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BIG BATTLE OF THE WAR

The Important Struggle is Now Believed to be Near at Hand.

Forces of Oku and Kuroki Confronted by Kuropatkin's Main Army.

London, June 27.—A despatch from Liao Yang of yesterday's date says: "The second Japanese army, under General Oku, is withdrawing all along the line, having apparently abandoned the intention of effecting a junction with Gen. Kuroki's army. THIS MUST BE KUROKI'S ARMY."

"Reports of fighting between the advance guard regiments are continually coming in. The battles are indecisive but they show that the Japanese are moving forward regularly on each front."

ANOTHER RUSSIAN REVERSE? "A St. Petersburg despatch says: 'It is reported that a serious land fight has taken place near Ta Tohe Kia, in which the Russians were defeated, but no confirmation of this report is obtainable.'"

JAP LOSSES AT TELISSU. "This cablegram was received at the Japanese legation to-day from Tokio: 'General Oku reports that our casualties at Telissu were 247 killed, including seven officers and 946 wounded, including 43 officers.'"

RUSSIANS FALL BACK.

A Chefoo despatch dated June 26, 11.30 a. m., says: "Steamers passing thirty miles to the westward of Liao To Shiao last night did not hear any firing. This leads to the supposition that the reports of guns heard here was a naval battle south-east of Port Arthur. Chinese arriving here report that the Japanese army is within seven miles have fallen back to Yungchiao, just north of Kai Ping, where gunboats will not be so effective. They also report that the Russians are entrenching themselves at the ancient city of New Chwang, north of the port of New Chwang."

RUSSIA SHORT OF ARTILLERY.

A New Chwang despatch, dated June 25, 10 p. m., says: "The Associated Press Courier who has been out three days, returned to-night and reports that Japanese scouts have seen ten miles south-west of Kai Chou this morning. Information from private Russian sources indicates that the Russians have only a few pieces of field artillery between Liao Yang and Kai Chou."

JAPANESE PLANS.

"A Chikanguan who is known as a Japanese agent, says that the Japanese have planned to enter Kai Chou unopposed not later than Monday, and expect a battle near Tahe Kia. If victorious, they will place troops in New Chwang immediately."

THE DECISIVE BATTLE.

Liao Yang, June 25.—The armies of Generals Oku and Kuroki, aggregated at least six divisions, are confronted by the huge force under General Kuropatkin. The tension here is most acute at the approach of the important battle of the war, in which three times the number of troops engaged at Kiu Liao Chong, Kin Chou and Vafankow will take part. The proximity of the rainy season makes the battle unavoidable. A Cossack scout and a railway man have just returned here after having been held as prisoners by the Japanese. They managed to kill their guard and escaped at night and rejoined the Russian advance posts. They report that they were kindly treated during their confinement, though they were kept on short rations. Reinforcements are arriving regularly, and are in excellent spirits.

STILL ADVANCING.

The Japanese continued their advance from the eastward. The southern Japanese army advanced ten miles beyond Sennu Chen, and halted awaiting the arrival of Gen. Kuroki. Several days must elapse before General Kuroki and General Oku can get into position and jointly attack Ta Tohe Kia and Ki Chou, which it is believed will be the most likely point for an important battle.

1,500 LIVES LOST.

Chefoo, June 25, 11 p. m.—Steamers arriving at Chefoo from Moji, Japan, report that large numbers of Japanese troops and horses are awaiting transportation at Japanese ports. The loss of life resulting from the attacks of the Russian Vladivostok squadron on the Japanese transports Hatachi and Izumi, is now placed at 1,500. Many horses also were drowned.

THURSDAY'S NAVAL BATTLE.

London, Monday, June 27.—The Central News has received the following despatch from its Tokyo correspondent dated June 26, evening: "A detailed account of the naval battle at Port Arthur has just been published here. The Russian battleship Peresviet, Potava and Sevastopol and the cruisers Bayan, Askold and Novik attempted to emerge from the harbor at dawn on June 23, led by steamers used for clearing the mines. At 11 a. m. the battleships Ozezevich, Retvizan and Pobeda joined the others. All the ships then advanced, endeavoring to

dispose of the mines laid by the Japanese, but they were hindered by two Japanese torpedo boat destroyers, which had been guarding the mouth of the harbor. At 3 p. m., the Japanese torpedo boats exchanged shots with seven Russian destroyers, which were covering the clearing operations. One of the Russian destroyers was hit on fire and raised inside the harbor. Subsequently the Japanese decoyed the Russians out to sea and awaited an opportunity to begin a general action, but between eight and nine in the evening the Russian ships made for the harbor.

The Japanese torpedo boat destroyers and torpedo boats chased the Russians, and at 9.30 delivered the first attack, in consequence of which the enemy was thrown into disorder. During the night eight separate attacks were delivered, but without success. On Friday, in one of these assaults the Chiratska twice torpedoed a battleship of the Peresviet type and sank her. A battleship of the Sevastopol type and a cruiser of the Diana type were disabled and towed away. The Russian vessels re-entered the harbor during Friday night. The newspapers publish eulogistic articles upon Vice-Admiral Togo's prompt action."

FIRING AT PORT ARTHUR. Chefoo, June 25, 11 p. m.—There was firing at Port Arthur last night, June 24, and to-night. The booming of big guns was distinctly heard here to-night. Eighteen Japanese transports have been seen going west along the Korean coast.

A SUGGESTION

"The Cemetery Committee of the City Council have all kinds of chances for making money," said William Wilson, of the firm of Coltart & Wilson, to The Planet this morning. "I took a walk out to the Maple Leaf Cemetery yesterday and was surprised to see the cemetery road almost choked up with grass. Now all the Cemetery committee has to do is to fence the road in and advertise for cows to pasture. Either that or out the hay and sell it. I think the latter plan would be the one to meet with the most favor."

