FIFTEEN THOUSAND **KILLED OR WOUNDED**

The Russian and Japanese Armies Lost Heavily in the Battle on the Shakhe River.

Attempt by General Kouropatkin to Turn Field-Marshal Oyama's Left Reported to Have Resulted in a Complete Failure-Fighting Began on Wednesday.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 28.-The general | and Heikoutai are estimated at 5,000 on staff has received the following dispatch the side of the Japanese and 10,000 on from Gen. Sakharoff, Gen. Kouropatkin's the Russian side. chief of staff:

"Our troops continue on the offensive KOUROPATKIN FAILED at Sandapas. South of there our cav-alry encountered four Japanese battalions and six squadrons of cavalry ad-vancing from Heikoutai. The Japanese General Kuroki's Headquarters, Jan.

fled, throwing their arms into ambulance wagons. One of our columns took thirty 29.-The Russian attempt to turn the Japanese left has resulted in a complete prisoners and another captured twenty. failure. The Russians chose the worst Opinions differ here as to the signifi

cance and importance of the movement, weather of the season, depending per-undertaken by Gen. Kouropatkin. It is haps upon their familiarity with a snowy difficult to ascertain the truth. Many country to aid them in their operations. persons believe it is a genuine offensive Their artillery attacks on the Japan movement against the Japanese to force ese permanent line, were, it is thought, them out of their winter quarters, while a demonstration to prevent the withit is looked upon by others as being only a more or less serious operation underdrawal of forces for the purpose of reintaken upon orders from St. Petersburg forcing the Japanese left. to draw the attention of the people anew All yesterday afternoon and into the to the theatre of war. In the meantime night an artillery duel was waged across the general staff maintains reticence re-

the Shakhe river. There was much heavy rifle firing from positions where garding the plans of the commander-inchief. All dispatches from Russia correpondents at the front foresnadow a enchmen's are closest. It has been quiet to-day, except on the bloody battle of a decisive character. left. The weather is much milder They tell of arrangements for the recep-tion of many wounded, not only at Mukden, but so far back as Harbin, and speak A LULL IN FIGHT

of under yesterday's date of a general en ent in which almost a million mer

and 2,500 guns were to be involved, and Tokio, Jan. 30.-1.30 a. m.-Russian say that the importance of the engagement will overshadow the battles of Shakhe river and Liao Yang. are already flying about of defeat and Japanese were victorious. victory. Success will be of immeasu The object of the operations is not able value to the government at this juncture, while disaster would only comreadily understood here, but it is sug-

plicate the situation and render the government's position critical.

WILL ATTEMPT TO TURN JAP POSITION.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 29.-According reports current in military circles, Gen. Kouropatkin has broken through Field novement to divert attention from the Marshal Ovama's left wing and threatens ations with Yinkow. Associated Press learns from a high military source that Gen. Kouropatkin Marshal Oyama had been heavily reinhas undertaken a general offensive move-ment on both flanks with the object of forced. Manchurian army headquarters

threatening both lines of Japanese com-munications and forcing the Japanese been no great change in the direction of from their winter quarters.

the right and centre armies since the night of January 28th; except constant The informant of the Associated Press "After Gen. Mistchenko's raid, said: collisions between reconnoitering parties. In the direction of the left army the Gen. Kouropatkin decided that Oyama's tion could be turned westward from army keeps up a slow but constant canthe plains. The advance has absolutely on with events in European Russia. If, as has been reported, the Russians have already succeeded in piercing the Japanese left, they doubtless able to reach a point west of Liao Yang, in which case the Japanese will be outflanked. A similar movement

southward from Bentsiaputze will strike been reported." the Japanese line of communication to cold

Japanese detachment were victors at Chenchuenpae, and occupied Liutiako and Lichiawopeng on Saturday, the Rus-sians retreating north and west. The Japanese occupied with infantry positions southeast of Hertoutai on Saturday, and are now assaulting the main resistan. nain posi Another detachment dislodged a regient of infantry, a brigade of cavalry fered considerable and twelve guns, occupying Haerphoa, five miles south of Heikoutal. The Russian strength opposing the Jap-anese left flank is roughly estimated at eight corps, consisting of the fourteenth and fifteenth infantry divisions, the sec-

ond and fifth brigades of European Rifles, the ninth infantry division of the Tenth Corps, part of the sixty-first in-fantry division and the First Siberian Corps and the first and ninth brigade of -----

JAPS REPULSED COUNTER-ATTACKS.

