

AT AWFUL COST

Japs Capture Rihlung
Fort After Desperate
StruggleIN WHICH VICTORS LOST
1,000 MEN.Garrison of 500 Russians
Escaped.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Tokio, Dec. 29.—Noon.—After months of fighting, sapping and trenching the Japanese occupied Rihlung Mountain last night.

A report received here from the headquarters of the Japanese third army before Port Arthur, midnight, Dec. 28, says: At ten o'clock this morning the left centre column of our army, following seven heavy frontal explosion at the parapet of Rihlung Mountain, charged and occupied the parapet under cover of fire from heavy guns and constructed defence works despite the enemy's fierce fire.

At four o'clock in the afternoon, when our occupation was practically assured, we charged and occupied the inner lines with heavy gun subsequently dislodging the remnant of the enemy's force stubbornly held the Gorge Fort, after which we occupied and captured the entire works Headquarters Japanese army, Port Arthur, Fusan, Dec. 29.—Rihlung Fort was captured at 3 o'clock this morning, with a thousand Japanese casualties.

Seven mines were exploded and made breaks in the frontal wall through which large bodies of Japanese charged under a tremendous fire and captured nine light guns.

It was a bitter fight, but resulted in the capture of the fort. The garrison, numbering 500 men, escaped.

New York, Dec. 29.—A Tokio despatch to the Times says:

Both houses of parliament have commanded their presidents to proceed to the railway station to meet Admiral Togo and Vice Admiral Kamimura, who are expected to reach Tokio Friday.

The House of representatives amid loud acclamations today voted an address of congratulation and welcome to Togo.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES.

Tokio, Dec. 28.—Tokio is again a great military camp, and the scenes of last spring, when the first armies were mobilized and despatched, are being duplicated. Thousands of recruits and reservists are assembling drilling and equipping preparatory to taking the field. The permanent and temporary barracks are filled and it is necessary to billet soldiers brought to the city.

Oyama field is a scene of activity, where infantry and cavalry are constantly drilling. The batteries fire blank cartridges for the purpose of breaking in the new horses. The general artillery preparations are enormous. It is planned to give Field Marshal Oyama a rough total of half a million men, with a heavily increased artillery arm besides providing a defence for Formosa and Southern Islands in anticipation of the Russian Second Pacific Squadron's attempt to seize a base.

The port of Kelung, in Formosa, has been declared in a state of siege and other preparations in Formosa and the Pescadores are progressing. Winter is not interfering with the Japanese transport service. The railway between Dalny and Yentai is working well and running time between Tokio and Liaovang is six days.

Huanshan, Dec. 28.—Everything continues quiet along the front of the hostile armies. There is little expectation of a decisive movement till spring, when it will be possible for both sides to throw in strong reinforcements and recommence the campaign in earnest. In the meantime the chief Japanese uneasiness seems to be with regard to their communications eastward. They have an unusually full equipment of narrow gauge field railways, one of which connects General Kuroki's base at Shapedzi with Feng Wang Chang with a branch to Simatza. A supplementary line is being constructed connecting Liao Yang with Haicheng. There is an important line of warehouses along the Yalu river, and many bridges have recently been constructed with a care unusual in field operations. This

elaborate system, has been seriously threatened by Gen. Rennokampff's raids southeastward. There are many evidences that the Japanese are strengthening and fortifying their line of communications toward Korea, which necessarily will absorb a considerable force.

Che Foo, Dec. 28, 11 p. m.—It is reported here that the Japanese in front of Port Arthur have mounted two 28-centimetre guns on 203 Metre Hill.

The persistent rumor which has been in circulation for the past two weeks that several torpedo boat destroyers had escaped from Port Arthur and succeeded in reaching Vladivostok is denied by the officers of the British steamer Ellamy, which arrived here today from Vladivostok. These officers say that the cruisers of the Vladivostok squadron, Russia and Gromoboi, are in good shape.

An Assault Case.

Mr. F. O. Foster of Forest City was before the police court today on the charge of assault preferred against him by Mr. Ernest Blanchard also of Forest City. Blanchard claims that Foster went to his home on December 10th, to collect a bill and on his refusing to pay kicked and beat him. Foster pleaded not guilty to the charge. Mr. R. W. McLellan appeared for the prosecution and Mr. O. F. Crockett for the defence. The case is going on this afternoon.

MR. BLAIR INTERVIEWED.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Hon. A. G. Blair this morning absolutely denied any connection with the alleged Russell-Blair plot to overthrow the government. "I have had nothing to do with it, and am surprised at the rubbish the papers are publishing about a plot to gobble Canada. It is all rot this talk of a Yankee syndicate to supply money and control Canada. I don't think anyone believes the story of ten thousand dollars apiece to purchase the resignation of government supporters. Asked as to opening a law office at Ottawa, Mr. Blair said 'no, but it may ultimately come to that.'"

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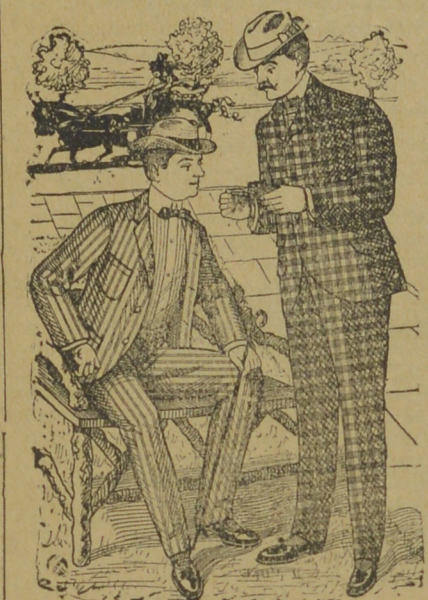
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