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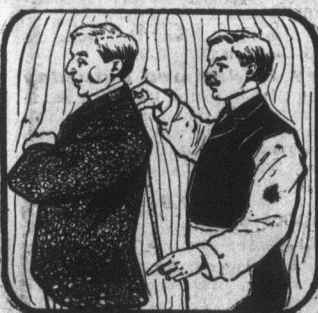
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A BATTLE IN PROGRESS

Armies Are Now in Closest Touch and It May Be Decisive.

General Kuropatkin's Forces Failing to Concentrate, Japanese Kill Another 1,000 of the Enemy, and a General Engagement Cannot Be Expected—What Kuropatkin Himself Says—Stooped to the Car Offers to Quit.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 30.—Even late last night the greatest uncertainty prevailed regarding the actual situation at Liaoyang. There is intense anxiety for definite news from the front, but even the authorities are frankly ignorant as to whether the long-expected decisive action will be fought at Liaoyang or further north. It is impossible that a great battle is even now proceeding, and there are many indications that such is the case. If this is so the fate of the year's campaign may be settled within 48 hours. At the same time opinion is almost equally divided, many believing that Gen. Kuropatkin will not make a determined stand, and that the Japanese will crack the shell only to find that the bird has flown.

It is certain that the armies are now in the closest touch.

Lost Another 1,000 Men.

Owing to the delay in the concentration of Gen. Kuropatkin's army, due to the terrible condition of the roads, the Japanese attacked the slow-moving corps and severe fighting occurred Aug. 27-28, in which the Russians lost another thousand men, and will probably now have to accept a general engagement.

Gen. Kuropatkin himself says in a despatch to the Emperor: The Japanese began at dawn Aug. 27 two movements designed to cut off the first and fourth corps, while Gen. Kuroki drove a wedge between the second and fourth corps, which were stationed west of Liandiansian. The Russians fought a series of rearguard actions in order to cover the retreat of their impediments to Liaoyang, in which they were successful. The first corps again sustained the brunt of the fighting, losing Gen. Rukovitsky and Col. von Raaben. The first, second and fourth corps succeeded in effecting a concentration at Liaoyang without further loss. The whole six corps, of which two are European troops, have now formed a semi-circle within a radius of six or eight miles of Liaoyang.

Gen. Kuropatkin has not far short of 170,000 men.

Japs Overtake Russians. Liaoyang, Aug. 30.—The Russians lost 300 in killed or wounded during the retreat from Anshanshan, the Japanese making a forced march by night and overtaking the Russians at daylight. Gen. Rukovitsky was killed by a shell.

RUSSIANS HEAVY LOSSES.

Many Officers, 1,000 to 2,000 Men and 10 Guns.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 30.—General Kuropatkin since Sunday morning has been drawing in all his forces from his eastern and southern fronts toward Liaoyang. Anping, Tsegow, Liandiansian and Anshanshan, constituting the main positions of the outer defence line of Liaoyang, have been abandoned. The heaviest fighting occurred on the extreme left, where the Japanese advanced to the assault again and again with bayonets. The positions at Tsegow and Anping were held by the 10th European corps. The attacks were delivered with fanatical bravery.

Lost Many Officers and Ten Guns.

The Russians lost a large proportion of officers, ten guns and from 1,500 to 2,000 men, but the Russians had been generally successful in beating off the assaults all along the long line, and the Russians declare that the order to retire came as a surprise just when they were expecting orders for a general advance. This is considered to be proof that Gen. Kuropatkin, finding his main positions menaced on the flank and rear, was driven to the fact, drawing owing to the condition of the roads, which have suddenly been transformed into mud bogs by the rain, considered that a retreat was imperative. The retirement from the east front was greatly impeded by the conversion of the Lan River into a mountain torrent, and this probably also accounts for the failure of the Japanese to follow up the retiring Russians.

Japs Moving Toward Mukden.

The Japanese column, moving up the Liao River and threatening Gen. Kuropatkin from the west, is regarded as being extremely dangerous, and Gen. Kuroki's extreme right seems also to be working around Gen. Herschelmann's position at Anping and to be moving toward Mukden. The strength of the enveloping Japanese armies may be judged from the fact that Gen. Oku alone, who is coming up from the south, is officially reported to have 75,000 men.

Liaoyang Probably Untenable.

Whether Gen. Kuropatkin intends to accept battle at Liaoyang may not be known positively for several days, but the belief several times indicated in these despatches prevails here that he will withdraw northward, having found that he is not strong enough to cope with the Japanese and realizing that Liaoyang is no longer tenable on account of the Japanese threats at his west rear.

