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THE GREATEST BATTLE OF THE WAR IS NOW RAGING

Kuropatkin's Concentration Around Liaoyang Taken to Mean Final Struggle of the Campaign Between Huge Armies Numbering Over 300,000 Men.

The heaviest battle of the war is raging today around Liaoyang. Following the rear guard action which Kuropatkin has fought in his retirement from Anping and Anshanshan, he has either elected or been forced to give battle and is meeting the attack of the combined armies of Kuroki, Nodzu and Oku. Despatches from the battle fields show that at dawn today the Japanese opened a terrific artillery fire, directed mainly against the Russian centre and right. After four hours of galling shrapnel fire the cannonading slackened and at 9 o'clock the Japanese general advance began. An Associated Press despatch sent from Liaoyang at 6.40 this evening shows that the battle was increasing in intensity, the Japanese pressing forward until at one point their advance developed into a hand to hand fight, the Russians repelling them with the bayonet.

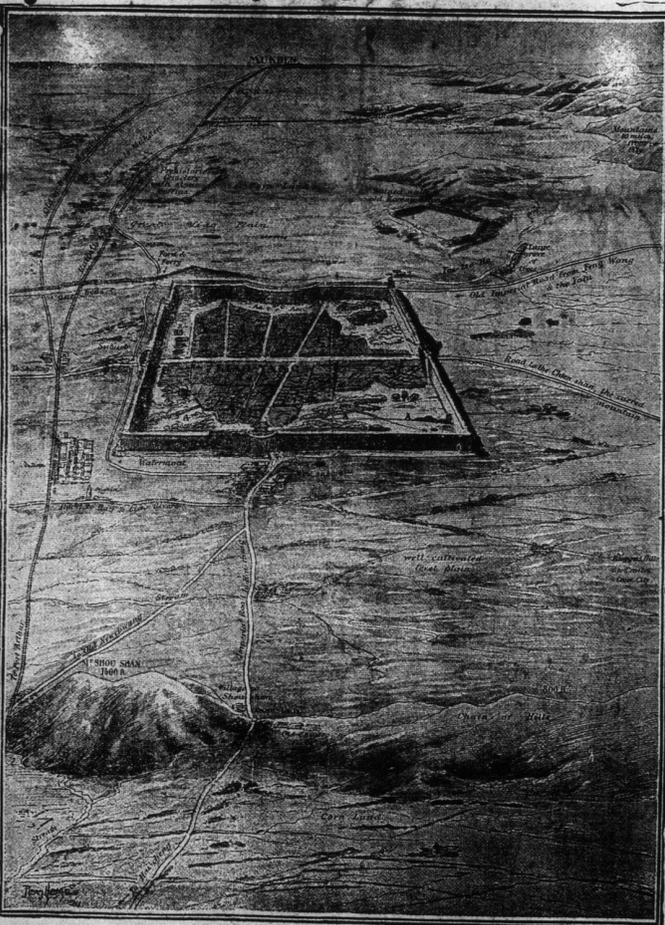
The Associated Press despatches and Russian official reports indicate that the Russians occupy a semi-circle of about nine miles in length protecting Liaoyang, the centre and right of line receiving the brunt of the fighting up to the last advances. This far reports do not indicate the trend of the action, but reports to the Russian war office say that the battle will extend over several days.

The combined forces engaged are estimated at between 300,000 and 400,000 of all arms.

GENERAL OYAMA.

GENERAL NODZU.

The Storm Centre in Northern Manchuria



In Battle's Vortex At Liaoyang

Associated Press Correspondent at Storm Centre Describes the Situation.

Hundreds of Cannon Thundering Along East and South Fronts.

Liaoyang, Aug. 30.—The Russian correspondent of the Associated Press supplies the following: "The historical moment has arrived and the battle of Liaoyang is in progress. It was not 6 o'clock this morning when the first gun was fired, but soon afterwards hundreds of cannon were thundering along our southern and eastern fronts.