Tokio, Jan. 29 .- 8 p.m .- Telegraphic advices received here to-day from the Japanese Manchurian headquarters say: Our detachment occupied Lintiako yesterday (Saturday), and was twice counter-attacked by a superior force of the enemy last night. We entirely re-

pulsed the enemy. "Our other detachment at dawn to day (Sunday) attacked the enemy in the neighborhood of Feitssaihotzu, about two iles north of Heikoutai, and occupied the position. The enemy fiercely con-tested our force, which assailed Heikoutai last night, but was repulsed entirely. To-day our force occupied the neighborhood of Heikoutai. "The enemy in the direction of Liutiako and Heikoutai has entirely re-treated to the right bank of the Hun

viver. Our force is now pursuing them. 'In the direction of Chenchiephao and Kikajentan the enemy made several at-tacks last night, but were repulsed. The enemy attacking these points belong to the Eighth and Tenth Corps. "In the direction of Heikoutai the enemy is composed of the First and mix-

ed corps of infantry, together with a cavalry division under Gen. Mistchenko. "We captured 500 officers and men. The casualties on both sides are under investigation."

WERE DRIVEN BACK

BY ADVANCE GUARD. Gen. Oku's Headquarters, Jan. 28.-IGHT ON SHAKHE RIVER, Sian Jan. 29 (Delayed).-The Rus-sian Jombardment beginning at dawn this

morning on the extreme left rapidly spread along the whole front of Oku's activity on the Shakhe river seems to have ceased after the fights at Chen-chienpao and Heikoutai, where the battle of the Shakhe river. Salvos are being fired continuously. There is also considerable musketry firing. The Japanese are firing seldom, and are saving gested that they intend to turn the Japan- their fire, awaiting an attack. There is a ese left, move a heavy force down west possibility that the whole line may be enof the Liao river or were seeking to gaged soon.

The Russian force on Gen. Oku's exdivert attention from some projected, operation against the Japanese right. treme left, numbering more than two divisions, centered at Pekowati yester-It is reported that the weather is warmer, but it is still cold, so that it is day afternoon. One division attacked in mpossible to expose the troops at night. the vicinity of Shentanpu, a few milles The Tokio press expresses the opinion that Gen. Kouropatkin either ordered the vance guard drove them back, inflicting vance guard drove them back, inflicting serious damage. A rifle and artillery fire domestic conditions in Russia or that he and a general bombardment along had planned to make a fight before Field whole front continued all day vesterday. and was resumed at daylight this morn

ing. graphing yesterday says: "There has FOUND IT INCOSSIBLE TO CARRY REDOUBT

St. Petersburg, Jan. 30.-12.25 a. m.-Instead of confirming Saturday report that Gen, Kouropatkin had broken brough the Japanese left there came nonade. The enemy's body at that is sign to-day that the Russians mut the chichpao and Heikoutai seems to have sign to-day that the Russians mut the retreated in the direction of Neinyupao, compelled to retire from Sandepas sh account of their inability to carry a re-

failure of the operation, and strengthens tration undertaken to distract the people



C. P. RAILWAY TO

Dunsmuir system, extending from Vic- of purchasing the line at the figure at toria to Wellington, will pass into the which Mr. Dunsmuir offers it. It is unhands of and become a part of the C. P. derstood that the C. P. R. is not anxious

R. system of Canada. oceanic tournament is to test the strat-The governing motives of the C. P. R. egic efficiency of the new distribution of way only.

in its latest move in that transportation the fleets, which is regarded as an essengame which has the northern half of the about 1,500,000 acres of land remaining tial part of the recent reorganization American continent for its checker board the whole of the stations of the British are not disclosed, but they are not difleet will be developed after a prepara- ficult to surmise. The city of Victoria .

