## FIGHT ON THE YALU WAS DESPERATE.

Russians Are Reported to Have Had Three or Four Thousand Soldiers Killed.

## JAPANESE WERE IRRESISTABLE.

Made Cavalry Charges and Fought Like Very Demons --- They Were Alse More Numerous.

St. Petersburg, May 3.-In a report received by the emperor from Gen. Kuropatkin under today's date it is stated that at least from three to four thousand men were killed in the Yalu

FROM KUROPATKIN.

St. Petersburg, May 3.-The emperor has received the following telegram under today's date from Gen. Kuropatkin: "Gen. Zassalitch's report, dated today, on the fight of May I, says that

the battle was fought under the following circumstances: "The Twelfth and Twenty-second regiment and the Second and Third batteries of the Sixth brigade of artillery were engaged in the battle, which began with heavy cannonading of our right flank by siege guns at Wiju and

field batteries in the distance. FIGHTING RESUMED.

"'After a jull, the fighting was re-sumed with extraordinary violence against the left flank of our main posi-tion at Turenchen and our position at Potietinsky. A fusiled was also be gun by small parties of Japanese

eross the Al river.

"The defenders' position became inreasingly difficult, especially at
otietinsky, which was bombarded on
the front and on both flanks.

"Thirty Japanese guns were pitted against our battery at Potietinsky, which, after having silenced the enemy's mountain battery directed its fire on the Japanese infantry and sus-tained few losses so long as it was not obliged to take up another position owing to the withdrawal of our infan-

try from the bank.
"The Japanese under our fire made containual bayonet attacks on our

JAPS' BODIES LAY IN HEAPS.

" 'Japanese bodies lay in heaps at the 'Simultaneously with the attack at Potietinsky an attack was being made on our left flank at Turenchen, and the Russlan trenches had to be abandoned under the Japanese enfliading fire. Our reserves several times mingled with the first line, thus enabling it for a long time to maintain its position,

"'Finally all of the supports were brought up into the firing line, but owing to the great distance from our main reserve it was impossible for them to reach the advanced force in time and our men retired from the principal position to another position in the rear of Turenchen, followed by the concentrated fire of the Japanese, who could not make up their minds to descend from the crest they occupied and face the fire of our batteries at

TURNING RUSSIAN LEFT.

"They dug fresh trenches and opened a heavy artillery fire on our

position and began to turn our left flank toward Chin Gow, "'Two battalions of the Eleventh regiment and the Third battery of the Third brigade of artillery, belonging to the main reserve, were ordered to Lao Fun Hou. They occupied a position with a double firing line, thus permitting our advanced line, which had suf-fered heavily and our wounded to re-

A battalion of the Eleventh regiment, both flanks of which were re-peatedly turned by the enemy, ad-vanced with fixed bayonets, preceded by buglers to clear a passage. The Japanese, however, declined a hand-to-hand conflict and recoiled hand conflict and recoiled.

CHAPLAIN WITH THE CROSS. "'In front of the regiment, a chap-lain bearing a cross was struck by two

bullets.

"It was only by advancing on the Japanese with the bayonet that the Seventh regiment was able to retire.

"On the arrival of the battalion of the Tenth regiment all the troops were able to beat the retreat.

"The losses of the Eleventh and Twelfth regiments were very great, but they are not yet exactly known. In the Eleventh the killed included Col. Lamins and Lieut. Gols. Dometti and Ralevski. The Twelfth lost nine company commanders killed or wounded.

"The Second and Third batteries of

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"The Second and Third batteries of
the Sixth brigade, having lost the
greater number of their men and horses
were compelled to abandon their guns
after rendering them useless. For the
same reasons six guns of the Third battery of the Third brigade or artillery
and eight poulemets which could not
be brought away were also disabled.
The mountainous nature of the coun-The mountainous nature of the country made it impossible to save the guns by means of diag ropes.

HUNDREDS OF WOUNDED.

"Up to the present 800 wounded, in-cluding 14 officers, have been brought to the hospital at Feng Wang Cheng. "Their eventual transportation elsewhere is assured.

"'Japanese cavalry appeared to the southeast of Feng Wang Cheng, but seeing two companies with two guns opposed to it, it did not venture to ap-

proach.

"The transportation of the wounded by hired Chinese bearers to Feng Wang Cheng was very difficult. Two-wheeled carts and horses lent by the cavalry were also utilized for this purpose. Most of the wounded, however, arrived on foot, assisted by their comrades and reached Feng Wang Cheng within 24 hours.

within 24 hours. "'Lieut.-Gen. Zassalitch declares



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TOGO'S PLANS.

ling to land on the west coast of the peninsula of Liao Tung. So as to pre-vent the Russian ships coming out of

Port Arthur in an effort to attack the transports. Vice Admiral Togo is con-

tinuing his efforts to block the harbor, and in order to insure the success of

this plan the Japanese are employing a larger number of steamers than here-tofore. The fact that the last effort

falled is attributed to the sharp look-out which was kept and to the Russian preparations, for which Viceroy Alex-ieff receives considerable credit.

