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mountainous region. The fight began in the morning and lasted until 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

I received a wireless message from Rear Admiral Dewey saying that on that day at 5 in the morning, while returning from the work of blocking Port Arthur.

TO TAKE PORT ARTHUR BY STORM

Floating Mines Make It Dangerous for Japanese to Delay Action.

CHICAGO, May 20.—A special to the Daily News from Tokio says that Port Arthur is to be taken by storm the moment proper preparations have been completed.

Second Report of Japanese Reverse. TIEN TRIN, Thursday, May 19.—It is announced from authentic Russian sources that the Japanese army from the Yalu today sustained a severe defeat and was driven back to Feng Wang Cheng.

A dispatch from New Chwang received last night contained an announcement similar to the above, which was said to have emanated from a reliable source there.

Money for Russian Red Cross. NEW YORK, May 20.—At a dinner given by the Slavic alliance at Delmonico's last night \$2,500 was subscribed for the Russian Red Cross society.

Russia May Declare Free Ports. ST. PETERSBURG, May 20.—6:05 p. m.—The report that Russia may shortly proclaim all the ports of the Siberian coast, including Vladivostok, to be free, thus permitting unrestricted commerce, is confirmed.

Quiet at Vladivostok. VLADIVOSTOK, May 20.—All is quiet here. Japanese warships appear from time to time in Peter the Great bay, but they do not approach Vladivostok.

OUR SUIT SALE CONTINUES SATURDAY. Those who failed to get in on Friday will have just as good selections on Saturday, as we have added 150 suits from our broken lines.

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MANY OFFICERS WENT DOWN

Two Commanders, One Captain and Thirteen Lieutenants Lost in Accidents.

JAPAN ADMITS LOSS OF BUT TWO SHIPS Impossible at This Time to Give Number of Men Lost, Aside from Those Commissioned, on Either.

TOKIO, May 20.—The loss of life incurred by the sinking of the cruiser Yoshino, included Capt. Sakai, Commander Hiro-waki, three first lieutenants, five under lieutenants, five midshipmen, paymaster, surgeon, three engineers' cadets, eight boatswain's mates.

Those who went down with the battleship Hatsusee when it foundered were Commander Takamoto, Vicecom. Nire, Commander Arimori, five second lieutenants, five subengineers, two surgeons, six midshipmen, four cadet engineers and ten non-commissioned officers.

NEW CHWANG, May 20.—The report of the Japanese retreat to Feng Wang Cheng are officially confirmed.

RETREAT MAY BE ONLY RUSE

(Continued from First Page.) giving orders in accordance with what he learns.

Landing Only a Feint. "Thus will be explained, for instance, the sudden reoccupation of New Chwang two days after the last Russian troops had left.

"To sum up, we may say that the landing effected in the direction of Kai Ping was not only a feint intended to deceive the Russians as to the real intentions of the Japanese general, who appears to stick more and more to the strong natural positions around Feng Wang Cheng and the neighboring mountain range in order to make later on some movement, first to the north and then to the west, in order to threaten Mukden and General Kouropatkin's communications.

"The views prevailing in high official naval circles were set forth in the statement today to the Associated Press: We are not at all taking the Japanese disasters. It is the fortune of war. We are sorry that the disasters caused the loss of so many ships. It is not the duty of a commander to destroy life, but only to destroy the enemy's ships.

JAPANESE FLEETS ARE ACTIVE One Bomber Bussan on Chi Li Gulf and other Privateers Landing.

TOKIO, May 20.—4 p. m.—The report of Rear Admiral Togo, who should not be confounded with the vice admiral of that name, and who commands the Japanese fleet sent to attack Kai Chou, on the west coast of the Liao Tung peninsula, south of New Chwang, is that Port Arthur was blown up and assisted in saving its crew and driving back the Russian torpedo boat flotilla, which came out that evening.

Russian Accidents to Japanese Port Them on More Equal Footing. ST. PETERSBURG, May 20, 12:35 p. m.—With greater calm than has been felt since the beginning of the war Russia today faces the situation in the far east.

Two Stories Are Told of Fight Japanese Say Russians Were Repulsed and Later Say Japs Retreated.

TOKIO, May 20.—The following official statement has just been issued here: A section of the Japanese fleet was in the direction of Shiao Chuan to reconnoiter and met two sections of the Russian fleet.

NEW CHWANG, May 20.—Japanese numbering 20,000 men, upon 2,000 Russians in a strong position on Monday sixty miles west of Feng Wang Cheng. It being unwise to risk a battle, the Japanese retreated in good order and with great rapidity.

Japan's loss jeopardizes its mastery of the sea. It is a stroke of bad luck, like sure. The force is now about equal without the Baltic squadron. It is not for us to rejoice, but it was not worth while to bring the Kasuga from Genoa to sink the Yoshino.