"The centre of our position is located near the famous road of Liaoyang, about seven miles southeast. The light character, but is now going much nearer the flanks. "The hissing of the shells is distinctly audible, and from the city it is easy to see the shells bursting. "Heavy guns were brought into action by both sides today and their dull roar was discernible above the sharper detonation of field and mountain guns. "The Russians are using big ordnance, which is in possession of the inner ring of the Liaoyang fort. The noisy Chinese population has been driven to the battle from housetops and watchtowers, or are wandering gloomily in their streets. We are asking ourselves the title of battle is going to swamp the city what is to become of the houses and other property. "From 5 o'clock this morning up to 9 o'clock there has been an incessant shower of shrapnel. The heaviest cannoning is coming from the southeast, where the Japanese evidently have numerous guns. "Deadly shells are buzzing everywhere, their white smoke being distinctly traceable against the dark foliage on the mountain sides. "The Japanese are searching the whole country side with electric searchlights. At certain moments there was a hail of shot and shell from all sides, their work being done with mathematical precision from right to left. In this way the entire Russian front has been systematically searched in the first four hours of the cannonading. "Then commenced the general Japanese advance along the whole line. "At this hour, 10 a. m., the Japanese artillery fire has somewhat slackened, but their infantry is steadily pushing forward. "The Russians have been holding their ground gallantly and their losses are small considering the terrible nature of the Japanese fire.

The Retreat to Final Position

Gen. Kuropatkin's Retirement on Liaoyang Forced by Vigorous Russian Attacks.

Events Leading up to Present Battle From Japanese Reports.

Tokyo, Aug. 30, 5 p. m.—Details of the operations against Liaoyang from Aug. 25 to Aug. 29, which include an account of the desperate three days' battle in the neighborhood of Anping and the abandonment of Anshanshan, reached Tokyo today.

The first Japanese army was divided into three columns and moved against Anping, where the Russians occupied a steep and well fortified eminence, which they had spent months in strengthening. The Russian position to the east and south of Anping extended along a ridge north of Tashikou to Hunschingling, through Hanpin and Tientsun. The advantages were with the Russians. The Japanese were not able to secure good positions for their artillery except along the Liaoyang road.

The Japanese left column moved forward August 25, driving back a small force of Russians, and on the 26th took possession of a line on an eminence north of Ekhtakou and south of Feng-tzu, and prepared to give battle the following day. The centre and right columns made their preparatory moves before night of the 26th.

At midnight on the 26th the Japanese centre suddenly rushed forward in a bayonet charge against the Russian centre, which was located in the vicinity of Xungchangling. "This charge was a surprise and proved to be eminently successful. The Japanese captured the entire position. The Russian forces on the second and third lines were strongly reinforced and offered determined resistance. A fierce engagement ensued and continued without intermission through the 27th.

The Russian artillery posted at Anping, got the range of the Japanese lines and sent in a deadly fire. The Japanese artillery was not able to obtain good positions and was badly exposed. The Russian infantry endeavored to recover its lost ground, but the Japanese held their positions and managed gradually to press the Russians toward the valley of the Lan river. "The Japanese right column made a night attack on Hunschingling. A severe fight ensued until dawn. The Japanese and lashed until dusk. The Japanese column, the principal strength of which was in infantry, attacked an eminence north of Tashikou at dawn of the 29th. "The Russian artillery was in semi-permanent fortifications north of Tashikou and northwest of Kaocheng, and in strength was superior to that of the Japanese. This bombardment reached its height between 2 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. "The Russian infantry was reinforced and pressed against the left wing of the Japanese left column. The Japanese troops were dangerously exposed and the advance of the left column retired. In the meantime the Japanese centre had pierced the Russian line, completely dividing it, but both the Russian wings held their positions firm.

During the afternoon of the 26th, a great thunderstorm broke over the battlefield, covering the hills with mist and preventing accurate use of the guns. "During the night of the 26th the Japanese made a furious assault upon the Russian positions at Hunschingling and Tashikou. Finally they succeeded in getting possession of the positions at Hunschingling, where they captured eight guns which had previously wrought havoc in their lines. "On the morning of the 27th, through mist and haze, all three of the Japanese columns moved forward. The Russians resisted this advance vigorously and the most fierce engagements of August 26 occurred at Hunschingling and Hunschingling. "The moonlight revealed the Japanese troops as they advanced. The Russian defenders of these positions, besides opening a fierce rifle fire on the enemy, rolled boulders down the hillside upon the attacking Japanese soldiers. The Japanese reserved their fire and climbed steadily upward, finally reaching the summit of the hill. "The Russian forces included the ammunition and commissary wagons.



Hand to Hand For Russian Guns

Vivid Description of Prolonged Struggle For Positions at Port Arthur.

Gallant Night Attackers Mowed Down by the Enemy's Fire.

