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Russians Repulsed the Attack and Cavalry Checked the Turning Movement—Kuroki Has Not Yet Crossed the River Hun—Report From Tokio That a Battle Will Soon Take Place at Mukden—Kouropatkin Has an Immense Defence Force—Port Arthur to be Attacked More Vigorously—Gen. Nicholson at Tokio.

London, Sept. 24, a. m.—Stories from Chefoo and other Chinese centres represent the Japanese as being very much more active at Port Arthur. They are said to be preparing winter quarters at Dalny, which will be the main base for their whole operations when the harbor of New Chwang is frozen. A Russian merchant named Krabe, who has arrived at Chefoo, states that he was captured while attempting to get through the blockading line. He was taken aboard on board a Japanese warship, where he was interrogated and threatened with being sent a prisoner to Japan. He was finally liberated, however, and the officer who had examined him congratulated him upon his lucky escape from Port Arthur, saying that a severe bombardment would begin on Tuesday, (Sept. 20) preparatory to the storming of important positions. The officer added that the fortress would be captured in a few days. Krabe became enthusiastic when he described Gen. Stoessel's fitness and diligence. He never seems to sleep. When his administrative work is finished he prowls about the forts. He is a severe taskmaster for the officers, insisting upon a strict performance of their duties. He has closed the officers' clubs. The soldiers idolize him, and he inspires confidence. Krabe says that Port Arthur in the daytime is deserted. At night it is like a black vault. There is almost no sound heard except the distant crack of skirmishers' rifles or an occasional gun. The air is filled with the scent of death. No non-combatants venture out after sunset.

There was some disgust in Port Arthur when the Russian squadron returned after its engagement with the Japanese on Aug. 10. Admiral Prince Outskomsky, who brought the squadron back, is in the hospital, but it is not known whether he is sick or not. The Japanese guns are cleverly masked, their positions being determined by the most effective. The Russians have formed a corps of sharpshooters, whose duty it is to creep out on the hillsides and discover the positions of the enemy's guns. They have been frequently successful in this work. Krabe refused to talk about the black vault, only saying jokingly, "Well, they have no plum pudding."

LOOKS FOR A FIGHT.

Tokio Believes That a Battle Will Soon Take Place at Mukden. Gen. Kouropatkin is evidently preparing to make a determined resistance to any attempt to dispossess him and is entrenching and constructing defenses. He has an immense force available, but the opinion is expressed that the Pass would be a more favorable location for defense. The Russians, however, are unwilling to suffer the loss of prestige which would be involved by the abandonment of Mukden. Both armies are now rested and have recovered from the effects of the fight at Liao Yang. They are in condition to fight, and the weather is favorable for military operations. The roads are being repaired and the Japanese are speedily restoring the railway. A party of military attaches who recently came to Liao Yang from Tokio were dragged for one hundred miles in open trucks by coolies. The army is now forwarding rolling stock with captured cars and engines, and the service will soon be thoroughly organized. With the Liao river open the task of transporting men and supplies to the advance base of operations at Liao Yang is simple. There is much speculation now as to the extent of the fall and winter campaign. It is generally thought that Field Marshal Oyama will continue pressing Kouropatkin back until the winter falls and will then strongly guard his advance line until spring. The Japanese carried on an aggressive campaign against the Chinese during the winter, but conditions are different in this war. A renewal of the attacks upon Port Arthur on newer and more aggressive lines is expected this week, and it is predicted in well informed quarters that the reduction of the fortress will not be accomplished within ten days or a fortnight. The authorities continue silent concerning operations there. The publication of a small list of casualties in the naval brigade operating on land is the only recent official advance in reference to that siege. The spoils taken at Liao Yang continue to grow. Gen. Kuroki reports the capture of four miles of railway rails and two hundred tons of coal.

DA PASS FIGHT.

Japanese Tried to Capture the Pass and Turn Russian Flank. St. Petersburg Cable—2.30 p. m.—Gen. Kouropatkin, telegraphing under yesterday's date, declares that the situation at the front is unchanged. He describes an outpost fight Tuesday at Da Pass, half way between Bentiansapuz and Sintsintin. A Japanese force consisting of twenty-three miles north-east of Salmadzi, and tried to capture the pass and turn the Russian left flank, but the Russians repulsed the attack and the turning movement was checked by Russian cavalry, supported by machine guns. The receipt of the news at Tokio of the

march of the Japanese from Dziantichan was the probable origin of the rumor that Kuroki had crossed the Hun River, which runs twenty miles north of Da Pass. The most reliable information does not indicate the resumption of the Japanese offensive for some days.

