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JAPS TAKE SHANTAIKOW

One of the Important Defences Fail to the Mikado's Men.

Japanese Occupy Ikhavuen and the Yangse Pass—After Fierce Battle the Russians Have Evacuated Ygantseuling—Kuroki Now in Possession of Strong and Important Positions Near Liaoyang—Why Knight Commander Was Sunk.

Tokio, Aug. 3.—It is reported here that after three days of desperate fighting the Japanese have captured Shantaiakow, one of the important defences of Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—General Kuropatkin reports that the Japanese have occupied Ikhavuen (east of Liaoyang) and the Yangse Pass (30 miles east of Liaoyang).

Tokio, Aug. 3.—After two days' fighting General Kuroki has defeated the Russian forces in two separate actions fought at Yushulikzu and the Yangse Pass. The Yangse Pass, or Yang Se Pass, is situated 30 miles east of Liaoyang. The Russian army engaged there is generally known as the eastern army, and was commanded by the late Lieut.-Gen. Count Keller, who was killed by the explosion of a shell.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—It is officially announced that the Russians have fallen back from Yangse Pass, but are holding their positions on the Saimatza road, and at Haicheng Monday.

Liaoyang, Aug. 3.—After a fierce battle the eastern Russian force has evacuated Ygantseuling (six miles west of Motien Pass).

OUTFLANKED BY NODZU.

Newchwang, Aug. 2.—Gen. Fukushima arrived here this morning, having marched up from Port Dalny. The Japanese here are confident that the reported capture of Haicheng by their troops is true. They say the Russians there probably were outflanked by Gen. Nodzu.

OKU CAPTURES HAICHENG.

Newchwang, Aug. 2.—Rumors are current in Chinese quarters that General Oku captured Haicheng yesterday afternoon. They cannot, however, be verified.

NEARING HAICHENG.

Haicheng, Aug. 2.—The battle raged the whole day July 31 along the southern and eastern fronts. The Japanese advanced with overwhelming forces, flanking the Russians on their right. The losses of the Russians, however, were slight. The Seventeenth Siberian Regiment drove the Japanese out of one position.

KUROKI HAMMERS THE ENEMY.

Tokio, Aug. 2.—Gen. Kuroki has administered a severe defeat to the Russian forces which defended the Russian east flank at Liaoyang, winning separate actions at Yuskulikzu and Yangse Pass. These two places are 26 miles apart, but the two actions were fought at the same time. The Russians held strong positions. The thermometer registered over 110 degrees Fahrenheit and the soldiers suffered cruelly from heat exhaustion.

At Yuskulikzu the Russians had two divisions of infantry and some artillery, and they resisted the Japanese assaults vigorously. Both attacks were begun at dawn Sunday, July 31. At Yuskulikzu the Japanese carried the Russian right and left wings, but on account of the strength of the main Russian position they were unable to press the attack. The two armies rested Sunday night, facing each other. At dawn on Monday the Japanese resumed the attack, and by noon they had dislodged the enemy and had driven him four miles to Laoholing.

At Yangse Pass also the Japanese were successful. The artillery opened on the enemy and the infantry moved forward from Makomez. The attack on this place was made at 1 o'clock on Sunday, and by nightfall the Japanese were in possession of a majority of the Russian positions, altho the enemy had resisted with determination. The Japanese force passed the night in battle formation and another assault was made on Monday at dawn. By 8 o'clock Monday morning Yangse Pass and the surrounding heights had been captured.

Gen. Kuroki explains the slowness of these actions by saying that the difficult topography of the battlefield made it impossible to secure good artillery positions, and the great heat fatigued his troops.

The Russian force at Yangse Pass was estimated at two and one-half divisions and four batteries of artillery. The enemy retreated toward Tanghoyen. Gen. Kuroki reports the capture of some field guns, but the number is not given. The Japanese casualties are being investigated.

SAKHAROFF'S REPORT.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—Gen. Sakharoff, under date of Aug. 1, reports obstinate fighting in the direction of the Saimatza-Liaoyang road, July 30 and July 31, the Russian vanguard retaining its position until Aug. 1, when it retired to Yangse Pass.

