

LEAVING NEW CHWANG

Every Indication That Is Intention of Russians.

TROOPS LEAVE ALL DAY SUNDAY

Fear That Brigades Will Take Possession and Pillage Town Before Japanese Arrive—Alexieff Wounded and Barely Escaped Capture—Japs Enter Feng Wang Ching.

New Chwang, May 8.—There is every indication that the Russians have decided to evacuate New Chwang. Troops have been leaving here all day long. Ports have been dismantled and all artillery has been placed on board trains. All the local transportation has been commandeered by the Russian authorities.

There is current here a native rumor that Japanese troops are in Foo Chai bay (on the west side of the Liao Tung peninsula and about 50 miles north of Port Arthur), but this report lacks confirmation.

The fear is held here that if the Russians leave and the Japanese do not at once take possession of New Chwang the brigands who are now across the river near Yin Kow, will pillage the place.

The foreign residents are prepared to resist the brigands should they come over. The British consul has requested that a gunboat be sent to New Chwang.

The Russians probably will destroy the gunboat Sitouch before leaving. The vessel is at New Chwang. The Japanese troops fired on what probably was the last train out of Port Arthur as it passed near Port Adam. They used artillery and small arms and killed or wounded several Chinese.

It is reported here that Viceoy Alexieff was slightly wounded prior to his departure from Port Arthur. He barely escaped from there before the Japanese closed the lines of communication.

The Russian general staff have moved from Liao Yang to Mukden. Russians here will not talk of the situation for fear that they may impart some information. They do not consider that their forces here are sufficient to hold this section of the country. It is probable that the Russian troops will withdraw to Harbin.

The Russian civilians at New Chwang are leaving hurriedly and many natives are fleeing the city in fear that they will be subjected to maltreatment at the hands of the brigands.

BATTLE AT FENG WANG CHENG. Japanese Reported to Have Taken Many Prisoners. Shan Hai-Kwan, May 9.—It is reported here that there has been severe fighting at Feng Wang Cheng, in which the Japanese were victorious. They took many prisoners.

The Russians are retreating toward Hai Cheng (32 miles east of north of New Chwang) and are evacuating the western side of the Liao Tung peninsula.



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Now that General Kuroki is established at Feng Wang Cheng the Russians are puzzled as to what move he will make next.

The fact that he sent two companies to Dallandzi Tse, 16 miles northeast of Feng Wang Cheng, might indicate his purpose to proceed along this road to Ting Chan Chen, 30 miles north, from where he would march due west to Liao Yang. This would permit an effective flanking movement, but such a move is not considered probable, the likelihood being that he will move along the road by which the Russians retreated to ward Liao Yang.

This road branches off at Chai Chang, 20 miles westward of Feng Wang Cheng and continues almost directly west to Hai Cheng, which was captured by the Japanese during the China-Japanese war.

A march on this place would complicate the evacuation of New Chwang, as the forces there would be in danger of destruction or of being subjected to a siege by the armies converging from Hai Cheng and the southern part of the Liao Tung peninsula.

There is no confirmation up to the present of the report that the Russians are preparing to evacuate New Chwang, but few would be surprised should it turn out to be correct. The effect of a march along the road to Hai Cheng would be to place about 100,000 men in the control of the Japanese all Manchuria between the Yalu and the Liao Tung peninsula with the exception of Port Arthur. The Russian admit that at this stage of the war the Japanese control the territory, more than the Russian, making this concession. The remainder of the press is silent.

Only one statement was received to the abandonment of Feng Wang Ching. Tucked away in a corner of that paper was a small item saying that the post and telegraph offices at that point were closed.

Where General Kuropatkin's main force is now stationed has not been announced, though General Zassalitch states that the cavalry left for Schind Jiao. There continues to be the greatest ignorance regarding the plans of the commander-in-chief.

There the correspondents were regarded as harbingers of evil and being undesirable on account of the war. The lavish equipment of the railroad includes many American locomotives all the rest of the equipment being Russian make. The railroad yards resemble those of a western city in their bustling activity and there are electric lights in the foreign settlements.

At Liao Yang the attaches congregate at the railway station which for the moment is the center of interest and dine at brilliantly lighted tables in the crowded dining rooms discussing the meagre news which may have eluded the official censors. The correspondents are in a similar situation here though they are subjected to the watchfulness of the authorities.

News of the progress of the war to the regions to the west and south and other information is exclusively reported in official despatches, but upon the correspondent's arrival here yesterday Viceoy Alexieff extended to them an invitation to submit duly censored despatches for transmittal to the western press.

GRAND DUKE CYRIL AT HOME. Story of His Escape From the Petrograd Disaster. St. Petersburg, May 9.—Grand Duke Cyril, eldest son of Grand Duke Vladimir and a cousin of the czar, has returned to St. Petersburg from the Far East. He arrived unostentatiously and only his family and a few friends were at the railroad station to greet him.

