

HORRID WAR.

Sanguinary Battle in which Both Sides Lost Heavily.

**RUSSIANS KILLED, 500,
PRISONERS, 300, JAPS'
LOSS, 1,000.**

St. Petersburg Acknowledges Defeat with Retreat Cut Off.

TWO JAPANESE TRANSPORTS SUNK BY THE ENEMY.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

St. Petersburg, June 16.—It is rumored throughout the city that General Stakelberg suffered a disastrous defeat at Vafangow, and that his retreat is being cut off.

A Bloody Battle.

Tokio, June 16.—In the fight which is reported to have taken place at Tiesessa on the railroad about 70 miles south of Port Arthur, the Russians lost 500 killed, 300 taken prisoners and 14 guns.

The casualties on the Japanese side are estimated at 1,000 men killed and wounded.

All doubt as to the sinking of the Transports Hiachi and Sado by the Russians has been removed. Three hundred and ninety-seven survivors of the Hitachi have arrived at Kokura.

Details of the destruction of the two transports and the full extent of the casualties are not obtainable.

A Japanese Victory.

London, June 16.—A despatch to the Daily Express from Tokio, dated June 15, says news has been received there, but has not yet been officially published, of a great Japanese victory near Fu Chou on the railway, 70 miles north of Port Arthur. The Russians, it is added, were overwhelmed, lost a thousand men, left all their guns on the field and retreated in disorder.

The Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Tokio, cables the same news, adding that the Russians, to the number of 7,000 men, are now in full flight towards Tshi Chaise and Kaio Chow.

Naval Operations.

London, June 15.—A despatch to the Central News from Tokio, filed at 6 p. m., says:

A despatch just received from Moji says the cannonading at sea stopped at 1 p. m. There was a heavy sea in the straits all day. Ten Japanese merchant steamers are known to have left various ports for Moji and there is much anxiety about their fate.

It is rumored tonight that the Russian warships have gone eastward.

Tokio, June 15, 4 p. m.—A flotilla of torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers under the command of Captain Tsuchiya, and co-operating with the army, made a reconnaissance in force near Siaoping Island yesterday and bombarded the Russian outposts on the coast to the west on the island. At noon the Russian cruiser Novik, conveying ten torpedo boat destroyers, steamed out from Port Arthur. The Russian shore batteries protected these vessels with a heavy cannonade.

The Japanese flotilla retreated slowly, firing as it went for the purpose of decoying the enemy to sea. At three o'clock in the afternoon the Russian ships returned to the entrance of Port Arthur. The fact that the Novik came out of Port Arthur, makes it certain that the Russians have blasted a channel through the cement-laden merchantmen sunk by the Japanese in the entrance to the harbor.

This freedom of egress comes too late to permit of any effort on the operations of the Japanese army, for men, guns and stores have practically all been landed and Admiral Togo is capable of keeping the remnants of the Russian fleet imprisoned in Port Arthur.

Last Monday night Japanese vidette boats, protected by torpedo boats and torpedo-boat destroyers, succeeded in reaching the entrance to

Port Arthur and planted a series of mines.

The Battle Proceeds.

London, June 15.—The correspondent of the Central News at Liao Yang telegraphed today as follows: "The fighting at Vafangow (about 55 miles north of Port Arthur, was renewed today and is still proceeding. No details are obtainable, but there are persistent rumors that the Russians were partly successful, destroying three squadrons of cavalry and making prisoners of sixty men. The Russian casualties in the fighting yesterday were 308 men killed or wounded. The Japanese casualties are not known."

Liao Yang, June 15.—The battle of Vafangow lasted till 8 o'clock yesterday evening. The Japanese in tremendous force attacked the Russian position, but were repulsed with terrible loss. It is reported that three squadrons of Japanese dragoons were absolutely wiped out and that sixty men were captured. The Russian losses were 311 men. Col. Khvastoroff commanding the first rifle regiment, was killed.

According to the latest reports received here the Russian troops were attacking the Japanese at six o'clock this morning, but no particulars are obtainable.

THE CONFERENCE.

A Delegate all the Way from New Zealand.

The Methodist Conference continued in ministerial session yesterday afternoon.

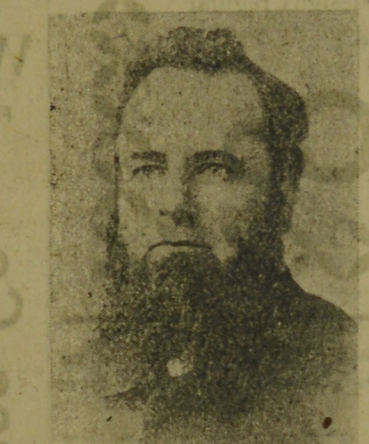
The Committee on Conference relations reported as follows:

That Rev. J. Clements, A. E. LaPage and Joseph Parkins be granted the supernumerary rotations. On motion it was resolved that letters of sympathy be sent to Revs. Parkins and Clements.

The special committee recommended that Rev. B. Hartman, A. B., be admitted as a member of conference.

Almost the entire afternoon was taken up with considering a number of applications for admission in the Conference. That of Rev. Mr. Bolt was refused, and that of Rev. Mr. Alder of the West Indies was after long discussion referred back to a special committee.

The request of Rev. C. W. Hamilton to be left without a circuit for one year in order to engage in tem-



Rev. Dr. Evans, one of the Veterans.

perance work, was not granted. Rev. T. J. Deinstadt was left without a circuit until the station sheet should be brought down. On their own request Revs. Dr. Brecken, W. W. Brewer and R. J. Wilson, were left without circuits for the year.

The Conference passed a resolution expressing sympathy with Rev. J. B. Champion in the affliction which causes his retirement from the active work for the present.

Last night the President, Rev. J. C. Berrie and Rev. Dr. Stewart conducted the Conference communion service. Rev. W. C. Matthews gave an inspiring address on Christian service.

Today's Session.

The full Conference of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island opened this morning. After the usual devotional exercises conducted by the President, the names of the laymen reported as elected by the District meetings were read. The number of the laymen for the St. Stephen district was called in question and considerable discussion ensued. The President ruled that the number was correct. Notice of appeal from this decision was given by Rev. Geo. Steel.

Seventy-three ministers and twenty-six laymen answered the roll-call. The Conference then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. On the fourth ballot Rev. C. W. Hamilton was elected president. Rev. G. M. Young was re-elected secretary by a large majority. The secretary nominated for assistant secretaries Rev. G. F. Dawson, journal secretary, and Rev. Harry Harrison, statistical secretary. Rev. G. W. Fisher introduced Rev. J. J. Penfield, of the New Zealand Conference. A letter of introduction was read from the president of that Conference and on motion Mr. Penfield was invited to the platform. Mr. Penfield made an eloquent speech, referring in feeling terms to the manner in which he had been received in this country, and to the brotherly feeling entertained by the Methodists the world over.

The minutes of the ministerial session were being read when the time for adjournment arrived.

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Sir Charles Scott.

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About Pickles.

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