tory period of strained relations, and it has fought its battles with the railway will rest with the main battle fleets and company for many long years, and their affiliated cruiser squadrons to against grim odds. But the honors have demonstrate how far they can maintain been fairly divided, and if Victoria has the dominion of the sea in the face of an had to suffer sometimes from the hostilielusive enemy. 4 "The strategic proposition laid down ty of the company, she has in turn in-

by the admiralty clearly recognizes the fifeted blows which no transportation orprinciple that any naval war, to be sucganization could disregard. With the advent to the management of of all its freight from and to the Orient. essful, must be one of prompt aggre-

gression of Great Britain. Valuable as British naval manoeuvres of recent years have been for testing the efficiency of the fleet and for the training of men, up till adopted to this city, which has met with with so close a representation of an actual situation on the eve of a foreseen

war as will be the case this year. "As the Naval and Military Record remarks, a naval power contending against Great Britain might concentrate the ance of by the present management, and greater part of its fleet in a particular that they did not propose to allow rivals sea, but in such a struggle it is conceivable a portion of the enemy's sea force would seek out British mercantile ships on trade routes and possibly attempt an attack upon one or more of the British In the present scheme, the trice. admiralty has such a possibility in con-But with the promotion and organiza-

templation, and for that reason the 1905 tion of the Grand Trunk Pacific a new nanoeuvres will be on a scale of excep-onal magnitude. element entered into the situation which could not be ignored. The G. T. P. had "The hypothetical enemy will its eye on Victoria: the city was equally

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the Cruisers.

lude to those of 1906, and are a new

departure in the naval operations of

mimic warfare. The aim of the great

"A state of war as wide in its area as

day says:

scheme.

known as the Red Side, and two of its three skeleton squadrons will carry out a series of movements in European waters or the western Atlantic, while a

third will doubtless make for a more or less remote destination. At the same time single ships of the Red Side will nights threaten British shipping by moving independently near trade routes. The ment. British, or Blue Side, comprising all the Ther fleets in commission, with the exception of the vessels on the Red Side, will at a which is two miles west of Chengatan and Subfangtai. "At a point a few miles west of Chengatan the enemy left many dead. The details of the fighting have not yet been reported."

the first impression that it was a demonst tion while the enemy's squadrons are be-

to take the land, but is seeking the railgraphs as follows:

It is estimated that there are now Vice-Consul Mucukan on Saturday nigh in Marsa street. Two Hussars rushed in the hands of Mr. Dunsmuir. It is at him with their swords, inflicting severe undoubtedly worth close to \$1 an acre. cuts across his face and lower lip. Drip leaving the valuation of the railway acping with blood Mucukan was conveye to the hospital, where he is now doin cording to the offer made to the province at anything over \$1,500,000.

had a narrow escape from being similar The reason ascribed for the purchase ly run down in Wierzbova street. It apof the E. & N. by the C. P. R. is that pears that the incidents were due to the big corporation has in view the ac mpany of Hussars getting drunk and quiring of terminal facilities at Esqui running amuck." malt. It is reported that the intention

> Warsaw as being in a state of complete anarchy. "Many have been killed or wounded in enarges by the troops and the recklessness of swashbuckling Hussars," he says "The only conveyances moving at Warsaw have been military supply cars, an

lay without the sphere of the company's O. P. R. that the delivery of carload dead. The great demonstration timed plans, but tangible evidences were quick- lots in this city would never be cut off. for to-day has been postponed." The ferry might as well be operated to Describing the pillaging of the stores, he says: "Many put chalk crosses on of shops were wrecked and several stores A contract has not vet been entered were burned. Probably a few score were

Dunsmuir, but it is believed that it will day. There are alarming rumors from be consummated within a very short the country districts. It is rumored that This move on the part of the C. P. R. enamored of the G. T. P., and the E. & N. formed the ready means of comhe headquarters on this coast for the trans-Pacific liners of the company be ll-general at Warsaw.

The Daily Telegraph's St. Petersburg dispatches given an The passenger that roughs attacked the British consuland the trade for the new hotel would have reference to the Daily Mail's story. ate at Warsaw.

