

COSSACKS CUT JAPANESE SQUADRON TO PIECES.

Cutthroats Ran Dainty Before Japs Arrived.

Russians May Destroy Port Arthur Themselves.

Harbin to be Fortified With Heavy Siege Guns.

Liao Yang cable: The Japanese lost 250 killed and a number of horses killed in the fight at Vagenfuch. The Russians opened fire at eight in the morning, and after two hours and a half long-range fire, the Japanese under Gen. Akkima prepared to charge and finish the force which had been harassing them for twenty-one days. In the meantime Gen. Samsonoff was approaching Vagenfuch with a force of cavalry. It was a sight worth seeing when at the word of command the Russian squadrons formed and rushed like a whirlwind across the terribly cut-up country, clearing away all obstacles, the batteries at the same time trotting along the frightful roads.

Having passed the railroad station the troops came under the fire of the Japanese machine guns, but withdrew without suffering much loss. The fourth and sixth companies of the Siberian Cossacks furiously charged the Japanese cavalry with lances, attacking literally cut the whole squadron into pieces. This was the first time lances were used, and they struck terror into the enemy. In some cases the lances pierced the riders through and wounded their horses. Some of the lances could not be withdrawn from the bodies into which they had entered.

The Japanese infantry, numbering four battalions of 300 men to a company, and eight squadrons of cavalry attempted to advance, but the Russian batteries opened, and soon the slope up which the enemy was advancing was covered with black spots, and the enemy was forced to scatter and retire. Some of the Japanese were wounded, and the Russians, who met and killed them.

A Cossack, who lost his lance and sword, wrenched a sword from a Japanese officer and cut off the officer's head. The Cossacks picked up boots which had been taken off by the Japanese in order to facilitate their flight, and flourished them on their lances as trophies.

The Japanese used the Boer trick of displaying dummies, but the Cossacks did not waste a shot on them. Gen. Samsonoff highly praised the practice of the Russian gunners. A Russian, who was wounded in the fight near the station at Vagenfuch says Gen. Samsonoff attacked the Japanese near the railroad, a mile from Vagenfuch station. A courier of the Frontier Guard was lying wounded, and a Japanese officer was about to ride over him when the courier mounted his horse, and placed the wounded man on his own charger. The Japanese cavalry engaged with the 13th Regiment. Their horses were splendid animals.

RUSSIAN LOSSES FORTY.

Desperate Hand-to-Hand Encounter Disastrous to the Japs. St. Petersburg cable: Gen. Sakharov has telegraphed as follows, under today's date, to the general staff: "According to reports the Japanese commander in the action of May 30, near Vamafargov, had seven battalions of infantry in reserve, and were about 200 cut-throats, to be freed, and 17 men killed and another officer, whose name has not been ascertained, wounded. The Japanese losses were very considerable. One squadron of the Thirtieth Japanese Cavalry was annihilated in a hand-to-hand encounter, and another squadron which came to its assistance suffered great loss from the fire of our frontier guards and riflemen. We captured 19 horses."

NO BIG BATTLE.

Reports of Kouropatkin's Defeat Not Correct. London cable: Rumors were current yesterday of a severe defeat of Gen. Kouropatkin, the despatch stating that whole squadrons of Cossacks and many guns had been captured, and great quantities of stores and ammunition had fallen into the hands of the Japanese. The story is clearly an exaggeration of the four days' skirmish, which ended at Saimatsi on Monday. Both this and the Wafenkau fight, in the northern part of the Liao-Tung promontory, were on a larger scale than the recent smaller affairs, but so far as can be ascertained, the neither was of great consequence. The Japanese versions of the fighting have not arrived.

Baron Hayashi said: "I believe Russia to be in a serious dilemma. She has not enough men in the field to cope with her various points of attack. If she brings reinforcements that Gen. Kouropatkin so much needs she cannot feed them. It does not credit the rumor in Rome of Gen. Kouropatkin's defeat, although during the next few days news of a battle may come at any moment. It seems evident that Gen. Kouropatkin intends to fight at Liao-Yang. I believe he has decided to do this, not so much from a

