Via Tien-Tsin, Sept. 7.—On August 25, the Japanese army was ready for the final operations against the Russian concentration between Mukden and Anthe final operations against the Russian concentration between Mukden and Anshan-chan, the main force of which was believed to be at Liau-yang.

The corps of General Oku and of General Nodzu had come again into close touch at Hai-cheng. General Kuroki, having forced the Mo-tien Pass, had his right on the Liau-yang road and his left within signalling distance of General Nodzu's right. The Japanese eight divisions therefore, from right to left were:—With General Kuroki—the Guards Division, the 2nd Division and the 12th Division; with General Nodzu—the 10th Division and the 6th Division; with General Oku—the 4th Division; with General Oku—the 4th Division; with General Oku—the 4th Division. One brunde of the latter was holding Ying-kau until it was relieved by the reserve troops from Japan.

The obvious strategy was for General Kuroki to strike the Russian communications north of Liau-yang, while the remaining five divisions attacked from the south. The left of this grand Japanese advance rested on the great Liau plain, taking the underfeatures of the mountaineus centre of Manchuria through which the railway passes. General Nodzu's corps followed the first valley furnishing a road parallel to the railway. On the right General Kuroki's movements were obscure.

After this general outline I must confine my narrative to the force of which I have ocular knowledge, Immediately the outposts came into touch four miles north of Hai-Cheng, General Oku was opposed by a Russian rearguard sent to delay him, consisting of one battery and perhaps one brigade. This force did its work well and suc-

Oku was opposed by a Russian rearguard sent to delay him, consisting of one battery and perhaps one brigade. This force did its work well and successfully delayed the advance for taree days, its efforts being aided by the weather, which turned to rain and made the roads in a terrible condition.

At this period the whole plain and half the hillsides are covered with millet 10 ft. high. Consequently the Japanese had complete visual over to mask their movements.

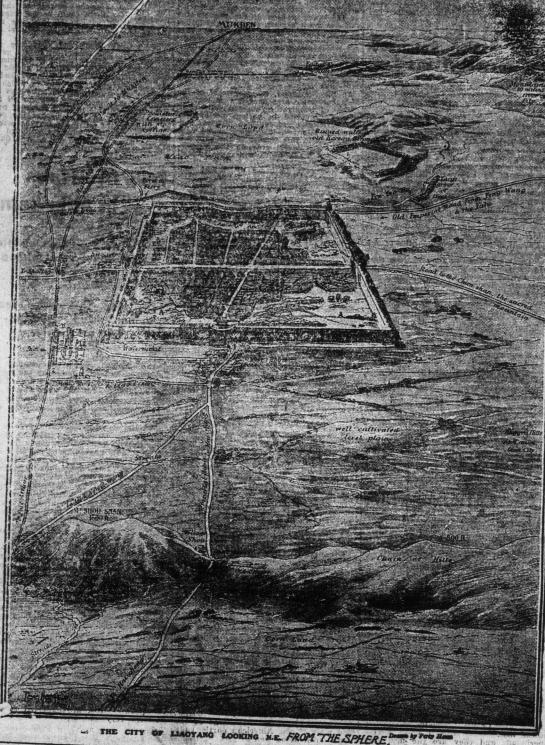
On the 28th the Russian rearguard had accomplished its work, but was forced to abandon its guns 15 miles south of Liau-Yang.

