RUSSIANS WERE DEFEATED

Japanese Drive Them Back and Occupy Liao-Yang.

ABANDON ALL POSITIONS.

A despatch from Tokio says: The battle of Liao-Yang on Wednesday night continued until midnight, with frightful slaughter. The Japanese at last succeeded in getting a column across the Taitse River, northeast of Liao-Yang, and then Gen. Kouropatkin gave the order to fall back on the main works, but owing to the Japanese pressure this movement was not executed. The armies slept in their positions.

At daybreak Thursday the Japanese army on the left delivered a fierce and successful assault against the heights to the west of Hsinlingtun and the high ground to the west of Shushanpao. It pierced the Russian lines, and later forced the retirement of the Russian troops from their position on the right and centre.

Subsequently Gen. Kouropatkin abandoned Liao-Yang and withdrew his entire force to the right bank of the Taitsie River. The Japanese are now in possession of Liao-Yang.

TOKIO REJOICES.

A despatch from Tokio says: Tokio rings with shouts and cheers for the victory at Liao-Yang. Lantern-bearing crowds swing through the streets and surge around the staff offices, shouting "Banzai!"

The details of Thursday's fighting are scanty. It is only known that at dawn General Oku's army was hurled against the Russian right centre on the southern line, and that the Russians were forced to abandon their line and positions and retreat. Their pursuit is now in progress. The result of this pursuit and the result of the fierce battle waged on the eastern line, where Gen. Kuroki is assailing the force which has long screened Liao-Yang, together with the abandonment of the Russian right centre on the southern line, exposes the Russian left. But here the Russian force is so heavy that it may possibly be able to protect and extricate itself.

The early success of the attack was somewhat unexpected on account of the strength of the Russians and the nature of the Russian defences. It is confidently believed that Field Marshal Oyama will press the pursuit with desperate vigor and inflict on Gen. Kouropatkin the most crushing blow possible. It is believed that his trophies will prove valuable. It is the opinion here, that the Russians were not able to carry many guns with them, and that they were forced to abandon or destroy vast quantities of stores.

OVER 25,000 CASUALTIES.

There is a universal belief in Tokio that Gen. Kouropatkin suffered an overwhelming defeat in giving the Japanese possession of Liao-Yang. The Government will not confirm this. It has issued nothing later than the report of the successful rush at dawn, whereby the Japanese left pierced the Russian line on the heights four miles south of Liao-Yang and west of Shoushan, compelling the enemy to withdraw from the right and centre positions, with the victors in pursuit. It is known that the success to which several days' fighting led has been gained at an enormous sacrifice of life, but the various guesses as to the number of casualties are worthless. Field-Marshal Oyama, the Japanese Commander-in-Chief, telegraphs that he lost heavily in assaulting Liao-Yang, but gives no figures. Gen. Kuroki admits that his losses were 2,225 between Aug. 24 and Aug. 28. The other commanders have made no report of their losses. An estimate of 25,000 casualties on both sides is not regarded as excessive.

SECOND SEDAN IN SIGHT.

A despatch from London says:—The military correspondent of The Times, discussing the situation at Liaoyang as disclosed by Thursday night's telegrams, says:—"The situation is now extraordinarily interesting and dramatic. The Russian army is in full retreat across a river which it has doubtless bridged at several places, but which must still seriously impede its rapid movement. In its rear are two armies thirsting for its blood; on the flank, and not improbably across its front, is the Japanese first army ready to fight to the death to arrest its retreat. There are no more forts, trenches or dominating positions. Matters are equal and the best army will win. Memories of Vionville and Hanan will occur to all readers of military history. Will General Kouropatkin suffer the fate of Marshal Bazaine, or will he pass over the body of the first army as Napoleon passed over the Bavarians who presumed to arrest his march! One way or the other the question must have been ended by nightfall on Wednesday unless General Kuroki is making for some position farther afield than we think. He may be late, and only able to attack General Kouropatkin in the flank, but he and his capable chief of staff are not likely to miss the chance of a life time. It is the decisive stroke of the war, and every man of the first army must know it. The prize of victory is the destruction of the Russian army, and the mastery of east Asia. There is only one course open to General Kouropatkin. If he has abandoned his trenches and begun to cross the river, he must make for the first army with his head down and force a passage at all costs. He must not only defeat but annihilate it. If Gen. Kuropatkin, in the truly horrible position in which he is placed, can make daylight and bring away the best part of his army and his guns he will live in history. The chances are, however, that the fatal date of September 1 will have seen a second Sedan.