have a strong force of troops and be likely to harass the Japanese outposts. As regards the operations north of Feng Wang Cheng, the Cossacks have retired from Saimatsi with the additional loss of two officers and seven men wounded. Saimatsi is now held by a strong Japanese garrison. St. Petersburg cable: The following despatch from Viceroy Alexieff to the Emperor, dated May 31, has been received: "Dear-Admirals Wittsoff and Grigovich report that up to May 28 numerous Japanese mines had been discovered and exploded in the roadstead of Port Arthur. The Japanese evidently have replaced the fresh which they formerly used by mines sown by merchant steamers in their service. The Emperor has received the following despatch from Gen. Kouropatkin, dated May 31: "All is quiet in the direction of Feng Wang Cheng. Siyuen has not been occupied by Japanese detachments. "The Japanese were observed retiring from Sedziko and Saitaiputo Valleys in an easterly direction. "On May 20, two companies of Japanese infantry and thirty dragoons advanced along the Tianshan road towards the left flank of our outposts. Our scouts discovered the movements and firing ensued, in the course of which one Cossack was wounded and one horse killed. "The Japanese detachment, which our cavalry successfully engaged May 30, is now stationed four versts from Vafenkau, fortifying its position. "There has been no further Japanese advance from Saimatsi towards Feng Wang Cheng, on the Liao Yang Road."

JAPS ON THE WATCH.

Coal Laden Norwegian Vessels Bound for Port Arthur. Tokyo cable: It is stated that a Japanese warship is watching three Norwegian vessels, laden with coal, and bound for Port Arthur, which are now at Wosung, China. They will all be captured if they attempt to enter Port Arthur.

TO FORTIFY HARBIN.

Heavy Siege Guns to be Sent From Cronstadt. London cable: A despatch to the Times from Moscow says it is stated that Harbin will be fortified against the contingency of a siege, irrespective of expense. The heavy siege guns already sent to Harbin will be further considered for this purpose, and a further consignment of the same purpose from Cronstadt and other first-class fortresses. General Kouropatkin's insistence a month ago that it probably would be necessary to refrain from directly attempting to save Port Arthur and the Liao Tung Promontory produced an intensely painful effect in court circles. It is said that the Emperor at first refused to believe the expediency of such a confession of Russia's military impotence, and it was only after detailed explanations from Gen. Kouropatkin that the Emperor would agree to accept the situation. This painful impression has been intensified by Gen. Kouropatkin's frequent insistence upon a retreat north, providing better positions for the army, even as far as Harbin.

NO SIGN OF ADVANCE.

Times' Correspondent States Kuroki's Army is Stationary. London cable: The correspondent of the Times writes that the Japanese army, which is commanded by Gen. Kuroki, has no sign of any movement. He says that the Japanese state that there are no indications of the Russians advancing in force south of Liao-Yang. It is impossible for the Japanese to reach the positions on the Pekin road, including the Motienling Pass, can be easily outflanked on either side.

TO DESTROY PORT ARTHUR.

The Czar's Orders in Event of Capture of Fortress. Paris cable: The Petit Journal has a despatch from St. Petersburg, stating that the Czar has issued an order instructing Gen. Stoessel, in the event of the capture of the fortress by the Japanese, to blow up the fortifications, the banks, and the most important buildings. The fleet, the Czar orders, must make the greatest effort, even to the extent of risking partial destruction, to cut its way out to reach Vladivostok. According to the reports of the chief naval constructor at Port Arthur, the repairs on the Retvizan will be completed in a week or two. The Czarevich will be ready for service in a few days. The work on the Palada has been completed, and she has been reinstated in service.

TO HINDER HIS FALL.

Kouropatkin to Try to Save the Doomed Fortress. London cable: A despatch to the Daily Mail from St. Petersburg says there is great uneasiness there regarding certain news which seems to imply the early capture of Port Arthur. The official despatches are impressed by a feeling of gloom. The public of the general on apparent ignorance of the movement of the Japanese army recently became known. Japanese troops have been collected on the coast of the Bay of Corea towards the south. The things of Corea are impatiently awaited. The Ministry denies that any important news has been received. All foreign newspapers are extensively blacked out before they are allowed to reach the public.

OUTPOSTS IN TOUCH.

Japanese Destroy Land Mines Close to Port Arthur. London cable: The Chefoo correspondent of the Express says it is expected that the final advance on Port Arthur will begin to-day. Japanese scouts have come in touch with the Russian outposts north of the fortress. It is believed that a third army will land close by Port Arthur, in Pigeon Bay. The Japanese have discovered and destroyed a formidable system of land mines close to Port Arthur, extending several miles from the forts.

STILL SCREENING OKU.

Alexieff and Kouropatkin Send Despatches to the Czar. A St. Petersburg cable: The War Office has received reports showing that the Japanese are falling back from the Japanese southwest of Feng Wang Cheng, Siyuen, in the meantime advancing on Saimatsi. Both movements are taken as evidence of the continued desire of the Japanese to screen the operations before Port Arthur. There is the slightest foundation for the report that the Russians will abandon their positions east of Hai Cheng. Gen. Samsonoff, who is operating south of Kaichou, is understood to

NINE YEARS AND A HALF FOR STEALING 30 CENTS.

