



THE ARMIES HOLD STRONG POSITIONS

RUSSIAN REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVING AT MUKDEN

Report That Wide Turning Movement Attempted by the Japs Has Been Checked.

Mukden, Nov. 23.—Indications are growing that the Japanese are undertaking a wide turning movement on the Russian left. A large number of commissariat wagons have been observed going eastward, and some artillery exchanges have also been reported from the eastward.

General Kouropatkin has permitted men who have captured horses to sell them to officers, the proceeds to go to the families of men killed in battle.

RUSSIANS LEFT THIRTY DEAD ON FIELD.

Tokio, Nov. 23.—300 p. m.—Army headquarters yesterday received the following telegram from the Manchurian headquarters:

On Monday, November 21st, at 6.30 in the morning our detachment advanced towards Weitzuku, north of Shien-chung, and attacked and occupied the enemy's camping grounds. Subsequently a superior force of the enemy gradually pressed our left flank and rear. Receiving reinforcements, we drove the enemy toward Chenheili at 9.30 a. m. The enemy's strength was six hundred infantry and three hundred cavalry, with four guns. The enemy left 30 dead bodies on the field. We took six prisoners, as well as spoils, including 30 rifles, entrenching tools, ammunition, etc. Our casualties were one lieutenant wounded and 28 men killed or wounded.

MANCHURIAN RIVERS ARE FROZEN OVER.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 24.—2.25 a. m.—A Japanese agent points to the possibilities of a big battle south of Mukden. The Japanese, according to an official report, have received a severe setback in the vicinity of Sianlin, in which they were apparently were attempting to execute a wide turning movement.

Military opinion here scarcely believes it possible that two great armies can winter less than a mile distant from each other, though the heavy defences on each side make it extremely difficult for either to assume the offensive. It is believed, however, that if the deadlock is to be broken, Gen. Kouropatkin will let Marshal Oyama take the initiative, as the Russians have the better of the present position, namely, a strong line of defence and Mukden behind them, making satisfactory quarters where the Russian reinforcements are now accumulating for an advance next spring. The Japanese, also, are strongly reinforced. The rivers are already frozen sufficiently to permit of the movement of artillery and commissariat trains, and the country actually is better adapted to a Japanese advance than during the summer.

RUSSIANS SURRENDER TO THE JAPANESE.

London, Nov. 23.—A dispatch from Tokio to the Standard reports increasing desertions from the Russian garrisons into the Japanese lines, the deserters tell indicating the demoralization of the Russian defenders. The same correspondent says that Russian ships in the harbor no longer fire on the approaching Japanese warships.

A Japanese correspondent, writing to the Morning Post, betrays growing anxiety concerning the Russian second Pacific squadron, which probably is due to the unexpected strength of Port Arthur's resisting powers. He points out the inconsistency of Egypt in permitting Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's ships to coal when not going to a Russian port, accompanied with the refusal of such facilities when the Spanish admiral wanted to take the battleship Pelayo by the Suez route six years ago, and maintains that it is Great Britain's business to compel Egypt to maintain neutrality to the present case.

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Port Said says that the Russian ships, when boarded, will be isolated from the shipping, and they will be allowed to take on provisions, but the correspondent adds that it is uncertain whether they will be permitted to coal.

Telegrams from Copenhagen report that the supplementary detachment of the Russian second Pacific squadron is still detained at Skagen by storms.

The Japanese, according to a dispatch from Chefoo to the Chinese, are reported to have captured a British steamer laden with 30,000 cases of canned meat for Port Arthur.

SEVENTEEN MEN DROWNED.

Norfolk, Sweden, Nov. 23.—The Swedish steamer Bru, from Grimsby, England, with a cargo, foundered this morning at the entrance of Arko Sound. The entire crew, numbering 17 men, perished.

Chefoo, Nov. 24.—6 p. m.—A huge pile of coal near the railway station at Port Arthur was ignited by Japanese shells on November 20th, and according to Chinese reports, it has since today it was still burning when they left the besieged town on November 22nd.

A Japanese torpedo boat overhauled the junk, but allowed it to proceed. Another junk with six passengers on board was taken ashore, where the junk was burned. The passengers were sent to Daluy.

COAL STORES HAVE PROBABLY BEEN BURNED.