AT PORT ARTHUR.

A despatch from Shanghai to the London Daily Mail says recent advices from Tokio state that the general attack on Port Arthur having lasted since Aug. 18, it became necessary to give the troops a rest and make some changes in their organization. Military circles are now intentionally laying great stress on the difficulty of the enterprise and urging patience, presumably to prepare the public for a postponement in taking the fortress. The original programme has evidently been modified, as it has been found impossible to press forward operations as the Japanese hoped. There is general surprise that the place has been held so long, and it is said that the defenders have shown themselves stronger and more resolute than their countrymen who are fighting elsewhere. Another cause of the delay in the fall of the fortress is that the fleet cannot co-operate with the army owing to the vital necessity of preserving its naval unit. For this reason the battleships and best cruisers are not employed near Port Arthur, and the warships assisting the troops are mostly of an inferior type, like the Hashidato, though other ships would come in case of an emergency.

CAPTURED TWO FORTS.

The London Daily Telegraph prints a despatch from Chefoo, which states that Chinese who left Port Arthur two days ago, and passed through the Japanese lines at Kinchou Bay, say the Japanese, after four days' heavy bombardment from the sea, suddenly landed a force from junks and captured the two coast forts at Kwang and Kinshan, east of the Tiger's Tail entrance and three-quarters of a mile from the town. The Russian garrison was small, a majority of the men being engaged in bringing supplies to the forts, which had previously been damaged by shells. The Japanese were only able to mount small guns. The Russians retired beyond a hastily constructed wall of heavy timbers with steel plates, and are stubbornly defending the road to the town. A small fort further west has also been captured. Reinforcements have been landed from rafts at Ianthshan, where heavy fighting is in progress.

The Russians have recaptured Iteshan, and are holding their own at Palichwang, from which the Japanese have been driven.

The bombardment of the Tiger's Tail is proceeding. The assault from the sea and the west is being vigorously pressed.

The town is like a city of the dead. The shops are closed and the people live in bombproof shelters. The hospitals are filled, and the supply of drugs is short. One firm alone possesses all the flour.

The troops are very weary. The Japanese, on the other hand, have the advantage of having reserves.

The Chinese are striving to leave by wholesale. All those who speak Russian are captured by the Japanese, whose officers say they regret that any Chinese remain in the town as they will probably be killed accidentally while the fighting is in progress.

The latest reports place the Japanese advanced positions at Port Arthur thus:—East, Fort No. 5; north, Palichwang, and west, Hukaiton and Hangtowang. The Japanese have destroyed Fort Tungkaitashan, and placed guns on the adjoining hill. It is stated that the inner forts are protected by steel armour plates. Numerous Maxims are mounted so as to repel an attack within the main defences.

17 FORTS AT LIAO-YANG.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Petit Parisien learns from a superior officer of the general staff that Gen. Kouropatkin will not abandon Liao-Yang. The position of the town renders it nearly impregnable, and Gen. Kouropatkin has at his disposal troops equal in numbers and morale to the Japanese. They number 250,000. The force is made up of six Siberian and two European army corps, with 144 squadrons of cavalry and 300 guns. The staff officer said that Gen. Kouropatkin had erected around Liao-Yang 17 forts heavily armed with artillery. The superiority of Gen. Kouropatkin's cavalry compensates to a certain extent for the inferiority of his artillery. At the headquarters of the Russian general staff perfect confidence is felt. It is denied that Gen. Kouropatkin's retreat has been cut off. The public is less optimistic.

