

## GEN. KUROPATKIN IS STILL RETIRING

He Desires to Avoid a Decisive Engagement With the Japanese at the Present.

### HE WILL STRIKE WHEN READY.

Second Japanese Army Makes a Successful Landing at Pre-arranged.

St. Petersburg, May 18.—(6:40 p. m.)—Confirming the intimations that it is Gen. Kuropatkin's purpose to avoid a decisive combat with the Japanese at the present stage of the war, the statement was made by the general staff today that the commander in chief is making preparations to fall back on Mukden and then on Harbin.

While the superior numbers of the enemy compel a retirement, it does not follow that Gen. Kuropatkin will not strike a stinging blow should a strategic mistake be made which will enable him to throw a stronger army upon one of the advancing columns of his antagonists. The most exposed portion of Gen. Kuropatkin's command is that which has moved directly northward, evidently with the intention of gaining the road to Mukden, down which it will march as soon as the other columns are within supporting distance. Unless caution, heretofore the conspicuous feature of the Japanese, is observed, this column, it is believed here, will fall the victim of its temerity, as Gen. Kuropatkin is known to be holding it especially under close surveillance.

Kuropatkin's decision to withdraw from Liao Yang can only mean, according to the experts, that they will continue to be affairs of outposts unless another Gen. Zassalich should develop. The controlling strategic point at Hai Cheng will not be held as believed, Kuropatkin deciding it to be unwise to isolate more troops who would not, being at Port Arthur, find it difficult to assist until relief arrives. This is one of the reasons which dictated the withdrawal of the Russians from Newchwang, official details of which have not yet been made public. The experts say that the debarkation of the Japanese at Newchwang at this time would be nothing more or less than a strategic blunder advantageous to the Russians, as they are still holding the railroad and could rush a force there, fall on the Japanese and retire before a column sent by Gen. Kuropatkin could get between them and Liao Yang. The opinion, therefore, prevails that the Japanese will not occupy Newchwang until Kuropatkin's column arrives at Hai Cheng or its immediate vicinity. The general staff confirms the announcement of the abandonment of Kin Chou by the Russians after the dismantling of the forts and the removal of the guns to Port Arthur.

### SECOND JAPANESE ARMY.

Tokio, May 18.—(9:30 p. m.)—The official report of the landing of the second Japanese army has been received here. It is as follows:

"The army arrived at the prearranged place on May 5 and under cover of the navy began landing at 8 o'clock in the morning. None of the enemy

were observed. According to native reports, there were about 300 of the enemy at Pulandien, 100 on the Pitzwo road, 300 at Pitzwo and 600 in front of the landing place. Immediately detachments were sent to Pitzwo to destroy the telegraph line, and to Pulandien to destroy the railroad. "On May 6 detachments of our men dispersed small detachments of the enemy from an eminence south of Pulandien, and from the railroad station to the southwest. Simultaneously the engineers destroyed the bridge and the telegraph line. The enemy who were dispersed had 300 infantry and 100 cavalry. Our loss was one man killed and four men wounded. Two hundred of the enemy's cavalry posted at Pitzwo retired, and without resistance we cut the wire and captured the instruments.

"On May 7 we sent a detachment to destroy the railroad and the telegraph wire between Pulandien and Sanchilipu. This detachment dispersed the enemy's cavalry, 100 strong, and cut the railroad at Sanchilipu in two places. One lieutenant and three men were killed and nine men wounded.

"On May 13 the railroad was destroyed to the northwest of Pulandien. "On May 16 we took possession of a line of hills for four miles, from Chichon to Chienleu, driving the enemy to the southeast. The enemy consisted of three or four battalions and eight guns. Our losses were 145 men killed and wounded.

"A Red Cross train was sent forward on May 13."

### KUROPATKIN TO THE CZAR.

St. Petersburg, May 18.—Gen. Kuropatkin has sent the following dispatch to the emperor dated May 17: "A detachment of the Japanese advanced guard, which had occupied until May 14 the Sin Hai Tin delta and the village of Kankeiputze, 25 miles north of Liao Yang, Chienleu, has retired toward Sanchilipu, in the valley of the affluent which enters the Pato river on the left bank.

"There is a small Japanese detachment at Tyang-Ko. "Serjan (Siu-Yen) is still unoccupied by the Japanese, who have conducted a reconnaissance in force at Setehoge, 18 miles to the southeast. "Information has been received to the effect that the Japanese have evacuated Tukushan.

"The Japanese have detachments of infantry at Luan-Shiao and Sanchilipu, namely, 600 at the former and 300 at the latter place. Their other forces have retired in the direction of Feng Wang Cheng.

"The Japanese are 11 miles southwest of Feng Wang Cheng, there is a Japanese force of 5,000.

"The rain is making the roads bad."

### Czar Reviews Troops.

Kremenchug, Government of Poltava, Russia, Wednesday, May 18.—During his review of the forces bound for the far east, today the emperor, addressing the troops, said: "I am certain, in memory of the fight, that the qualities of the regiment celebrated for its defense of the Shipka Pass will be abundantly realized in the campaign on which they are now embarking. In the present difficult and dangerous campaign I feel certain you will overcome the enemy and return safely to your native homes."

