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TOGO WINS SEA FIGHT

Russians Lose Two Warships in Daring Sortie from Port Arthur—Japanese Fleet Sustains No Harm.

Tokio, June 28.—Admiral Togo reports an engagement at Port Arthur last Thursday in which a battleship of the Peresvet type was sunk and a battleship of the Sebastopol type and a first class cruiser of the Diana type were damaged. The Japanese fleet was practically undamaged.

Admiral Togo sends no details, but it is reported that the Port Arthur fleet came out of the harbor on Thursday and engaged the Japanese fleet.

Russia has had seven battleships at Port Arthur since the destruction of the Petropavlovsk, two of the seven—the Charevitch and the Retvizan were repaired during Togo's first attack, on the night of Feb. 8. Another, the Pobieda, was torpedoed the day after the Petropavlovsk was sunk. This left Russia four effective battleships, the Peresvet, the Sevastopol, the Poltava, and the Sebastopol.

The Peresvet and the Oslabia are sister ships, being built from the same plans. They both differ notably from the others, and it may be assumed that the battleship sunk by Admiral Togo Thursday was either the Peresvet or the Oslabia.

The injured battleship must either have been the Poltava or the Sebastopol. These battleships formed another division of Russian navy, and with the Petropavlovsk, they were built on the same designs.

Under Admiral Togo's direction, the cruiser Diana must have been refitted in Japan. It is known Togo's dispatch. The Diana and Pallada are the only cruisers of that type at Port Arthur. The Diana was a first class cruiser with a displacement of 6,285 tons.

Both the Peresvet and the Oslabia are battle ships. Each had a displacement of 12,647 tons. Each has 434 feet long and each carried thirty-six officers and men.

Russians Admit Serious Loss

St. Petersburg, June 27.—According to a foreign naval attache, the admiralty admitted today that Admiral Alexis N. Withoft, the naval commander at Port Arthur, lost two battleships and two cruisers June 23, but in the absence of detailed reports it was an inclination to believe that the ship struck mines, the admiralty not believing, in view of the Japanese statement, that injuries to the Retvizan and Czarevitch, which the Japanese claim to have remained in the outer roadstead at night, thus inviting a dash by the Japanese torpedoes.

In high court and army and naval circles where the report of the Port Arthur affair has been freely circulated, the Japanese version is received with considerable reserve.

The officials do not attempt to disguise the belief that the disaster has result from the loss of three of the Port Arthur ships, but they prefer to be more inclined to believe that the ships were lost in open fight rather than as the result of a night torpedo attack. Should this be the case, they say, the ships might not have escaped without material loss and the crippling of one or two of their battleships, enough to make the command of the sea to the Baltic squadron.

Contradictory Reports of Land Fighting Come in.

St. Petersburg, June 27—It is reported that a serious land fight has taken place near Tatekichou, in which the Russians were defeated. No confirmation of this report is obtainable.

Liaoyang, June 27—The second Japanese army under Gen. Oku, is advancing in force from the south, its advanced detachments at Sipiling Pass, Mr. Proctor's agent, the Associated Press, learning a Junctura with Gen. Kuroki's army.

Japanese Armies United.

Kuroki's Forces Reach Back.

London, June 28.—The Russian army in the south is retreating (Kaiping). The two Japanese armies have joined and the Japanese have formed a Junction at Kaichou and are advancing northward.

The Japanese have cut the collapse of Kouropatkin's effort to hamper the flanks of the armies of the generals Oku and Kuroki from uniting their armies.

Kouropatkin was forced to hurry south to save Stackelberg's shattered right wing. Kouropatkin now fears he can only save his army by a retreat, which will be almost as demoralizing as a defeat.

A dispatch to the Express from Chefoo says the Japanese forces in Manchurian brigade has joined Gen. Stackelberg's army. The Japanese Russians a good position on the railway, enabling a strong force to cover their retreat. Kouropatkin is reported to be good order to the north.

A column of Japanese sent to interpose between the two Russian forces has been lost touch with, but is also appear at a critical moment. A strong column of Russian cavalry is scouting in front of Liao Yang.

There are the usual rumors of a great battle between Kouropatkin and Kaichou, but they have not been confirmed. The Tokio correspondent of the Paris Petit Journal telegraphs that the fighting has been desperate and sanguinary, about 150,000 men being engaged along a front of twenty-five miles. He says that success has been with the Russian and Japanese alternately, and that the issue is still undecided.

