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Armies Have Resting Spell

Heavy Rains Render Roads Impossible and Operations are Suspended.

Last Week's Struggle Will go Down in History as Russian Defeat.

Six Hundred Thousand Soldiers in Poland Available for Far East.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 20.—(2:25 a. m.)—For the moment heavy rains and impassable roads have compelled a suspension of operations in Manchuria. There was practically no fighting yesterday and none whatever last night.

There is evidence of a new disposition of the forces on both sides, General Kuropatkin is extending his right flank with a view to a turning movement on the eastern front. The importance of which point is fully realized by the Japanese, who have attempted to retake it in two night attacks or to meet and thwart a Japanese turning movement from the west. As yet no definite plan has been developed as to what is to be done in the event of a shifting weight to the westward.

Yielded lines still are received that the Russian line has recovered from the blow inflicted last week by Field Marshal Oyama, and that General Kuropatkin is preparing to renew the struggle as soon as the roads become dry. The Associated Press despatches from Mukden already are preparing to retire and the war office admits that Kuropatkin's line has again moved to the westward, but there is no light upon the movement of the Japanese. There is indeed, an utter lack of late news from the front, an enemy so retreating movement instead of a retirement, relieving the pressure on a front with a view to accomplishing something on the Russian side.

Many critics here believe that General Kuropatkin intends to return to the line of the Hun river, where the cessation of hostilities forced by the bad weather, if the Japanese offensives had been really exhausted, gives both sides a breathing space, and pull themselves together and would seem to insure a mutual benefit to the one as to the other. When operations recommence they will assume an entirely new phase with new dispositions and new objectives. Practically all the battle has ended, and it goes into his story as a Russian defeat.

When the operations are resumed a new battle will begin. The reappearance of victory already at Mukden today has not been without its political re-arranging, as such conferences in the past have not been fruitful of success. The Japanese have been able to gain the Russian western frontier and the attention to further reduce operations in the region of the Hun river, under which the frontier will be protected so as to permit of the despatch to Manchuria of troops stationed in Poland. There are about 600,000 soldiers in Poland, and the Russian government will be inclined to General Gripenberg's army, but as these troops are located in the west, it is known as Russia's third line of defense. The fact has not attracted much attention, but it develops that the line hinges at Ploisk in the Germano-Polish frontier. In the diplomatic circles it is believed that nothing in the shape of a treaty between Russia and Germany is being discussed. It is writing, but that there is simply a mutual personal understanding between the two sovereigns, but not an agreement covering active aid as an agreement would be operative. The Anglo-Japanese alliance is thought to be a permanent one, in diplomatic quarters that there is something in the nature of a pledge on the part of the British government to protect Russia's western frontier. It is now recalled as significant of the deep personal friendship between the two emperors that when Emperor William was about to undergo an operation last year he commended the gathering, God Emperor Nicholas. This fact was mentioned at the time in the official messenger, but did not attract much attention as it is now receiving.

Herin, Oct. 19.—A confirmation of the St. Petersburg statement that part of the Russian Baltic fleet will follow the Cape of Good Hope route is contained in a despatch from Kiel, which says that the Hamburg-America line has contracted to coal the battleship squadron, which, it is said, will follow the Cape of Good Hope route.

LADY CURZON IMPROVING.

Waiman Castle, Oct. 19.—It was announced this evening that Lady Curzon has postponed his departure to India until the end of November. Lady Curzon maintains her improvement.

LARGE SILK SHIPMENT.

Oaklands, N. Y., Oct. 18.—Jamaica, N. Y., Oct. 18.—A consignment of 2,000,000 lbs. of silk was received here today from Yokohama. There were fourteen carloads each sent to New York. The silks are being

SENATOR PROCTOR RE-ELECTED

Montpelier, Vt., Oct. 19.—United States Senator Proctor was this afternoon declared re-elected from Vermont for a term of six years by the joint assembly of the Vermont legislature.

REPORT ON THURSDAY'S FIGHT.