Tokio, Nov. 24.—8 p. m.—Telegraphing today the headquarters of the army before Port Arthur reports:

"The conflagration in the buildings

near the arsenal, caused by our naval guns, which was reported yesterday, began about noon November 22nd, and continued until 2 o'clock on the morning of November 23rd. It is probable that the coal stores have been burned."

Manchurian headquarters, in a telegram dated November 23rd, reports: "At midnight on November 22nd six hundred of the enemy's infantry attacked Sing-lun-tan. Our advance detachments resisted the attack for several hours, safely retiring to the main body. The village was entirely burned by the enemy."

"At dawn on November 23rd, the enemy made several surprise attacks near the Shakhe railway bridge and at Raotzuy, but were entirely repulsed."

KOUROPATKIN MAY ASSUME OFFENSIVE. Mukden, Nov. 24.—The artillery has been silent for two days. The opinion prevails that if the Japanese do not attack, General Kouropatkin will take the offensive again.

RELEASED PENDING THE FINAL DECISION.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 24.—A bond to cover the value of the British steamer Calchas pending a final decision in her case has been filed, and she has been telegraphed to Vladivostok to release her.

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS REACH PORT SAID.

Port Said, Nov. 24.—A division of the Russian second Pacific squadron has arrived here. All precautions have been taken to prevent any untoward incident during the passage of the vessels through the Suez canal.

The division consists of the battleships Sissoi Veliky and Navarin, the cruisers Jemchug, Almaz and Sviatiana, the torpedo boat destroyers Bodri, Blazhko, Boumprechni, Eyzri, Bravi, Bedovi and Buiny, and the transports Gertchakoff, Voronej, Kital, Tamhoff, Kieff, Jupiter, Morkur and Vladimir. The division exchanged salutes with the town on entering, and the Russian bands played the British National Anthem in honor of the presence of the British guardship Furios.

The local Russian representatives visited Rear-Admiral Volkensam's flagship. All the ships are fitted with wireless telegraphic apparatus.

The ships are not ordered to coal here, but will take water, fresh provisions, and hay for their livestock.

The Russian admirals exchanged visits with the commander of the Furios.

Though the larger warships were not ordered to coal here, the torpedo boat destroyers are coaling from transports, and will enter the canal at dawn tomorrow, and the rest of the division one hour later.

Admiral Volkensam indignantly denied that the Russian officers or sailors created disturbances at Canen, Island, of Crete. He says that the disturbances were carried on board, but no one was killed or wounded. There were no desertions as reported by an English newspaper.

WATCHING MOVEMENTS OF FAST YACHTS.

London, Nov. 24.—A telegram from Port Said says:

"There is considerable interest in the movements of three fast yachts, the Florentina, Catarina and Emerald, which have just traversed the canal to Suez. The Florentina is owned by Comte De Vitali, of Marseilles. The Catarina belongs to the firm of Charpentier & Nisard, of Genoa, and the Emerald belongs to Sir Christopher Furniss. The latter, however, is not on board, and it appears that both the Emerald and the Catarina have been chartered by individuals whose names the agents refuse to divulge at the request of the charterers. The Catarina is expected to have been in the Mediterranean since November 3rd and 5th, respectively. The Emerald was sighted at Jaffa on November 20th.

SAYS JAPANESE WILL WINTER IN PORT ARTHUR.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—The Daily News tonight publishes a cablegram from its correspondent with the Japanese troops out of Port Arthur, reading as follows:

"Gen. Kodama, chief of the Japanese general staff, after a thorough examination of the situation at Port Arthur and a conference with Gen. Nogai, gave out an interview.

"You have seen Port Arthur and may think it easy to take," Gen. Kodama said, "but it is a most difficult task."

"Of course," I said, "it consists of thirty powerful forts, and the Russians have spent ten years of engineering. The natural defences are strong, and there is a stubborn army of fighters within, cleverly commanded."

Kodama stretched out his hand, intercepting me. "I hold Port Arthur here," he said.

"Where will you winter about Port Arthur?" I asked. "You are not building barracks and have only shelter tents."

"I shall winter inside," replied the general. "I will take the fortress soon. I hesitate to use my big guns, for fear of hurting the non-combatants. I cannot say what will damage the big guns but I think it is the first time that coast defence guns have engaged each other."

"How about food?" I asked. "It is reported that you permit transports and junk to run the blockade, wishing only the glory of taking the fortress by assault."

