

# RUSSIANS ARE AGAIN RETREATING

## Thirty Guns Have Been Captured by the Mikado's Troops Since the Battle Began.

### Part of Kouropatkin's Army Probably Surrounded—Fighting, Which Was Resumed To-Day, is More Desperate and Bloodshed Greater Than at Liao Yang.

London, Oct. 11.—The British government is closely watching to discern the cause and effect of Gen. Kouropatkin's forward movement. Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister here, deprecates the rumour which is being spread by the English press on Kouropatkin's predicament. In an interview today he declared he did not believe Kouropatkin was bluffing.

"I hear on good authority that he has got men almost shoulder to shoulder along the railway," he said.

"I would not be surprised if Kouropatkin, instead of continuing a frontal advance, should launch the whole of his army against Gen. Kuroki's flanking force. It would be a bold stroke and precipitate a great struggle, but the Russians are not accustomed to mountain fighting, and would be handicapped even though superior in numbers. The result of the present phase of the Manchurian campaign means much, and perhaps is almost as vital to one side as to the other."

#### HEAVY FIGHTING AGAIN IN PROGRESS.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 12.—Gen. Sakharoff telegraphing yesterday evening confirms the reports of desperate fighting north of Yentai, where the heights were alternately held by the Russians and the Japanese.

General Daniloff, who succeeded General Trossoff and Romanoff in command of the Sixth Siberian rifle, was wounded in the leg but did not relinquish his command.

The losses are not stated, and according to the latest advice the battle is continuing to-day.

#### OYAMA'S FORCES ARE SLOWLY ADVANCING.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 12.—1.37 p. m.—The battle below Mukden continues to rage along the entire front and, according to Gen. Kouropatkin's latest advice sent last night after the fighting of the day had ended, the Japanese were stubbornly holding their own, offering a desperate resistance, and had even advanced their positions.

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#### THE ARTILLER AND INFANTRY ENGAGED.

At the Russian front, Oct. 10, by messenger to Mukden, Oct. 11.—(Delayed.)—The artillery duel is progressing on the Russian left, twenty-seven miles southeast of Mukden, while the fighting at Yentai rages with terrible bitterness. The Japanese are attacking a counter attack.

The result is in the balance. Russian reinforcements are coming up rapidly.

#### RUSSIANS MARCHED TO BATTLE SINGING.

Mukden, Oct. 11.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The aggressive movement of General Kouropatkin's army is causing the Japanese column on the northeast to waver, concentrating at the Yentai coal mines.

Russian scouting parties came into contact with the Japanese Monday evening and captured 100 head of cattle.

The retirement of the Japanese was so hurried that they abandoned their field telegraph and telephone lines.

The Russian soldiers are in the best of spirits and advance to battle singing.

#### JAPANESE LEFT WAS DRIVEN BACK.

Mukden, Oct. 11, 8 a.m.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The battle commenced this morning along the line of the railway with a terrific artillery fire on both sides. The railway line almost to Yentai is in possession of the Russians. The station itself has been damaged nearly beyond recognition.

The weather is beautiful and the sound of cannonading is audible a distance of forty miles.

It is impossible to tell how the day's fighting will develop.

The fighting on Monday commenced early in the morning. A bombardment of five hours' duration forced back the Japanese lines along almost the entire front and opened the way for an infantry attack.

About noon the Japanese began to retire. Their flanks and centre were stubbornly defended, but the battle increased in intensity, concentrating about the Yentai coal mines, where fighting continued until darkness fell.

As a net result of the day's events, the Russians drove in the Japanese left, while the right clung to it, but maintained itself only with difficulty.

#### THE ADVANCE OF JAPANESE FORCES.

Field Headquarters of the Second Japanese Army, Oct. 10, 9 p.m., via Fusan, Oct. 12.—The advance on Mukden began this morning.

Field-Marshal Oyama, learning that the Russians were strengthening and reinforcing their left, five miles north of Yentai, ordered the advance. The entire line began the march, the infantry advancing two or three miles, the artillery following.