London, Oct. 19.—A despatch to the Japanese legation from Tokio today says: "Field Marshal Oyama reports that on Tuesday the enemy's strength gradually decreasing his force in the direction of the right army, only small detachments continuing activity. The enemy beaten at Boushiu is retreating northwards. In the direction of the central army the enemy made assaults, but they were all repulsed and today there has been only occasional exchanges of cannonades. In front of the left army the enemy is occasionally firing."

GOLDWIN SMITH AT CORNELL.

Ithaca, N. Y., Oct. 19.—Goldwin Smith, of Toronto, today laid the cornerstone of the Hall of Humanities at Cornell University, which bears his name, and is being constructed at a cost of \$250,000. The ceremony was suspended during the ceremony. Mr. Smith said in part: "The honor is deeply felt and he is when it is conferred heartily wishes that it had been better earned. A long life, now at its close, is many memories of mingled happiness and pain. One memory is unalloyed. Bright in my life, though dark and sad with pain, was the memory of moving in the year 1868 on the student life of the great Cornell University. I received my B.A. degree and was received by Andrew White and afterward taken out by Ezra Cornell to the campus, on which then stood the poor block, and which now is covered with stately buildings and is joyous with the student life of the great Cornell University. I yearn to bid a long farewell to Cornell and all objects of my long interests and attachments have done it with a full heart of affection and gratitude."

ARMIES ARE RESTING.

With General Oku's left army at the front, October 17, via Fusan, Oct. 19.—The right and centre armies held their lines all through the night, and moved forward at the same time. A Russian force which attacked the right flank of the right army, was repulsed at the station. At last accounts the whole Japanese force now holds a line fifteen miles to the northward, where the armies are resting.

News Notes of The Dominion

Unseated Commissioner of the Ontario Crown Lands Will Retire from Politics.

Bishop Baldwin Died Last Night—Wedding of Lt. Colonel Evans.

Montreal, Oct. 19.—The annual report of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company, issued today, shows for the year ended December 31, 1903, a net profit of \$15,576,871.

The following nominations were made yesterday:

London—W. H. Montague, Con. Wright, Que.—P. A. Labell, Con. Bertier—M. A. Ferland, Con. Maskington—J. J. Luss, Lib. Con. North—J. H. Luss, Lib. Con.

HAS HAD ENOUGH.

Toronto, Oct. 19.—Hon. E. J. Davis, minister of crown lands, was unseated by the court in North York, and announced his intention of retiring from political life at the close of the present parliamentary term.

BISHOP BALDWIN DEAD.

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CONDONED FIELD GUILTY.

Preston, Oct. 19.—The coroner's jury have returned a verdict of manslaughter against Conductor Meyer, of Preston, on account of the death of Miss Helen, who was killed in a collision between a trolley car and a coal car on Monday last.

SAUL STE. MARIE, OCT. 19.—Joseph Chartrand, who was found guilty of murdering a woman Mrs. L'Amour at Woodville last year, has been sentenced by Justice Oster to hang on Monday.

FACE BLOWN TO PIECES.

Paris, Oct. 19.—A man, Meachiche, an Italian laborer working on the construction of the James Bay railway, had his face blown to pieces by a charge of dynamite yesterday. He died shortly after the accident occurred.

FASHIONABLE WEDDING.

Winnipeg, Oct. 19.—In Knox church this afternoon, in the presence of a fashionable gathering, Col. Evans, B. D. O. C., led to the altar Miss Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel and Lady McMillan. An extensive group of guests were present.

SOCIALIST NOMINATED.

Nelson, Oct. 19.—The Socialists held a convention this evening in this city and nominated Jas. A. Baker, of Sloaca, Oreg., as candidate for member of parliament in the forthcoming election. Mr. Baker is a miner and is on the executive of the Western Federation of Miners, being the member of that body for this district.

FRIENDLY TO BRITISH.

Amer of Afghanistan Will Send Son to Meet Lord Curzon on Return.