There may be other reasons, which will Within the past year an indication of Complications Feared. be easily conjectured. The withdrawal St. Petersburg, Jan. 30 .--- 2.30 p.m.some such move as this has been the purof the warships from Esquimalt, as the chase of property in the direction of New complication between Britain Times has frequently pointed out, is not Russia are feared on account of the at-Esquimalt by O. P. R. officials. Another reason wance is given for this tack on the British consul and vice con an unmixed blessing. It has its compensations, and one of these is that it will throw open to commercial purposes ally forestalls the purchase of the E. & N. sul at Warsaw on Saturday night. Com-ing on the heels of the placards posted the finest harbor on this coast and the by the Grand Trunk Pacific. The rumor by Assistant Police Chief Roudnoff at tration undertaken to distract the people at home from the present situation. Nemirovich Danchenko, the war cor-neepondent, who has just arrived from the front, said to the Associated Press "I do not regard the present offensive" that port was to be abandoned. But come to Victoria for terminal facilities. tious demonstration of diplomatic nego-tiations might precipitate a crisis. The fleet of battleships, therefore, will prob-many things, and one of them is that the British vice-consul, who is now in a It is pointed out that if the line came to hospital, the British embassy here has Bute Inlet it would assuredly cross to Vanno details of the affair couver Island. A ferry occupying less than But Sir Charles Hardinge, the British one hour would connect the Mainland with ambassador, has already delivered a note ably remain in the vicinity of some cen- the transcontinental railway which can tral strategic position. Their situation secure good advantage and terminal the Is'and, a terminus would be built, likefacilities on the West Coast of this Isl- by in the vicinity of Quatsino Sound, and for an immediate investigation and ex to Foreign Minister Lamsdorff asking and or further north, so as to obviate connection made by rail with Victoria, planation, reserving any claims which where other terminal facilities would be pilotage, insurance, etc., on the trip may be hereafter made, and at the same "It is apparent that the most difficult from this port to Vancouver or Seattle, provided. time asking for the protection of British It is quite evident that the C. P. R. may will enjoy an immense advantage in time and expense in operating trans-Pacific the Yellow Head Pass route is to be decidconsuls throughout the Empire. By the first train he also dispatched Major trade. It is no wonder, therefore, that ed upon by the Grand Trunk Pacific, and Warsaw, to secure a full report of the Napier, the British military attache, to covetous eyes are once more turned to in view of this the negotiations for the circumstances. purchase of the E. & N. have been hurried Count Lamsdorff replied to Ambassa Esquimalt, nor need it surprise any one to completion more quickly than they dor Hardinge's second note on the subif in the near future she should be the would otherwise have done. ject of the Moscow placards by saying Should the Grand Trunk Pacific come to that instructions had been sent to remove home port of an Oriental fleet at whose wharves should be discharged the freight Vancouver Island that company will have all traces of the placards from the to build a new line in order to reach Vic- streets. It was learned that similar nodestined for Eastern Canada, the States toria. This, of course, is not a difficult tices had been posted at Libau and undertaking, but the C. P. R. apparently Reval, which led to a renewal of repprefer a line already built to the task of resentations on this score. The C. P. R. is negotiating to purchase quipping a new one. In this connections the appearance of the E. & N. railway and convert it into The carrying out of the scheme of making the proclamation of the Holy Synod, insquimalt the terminal point for trans- structing the Orthodox priests to inform For some time past it has been known Pacific business would mean the transfer- their parishioners that the strike and that the big Canadian corporation has ring of the passengers who might be going revolutionary movements were promo ough by the C. P. R. line to the Prin- by the external as well as internal enebeen considering the subject, while on cess Victoria here. This would be no in- mies of Russia, with the object of em the other hand James Dunsmuir is ready conven'ence, but, on the contrary, would be barrassing the military and naval plans, to dispose of the property provided he a decided advantage with respect to the has created something of a flurry among gets the price he wishes for it. consumer in many cases. The centring of the canning industry at who believe them to be objects to incide In connection with the repeated rumors Esquimait would be an additional reason hostility. No further action, however, why the C. P. R. should have control of the has been taken by either Ambassador that the C. P. R. was purchasing the line, Mr. Dunsmuir was interviewed on E. & N., and should make Esquimalt the Hardinge or the other foreign represent Monday. He said there was nothing headquarters of its shipping on this Coast. | tatives. Private advices from Warsaw say the The C. P. R., it is contended, would do neither confirm nor deny the report that much towards opening up Vancouver Isl. authorities there already have taken land. It is more than likely should the over charge of the waterworks, electric purchase of the line. company purchase the line that the E. & light and gas plants, and that serious In explanation he said: "There are lots N. will be continued to the north end of trouble is anticipated. of people come in and say they want to the Island. Mr. Dunsmuir in turn would Report From Warsaw. profit by the development which would fol-London, Jan. 30 .- The foreign office low the C. P. R.'s purchase by an increased value being given to his property on the General Murray at Warsaw, reporting R. wants the line it is simply a matter Island. that himself and Vice-Consul Mucukan of putting down the twenty dollar gold were charged by Russian cavalrymen en INJURED BY CAR. gaged in clearing the streets at Warsaw. It appears that Mr. Murray is partly deaf Further questioned, Mr. Dunsmuir re Niagara Falls, N. Y., Jan. 28 .- Thos. and probably did not hear the approac ernment had an offer on it if it had want Williams, of Lewiston, and W. H. Belof the troops, and when he subsequent linger, a well-known farmer residing endeavored to make known his pers near Tonawanda, were struck by a ty it was without avail. The foreign of-Buffalo trolley car at Lasalle early to fice has telegraph to Ambassador Hard day, and so badly injured that they are inge to make urgent representations at St. Petersburg upon the subject.