"That is absolutely false," replied Gen. Kodama. "Our blockade is perfect. The Russian forts are well built on the Belgian model. The general situation of the forts also is singularly good. They are iron-plated toward the sea, but toward the land they are only earthworks, with some masonry and a little concrete. A clever engineer designed them. We find them absolutely changed since the China war, when we took Port Arthur in one day. They are now built to resist the whole force of the Russian army."

others left. Now we cannot say any single fort is the key. All are so strongly fortified that we must then in detail. The capture of one means only the capture of that individual fort, not a series as formerly. Study as we may, we find it difficult to locate a point which has carried fortification to such an extent."

SECOND DIVISION OF THE SQUADRON SAILS.

Cape Skagen, Denmark, Nov. 24.—The second division of the Pacific squadron sailed this morning.

RETURNING HOME. The Zemstvos Have Concluded Sessions in St. Petersburg—Minister Receives Memorial.

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"The Rubicon is crossed; no retreat is possible," is the verdict. In his opinion, at last night's joint meeting of editors and literary men and the Zemstvos, the greatest enthusiasm prevailed and the fallen support was pledged to the programme adopted.

There is an intimation that the Emperor has already been advised of the news of the meeting and has expressed himself as unfavorable to it. According to a story which is told, with much circumstantiality, M. Pobedonostsev, the procurator-general of the holy synod, informed the Emperor that, in his opinion, autocracy had reached the parting of the ways. "There will be no middle course. We must hold firmly to the old regime or be prepared to meet a revolution."

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THE VOICE OF CALUMNY.

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PROVINCE TO TAKE OVER LAZARETTO

RELIEVES CITY OF LEPPERS JANUARY 1ST

The Announcement at Monday's Council Meeting—Petition for Re-Opening of Rock Bay Bridge.

On January 1st of next year the province will take over from the city of Victoria the Darcy Island lazaretto.

The Victoria Machinery Depot received the contract for the refund of castings which was practically the same as that given by the Albion Iron Works.

It was explained that the Albion Iron Works had signed the contract, and the work will be done by the city engineer.

Dear Sirs:—Re Birdlegs Walk Extension and Expropriation by-By-Law, 1904.

1. That the proposed assessment is inequitable and property benefited is not assessed.

2. That the area and dimensions of the proposed road are indefinite.

3. That the meetings of the council at which the by-law was purported to be dealt with were irregular and the proceedings contrary to statute.

4. That the by-law is ultra vires, and the procedure of the general Local Improvement By-Law and the sections of the Municipal Act relating to this by-law have not been complied with.

5. That a contra petition was filed and presented within the time limit, representing names and values competent to prevent the passage of the by-law.

TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF GROUSE

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN ACT PROPOSED

Fish and Game Club Will Adopt Engraving Measures—Amendments to Be Recommended.

Members of the Fish and Game Club are displaying commendable energy in the endeavor to provide adequate protection for British Columbia game.

After these come the big companies, which are able to work the ground carrying on the game.

Black and Grant, the latter formerly a resident of this city, had a good year on Boulder creek.

It is the first place in the province where change section 12, which permits miners or prospectors to kill for food at any season of the year.

It is proposed to amend section 13, which provides that no person shall at any time enter upon any enclosed land without permission.

It is proposed to amend section 17, which reads: "No person shall at any time enter into any growing or standing grain, nor his own, with sporting implements."

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HEARING WILL BE RESUMED FRIDAY

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT CASE BEFORE COURT

Conductor McLeod Tells What Occurred—Lively Time Near the Canteen Grounds.

(From Tuesday's Daily) Dan McNeill attempted to enter the Redmond theatre the other evening while under the influence of liquor.

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NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

NOTED CHINESE REFORMER COMING

PRINCE KONG YU WEI IS VISITING THE COAST

President of Advanced Party in China Will Be Given Reception in Victoria.

Prince Kong Yu Wei, the president of the Chinese Empire Reform Association, which has branches almost all the Chinese settlements living outside of the Empire.

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ANOTHER STEAMER LINE TO VANCOUVER

Report Again in Circulation That the Victorian Will Be Placed on Route.

Fast engines on the Victoria & Sidney run will make the distance in 20 minutes, a good ferry connection between Sidney and Vancouver, and in short a service to the Mainland on a greatly improved scale.

