

THE WAR TODAY.

Russians Defeated in Series of Minor Engagements.

THE JAPS OCCUPY FIRST LINE OF DEFENCE AT PORT ARTHUR.

The Czar's Confidence in Kuropatkin is Unshaken.

An Attack Imminent.

Tokio, June 4.—The commander of the Japanese forces south of the Yalu river, telegraphed from Seoul today news of a series of fighting north of the Pu Len Tien, about 40 miles north of Port Adams, Liao Tung peninsula, on Sunday, received from Japanese cavalry scouting in the vicinity of Chou Chia Tung. It was learned that the cossacks had been located at Telisau, and the Japanese thereupon despatched infantry and cavalry, which defeated and pursued them. The Russian forces consisted of three squadrons.

At Chang Ching Tang these forces were joined by additional squadrons, and the Japanese again attacked and defeated the Russians.

Five companies of infantry and a battery of horse artillery joined the Russian army at Lung Wang Miao, where the Japanese attacked them the third time, and the Russians fell back to Tellisu, where the Japanese and Russian cavalry continued in contact Monday night.

Sharp Fighting.

Seoul, June 4.—The commissioner of customs of Gen San, Korea, wires that a Russian attack on that place is deemed imminent. He is making preparations to remove the women and children to a mountain monastery 20 miles distant. A Junk has reported that the Russians have landed field pieces at Sahah river, near Ham Haung, north of Gensan on Brighton Bay or the Gulf of Korea, at which place Cossacks reinforcements are expected.

Victorious Japs.

London, June 3.—The Rome correspondent of the Central News telegraphs: "A Tokio despatch to the Giornale d'Italia says that the Japanese have occupied the first line of the outer fortifications of Port Arthur after a feeble resistance."

The correspondent at Tokio of the Agent Liberas says that four divisions of Japanese troops have occupied Kwan Tung heights, on which they emplaced heavy artillery dominating Port Arthur.

The same correspondent says the Russian squadron attempted a sortie but was forced to return, being threatened by the Japanese fleet.

Kuropatkin to Keep His Plans Dark.

St. Petersburg, June 4.—The best informed military circles attach no importance to the report that Gen. Kuropatkin has detached a large force of his army at LioYang, and despatched it southward to relieve Port Arthur, and it is distinctly denied that Emperor Nicholas personally ordered such a movement. It can be authoritatively stated that the emperor's confidence in Kuropatkin is unshaken, and his majesty is not attempting to interfere with his plan of campaign. While no such army has been despatched southward it is natural that Kuropatkin will do all possible to harass Gen. Oka's rear. The railway has been kept open so

far as Vafangow, 25 miles above Kin Chou, and it is not unlikely, that when the Japanese have failed to push through a line across the head of the Liao Tung peninsula, that several thousand Russian troops may be sent down the roadway to impede the Japanese operations and inflict as much damage as possible, as these could be withdrawn by railroad if the enemy threatened to cut the line of communications above.

The impression is being thrown out in certain quarters here that Kuropatkin is about to take the offensive, and that an engagement with Kuropatkin is imminent. But so far as can be ascertained, there is no solid foundation for this. It is unquestionable, however, that the railway is pouring troops into Manchuria at the rate of almost 2,500 a day, and it will not be long at the present rate before the Russian commander-in-chief will be at least on equal terms with any force the enemy can bring against him. The general staff is keeping dark about the whereabouts and purpose of Cossacks reported to be working around Kuropatkin's rear, and the number of raiders operating in Corea.

Russians Couldn't Stand Jap Artillery

General Stoessel reports that owing to the absence of the support of warships against the Japanese artillery fire at the time of the final assault on the Russian position on Nanshan Hill during the evening of May 26th, he at 8 o'clock gave the order to blow up the guns and retire. The general expects that the order was only partially executed, as the enemy's flank movements necessitated promptness in retreat which he says was carried out with great coolness, thus accounting for the smallness of the Russian losses. General Stoessel also says the enemy's losses must have run far into the thousands, the Japanese mortality in storming Nanshan Hill being frightful. General Stoessel pays a high tribute to the Russian troops and refers in terms of the warmest praise to the skill and courage displayed by General Fock whom he recommends for the St. George Cross. He does not mention that Fock was wounded so that the general staff assumes that the report to this effect was untrue. As General Stoessel specially praises a regiment which was not in General Fock's division, the general staff concludes therefrom that five regiments or about 12,000 men were engaged on the Russian side.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Rev. D. J. Fraser's Appointment—Other Matters.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

St. John, June 4.—This morning the General Assembly received a deputation from the Church of England, who wished to place on record their appreciation of Presbyterian Church work.

Mr. David Morrill of Montreal, presented a report in regard to the Ontario Presbyterian College, which was passed. He recommended that Rev. D. J. Fraser of St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, St. John, be appointed to the chair of New Testament History and Exegesis, at salary of \$2,500, and that Montreal Presbyterian induct Drs. Scrimger and Fraser.

This afternoon a reception will be tendered Rev. Dr. Chapman, representing the Northern Presbyterian Church of the United States, and immediately afterwards church union will be discussed.

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