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BATTLE OF SHALHO AND SPELLS DOOM TO RUSSIANS 60,000 FALL IN ONE OF FIERCEST FIGHTS IN HISTORY

Both Armies Fight Ferociously for a Week and Desperate Conflict Still Continues, Being Particularly Fierce Midnight Sunday.

LEFT FLANK OF ARMY LOST ADDS FULNESS TO DISASTER

Grim Tragedy Enacted in Manchuria Makes a Strong Appeal for Peace, and Japs Show Signs of Magnanimity.

SCENE—Shakhe River, village and surrounding district 40 miles south of Mukden.

DURATION—Seven days of almost continuous fighting, beginning with a Russian advance and ending in a Russian rout.

CASUALTIES—It is estimated that 60,000 fell on both sides. Russians lost 40,000 and the Japs 20,000. Over 10,000 Russians were left dead on the field of battle.

SITUATION—After cessation of hostilities on Friday, the fight was renewed on Saturday and Sunday and continued throughout the night, being especially heavy at midnight. The left flank of the Russian army is lost. This may mean more disaster.

SIZED UP.—At the close of the seventh consecutive day of fighting between Japan and Russia, the battle was still raging. The Russians offering stubborn resistance to the fierce onslaught of the Japanese. The sacrifice of life has been appalling. Estimates of the Russian losses alone in killed and wounded, at the end of the sixth day's fighting being conceded at 50,000.

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FIGHTING CONTINUES.—Mukden, Oct. 17.—The battle was renewed and continued through the night, especially heavy at midnight. The Russians retain their position along the Shakhe River, and have made frequent sallies upon the Japanese, capturing six of the latter's guns. The eastern army is helping the western force to break through the heavy artillery fire to-day. The fighting is now centered on the plain.

REARGUARD FIGHT.—St. Petersburg, Oct. 17, 3:45 a.m.—The latest reports from the battle are of Sunday afternoon and evening, when the Russians are carrying the heaviest rearguard fight, evidently retiring on Mukden. Generals Oku and Nodzu were concentrating for another blow on the Russian right where the fighting is described as having been fiercest. Gen. Nodzu is reported to have been wounded seriously, but this cannot be confirmed.

ALTHOUGH the official account of the battle does not present the disastrous picture that many in St. Petersburg had resigned themselves to see, the general feeling here is of the deepest gloom. If the battle has not been Russia's Sedan in fact, the moral and political effect could hardly be worse. The result will render the war and its consequences more unpopular than ever at home, while the greatest fear is expressed that the Chinese population, if not the government, will be encouraged to abandon a long and doubtful neutrality and openly side with the victorious Japanese.

FROM the military point of view, the most bitter disappointment is in the knowledge that the reverses seal the defeat of the heroic defenders of Port Arthur, who are now without hope of rescue from the outside world.

A remarkable feature throughout is the popular sympathy with Gen. Kuropatkin, Victor Alexiev is again charged with responsibility for Gen. Kuropatkin's attempt to take the aggressive. Pity rather than criticism is awarded the ill-starred general, but it is felt among army officers that the military prestige of the whole of Russia has suffered at his hands that it is impossible that he can ever be given the chance to retrieve the disaster.

GOING NORTHEAST.—Copenhagen, Oct. 16.—During the day the Baltic squadron passed Bornholm.

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RUSSIANS NOW FLEE EVEN TO HARBIN BUT WHOLE TALE OF DISASTER NOT TOLD

Nothing Heard of the Left Flank of Kuropatkin's Army and It May Be Annihilated.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 17.—(3:45 a.m.)—The official word to-day lifted from the ghastly tragedy around Shakhe River, but even the official account, supplemented by numerous press dispatches, leaves much uncertainty as to the situation. Out of the fragmentary bits of information at hand it is possible only to conclude that the costly withdrawal and retreat from Liaoyang is being duplicated upon an even grander scale, after more desperate fighting and heavier losses.

SHARPSHOOTERS OF TSAR'S FAR EASTERN FORCES TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THEIR POSITION.



A Russian Sharpshooter Corps Firing Barefooted From a Roadside Bank.

RUSSIANS FIGHT FOR PRIDE BUT MUST WIN ONE BATTLE

Guns and Stokers Shovel Coal Into Furnaces.

Mukden, Oct. 16.—(From a Russian correspondent.)—There was a lull in the battle yesterday, but fighting was continued on the right.

