he are responsible.

before the advance began.

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t the same time the supporters of "During the morning of October 14th eral Kouropatkin argue that what-two battalions and a battery of Rus-At the sians attacked us: at Manchiayuar We successfully repulsed them." ever may be the direct outcome of the bast few days' fighting, it is not likely to be an irretrievable disaster to the be the direct outcome of the Russian army. It is pointed out that; RESERVE DIVISIONS even if General Kouropatkin was forced to advance against his better judgment

ARE NOW ENGAGED. London, Oct. 15.—A dispatch to a news agency from Tokio, dated to-day, says he is too good a general to have under-

Our left is engaging them

taken an aggressive movement which he did not feel strong enough to carry that after the result of Friday's san-guinary fighting the centre column of the through without leaving open a road for Japanese left army succeeded in partly occupying Shahopu. The Russian main retreat, and that while the Russian forward movement may be an absolute failure so far as relief of Port Arthur body fell back on the mountainous disis concerned, and Kouropatkin may lose tricts east of the railway. The Russians nen and guns, this is the worst that can around Bensihu have fied northeasterly. The Japanese last night, the dispatch

happen. If General Kouropatkin succeeds in keeping the alignment of his forces and the Japanese do not succeed in breaking up or cutting off any considerable por-tion of his army he will not be in a much adds, engaged three Russian reserve d worse position even if he should be the engagement at this point. forced to retire to Mukden than he was. The Japanese victory south

The Japanese victory south of Mukden according to the Standard Tientsin correspondent, has made a deeper impres Dispatches from the front give a vivid icture of the desperate character of the sion on the Far East than any victory

JAP LEFT ARMY.

etween the Shakhe and Schili rivers

At the Russian front, Oct. 13, by way

of Mukden, Oct. 15 .- The Japanese of

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JAPS BAYONETTED

Giliak, in the harbor of Port

fighting along the whole line. The Rus- of the war. sian plainsmen again have been forced to engage in hill fighting, which is not RUSSIANS SAYS THERE HAS BEEN NO ROUT.

their liking. There have been desperate and repeated attacks upon the St. Petersburg, Oct. 15.-1.10 p.m. st inaccessible positions, which leave Unofficial reports from the battle no question of the resolution and galno question of the resolution and been lantry of the Russians, Guns have been captured and recaptured in fierce hand to hand fighting, while a downpour of to hand fighting, while a downpour of a are more encouraging this morning. There has been no rout, but there is no evitable accompaniment of a According to private advices, dated Mukden at 6,30 last night, Gen. Kouro-patkin checked, the Japanese advance great battle, has flooded the trenches and drenched the armies without allaying the desperate conflict.

yesterday at the Shakhe river. He cross-ed the river and is holding a line along The latest word from the field of battle is the Mukden dispatch to the Assothe north hank extending from west of ciated Press, in which the Russian loss the railroad eastward to Bensiaputze. is estimated at 15,000, which together

with to-day's casualties will make the THE VICTORY OF total probably exceed the figures at Liao Yang and make the fight rank as one of Field Headquarters of the Second Jap-

the bloodiest in history. It must be borne in mind in reading anese Army, Oct. 13.-5 p.m., via Fu-san, Korea, Oct. 15.-Fuller division rethe descriptions by correspondents at the front that some of the phases in ports give increased importance to their point of view have already been victory achieved yesterday by the lef tted by official or later news; but army taken as a whole they present a vivid Twenty-four Russian guns were cap panorama of the situation, at the entire tured when the retreat began, together front save at the extreme east, where with many rifles. the heaviest Russian attack was planned The Russians lost heavily in counter to be delivered. From that quarter the attacks, the Japanese loss news is less full and satisfactory though smaller it seems unquestionable that the Rus-The advance continued all day, the sians' advance upon the main Japanese Russians retreating before it.

position at Bensihu has been checked. RUSSIANS TAKE AN HELD UNTIL WOUNDED IMPORTANT POSITION WERE REMOVED.