The Russians observing this movement opened an artillery gun duel, which continued all day long.

There was no decisive forward movement of the infantry to-night.

#### THE JAPANESE ARE GAINING GROUND.

Tokio, Oct. 12.—6 p.m.—Field-Marshal Oyama reports that there was fighting along almost the entire front since October 10th and that the Japanese are gaining ground, and the Russian attack on Sienchiang was repulsed.

#### THE ATTACK IS WELCOMED BY JAPS.

Tokio, Oct. 12, 11 a.m.—Silence has been preserved at headquarters concerning the events around Liao Yang and Mukden. It is popularly reported that the Russian advance and attack is welcomed. Heretofore the Japanese have always been compelled to take the aggressive and opening assault the strongest works. The people believe now that the conditions are reversed, the troops will

the Japanese before Port Arthur have suffered. On the other hand, the Japanese have destroyed two forts which gave the Russians a flanking fire from Rihing mountain against their assaults, and the Japanese remain in six captured fortifications south of Shushiyung which were mentioned in the dispatches of September 25th.

The Japanese consider that the progress they have made is satisfactory, and believe that the capture of the fortress, although slow, is certain to be accomplished.

#### NEARLY TWO HUNDRED LOST WITH GUNBOAT.

Tokio, Oct. 12.—10 a.m.—A corrected list of the lives lost in the sinking of the Japanese gunboat Heien, off Pigeon Bay, on September 18th, places the total number at one hundred and ninety-seven.

#### THE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN RULERS.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 10.—The rumor of the existence of a secret understanding between Russia and Germany covering the Far East has been revived according to the latest version Germany gives certain guarantees to Emperor Nicholas regarding the German frontier, which will enable Russia to withdraw troops from the big garrison maintained in Russian Poland and dispatch them to the Far East, beside agreeing to support Russia in the peace negotiations at the end of the war. Germany's compensation, in addition to the concessions made in the commercial treaties already negotiated, is to be the support of Russia in the attempt to incorporate the Netherlands in the German confederation in the event of the death of Queen Wilhelmina without a direct heir.

Diplomatic circles are discussing the story with interest. While it is classed in the same category as other similar stories, it is not so far from the truth as is generally supposed. It is noted for friendliness either to Russia or Germany, it is being even asserted that the recent visit of Grand Duke Vladimir to Berlin, ostensibly on a special mission, in reality was to confer with Emperor William in person on this question.

Nothing confirmatory of the report is obtainable in reputable newspaper circles, where the story is dismissed as being the invention of enemies of both countries.

#### CLAIM RUSSIANS OUTNUMBER JAPANESE.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 12.—No official news of the result of the battle today south of Mukden is available. Gen. Kouropatkin, however, has communicated his report to the Emperor, but this dispatch has not been sent to the general staff to-night. So far, the only word to carry out the big operations he has undertaken.

Gen. Kouropatkin's advance had been met by the Japanese, Field Marshal Oyama, a general engagement is in progress between Liao Yang and Mukden, but reports from Russian sources describe the fighting there as merely in the nature of advance guard actions. Gen. Kouropatkin is reported to be acting to strike suddenly at two separate points of the Japanese line.

The sailing of this Cape squadron has been insured by colliers which have been dispatched in advance.

Officials here express the belief that the Russian Baltic fleet will actually start for the Far East next Friday or Saturday.

#### BEZOBRAZOFF WILL BE IN COMMAND.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 12.—The Official Messenger has announced the appointment of Vice-Admiral Bezobrazoff as commander of the first Pacific squadron.

Rear-Admiral Grey succeeded Admiral Hagg as commander of the port of Vladivostok. Admiral Hagg is now in command of the first Pacific squadron.

#### JAPS LEFT ARMY IS ADVANCING.

Tokio, Oct. 13.—Reports dispatched last night from the scene of the battle now raging along an extended front from a central point north of Yentai, westward across the railroad southeast of Taitse river, say that the struggle continued throughout the day.