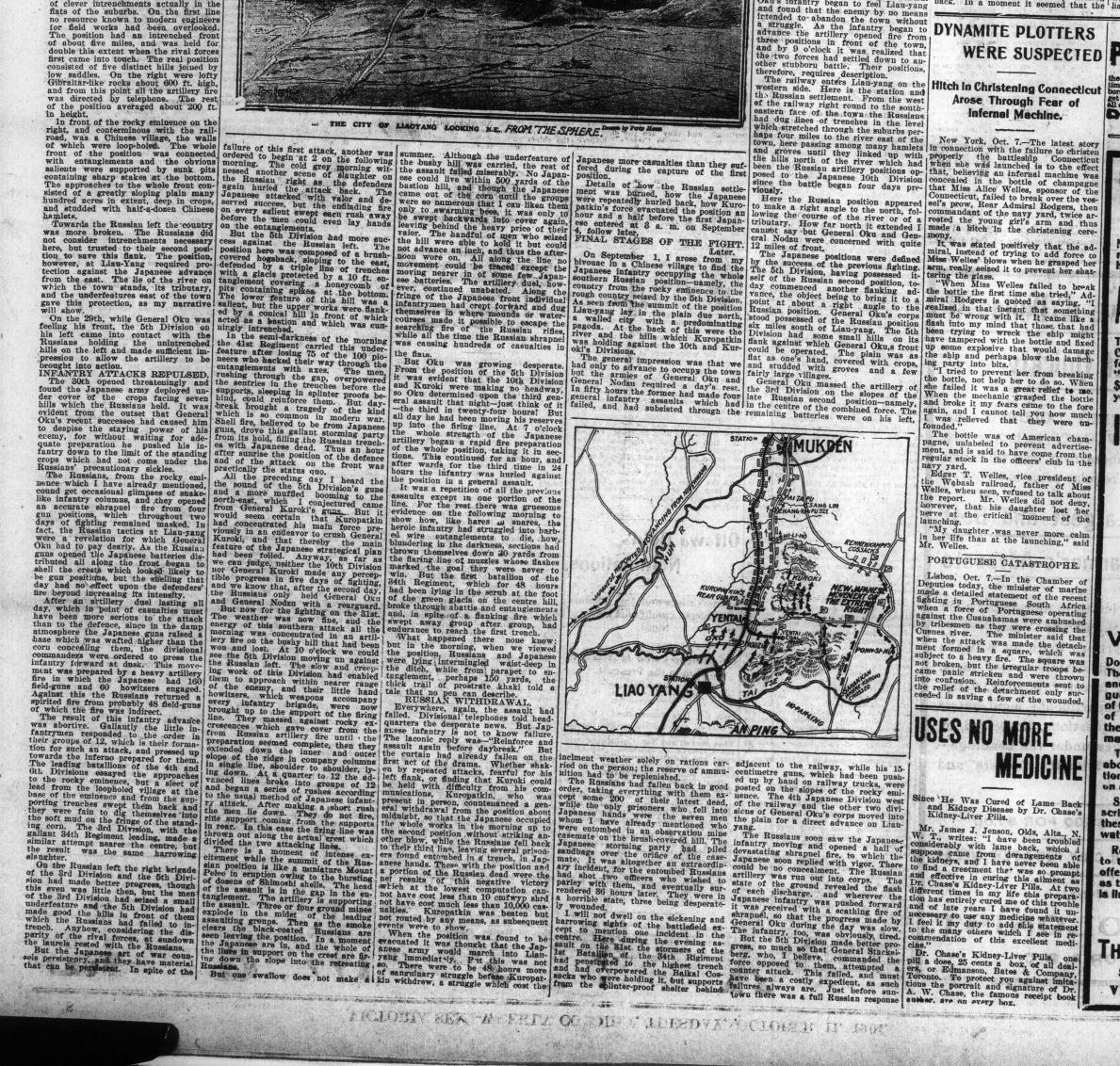
On the same day information reached us in a roundabout manner that General Kuroki had been attacked the previous day by a superior force, but was able to hold his own. It is significant that on this day the 10th Division was detached to form a junction with Kuroki or to go to his assistance as the case might be.

THE RUSSIAN POSITION.

On the 29th the headquarters halted while the advance guard felt the Russian front. The Russians had selected three positions for the defence of Liau-yang. The first line was a chain of low hills at right angles to the railway six miles south of the town. The next

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General Kuroki Reports That Attacks on His Lines Falled.

Field Marshal Oyama Telegraphs That a Battle Is Now Progressing.

Commanders Describe Operations at the Front up to

Monday. Tokio, Oct. 12.—General activity

been resumed in the theatre of war. It is believed here that a general engigement is progressing between Liaoyang and Mukden.