Mukden, Oct. 14 .- (Delayed in trans Headquarters of the Russian Western ission.)-News has been received here Army, Oct. 13, via Pekin, Oct. 14.-Suiliantsu was safely held until midto the effect that one of the Russian eastern columns has, overcome the desnight to-night, when all the wounded and perate resistance of the Japanese and the baggage had been moved. captured Tumin pass, which opens a Contrary to former plans, the advance rect road to the right flank of the Japof the Japanese, which had been pushing se main positions at Yentai mines. up the Liao river as though with a de If the report is true Gen. Kouropattermination to turn the Russian right flank, has now crossed the Hun river. The lines are in contact from the west and rear. One more effort, it is assert to the east, and the opposing armies are in a square frontal fight. ed, and the Japanese must retreat with heavy loss from the Shakhe river or run the risk of being cut off from the army

-0-RUSSIANS LOST THIRTY THOUSAND MEN.

must be remembered that flanking move Tokio, Oct. 15 .- 7 p. m .- Field Marshal ments are double edged and cut both Oyama estimates the Russian casualties ways. In any case the decisive moment appears to have arrived. at 30,000 The fighting continues, but the Rus CAPTURED PASS, BUT sians are retiring.

Gen. Kouropatkin evidently is crushingly defeated. GEN. OKU CAPTURES

ADDITIONAL GUNS. ensive began on Tuesday along the The heaviest work was on the Russian Tokio, Oct. 15 .- Noon-Gen. Oku captured ten additional guns yesterday. extreme right, where the fighting for the

possession of the Hua pass and the Fumin pass did not cease until midnight. Heavy fighting continues. Gen. Oku reports four officers killed, thirty-one wounded and two missing for The Russians succeeded in capturing the the engagements of October 10th, 11th atter, though at fearful loss. The position at Poliasoutzi, still furand 12th. ther toward the Taitse river, held by the

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## Appalling Losses in the Rival Armies, Which for Eight Days Have Been Struggling for Supremacy South

## of Mukden.

Kouropatkin's Casualties Will Exceed Forty Thousand -- Six Thousand Five Hundred Russians Buried by the Japanese-Oyama Reported to Have Failed in

## Attempt to Cut Off Retreat of Muscovites.

acc prin

probably will inflict further severe damage on Kouropatkin's forces. RUSSIAN COMMANDER. 6100 St. Petersburg, Oct. 15 .- Special dis-RUSSLANS FIGHT WITH

patches from Chefoo reports that the UNDIMINISHED ARDOR. commander of the Russian gunboat Arthur

successfully repulsed by our left column

The strength of the enemy opposing the

infantry with ten batteries of artillery.

The report continues: "From Octobe

enemy has been completely frustrated,

"The corpses left by the enemy at dif

be easily ascertained, owing to the con

ammunition wagons and rifles. They are

"Our casualties October 11th and 12th

vere fifteen officers killed, 46 wounded

Tokio, Oct. 16 .- 9 a. m .- The lates

advices are that the Russians left 4,500

dead in front of Gen. Kuroki's army

"The fighting Friday morning was re-

sumed at 6 o'clock. We again advanced

and a few men wounded.'

ANOTHER ESTIMATE

defeated by the Sienchuang gar

JF RUSSIAN LOSSES

FIRE OF JAPANESE

still uncounted. The Russian corpse

final failure.

has been killed and that many sailors St. Petersburg, Oct. 16 .- (2 a. m.)-The fatest report from the front brings the story of the great battle up to Satur-day morning when the fighting at Shakhe Possibly this refers to the reported vrecking of a Russian warship by the was renewed with animated vigor. The Russians are holding their position there loss. The guns captured number over thirty, and the prisoners taken number and apparently neither they nor the KOUROPATRIN HAD. A NARROW ESCAPE Japanese are able to advance. All acunts agree that the battle of Liao Yang several hundred. Thus the object of the s already being overshadowed in fierce-St. Petersbirg, Oct. 10 -According to pecial dispatches received here General ress and the humber of casualties. It is and his offensive movement has ended in ow the sixth day of the desperate fighting, and the issue is still in the balance. Kouropatkin had a narrow escape dur-ing the fierce fighting-of Wednesday ferent points are too numerous to be ex-The feeling in St. Petersburg is one of extreme gloom and depression. The lack of official news, the undoubted checking of Gen. Kouropatkin's aggresactly counted. The enemy's loss cannot night and Thursday for the possession of Temple hill and the double-horned moun-tain east of the railroad. tinuance of the fighting, but they must exceed 30,000. The trophies, besides the sive movement and the enormous Rus With his staff, he was personally di-recting the fight at this point. Orderlies sian losses in men and guns compared guns, include an enormous quantity of with the optimistic reports from Tokio, vere constantly galloping up with reports all combine to prepare the public for any-

