

RUSSIANS WILL MAKE A STAND

Gen. Kouropatkin's Message to Czar Points to Big Battle.

GREAT BATTLE IN SIGHT.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris Mail says that Gen. Kouropatkin has informed the Czar that the forthcoming battle south of Liaoyang will be of the most decisive character. It is taken to indicate that the Russians have abandoned their tactics of retreat.

JAPS' STRATAGEM.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The Agence Russe has a telegram from Liaoyang, stating that the Japanese have commenced a general movement north. The extreme left of Gen. Okuma is marching towards Mount Daliang. Gen. Kouropatkin's left is at Saimitza. It is rapidly moving north. The renewal of activity by the Japanese is believed to have for its object the threatening of the Russian communications with Liaoyang and Mukden, thus compelling Gen. Kouropatkin to abandon his position at Liaoyang without a battle.

DEATH OF OFFICERS.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The demand for naval officers is so pressing that all the officers detailed for duty at the Naval College have been ordered on active service and the college has been closed. From Cohort II will accompany Vice-Admiral Rogostovsky, commander of the Baltic fleet, to the Far East.

GUNS DISMANTLED.

A despatch from Tsingchow says: All the ammunition from the battleship Czarevitch and the three destroyers here has been removed and stored in the gun magazines. The guns of the warships have been completely dismantled. The terms of their parole oblige the Russians to remain at Tsingchow until the end of the war. The sailors are making all possible repairs to the ships. They are being royally entertained by the Germans.

CRUISEES RIDDLED.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: Admiral Alexief reports that the Russia and Gromobol arrived at Vladivostok last Tuesday. Three of the Russia's hulls were pierced and three of her buntlers were useless. The Russia was struck eleven times, below and near the water line. The Gromobol was hit six times. The losses of her crew amounted to 50 per cent. of their officers, and 30 per cent. of their crews, the latter losing 135 killed and 307 wounded.

RUSSIANS WERE BRAVE.

A despatch to the Jiji Shimpo, of Tokio, from Sasobo, gives an interview with Vice-Admiral Kamimura, who said he preferred to endure criticism rather than risk disclosing the tactics of his squadron. He had an important duty to discharge, and added that recently he made a "ten days' cruise, but did not find the enemy. He was much disappointed. While returning to his station he was ordered to enter the Tsushima Strait. The two squadrons had probably been steaming side by side in the darkness. In an hour he would have been too late and the Russians might have easily got out of sight. They turned to the northeast, which placed the sun at the back of the Japanese and in the face of the Russian vessels. The Japanese gunners' faces. The Japanese took advantage of this. Admiral Kamimura expressed admiration of the bravery of the Russians. He was impressed by their care in avoiding needless sacrifice of life. The Japanese had been similarly placed. He ordered his squadron to do its utmost to save life, even those of the men belonging to the Rurik. He believes the Russian and Gromobol have lost their efficiency temporarily. The Japanese saved 613 officers, including a priest and six other officers.

WILL USE GAS LIFE BUOYS

A Chicago despatch says: Some of Chicago's passenger steamers are to be supplied with gas life buoys to rescue those who fall overboard. The buoy, above which will burn a brilliant gas jet for a considerable time, is lighted as soon as it strikes the water. Extended tests of the buoys have proved satisfactory. Sailors and passengers falling from steamers in the night time, although in many cases able swimmers, have almost always perished through inability to find life preservers cast overboard for them.

THE BALTIM FLEET.

A despatch from Paris says: It is reported that the Russian Baltic fleet will be on its way to the Far East before Sept. 1. Eleven transports laden with 65,000 tons of English coal have already sailed, to take up stations along the route that is to be followed by the fleet.

RUSSIAN RESERVES.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The mobilization of the reserve troops in five of the seven districts of the Province of St. Petersburg has been completed, and the mobilization of those of the Russian capital itself is expected to be announced in a few days. Probably thirty thousand men will be taken out of the population and called to the colors.

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GERMAN FARMER'S DEED.

Struck Amprrior Blacksmith With a Pickaxe.