Reports from Chefoo state that the Japanese have bombarded Port Arthur from land and sea almost continuously since Thursday. The bombardment was resumed after a few hours on two nights and during the daylight of Sunday. These reports are from Chinese sources, and have not yet been confirmed.

All Plans Completed for Decisive Land Engagement.

St. Petersburg, June 28.—The great battle of the season in the Far East is all arranged. Its scene will be between Tatchekiao and Kaichow, and probably 300,000 men will take part. While the date is not absolutely certain, it is understood that there is no expect the first news of the engagement is a day. Russian reinforcements are reported to be in Tatchekiao, while the Japanese armies under Generals Kuroki and Oku, are so close to his main position that constant skirmishing is taking place all along the line. A long report from Lieut. Gen. Sakharoff received shows that the Japanese are moving up rapidly and the collision is due.

The Japanese evidently have tried to draw Kouropatkin as far south as possible, holding out as an inventive a check to the advance of Oku's main army. Indicated is the abandoning of Sinchen. Meanline Oku sweeping sharply to the eastward to join Kuroki beyond the Chapsi Pass. Kuroki at the same time moving a strong force by the right flank toward Haicheng.

The main Japanese advance continues along the main Fengwangcheng-Liao-Yang road, avoiding the Mandarin Pass by a detour to the northward. Meanwhile, all points is being attended by constant skirmishing.

Nothing is known here of the exact strength of the Russian forces in main force is concentrated; though it is believed that a large part of the Liao-Yang force has been moved to a point between Kaichow and Tatchekiao.

According to a dispatch from Tatchekiao, a large force has pushed northward from Tatchekiao toward Oku. While Kuropatkin is thus extending himself, the Japanese with great mobility continue to be trying to concentrate for the purpose of striking the Russians in flank and rear.

On the map are indicated points where new conflicts in the East are reported. Kaichow, where a general engagement is said to be on, is but twenty miles north of Tatelisu, and Yafangow, where the Russians were defeated. It is thirty-five miles southeast of the port of Newchwang and about the some distance south of Hai-Cheng. Indications are that Gen. Oku is pressing the Russians northward, with the intention, if possible, of flanking the Russian commander, Gen. Kuroki, whose base is at Siupen, to attack from the front with his main army. It was reported on the 26th that the Japanese were landing a new army in the district north of the port of Newchwang and Kaichow.

WON BATTLE OF KINCHOU.

Japanese Commander Has Deserved Well of His Country.

Gen. Oku, commander of the army that took Kinchou, stormed the heights of Nanshan hill, and drove the Russians before it, is a veteran of the Chino-Japanese war and the Japanese years was a member of the Mikado's personal military council.

Kouropatkin in Personal Command in Big Battle

St. Petersburg, June 28.—A report is current that a great battle is proceeding. Gen. Kouropatkin personally commanding the Russian forces engaged.

Gen. Kuroki, it is said, detached several of his brigades and sent them northward in an attempt to descend on Haichang, where Gen. Zeller has driven Gen. Kuroki's rear to the rear

Russian People Hear Little Details of Naval Battle

St. Petersburg, June 28.—Viceroy Alexieff sent a telegram with a brief dispatch from Rear Admiral Withoft to the commander of Port Arthur, which throws little additional light on the sea fight off Port Arthur. The admiralty has received no further details with the same exception that the Japanese fleet, the latter for the first time received information through the medium of foreign telegrams that a fight had occurred.

The meagerness of the reports is greatly mystifying the admiralty officials who continue to believe that there has been a later fight which has not yet been reported.

Japanese Moving Forward; Advance Guard Skirmishing.

Liaoyang, June 27.—Reports of fighting between the advance guard detachments are currently coming in. The battles are indecisive, but they show that the Japanese are moving forward regularly on each front. This is corroborated by official dispatches. Meanwhile the Red Cross, together with noncombatants who are desirous of witnessing the fighting, are leaving southward daily.

Rumor Among Chinese That Five Jap Ships Were Hurt.

Chefoo, June 27.—Chinese who has arrived here from the Russian Port Arthur reports that at daylight last Friday morning, the Russians sighted Japanese ships and three torpedo boats withdrawing from Port Arthur. The vessels were all damaged.

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