London, Oct. 19.—The India Office announced that the Amer of Afghanistan will send his eldest son to meet Lord Curzon on his return to India and will receive at Kabul an official visit by the Indian government authorized to discuss with the Amer questions concerning the relations between the two governments. The London newspapers express satisfaction at the opportunity time selected by the Amer for such a meeting which is calculated to remove apprehensions and consolidate British Indian relations with Afghanistan. The Amer's decision is supposed to be connected with the recent suggestions of the Russian press in favor of a Russian military demonstration on the Afghanistan frontier.

KNOWS A GOOD THING.

Mr. Hays States That He Has Not Been Resigned From the G. T. R.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 19.—With reference to the rumor that President Hays, of the G. T. R., had resigned, Mr. Hays today advised the press that he is a resident of this city, and that he has not resigned, and that the report to the effect that he has resigned, absolutely false and without any foundation whatever.

FATIGUES RAILWAY POLICY OF LAURIER

Mr. Blair Resigns as Chairman of the Railroad Commission and Expresses Himself Very Strongly on Ruinous Proposal of Sir Wilfrid's Cabinet.

Ottawa, Oct. 18.—The sensation of today is the resignation of Hon. A. G. Blair as chairman of the Railway Commissioners' Association. The resignation was made this afternoon on the conclusion of an argument in the application of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association for an act in the classification of metallic shingles. The legal gentlemen in the case had left and the two or three newspapermen in the room were gathered up their papers, when Mr. Blair said in a doctored way that he had a note to them requesting them to remain. The correspondents wondered what was coming, but in a few minutes they were made aware of it. From his place as chairman, with his colleagues beside him, the chairman made the following important declaration:

"I accepted a place on the commission with many misgivings. Since I have been a member of the board I have not found that these misgivings have been removed, but I think I may say that they have been intensified. I may say that at the present moment I have returned to me for prompt determination of the question as to whether I will turn my mind and my energies in another direction which will be very much more profitable to me personally than the position which I now fill. I hope it will not be thought in doing so I have pursued any other course than that which is proper and legitimate in a man who, if he does not consider his own interests, certainly cannot expect to have them considered by his colleagues. I do not wish to intimate that I have any cause which I wish to see carried out, but I do wish to intimate that I have arrived at a conclusion which I have arrived at, it is purely for reasons that are personal to me."

He spoke of the useful work the commission was doing, and in conclusion said he parted from his colleagues with regret. Mr. Blair sent his resignation by telegram to Premier Laurier.

The impression around town at first was that Mr. Blair had resigned as a result of the proposal of the G. T. R. but Sir Thomas Shaughnessy told your correspondent that he had never thought of it. Mr. Blair himself told your correspondent that he had no immediate intention of re-entering public life, but that will not preclude him from again expressing his strenuous opposition to the fatigues railway policy of the government.

The opinion is freely expressed that within a week Mr. Blair will be in the office of Sir F. Borden.

Reports of the Conservative swing of the party still coming in from all parts of the Dominion.

Mr. Blair's Resignation

Move Has Caused Consternation in Liberal Party Throughout Dominion.

Probably has Bounded the Death Knell of the Liberal Government.

Rabid Attack Made by Leading Journal of the Grit Party.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Oct. 19.—The absorbing topic wherever people congregate is the resignation of Hon. Mr. Blair as chairman of the railway commission, and the move has caused consternation in the Liberal party throughout the Dominion.

WAR SUMMARY.

(By Associated Press.)

There has been an end, for the time being, of the fighting on the large scale which began when, on October 17, the Japanese announced to his army that the time had arrived for an advance. The Japanese have been making trains and road heads have made the military operations on either side extremely difficult. It is impossible, according to reports received at St. Petersburg, to make any definite statement as to the progress of the fighting. The Japanese and Chinese positions are likely to develop when the Japanese government will seek to make a compromise with the Chinese government, through the American embassy, against the alleged use of Chinese uniforms by Russian troops, in violation of the usages of war. Russia is hampering the organization of the second Manchurian army.

OTAWA SUPREME COURT.

Ottawa, Oct. 19.—(Special.)—In the Supreme court today the appeal of the Dominion Works by Bryon White Co., a Toronto case, was argued. Davis and Taylor for appellants, Bowdell and Lennie for the respondents.

LABRADOR STEAMER SAFE.

