

Russian Rout Races Through Mukden Japs Hanging On To Flanks and Rear

KUROPATKIN SUFFERS HEAVILY AS HE FIGHTS A REAR GUARD ACTION

Mikado's Armies Converging to Head Off and Surround Czar's Troops North of Mukden.

Japanese Now Occupy Yentai Mines—Rumors That Port Arthur Has Fallen.

Mukden, Sept. 6.—1:40 p.m.—The commissariat and columns of artillery are arriving here and proceeding northward.

Gen. Kuropatkin's army is engaged in an extensive rear guard action. Japs occupy Yentai.

Tokio, Sept. 6.—It is reported here that the Russians have retired beyond Yentai. Gen. Kuropatkin has occupied the town.

Harbin, Sept. 6.—Viceroy Alexieff and his staff have arrived here from Vladivostok.

Has Port Arthur Fallen? St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—1:20 p.m.—The Novoe Vremya this morning got out an early edition announcing the fall of Port Arthur, but it was recalled before the paper reached the street. Such a report is current, but it seems to have no basis in fact.

Almost Wiped Out Mukden, Sept. 6.—It is reported that Gen. Kuropatkin's rear guard has been almost annihilated, and that the main Russian army is in imminent danger of being surrounded.

Close to Railroad. Yentai, Monday, Sept. 5.—Delayed. There was heavy fighting northeast of this place today. The Japanese troops are now pressing northward along the northeast of the railway, and several skirmishes have already taken place within twenty miles to the southeast of Mukden.

THE RACE TO MUKDEN Japanese Armies Converging to Head Off Russian Rout.

Mukden, Sept. 6, 1:40 p.m.—The retreat of General Kuropatkin's army is being carried out in good order, despite the terrible condition of the roads, rendered sodden by the rains which fell yesterday and today, which mire the lumbering guns and heavy transport trains. Long lines of wagons, drawn by steaming mules, horses and even bullocks are straining their way north over the soaking, cut-up main road from Yentai. Behind them come long trains of artillery, and back of them still, Kuropatkin's army. The Japanese are hanging on Kuropatkin's flanks, keeping the Russians engaged in a continuous rear-guard action. The progress of the retreating army has been slow owing to the necessity of first getting through the baggage and guns; but, the heads of commissariat trains have already passed through Mukden and are continuing their way toward the north.

The main Japanese army is marching up along the road eastward of the Russian line of retreat, which converges at Mukden. Another Japanese force is also heading for Mukden from the westward coming from the direction of the Liao Yang.

Marshal Oyama seems to be making a race for Mukden. He evidently has great superiority in numbers, especially in artillery. As this dispatch is filed the correspondent of the Associated Press can hear the booming of the Japanese cannon, which are in place 14 miles from Mukden.

The skies are black and the air is stifling with the sense of suffocation, which is felt here before a storm breaks—strange harmonies between the elements and the menacing attitude of the contending armies.

Oyama in Close Pursuit. St. Petersburg, Sept. 5.—Field Marshal Oyama's whole army is across the Taitse River and is pursuing General Kuropatkin's forces.

It is officially stated that the united Russian forces are now north of Yentai except a detachment left at that place to cover the retreat.

The Japanese swarmed across the Taitse River near its junction with the Pengl. The bulk of the Japanese forces is marching direct on Mukden.

Racing to Mukden. St. Petersburg, Sept. 5.—A dispatch from General Kuropatkin, forwarded yesterday evening, indicates that Kuropatkin's army, and General Kuropatkin's army are racing for Mukden, and that the result is in doubt. General Kuropatkin says that the retreat is being conducted in perfect order. The Japanese repeatedly attacked the Russian rear on Sunday, but in every case they were repulsed.

Under date of Sept. 5.—General Kuropatkin telegraphed the Emperor as follows: "The retreat of our troops from Liao Yang on the night of Sept. 4 was carried out in good order. The enemy's insignificant attempts at pursuit were stopped by our rear guard. During Sept. 4 the Japanese strengthened their forces operating against our left flank, extending their line from the Yentai mines northward. Japanese also on Sept. 4, crossed from Liao Yang and its environs."

Russ Loss 16,000. St. Petersburg, Sept. 5.—The Russian losses during the fighting at Liao Yang are estimated at 16,000. There is no doubt here that a number of guns, especially siege artillery, have been abandoned.