Chefoo, Aug. 30.—The Port Arthur Novikoff, in its issue of August 29th, speaking of the incidents of the siege occurring between August 22nd and August 26th, makes no mention of any Russian positions.

The Russian consul at Chefoo says the Novikoff relates only facts, but colors them with the intention of inspiring the garrison to the emulation of heroic deeds. "Following a three days' assault on Port Arthur the Japanese rested August 26th. At 11 o'clock that night they concentrated a strong force to attack the Zardouini fort, on the Russian right flank. The Japanese crept forward in Indian fashion for one hour in spite of the Russian rifle fire. At midnight they made a powerful rush, but were mowed down in all but one quarter. "The Japanese succeeded in entering the fort over the dead bodies of their comrades, but nearly all were bayoneted inside the fort. The remnant retreated, losing severely as they fled in the darkness. "The Japanese searchlights showed heaps of dead, like magic lantern pictures. "The Japanese were reinforced and renewed the attack but again were repulsed. The Novikoff asserts that the Japanese troops are forced forward by their own shrapnel fire, the guns having been placed behind them to prevent a retreat. "The searchlight presented to the Japanese a high stone wall, and the fact that one detachment succeeded in scaling it is accounted marvelous. "At daylight there was an artillery duel. General Gorbatowski directed the Russian fire, having been six days and nights without sleep. The fort suffered considerably from the Japanese artillery and General Gorbatowski ordered the garrison into the undamaged trenches. "At 10 o'clock on the morning of August 24th a mountain battery of mules was seen in motion. The Russian opened fire and dispersed it. At noon of the 24th two Japanese columns were observed, and they retired when the Russian artillery attacked them. "At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the Japanese began a heavy bombardment of the Russian position with their 120 millimetre guns, and at the same time a Japanese column of infantry appeared at Falouanang. At six o'clock the Japanese attacked the northeastern front of the Russian defenses, but were compelled to retire with fearful loss. "The foregoing is an account of a battle mentioned in these despatches yesterday as having occurred August 26th. Whether the fighting on the 26th was a separate attack cannot be determined. "On the morning of the 25th the Japanese artillery opened up along the eastern front, but most severely on the northern section. "During the night of the 25th Captain Stumpfen made a sortie to disperse the Novikoff on Corner Hill, but without success. "The Novikoff adds the Japanese were building trenches in front of the hills from Corner Hill to High Hill, but does not mention the retreat of the Russian troops from the latter place. The Japanese have there about thirty guns. "In the vicinity of Louisa bay, northwest of Port Arthur the Japanese have 200 guns concealed in a cornfield.

Russians Dream Of Many Guns

St. Petersburg Advised That Japanese Have Twelve Hundred at Liaoyang.

Mukden Despatch Says Kuroki's Turning Movement Was Unsuccessful.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 30.—The latest telegrams from the front state that the Japanese have 1,200 guns near Liaoyang. "Several telegrams from Lieut. General Sakharoff were received during the day and forwarded to the Emperor. They have not yet been published. "A despatch from Mukden of today's date says that in the stubbornly fought battle which has been in progress near Liaoyang since this morning, all attempts of the Japanese to turn the Russian flank have been repulsed. It is said at Mukden that the Japanese lost over ten guns, but details had not been received there. "A despatch from General Sakharoff, dated from Liaoyang at 10 a. m. today, says: "The main Japanese attack is being directed against the Russian centre and right, where the Russian losses have been the heaviest. "The Japanese posted numerous artillery within range of all the Russian positions during the night. "A fire was opened at 5 a. m. and by 9 o'clock the Japanese were close to the Russian positions. "The Japanese shrapnel fire inflicted considerable losses on our troops at several points. Lieut. Colonel Pokotiloff, commanding a battery of the Sixth East Siberian brigade, was killed. "The Japanese are delivering an obstinate attack on our centre and at 9 o'clock this morning were close proximity to our advance guard."