During a reconnaissance in the direction of Fengwangcheng, July 30, Gen. Sakharoff reports that two offi-

cers and 34 men were wounded, and on July 31, during a reconnaissance in the direction of Laokhausia, two officers were killed and one officer and twenty men were wounded. The same day, when the Japanese occupied the pass between Yanshukan and Houtsiatsee (25 miles from Liaoyang), five officers and 40 men were wounded. Gen. Sakharoff also says: "The enemy is acting undecidedly on our south front."

WHAT HAPPENED AUGUST 2.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—The Japanese and Russian reports seem to agree on the main points of the military developments up to Aug. 1, but both stop short at the interesting point, namely, regarding what happened on Aug. 2, when it is possible that a decisive struggle was going on east and south of Liaoyang.

It is evident that the Russians abandoned Yangse Pass, falling back on Liandiansian, a strong defensive position in the hills 24 miles southeast of Liaoyang. Gen. Kuropatkin admits that there were heavy losses along the Saimatza-Liaoyang road, July 31. The official account indicates that altho the Russians withdrew their advanced posts, Kuropatkin hoped to be able to hold his main positions even in the face of the superior Japanese force, and that he evidently expected heavy fighting along this line, probably about Anping. This battle possibly was proceeding Aug. 2.

Meanwhile a serious enveloping movement of three Japanese divisions was maturing around the Russian left at Haicheng, where there already was heavy fighting on July 31.

WHY THEY WERE SUNK.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—In a lengthy telegram to the emperor Vice-Admiral Skrydloff relates the doings of the Vladivostok squadron under Rear-Admiral Jessen.

With the cruisers Rossia, Grombof and Rurik, Admiral Jessen left Vladivostok July 20. After sinking a small Japanese vessel the cruisers held up the British steamer Camara, but let her go.

A Japanese coasting steamer was next met, but "as most of her 50 passengers, were women, we determined to release her."

Two Japanese schooners were sunk. Then Admiral Jessen fell in in quick succession with the British steamers Arabia and Knight Commander. "The Knight Commander only stopped after the fourth shot," the admiral reports. Her cargo being railroad material, "undoubtedly contraband for the belligerent party, and not being able to bring her to the nearest Russian port, owing to her not having enough coal, without manifest danger to the squadron, we sank the Knight Commander, after taking off all her crew and removing her papers."

Two more Japanese schooners laden with salt were then sunk.

ST. PETERSBURG GLOOMY.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—The feeling at the war office here was distinctly gloomy this morning. No official telegrams had been received by the general staff from Gen. Kuropatkin, who was communicating direct with the emperor, but from private sources at the front it already was apparent that Simoucheng (fifteen miles south southeast of Haicheng, at the junction of the Fengwangcheng Siuyan roads) had been lost. Gen. Stakeberg's outposts having fallen back to Haicheng.

SOLDIERS PILLAGE THE MARKET.

High Prices For Merchandise Causes Turmoil in Hayti.

Port Au Prince, Hayti, Aug. 3.—The most serious disorders are anticipated here. The population is very much excited by the continuous rise in the price of all merchandise and a band of soldiers yesterday made an attempt to pillage the central market and the shops in that vicinity.

Other troops and police immediately intervened, and re-established order. All the stores in Port Au Prince, however, are now closed.

During the day a number of Syrians were stoned in the streets, two of them were wounded and their stalls, surrounding the central market, were destroyed by soldiers.

Toronto Man Sentenced.

St. Thomas, Aug. 3.—Edward Hill, who was arrested the other day, was before Magistrate Glenn at the police court yesterday morning on the charge of stealing a straw hat from Roy Calcott. He was allowed to go on suspended sentence, but for entering the residence of Wesley Sutton and stealing 85 cents, he was sentenced to five years in the Kingston Penitentiary. Hill claims to be a native of Toronto.

Free Church Men Win.

London, Aug. 3.—The case of the general assembly of the Free Church of Scotland and others versus Lord Overton and others was decided in favor of the applicants by the Privy Council yesterday.

Muravieff It Is to Be.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—It is reported in well-informed circles that M. Muravieff, the Minister of Justice, will succeed M. Von Plehve, late Minister of the Interior.