One report says Kuropatkin was obliged to abandon 200 guns at Liao Yang. General Kuropatkin's defeat caused a drop of a quarter point in Russian bonds on the local bourse.

NEW PERIL Japanese Gunboats Murring Up River to Prevent Crossing.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—4:05 p.m.—Apparently the war office is not greatly disturbed by fear that Field Marshal Oyama will cut off Gen. Kuropatkin before he reaches Mukden. According to the latest advices the Russian retreat is being effected in good order.

The heads of transport trains passed through Mukden yesterday at noon and the fact that the baggage trains continued on their way northward of Mukden, the war office explains, does not mean that Kuropatkin is bound further north at this time, but is simply a natural precautionary measure.

coming up from New Chwang, might suddenly make their appearance, the river below being navigable to this point. As Kuropatkin was just north of Yangang when the heads of the transports entered Mukden yesterday it is evident that the retreating column is over fifteen miles long.

FELL BY THOUSANDS How Kuropatkin's Men Beat Off Desperate Assault on the 30th.

Mukden, Sept. 6.—The following message, detailing the events of the Japanese attack on General Kuropatkin's corps southeast of Liao Yang, Sept. 30, was written on the battlefield by M. Kiriloff, one of the Associated Press Russian correspondents, just before he was shot through the lungs, and was sent to Mukden for transmission.

"This morning, around Liao Yang, the Japanese were attacking us with a force of 150,000 men. The Russian line was dotted with flags of flame and little black-and-white clouds. The Japanese were firing from the water tower of Liao Yang. The Russian left alone was not engaged."

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Position of Armies on Sept. 4

TAKING NO CHANCES Japanese Fleet Watching Enemy's Vessels at Shanghai.

Shanghai, Sept. 5.—The Chinese have decided that the crews of the Asahi and Oozuma, while in treaty ports are under the control of customs officials and Russian consuls. A Japanese fleet of six cruisers and six destroyers is off Shanghai. The Japanese torpedo boats enter the harbor regularly for dispatches. The fleet will remain until the Asahi leaves her dock and her big guns are removed.

Fire at Dawson. Dawson, N. Y., Sept. 6.—The Klondike City sawmill, owned by the North American Trading and Transportation Company, was completely destroyed by fire today. The loss is \$50,000, with no insurance.

Immigrants Held Up. New York, Sept. 5.—Three thousand six hundred and sixteen immigrants, who reached this port on six ocean liners, which arrived today, were compelled to remain on the ships owing to the closing of the Ellis Island immigration station on account of labor troubles. They will be taken to Ellis Island tomorrow.

North Perth Election Voided. Court Throws Out Election After Trial of Protests at Stratford.

Stratford, Ont., Sept. 6.—The North Perth provincial election has been voided.

"DUDE KING'S" BAGGAGE Russia Objected to His Taking Seven Tons to Far East.

Berlin, Sept. 6.—The court of Berlin is agitated and mystified by Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia, who married the Empress's sister, and so is not only Emperor William's cousin, but his brother-in-law.

The Emperor ordered the prince to attach himself to Gen. Kuropatkin's headquarters in Manchuria. All society is certain that this order resulted from the Emperor's anger over some scandal in which the prince had been involved.

It is given out that the prince is angry and has gone to the States. He is postponed indefinitely.

DOMINION'S DEFENSES Prof. Smith Thinks Relationships Would Prevent War With U. S.

London, Sept. 6.—Mr. Goldwin Smith, in a letter to the Manchester Guardian on the defense of the Canadian frontier, refers to being present at a picnic of the Reesor clan of Swiss origin and says they multiplied on both sides of the line. Do you expect he says one-half of these people to expend the fruits of their labor to take up arms against the other half? Mr. Smith quotes a speech made some years ago by Sir Richard Cartwright, in which the latter said he knew of great regions in Canada where one could not find one single solitary Canadian family which had not a son or daughter or brother or sister in the United States. Judge whether the members of the family who remain in Canada will gladly give up their earnings to provide means for fighting those who have gone to the States. An old Canadian once said to Mr. Smith: "They talk of bombarding New York. My three sons live there."