from other parts of the field and carryleft on the field between October 10th thing. Nevertheless, the reports of the ing dispatches to and from the telepho while admitting the heavy losses of the 2,000 in number. The bodies left after and telegraph stations, which were work-ing behind the hills. This attracted the Russian troops and their retreat beyond the fighting of October 13th are numer attention of the Japanese, who cleverly Shakhe, report the soldiers as fighting unmasked some batteries, the shells from which burst all around the distinguished with undiminished ardor. One dispatch even hints at extremely encouraging news from the eastern flank, but counsels group, compelling General Kouropatkin shift his position hastily and seek and 1.250 men killed and wounded. The

ace and official confirmation, before rison October 10th appears to have halt-It is understood that Gen. Kouropa accepting it as true. There is a noteworthy absence of bited at Pintienshan. According to prison kin, when the battle commenced again, rness against Kouropatkin and the bedesignated Lieut.-General Skaharoff and Lieut.-General Bildering to succeed him ers, the Russian force formerly stationed at Lutahotzu lost 60 killed and woundlief is prevalent that he was compelled

to assume the offensive. There is an inin the command in the event of his being ed. The Japanese loss was three officers clination to regard him as the victim of circumstances. The report that he per sonally assumed command of three divis-ions in order to cover the retreat finds

WHILE THEY SLEPT. widespread credence. -a-

Mukden, Oct. 15 .- One of the bloodies REPORTS FROM THE sodes of the desperate fighting between the Shake river and Yentai during th JAPANESE ARMIES. ast three days occurred at the villag of Eudotinla, west of the railway, and

The Russian losses, therefore, are esti-Tokio, Oct. 15 .- Lengthy reports from n the neighboring heights, east of the mated at 20,000. e field received to-day and published The Japanese had been driven out of -night say:

"Right army .- The force of the enemy MOWED DOWN BY ese positions with terrible losses, but October 13th they concentrated such which opposed the right flank of the right olding the vicinity of Tumentsa (Tu murderous artillery fire on the village and Ta passes engaged our detachment Mukden, Oct. 15.-A Russian that it became necessary for the Ruse which was sent to Bensihu, but was un pondent of the Associated Press, in his sians to withdraw, the railway, however, story of the fighting below Mukden, says: "The struggle was resumed to-day at able to keep his ground on October 14th and showed signs of retreat. The same evening the Russian com daybreak with every promise of another mander of the army then ordered the nsihu detail to hotly pursue to reday of stubborn combat. It is now the occupy Endotiula. The Zaraisk regis sixth day of a fight unprecedented in oward the east and north. This detachment, without firing a single shot, march ent immediately formed itself into two history for the stubbornness and tenacity ed under cover of the darkness and detachments and pursued the enemy toshown by both sides.

bayonetted several battalions of the ward Pintaitzu and the Hsiata (Shakhe) Japanese, many of them died as they river, driving the enemy before them.

repeatedly against impregnable position Artillery from the centre and infantry The heavy storm of October 14th added from the left army are harassing the to the misery of the troops. There is great depression but stolid tenacity among the men. There has been great Russian retreat. General Oku has attacked the main trength of the Russian right base at sacrifice of officers. Chien pass and Chuangtsou, and is now The plain occupied by the retiring perating to block the Russian retreat