### Jews See the Czar.

Poltava, Russia, Wednesday, May 18.—The emperor during his visit here today was waited upon by a deputation of Jews, who assured his majesty of the loyalty of themselves and their coreligionists.

### KISHINEFF TRIALS.

Result in Jew Haters Being Defined of Civil Rights.

Kishineff, May 18.—The last trial of persons connected with the Jewish riots was concluded before the court of appeals today. Georgitz and Radenkoff

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### IN TROUBLE IN MEXICO.

American Engineer Held for Causing Wreck of a Train.

Denver, May 18.—Police Capt. Frank W. Lee of this city has received a letter from his brother, Timothy J. Lee, formerly a resident of Denver, stating that he was practically a prisoner at Zacatecas, Mexico, and calling upon him to make efforts to effect his release. "Information has been brought about through the wrecking of a Mexican Central passenger train, of which Lee was engineer. Capt. Lee has requested Gov. Peabody to bring the matter to the attention of the state department at Washington.

### U. S. Realty Co. Reorganization.

New York, May 18.—Reorganization plans of the finances of the United States Realty and Construction company have been agreed upon by the directors, and will be announced shortly, says the Herald. It is understood the financial end of the company will be thoroughly overhauled, and the capital greatly reduced, some estimates placing the new figure at \$30,000,000. The capital of the present company is \$60,000,000.

A new company will be formed and a change in name is also contemplated. Instead of a big issue of preferred stock, it is said that there will be a form of income or debenture bonds issued.

### Rev. Malcolm McVicar Dead.

New York, May 18.—The Rev. Dr. Malcolm McVicar, president of the Union University of Richmond, Va., and who was connected with the Baptist Home Mission Society, is dead at Mont Clair.

### Mexican Liberal Party.

Mexico City, May 18.—The convention of the National Liberal party, which was to have met here Friday, has been postponed until June 6, owing to the feeling among prominent Liberals that more time is needed to consider the situation of the various candidates for the vice presidency.

## JAPANESE LOSE TWO WARSHIPS.

Battleship Shikishima and Cruiser Asama Strike Mines, Both Sinking

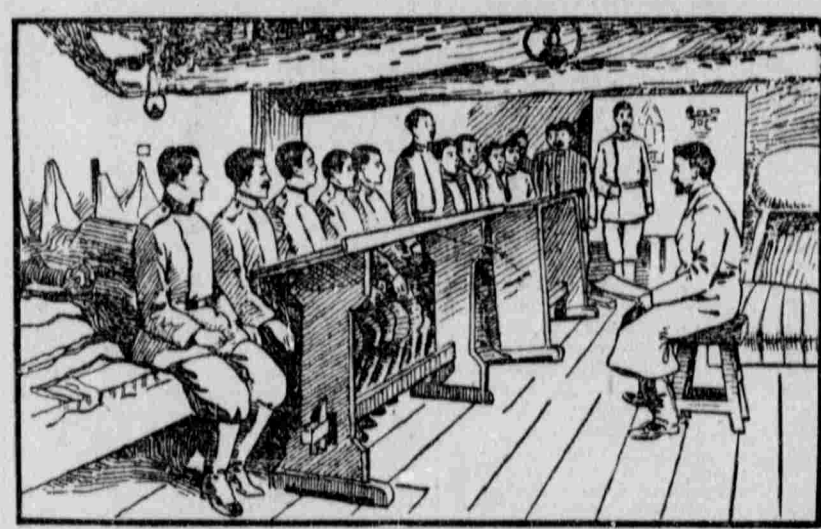
### WERE BOMBARDING PORT ARTHUR

While Story is Not Confirmed It Seems To Be Very Well Authenticated.

Chefoo, May 19, 12:30 p. m.—A party of 13 Russians arriving from Dainy this morning by junk are authority for the statement that during a bombardment of Port Arthur by the Japanese Monday afternoon the Japanese battleship Shikishima and the cruiser Asama struck mines and sank.

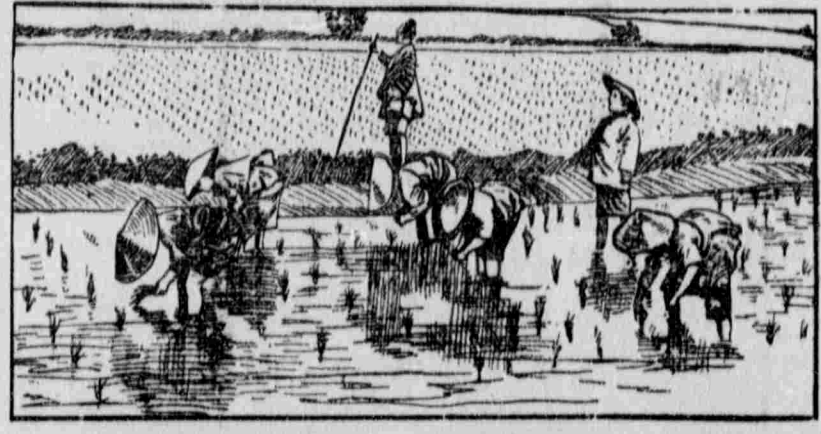
The Russians say that the Shikishima sank two minutes after running on the mine, and that the Asama was being towed away by a vessel of the bombarding fleet when she also went down. "The 13 Russians seem to have obtained their information from the commanding officer at Dainy, who showed them, they assert, a telegram from Port Arthur that the bombardment commenced at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon and that two hours later the Shikishima struck the mine and was soon at the bottom. During the confusion that followed, according to the story told,