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the whole broad front. The opposing forces were in touch yesterday, and it is believed that a great battle south of the Hun river is inevitable. Besides their direct movement the Russians are attempting to strike the Japanese right at two points widely sep-arated. A force of Russians which were

arated. A lorce of Russians which were sent across the Taitse river thirty-five miles east of Liaoyang has apparently been iso.ated by the Japanese cutting its rear and the report of its defeat or capture is expected.

The first report from the headquarters of General Kuroki's right army was received today as follows: "On the morning of October 9th a body of the enemy crossed the Taitse river from the north at Weiningying toward Chiaotao, and entrenched between Chiaotao and Bensihu. Its strength was one brigade of at Weimigying toward Chiaotao, and entrenched between Chiaotao and Benshiu. Its strength was one brigade of infantry and 2,000 cavalry with two guns. East of Benshiu on the right bank of the Taitse the enemy's strength was increased to one brigade of infantry and 1,500 cavalry with eight guns. The enemy in the direction of Ta pass consisted of a mixed brigade. There is one regiment of infantry at Menohauopo and another at Pachiatsu, both of which are advancing south. Their rear seems to be supported by forces of some strength."

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"On the morning of October 9th, the enemy, one division strong, held a line stretching from Chenhatien to Panchiapao and Luitunkow. On the afternoon of October 9th a column of the enemy advanced southward from Luitungow along the railroad. His advance has reached to the south of Wulichiah. Also from Luitunkow there has advanced a body of Russian infantry consisting of three battalions which seem to be strongly supported.

"The line of the enemy advanced along the railroad for five miles and its rear is not visible.

"A column of the enemy is posted in the hills east of Panchia.

"At 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the 9th, the regiments of the Russians entered the upper Luihotsu and a regiment of Russian cavairy entered lower Luihotsu. They advanced to Shaotakt. The enemy's whole strength, one division is advancing towards our frout."

The headquarters of General Oku's left army, telegraphing on October 9th says: "The enemy does not show much activity. His main strength appears to be posted near Luitunkow and Sunchiata".

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Field Marshal Oyama telegraphing on October, 9th. says: "Our right has despatched a detachment to reinforce the garrison at Chiotao.

"Since October 7th we have been attacked at Sienchuang. To meet the forces of the enemy that have appeared at Bensihu the garrison there has been reinforced.

"A battle is progressing, but no particulars regarding it have been received. The centre and left are still fighting. It is my purpose to assume the offensive on the left before the enemy succeeds in concentrating his force on the left bank of the Hun river, and to thus attack the enemy's main strength."

Reporting on October 10th General Ruroki says: "Communications has been established with our detachment at Bensihu. Our detachment fought superior strength for twelve hours. The most severe engagement was near Bensihu.

"All our positions were held. At Weiningying the Russians have one brigade. A large column of the enemy reached Ta pass on the ninth. The Russians strength at Tumentsu is one brigade. Last night the Russians at tempted a close attack against our position which we repulsed with a portion of a four force. Reinforcements from our army reached Huolinchia at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of the 9th. A portion or reached Bensihu at night and another

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"The Russiaus are assembling at Pinshaukon and Tayupo."

MARKED REVISION OF SENTIMENT

Episcopal General Convention Displays Change of Opinion On Divorce.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 12.-A marked revision of the sentiment egarding the proposal to prevent the marriage of an innocent party to a divorce during the innocent party to a divorce during the life of the former's partner developed at today's session of the house of deputies of the Episcopal general convention. The house, sitting as a committee on the whole, discussed the issue the whole day, and many vehement addresses were made by both sides. Leaders of the high church party spoke strongly in favor of the proposed constitution. The house of deputies today presented to the Archbishop of Canterbury a silver loving cup. The English primate will leave Boston for New York tomorrow, and will sail for England on Friday.

UNDER MILITARY LAW.

New York, Oct. 12.—A Tokio despatch to the Times says: General Hasegawa, the new Japanese commander-inchief in Korea, has issued a proclamation placing under military government the whole of the province of Ham Giong Dox, where Cossacks have been traiding for months. The contract with 1 Negata, the new consucts adviser of Korea, pledges that country not to take any important financial step without his concurrence and entitles him to attend ministerial councils and make reports direct to the Emperor.