Russians is covered with bursting shra long the railroad. Official confirmation of the above is The gunners shovelled shells ot obtainable the breeches of guns as stokers show coal into furnaces. Howitzers are used

FERRIBLE LOSSES by the eastern army. The Russian guns have superior range IN RIVAL ARMIES.

nd burst shrapnel at 6,000 yard Tokio Oct. 16.-There is a strong ap There is a scarcity of reliable maps Two divisional commanders have peal for peace in the appalling tragedy which is now under enactment in Manheir chief staff officers, one of them Both armies have fought ferociing killed, and many commande met death heroically leading their reously for a week, and desperate fighting

It is probable that the rolls of casual Shrapnel fell near 'Gen, Kou ties will be largely increased. The pre-liminary reports indicate that about 60,-He showed desperate energy and eve n the darkest remained hor 000 of both sides, the larger portion Th Japanese must feel the strain There was a cessation of hostili ing Russians, have been either killed or Saturday. Neither side can stand u unded since the armies closed in comsuch days, the ferocity of the batt

Even the Japanese, to whom the great ing fearful. The Russians are now fighting rictory is of paramount importance, is matter of pride. Manchuria is forgo hocked by the slaughter of their enen They feel that they cannot stop, The Japanese people are receiving the news from their field of battle calmly, they must win one battle This evening the Japanese seemed and there can be heard no shouts pronearer. Fires are burning to the claiming their victory. Few flags are disabout 12 miles from here. The east played. Later a jollification may be held, army is retiring without fighting. out many feel that no demonstrati hould be made.

RUSSIANS TEN MILES A prominent Japanese said to the ociated Press correspondent to-day: SOUTHWEST OF MUKDEN left column was fully four regiments of have won a sweeping and decisive victory Mukden, Oct. 16 .- There was a lull which may prove to be the salvation of the battle yesterday but fighting or country, but we regret our own losses 10th to October 13th the result of the continued to-day on the right and the terrible slaughter which our continuous fighting has been favorable The army is southwest of here forces have inflicted on the enemy. We in every direction, while the enemy's miles. It is now certain that the art regret still more the necessity which strength was always superior. Not only vill be able to extricate itself. ced us to engage in this war." was the enemy defeated, but he was vigorously pursued by us, our forces A telegram received from the Man The losses amount to 30,000 It een a bigger battle than that of Lino burian headquarters late to-day reports pressing him against the left bank of the Yang. that the fighting has ceased on the front Hun river and inflicting upon him heavy The Russians are attacking on of the right and the centre armies, right to-day. that it continues before the left army,

The report is as follows: MORE GUNS TAKEN "The front of the right and centre rmies has become quiet, but at the front of the left army fierce cannonading con-Tokio, Oct. 17 .--- It is reported tinues. In the direction of Litajentur at Major Takasoima's battalion the army is inactive. Our force under tured fourteen guns at Sanchiatzu October 16th. This makes a total Yamada captured one gun and two ammunition wagons during the attack on 34 guns captured by Gen. Nodzu's the heights of Santokangtszu on the army since October 14th. night of October 15th."

on at hand it is imposs

TEN THOUSAND BODIES RUSSIANS MAY NOT STOP AT TIE PASS.

Tokio, Act. 16 .- Gen. Oku reports St. Petersburg. Oct. 17 .- 3.45 a. m. that he found and buried 2,000 Russians after the battle of October 14th. The official veil to-day was lifted from the ghastly-tragedy around Shakhe, but even Field Marshal Oyama esti the official account, supplemented by Russian dead left on the field, incl the fighting of the 15th, at over 10,000 merous press dispatches, leaves much certainty as to the situation. From the fragmentary bits of informa-RUSSIAN LOSSES WILL EXCEED FORTY THOUSAND. clude that the costly withdrawal and re-Tokio, Oct. 16, 11 a. m .- In the rereat from Liao Yang is being duplicated orts of the great battle which continu upon an even grander scale, after more