The Remains of a Family of Four Found Cremated in the Ruins of Their House.

Arrest of a Receiver of Stolen Goods From a Gang Who Stole From Railway Cars Nearly \$1,000,000 Worth.

New York, June 6.—Recorder Goff has sentenced John Crane and Arthur Nagle to nine years and six months in prison for stealing thirty cents. The men are ex-convicts, it is said, and were found guilty of holding up a woman in Thirty-third street. The fact that her thirty-cent change, which was almost always taken by the men, was the only thing they stole from her, was considered a mitigating circumstance in the eyes of the court.

Stood In With Fals.

Chicago, June 6.—In the arrest of Michael Donovan, the police believe they have begun the disruption of an organized band of car thieves whose depredations in recent years have cost the railroads nearly \$1,000,000. The police arrested Donovan, a 35-year-old man, who told them his husband, who is considered wealthy by his neighbors, was selling only stolen goods in a big store, which he had been operating for a number of years.

New Steel Process.

New York, June 6.—Steel and iron men throughout the world will be interested to learn, according to the Herald, that James Gayley, vice-president of the U. S. Steel Corporation, after a long series of experiments, has practically perfected a new process for making steel which he believes will greatly reduce the cost of manufacture. The recently introduced Bessemer process, which revolutionized the iron and steel industry. The process will be applied in the manufacture of pig iron as well as steel.

Affairs at Tangier.

Tangier, Morocco, June 6.—The Italian third-class cruiser Dogali arrived here this morning. A delegation of chiefs of the Aggera tribe has left here to make a personal appeal to Raisuli, the landit

CREMATE REFUSE.

Chicago, June 6.—Destruction of the refuse of cities by cremation has been urged at the meeting of American and British engineers here. The discussion was brought up by criticism of the papers read by C. Newton Russell, of London, and George Watson, of Leeds.

Four Burned to Death.

Mayking, Ky., June 6.—News of the cremation of a family of four on Cumberland Mountain has reached here by special messenger. The victims were Henry Luther; his wife, Jennie Luther, aged 18, and a son, 7 years old. Hiram Bales, a neighbor, went to the Luther home yesterday and found the house in ashes and the charred remains of the four occupants.

MORE WOMEN WANTED.

Women Emigrants Must Look to Canada for Homes. London, June 6.—At the Royal Colonial Institute, Sir C. Smith presiding, Mrs. Archibald Colquhoun read a paper on "Women and the Colonies." She said the attitude of English women towards the colonies was one of suspicion and fear. Proof of this lay in the fact that of 3,000 applicants to the British Women's Emigration Association in 1903 only 315 went out. They must look to Canada as the chief field of colonization.

Wiji Railroad Graded.

Seoul cable: (Delayed in transmission.)—Grading of the Wiji Railroad has been finished for a distance of 25 miles from Seoul, with all necessary bridges constructed for 15 miles. Tracks will be laid along this stretch of road upon the completion of a long cutting near Yan Han, which will enable the transport by rail of heavy timbers and materials, instead of the present difficult method of carrying them by bullock carts over rough roads. Work on the branch now under construction on the branch now under construction in a satisfactory manner, and it is expected that Ping Yang will be reached by the beginning of December. The majority of the railway battalions, heretofore stationed on temporary barracks at Yung-san, near Seoul, will shortly be sent further north.

ATTACKED BY A HAWK.

Aged Farmer Seriously Injured by the Leader of a Flock. New York, June 6.—In a desolate hilly spot near a huge hawk in a dense woods near his home Greeman Lane, a wealthy farmer, 89 years old, living near Sayville, L. I., was beaten into unconsciousness and badly injured yesterday. Mr. Lane strolled through some woods which for a generation have been the home of hawks. Suddenly one of the largest of a flock swooped down on him, striking him in the face. Mr. Lane knocked down and fell into a gully ten feet deep.

THE PLAGUE ON BOAR.

Yokohama, June 1.—The American mail steamer Korea, on Chinese ports, is quarantined at Kobe, owing to having a suspected case of the plague on board. The sick person is a cabin passenger, Mrs. Palmer. The steamer will probably be detained ten days.

PRICES AT PORT ARTHUR.

Situation of the beleaguered Garrison Desperate. London cable: A despatch to the Daily Mail from New-Chwang says that six Chinese who have arrived there from Port Arthur state that they escaped on the night of May 24, travelling on foot. They declare that the situation of the beleaguered town is desperate. Famine prices prevail, and the cost of provisions increases weekly.

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