

ALL IS QUIET

Not Much News of Interest from Seat of War.

FIERCE ATTACK ON A JAPANESE GARRISON.

Russians Claim Railway is Open to Port Arthur.

HEAVY EXPLOSIONS AT PORT ARTHUR.

Believed Russians are Blowing up Their Own Ships.

Seoul, May 11.—A Russian force estimated to number 200 men attacked Anju yesterday.

The small Japanese garrison of that place is fighting fiercely.

Despairing Russians.

Tokio, May 11.—Admiral Togo reports that since May 6, many explosions have been heard coming from the vicinity of Port Arthur, but their cause has not been ascertained.

The impression here is that the Russians, despairing of their ability to defend Port Arthur, are destroying their ships before evacuating the place.

London, May 11.—A despatch to the Central News from Liao Yang, dated today says: "A train hence reached Port Arthur yesterday.

Railway officials say that no Japanese troops were observed near the railway, but that some Japanese cavalry were seen behind Feng Wang Cheng.

Casualties at Yalu.

Antung, May 11.—The official report of the casualties at the battle of Yalu shows 31 Japanese officers killed, 35 wounded, 160 men killed, and 666 wounded.

On the Russian side 1,362 men were found dead on the field, 475 wounded are in Japanese hospitals, and 138 men were taken prisoners.

Captured munitions of war brought here include 20 field pieces, 10 machine guns, much small arm ammunition, twenty transport wagons, two ambulances and band instruments, the latter perforated with bullets.

Paris, May 11.—The *Matin's* St. Petersburg correspondent says it is persistently rumored that there has been a big fight near Mao Tien Ling pass between the Russians and General Kuroki's army.

The Russians, he says, lost heavily, Lieut.-General Zassalitch being among the killed.

London, May 11.—The Tokio correspondent of the Morning Post, cabling under date of May 10, says that a high gale bombardment of Port Arthur is proceeding.

St. Petersburg, May 10.—Silent as the grave are the Russians concerning General Kuropatkin's plans, only declaring that his tactics would be vindicated.

Thereport of the appearance of the enemy at Kwan Tien Zien on the Mukden road, from the Yalu, causes some disquieted. The report is three days old. Only small detachments of infantry and cavalry then appeared, but it is possible that they were advanced skirmisher of General Kuroki's fourth division who were sent northward to protect the Japanese right flank. If the Japanese could get on this road, above Liao Yang,

the Russian position there would be threatened. The papers here seem more concerned about the effect of the Japanese success upon the Chinese than about the ultimate result of the campaign.

The Russ, reviewing the war to date, says:—

"The fears expressed as to the effect even of the temporary successes of the Japanese upon the Asiatics are more general and are beginning to seriously alarm many of the leaders of European politics who dread further complications. Moderation and caution are the principal orders of the day for all Europeans governments."

The Bourse Gazette remarks: "It is not given us to know how long the night will last, but we know the morning will come. This not only a question of the Far East but of our position in Asia and world. Our great development since the Crimean war is not to be destroyed by the Japanese army penetrating into Manchuria."

ST. LAWRENCE NAVIGATION.

Still Impeded by Ice—Steamer Turns Back.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Montreal, May 11.—The field ice in the gulf of St. Lawrence is still impeding shipping.

The steamer Britannic which sailed from here Saturday last for Sydney, has passed Low point on her way back up the gulf, having found the lower gulf blocked with ice.

Special Meeting.

A meeting of the road committee has been called for Thursday evening to consider the advisability of tendering for the purchase of the government steam roller, and also to deal with an application from the Peoples Light and Power Company for some modifications in their agreement with the city.

Mr and Mrs A W Edgcombe are to leave by the six o'clock train this evening for London, Ont, where Mr Edgcombe attends the meeting of the Canadian Ticket Agents Association, afterwards they proceeded to the St. Louis Fair.

Market Fees Sold.

The tolls and fees from the Phoenix Square market were sold at auction this morning and bid in by Mr. R. H. Rainford for \$101, an advance of \$1 on the upset price.

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SENSATION.

Former Conservative Candidate in Selkirk

ADMITS HIS CONVERSION TO LIBERALISM.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Winnipeg, May 11.—The Free Press publishes a remarkable political document. It is a letter written by Mr. J. H. Haslam, who was the Conservative candidate in Selkirk at the last general election and who, as president of a large land company, is vitally interested in the settlement of the west.

It contains an out and out condemnation of the Conservative policy of extreme protection.

He concludes as follows: "One of the great needs in either political, industrial, commercial, or any other sphere of human effort is strong, vigorous leadership, and this is certainly something the Conservative party has not given us since the death of Sir John Macdonald. People must feel that those who blaze out for them the path of progress shall not be weakened by divided councils.

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