be formed and a : ly of the financial KILLED BY EXPLOSION. provinces and th Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 28.-One man wa the provinces she ad and six others seriously injured by premature explosion of dynamite on Western Maryland railroad extension Tonoloway hill, ten melles west of Ham k. The dead man's name is Braum. their means. "He mands of the pro ion to meet their gance would even BRUTAL ATTACK BY inion in a position be placed." It is Conservative advo **RUSSIAN HUSSARS** this province, that not faithfully re his party on this the leader of the **BRITISH VICE-CONSUL** Borden has expres SERIOUSLY INJURED an investigation : results of the in gest. Well, we certain that an in which have drage in Warsaw-Ambassador Calls into her present j to the leader of an for Explanation. increased allowand the records were facts disclosed London, Jan. 30 .- The correspondent Canada as a who at Warsaw, of the Daily Mail, teletion that a lesson gality and extrav 'A group of Hussars ran down British vholesome effect cise prudence in bers of Parliamen point to the cas which for a num! heedlessly and recl wen. British Consul-General Murray of financial exces ing appeals to the assistance, was e impose heavy tax The same correspondent describes

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> credit by its own In this matter means certain that Mackenzie Bowell contempt. Possil Conservative party sents more faithfu ion than Mr. R. tive governments : gestions put before eration of the finan the provinces and leader in the Hous commit himself to traditions of the par himself as in favo When he made tha den was on the stu If the political fort favored the Conser had become the he government, a Con would have been a and report, and suc sarily have been l by Conservative le We must therefore consideration, assu Sir Mackenzie Boy faithful expression Conservative party A member of the cal relationship wi prominent member publicly expresses time has come for relationship with nore generous t The only represent tive party who has to express an opini cially thus far opp vehemently and a administrations of extravagant." Th cepted as an indica Conservative party will be in accords with Conservative the traditions of which have no hig attainment of pow eral party in this federal campaign question out of subjects altogeth would not have it and such membe were not sporting centres of Americ stump and strove make the question chief issue. Now at Ottawa adop marching in an op It is time anot visit to Ottawa. should be taken in ously reasoned wi

