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Glorious Battle—Despite as to
Responsibility.

London, May 5.—The opinion gains ground here that the Japanese have at last effectually blocked Port Arthur. No official Japanese reports have been received, but the Tokio correspondents are very positive regarding the matter and describe the determination with which the enterprise was undertaken.

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent declares that the entrance to Port Arthur is "absolutely sealed," and adds that the Japanese fleet in effecting its purpose steamed into the entrance at full speed, and that the naval officers who made the two previous attempts begged permission to carry out the next attempt by daylight, that being easier, and their request was granted.

"So determined were they to succeed," adds the correspondent, "that they decided, if necessary, to lose half their men. The number of casualties sustained by the Japanese has not yet been announced."

In favor of the supposition of Japanese success in blocking Port Arthur it is pointed out that the previous attempts had left the channel so narrow that a couple of vessels sunk in the fair way would probably suffice to seal up the entrance, while there is a noticeable evasion and half heartedness in the Russian denials of the enemy's success.

There is no confirmation here of the Paris rumor that an engagement between Russian and Japanese squadrons had taken place off Vladivostok, and St. Petersburg knows nothing of the rumored capture of Newchwang. It is said the Japanese have advanced to within 15 miles of Feng Wang Cheng, and that another engagement is expected almost immediately.

Maj. Gen. Kashalinsky's insistence on the fact that he was ordered to accept battle by Lieut. Gen. Zassalitch is interpreted as showing his intention to throw the responsibility upon that officer for risking a fight with his inferior forces, and to confirm the reports that Gen. Zassalitch had been censured. Reports have been received here that the Japanese captured a quantity of railroad material after Sunday's battle. This is supposed to indicate that the Russians had made great progress with the railroad from the main Manchurian line to the Yalu. If this is so it would be a simple matter for the Japanese to reach this line, which would materially assist them in their advance through a difficult country.

English correspondents with the Japanese forces on the Yalu are permitted to send the most ample descriptions of the people and the country traversed, but not a word about the fighting.

The Standard's Tien Tsin correspondent says he is convinced that the Russian position in southern Manchuria is exceedingly weak, as a consequence of

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the enormous number of men detached to guard the railway and to obtain provisions. He believes that the forces at Hsiao Ching and Lai Ching were greatly overestimated. The camps, he says, are numerous, but there are few men in them. There are several forward positions of the Japanese between Wang Cheng and Hsiao Ching, but the line of communication is weak and straggling.

Some reports current here state that the Japanese loan will be \$50,000,000 at 6 per cent and will be issued simultaneously in London and New York.

KASHALINSKY'S REPORT.
St. Petersburg, May 4.—The emperor today received the following dispatch from Gen. Kurapatkin:

"Maj. Gen. Kashalinsky reports as follows: 'I consider it my duty to report the circumstances of the previous yet glorious battle fought by the troops under my command with the superior forces of the Japanese on May 1.'

"Early on the morning of April 30 the Japanese began to oppress our left flank, having on the previous evening occupied the Khussan heights after an attack, in consequence of which I ordered the Twenty-second regiment, which had occupied Khussan, to retire across the fire of 36 held guns and six batteries.

"On the morning of the same day an extraordinarily prolonged and violent bombardment of our whole position at Ku Lien Cheng commenced from Wili. I foresaw that the Japanese after the bombardment, in which over 2,000 projectiles were discharged, would take the offensive."

"I received orders from Lieut. Gen. Zassalitch to accept battle and to retain my position at Potientinsky."

"My left flank was defended by two battalions of the Twenty-second regiment and the Third Infantry of the Sixth brigade."

"The Japanese took the offensive at 5 o'clock in the morning, dispatching at least one division of infantry which, advancing in column, sustained enormous losses, but crossed the ford and attacked our position, which was exposed to the fire of 36 held guns and six batteries."

"The Japanese advanced and occupied the position. I ascertained that the Japanese had routed the battalion of the Twenty-second regiment posted at Chin Gou and were turning my left flank."

"At 1 o'clock in the afternoon my left flank was reinforced by two battalions of the Eleventh regiment and a battery commanded by Lieut. Col. Moravsky, which were sent from the reserve by Gen. Zassalitch with orders to hold their ground until the departure of the Ninth and Tenth regiments from Sakhodza. I ordered the Eleventh regiment to occupy a commanding position in the rear, from which they could fire on the enemy from two sides."

"I held Lieut. Moravsky's battery in reserve and ordered the Twelfth regiment, the Third battery and the quick-firing guns to retire under cover of the Eleventh regiment."

"My chief of staff led the rear guard to its position."

"At 1 o'clock the Japanese approached so close to the position held by the Eleventh regiment that the Third battery could not pass along under the cross-fire and, taking up a position a short distance from the Japanese, remained there until the end of the fighting, losing its commander, Lieut. Col. Moravsky."

"A company with quick-firing guns was brought up from the rear guard and the officer commanding this force, seeing the difficult situation of Moravsky's battery, took up a position on his own initiative. He lost half of his men and all his horses and attempted to remove his guns by hand to the shelter of the hills under the Japanese cross-fire. The quick-firing pieces discharged about 35,000 bullets."

"The Twelfth regiment cut its way through and saved its colors."

"The Second battery of the Sixth brigade, having attempted to rejoin the reserves by another route, could not ascend the mountain slopes, with only half its horses and, returning to its original position received the Japanese attack."

"The Eleventh regiment, which held its ground for two hours more with heavy losses, forced a passage at the point of the bayonet and crossed the ravine with its colors. It lost its colonel. We lost 40 officers and about 2,000 non-commissioned officers and men."

"The Japanese losses must have been enormous."