An Ottawa despatch says: Gustave Middlestead, a well-known and prosperous farmer of Gratton Township, in Renfrew County, is under arrest for the murder of Ernest Eggert, an Amprrior blacksmith, as a result of a blow struck by the former while under the influence of drink. On Wednesday afternoon Middlestead went to Eganville, accompanied by his wife. He visited a number of the hotel and was drinking, and though generally of a good disposition was not considered accountable for his actions when under the influence of liquor. He had occasion to visit Eggert's blacksmith shop, where he spent a considerable time. Eggert suggested that in a good-natured way he had better go home as his wife was waiting. The man left the shop, but in a few minutes he was back again. Eggert once more talked with him and told him to go. Middlestead stepped toward the door as if to leave, but laying hold of a pick-axe he went savagely at Eggert, striking him with the point of the axe in the region of the temple. He then went to his wife's room and took her home. She was taken to a surgery and later taken to a hospital, where she died. The man was arrested and taken to Eganville, where an inquest has been commenced. The victim of the tragedy was a hard-working, industrious man.

A SECOND ARMY.

Paris, Aug. 17.—A despatch to the Echo de Paris from St. Petersburg announces that Viceroy Alexief is now in Vladivostok, is engaged in organizing a second Russian army to be commanded by either Gen. Kancbars or Gen. Goukhouloff. The formation of this army, says the correspondent, of which Gen. Kouropatkin has been informed, will, it is thought, diminish the influence of the Commander-in-Chief and to a large extent interfere with his movements.

AWAITING DECISIVE BATTLE.

A despatch received at St. Petersburg from General Kouropatkin, dated from Anshang, and conveying the congratulations of the Emperor on the birth of an heir to the throne, says: "We await a decisive battle with the Japanese army advancing upon us, gladly anticipating meeting the foe and proving our ability to our Emperor and our country."

BIG PLANKING MOVEMENT.

A despatch from Lianyung says: A general Japanese flanking movement is developing to the east and parallel with the railway, involving all the troops from Duliu Pass to Diodinshan, on the Taiisei River, 35 miles northwest of Mukden. It is evident that these troops have combined to force the Russians out of Lianyung without a fight, and the secure winter quarters. It is not thought the Japanese have enough men to consume the movement until the release of a large number of troops besieging the forts at Hsiao-Shan.

CHINA PREPARING.

A despatch from London says: A sensation has been caused here by a despatch from Peking saying that the Chinese railways have been asked if they have sufficient rolling stock to haul quickly they can transport 40,000 troops to Shan-Hui-Kwan. In view of the threatening attitude of Russia toward China over the Reshsheti incident, the prospective movement of Chinese troops is regarded as significant. Shan-Hui-Kwan is on the line of railroad connecting with New-Chiwang and run by Chinese. China's north of Hun-Kwan would be in a position to rush north and menace the Russian right, or even cut their line of communication with Harbin.

GERMANY'S SERVICES.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Telegraph says that rumors have been current in St. Petersburg for the past three or four days that Germany's friendship for Russia was displayed after the recent naval engagement in the Baltic, and leave no doubt that her services are more helpful to Russia and more perilous to herself than any France has yet rendered. It is further alleged that the authorities at Kiaochow expected the Russian ships to touch Port Arthur.

BIG RUSH NEXT YEAR.

An Ottawa despatch says:—Thos. Duncan, of the Canadian Immigration office, London, is in the city on a holiday trip. He says 50,000 British and 35,000 foreign settlers have been in Canada for the first six months of this year. He says a better class are coming than ever before.

TO CREOSOTE LUMBER.

A Sydney, C. B., despatch says:—Another important industry is to be established here. The Dominion and Chemical Company have under consideration the erection of an extensive plant for the creosoting of timber in Canada. There is no such industry in Canada at present. Louisiana is spoken of as a site, but details are not yet completed.

THE WIND DROPPED.

Forest Fires Threatened Michel With Destruction.

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese, and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

Toronto, Aug. 23.—Wheat—Ontario grades are firmly held. No. 2 white and red winter being held at \$1.03 to \$1.04 for milling. Manitoba wheat is quoted at about 2 1/2c higher. No. 1 Northern at \$1.07; No. 2 Northern at \$1.04; and No. 3 Northern at \$1.01. Georgian Bay ports. Grinding in transit prices are 6c above those quoted.

