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THE RUSSIAN LOSS WAS VERY HEAVY

KOUROPATKIN PLACES IT AT ONE THOUSAND

The Japanese, He Reports, Occupied Strong Positions at Motien Pass on Sunday.

St. Petersburg, July 18.—Gen. Kouropatkin reports that 1,000 Russian soldiers were killed in the attack on Motien pass on July 17th.

The following dispatch from General Kouropatkin to the Emperor, dated July 17th, was given out to-night: "After the occupation by Gen. Kuraki's army of the passes in the Fenchu mountain chain, our information concerning his movements and dispositions was, in general, inadequate."

Gen. Kouropatkin preceded his report with a lengthy statement of skirmishes by patrols, which brings events up to July 14th. He does not mention any important engagement with the exception of the taking the heights north of Yaotintza by Cosacks before a detachment of which the Japanese fell back.

On July 17th, in order to determine the strength of the enemy, it was decided to advance against his position in the direction of Laishankwan. Lieutenant Gen. Keller, the highest summit, by the temple and Waifaklin pass.

The right column, one battalion strong, occupying points where the road leads to Sinkia and Sakho in order to cover the right flank of Gen. Kashtalinsky's column.

At 5:30 o'clock on the morning of July 17th, the Japanese, in considerable force and with numerous guns, occupied Waifaklin, a pass on the mountainous bluffs to the south, on the flank of Gen. Kashtalinsky's column.

After 34 shots had been fired from the third battery of the third brigade, which held the saddle to the south of the Yansoo pass, the Japanese battery was finally reduced to silence.

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Wangsi, the French government has requested to deposit the Japanese arms and munitions, it can compel the detachment of part of the Japanese fleet.

Besides the Smoleisk, the St. Petersburg and the Orel, the latter now being fitted out as a hospital ship, only the Kheros, Saratoff and Moskva were a speed of nineteen to twenty knots.

The other vessels of the fleet register about 15 knots. Some of the recent purchases from the Associated Press were informed that such was the purpose of the admiralty.

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