perate fighting and heavier losses. o arrive from the front the m eature is the terrible record of the Rus Gen. Kouropatkin's story leaves the Russians still tenaciously holding the sian dead. Before the severe fighting on October north bank of the Shakhe river, but the neral belief that this is only the desper-14th General Oku's army alone reco red and buried 2,000, making the total ate finale of one of the greatest military umber of Russians buried by the Jar tramas of history, and that the Russian nese, with Nodzu's army still to hear rmy as a whole is retiring towards Mukden, having suffered at the from, 6,500. Applying the usual calculation and making reasonable allowances for the ervative estimate a loss of 30,000, Of the left flank, which was one of the fighting of the 14th and 15th, the Russian ost important points in the line of batle, absolutely nothing is heard, which sses will exceed 40,000. Fragmentary reports of Japane leaves the inference that it is not in a

ittes are coming in. General Oko, up ituation to communicate with the to and including October 14th, lost 3,500 men. Estimates of the total Japnainder of the army. All the wounded are being carried to anese losses are not possible but Harbin, further north. It is understood are small in comparison with the frightthat the correspondents also ful losses of the Russians.

Have Been Ordered to Harbin, Reports dispatched yesterday from the which indicates that the retreat will not ield are following chronological order "The main force of the right army, even stop at Tie pass. All hopes of the world-heralded ad-vance to Port Arthur, have been abanwhich had already occupied Chouchiafun

inues to offer a stubborn resistance. "The centre army has reached its obdoned. The weather conditions are even jective and has been heavily er since the morning of October 15th worse than during the retreat from Liao Yang. Streams are bank high, and "On the morning of October 15th the

nemy in front of the left

Official reports received dated early this morn battle was resumed at that the Russians sti bank of the Shakhe riv sure on the Russian lieved, and that the con on the right, where still seeking to break sian centre in order to the railroad and cut off from Mukden.

St. Petersburg, describin on the Russian right, w panied. He says that hard fighting, with heavy sians had reached a poin the heights of Tumin p occupied by the Japanese, were only about 300 to 50 from the Japamese positio storming them the me but the order to retreat the night. The Russians fought

persistency and skill, was somewhat greater t Japanese in number of superior in effectiveness and artillery co-operated

In retreating from the sians got away without fin unded were carried

The incessant artille from the Russian centre 14th was considerably s firing at Liao Yang. The Russian losses of October 13th were esti

> RUSSIANS CAPTURE JAP

St. Petersburg, Oct. aroff, telegraphs that th erday captured Lonley f Shakhe, and captured guns and one quick-firer. The feeling at the war slightly brighter as it that the Japanese have of the Russians, and th patkin is able to stand li The right wings of b lieved to be greatly exh. long sustained effort. T that the extreme quiet portend some move on Japanese which Kouropa peen apprised of. Gen Grippenberg, the second army, said to Press this morning: kin has been badly defe does not end in a rout an opinion his offensive mov

approved. Only by ham we ultimately hope to s se. Kouropatkin is the ground for us when the second army.'

TOOK TRENCHES A LEFT ON THE FIELD

BY GEN. OKU'S ARMY.

Mukden, Oct. 17.-6.5 day the Russians were ful on the right ,but c

brilliant movements on they assumed an ene movement against the J at Soukhatung. Soukhatung is on the runs to Bentsiaputze, j darin road, where the l sects it. It is a mile n

DESPERAT

pass, which is four Shakhe. The Petrovsky, Neuch strand regiments storme trenches at Soukhatung

after desperate resistan The Japanese losses

TROOPS FOUGHT THROUG

Mukden, Oct. 17.-Th newed and continued night, being especially The Russians retain along the Shakhe river frequent attacks upon turing six of the latte

e eastern army ern forces. There has artillery fire to-day. The fighting is now nlain