St. John's, N. F., Oct. 19.—The Labrador mail steamer Virginia Lake, concerning which there has been much anxiety, is safe. She was detained by the severe hurricane that swept the coast of Labrador last week.

BIG STRIKE CAUSES STAMPEDE AT DAWSON.

Dawson, Oct. 19.—(Special.)—A big strike has been made near Hopedale, a branch of the Stewart river. The prospectors believe that it is a continuation of the famous White channel. The strike is similar to that found on the Bonanza. The strike was made by men working on the government lands, and these men were to be made on the surface and in large quantities on a high bench.

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MAPS REVEAL SECRETS.

Russian Charts Captured by Japanese Show Frontier Not Retreated.

With General Oku's Left Army at the Front, Oct. 17, via Fusan, Oct. 19.—Maps captured by the Japanese show that the Russians had advanced for the purpose of retreating, and these maps indicated where stands were to be made. The advance of the Japanese army was to cut off the Russian retreat. The maps showed the Russian positions and the Japanese advance, and the Russian retreat was prevented by a Russian flanking movement.

RUSSIAN RETIRING.

Tokio, Oct. 19.—(4 p. m.)—Manchurian headquarters, telegraphing yesterday, says that the Russians retreated from Boushiu. The Russian army is retreating northwards. In the direction of the central army the enemy made assaults, but they were all repulsed and today there has been only occasional exchanges of cannonades. In front of the left army the enemy is occasionally firing.

REPORTED DEFEAT OF JAPANESE DIVISION.

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Rumor of Disaster to Oyama's Men—Russian Battalion Wiped Out.

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RUSSIA BUYS SELFS.

Warrenande, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Oct. 19.—The mail steamer Kaiser Wilhelm and Konig Christian, recently sold by an Odessa firm, have been re-christened and have sailed for Russia.

WILL VISIT PANAMA.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The President has instructed Secretary of War Taft to proceed at an early date to Panama to confer with the President of that Republic with a view to settling the differences that have arisen between the two countries.

STILL LOOKING FOR REVENGE.

Sir Thomas Lipton Has Not Given Up Idea of Another Challenge.

London, Oct. 19.—Sir Thomas Lipton today was shown a newspaper article intimating that he had abandoned the quest of the America's cup, and hinting that Kenneth M. Clarke, one of the foremost Clyde racing owners, might enter the contest. Sir Thomas said he had not given up the idea of again challenging for the cup and he had written to the British racing authority the idea of securing a boat.

DEFENCES AT HUN RIVER.

Russians Apparently Preparing to Make a Decided Stand.

With General Oku's army at the front, Oct. 17, via Fusan, Oct. 19.—The Japanese advance is ten miles south of Mukden. The Russians have built heavy defences two miles south of the Hun river, where they are expected to make a stand. There are no natural defences at that point. The Japanese report that the battle has been the most severe yet fought on the plain where the Russian forces consisted of the First Army Corps and the Fifth and Sixth Siberian corps. The only defences were infantry trenches, which were hastily made.

The Horrors of Lone Tree Hill

Slopes and Summit of Battle Field Covered With Mangled Remains.

Hospitals at Mukden Are Still Crowded to Overflowing With Wounded.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 19.—The correspondents are sending voluminous details of the horrors of the capture of Lone Tree Hill. The slopes and summit are covered with mangled remains. It turns out that in the twentieth and twenty-first days of the fighting, the Japanese made the defence of the crest, every Japanese officer killed had a compass on his person. The despatch from General Sakharoff dated today confirms the Associated Press previous reports that the Japanese were fighting last night. The General reports that the Japanese are concentrating their forces on the crest of Lone Tree Hill. Signs of the offensive are noticed. There has been a slight forward movement of the left upon the Bentaspitze road from Mukden and Tushan. No big movement, however, is possible pending the drying of the roads.

Stranger to say the general staff still says it is probably a matter of information of the Yamada affair.

Other Russian correspondents mention that the Japanese are falling back towards their Yental line.