The Russian staff professes to be un-

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the colonels, lieutenant-colonels and notwithstanding the heavy losses, and notwithstanding the heavy losses, and are ready for fresh engagements.

"The Japanese losses were very heavy at the passage of the Ai river at their position at Turenchen and on the hill occupied by the two battalions of the Eleventh regiment.

"A cording to the statements of participants in the battle at least 3,000 or 4,000 were killed." majority of the company commanders of the Eleventh, Twelfth and Twentysecond regiments were either killed or

DETAILS OF THE FIGHTING.

St. Petersburg, May 4.—6.03 a. m.—St. Petersburg is electrified by the sensa-Friendle of the sense-tional news of lighting on land and sea. From Gen. Kuropatkin, conveying Lieut. Gen. Zassalitch's report, came graphic details of the battle of Turenchen, as the combat on the banks of the Yalu is officially designated, which show the savage effort to hold a posishow the savage effort to hold a posi-tion commanded by the Japanese and their orderly retreat to Feng Wang Cheng, where they are now entrenched, conducting en route a brilliant rear guard engagement in which they in-flicted heavy loss on the enemy.

ALEXIEFF'S COMMAND.

Viceroy Alexieff's command of Port Arthur has been signalized by the re-pulse of another desperate attempt of the Japanese to close the entrance of the harbor. Adding to this quota of war news the official report of the appearance of Japanese ships off Kaiping and Sinjuchen, on the west coast of the Ilao Tung peninsula below New-chwang, foreboding the disembarkation of Japanese trees with the intention of Japanese troops with the intention of cutting off Port Arthur, this war may now be said to have begun in deadly earnest.

A DAY OF ANXIETY. Yesterday was a day if anxiety and excitement among all classes of people, from the emperor in the palace to the the Tzarskoye Eelok where, by special wire, his majesty is receiving advices from the front, to the lowest moujik from the front, to the lowest moulk standing before the bulletins, eagerly listening to the dispatches as they are read by educated persons in the crowd. Important as was Alexieff's achievement, in spite of the magnitude of the attempt of the Japanese, who this time sent in 10 fireships to block the Port Ashur entersee it is dwarfed by the Arthur entrance, it is dwarfed by the details of the fighting on the Yalu showing the severe losses suffered by the Russians who have removed 800 wounded alone Feng Wang Cheng, while it is estimated that the Japanese oss is between 3,000 and 4,000.

ZASSALITCH'S WORK.

If this statement of the Japanese loss is correct, the Russian authorities say that Gen. Zassalltch must be given credit for carrying out that part of his orders to make the crossing of the Yalu as costly as possible to the enemy. Zassalitch's report indicates that the Japanese began the battle by shelling the right flank and attracting atten-tion to that point and then a flanking movement to the left began to force. Unforunately Zassalitch had only 10,000 men of whom two thousand were unable to participate in the fighting as they were occupying Antung and Gen. Kuroki, appreciating the in-ability of his opponent to bring up re-serves threw his weighty forces upon the points selected for attack.

RUSSIANS OUTNUMBERED.

The Japanese had from 35,000 to 40,-000 men beside the greater quantity of guns, many of them being of heavier caliber than those of the Russians. Thus outnumbered, the Russians ac-Thus outnumbered, the Russians actually engaging more than five to one, the Japanese did succeed in flanking two Russian battalions on both sides and enveloping them in the rear. The latter, with music playing a martial air and with fixed bayonets, a priest holding aloft a cross, charged and the Japanese opened before them, after which they succeeded in reaching the supports. It was one of the most gallant ac-

tions of a bloody day.

It is regretted both in military and church circles that the priest was severely wounded,

ENFILADED BY JAPANESE.

Because of the weakness of the Russians they were unable to hold their positions. Enfiladed by the enemy's fire and but few horses surviving, the men yet unwounded sprang to the guns in an effort to remove them but the mountainous nature of the country mountainous nature of the country and the heavy roads prevented this and the guns were abandoned, their breech blocks being first removed, Three batteries thus lost their guns.

No such determined stand as that made by the troops was intended by Gen. Kuropatkin, but their tenacity in holding their positions, it is said, is worthy of the highest traditions of the Russian army.

These were not especially crack troops, but Siberians who had been hurried to the Yalu in order to inflict

hurried to the Yalu in order to inilict as much damage as possible on the enemy. The latter was made up of the flower of the Japanese army and trained with one object—the defeat of the soldiers of European Russia.

It is a cause of satisfaction to the authorities that in spite of the severe Russian loss Gen. Zassalitch had sufficient strength to sharply bite the pursuing enemy who lost 300 in this movement alone.

DRAMATIC FIGHTING.

The opinion here is that the rear guard movement was one of the most dramatic bits of fighting during the

Three times the Russians halted, and twice the mikado's cavalry were hurled back, only to come on again. A third repulse sickened the fighting stomach of the assailants, who abandoned the effort to completely crush the retreat-

ing force.
It is officially stated that this fruit-less pursuit cost the Japanese 300 men.