TRYING TO CUT OF

THE RUSS

illor ARE GAINING GROUND. ed and the regiment lost heavily. The Tamboff regiment extricated itself from a seemingly hopeless position and succeeded in effecting its retirement. Tokio, Oct. 15 .- Noon .- Heavy fighting continued yesterday. The reports from the field last night The Russians stuck to most of their indicate that all three Japanese armies positions heroically on Tuesday, except at the Schili river. made distinct gains. General Oku captured ten guns, mak-On the morning of Wednesday the Japanese renewed the attack, preparing the

ing his record for the battle thirty-five. The fighting in the vicinity of Bensihu way for their infantry with an artillery bombardment. continues. The report does not mention the situ-At noon the Russian right began fallation affecting the isolated Russian ing back, but the attacks upon the Russian centre and left weakened percepti-

The report is as follows:/ right army, on the reinforcing The artillery fire slackened in the even detachment sent in the direction of ing, but the rifle fire continued with Chiato reaching its objective on the little intermission throughout the night. The Japanese to-day (Thursday, Octomorning of October 14th, Prince Kanin's ber 13th) renewed their attacks, and column began engaging the enemy near the battle proceeded with varying suc-cess, but on the whole, favorable to the Wosington on the left bank of the Taitse river. At dawn on the 14th the enemy's Japanese, as the Russians continued to force attacked at Bensihu and Tumenezu give ground.

pass began retreating. The Russian wounded are being sent north to Harbin. ment, assuming the aggressive, ad

vanced in pursuit. RUSSIANS MAY DRAW "The right column, having received ON CHURCH FUND. reinforcements during the night of October 13th, holds Cashshin pass against a

London, Oct. 15 .- A Russian corre superior force of the enemy. "The left column took possession spondent of the Times reports a rumor that the Russian treasurer has approach-Lienhuarn mountain and a line along ed the Holy Synod with a view of drawthe northerly heights.

"On the morning of October 14th the ing upon church property for the sinews of war. centre column seized Kaoshantun and

northerly heights. "During the night of October 13th the MILITARY ACTIVITY IN SOUTHERN RUSSIA. first line of the left column appeared to

have occupied Hsikoa heights. "The fighting in the direction of the New York, Oct. 15 .- A London speright army was progressing very 'favorcial to the Times says that the Lor

ably on the morning of October 14th. 41 Times Russian correspondent says that "The centre army since the morning military activity is everywhere notice-"The centre army since the morning able in 'Southern Russia. Every effort of October 14th has taken possession of

a line of eminences located north of the is being made to send off the regiments line extending from Tungshankow to of the Eighth Army Corps with the Huchisakuchiatzu, and continues its ad- minimum of delay. The military transport authorities esvance to attack the enemy.

"Of the left army definite reports have timate that the through carrying capacnot been received, but the main force, ity of the Siberian railway during the the right column, at 11 o'clock in the next two months will be 35,000 men and morning of October 14th, appears to the necessary stores per month. On that have seized heights northeast of Huang-huatien, while the centre column earlier in the day occupied the heights south of Shahapao. A portion of the latter force Shahapao. A portion of the latter force infeatry holding supplies could be temporarily reduced. tacked the enemy's infantry holding supplies could be temporarily reduced. In the meantime the railway system of Southern Russia is disorganized by the of Southern Russia is disorganized by the diversion for war traffic of locomotives and cars, so that only about 150 grain "Since the morning of October 14th and cars, so that only about 150 grain the meant from the Russian army from the Russian army from the Russian army art the Russian army from the Russian army art the Russian army from the Russian army art the Russian army from the Russian army from the Russian army from the Russian army art the rout. The left army at Change and cars, so that only about 150 grain the rout. The Russian army from the Russian army art the rout. The left army at Change and cars, so that only about 150 grain throws the rout the Russian army from the Russian army fro

"Since the morning of October 14th and cars, so that only about 150 grain laden cars are now delivered daily at posted between Linchenpae and Talien- Odessa, whereas the grain traffic ought to a line along the Shakhe river. They are company is at Mataizintum. to be in full swing.

Russians, carried away by the frenzy of revenge, rushed on the survivors and literally tore up their bodies with bayonets. The Russians then rolled themselves in the Japanese blankets. But the next morning the Japanese again shelled out the regiment while their artillery came out at a run and secured a position east of the railroad. Again Gen. Kouropatkin ordered the Russians to retake the position, but the efforts of his troops were in vain. The Russians could not reach the Japanese free, and only a few returned where com-panies had charged. Russians, carried away by the frenzy of had been engaging the enemy near The companies in some cases were ammanded by a companies of the enemy before 

nander gave imperative orders

"Where is your company?" asked the ately pursued him, sending a portion of reneral.

