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JAPANESE PURSUE FLEEING RUSSIANS

General Kuroki Sends Report That the Muscovites Are Now in Full Retreat Northward

Stores Burned and Whole Line Along the Shakhe River Evacuated--Russians are Closely Pressed by the Mikado's Troops--Corps May be Surrounded.

General Kuroki's Headquarters, via Fusan, March 8 (morning).--The Russians last night under cover of darkness evacuated the whole line along the Shakhe river and are now in full retreat northward.

The Japanese infantry is pressing them closely. Before retreating the Russians set fire to great heaps of supplies, which burned throughout the night.

The fall of Mukden appears imminent. The Japanese are pushing the Russians hard on the east.

Newchwang, March 6.--There is every indication that the great Japanese movement for the envelopment of Mukden has so far met with overwhelming success. In the last few days little has been heard from the fighting along the strongly fortified central positions, and it is believed that the Japanese centre is only required to hold its ground--while the wings stretch far to the northward to encircle the Russian flanks or threaten the railway.

General Nogai's third army from Port Arthur has advanced far on the left wing and swept all before it. Nogai's men are reveling in the field work which they regard as child's play after the siege of Port Arthur.

It is reported here that the scouts of General Nogai's and General Kuroki's armies are already in touch behind the Pass.

DESPERATE ATTACKS BY THE JAPANESE.

St. Petersburg, March 7, 3.15 a.m.--According to a correspondent from the Russian army the tide of battle yesterday was rolling back from the immediate vicinity of Mukden, operations up to noon having resulted in the capture of several villages and the southwest of Mukden; but late in the afternoon the Japanese inaugurated a series of desperate attacks, the outcome of which is still not chronicled. Gen. Kaulbars, who is considered to be the best general of Kouroupatkin's army, has taken personal charge of the operations in this field. The commander-in-chief is also devoting his attention to the fighting in the same locality.

At latest reports the Japanese had also launched an attack against Tientsin hill and other points on the Russian lines, presumably with the intention of regaining positions from which the Russians had ousted them during the night, and also to prevent Gen. Kouroupatkin from dispatching further reinforcements against Gen. Nogai's hard pressed veterans. The latter, however, have brought up heavy field artillery to their support, making a much more even fight against the Russian cannon.

Comparative inactivity is the rule on the extreme left. The Russians claim minor successes against General Kuroki, who presumably having shot his bolt and effected at least one of his objects, that of drawing Russian reinforcements, may have forwarded part of his army to reinforce the centre and west flank.

FIGHTING RESUMED WHEN FOG CLEARED.

Mukden, March 6.--(Noon).--Fighting began this morning as soon as the fog cleared, and up to the present time has been increasing in intensity.

The Russians are gradually forcing the Japanese north and west and have taken Tsinwanche, Panziatun, Elivichin and two other places. Gen. Kaulbars and his staff are on advanced positions reviewing operations. The Japanese artillery is pounding away fiercely upon Tsinpu some shells from six-inch field guns, charged with Shimosa powder, are also exploding not far away, and shrapnel is raining.

The attack by one regiment this morning was a spectacular sight. The regiment advanced as if on parade, supported by two batteries, and attacked and captured two villages successfully. The Japanese are said to be attacking Pouchin hill.

Japanese prisoners are being sent toward the rear. They are ravens with hunger. They say they started with provisions for three days and were then ordered to make them last for six days. They had not eaten since Sunday morning. Gen. Kouroupatkin has ordered that

the complete defeat of Kouroupatkin with equality, on the theory that a Russian victory would stiffen the backbone of the reactionaries. According to the Liberal view, the more the government is embarrassed, the more it will be obliged to yield.

HALF A MILLION JAPANESE ENGAGED.

London, March 7.--According to a usually well-informed Japanese correspondent of the Morning Post, a large portion of the Japanese new fifth army is engaged in the battle now in progress under Lieut-General Kawamura, to whom has been entrusted the development of Field Marshal Oyama's plans to the northeast of Mukden, and this development may prove astonishing to the Russians as General Nogai's operations on the northwest.

The correspondent contends that numerical superiority now is with the Japanese, who have at least half a million men engaged, reinforcements having left Japan continuously of late in order that the intended operations should not fail for the lack of sufficient men.

TRYING TO PRESERVE LINE OF RETREAT.

Tokio, March 7.--All Japanese are eagerly watching developments at the great theatre of war in Manchuria. The people are confident that Field Marshal Oyama will defeat General Kouroupatkin. The only question considered is the extent and severity of the blow he will inflict and its effect upon the course of the war.

It is believed the possession of Mukden and a line on the Hun river is already assigned, and many predict even a greater disaster for the Russians.

General Kouroupatkin seems to be devoting his greatest energy to the protection of Fushan in order to preserve a line of retreat. He has sent masses of reserves there.

The positions east and south of Fushan have already been the scenes of most bloody fighting. The operations of the Japanese left and part of the centre continue to be successful.

It is believed that the Japanese will succeed in cutting the railway north of Mukden.