ZASSALITCH'S RETIREMENT.

Gen. Zassalitch's retirement is especially noteworthy because it was en-

pecially noteworthy because it was encumbered by such a large number of wounded. Had the Japanese been able to bring up the entire cavalry strength of their army the day might have been more black for Gen. Zassalitch.

The general staff does not expect an immediate forward movement of the Japanese, but the latter are preparing the way for an advance as is shown by the appearance of a cavalry detachment to the southeast of Feng Wang Cheng. The retirement of the detachment when sighted by a Russian force indicated simply that it was scouting in order to locate the next point where resistance may be looked for.

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resistance may be looked for.

The Associated Press is informed by the general staff that Maj.-Gen. Kashalinsky is alive, and that Lieut.-Gen. Zassalitch was not wounded; but that

## SETTLERS SEEKING GOVERNMENT AID

The Position of the Reclamation Service is Very Briefly Outlined.

TAKING OF THE INITIATIVE.

It Must be Done by Those to be Benefited, Who Work Out Their Own Destiny.

Special Correspondence.

Washington, April 30, 1904.-The operations of the engineers of the reclamation service since the passage of the trrigation act have excited widespread It is evident that in order to weaken the resistance which will be offered Gen. Kuroki, the Japanese are preparinterest throughout the country. In many sections of the west irrigation has been developed to a point where the requirements of the land exceed the normal water supply, and the settlers are organizing with a view of securing the aid of the government in the construction of immense storage works to conserve the flood waters now going to waste. The assistance of the government is asked, as the cost of the work is beyond the means of the land owners. In all such The Russian state professes to be un-concerned regarding the landing of a Japanese army on the Liao Tung peninsula, as this has been antici-pated. Gen. Kuropatkin is prepared cases the policy of the reclamation service has been to make it clearly understood that this assistance can be for such an eventuality, but it is admitted that the longer it is delayed the better it will be for the Russian forces. Everything, therefore, will be done to compel the Japanese to postpone this enterprise as long as possible. secured only through the influence of a

expressed in a direct communication to the secretary of the interior from the people. In brief, the direct beneficiaries -the actual land owners-must take the initiative and organize along lines, similar to those followed by the settlers of Salt River valley.

It should be understood that the irrigation projects which naturally appeal most to the engineers are those which respectively. which are free from the vexing ques-tions of private ownership of land and water. Large enterprises which con-template the reclamation of vast areas of desert land, yet a part of the public domain, present no obstacles aside from

healthy and sustained public opinion

those of a purely physical or engineering character, while the construction o works in settled communities is sure to involve personal features often trying than anything found in the actual work of construction.

Just now there are several irriga-

many thousands of acres of crops may be saved from partial or total loss each year by reason of a scanty water sup-ply. In one of these districts, the fam-ous valley of the Uncompangre, the irrigators and ditch owners have perfected an organization and will shortly present a formal demand for federal aid in the construction of the Gunnison

In Montana, Idaho, South Dakota, Oregon, and other states, similar organizations are forming; mass meetings are being held, officers elected, and details considered. The rule of the replamation service in all such cases is one of absolute non-interference. Upon request assistance is given in outlining the proper form of organization required by the department before definite action can be taken, but in all other essentials the settlers are informed that they must work out their formed that they must work out their own destiny; that their requests for alc must bear practically the unanimous en-dorsement of the actual property owners, and must be free from suspicion of polities.

Down in the forbidding Salton desert the settlers are petitioning the govern-ment to take up a stupendous work for the fuller utilization of the waters of the great Colorado irver. To those making such request, and to all others who in the future may desire the government's aid, the above outline of the position of the reclamation service is especially directed.

AIDING THE RUSSIANS. Naturalized Koreons Accompany Cossack Cavalry.

Seoul, May 1, 5 p, m.—(Delayed in hransmission.)—A customs officer at Sangjiu, named Olsen, a Norwegian, reports that many Koreans who are naturalized Russians, accompanied the scouting expedition of Cossack cavalry as interpreters all being well received by the local officials. The captain of the Cossacks after personally firing a customs warehouse, accompanied by a party of soldiers, searched the office which he was finally persuaded not to burn down. When it was explainto burn down. ed to him that the property was Ko-rean and not Japanese he threatened to arrest Olsen as a Japanese spy. English missionaries who have successfully interceded with the civil authorities at Vladivostok have been urged to notify the governor of Hanheungdo that Russia is Korea's truest friend and to warn Korean vessels not enter Vladivostok harbor, which s been extensively mined, except during the hour of noon, also to request the people to aid the Russian quest the people to and the Russian troops with provisions and guides. Yi-Hai-Yung, minister of foreign affairs, has urged the cabinet to dismiss Yi-Pom-Chin, minister to Russa, on account of his persistent insurbordination. He is also charged with being a noted Russophile and instrumental to land the support to take refuse. in inducing the emperor to take refuge at the Russian legation in 1896 during palace anti-Japanese intrigues, which he is reported to have encour aged. An additional force of 350 men has

arrived to push the Seoul-Wiju railtion districts making appeals to the

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