"Lord Dundonald" the letter concludes, "tells us we live in a fool's paradise. Perhaps that paradise is not unshared."

Will Be Married at Berlin. Berlin, Sept. 6.—The wedding of Crown Prince Frederick and the Duchess Cecilia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin will take place in Berlin, where the members of royal families can be entertained better than at the bride's home. The marriage will probably take place early in the new year.

CROSSED RIVER; BURNED BRIDGES

Liao Yang Evacuated During Night of September Third.

Japanese Got Within Twelve Miles of Railroad, But Were Driven Back, Say Russian Dispatches.

Yentai, Sunday, Sept. 4.—Delayed in transmission. The Russians evacuated their positions around Liao Yang during the night of Sept. 3, crossing the Taitse River and burning the bridges behind them. In the meantime a strong force was holding General Kuropatkin back from Yentai.

During the combined attack on Liao Yang, which commenced Aug. 30 by General Oku, attacking from the south-east, and General Nodzu, from the southwest, the shell fire was terrific, in one instance 68 shells bursting at the same time.

The Japanese made a fine infantry attack, rushing the Russian trenches, but were repulsed with heavy losses. The Japanese shrapnel, as a rule, burst too high. On the whole the day went well for the Russians. The Japanese were driven from the villages along the railroad.

On Aug. 31 the shelling commenced at daylight from all sides, but the Russian force along the railroad, which retreated to the main position, which formed a circle around the city, while the transports crossed the river at 2 o'clock the Japanese succeeded in placing two guns in position, and shelled the railroad station, resulting in many casualties. At the same time the Japanese infantry brought up heavy guns and used shimozo powder to shell the Russian towns. The Russians held the position till the night of Sept. 3, when they retired across the river.

On Sept. 2 a strong Russian force moved east from Yentai to hold Kuropatkin back. Kuropatkin attacked it, and was repulsed, being driven from his positions on the left. The Japanese poured in a terrific shrapnel fire, one shell annihilating two Russian companies. In the evening the Russian artillery, which had been reinforced, shelled the Japanese position, and Kuropatkin pushed his right forward and got within twelve miles of the railroad at Yentai. Later he was driven back to his original position.

Yentai, where the Russian concentration of troops occurred, is ten miles northeast of Liao Yang.

They give the garrison no rest. Assaults no sooner cease than the artillery increases its thunder. The garrison is said to be greatly worn and weary, but determined to continue resistance, always hoping that General Kuropatkin will soon gain sufficient strength to come to their relief.

The Russians in Chefoo fear that the recent Japanese victory at Liao Yang will have a despairing effect on the Port Arthur garrison when they hear of it. When this information will reach them is uncertain, as the Japanese blockade is very tight. The Associated Press messenger was put to work carrying Russian dead and wounded upon entering Port Arthur. He escaped on Thursday and boarded a junk, which was promptly overhauled by Japanese torpedo boat destroyers.

Finding seven copies of the Port Arthur News, Kuropatkin's headquarter senger, the Japanese took him to Dalny, where he claims that he was beaten and suspended by the queue for the purpose of compelling him to admit that he was a spy. He was finally recognized by a Chinese official, who secured his release.

THE ELOPING PRINCESS Louise of Cobourg Intends to Prove That She Is Sane.

Vienna, Sept. 6.—A lawyer, who is in the confidence of Lieut. Count Matiasch-Keglevitch, and who has just returned from visiting the Princess Louise of Cobourg, declines to reveal such details of the princess, but gives a statement, which he says she made to him, according to which, she is sane and will be free to move will be to take legal steps to have my guardianship set aside. I shall ask the Austrian court chamberlain's department to grant me a new medical examination, and I can bring 50 witnesses to prove my sanity. I am not thinking of divorce or remarriage and reports of such intentions are spread for the purpose of injuring me. The lawyers said that the princess made his statement in the presence of Lieut. Count Matiasch-Keglevitch, adding that the friendship between the count and the princess had always been intimate. He said she could scarcely return to her husband, but would fight any efforts which might be made to compel her to return to an asylum.

Has Not Escaped. St. Petersburg, Sept. 5.—There is no truth in the statement printed in London that Sessanoff, the murderer of Interior Minister Von Plehve, has succeeded in escaping from prison.