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AN INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF TURKEYS Scarcity Throughout Canada Will Make Birds Unusually Expensive—Market Quotations.

Christmas goods arrived from the East in considerable quantities during the past week. All varieties of nuts, raisins, figs, etc., are displayed in the show windows of local grocery establishments.

Oats and hay, it is announced, are likely to increase in price during the next few days. At present both commodities are bringing a better figure on the lower mainland than they are here.

As mentioned in the Times last week, a rise in the retail figure placed on flour is looked for. So far no move has been taken by the wholesale dealers, but there seems no doubt in the minds of grocers that the expected change will come at any early date.

It is interesting to note that duck have been placed on the local market in the quantity of many seasons. Large quantities since the commencement of the season.

Appended are the complete retail quotations: Hungarian Flour, Ogilvie's, per sack, \$1.75

Pastry Flour—Snowflake, per sack, \$1.50; O. K. Best Pastry, per sack, \$1.40

Wheat—Wheat, per ton, \$40.00; Oats, per ton, \$28.00; Corn, per ton, \$25.00

Butter—Butter (Dewey), per lb., 12¢; Butter (Victoria Creamery), per lb., 12¢

Meat—Lard, per lb., 12¢; Bacon (American), per lb., 12¢; Bacon (rolled), per lb., 12¢

Produce—Island Potatoes (new), 100 lbs., \$1.25; Sweet Potatoes, per lb., 5¢

Married—ERON-MUNSBY—On Nov. 19th, 1904, when Joseph Cameron, eldest son of Mrs. Cameron, Esq., of Dawson City, Yukon

Died—NINON-THOMPSON—At Fernie, B. C., on Nov. 18th, 1904, Mrs. Ninon Thompson, aged 44 years

A JOURNEY TO HALE-A-KALA A VICTORIAN'S INTERESTING TRIP ON FOOT ON FIJI ISLANDS.

You won't harden or shrink woollens with Sunlight Soap. The purity of the oils and fats and the absence of free alkali prevent that.

This trip is usually made by stage and boat. We left Ukelele early, and hurried out to keep the trail with the aid of the waning moon for about two hours, and then the inevitable happened, and we went the wrong way, but we struck out bravely for the highest peak in sight, where we soon found a way, and I got a ride to the summit. Dairy, seven miles from edge of crater, a number of visitors from Boston (Prof. Barton's party of eleven) had been at the summit all night, and had slept at the cave, which is nothing more than an overhanging projection of lava, but can be made comfortable, and blankets are required for the cold up here. A number of these were present, wondering, no doubt, what kind of a show this was approaching.

The party that had passed us in the night were there, and delighted with the scene. The edge of the crater is 10,000 feet high, and the crater is said to be nine miles across, but it doesn't look it. It is very irregular, and roughly speaking, triangular in shape with the highest point to the west.

The sides presented cliffs of lava at a high angle except in such places as the crevices which carried down the debris to an angle of 45 degrees, and in the southwest angle it is said to be possible to go down with a horse.

But there is nothing to go down for. The bottom is about 2,000 feet below a black desolate wilderness, no vegetation except on the slopes of some of the older tumuli where the grass has got a hold.

THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE. Owing to faulty action of the kidneys and liver, the blood becomes filled with disease germs that peril health. The first warning is a back ache, dizziness, headache or lack of vital energy.

SPANISH BARQUE LOST! Foundered During Gale—Fifteen Men Perished—High Seas Prevented Rescue.

Philadelphia, Nov. 21.—The British steamer Arosa Castle, Captain Ray, 50 days out from Java with a cargo of sugar, arrived here to-day and reported that a Spanish barque, the Taffala, with her crew of 15 men during the recent storm, after he had stood by the barque for two days, on the second night the Spanish vessel disappeared.

While up to the present the J. B. A. has only one such class, the Young Men's Christian Association has gone into the work more extensively, having established two young men's classes and a business men's class.

RUSSIAN FOOTBALL A COMPARISON. An exceedingly interesting article on football appears in the last issue of Collier's. It discusses the tactics of Russian and Western American football in a most entertaining manner, giving the records of the most prominent teams and their style of play.

CLARK VICTORIOUS. The middleweights, Bert Clark, of Denver, Colo., and Harry Augustine, of Glasgow, Scotland, met Saturday night at the Methodist church in what was announced as a twenty-round contest.

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