Various estimates of the losses already sustained by the opposing forces are being made but they are untrustworthy on account of the meagreness of the information at hand.

BATTLE RESUMED SOUTH OF MUKDEN.

Mukden, March 7.--4.20 p. m.--The battle around Mukden was renewed at the break of day. Artillery fire is becoming very heavy.

RUSSIANS ORDERED TO RETAKE POSITION.

General Rennenkampf's headquarters, Oubeneputa, March 6.--Events took an unavoidable turn for the Russians. This evening, after a day of marked succession of determined attacks, the Japanese routed the Russians from an important position on the left centre of the eastern army. The Japanese are also pressing the right centre hard. The Russians have been ordered to retake the position at any cost.

FIGHTING NEAR THE GATES OF MUKDEN.

Newchwang, March 6, via Tientsin.--Traders arriving report that last night 30,000 Japanese gained an important position five miles west of the gates of Mukden. Hand-to-hand fighting followed until daylight without any advantage to either side.

The traders further report that the Russians, becoming alarmed, burned the government buildings preparatory to retreating. One thousand Russians are reported to be moving southward of the east bank of the Liao river to attack the Japanese in the rear, and it is thought that a battle is imminent.

RUSSIANS DEFENDING POSITION AT FUSHUN.

Tokio, March 7.--The greatest concentration of the Russians defending Fushun seems to be along the line from Tita to Manchuntan. Gen. Kouroupatkin continues resolutely to defend the positions at Fushun. The operations in that vicinity do not indicate what Kouroupatkin intends to fight or retire, but he must hold Fushun to protect the army on the Shakhe river.

PROPOSAL TO SEND MORE MEN TO FRONT.

London, March 7.--The correspondent at St. Petersburg of the Times, telegraphing on March 6th, says: "Reassuring dispatches to-night claim that the Japanese already have used all their reserves. If he receives positive information on this point General Kouroupatkin will haul his entire force to-morrow south and southwest of Mukden and try to break Oyama's army. As a preliminary meeting of the council

operation it was found necessary to burn the Kiroge commissariat warehouses at Suluhepu, Chien and Sitronan. On March 4th three Japanese divisions began a heavy attack on the triangle formed by Zansintun, Salinpu and Madyapu, simultaneously advancing over a wide front against the railway and towards Batun. The villages of Santatze and Podaza were taken by the Japanese on the afternoon of March 5th.

TRELLS OF REPULSE OF THE RUSSIANS.

Tokio, March 7, 7 p.m.--The following dispatch was received to-day from headquarters of the Japanese armies in the field: "In Singking (Yenden) direction the enemy in the neighborhood of Tiansi made several counter attacks on Monday which were repulsed. "Our attacks against Machuntin, despite the obstinate resistance, succeeded. Part of our force on Monday occupied the northeastern heights of Huanet, four miles south of Machuntan, and another force occupied a line of heights at Paizuko, seven miles south of Machuntan.

In the Shakhe river direction, east of the railroad, on Sunday night, the enemy counter attacked north of Tung-hin, but was repulsed. Otherwise the situation is unchanged.

THE MOVEMENTS OF JAPANESE WARSHIPS.

London, March 7.--The correspondent at Hongkong of the Standard states that three Japanese cruisers, with colliers, passed southward on Sunday afternoon and that 22 men-of-war and colliers passed southwest early on Friday.

TAKES PESSIMISTIC VIEW OF SITUATION.

Berlin, March 7.--Col. Gaedke, who returned from the seat of war last December, writes to the Tageblatt to-day, taking a pessimistic view of General Kouroupatkin's situation.

Basing his opinion exclusively on Russian news, Colonel Gaedke thinks it probable that the Russians are about to suffer a defeat which will put them in a position to retreat northward.

RENNENKAMPFF'S CORPS MAY BE SURROUNDED.

St. Petersburg, March 8.--2.25 p.m.--The Associated Press is now in a position to positively deny the current rumors that Gen. Kouroupatkin's lines of communication have been cut.

Within an hour a cipher dispatch from Kouroupatkin to Emperor Nicholas, containing a report of the day's operations, has arrived, and is now being transmitted to Tsarsko-Selo.

Its contents are unknown, except that Kouroupatkin at night still held Mukden. The Associated Press hears from a high source that the position of the Russian left is critical. Compelled by the failure of Generals Oku and Nogai to crush the Russian right yesterday, Field Marshal Oyama again transferred the weight to his right, and General Kuroki succeeded in driving in a wedge between Linewitch's main army and Gen. Rennenkampf's corps, which is the extreme left.

FIRST RUSSIAN ARMY IS AGAIN GIVING WAY.

Tokio dispatch announcing that Gen. Kuroki is making progress and has already reached a point 14 miles south of Fushun yesterday, showing that Lieut-Gen. Linevitch, commander of the first Manchurian army, is again giving way. It is the latest and worst word which reached St. Petersburg this morning regarding the situation at the front.