The Russian command has continued the assault throughout the night and the following day. The Russians have a great force down close to the Taitse river.

Field-Marshal Oyama's attack was nicely timed to interrupt a strong turning movement that was threatening Liao Yang last night.

The right army, reporting last night, said: "The enemy's artillery opened a severe attack at 10 o'clock Tuesday against our forces on the front. The enemy with one regiment from his right and five battalions from his centre, assumed the aggressive. Fighting is now progressing. He is bombarding points between the pass and Benschu. In the direction of Tumentz pass another artillery duel is progressing. Our detachments to the left bank of the Taitse river returned after driving the enemy back. The enemy has some guns near Taiyupo, on an upper stream of the Taitse river. The enemy is holding a line from Tumentz pass to Benschu, and east of the roadway he has eighty guns and fully two divisions of infantry. The enemy opposing the main strength of the right army and holding a line from Sanchiatze to Paclatua, numbers four divisions. The right column of the right wing, and the left column of the right wing, are trying to attack both Sanchiatze, but the progress of the front, centre and left wing is very favorable. The commander of the army was still keeping up the attack on the enemy even after dark."

#### DROPPING SHELLS INTO POINT ARTHUR HARBOR.

Chefoo, Oct. 12.—7 p.m.—Japanese who arrived here today from Port Dalny report that additional heavy guns are now dropping shells into the harbor of Point Arthur. They add that one shell recently severely damaged the Russian lines abandoned by the Japanese.

The repulse from High hill, the Japanese say, was the only reverse which

the afternoon of the 9th, the regiments of the Russians entered the upper Luitou and a regiment of Russian cavalry entered lower Luitou. They advanced to Sienchiang. The enemy's whole strength, one division, is advancing toward our front."

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 Luitouk and Sanchiatze."

Field Marshal Oyama, telegraphing on October 9th, says: "Our right has dispatched a detachment to reinforce the garrison at Chiao-tao. Since October 7th we have been attacked at Sienchiang. To meet the forces of the enemy that has appeared at Benschu 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 Kuroki says: "Communication has been established with our detachment at Benschu. Our detachment fought superior strength for two hours. The enemy's main strength was near Benschu. All our positions were held. At Weinjinging the Russians have one brigade. A large column of the enemy reached Ta pass on the night. The Russian strength at Tumentz is one brigade. Last night the Russians attempted a close attack against our position, which was repulsed with a portion of our force. Reinforcements from our army reached Huolinchia at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of the 9th. A portion reached Benschu at night and another portion occupied Tumentz.

"The Russians are assembling at Pishankou and Taiyupo."

#### BRITISH STEAMER HAS BEEN SEIZED.

Tokio, Oct. 12.—The British steamer Pung, belonging to the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, carrying munitions of war, was captured by the Japanese off Port Arthur today.

#### RUSSIAN SHIPS WERE UNABLE TO SAIL.

Shanghai, Oct. 12.—A refugee from Port Arthur, who has arrived here, says that a sortie of the Russian fleet was contemplated, but that it was frustrated by a Japanese bombardment from the batteries overlooking the east basin.

#### SOME RETIRING; OTHERS SURROUNDED.

Tokio, Oct. 13.—1 p.m.—It is reported that the Russians are retiring along the entire front, and that the Japanese are probably enveloped.

Eight more guns have been captured by the Japanese.

#### FOURTH DAY OF THE GREAT BATTLE.

Mukden, Oct. 13.—The battle south of this place continued throughout Wednesday with ever increasing fury. In reports of the Japanese, the battle is described as far exceeding the battle of Liao Yang.

Towards evening, the Japanese repeatedly assumed the offensive.

The fight continues to-day with unabated fury and determination.

It is now the fourth day of the battle.

#### JAPANESE HAVE CAPTURED 30 GUNS.

Tokio, Oct. 13.—4 p.m.—Gen. Oku has captured 30 Russian guns, making a total of about 30 Russian guns which have fallen into the hands of the Japanese since the battle began.

The latest reports from the front tell of continued Japanese successes.

