

RUSSIANS ROUTED; JAPS IN PURSUIT Oyama Lost No Time in Striking Another Blow and Has Occupied Tie Pass.

Kouropatkin Again Forced to Burn His Stores to Prevent Them Falling Into Hands of His Pursuers—Czar Determined to Carry on the War.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—Gen. Kouropatkin, in a dispatch dated March 14th, says: "A fierce Japanese attack on the centre of our positions at the Fan river (about 13 miles south of Tie pass) has been repulsed.

JAPANESE ARE APPROACHING TIE PASS.

New York, March 15.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Times says: According to the latest news from Tie pass, the Japanese are within a few miles of that position and a resumption of fighting is hourly expected.

According to Gen. Kouropatkin, the Russians are fast reorganizing their forces and on the alert. According to Gen. Masloff, the extent of the loss to the third army is still unascertained.

Gen. Kouropatkin is highly commended for leading the onslaught against Gen. Nogi on March 10th, which is believed to have prevented the complete loss of the second and third armies.

There is no news of Gen. Rennenkampf. It is feared that his division of trans-Baikal Cossacks shared the fate of the Caucasus cavalry brigade.

JAPANESE CRUISERS ARRIVE AT SINGAPORE.

London, March 15.—A dispatch to the Star from Singapore, Straits Settlement, says that four Japanese cruisers arrived there today from the eastward.

NUMBER OF PRISONERS MAY BE INCREASED.

With Gen. Oku's Headquarters, March 12, 4 p.m., via Fusan (delayed in transmission).—Reports received up to last night show that over 40,000 Russian prisoners have been captured by all the Japanese armies, and that over 50 Russian guns have been taken.

The Chinese are enthusiastically welcoming the Japanese into Mukden, and flags are waving from all buildings.

In the last stages of the battle Gen. Linovitch's army became completely separated from the remainder of the forces.

Captured prisoners report that Gen. Kouropatkin believed that he was winning the battle up to March 7th, when Gen. Nogi pressed him strongly on the northwest.

Field Marshal Oyama's original plan seems to have been to hold the Russians along the Shakhe while working around them with both wings, but the Japanese right was fought to a standstill.

One thousand prisoners are being marched to Liao Yang for shipment to Japan. They are a mixed lot, including Poles, Mongols, Burjats and Kirghis.

REPAIRS TO THE LENA LYING AT MARE ISLAND.

Vallejo, Cal., March 15.—The plans of the Russian government to have the Russian cruiser Lena, which has been lying at the Mare Island navy yards for many months, repaired at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, have been abandoned.

ST. PETERSBURG, MARCH 16.—(2 a. m.)—Flanking tactics by the Japanese apparently are in progress again.

The Associated Press correspondent, who remains at Tie pass at the cost of great personal hardships, telegraphed that Gen. Mischchenko on March 14th engaged a Japanese force on the Russian right.

It is possible that the attacking force was a Japanese column which disappeared from observation during the battle of Mukden. The Japanese do not appear to have renewed the frontal attack up to noon yesterday.

The office of the censor has already been removed to Santoupi, eight miles north of Tie pass. The Associated Press correspondent declares that the newspapers' correspondents have practically been starved out of Tie pass.

It is rumored that an order for another general mobilization is being prepared and that a new army will be forwarded to Manchuria.

JAPANESE FLEET SAILS FROM SINGAPORE.

London, March 16.—A dispatch from Singapore to the Daily Express, dated March 15th, says: "The Japanese fleet departed this afternoon."

The appearance of Admiral Togo's fleet in the track that would be used in any attempt by Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky to make for Vladivostok is the most interesting news of the day.

According to the Daily Mail's correspondent at Singapore, who visited the fleet, the officers were unusually reticent.

So far as is known in London, Rojestvensky's squadron is still off the coast of Madagascar, but as the ice in the harbor of Vladivostok is probably beginning to give, the Russian admiral must soon make a decision whether to dash for Vladivostok or return to Russia.

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, in an interview on the subject of peace, said suggestions that the Japanese had officially or unofficially put forward peace, were absolutely unfounded.

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WILL WEAR DOWN JAPANESE RESISTANCE.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—The question of peace still engages public attention, but the attitude of this government apparently remains firm.

disaster to the army was not so bad as represented to be abroad. He had received a business telegram from Gen. Kouropatkin yesterday which indicated that the commander-in-chief was calm and handling the railroad situation skillfully.

Personally, the Prince was surprised that Kouropatkin allowed himself to be drawn into a general engagement at Mukden, as he knew the Japanese were in superior numbers by 75,000 men; besides the Russians had Chinese under the guise of bandits to reckon with.