PAY FOR JAP ARMY.

A despatch from Chefoo says:—The steamship Independent chartered by the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, was held here on Tuesday by Customs Commissioner Campbell while disembarking passengers and local freight. The vessel is engaged in carrying food from Japan to New-Chwang. Commissioner Campbell contends that if she is allowed to go it will be a violation of China's neutrality, and insists upon the cargo being landed here. The Japanese Consul here has protested against the commissioner's decision, and has referred the matter to Mr. Uchida, the Japanese Minister at Pekin. Mr. Campbell meanwhile has appealed to Sir Robert Hart, Inspector-General of Customs for China, for support. It is believed the Independent is conveying a large sum of money, estimated at 10,000,000 yen ($5,000,000), to pay the Japanese army. It is rumored that a Japanese destroyer arrived late Tuesday night from Dalny and took off all the money except 30,000 yen.

CAPTURED OFFICERS.

A despatch from Chefoo says:—It is stated that Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers have waylaid and captured a junk conveying a party of Russian officers with important despatches to Port Arthur. The officers were taken to Dalny.

NAVAL ATTACHE MISSING.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says:—Lieut. De Cuverville, the French naval attache to the Embassy here, departed from Port Arthur a fortnight ago, and has not since been heard from. There is great anxiety about him.

THE BALTIC FLEET.

A despatch from Berlin says:—The Vossiche Zeitung's Kiel correspondent learns from a most reliable source that the Baltic fleet on its way to the Far East will call at Kiel. The Russians desire to pass through the Kaiser Wilhelm Canal. They already have asked the Germans on what day the passage can be made. Therefore it is supposed that Germany will allow belligerents to use the canal and German ports under certain conditions. The best informed circles in Berlin do not know of any request on the part of the Russians for permission to use the canal.

WHEAT FLOUR PURE.

Analysis Shows There is No Adulteration in Canada.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—The Department of Inland Revenue has issued a bulletin giving the results of testing 75 samples of flour collected throughout the Dominion. The conclusion of the chief analyst is that there is no such thing in Canada as wheat flour adulterated, either by the addition of finely-ground plaster or by admixture of the wheat with inferior and cheaper grain.

A Simla despatch says: According to present plans the British mission will leave Lhassa on the 15th inst.

FIVE KILLED, FIVE INJURED

Imperial Limited Train Wrecked West of Winnipeg

A WINNIPEG DESPATCH SAYS: A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT TOOK PLACE TO THE IMPERIAL LIMITED ON THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY AT SINTALUTA, ONE STATION EAST OF INDIAN HEAD, ON THURSDAY NIGHT. THE EXPRESS RAN INTO AN OPEN SWITCH AND CRASHED INTO A FREIGHT TRAIN WHICH WAS STANDING THERE. FIVE WERE KILLED AND FIVE WERE INJURED. THEY WERE ALL WOMEN AND WERE TRAVELLING IN THE TOURIST CAR.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, LADY MINTO AND PARTY, WERE ON THE TRAIN IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAR, BUT THEY ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY AND PROCEEDED WESTWARD.

A FULL AND SEARCHING INVESTIGATION WILL BE HELD.

LEADING MARKETS.

The Ruling Prices In Live Stock and Breadstuffs.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Sept. 6.—Wheat—There is a good demand and the market is firmer at $1.04 to $1.05 for old No. 2 red and white and $1.02 to $1.03 for new No. 2 red and white west and east. Goose is steady at 90c for No. 2 east. Spring is steady at 96c for No. 2 east. Manitoba wheat is steady at $1.08 for No. 1 northern, $1.05 for No. 2 northern and $1.02 for No. 3 northern at Georgian Bay ports, and 6c more grinding in transit.

