

OPERATIONS ON THE DANUBE.

BRISK CANNONADE OF THE RUSSIANS BY THE TURKS AT RUSTCHUK—THE RIVER FALLING—FLOODING OF THE RAILROAD ACROSS THE DOBRUDSCHA BY THE TURKS—CIRCASSIAN CAVALRY AT RUSTCHUK.

LONDON, June 10.—Dispatches from Rustchuk of Saturday night say: "A cannonade from the Turkish batteries near here continued all day. According to latest accounts it was directed against large bodies of Russian troops and Russian batteries on the opposite bank of the Danube, causing considerable damage."

Reuter's Bucharest telegram and several other accounts agree that the Danube is visibly falling. The Roumania Militia have been disbanded.

Reuter's dispatch from Siistria says it is reported the Turks, by agreement with the railway company, have cut the dykes, flooded the Kustendje and Tchernavoda Railway, and converted the hills skirting the road into a line of defense, extending from the sea to the Danube.

Large numbers of Circassian horsemen assembled at Rustchuk are being equipped with arms of precision and put under command of competent officers.

LONDON, June 11.—The *Times'* Vienna dispatch says: "The Turks are collecting an Army of reserve westward of Sofia. The garrison of Waddin is being reduced, part of the troops still remaining there being detached to strengthen the Army in the field intended by the Turks apparently to oppose the Russian host expected to cross in the neighborhood of Nicopolis and Sistova. Hobart Pasha has taken measures for securing the Sulina mouth of the Danube and for a strict blockade of Odessa. Eight hundred Circassians are reported to have been sent to Tatar-Bazardjik to be distributed among Bulgarian villages in order to repress any attempt at insurrection."

A *Times* dispatch from Therapia says: "News has just arrived of an encounter between six Russian torpedo boats and some Turkish iron-clads at the Sulina mouth of the Danube. The torpedo boats were beaten off, three were destroyed, and some prisoners were taken. One of the iron-clads was injured.

The *Daily Telegraph's* special from Sulina reports that reinforcements for the Turkish iron-clad fleet are daily expected. After their arrival an expedition, of which the destination is kept secret, will sail. The same correspondent confirms the report that the iron-clads drove off the Russian torpedo-boats, with loss to the latter.