Burglars Busy Today; Get Away With \$8,000

Lansdale, Pa., Sept. 6.—Six masked robbers early today visited the Valley Traction Company's car barn at Souderton, a few miles above Hereford, and after beating and gagging four employees, blew open the safe and escaped with between \$7,000 and \$8,000, the Labor Day receipts of the company. The men were all armed and when the employees of the company attempted to resist they were assaulted with black jacks and then bound and gagged. There were two safes in the office, but only one of them was broken open. The burglars had made preparations to crack the other safe, but the alarm in the office sounded and they were frightened off. They had stolen a wagon in which they made their escape.

WORN AND WEARY BUT FIGHTING ON

Stoessel's Little Band Again Beat Off Besiegers.

THE SECOND ASSAULT FAILS

Japanese Besiegers of Port Arthur Lose 8,000 Men From Aug. 27 to 31—Russians Lose 3,000.

Chefoo, Sept. 4.—The second general assault on Port Arthur assumed crushing proportions on Aug. 27, and continued unabated till the morning of Aug. 31, when the Japanese returned everywhere except from Paichuang, which they have apparently firmly secured. This information comes from a Chinese messenger sent to Port Arthur by the Associated Press, and it confirms previous fragmentary advices. The messenger adds that Hsuan was rattaacked Aug. 30 with great fury, but the Japanese were unable to secure a position.

Another Chinaman who departed from Port Arthur, Sept. 2, says a fierce assault was made on the left flank at 3 o'clock in the morning of that day. The assault lasted until 6 a.m., when the Japanese retreated. The bombardment then recommenced, the Japanese firing chiefly from Gushihyung and Paichuang, the Russians from Aishan.

The Japanese losses, according to the Russian estimate, were 8,000 during the four days from Aug. 27 to Aug. 31. The Russian losses are placed at 3,000. During the assault shells from the field guns and rifles fell in the city. The Russian ships in the harbor participated occasionally in the firing.

A reliable authority, in touch with the events at Port Arthur, declares that a week ago the garrison numbered approximately 15,000. Hsuan, Paichuang, Aishan and other positions frequently mentioned, are sustaining the most desperate and repeated assaults and bombardments. All directly or indirectly block the Japanese. The arrangements of the forts, affording mutual support, renders the Japanese scheme exceedingly difficult of execution. No Japanese have been near Liao for some time.

WANT LABOR MINISTER Trades Congress Would Have Appointment One of Cabinet Rank.

Leeds, Eng., Sept. 6.—The Trades Union Congress decided at today's session to send a delegate with a greeting to the international peace congress to be held in Boston.

The congress also adopted the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this congress the time has arrived when a minister of labor should be appointed with cabinet rank to whom would be intrusted the administration of labor matters, who would also collect and use such information as the various consuls could supply in relation to labor legislation abroad, and would be responsible for taking the initiative on questions of such a nature as the cornering of raw material so necessary to our industrial prosperity."

ELECTION TRIALS North Perth and Muskoka Protests Before Courts Today.

Bracebridge, Sept. 6.—The trial of the protest against the return to the Legislature for Muskoka, at the by-election of Mr. A. A. Mahaffy will commence here today, before Chancellor Boyd and Mr. Justice Teetzel. There is also a cross-petition against Dr. Hart, the Liberal candidate. The Liberals will be represented by E. F. B. Johnston, K.C., and Mr. A. H. Beaton, while Mr. Geo. Tait Blackstock will be the leading counsel for the Conservatives. Chancellor Boyd arrived here by boat from Parry Sound, where he has been spending the vacation, and Mr. Justice Teetzel, Registrar M. C. Cameron, and the counsel on both sides came up from Toronto on the afternoon train.

The North Perth protest against Mr. Brown, Liberal, will also be begun today before Chief Justice Moss and Justice Street.

Wanted by Police. A man named John Smith, who was wanted by the police for a number of years, was captured today by a constable near the town of Souderton.

Found Dead. A man named John Smith, who was found dead in a field near the town of Souderton, was identified today by a constable.

Lost and Found. A man named John Smith, who was lost in a field near the town of Souderton, was found today by a constable.

Stolen Goods. A man named John Smith, who was found with stolen goods in a field near the town of Souderton, was identified today by a constable.

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