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Praise For Kuropatkin

St. Petersburg Critics Think His Tactics a Feat in Military History.

More Cheerful Air Now Prevailing

at the Russian War

Office. Cessation of Operations is Due to Exhaustion of both

Contesignts. St. Petersburg, Oct. 22.-With the closing of the week, the semi-panic produced by the heavy reverse sustained by General Kuropatkin's army lasi week has, in a great degree, disapped, and a much more cheerful ar vades the war office. The great cala: wing under shelter of the right cen

shows that he is more determined than ever to secure strong advanced positions across the Shakne.

It is known that the left has actually pushed forward slightly and the idea that the operations contemplate only rear-guard actions seems negatived. Nevertheless, despatches to the Associated Press from Mukden today say that Kuropatkin has been fortifying positions on the Hun river behind him, which might indicate that he purposed only to make an active defence below only to make an active defence belo Mukden. Another advance by eithe side would combine a movement befank, but no evidence of anything the sort has yet occurred.

The general staff attributes the cess: tion of operations to the natural exhauster. The general staff attributes the cessation of operations to the natural exhaustion of both sides, but does not offer a clue to what it anticipates. The news of the capture of Shakhe town, at the intersection of the Shakhe river and the Mandarin road, was received with great satisfaction here. The taking of the town is considered an important strategical gain, placing General Kuropatkin in complete mastery of both ides of the Shakhe river between the rails as and the Mukden-Bentsla, inter here, as and assuring his communications against the possibility communications against the possibility of being cut off from the south. The only point on the left bank of the Shakhe river remaining in the hand of the Japanese is Lamuntung, within rifle shot of the railroad bridge. This bridge has presumably been confounded with the Shakhe station, five miles north, the report that the Russians had bombarded the station applying to the bridge, as the station is now beyond the reach of their operations.

The heavy concentration of both Russians and Japanese between the Mandarin road and the railroad makes certain a tremendous collision at this point. The Associated Press learns that a portion of the eighth army corps, which of the Japanese is Lamintung. tion of the eighth army corps, which had reached Harbin, is hurry south-

ward. While the Japanese evidently are deualties must be at least three-fourths as great as those of the Russians, probably in the neighborhood of 30.000. ably in the neighborhood of 30.000.

The weather has again become clear, but it is very cold and the soldiers are reported to be suffering. A correspondent wires that twelve Japanese were found Friday night by a/detachment of Cossacks. They were unconscious and half frozen and were conveyed to the Russian camp where they were cared Russian camp, where they were cared

MINING PROGRESS AT GRAND FORKS

Large Addition to Be Made to Ore Cars-Work on Senator Group.

From Our Own Correspondent. Grand Forks, Oct. 19.-Word has

just reached here today that the Canadian Pacific railway has made arrangements to put on 50 new steel ore cars, which will be used in hauling ores from the Granby mines at Phoenix to the smelter here. This has been found necessary owing to the increased output of ore at the Granby mines.

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W. P. Tierney & Company have just been awarded the contract to build a spur line from the Great Northern branch to Phoenix to the Rawhide mine, which is located near the Snowshoe, and is owned by the Montreal & Bostou Company. It is estimated that over two hundred men will be employed on the work, which will last over a month. The work on the spur will consist energy of rock work.

The Sengior group of claims up the

The Senator group of claims, up the North Fork, is now working twelve men, under the able management of John Rogers. One car of ore each day is the present output of this property, but it is expected that at least two cars daily will be shipped within the next month. The ore is being hauled in wagons some two miles to the railway.

It will be remembered that Senator group was only recently bonded by the Granby company, the former owner being Chris. Tobiasson, an old-time prospector.

MYSTERIOUS NAVAL MOVEMENT

San Diego, Cal., Oct. 21.—The United States torpedo boat destroyer Paul Jones has gone, under hurried orders, to meet the Pacific squadron, which is supposed to have left Magdalena bay, where target practice has been going on, for Panama. She is bearing despatches, the nature of which are unknown. The boat took on an extra cargo of coal and provisions and steamed out at full speed.