NEW COMMANDER FOR RUSSIAN ARMY.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—(2 p. m.)—It is now definitely stated that Emperor Nicholas has approved the decision of the council of war to send Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholavitch to St. Petersburg, Gen. Kouropatkin as the best means of putting a stop to the intrigues and jealousies among the generals of the army both at St. Petersburg and at the front.

PROBABLY THREW GUNS INTO RIVERS.

Newchwang, March 15.—The military men here advance the theory that the difference in the number of guns the Japanese are reported to have captured and those guns Kouropatkin is reported to have lost is owing to the Japanese when routed having dropped the guns into the rivers through the ice and abandoned others in ravines and gullies.

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No details of the action have been received, and the ultimate fate of the remnant of Kouropatkin's forces is still problematical.

Another successful flanking movement on the part of the Japanese will probably seal its fate, but it may be that the Japanese are not in a condition to accomplish such a feat after their exhaustive efforts of the past two weeks.

THE MIKADO THANKS HIS VICTORIOUS ARMY.

Tokio, March 16.—The Emperor of Japan has sent the following message to his victorious Manchurian armies: "Since around the enemy erected strong defenses around Mukden, held the city and the surrounding territory."

DESPERATE BATTLE OPENED ON WEDNESDAY.

Santoupi, Eight Miles North of Tie Pass, March 15.—Evening.—The Russians have abandoned their advanced positions on the Fan river, where the desperate attack of the Japanese on Tuesday was repulsed, and have fallen back upon the defenses at Tie pass.

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KOUROPATKIN WAS TAKEN BY SURPRISE.

St. Petersburg, March 16.—The news from the front is again very serious. Field Marshal Oyama is striking another blow at the Russian army.

On Sunday, July 24th, the Vladivostok squadron sank the steamer Knight Commander off Izan, on her way to China and Japan.

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in from the west. The pass is practically the gate where the mountains and Liao river meet, and it commands the whole country.

ADDITIONAL POSITIONS TAKEN BY JAPANESE.

Tokio, March 16.—(4 p. m.)—The Japanese occupied Sing Ching (Sing King) on March 13. Sing King (or Yenden) is situated about eight miles almost due east of Mukden.

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THE CZAR IS OPPOSED TO PEACE.

Berlin, March 16.—The German government has been informed that the Russian Emperor has put aside all peace suggestions and is now in a resolution to continue the war.

All the high officers of the Far Eastern army recently joined in a petition to Emperor Nicholas not to consider peace until the Russian army had been reorganized.

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THE POSTPONEMENT OF RUSSIAN LOAN.

FRENCH BANKERS AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS.

Paris, March 15.—The postponement of the Russian loan is definitely confirmed. It is likely to exert a powerful influence towards peace, as it is the first time that French financiers have shown an indisposition to advance funds while the uncertainties of war continue.

According to the Russian view, this does not mean that the negotiations have been broken off, but merely that they are adjourned, as the Russian authorities say that the syndicate holds itself bound towards Russia, now as before.

It is significant that the postponement of the loan is coincident with a strong movement of industrial French press favorable to peace.

It is noticeable that some of the Russian officials speak approvingly of the latter proposition, and a refusal on the part of the French syndicate to treat any further.

THE ADMIRALTY AND ESQUIMAUX.

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Mr. Prettiman, under secretary of the admiralty, in reply, said the point of General Laurier's remarks in regard to the Canadian government taking charge of the naval base had not been lost sight of.

There were two parties to the bargain, but the admiralty would be willing to negotiate in regard to the North Pacific. The immediate local danger to be guarded against did not appear to warrant the maintenance of a naval base at Esquimaux.

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DISTRESS IN IRELAND. The Attorney-General Says Difficulty of Solving Problem is Appalling—Famine Impending.

London, March 15.—In the House of Commons yesterday John Redmond, in supporting Mr. Hayden's motion charging the government with failure to anticipate the distress in the west of Ireland, urged the government to take immediate steps to avert impending famine.

Mr. Atkinson, attorney-general for Ireland, in defending the government, admitted the enormity of the evil, but said the difficulty of solving the problem was appalling, reciting the measures already taken, including the expenditure of \$8,000,000 by the congested districts board.

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TWENTY-THREE SAILORS DROWNED.

London, March 15.—A storm of hurricane force burst over the Irish and English coasts during the night and it is feared that many disasters have occurred, but the telegraph lines are broken at many points.

BRITISH SHIP KHYBER IS A TOTAL WRECK.

London, March 15.—The British ship Khyber has been totally wrecked off the Cornish coast. Twenty-three of her crew were drowned, and three were saved.

Storm Sweeps the Irish and English Coasts—Fears Entertained for the Safety of Fishermen.

The high winds caused considerable havoc along the coasts of the United Kingdom. Telegraphic communication between London and many points is cut off.

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WEEKLY WEATHER.

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