The grand duke looks much thinner than he did before he left for the scene of hostilities, but the burns he received at the time of the disaster to the battleship Potemovsk of Port Arthur have healed and he complains now of only a wrenched back.

The best announcement made by Grand Duke Cyril on his arrival was that he intended to return to the Far East with the Russian Baltic squadrons under command of Rear Admiral Rozhdestvensky. He will go aboard soon after a flying visit to his hamlet, the divorced wife of the Grand Duke of Hesse, who is daughter of the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

In an interview regarding his experience at the time of the disaster to the battleship, Grand Duke Cyril said: "I was standing on the bridge beside Vice Admiral Makaroff when I felt the shock of the explosion. My first impression was that a 12-inch shell had entered the powder magazine and instinctively I leaped to the other side of the bridge. Vice Admiral Makaroff did not move. In the twinkling of an eye I climbed the rail and dived into the water. Overcoming my fear I saw Makaroff still at the same place gripping the rail, his face streaming with blood. I was weighted with a heavy overcoat and could not keep afloat. I went down but on rising caught the floating wreck of a boat. Two seamen recognized me and helped to support me until a boat arrived."

Japanese Occupy Feng Wang Cheng. Washington, May 9.—The Japanese official dispatch dated Tokyo, May 8: "General Kuroki, commander of the First army corps, reports that on May 6 our cavalry detachment dispersed the enemy at Feng Wang Cheng, which was immediately occupied by our infantry detachment. The enemy burst ammunition before evacuating the stronghold. Refugees of the enemy who have been hiding in the adjoining forests and villages continue to come and surrender.

"Natives say that the number of Russians who were carried on litters through Feng Wang Cheng on May 2 amounted to 800. It is believed that the total casualties of the enemy exceeded 2,000.

"Our army which lagged on Liao Tung reports that a detachment after repulsing a small body of the enemy occupied Puliantien on May 6 and destroyed the railway and cut off telegraphic communication of Port Arthur."

Rejoicing Over Victories. Tokyo, May 9.—A great popular demonstration was held here last night in honor of the victories achieved by the Japanese army and navy. Tens of thousands of people carrying lanterns, flags and banners, marched past the imperial palace and the offices of the foreign, war and navy departments.

At the navy department they were reviewed by some of the imperial princes and princesses and high officials of the government and the imperial household.

Prince Visits Chinese Emperor. Tien Tsin, May 9.—Prince Adelbert, third son of Emperor William of Germany, who is traveling on board the German cruiser Hertha, left here this afternoon for Peking. An audience between the prince and the Emperor of China has been arranged for May 17. The prince will come back to Tien Tsin on the 18th and on the 19th he will return on board the Hertha.

Fireman Fatally Injured. Ponda, N. Y., May 9.—Sidney T. King of Syracuse, a fireman on a West Shore freight train, was fatally injured while his train was passing another freight train at Fultonville. While leaning out of the cab window something projecting from the other train struck his head, exposing the brain.

Medical Fraternity Election. St. Louis, May 9.—The 13th biennial convention of the Medical Fraternity Nu Sigma Nu has adjourned after the election of officers, among them Dr. F. G. Novy of Ann Arbor, Mich., president and Dr. H. H. Eisner of Syracuse, N. Y., vice president.

INTERCHURCH CONFERENCE. Appeal Issued Calling Attention to Several Aspects of the Divorce Question. Philadelphia, May 9.—The inter-church conference on marriage and divorce, a body representing officially 14 leading denominations, has met through its secretary, Rev. W. H. Roberts, D. D., an appeal to the public calling attention to several aspects of the divorce question.

The paper is the beginning of a national campaign of education, to be followed by efforts to secure the enactment of laws and ultimately to obtain an amendment to the national constitution. Already action has been taken by the conference looking toward the prevention of the remarriage, by inter-

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Death of Editor Thompson. Middletown, N. Y., May 9.—George H. Thompson, editor of the Daily Argus and of the semi-weekly Mercury, died here Sunday of heart disease at the age of 54.

Important Evidence Against Murder Suspects. VAN GORDER'S COAT AND VEST. Boy Identified Antonio Georgia as the Man Who Was Going to Van Gorder's House Night of the Murder—Youngest of the Prisoners May Make a Confession.

Bolivar, N. Y., May 9.—The four Italians alleged to have murdered John Van Gorder, and Miss Anna Farham were arraigned before Justice Mapes in the Belmont jail at noon Saturday. They waived examination and were remanded to jail until the grand jury assembles on June 13 and hears the evidence against them.