"The Russians retired in good order on Feng Wang Cheng."

"The men of the Third division maintained their excellent morale and over 700 wounded proceeded with their regiments to Feng Wang Cheng."

RUSSIAN LOSSES.
St. Petersburg, May 5, 2:47 a. m.—The Russian losses at the battle of Ku Lien Cheng were 2,000 men and 40 officers—far greater than previously reported. This is the official estimate of Maj. Gen. Kashalinsky who directly commanded the division that suffered the brunt of the attack, and whose report was received yesterday by the emperor. Many are inclined to place the Russian losses even higher. Gen. Kashalinsky mentions also that more than 700 wounded had arrived at Feng Wang Cheng and these may not be included in his calculations. He made no attempt to estimate the Japanese losses, merely stating that they must have been colossal.

The magnitude of the Russian losses had an almost stunning effect on the authorities and aroused general grief, mitigated only by satisfaction at the bravery displayed by the Russian troops.

Not for a moment was there any intention to pay such a terrible price for delay in the enemy's crossing of the Yalu. This fact was known throughout the city and gave rise to renewed reports, attributed to official sources, that Gen. Kurapatkin had officially censured Lieut. Gen. Zassalitch. If this was so, Gen. Kurapatkin's telegraphed criticism of Zassalitch was carefully cut out of the dispatches which have been published, and the general impression now held is that he will remain in Manchuria.

Kashalinsky's report establishes the fact that the Russians sustained the greatest loss in order to save the two regiments which were occupying An-tung.

The Eleventh regiment was given the post of honor at the rear with instructions to hold back the oncoming Japanese. The Twelfth regiment and the Third battery's quick firing detachment were directed to retire.

By the time the latter movement commenced the Japanese had almost surrounded the Russian position. The Twelfth regiment was compelled to charge with the bayonets and succeeded in breaking through the enemy's line. The Second battery, quick firing detachment, could not move the guns and were compelled to abandon them. The men of the Second battery put their shoulders to the wheels in an effort to push the guns up the mountain side, but the Japanese fire was so hot that they returned to the protection of the Eleventh regiment.

Nearer and nearer approached the Japanese, and a charge upon the Eleventh regiment and the Second battery was imminent, so the guns were abandoned.

Then a priest led the troops and they began the terrible march across the valley.

Ku Lien Cheng is history, and we must now deal with impending events."

The idea has prevailed that the Russians would make a stand at Feng Wang Cheng, but the fact that a Japanese occupation of that point would enable a movement to the southwest, thus cutting off the Liao Tung peninsula, has led to consideration by the authorities, leads to the expectation that Gen. Kurapatkin will dispatch strong reinforcements there and make a decided stand.

The activity of the Japanese, it is remarked here, is not only north of the Yalu, from which there is constant news, but also to the south, along the peninsula, though the failure to seal Port Arthur may interfere with the operations they had been expected to carry out on the west coast of that peninsula.

CATTLE GROWERS' ORGANIZATION.

Interstate Executive Committee
Is Appointed and an Adjournment Then Taken.

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Represent Utah—Assessment
Provided For.

Denver, May 4.—The convention composed of delegates of the cattle growers of the states west of the Missouri river today completed the organization of the cattle growers' interstate executive committee and adjourned. The following board of managers was elected, the second name for each state being that of the alternate: Texas, Mingo MacKenzie and Capt. John T. Lytle; New Mexico, W. C. Barnes and Frank Low; South Dakota, Frank M. Stewart; Montana, J. M. Berriman and J. M. Holt; Colorado, Conrad Schafer and A. N. Parrish; Utah, John White and M. K. Parsons; Kansas, M. M. Sherman and Senator Miller; Nebraska, W. G. Comstock and H. H. Robinson; Wyoming, Al Bowie; Indian territory, H. P. Ward and Dr. J. S. Fulton; Idaho, R. F. Butler and F. J. Hagenbarth; Iowa, A. L. Ames.

A. W. Turner of Texas and F. P. Johnson of Denver, president and secretary respectively of the interstate committee, are ex-officio members of the board.

An assessment of one-fourth of one cent on every head of stock owned by those who join was ordered. They will furnish a fund of \$100,000, it is said. H. H. Robinson of Denver was elected treasurer.

Committees will be appointed by the board of managers, which will begin a vigorous canvass of the railroads, stock yards and packers of the country. A corps of assistants will be employed to gather data of the methods employed by the meat trust. The evidence will be laid before the interstate commerce commission and a committee will later call upon Atty-Gen. Knox to institute proceedings against the meat combine.

Conferences will be held with heads of the railroads handling the livestock transportation regarding improved transportation and lower rates. The plans of the board of managers include the formation of local organizations in the various states represented in the conference for the agitation of the appointment of a board of railroad commissioners in each state.

Following is the outline of the objects of the organization, as given in the report of the organization committee: "To formulate, prepare and put into effect a plan of active operations looking into the securing of the passage of such laws and amendments thereof by the Congress of the United States as will afford the relief to which the livestock interests are entitled against exorbitant rates and injurious practices in the shipment of livestock; to urge upon the agricultural and shipping interests generally the necessity of organization and co-operation against unreasonable actions and injurious practices by the railroads of the country; and to do any and all things that may seem to this organization and to the organization it represents to be of benefit and advantage to the livestock interests."

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It is with pleasure that I recommend your medicine, and I cannot say too much in its praise. It is certainly better than all doctors for diseases caused by impure blood, whether inherited or otherwise. In addition to being much less expensive, it does its work thoroughly and without fail. Wishing you unlimited success, which your medicine so justly deserves, I remain,

W. H. STOCKTON, Montgomery, Va