

JAPS AT LIAO YANG NOW IN POSSESSION. Total Losses Said to Reach 20,000 Men.

Russians Held Their Ground and Repeatedly Repulsed Japs.

Liao Yang cable — "The historical moment has arrived, and the battle of Liao Yang is in progress. It was not 6 o'clock this morning when the first gun was fired, but soon afterwards hundreds of cannon were thundering along our southern and eastern fronts.

plied with guns is defending the town from entrenched positions a few miles to the south on a ten-mile line. The other section passed through Liao Yang by the Mukden road, and is offering a front against an expected flanking movement. Gen. Kouroupatkin realizes that his safety depends on crushing the flank attack while the rear guard holds Liao Yang.

rolled boulders down the hillside upon the climbing Japanese soldiers. The Japanese reserved their fire and climbed steadily upward, finally reaching the summit and driving the Russians out. Russian forces included the 10th corps and half of the 17th corps. They numbered in all 65 battalions and 120 guns. The main force retreated toward Liao Yang. The Japanese casualties in this fighting numbered 2,000. No estimate is given of the Russian casualties, but they are believed to have been heavy.

THE JAPANESE ACCOUNT. Of the Three Days Desperate Fight Near Anping.

Tokio cable says—Details of the operations against Liao Yang from Aug. 25 to 28, which include an account of the desperate three days' battle in the neighborhood of Anping and the abandonment of Anshanshan, reached Tokio to-day.

LOSSES AT PORT ARTHUR. The Japs Lost 2,000 Men in a Single Day.

Paris cable says—A despatch to the Echo de Paris from St. Petersburg states that in the fighting at Liandian and Anshanshan the Russians lost 3,150 killed. The Japanese losses were enormous. They are reported to have lost at one point on a single day 2,000 men.

TO CUT OFF RETREAT. General Kuroki Forces the Passage of the Taitsze.

London cable — Only the most meagre reports have been received here of the night struggle in which some half a million men are engaged before Liao Yang. The latest official news is contained in Gen. Sikharoff's telegram which was sent from Liao Yang at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

JAPS USING BALLOONS. The Railway Communication is Still Open.

St. Petersburg cable says—With the knowledge that the Russian and Japanese armies about Liao Yang are locked in a death struggle, the tension in St. Petersburg to-night has been increased by a report that the Japanese had cut the railway. While it is always possible that a small raiding party might slip through the Russian patrols, or that hired Chinese handbills might cut the telegraph, it is fair to suppose that in view of the facts, that this has not been done.

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