"This is all that is left," replied the tuitzu). officer, "it was like a slaughter house." The artillery fight Wednesday was the fiercest of the war. The Japanese handled their guns superbly and chose splendid positions. Their guns seemed to have every range measured. They would concentrate the fire of 200 guns

first on one place and then on another. Some of the Russian regiments were river. literally shot to pieces. The bombardment reached a climax at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, when the Jap

anese tried to envelop and break through the Russian left wing. JAPS CONTINUE TO

PURSUE RUSSIANS

Tokio Oct 15 .- 8.30 p. m.-As a result of the bloody battle of October 14th, the Russians left 2,000 dead on the field which they lost. Field Marshal Oyama estimates the Russian losses at over 30, 000.

The fighting continued all along the chasing the enemy." "The Russian forces holding Linchonentire line to-day, and the end is not near. It seems to be impossible for the Rus-

A few Japanese escaped and sought the enemy whorhad retreated stopped at Fieninhungpo and is fortifying thetplace. "The right column of the army which om Shakhi. captur ing the advanced "The right column of the army which Yukhnovsky regiments. We reached their second line positions, but here a fierce artillery fire compelled our troops to halt and a desperate artillery duel was "Twelve Japanese guns were silenced,

every gunner being killed and their in-fantry support also being driven back. The guns stood in plain view, but it was impossible for us to take them. Two battalions which were ordered to secure the Japanese guns advanced in the face of the Japanese were bombarding as if they the Japanese rear positions. It was, however, an impossible task, as the shrapnel of the enemy decimated the ad-

vancing ranks. Whole companies with-ered under the terrific fire and our men were compelled to abandon the attempt. "Later in the day a similar fate befell three of our batteries. They had heavy assault against the village of advanced behind our infantry to pave the. Shakhe, which had already been the treat, this body of our supports imm way for an attack on the Japanese posi- | scene of so many its detachment to Sungshutsizu (Ching-

dislodging the forces of the enemy which were holding Chanlintzu, Putsaowa, Tungshafen and the vicinity of these but each time were driven off and to the artiflerymen were almost all killed places, the centre army has been driving wards nightfall we removed the guns

them north of the Sha (Shakhe) river since the morning of October 14th, and safely. "Our artillery action was beyond has reached and now holds a line on the praise. Throughout the day the service of the guns and the accuracy of the fire "The left army,-The main strength of was splendid. An entire battalion was the right column of this army was direct- mowed down while attempting to ad- 100

ed against Huangchiatien. It drove the enemy northward, and on October, 14th vance, the troops fighting brilliantly and blood literally flowing in streams. Everyat 1 p. m. it mastered the heights in that | where death seems to be a secondary consideration. "The centre column, after defeating the enemy posted on the south of Sho-

"Towards evening the fighting at Shakhe abated and we and the Japanese hopu, occupied the positions which he had been holding. A portion of the retained our respective positions. them in check. "Excellent news was received from the

centre column which was directed eastern division Friday night, but it is against Linchonpdo, co-operating with a so sensational that it seems unadvisable portion of the left column, fought a fierce to believe until it is officially confirmed. battle and at 4 p, m. stormed and cap-tured Linchonpao. Our forces are now may decide the fate of the battle."

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positions held by the Japanese by bril-liant attacks by the Epifanievsky and tion by preventing a Japanese pursuit. tinued holding its positions situation. It may prove Russia s att. tion by preventing a Japanese pursuit. On the other hand, however, if the vancing against Lamuntun and is attack-vancing against Lamuntun and is attackflooded rivers it may only emphasize the ing that position. The enemy has six batteries between Shahpo and Sugantai completeness of the disaster. Another serious fact that remains un-

fords are impassable, but it is impossible to say how this will affect the final

to say how

character.

determined is the ammunition supply. Seven days of furious fighting must have greatly depleted the supply of both armies. Official circles express great con-fidence that Gen. Kouropatkin is better fidence that Gen. Kouropatkin is better wounded.