The leader of the quartet, Antonio Georgia, was brazen and insolent. He made so much noise in the jail that Sheriff Bellamy had to tell him to keep quiet. Versace and Pizzato were not so demonstrative, while Pagnoli, the youngest, has softened so much that it would not be surprising if he made a confession. He is 32 years old, but does not look to be over 18.

The three knives found on the men and a pair of overalls were sent to Buffalo to have the blood spots examined by an expert. The watch found on Georgia was identified positively as the one owned by Van Gorder. The other watch found on one of the suspects has not been positively identified as Miss Farham's.

Over 300 people called at the Belmont jail Sunday and asked to see the four Italian suspects. Among them were a number of Italians and ex-Senator Van Gorder of Buffalo, a brother of the murdered man. The latter had a conference with Sheriff Bellamy.

Two important facts were brought out. M. L. Morehouse, a cousin of Van Gorder, identified the almost new coat and vest found on one of the suspects as the property of the murdered man and missing from the house after the murder.

James Cecker, 10 years old, son of a neighbor of Van Gorder, positively identified Antonio Georgia, one of the prisoners, as the man he saw going towards Van Gorder's house about 6 o'clock on the night of the murder. Olivia, the youngest of the four prisoners, one of the men who was in the house at the time of the murder, is greatly depressed. It is believed that he will soon make a confession.

A BOUNDARY DISPUTE. Everybody Knows that the STERLING RANGE.

Peruvian and Brazilian Legations Make Statements. PERU IS WILLING TO ARBITRATE. Brazil Will Not Enter into Discussion Until Peruvian Forces Sent to Disputed Territory Are Withdrawn. Message of Brazilian President to Congress—Treaty of Petropolis.

Washington, May 9.—The Peruvian legation has made a statement relative to the boundary dispute with Brazil, to this effect: "Peru has never admitted in Brazil any right whatsoever to the territory actually in dispute."

The treaty of 1851 contains no recognition of Brazil's right as alleged by the Brazilian legation. The treaty is one of amity and commerce and made no reference as to the territory in dispute.

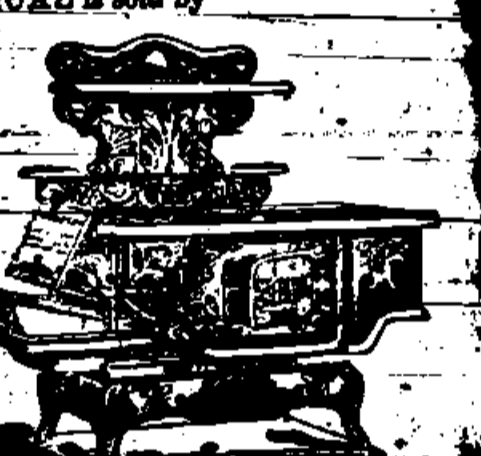
The Brazilian legation's statement that Peru took advantage of Brazil's trouble with Bolivia to send military forces to the headwaters of the rivers Parana and Uruguay is answered as follows: "Peruvian population always has existed there as well as small garrisons to preserve order."

Peru today is desirous of resorting to arbitration, without demanding previous conditions, unnecessary to governments really wishing to reach a prompt, just and pacific settlement of their differences. This she can offer as the best proof of her good faith and fraternal sentiment towards her sister republics."

The Brazilian legation also issued a statement regarding the boundary dispute with Peru, in which the message of President Alves of Brazil on the occasion of the opening of the congress May 4 is quoted. The message reviews the situation and says the difficulties between Brazil and Bolivia were settled by the treaty of Petropolis. The message goes on to review various boundary treaties and negotiations for settlement and concludes: "Now, since the treaty of Petropolis Peru is in a position to negotiate a similar treaty with her sister republics."

The demand for seats at the St. Louis convention also is far in excess of the capacity of the space reserved for the press. The recent meeting here of the sub-committee having charge of the meeting at Chicago decided that no title should be given that applications not received prior to May 20 shall be given no consideration. The applications for seats in the press reservation at the Chicago convention should be sent to W. F. Stone, custom house, Baltimore, and for the St. Louis convention to Charles H. Mann, press gallery, house of representatives, Washington, D. C. The Hon. Gilbert M. Hitchcock of Omaha, Neb., has been designated as chairman of the press committee for the St. Louis convention.

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Injunction Prevented Ball Game. New York, May 9.—Injunction proceedings, in which papers were served on Robert Davis of Jersey City Sunday morning shortly after midnight prevented the playing of an Eastern league baseball game between Jersey City and Montreal. Davis is one of the directors of the organization which owns the new grounds known as Eastern League park in Bayonne, N. J., where the game was to have taken place, and the papers were issued by Chancellor Pitney Saturday. The complainant of Rev. Milton E. Grant, Methodist minister.

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