#### BATTLE WAS A DRAW LAST NIGHT.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 13.—1.53 p.m.—The Russian and Japanese armies resting below Mukden seem now to be locked in a death struggle for the mastery. Field Marshal Oyama is countering Gen. Kouropatkin's thrust at the Japanese right by an advance against the Russian right. The situation on a much larger scale resembles that of Vangfang-where Gen. Stakelberg, in essaying to turn the Japanese right, had his own right positions.

The Japanese assumed the offensive yesterday against the Russian right, forcing the latter to give ground. But, along the centre, stretching from Yentai eastward, where Gen. Nodzu also attempted a desperate counter attack, and where the fighting was hottest, the Russians held their own. The result at nightfall was a draw.

This is the latest word received by the war office from Kouropatkin, but according to the dispatches of the Associated Press from Mukden, the Japanese resumed the offensive again this morning.

No word has come regarding the operations of the Russian turning movement on Oyama's right, on which the success of Kouropatkin's plan of battle seems to depend, the war office explaining that reports from this point had not reached Kouropatkin when he sent his dispatch, and consequently information is lacking of the operations at the very point where all eyes are centred, and where the heavy blood was evidently aimed.

#### RUSSIANS FAILED TO HOLD POSITIONS.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 13.—5.15 p.m.—The war office up to this hour declares that no additional reports have arrived from the front.

General Sakharoff's report, given out, only begins the story of the battle up to the evening of October 11th, when no decisive results had been obtained by either side, although he makes it plain that the Japanese had assumed the offensive, and that the Russians had not been entirely successful in defending their positions.

The atmosphere at the war office is by no means cheerful. The failure to repulse the Manchurian army's brief summary of which is published this afternoon, indicates that the Japanese were

generally successful in the fighting of yesterday, and that all the three of the Japanese armies gained decided advantages.

The operations designed to isolate and surround the Russians at Benschu are progressing favorably.

The numbers engaged in the struggle exceed the forces which fought at Liao Yang.

In some places the fighting occurred in desperation anything shown since the war began.

The losses are not indicated, but they unquestionably are heavy.

A telegram covering yesterday's operations, which arrived here today, says: "In the direction of Benschu the enemy's attacks have been repulsed almost everywhere."

"Communications with Chiao-tao have been firmly established."

"The pursuit of the enemy undertaken by the main force of the right and separate armies has progressed remarkably."

#### NAVAL COMMANDER KILLED BY SHELL.

Chefoo, Oct. 13.—7 p.m.—Local news confirms the report that the Russian battleship Betvian was recently hit by a shell from one of the new big Japanese guns, but they claim that the damage done was slight. Two sailors were killed.

Another shell burst near the Russian gunboat Gili, killing the commander and injuring others.

The Russians admit that the new Japanese guns seriously threaten the harbor, docks, etc. They believe, however, that the squadron at Port Arthur will remain in the harbor till the arrival of the Baltic fleet.

#### THE CAPTURE OF THE FU PING BY JAPS.

Tokio, Oct. 13.—11 a.m.—Preliminary reports indicate that the bulk of the steamer Fu Ping's cargo was annihilated. An inventory is expected soon. The Fu Ping cleared from Taku, and it is not known where she received her command. She flew the German flag. The steamer Fu Ping was captured by the Japanese gunboats off Port Arthur on October 12th.

#### RUSSIAN SOLDIERS ARE CONFIDENT.

Mukden, Oct. 11.—A Russian correspondent of the Associated Press telegraphs as follows: "I have seen a number of the wounded who have been brought from the front. It is impossible to present to enter into details of the operations on foot, but the men interviewed are in infinitely better spirits than those who would when we were retreating. Everyone is confident, and the men are all anxious to finish the war in order to get back home. The Russian officers are confident, and the men are all anxious to finish the war in order to get back home. The Russian officers are confident, and the men are all anxious to finish the war in order to get back home."