The latest reports received by the war office indicate that the battle at Liaoyang will probably extend for several days. The Japanese are directing their energy to bombarding segments of the circle of defensive positions occupied by the Russians. "The Japanese already have suffered heavily from the hail of shells. "The Russian cavalry won a notable success west of Liaoyang, repulsing the Japanese advance from that direction. "This was the first time the Russian cavalry had an opportunity to charge the Japanese on open ground since the beginning of the campaign. "United States Ambassador McCormick has arranged to send between 200 and 300 Japanese who have collected at Peking and Ekaterinof from points in Siberia, to Germany, whence they will be sent home on a steamer. A personal representative of the ambassador will accompany the Japanese and the Russian authorities will furnish them protection against possible molestation. "The disturbance at Riga, on the Baltic, yesterday was caused by a crowd of one hundred prisoners released under the terms of the imperial decree issued the day of the christening of the heir to the throne. The men armed themselves with revolvers, knives and paving stones and attacked the police. Assistant Chief of Police Lisin, who was severely wounded while dispersing the rioters yesterday, had not recovered consciousness. He received several pistol shots, wounds in the head, ear and arm. The latter had to be amputated.

SNOW IN MINNESOTA.

Duluth, Minn., Aug. 30.—Light snow fell at Virginia early this morning. Crops, flowers and garden products were damaged in the country immediately surrounding Virginia, and a heavy frost scare is reported from other western Mesaba range points.

EXHIBITION STEAMSHIP.

Seattle, Aug. 30.—One of the largest steamships on the Pacific coast, the Victoria, will sail from here November 15 carrying a diminutive exposition. Over \$100,000 is being expended in fitting up the vessel for exhibition purposes. The ship will carry only exhibition and exhibitors and will be the object of the trip being to place the products of the United States before the orientals. The ship will visit Russia, Japan, China and Australia ports and a number in South America, the voyage lasting six months.

THE ARBITRATION COURT.

The Hague, Aug. 30.—Dr. Asser, the well-known authority on international law, has been appointed minister of state without portfolio. Prof. T. M. C. Asser is a member of the permanent arbitration court at The Hague.

OLYMPIC RACES.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 30.—The Olympic Marathon race, the third foot race contest of the kind ever held on American soil, participated in by some of the world's finest runners, was won by Thos. J. Hicks, of Cambridge, Mass., in 2 hours, 55 minutes and 55 seconds.

FRENCH ENGINEERS ARRIVE.

New York, Aug. 30.—A party of sixteen representative French engineers have arrived in this city for the purpose of making a general tour of inspection of engineering work in the principal cities of the United States and Canada. Before concluding the tour, which will include a visit to Montreal, they will spend several days at the exposition in St. Louis. Their western trip will begin September 6.

FERRY BOAT CAPSIZES.

London, Aug. 30.—A despatch to a news agency from Berlin says a telegram has been received from Lodz, Poland, announcing that a ferry boat capsized today on the River Kamien, resulting in seventy persons being drowned. Thirty of the passengers were saved. It is added that the boat was licensed to carry only thirty persons.

RATE WAR ABOUT SEIZED.

Liverpool, Aug. 30.—A message from one of the principals in the shipping conference at Frankfurt-on-Maine indicates that a practical settlement of the trans-Atlantic rate war has been reached and that the terms of a compromise arrangement, satisfactory to both sides, will be announced in a few days.

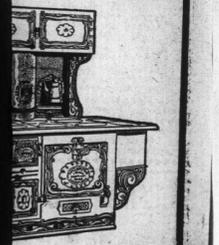
Many, bank houses will be built, it is not likely that a wagon road can be built this year, but one will be run down the trail this winter.

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THE MATTER OF TRESPASS

Mr. Hayward in another column writes calling our attention to the provisions of the Game Act with respect to trespassers...

INTERNATIONAL CEREMONIES PROPOSED

The permanent marking of historical spots appeals with peculiar interest to many persons...

THE UNION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES

We have received a circular letter signed by W. D. Lighthall, M. A., Hon. Secretary-Treasurer...

Both excursions and all the representative men will gather first at the site of British Camp...

The work in hand is so doubt an important one, and we publish the above information for the benefit of those who may be interested...

posal could be brought before the British Columbia parties interested...

THE UNITED STATES' POLITICAL CAULDRON

Echoes from Esopus and Oyster Bay are so faint that one would scarcely realize that our neighbors across the line are on the eve of their great annual upheaval of politics...

In the meantime members of the Democratic and Republican parties are busily manufacturing estimates and judgments on the probable outcome of the election...

How serious this is may be judged from the fact that the farmers of the Fraser River is not in a feverish mood...

REASONABLE SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION

The following is a proposal of the visit of the medical men to Victoria...

"I do not know, boss," replied the drayman, "I missed anything but my watch as yet."

