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Mukden, Feb. 27.—The Japanese crossed the Shakhe river last evening, having driven in the pickets of the Russian vanguard. Russian supports came up and stopped the Japanese advance. On the right flank all is quiet, but the movements of the Japanese indicate an intention of attacking the Russian centre, at least in the form of a demonstration.

GENERAL ENGAGEMENT SEEMS IMMINENT

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—2 15 p.m.—According to the Associated Press Mukden dispatches, the Japanese on Sunday evening crossed the Shakhe river, but the place of crossing was eliminated by Russian reinforcements. This is the most important news from the scene of war to-night.

JAPANESE FRONT HAS BEEN EXTENDED

Headquarters of Gen. Kuroki, Feb. 28.—The Japanese army now holds a front extending from the Hun river to several miles east of Tsitsi.

SAKHAROFF TELLS OF RECENT FIGHTING

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—Related reports of the attack on the Russians at Tsinkhetchen do not satisfy the curiosity of the public as to what is going on in Manchuria, but the military authorities explain that the Japanese are probably attempting only to force in the Russian advance positions.

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HAS NOT YET ORDERED MORE WARSHIPS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—The Russian naval programme still waits on account of the failure of the ministry of finance to allot an appropriation, which may not be made until a new loan is floated.

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