $6.50 to $7.

Beans—Choice primes, $1.35 to $1.40 per bush.; $1.30 in car lots.

Provisions—Heavy Canadian short cut pork, $17.50 to $18; light short cut, $17 to $17.50; American fat backs, $17.50; compound lard, 6½c to 7c; Canadian lard, 6¾c to 7½c; kettle rendered, 8½c to 9½c, according to quality; hams, 11c to 13c; bacon, 12c to 13c; fresh killed abattoir hogs, $7.50; live hogs, $5.25 to $5.40, weighed off cars.

Eggs.—Select, new laid, 17c; straight gathered, candled, 15c; No. 2, 13½c to 14c.

Butter—Fancy grades, 17c to 17½c; ordinary finest, 16¾c to 17c; western dairy, 14c to 14½c.

Cheese—Ontario, 7⅞c to 7⅞c; best Quebec, 7½c.

TRAGEDY AT MINING CAMP.

Engineer Attacked With Knives and Fatally Injured.

A despatch from Belleville says:—Particulars have just come to hand of a shocking affair which took place at Craigmont Mines, North Hastings, last Sunday. Wm. Welch, an engineer, was attacked by eight Swedish miners, armed with knives and a hatchet, and so badly maltreated that he has since died. His assailants were arrested, and the citizens of Craigmont, where Welch was very popular, could hardly be restrained from taking summary vengeance on his assailants.