Another correspondent says it is persistent reports that the Japanese battalions are surrounded on a hill by General Rennekampff, and that they are apparently expected to surrender. Another correspondent reports that during the advance of the left early last night, the Japanese were surrounded in a Chinese village, but only five of them surrendered, the remainder committed suicide.

The hospitals at Mukden continue to be crowded to overflowing. The wounded are still being sent north as rapidly as possible by train.

The change in the situation at the front is being reported by the Bourne today, four advancing a quarter of a point.

ONLY A SMALL TURN-OVER NEEDED.

Winnipeg Tribune.

Some of the more foolish Grit party are trying to comfort themselves and their relatives by saying that the election is a foregone conclusion and that it is not possible for the Liberal party to carry 25 seats in 144. They are forgetting that the Liberal party has a majority in the House of Commons and that it is not possible for the Liberal party to carry 25 seats in 144. The Liberal party has a majority in the House of Commons and that it is not possible for the Liberal party to carry 25 seats in 144.

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Sir Richard Cartwright left for Fort William today, speaking there through the day night, leaving the following day for Ottawa.

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Inactivity Follows Russian Assault

Abortive Advance by Kuropatkin Leads to Cessation of Struggle.

Tokio, Oct. 19.—No reports from the Japanese Manchurian headquarters were received either last night or today, and in consequence it is assumed here that inactivity has followed the abortive Russian assaults of Monday night.

The Russian concentration in front of the armies of Generals Oku and Nodun (the left and centre respectively), on Monday reported by Field Marshal Oyama, created the impression here that the Russians were planning to assume the aggressive and that another great battle was imminent, but it is now thought that General Kuropatkin is merely seeking to protect his right and rear in order to gain time to withdraw his army across the Hun river because it is believed that it will be impossible for him either to move aggressively against the Japanese or to hold his position on the Shauke river. Figures showing the Japanese losses since October 10th, are still incomplete, as is the case of the guns and other Russian property captured by the Japanese. There is a popular impression here that affairs at Fort Arthur are reaching a crisis, and it is believed that the end is only a question of days.

Jubilation at St. Petersburg

Capture of Japanese Guns and Other Successes Cause Change.

Gloom Manifest in the Forenoon Gives Place to Joy in the Evening.

Fear That Kuropatkin's Position May Be Endangered by Flooded River.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 19.—(2:30 a. m.)—There is jubilation through the city over the news that General Kuropatkin has resumed the offensive, and the holiday which began with little heart, closed brighter. The illuminations in honor of the Czar's victory gave a tinge of brilliancy to an evening otherwise depressing through a constant drizzle of rain.

Newsbys up to midnight raced through the thoroughfares with evening extra shouting "great Russian victory," and crowding the papers. Groups of men in brilliant uniforms or in evening dress at the hotels and restaurants discussed the change in the situation in even-tempered and now reports of Russian successes and the capture of guns on the whole quiet, with satisfaction, but with considerable reserve.

A correspondent at the front the past forty-eight hours had been hinting that the Russian army was on the eve of another advance, but it was thought here that the troops were too exhausted by more than a week's terrific struggle to engage in a further advance. The Associated Press heard, on good authority that the Emperor has received a telegram from General Kuropatkin reporting that the Russians are moving forward. The reverse sustained by Yamada's column and not yet being reported by General Kuropatkin or General Sakharoff, except in a reference to an unexpected advance, was not mentioned. The Associated Press Mukden despatch evidently refers to this affair in reporting that the Japanese left had been beaten off with terrible slaughter and its retreat cut off by a Russian army.

Another Press despatch from Mukden confirms the news of the Russian advance. When telegraphing to the Associated Press, it is rumored that we are moving ahead. There is no official confirmation here of the report from Tokio that a Russian advance on the Japanese right flank on the 17th had been repulsed. If this report should prove true it may be serious for the Russians who crossed the Shauke while the river was fordable. According to the Associated Press Mukden despatch the water has since risen much in consequence of heavy rains and therefore it will be well impossible for the Russian army to follow up the advance. This may explain the statement in a Mukden despatch that the Associated Press that the fighting was slackening the morning of October 18th.

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