HURLED TO HER DEATH

Terrible Accident at the Village of Highgate—Struck by P. M. Train.

While Standing on the Track Talking to a Friend—Mrs. I. Foster the Victim.

Highgate, Ont., June 25.—A peculiar and very sad accident occurred about a mile east of the village on the Pere Marquette Railway at noon to-day, in which one of the most estimable ladies in the district lost her life.

Mrs. I. Foster accompanied a lady calling on a friend over the M. O. R. R. and P. M. tracks, which pass directly in front of her door, and stood chatting a few moments. Then bidding her friend, Mrs. Wm. Roycraft, of this village, good-bye, she turned to re-cross the tracks for home. Not having noticed the train approaching as she stepped upon the P. M. tracks, she was struck by the noon passenger train and hurled sixty feet away, killing her instantly.

Mrs. Roycraft, saw the danger at the instant that Mrs. Foster undertook to cross, and tried to reach her to pull her back, and narrowly escaped the same fate. Mrs. Roycraft, who is not a strong woman, lies in a very precarious condition on account of the shock to her system.

Mrs. Foster resided with her son, Hector, who is one of our most prosperous farmers, having resided in their present residence for the past twenty years. Two sons—Hector, Foster, on the farm, and John Foster, one of the principal merchants in the village—survive the most estimable mother. The people of the vicinity are stricken with awe at the sad calamity, and the sympathy of all go out to the bereaved sons.

RETURNS HOME

R. J. Withers, who returned recently from the Northwest, brings back discouraging news about the country there. He says the place is flooded with laborers who can find nothing to do. There is, however, lots of work for mechanics.

His protests were strongly against the preference given to Americans in the Northwest by the C. P. R. "Out there," said he to The Planet, "Americans can travel anywhere for one cent a mile on the railroad, while Canadians and Englishmen have to pay three cents a mile. This is not right especially in a Canadian country."

Mr. Withers went out with the intention of settling down on a farm but decided to come home again after he found out the condition of the country.

Happiness is hope, not experience.

SAD SUICIDE AT BIG POINT

Moses Martin Hanged Himself to a Fence Post Yesterday Morning.

Mind Was Unbalanced at the Time—Was Well to do and Highly Respected.

Moses Martin, an aged and respected resident of Big Point, took his own life yesterday while out of his mind.

About four years ago while fixing his barn Mr. Martin had the misfortune to be hit in the eye by a piece of rusty nail. He suffered very much from the wound and finally underwent an operation in the Detroit hospital. Even this afforded little relief and Mr. Martin's brain was affected. He was sent to the asylum but returned home. He suffered from melancholy and has several times attempted his life.

Yesterday morning about eight o'clock Mr. Martin attempted to hang himself with a handkerchief but was noticed in time. About eleven o'clock he was discovered in the lane, dead. He had taken some old carpet rags and twisted them around a post on a barbed wire fence in the lane and then wound his neck. The post was only about five feet high. Mr. Martin had said to one of his sons early in the day that if his wife wasn't back from the hospital soon they would be sorry. Mrs. Martin is ill in St. Joseph's Hospital, this city. Theodore Nelson, of this city, was one of those who found and helped notify the coroner. He was notified by Dr. J. L. Bray but that officer deemed an inquest unnecessary.

Mr. Martin was a well to do farmer and owned 100 acres on the 9th concession, Dover. He was always hardworking and industrious and was highly respected. The late Peter Martin, wholesale dry goods merchant, Montreal, was a nephew.

BOYS IN RED

24th Kent Regiment Attend Divine Service at Park St. Church—Good Sermon and Inspiring Music.

When the bugles sounded the "fall in" of the 24th Regiment to their regular church parade yesterday morning the attendance of soldiers was larger than at any previous parade this year. Interest in the crack military organization is developing and recruits are enlisting every day. The march yesterday was a most inspiring one. Headed by their splendid bands the soldiers marched to Park street Methodist church, where an excellent service was enjoyed. The pastor, Rev. G. B. Schibbelski, preached on the duties of citizenship to the citizen soldier, basing his theme upon the Saviour's temptation in the wilderness.

The musical service was much enjoyed. Miss Flossie Bogart, the popular and accomplished organist, appropriately played the magnificent "Recessional" as the soldiers entered the sanctuary, and the choir, under the direction of Miss H. Edythe Hill, contributed several excellent numbers. Particularly beautiful was the rendering of "Hark, Hark, My Soul" with its two rich contralto solos exquisitely sung by Mrs. Milton Bogart. This accomplished young lady, possessing a magnificent voice, sang a perfect expression and fidelity to her solos were an inspiration deeply appreciated by all. Other numbers much enjoyed were a fine duet by Miss Hill and Jasper Wilson and another excellent anthem with tenor solo by Mr. Wilson. The return to the drill hall Colonel Rankin's recent in complimented the men on the excellent attendance and conduct.

STUDENT'S SERVICES

Three crowded audiences greeted the McMaster University students yesterday at the William street Baptist church, the evening one being a record breaker, every available seat in the church and corridor being occupied, a large overflow meeting being held in the basement and many were unable to obtain admission. The morning topic was "Prayer," upon which Prof. Campbell and the student spoke effectively and helpfully. The afternoon service was for the children, who were present in large numbers. The various addresses were simple yet impressive, and most attentively followed.

The service in the evening was evangelistic and many earnest and eloquent appeals were made to the immense congregation. The results for the day were most encouraging. Miss Ethel Leinster and the male quartette sang at each service, the church quartette singing at the morning and evening services. The meetings will be continued, but will close Tuesday night.



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