### RUSSIAN MILITARY SCHOOL IN MANCHURIA.



If there ever was any doubt of the intention of Russia to hold on to Manchuria until forcibly pried loose, that doubt was long ago dispelled. The manner in which Muscovite troops have been pouring into the province for the past six months speaks more loudly than the evasions of a diplomat. The Slav soldier is ordinarily a rather stolid and stupid individual, having absolutely no education and knowing little of military training. For this reason Russian underground military schools have been established along the line of the Manchurian railway. The illustration shows one of these schools.

### JAPANESE WOMEN IN THE RICE FIELDS.



The curious admixture of western and eastern customs in the Land of the Rising Sun is forcibly brought to mind by the Japanese treatment of women. Dressed in a European gown the Jap wife is permitted to walk at her husband's side. In her own native kimono she must keep a pace in the rear. The women also do much of the work in the fields. The chief food of the country is rice, and the work of cultivating and weeding the growing crop revolves on the fair sex. However, Japan's fate is no better in this regard, as the men and women of Russia work side by side in the hay fields.

the Asama also struck on a mine and was taken in tow, but was settling so fast that it was found necessary to abandon her.

A number of Russian torpedo boats then went out, but the Japanese received reinforcements and the Russians retired.

Today's arrivals say that the entrance to Port Arthur was blocked, but one of the sunken steamers was removed and the entrance is now open, but it is still dangerous and the Russian fleet has been ordered to remain in the harbor until the arrival of Admiral Skrydloff, who will take command.

Communication north of Dainy has been completely severed.

### BATTLESHIPS DESCRIBED.

Chefoo, May 14, noon.—The warships reported to have been sunk off Port Arthur are the battleship Shikishima and the armored cruiser Asama. The story is not believed here, but the Russians who brought the news insist that it is true.

The Shikishima is a first class battleship of 14,250 tons displacement. She is 400 feet in length, 75 feet beam and has draught of 27 feet and an indicated horsepower of 14,500. Her armor belt is 9.4 inches thick and her turret armor is 14.5 inches thick. She carries four 12-inch guns, 14 6-inch guns and 20 quick-firers. She has five torpedo tubes. Her speed is reckoned at 18.5 knots, and she carries a complement of 741 men. The Shikishima was built on the Thames in 1893.

### SANK IN TWO MINUTES.

Chefoo, May 19 (3 p. m.).—People just arrived here from Dainy have reported to the Russian consul that the Japanese battleship Shikishima sank in two minutes after contact with the submarine mine and that there was no time to save the crew. The accident happened, it is said, within sight of Port Arthur. The battleship Full, not the cruiser Asama, which struck the mine on the port bow, had a heavy list and was also down by the bow, but was righted and went off in tow of the other cruisers. It is thought impossible, however, that she could reach port.

The rumor at Dainy, to the effect that the Asama had sunk in Kerr Bay, probably refers to the sinking of the

steel cruiser Miyaka, which took place there recently by coming in contact with a submarine mine.

The Russian consul personally had a telegram from Dainy saying that it is rumored there that two Japanese battleships had been sunk off Port Arthur. Refugees coming in say that the town received no damage from the bombardment and that considerable land fighting is going on to the north of Dainy.

### AN INDIAN DRUNK.

Ends in Fight and Death of a Brave.

Portland, Or., May 19.—A special to the Oregonian from John Day, Or., says:

Some Indians from the Columbia river who are roaming over the hills and along the streams of Grant county became intoxicated at Dayville. They then engaged in an altercation which ended in a hot fight, during which two of the braves received severe punishment. These two met later on the bridge across the John Day river and engaged in a duel, using their spurs as weapons. The duel ended with the killing of one of the braves. This sobered the rest of the Indians and binding the dead warrior on a horse together with that of a baby which had been killed in the fight, they disappeared across the mountains in the direction of the Columbia river.

### SCATTERED MANGE.

Indian Ponies Do Great Damage in Oregon.

John Day, Or., May 19.—Many thousands of dollars damage has been done by roaming Indians whose ponies—about 500 in number—have scattered mange throughout the stock in this part of Grant county. When Secy. of State Dunbar was notified he directed the authorities to kill the ponies, but the Indians, the meantime, disappeared in the direction of the Columbia river. It is expected that they will return later and then the order will be executed. It is almost certain that the Indians will resist the extermination of their band and it is considered probable that a serious battle will occur be-

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