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of the company is to make Esquimalt the port for the loading and This will but be carrying out the orig the terminus. Business men of Victoria

now they have never been carried out generous response. Victoria no longer have been assured by the officials of the bulance wagons for the wounded and

a fuller capacity and the expense saved the company of having the Empresses their doors or lighted lamps in their win and the Australian liners pass all the dows, and thus secured their safety. The way to Vancouver. There would, by rioters paused before the sacred em-having the terminal facilities at Esquimalt, be a vast saving in time and ex-pense which the company is ready to soldiers fired on looting mobs. Hundreds

nto between the C. P. R. and James killed. The ambulances were busy all the town of Briestilovsk is burning.' The Daily Mail's St. Petersburg cor Expenditures made by that company in be headquarters on this year. Should the British consul-general and vice con-

munication between the two. This comtransferred to Esquimalt there would be bination of circumstances doubtless an immense increase in the company's hastened what might have otherwise business in this city. been delayed for a more opportune motrade by way of the Princess Victoria

be increased.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy an attitude of conciliation and of good feeling was R, when Esquimalt was to have been ly forthcoming that the commercial importance of the place was taken cogniznake

to steal the trade of the Queen City. The principal evidences referred to are the Tourist hotel, the new wharves, the Princess Victoria and the Princess Bea-

weather is ideal for winter campaigning. The ground is hard and the rivers froze solid, which makes easy the handling of artillery.

No further official news was received from the front Saturday night. Gen. Kouropatkin has something short of 300,-000 men and over 1,100 guns, including a number of six-inch in position on his centre. The troops engaged on the right, One corps leaving Subfangtai at midin addition to Gen. Mistchenko's and night, January 24th, marched Gen. Rennenkampff's cavalry, are be- seven miles southwest, and at daylight lieved to be principally Siberian and part attacked. The infantry, backed up by of the first European army. artillery drove the Japanese from two

THE OUESTION OF INTEGRITY OF CHINA

ssian artillery fire was heavy, London, Jan. 28.-Baron Hayashi, the Japanese remained almost silent. Japanese minister to Great Britain, talked freely to the Associated Press on the warlike picture with Japanese and Russubject of United States Secretary of sian dead lying side by side in the State Hay's proposal for a conference of

the powers on the integrity of China. Minister Hayashi does not view the pro-The Russian infantry kept under cover of the walls and houses to protect them position as likely to result in successful selves from the Japanese fire from adadjustment of the question, and is of the bining villages. The country is flat and opinion that it would not result in any improvement of the existing situation. thickly populated, and the villages are large and rich in foodstuffs.

"Mr. Hay's proposal is decidedly in-teresting," said the Baron. "It is only It is snowing and bitterly cold, and the troops eagerly seek the protection of the another evidence of the sincere desire of villages, which, in this district, have the American state department to reach escaped destruction. some acceptable solution of the vexed On January 26th there was a heavy question of the preservation of the infire along the right flank front, and an tegrity of China advance was made. The wind at the

"For my part, however, I fail to see Russians' back drove the snow into the the beneficial effect under the circumfaces of the Japanese, and it was very stances. If a conference should decide difficult to see any distance. that all countries sign a treaty guaran-Siberian rifle regiment suffered someteeing territorial integrity to China, it is what heavy losses. On January 27th the fighting cona question if we would be any further Treaties have been broken before tinued in the right flank, but it does not without the signatories enforcing them seem to be developing along the centre or by a resort to arms. What's the use of eastern flanks b Probably the cold making an agreement with a country weather prevents a further continuance which has no regard for treaty promises. of the battle. There is more artillery on

"China is not like a country that could maintain its own neutrality and history. both sides than in any former battle of territorial integrity with the moral support of the powers. If so, a treaty would ATTACKING JAPANESE be a good thing. But in the present case event, of a breach of treaty, it is not likely that America would rush into war to enforce its observance, and there fore a treaty is valueless.

"Japan is now fighting to prevent the violation of Chinese territorial integrity to continue to prevent its violation by force of arms if necessary.

THE LOSSES IN FIVE DAYS FIGHTING.

Tokio, Jan. 30.-3 p. m.-The casual-

Japanese immediately repulsed. In the direction of the left wing a ties during the fighting at Chenchienpao

THE BATTLE WAS OPENED BY RUSSIANS.

TO TURN JAP LEFT.