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SOME UGLY ACCUSATIONS ON GETTING PAVEMENT PETITION

Alleged that Old Petition was Rehawked and Certain Names Were Forged—Henry Smyth was Handling Affairs—A Nasty Civic Mix-up Kills the Council's Former Action on Murray St.—Some Strong Talk by Aldermen and Rate-payers—Council Cancels Contract As Requested.

From present appearances no pavement will be put down on Murray street this year. Such was the result of last night's Council meeting when Ald. Piggott's by-law for an asphalt block pavement failed to pass in committee.

There are some very peculiar circumstances in connection with the petition for this asphalt block pavement which was presented at the last meeting of the Council and on the strength of which the by-law for an asphalt block pavement was prepared and brought before the Council last evening for consideration.

Recent developments have shown that the petition is one started last April. The promoters found it impossible to secure a sufficient number of signatures at that time and the petition was abandoned. In the meantime other petitions for a bituminous pavement and against pavements of any kind have been received by the Council and many of the people who signed the asphalt block petition in April have since signed other petitions for other pavements.

At a meeting of the Council held a few weeks ago a number of the residents of Murray street were heard at the Council Board against any pavement being put down this year, and a resolution to this effect was passed by the Council.

Then this old April petition was revived, a few more names are added to it and it was presented at the Council at the last meeting by Ald. Piggott. The members of the Council were under the impression that this was a newly started petition and that the residents of Murray street had changed their minds so they rescinded their resolution that no pavement should be put down this year and referred the petition to the engineer for his report and advised for tenders for an asphalt block pavement.

Since the last meeting the aldermen, some of them, found out the circumstances surrounding this petition and it was felt that there would be "something doing" when Ald. Piggott again brought up his by-law—and there was.

There were two by-laws to come up under the heading of the first reading of by-laws, one in charge of Ald. McCoig for a gravel walk on the east side of Princess street from King street to Wellington street, and the other in charge of Ald. Piggott for the asphalt block pavement on Murray street.

Ald. McCoig moved the first reading of his by-law and before the Clerk could rise to his feet to read it Ald. Piggott, who seemed over anxious to get his by-law through, was already there and started in—

"I move the first reading of a by-law to accept the engineer's report for an asphalt block—"

"Bang!" the Mayor's gavel came down with a thud and Ald. Piggott was advised to wait until Ald. McCoig's by-law was read.

This was a starter and from that on the large number of Murray street residents who were in the audience, were keenly interested in the proceedings.

Both by-laws got a first and second reading, and the gravel walk on the east side of Princess street was a third time and passed. But not so with Ald. Piggott's.

When the Council went into a committee on the asphalt block pavement Ald. Martin was called to the chair. The little alderman seemed to think this was a scheme to muzzle him so that he couldn't speak on this by-law, for he said—

"Your Worship I reserve the right to speak on this by-law before it is read a third time."

The Mayor—You certainly can speak whenever you want to. You've got the chair.

Ald. Martin seemed considerably relieved.

The by-law was then considered in committee.

A petition was read at the beginning of the Council against this asphalt block pavement with sixteen names attached, three of whom were on Ald. Piggott's petition for the pavement.

Ald. Piggott—Those people are against an asphalt block pavement or any other pavement, and if we listened to them we would have nothing but mud like we've had for the past ten years. We should not pay any attention to people who sign a petition and then sign against it after the time for withdrawing is over.

Ald. Westman—Yes, but I would also give them a fair chance to choose what they want. I will vote against the by-law.

Ald. Martin—Wouldn't you give the people what they want?

Ald. Westman—Yes, but I would also give them a fair chance to choose what they want. I will vote against the by-law.

Ald. Martin—There has been much ludicrous trouble over this pavement. The people don't know for 24 hours what I understand that some people on this street have been tricked into signing this petition; actually defrauded into it, and they will come here and say so. This is a serious accusation and respectable men would not be guilty of such a trick. There are several ladies—and I am glad to say they are single—who are represented here by Mr. Houston, who would like to address the Council.

Ald. McCoig—You are hard on the residents of Murray street. They have a right to sign and withdraw if they want to.

Ald. Piggott—One of the aldermen said the tenders were not got in a legal way. I would like to know what is behind that.

Ald. Westman—Ald. Piggott misunderstood me. I said the petition was got in a questionable way. A great many people have been led to believe that the pavement would not be put down this year.

Ald. Edmondson—I have been told that there are names on the asphalt block petition that are forged names. If that is so I will vote against it.