Oats—No. 2 white is quoted at 33 1/2c west and 34 to 34 1/2c low freights. No. 3 white, white, and No. 2, at 34 1/2c. No. 2 new white oats offered at 32 1/2c September delivery.

VESEL WAS A MAGNET.

The Strange Experience of the Steamer Mohican.

A despatch, from London says:—The American liner Westernland, from Philadelphia, which arrived at the docks on Tuesday evening, brought on board a strange phenomenon, experienced by the British steamer Mohican in the Atlantic on the 1st inst., while on a voyage to Philadelphia.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter.—No. 1, 1 1/2c; ordinary to choice large rolls, 1 1/2c; low to medium rolls, 1 1/2c; No. 2, 1 1/2c; No. 3, 1 1/2c; No. 4, 1 1/2c; No. 5, 1 1/2c; No. 6, 1 1/2c; No. 7, 1 1/2c; No. 8, 1 1/2c; No. 9, 1 1/2c; No. 10, 1 1/2c; No. 11, 1 1/2c; No. 12, 1 1/2c.

TELEGRAPH MONEY ORDERS

British Government May Establish Service.

A London despatch says:—The Postmaster-General's report for the year ending March 31, 1904, says the question of establishing a telegraph money order service with the British Colonies is under consideration, and he hopes it will be possible to affect a desirable extension at an early date.

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Forest fires	2.00	2.50
Crow's Nest	1.75	2.50
Blackleg	1.75	2.50
Cattle at Selkirk	2.25	2.75
The animal in the Hamilton Zoo	4.25	4.50
eat 2,500 pounds of meat a year.	3.75	4.00
rough	2.00	2.50
Milk cows, each	30.00	50.00
Export ewes, per cwt.	3.65	3.75
Blacks	1.25	1.75
Spring lambs, each	3.00	3.25
Legs, per cwt.	4.25	4.50
Calves, per lb.	3.5	4.00
do each	2.00	2.50
leggs, select, per	5.85	5.35
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TREATMENT OF THE LAND

BENEFITS OF SHALLOW CULTIVATION IN SUMMER.

It Restores Fertility to the Soil—Best Way to Destroy Weeds.

In the older provinces of Canada the majority of the farms have been decreasing in soil fertility year by year. Many of the pioneer farmers, assuming that the richness of the virgin soil was practically inexhaustible, a mistake that is all too frequently repeated by the settlers on our new lands at the present day.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Beans—Prime beans are quoted at \$1.25 to \$1.30, and hand-picked at \$1.35 to \$1.40.

HOG PRODUCTS.

We quote—Bacon, long clear, 8 to 10c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$15 to \$15.50; do, short cut, \$17.50 to \$18.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Aug. 23.—The markets are fairly active, with prices steady to strong.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, Aug. 23.—Flour—25c higher. Wheat—Spring strong, No. 1 Northern, \$1.25; winter, No. 2 red in store, \$1.13.

WORKING AND SEEDING.

Probably the next crop will be on single corn or roots. In the spring the ridges are smoothed down and a good seed-bed formed without using the plow.

MURDERED BY NATIVES.

Five Sailors and Two Women Killed on a Pacific Island.

A despatch from Melbourne says: Intelligence has reached here that the crew of the cutter "Bled", built at Birnie & Potts, Glasgow, has been murdered by the natives of Anora Islands, New Hebrides.

AMYSTU

Africa Was

Entered according to Act of Congress, in the year 1903, by the Publisher, in the Office of the District Clerk of the Southern District of New York.

A WONDERFUL HORSE.

The Berlin Scientists Are So Greatly Interested.

A despatch from Berlin says: The scientific attention of Berlin is directed towards a horse named "Hans," which has been reported to have a peculiarly fine sense of direction. It is able to find its way home from any point in the city, and even to find its way to a particular house in a large city.

It is reported that the horse has been the subject of scientific experiments, and that the results have been most interesting. The horse is said to be able to find its way to a particular house in a large city, and even to find its way to a particular house in a large city.

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