The House Gazette remarks: "The news of the enemy's losses will cheer Russia and make some amends for the treacherous Japanese attack at the outbreak of the war. It is now the enemy's misfortune to experience the deadly effect of submarines mines which have done us so much damage."

The Gassette makes the most caustic comment of any of the Russian papers. It says: "It is just retribution for the treacherous attack on Port Arthur without declaring war, and the disastrous onslaught on the Yaring and Korietz. The mines laid by our brave sailors have done their work and all approach for the Petropavlovsk disaster is wiped out."

Think Kouropatkin Attacked One Army Before It Could Join Other.

NEW CHWANG, Thursday, May 19.—(Midnight)—The Russians are jubilant over the reported victory near Feng Wang Cheng and consider that it being Emperor Nicholas' birthday, the victory is "good medicine" for the Japanese.

Japanese in Good Health. PISAN, Corea, May 19.—(Delayed in transmission).—The Japanese troops in the north are experiencing fine weather and the roads are dry. The health of the soldiers is excellent. The occasional engagements between patrols show that the Japanese cavalry can cope with the Cossacks on even terms. The Chinese in Corea are busy with the planting of crops.

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was going toward Liao Yang. It is believed the Russians concentrated their forces and struck the enemy south of Liao Yang, driving the Japanese back. The reports say that the Japanese loss was heavy.

It is understood that the siege guns removed from the New Chwang forts and taken to the Hai Chen forts were mounted there today. A field battery was also placed in position.

The Russians claim that they will place 2,000 men in New Chwang in a few days, but this is believed to be an exaggeration. The Japanese control the railroad south of Wa Fang Tien and the Russian force between there and New Chwang is small, consisting of a few accents.

CHANGE IN THE WAR SITUATION Japanese Disasters Put Russians on the Offensive.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 20.—6:44 p. m.—So changed is the naval situation at Port Arthur by the Japanese disasters, naval officers say, that the officers would not be surprised should Rear Admiral Witteff, as soon as his "game ducks" are repaired make frequent trips to sea in order to harass the enemy's operations along the western coast of the Liao Tung peninsula.

They assert that the latest advice show the channel to Port Arthur is free, despite the Japanese assertions to the contrary, and they explain that the sole reason why the Russian ships heretofore have not gone out is the tremendous superiority of Admiral Togo's fleet.

Second thoughts have caused the admiralty officers to discredit the report that the Japanese battleship Shikishima and Fuji have been destroyed. It is believed that the Russian refugees from Daini, who circulated the report on arrival at Che Foo, probably confounded the Shikishima and Fuji with the Hatsusee and the Yoshino. But official advice do show that the Kasuga, which rammed the Yoshino, was damaged and the opinion prevails that the ship must be seriously injured, compelling its withdrawal from the sea for a time.

The views prevailing in high official naval circles were set forth in the statement today to the Associated Press: We are not at all taking the Japanese disasters. It is the fortune of war. We are sorry that the disasters caused the loss of so many ships. It is not the duty of a commander to destroy life, but only to destroy the enemy's ships.

That may be accomplished in a fortnight. The battleship Casarevitch is the only ship which continues to give trouble. It must be our mines laid off the Liao Tung peninsula which caused the disaster to the battleship. The fact that the mines necessary to sink the Hatsusee is a vindication of the case of the Petropavlovsk led to hasty conclusions. The discharge of the mine caused the explosion of its magazines and boilers.

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BRYAN PLEADS FOR SUPPORT

Asks Second Ward Democrats to Turn Down Reorganizers.

PARKER'S PLATFORM NOT DEMOCRATIC Success League's Pamphlet Says Same Thing as New York Democrat and Neither Means Anything to Democrats.

Bryan's Krug theater speech was repeated with emphasis and variations more than three times the number of those who had dissented in the railway merger case.

Mr. Bryan devoted part of his speech to primary argument, reading the list of delegates who support him in the Second ward and eliminating the First because there is no contest there against him.

Points in Platform. He read the pamphlet issued by the Success League and called it the platform of the local reorganizers. He said there is not a single principle of democracy enumerated in the platform, any more than there is in the New York state platform, and, therefore, nothing to adhere to.

Money and Trusts. The money question was discussed at length, especially as to the possible establishment of branch banks and the danger to the country Mr. Bryan conceived in it; also the proposition for the loaning of the treasury surplus to national banks, which was described merely as a way to enable national banks to make \$3,000,000 a year on interest and in turn to create a tremendous campaign fund to keep the party in control in power.

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plausibly the importance of the question as related to trusts, the speaker pointed out that three of the supreme court judges who had dissented in the railway merger case were appointees of Cleveland and that another such appointee would swing the tribunal the other way.

Local labor unions which are not affiliated with the Central Labor union was the subject of discussion at last night's meeting of the Central Labor union.

A communication was received from the strike committee of local No. 17 of Waterbury, Conn., saying that the Waterbury Clock company had of late discharged many prominent union men in its employ without any apparent reason.

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