The casualties to ourselves and the Japanese guns advanced in the face of a terrible cannonade and rifle fire from were confident of an inexhaustible supply. The official story of the battle says the "During the five days, from October

10th to 14th inclusive, your cas Japanese made a determined effort to break the Russian centre on Friday were about 2,500 killed or wounded, officers included. night, but this it seems may be a clerical "During the four days from October telegraphic error for Thursday. 10th to 13th the number of corpses let Simultaneouly the Japanese launched a Simultaneouly the Japanese launched a by the enemy and buried by us reached by the enemy's dead after the bat

tle of October 14th were very nun The prisoners taken numbered 80. tion, but the infantry was forced back, Furious Attacks and Counter Attacks. "The principal trophies were 30 gun#

and many rifles, uniforms, etc. The Russians were forced to evacuate "There are some forces of the enem the village, but heroically captured the the right bank of the Shakhe rive position. This brought reserves of both in front of the main strength of the right sides into action, but whether the whole and centre armies, but no battle on a of the reserves of either side were engreat scale has occurred gaged is not clear. In any event, the "The forces of the enemy at Shahpo Russians were again and finally driver and Lamuntun facing the left army have out, making five times that Shakhe had een offering a stubborn resistance changed hands in the course of the bat have been dislodged and their positions tle. The Russians then retired to a new

have been captured. sition north of Shakhe. "On the afternoon of the 15th a fore Gen. Kouropatkin says that Friday of the enemy appeared near Santacknight was passed in comparative quiet, angtszu and continued to offer resist: but Friday there was a concentration of until sundown, portions of our centre and the Japanese in the great Mandarin left armies engaging them." road, which the Russian batteries were

vigorously playing on in an effort to hold BATTLE RESUMED

NEAR MUKDEN TO-DAY. The result of Saturday's fight has no

been officially given, but there is every Berlin, Oct.-17.-11.51 a. m.-Col. evidence that it was of the most sever Gaedke, the war correspo Tageblatt, telegraphs from Mukden th It was during the Japanese furious at when he left the battlefield yesterday tack of Wednesday, according to unoffi-cial account, that the Russians lost their 3.30 p. m. a general engagement was progress which was not decided, although not unfavorable for the Russians. guns. Thursday witnessed another furious cannonading in which the whole of The battle opened at 7 o'clock in the

the Russian force was forced back. orning, twelve miles south of Mukden At 2 p. m. he heard heavy artillery firing GREAT SACRIFICE OF

in the mountains eastward, where RUSSIAN OFFICERS understood Gen. Stakelberg was attack ng the Japanese right flank.

Mukden, Oct. 16 .- (Evening.)-The An immense number of wounded wer iring to the southwest is less violent. arriving at Mukden on this, the eighth The men are' tired out and food has been day of the fighting. The weather was

insufficient, every available man and gun are being used. The troops have be-haved most gallantly, hurling themselves dated Saturday, which was detained at

Unofficial reports say some successes at Sha day, where Gen. Kourd the offensive. While a Russian losses are hea report of Russian loss while their own are mi

JAPANESE SHELLI RETREAT

Gen. Oku's Headou Oct. 15 .- Evening, (de sion.)-Lamuntun, the ans, was capture The Japanese are no treating Russians, wi town.

This was the most entire six days' battle Japanese poured a rai position with no effect taken by the infantry is now in possession of It is rumored that m

guns were captured to GEN. KOUROPATKI

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Mukden, Oct. 15. via Russian army of the days of the hardest kin ection of the Russia ast night on the Shakh ng a position on The fighting, which o after noon on Octobe progress ever since. On the first day vanced, crossing the Sh to Hamantung, 20 m Mukden and 10 miles On the hills around Japanese had planted which, upon the Russia to the southward acro and joined the main the hills beyond. In f Japanese prisoners wer The Russians follow