With the fate of the gigantic struggle between Gen. Kouroupatkin and Field Marshal Oyama, probably already decided, as it is now 7 o'clock at night at Mukden, and St. Petersburg waiting breathlessly for news, ominous silence reigns. No private or press dispatches giving news of to-day's battle have yet arrived here, and the mere fact that the curtain is rung down, taking a leaf out of past experience, is pessimistically interpreted.

There are ugly rumors circulating in the streets that the day is lost, and that the Russian army is in full and disorderly retreat, with only the gallant guard fighting off the victorious Japanese.

According to other rumors the lack of news is accounted for by the report that the Japanese have cut the Russian lines of communication.

BATTLE MAY CONTINUE SEVERAL DAYS LONGER.

General Kuroki's headquarters in the field, March 7.--Via Fusan.--The tenth day of the Japanese attack finds the battle progressing favorably. Its long duration was expected, and it probably will continue several days more before it is concluded.

The Japanese forces have reached nearly to Mukden, within two miles of the railway, and are bombarding strongly. The Russians everywhere are making a desperate resistance, frequently trying offensive operations and arranging every defensive device of modern warfare.

The fighting resembled a siege more than a field of battle. The past two nights there has been

WILL BRING IN A NEW CLAUSE

DECISION REACHED BY THE GOVERNMENT

Provisions of the Section Proposed to be Placed in the Autonomy Bill.

Ottawa, March 7.--The clause which the government proposes to place in the autonomy bill in place of the educational clause merely makes section 93 of the British North American Act applicable to the Territories as if it were a province at the time of the union, but subject to the school ordinance passed by the Territorial government down to date. It is a short clause of six or seven lines. The objectionable section in regard to Dominion lands does not appear.

NEW YORK STRIKE.

New York, March 7.--A strike by 5,000 employees of the Interborough Rapid Transit, operating the subway and Manhattan railroad elevated lines in this city, which took effect at 4 o'clock this morning, was one of the most complete in its early stages than any in its history.

After the hour set no train was started with union crews, and the latter quit when the terminal of the various lines had been reached.

Surface lines were worked to their most capacity, but were unable to carry the great crowds due to the tie-up on the elevated lines. Hundreds of non-union men applied at the office of the Interborough company to-day for employment, and during the forenoon the officials announced that about 150 had been hired. There had been 1,500 applications for positions, it was said, but many were turned away because they were incompetent.

About 50 of the strike-breakers, brought here from the West, refused to work, claiming that they had been engaged to work as motormen, but were asked to act as guards.

Conditions of the elevated did not change materially during the forenoon. Cars were running at frequent intervals, and carried few passengers. Business in the financial districts was materially affected by the strike. At the stock exchange scarcely more than half the regular number of members were in attendance at the opening, and practically the same conditions obtained at the other exchanges.

After 8 o'clock conditions in the subway were greatly improved. Trains were operated frequently and without interference, confusion or delay. Some express trains were run. The trains were operated by men who appeared to have been well trained. The elevated service was practically tied up.

MRS. CHADWICK'S TRIAL.

Has Apparently Recovered From Illness, Which Caused Adjournment on Monday.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 7.--Mrs. Chadwick came into the court to-day apparently only on the verge of illness, which caused the adjournment of the court yesterday afternoon. Andrew Carnegie was in court.

B. P. Holter, of Oberlin, resumed his testimony as soon as the court opened. He was a director of the Citizens' National Bank of Oberlin, and gave evidence covering the meetings of the bank. He said he knew nothing until November 27th, 1904, of Mrs. Chadwick's transactions with the bank.

J. F. Randolph, of Oberlin, also a director of the Oberlin bank, gave evidence similar to that of Mr. Holter.

C. P. Doolittle, an instructor in Oberlin college and a director of the bank, testified that he never knew of any dealings between the bank and Mrs. Chadwick until the day before the bank closed. The Chadwick deals were not reported by Cashier Spear to the directors.

SLAIN WHILE ASLEEP.

Woman and Her Three Children Murdered--Their Head Split Open With an Axe.

Danville, Ark., March 7.--A quadruple murder has been committed at Danville, Ark., where the wife and three children of James Ince, a farmer in that locality, were slain as they slept.

The news of the tragedy was brought here by Ince. He said his wife and three children had been murdered in their beds, and that the neighbors would accuse him of the crime, and he was afraid he might be mobbed. He came to advise with the counsel as to what was best for him to do. Ince was advised to surrender to the officers and was taken into custody.

MANY DESTITUTE.

St. John, Nfld., March 7.--Pitiful accounts have reached here of suffering at St. Pierre, where a degree of destitution that is unprecedented prevails. The French government is taking measures for the relief of sufferers from hunger and cold. To-night business men in St. Pierre regard the prospects for the future as almost hopeless, the failure of the fisheries for the last few years having been a severe blow to the prosperity of the place.

ATLANTIC RATES.

Liverpool, March 7.--It is understood that as a result of the recent conference of representatives of Trans-Atlantic steamship companies in London, steam rates will be raised \$5 to \$12.50, according to the class of steamer, and the second cabin rates will be raised \$5.

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