#### PROVINCE UNDER MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

New York, Oct. 12.—A Tokio dispatch to the Times says: "General Hasagawa, the new Japanese commander-in-chief in Korea, has issued a proclamation placing under military government the whole of the province of Ham Gyo Do, where Cosackis have been raiding for some time."

"The contract with M. Negata, the new financial adviser of Korea, pledges that country not to take any important financial decisions without the approval of the Japanese government, and entitles him to attend ministerial councils and make reports direct to the Emperor."

#### THE SINKING OF JAPANESE GUNBOAT.

Tokio, Oct. 11.—Two petty officers and two sailors of the Japanese gunboat Hei Yen, which struck a mine in Pigeon Bay, west of Port Arthur, September 18th and sank, managed to reach Chiaoan Island, and were rescued. One hundred and ninety-seven lives were lost.

The Hei Yen, which was engaged in guard duty off Pigeon Bay, was missed by the fleet, and search for the vessel was immediately begun.

The petty officers and sailors found off Chiaoan Island reported that at dusk on September 18th a storm came up, accompanied by high seas. The Hei Yen endeavored to return to her base, when she suddenly struck a floating mine, which exploded under her starboard side, amidships. The vessel began to sink, and an attempt was made to lower the boats.

The boats were swamped and the crew perished. The crew, owing to the great heavy combats, they were quickly drowned.

The Japanese fleet carefully searched the vicinity, but failed to find any other survivors.

An official announcement of the disaster says: "It is highly regrettable that no report in any form has been received of the fate of the other survivors. The sad event was made worse on account of the weather, which has added greatly to the already awful result caused by the explosion of the mine."

The Hei Yen was of 2,067 tons displacement, 2,460 indicated horse power, and could steam about 10 knots.

#### THE HAGUE TRIBUNAL.

President Roosevelt Will Shortly Take Steps to Secure Another Meeting.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 13.—The President is preparing to receive his promise to the delegates to the inter-parliamentary conference to secure another meeting of plenipotentiaries of the powers signatory to the Hague convention, with a view to revising and adding to that instrument. Complex machinery of this kind is difficult to set in motion, and if the ordinary course is followed in these negotiations it will be at least a year and probably a longer period before the meeting can be held.

#### LADY CURZON.

Walmer Castle, Kent, Oct. 13.—Inquiries made this afternoon show there is a renewal of acute anxiety regarding Lady Curzon's condition. This morning's bulletin said she passed a restless night and was somewhat exhausted.

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**WINNIPEG SCENE DESTROYED**

**FINE BUILDINGS N MASS OF SMOKE**

**More Than Six Hundred Dollars—The Loss**

Winnipeg, Oct. 12.—Nothing but blackened walls and a mass of rubble were left of the finest business corner last night.

The discovery was a six-story Bullman block, firemen arriving on the scene, the entire interior a blaze. The high elevators, the numerous windows, draught, while the fire took were little protected. At 10.20 it was block was doomed.

The flames then jumped the street to the Albert Ashdown's magnificent, and ate its way up the street. The premises were gutted, which are a total \$400,000.

In the meantime the working into the Bullman structure, efforts of firemen wiped Co.'s photo gallery, Du supplies, and many of the Woolhouse Co.'s drugs.

The fire was stopped block although it appeared structures down to the carrying off office furniture effects. Banfield piled up in front of the but the work of number Bullman block walls, the wires, the discharge cartridges in Ashdown's perils of the fire. For two hours the fire controlled.

Bullman Bros. lost the loss in the Ashdown stock alone being worth insurance on this was considerably added. So far as the value amounted to \$75,000 of the building, a business is by no means of value. The business, the disorganization time lost, all tend to be severe.

Mr. H. Ashdown, company, is absent from gone south to St. Louis Ashdown on her return. The Bullman block contains about twenty different firms had \$12,500 on the 000 on stones, aluminous and \$150,000 in insurance covered to the making a total of \$62,500. Smith Arms Co. of stock, valued at \$50,000. Dr. Watson, \$4,000. Dr. Saxon's loss, which consisted of valuable

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