It was not, however, to call attention to the acquiescence of our friends of the subject of temperature...

As yet only the fringes of the agricultural districts are being farmed. The Ottawa country merely is mowed...

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should go ahead and settle the question once and for all time.

WHERE IS THE WEST?

A 48-page folder is issued from the Department of the Interior at Ottawa...

TRUSTING TO FALSE GODS.

Our contemporary, the Kootenay Post, has a homely remark on the ethics of journalism...

In fact, returning to the question of the West, we find the following: "Where are these lands?"

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

It is encouraging to note the progress of the Black River dam project...

New Denver's citizens were much stirred Monday by receipt of information that the place early next spring...

The Kootenay Central surveying party under the management of T. S. Armistead were camped this week at Four Mile creek...

At the annual meeting of the Associated Silver-Led Mines of B. C. held in Victoria...

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control when neither air nor hand brakes could be made effective...

RETAIL MARKETS

Quotations for staples remain as they were last week. Flour is firm at the additional week's stock being maintained...

Hungarian, per sack \$1.00, Hay, B.C., per ton \$16.00, Wheat, per ton \$27.00...

Apple (Island), per box \$1.25, Apples (British), per box \$1.00, Apples (Canada), per box \$1.00...

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FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY. Soccer will speak at the Crystal Palace on "Politics from a Workingman's View."

LOCAL

A Court Needed.—That a stipendiary magistrate's court is needed at Uxbridge is the opinion of the committee at the point. The Indians are continuing the fishing grounds, having had a season at Rivers Inlet...

Dwellings Burned.—Bush fires in recent districts have luckily not done much damage to property...

Tree News.—The addition to lower terminal of the "Tree" road is nearing completion. This gives the trestle carriage a further 20 feet of travel...

Back From Cariboo.—A. W. Voss, superintendent of Indian affairs, returned from a visit of inspection to the Cariboo region...

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Freight Rates Discrimination

B. C. Lumbermen and Shingle Manufacturers Association Explain Situation.

Railway Commission Told of the Difficulties Which Confront the Industry.

At the first day's sitting of the railway commission in Vancouver, a matter taken up of special interest to the lumber and mill men on Vancouver island was that of the B. C. Lumbermen and Shingle Manufacturers Association, no discrimination in freight rates on the C. P. R. In this matter, Mr. B. W. Greer, general freight agent, and Mr. E. P. Davis, K. C., spoke for the railway commission, and Mr. H. W. D. Miller, general manager of transportation for the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

Manufacturers to compete there under these freight rates. He also wished for an even rate for shingles and lumber, which obtained in the Rainy River and Lake in the Woods districts. They wished besides for an arbitrary difference of 7 cents per 100 pounds between Kamloops and the coast; in other words where rates were 35 cents for 100 from Kamloops they wanted 40 cents from Vancouver.

Mr. Miller said that they had been asking for some months past, and had been giving them all the statements on the subject that they had. He also submitted a letter showing that the application for the reduction for shingles and doors had also been made in June last. Mr. Greer said that the idea of carrying with shingles and doors at less than carload rates was to encourage them to ship in carload lots.

"Anti-Dumping" Act in Force

Preparations Completed for the Enforcement of Recent Legislation.

General Impression at Ottawa That Earl Grey Succeeds Lord Minto.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Aug. 30.—The anti-dumping clause goes into full effect Thursday. Four Canadian customs officials will be stationed in the States to determine values. H. J. Lord, of the outside office, is expected to be appointed at New York. Officers will also be appointed at Boston, Cleveland and Chicago, and probably one in the Pacific coast states.

Earl Grey May Succeed Minto

Duke of Marlborough's Name Now Gives Place to Popular Nobleman.

Protest From the Dominion Too Strong For Downing Street to Neglect.

London, Aug. 29.—(Special)—Earl Grey, who has been the subject of much talk, is now expected to succeed Lord Minto as Governor-General of Canada. This information developed this afternoon in some official circles and the appointment is expected to be announced as soon as the exigencies of colonial diplomacy can be met.

DOMINION NEWS NOTES

Montreal, Aug. 30.—After reading the suggestions presented by the sub-committee, which previously had been appointed for the purpose of reviewing the constitution and rules of the organization, the committee of management of the N. A. L. I. adjourned last night's meeting without any drastic steps having been taken and without any radical change having been adopted.

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