Flour—Is firm at $4.40 asked for 90 per cent. patents in buyers' bags west. Choice brands are held 15c to 20c higher. Manitoba flour is steady at $5.10 for cars of Hungarian patents, $5.10 for second patents, and $5 for strong bakers', bags included on the track, Toronto.

Millfeed—Is steady at $17.50 to $18 for cars of shorts and $13.50 to $14 for bran in bulk west or east. Manitoba millfeed is steady at $19 to $20 for cars of shorts and $17 to $18 for bran, sacks included, Toronto freights.

Barley—No. 2 is quoted at 14c for No. 2 extra, and 40c for No. 3 west or east.

Rye—Is firmer at 58c to 59c for No. 2 west or east.

Corn—Canada is nominal at 53c for cars west. American is easier at 62½c for No. 2 yellow, 61½c for No. 3 yellow, and 60½c for No. 3 mixed in car lots on the track Toronto.

Oats—New mixed are quoted at 32c west or east. Old are 1c lower at 34c for No. 1 white, and 33½c for No. 2 white east, and No. 2 white are quoted at 32½c to 33c west.

Rolled Oats—Are steady at $4.50 for cars of bags and $4.75 for barrels on the track Toronto, 25c more for broken lots here, and 40c more for broken lots outside.

Peas—Are steady at 63c to 64c for No. 2 west or east.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—The demand for the better grades is active and the market for these is steady to firm.

Creamery, prints .... 19c to 20c
do solids .... 18c to 19c
Dairy tubs, good to choice 13c to 14c
do inferior grades ..... 9c to 11c
Dairy lb. rolls, good to choice, ... 13c to 16c
do inferior .... 10c to 12c

Cheese—Is steady and quoted unchanged at 9¼c for twins and 9⅜c for large.

Eggs—The shipments of eggs to the west are still heavy and added to this the production here in Ontario seems to be rather lighter. Consequently the market is still firm in tone. Quotations are unchanged at 18c.

Potatoes—Quotations are 5c per cwt. higher at 70c to 75c per bushel for out of store stocks.

Poultry—Quotations are unchanged at 16c for spring chickens and 11c to 12c for old birds.

Baled Hay—Is inclined to be quiet. Car lots on track here are quoted unchanged at $7.50 to $8 per ton.

Baled Straw—Is steady and unchanged at $5.50 to $5.75 per ton for car lots on track here.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Sept. 6.—The market for oats is steady, and dealers will have no trouble in disposing of their No. 2 old stock at 41c in store, while No. 3 oats would bring 40c if they could be found. New No. 2 oats are quoted at 37½c afloat, but it is thought that ere long the market will ease off somewhat. Peas are about steady at 73c afloat Montreal. No. 3 barley, 50½c; No. 3 extra, 50c; No. 3, 49c.

Flour—Strong bakers' are offering at $5.20, and patents at $5.50; winter wheat patents, $5.25 to $5.35; straight rollers, $5.15 to $5.25; straight rollers, in bags, $2.40 to $2.50.