Ald. Tye—A large delegation of Murray street residents went away from here at a previous Council meeting perfectly satisfied that no pavement would be put down this year. Now this old petition is brought up and one man on the street told me that he didn't sign his name, but it was signed by someone else. That man promised to be at the meeting to-night, but he is not here.

Ald. Edmondson—That is a serious charge and you should be able to substantiate it.

Ald. Tye—Allow me to finish. If that is the case and the people are all satisfied to wait until next year for a pavement, why rush this pavement on?

M. Houston then spoke in the interests of the Misses Ryan and Mrs. Weldon against the pavement. He said—

"The people who signed that petition last spring were of the opinion now that it was done away with. The people are all out of town during the summer months and now an Alderman springs this petition and I tell you the person who circulated it has not a cent's worth of property on that street. He goes to the Eau and he follows Mrs. Weldon to Ridgeway. Why? All of this expense has got to be paid for in the tenders. Without any warning this by-law is to be rushed through. It is getting late in September. Why this hurry? Is some one making something out of it?—I don't mean the Council. Think of our high tax rate. You have a right to stop and think over that. I ask you in the name of the people who don't want the pavement; I ask you in the good name of the citizens who are over burdened with taxes; I ask you in the face of the way the petition was got up not to pass that by-law. Let it stand for a while. I don't want to cast any reflection on anyone but people don't go to the Eau unless there is something in it for them. Is it not tainted in the face of it and the proceedings of it? Henry Smyth, who circulated the petition, spoke after Mr. Houston in self-defense. He said the reason he interested himself in the pavement was because he wanted to sell Mrs. Douglas' property on the street and he had a man in view who would purchase it if there was a pavement in front of the house. When asked by Mr. Houston to give the name of the man he refused to give it in public. He admitted going to the Eau and to Ridgeway but he said he had the petition along with him."

"I suppose the man Dr. Tye refers to," said he, "is John Brown. This man did sign the petition when I submitted it to him." Smyth claimed to have written statements from men to whom Mr. Brown said he had signed the petition.

Ald. Tye then asked Mr. Merritt, caretaker of Harrison Hall, to address the Council.

Mr. Merritt said—"Mr. Brown told me on Tuesday or Wednesday night of last week that he had never signed the petition for an asphalt block pavement. He told me that Smyth was talking to him about the petition and said 'I'll sign your name, but I don't think the petition will be put down this year.'"

Mrs. Weldon then addressed the Council. She said "Mr. Smyth came to me and told me the pavement would not be paid for before 1906 and would not go down until next year. He said he wanted the petition in order to sell Mrs. Douglas' property. I think that was a fraudulent way to get my signature."

Mr. Bangham, of the Asphalt Block Company, addressed a few words to the Council. He said he and Mr. Pritchard started out with the petition last spring but could not get enough names and he was about to drop it when a resident came to him and offered to circulate it. Mr. Smith got the petition from this resident. If there is anything fraudulent, I am innocent. The pavement can be put down cheaper this fall than next spring.

L. E. Tillson said that he was in favor of some kind of a pavement and he wanted it this year.

This ended the discussion from the audience.

Ald. McCoig—After considering the matter over there would be too much responsibility on the Council to start this pavement if we were caught by bad weather and I move in amendment the by-law be given a six-months' hoist.

Ald. Piggott—It would be a mistake to do anything like that. The people we are satisfying by doing that are opposed to a pavement of any kind.

Ald. Scullard talked in favor of Ald. McCoig's amendment.

This amendment was put and Chairman Martin declared it a tie. The little Alderman wanted to vote for it but he got somewhat mixed and failed to count his own vote.

Ald. Piggott's motion that the by-law be passed in committee was then put and it was lost too.

Ald. Piggott—in a puzzled voice—What does that mean?

Ald. Martin—Promptly with a serene smile—it means that your motion is lost. In other words 'In Statu Quo'.

The vote on the motion was—

Yeas—McKeough, Edmondson, Piggott, and Mounter.

Nays—Tye, Scullard, McCoig, Westman and Martin.

The Council then resumed.

The next question was the opening of the tenders. Ald. McCoig thought that they should not be opened in justice to the men who sent them as the pavement would not be put down this year.

Ald. Mounter wanted the tenders opened. Ald. Piggott, too, thought they should be opened.

Ald. McCoig wanted the tenders returned.

The tenders were opened on the following vote—

Yeas—Ald. Scullard, Mounter, Piggott, Edmondson and the Mayor—5.

Nays—Ald. Tye, McCoig, Westman and Martin—4.

The tenders were: Blight & Fielder, \$2.13 per sq. yard.

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