

# RUSSIAN SCORE SIGNAL SUCCESS

## Drive Russians From Strongly Fortified Position on Chi River.

### A MILE OF GOAL.

A despatch from London says:— Rumored from Shanghai that the Japanese have captured the Russian fort at Port Arthur, and are now within a mile of the main defenses, which they are bombarding. It is stated from the same source that the garrison is reduced by fighting and sickness to 20,000 men.

### JAPS' POOR SHOOTING.

A despatch from Liao-Yang says:— The course of an interesting interview with General Rennenkampf, who is severely wounded, and is now in bed, is copied, criticizing the Japanese shooting as not up to the mark, and said the Japanese relied upon the quantity, rather than the quality, of their fire. The general declared that the Japanese are over-slow and cautious. This criticism may be somewhat discounted, however, by the fact that General Rennenkampf himself is one of the boldest and most dashing commanders in the Russian army. General Rennenkampf paid the highest tribute to the engineering skill of the Japanese. Their fortifications, he said, are marvels of completeness, well constructed, located and masked. They freely use field telephones, connecting their batteries, and have excellent maps, many of which have been captured on which ranges are marked.

"The Japanese is a cunning and dangerous foe," said Gen. Rennenkampf; "he is not awful, but is a slave to system, lacking the necessary dash and willingness to take chances that would make him a most formidable foe."

### TOO MANY TO BURY.

A despatch from Gen. Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field, via Fusan, Korea, says: The Japanese attack on the Russians at Kiaotung on Wednesday resulted in another Russian disaster. Kiaotung is 25 miles from these headquarters. Few details of the engagement have been received, but they indicate that the fighting was fierce. The Russians had more than one division engaged and artillery was used freely.

The Russians are fortifying new positions from Motien Pass.

There were more men killed in the fighting on Sunday, July 17, than can be buried, and the Japanese are now engaged in cremating the bodies.

### AIM CRUSHING BLOW.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The army organ evidently believes that the Japanese are preparing for a general advance from the east against the Russian left. The paper estimates the Japanese purpose as follows:—

"The probable object of the Japanese advance is to move into the Liao River Valley, which is north of our position at Zanze Pass, in order to occupy a more favorable position in the forward movement of the main army, which is posted along the Motien, Lakho and Tapan Passes, with a front ten miles to the south of the Saimatsza-Liao-Yang road. The advantage of the delay consists in the possibilities afforded of endangering our communications north of Liao-Yang and the flanking of Lieut.-General Count Keller's army in the north."

Regarding the new advantage gained by the Japanese still further south of the Saimatsza-Liao-Yang road, the army organ considers that the Japanese operations there and the superiority of their forces at Motien Pass prove that there have been great changes in the numerical composition of the Japanese forces, and adds:—

"Undoubtedly the newly-formed reserve units have been sent from Japan to strengthen the armies and some of the Japanese forces are being brought north from Siuyen. It is not improbable that the Japanese intend to make an attempt to occupy Lieut.-General Count Keller's position at Zanze Pass, which would render it much more difficult for him to take the offensive. But it is scarcely probable that the Japanese intend with this column to advance upon Liao-Yang or Mukden. Such a move would be extremely dangerous with a previous victory on the Liao-Yang high road, and would call for the deployment of very large forces for which the Saimatsza-Liao-Yang road is not suitable."

### MARCHING ON MUKDEN.

News was received at Liao-Yang from Tatchekiao on Tuesday that the Japanese had broken through the Russian left flank between Lieut.-Gen. Count Keller's position and that of Gen. Rennenkampf, and that they were marching on Mukden.

The rumors to this effect are persistent, but there is no official confirmation of them.

### RUSSIAN DEFEAT.

A despatch from London says: The

imaginess of the news from Liao-Yang since the battle at Pass on July 17 seems likely followed by an announcement of other important engagement. Kouropatkin, in a despatch July 19, intimates that there is considerable movement on the Russian right, and the despatches correspondents of the same date their sequel in a Liao-Yang despatch announcing a Russian defeat.

A despatch to the Daily News from Mukden, dated July 19, that a fierce fight has been going on for two days, and continues. Japanese, in superior strength, attacked with great daring and success. The Russians are contesting the ground splendidly. The Japanese flanking movements to the rear are the real cause of the Russian tirement, and the heavy losses sustained. The Japanese artillery again showed its superiority. The guns have kept up an incessant roar along the front of the road.

### THREE RUSSIAN ARMIES.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris states that the Russian War Office has decided as Japan has three distinct armies in the field in Manchuria, there shall be three Russian armies also, two under Gen. Kouropatkin, and the third under some other general, but under the general direction of Grand Duke Alexieff.

### BRITISH VESSEL TORPEDOED.

A despatch from New-Chwang states that the commander of a Russian torpedo boat reports that he accidentally torpedoes a British vessel in the Gulf of Pechili. The vessel is supposed to be the steamer Hipsang, which belonged to the Indo China Navigation Company, and has been four days overdue at Chefoo from New-Chwang.

### BURIED IN THEIR BLOOD.

Rabbi Drabkin, of St. Petersburg, in an interview had with him by Associated Press correspondent, asserted that there were 150,000 Jews fighting in the Russian army in Manchuria. The Rabbi calls attention to the fact that when Jews fall in battle their burial is different from that which occurs when death results in other ways. The Talmudic law requires that those who fall in battle shall be buried in their blood. Therefore, the bodies of such are placed in shrouds, but are interred in their clothes.

Although Jewish soldiers can object at such burials, Rabbi Drabkin thinks that rabbis should be sent to the Far East, together with instruments prescribed by the Jewish ritual, the only place in that region where these now are being harbored. The Jews in Russia are subscribing immense sums for the aid of the families of their co-religionists in the field. Odessa alone having contributed \$175,000.

### RUSSIAN SHIPS AT SEA.

A despatch from Tokio says: Russian Vladivostock squadron, accompanied by torpedo boats, entered the Pacific Ocean at 7 o'clock. Its destination is unknown, but it is suggested that it possibly plans to raid the east coast of Japan, or to return to Vladivostock, or to escape to the southward, or to attempt to form a junction with the Port Arthur fleet. The squadron was discovered in the Straits of Tsuru at 3 o'clock in the morning, steaming rapidly eastward. At 5 a.m. it was reported off Tappi Cape and at 7 a.m. observers at Hakodate discerned it and reported to Tokio that it was then steaming to the east. Warnings have gone out to shipping along the eastern coast of Japan and merchantmen are hurriedly seeking cover. It is expected that most of the shipping will be warned before the Russian vessels can inflict serious damage if a raid is purposed. Ordinarily a lack of coal would prevent an extended cruise, but it is possible that the Russians possess a collier at a rendezvous in the Pacific Ocean.

The Vladivostock squadron overhauled the steamer Taketshima, which arrived at Mororan at noon. Reports that she left the Russian vessels steaming to the south-east with great speed. This course creates an impression here that they are heading for Saigon, the capital of French Indo-China, although it is possible that this course is a ruse to deceive the Japanese.

### BESIEGERS NUMBER 80,000.

A despatch from Chefoo says: Informants from Dalny stated that transports, loaded with provisions and ammunition, arrived at Dalny on Sunday. The Japanese around Port Arthur are not yet prepared to take the offensive. They are simply defending and fortifying the positions they have already occupied. It is expected that they will be ready to assault the fortress by the end

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