The army is southwest of here 10 miles. The fighting to the southwest is less violent. The men are tired out and food has been insufficient. Every available man and gun is being used.

The troops have behaved most gallantly, hurling themselves repeatedly against impregnable positions.

The heavy storm of Oct. 14 added to the misery of the troops. There is great depression but stolid tenacity among the men. There has been a great sacrifice of officers.

The plain occupied by the retreating Russians is covered with burning shells into the breaches of the guns as stokers shovel coal into furnaces.

Howitzer are used by the eastern army. The Russian guns have superior range and burst shrapnel at 4000 yards.

There is scarcity of reliable maps. Two divisional commanders have lost their chief staff officers, one of them being killed, and many commanding officers have met death heroically leading their regiments.

Shrapnel fell near Gen. Kuropatkin. He showed desperate energy and even in the darkest remained hopeful.

There was a cessation of hostilities Saturday. Neither side can stand many such contests, the ferocity of which was frightful.

THE RUSSIANS ARE NOW FIGHTING IN MANCHURIA IS FORGOTTEN, THEY FEEL THAT THEY CANNOT STOP THEM. THEY MUST WIN ONE BATTLE.

This evening the Japanese seem no nearer. Fires are burning to the south. About 12 miles from here the eastern army is retiring without fighting.

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The Canadian Club. W. D. Lighthall, M.A., F.R.S.L., Mayor of Westmount, Montreal, will be the guest of the Canadian Club at to-day's luncheon, and will address the club on the subject of "The People as Municipalities." The lunch will be held at McConkey's as usual at 1 o'clock.

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LIBERALS LOSE LA PRESSE CONSERVATIVES OBTAIN IT

Dansereau to Go to Europe or to Become Agoin Postmaster of Montreal City.

Montreal, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—La Presse going to support the Conservative party and Mr. Dansereau, sent to Europe for a holiday or to accept his old position of postmaster of Montreal.

It appears that the matter was to have been kept quiet until after the elections, but an indiscreet Liberal party let the cat out of the bag. It is understood that a joint stock company is to be formed with the same capitalization as the Star—\$1,000,000.

It appears that when the blow fell Mr. Dansereau applied for the postmastership and, since the place was not to go to Mr. Harwood, ex-M.P. for Verdun, he may get the position. Mr. Dansereau said this evening that Dansereau might go to Europe.

MR BORDEN N MONTREAL TO 3000 FRENCH CANADIANS IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE

Expresses Belief Quebec Will Return to Its Old Allegiance to the Conservative Party on Nov. 3.

Montreal, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—In answer to the question who is behind Borden I think I may say that the people of this country are behind our policy. I do not fear the issue of the ballots are counted as the people's election has been postponed in order to give the Liberal machine a chance to get in some of its fine work, as Glen Campbell, the Conservative candidate, is very popular in the riding and has already thoroughly covered the ground, and would have a practical walk-over if the elections were held on Nov. 3.

Richardson Proclaims Himself Government Ownership Champion of the West and Attacks Sifton.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 16.—The writs for the election on Nov. 14. Dauphin is the most northerly of the Manitoba ridings and Liberals claim that this course is necessary in order to reach the sub-divisions.

Conservatives, however, say the election has been postponed in order to give the Liberal machine a chance to get in some of its fine work, as Glen Campbell, the Conservative candidate, is very popular in the riding and has already thoroughly covered the ground, and would have a practical walk-over if the elections were held on Nov. 3.

O'BRIEN TO IRISHMEN. Says They Behaved Foolishly in Last Parliament.

Cork, Oct. 16.—Addressing a monster meeting here to-day, William O'Brien declared that some rule was in the offing since what was believed the Dunraven scheme of an Irish financial commission had sympathy in official quarters, but the foolish conduct of the Irish party in fighting Chief Secretary Wyndham, the Lord Lieutenant, and Anthony MacDonnell, under secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, who were pledged to conciliation, threatened to spoil all. It was not surprising that Wyndham repudiated the Dunraven scheme, for no man trusts his political reputation in the hands of men who behave so foolishly as did the Irish members in the last session of parliament.

FAIR AND WARMER. Meteorological Office, Toronto, Oct. 16. 8 p.m.—The weather to-day has been fine throughout Canada, except that a few showers have occurred in Manitoba. Temperatures have continued comparatively high in the Territories and Manitoba, and elsewhere there has been a tendency towards warmer conditions.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh to strong south to southwest winds, fair and warmer.

Manitoba—Northerly winds; mostly cloudy, with occasional showers.

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