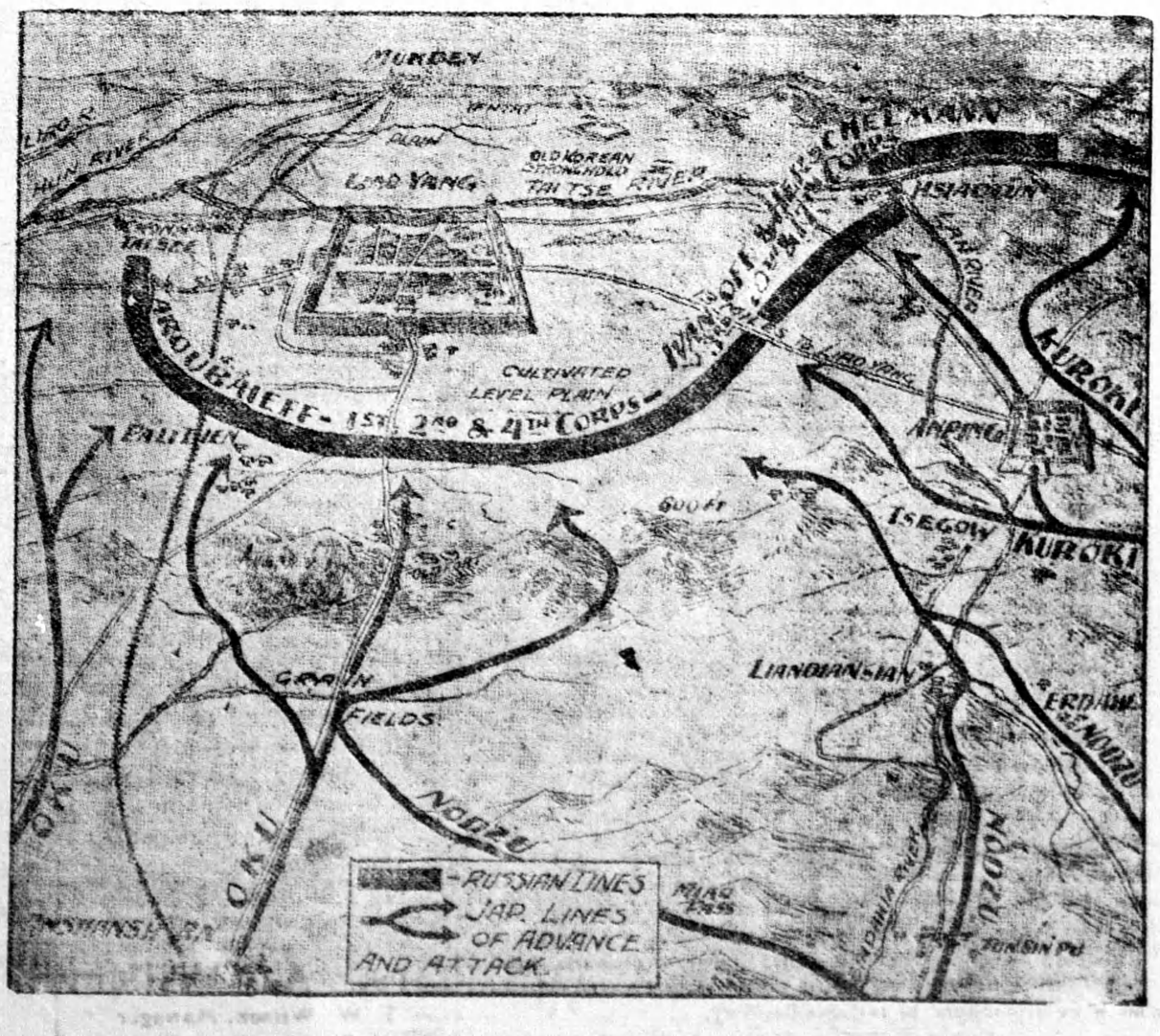
Feed—Manitoba bran, in bags, $17 to $18; shorts, $19 to $20 per ton; Ontario bran, in bulk, $15.50 to $16.50; shorts, $19 to $20; moullie, $26 to $28 per ton, as to quality.

Rolled Oats—It is claimed that association prices again prevail, bags being held at $2.30 to $2.32½ per bag of 90 lb.

Hay—No. 1 is quoted at $9 to $9.50 per ton on tracks; No. 2, $8, export hay, clover and clover mixed, $6.50 to $7.

Beans—Choice prime, $1.30 to $1.35 per per bushel; $1.20 to $1.25 in car lots.

SCENE OF BATTLE AT LIAO-YANG.



Showing Where Kuroki's Forces Crossed the Taitse River and Turned the Russian Flank.