Subfangtai, sixty versts southwest of Mukden, Jan. 28, via Pekin, Jan. 29 .-A battle commenced at daylight on January 25th. The right flank, reinnovement as likely to be prolonged. I relieve Gen. Kouropatkin does not conforced by the troops from the east, began emplate a decisive movement before a

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ALL ALONG THE LINE

Tokio, Jan. 29 .- 1.30 p.m.-The Aus

couple of months. The weather condi-tions till then will be unfavorable. Genuropatkin now is merely prepar. ing the way and sharpening his troops which have recently arrived." villages at midday, after a sharp fight, The Russkai Slavo, of Moscow, puband continued to make progress, the rest of the right flank becoming engaged. The ishes an interview with Prince Hilkoff, the minister of communication, in which he states that the double tracking of the but the Siberian railway is impossible for the The captured villages presented

purposes of the present war, but that minor improvements, especially the con-struction of sidings, will bring up the carrying capacity of the road to the equivalent of twenty-two trains each way daily. At present there are only eighteen trains each way daily. Prince Hilkoff says he does not expect that the strike in the railroad shops will continue, out should it do so he may have to order cars and trucks from foreign railway

manufacturers. OFFICIAL REPORT

ON EARLY OPERATIONS.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 29.-Lieut.-Gen Sakharoff has telegraphed the following report to the general staff under date of January 28th "On January 26th the enemy began t entrate in considerable force

Sandepas, intending to take the of-

"On January 27th our column on the extreme left took the offensive against the villages of Sumanu and Paotsia. south of Sandepas, which were occupied by the enemy. During the whole of January 27th an obstinate fight was going on here, and after midnight we took napu.

"On January 26th another column; ad vancing upon Sandepas, occupied in the evening, a great part of that fortified vilans are massing about 65.000 troops on lage, but coming upon a strong redou

the Japanese left, and bombarding the with a triple row of artificial obstacles eft flank and centre. Small forces of which had been scarcely damaged by our Russians are attacking all along the line. Manchurian headquarters of the Japfire and which was armed with field ar tillery and quickfirers, and seeing the imanse army report that on Saturday the Russians occasionally bombarded the out a preliminary bombardment, our right and centre armies, following up the bombardment with attacks which the Japanese immediately repulsed.

will doubtless depend largely on information they receive from scouting cruisers so that they might be at hand for an expart of the problem will devolve upon the divisions of cruisers. To find ships or fleets on the limitless sea when nothing is known of their exact whereabouts is an exacting duty, but infinitely more hard will it be to maintain unbroken touch with them in the night as well as in the day, and at the same time be in

communication with the commander-inchief. "Of the Bluel Side the cruisers will have to pursue the enemy, and not for a and Britain. moment be out of touch with the com-

mander-in-chief, for one would be use ess without the other. It would be easy to indicate the direction in which a part of their present system. a Red vessel was proceeding when it dis-appeared in the dark, but that would be of little services to the battle fleet. Whether it is possible to do this, of ourse, remains to be seen."

CARRIED, FROM COURT.

Mr. Martin Refused to Obey Magistrate, and Was Removed by Force.

Vancouver, Jan. 30 .- Joseph Martin his morning left the police court at the definite in connection with it. He would onclusion of a case, and a moment later came running back, claiming Chief De the C. P. R. were negotiating for the ctive Mulhern had assaulted him. Mr. Martin demanded Mulhern's arrest and created a scene. Magistrate Williams commanded Mr. Martin to leave the purchase the E. & N. I say: 'All right court room. Mr. Martin refused, and put up the \$20 gold pieces.' I will dispose was thereupon garried out by Chief of the line, my lands and my coal fields North and a uniformed officer.

THE GOVERNOR'S WIFE A PRISON ER .- Mrs. Z. A. Van Luven is the wife of the governor of the county jail, Napanee,

Ont., and was a great sufferer from rheu- ferred to the fact that the provincial govmatism. When the best doctors in the ommunity and "specialists" failed to help ed to take it up. That offer was for \$3.her, she buried her scepticism of pro-prietary remedies and purchased South the land connected with it. The offer, American Rheumage Cure. 4 bottles cured, it will be remembered, was not made by THE

The Colonist st repeated efforts 1 provincial govern 1901 to effect a s reserve question moval of the Ind Challenged to giv when the efforts them, by whose made, and who r ment in the condu by a declination matter is of no in of Victoria. The osity until the H representatives h from a reluctant We protest th