FLY HERALD OF DEATH.

Many of the Defenders Have Perished From its Bite. Chefoo Cable—Anna Kravchenko, the English wife of a Russian officer at Port Arthur, accompanied Lieut. Prince Radziwill and other who arrived here Sept. 17 in running the Japanese blockade. The party had a narrow escape from capture. Mme. Kravchenko says that the women in the fortress are devoting themselves to the defenders. There are 30 nurses to each thousand men. Other women are engaged in making clothing for the soldiers, who still others do the laundry work. There are no contagious diseases, but many deaths are caused by a large fly biting, after feeding upon putrefying corpses outside. The old town is almost wrecked, but the casualties from shells are remarkably few. Mme. Kravchenko believes that the defence will succeed.

JAPS CAPTURE JUNKS.

Chinese Say Deaths From Starvation are Increasing. Chefoo Cable—It is stated that the Japanese have captured numbers of junks attempting to run the blockade of Port Arthur. These vessels were mostly laden with meat, flour and eggs.

Chinese who have arrived from the besieged town say that the deaths from starvation are increasing, and that food was supplied to the foreigners who were about to leave the place in order to deceive outsiders as to the actual conditions prevailing in the fortress.

MASACRED THEM ALL.

Both Fishermen and Their Wives Were Annihilated. Tokio Cable On Sept. 9 a despatch was received stating that Russians from Kamchatka had descended upon a Japanese colony founded by Capt. Gettjui upon Shimushu Island, one of the Kurile group, and massacred all the women, numbering 26, while the men were away fishing. The report was doubted at the time, but circumstances now seem to confirm it. The men, who were on a fishing expedition to Kamchatka, were probably surprised and annihilated. Later, on Aug. 25, two hundred Russian soldiers invaded the defenceless colony, attacking the women and burning their houses. The Japanese Government is sending assistance to the survivors.

SEBILLED YENTAI STATION.

Russians Reconnoitered Along the Japanese Frontier. Gen. Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field, Sept. 17, via Fushan, Sept. 23.—The Russians are reconnoitering along the Japanese frontier with a large force of cavalry, supported by guns. With three guns they appeared yesterday evening within 6,000 yards of Yentai station and threw a few shells at intervals. They continued the cannonading at intervals all day to-day. The Russian force on the Mukden road extends from Shulihio, eight miles north of Yentai, to Tsaoitsui, five miles northeast.

CAPTURED FORT.

By Desperate Assaults, and Russians Cannot Dislodge Them. Tokio Cable—3 p. m.—While official confirmation is lacking, it seems certain that the Japanese possess a fort on another height westward of Itzshan, which they carried by desperate assaults, and have since resisted all attempts to capture by the Russian. Both these heights overlook Port Arthur, offering excellent gun positions, which materially weaken the Russian defence.

TO PRAY UPON COMMERCE.

Skrydloff's Chief of Staff Says Part Arthur Can be Recaptured. St. Petersburg Cable—The latest advice received here from Vladivostok announces that the repairs to the Russian cruisers Bogatyr, Rossia and Gromoboi have been completed. Capt. Cradot, Vice-Admiral Skrydloff's chief of staff, has arrived here from Vladivostok with important dispatches for the Emperor. Capt. Cladot informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that he expects the protected cruiser Bogatyr has been completed; that the damages to the armored cruisers Gromoboi and Rossia did not necessitate their going into dry dock, and that both were fit to resume active service. He admits that the chief mission of these vessels is to prey upon commerce.

Cladot says that the Russians will be unable to recapture Port Arthur, in the event of its fall, without having the mastery of the seas, and urges the despatch of every available ship to the Far East, including the Black Sea fleet. The Russ says to-day that Japan can place as many able-bodied men in the field as France, whose capacity, the Russ says, is 2,500,000 men. The paper ad-

mits that Russia is greatly handicapped by the first quarter of her army from headquarters here, and urges doubling the Siberian railroad line.

COAL FOR PORT ARTHUR.

Russians Offering Big Inducements for Supply of Coal. Tsingtau Cable—(3 p. m.)—Several colliers arrived here within the last ten days. It is believed the cargoes are intended for Port Arthur. The British collier, Foxton Hall, has transferred her cargo of Cardiff coals to the German steamer Erica, which the local authorities would not allow to leave until given assurance that no attempt would be made to enter Port Arthur. The Erica sails at daylight for Japan, but she will ultimately make for Port Arthur, where the Russians are offering stupendous inducements for the delivery of coal. S. Davidson, an American merchant, who had a Russian coal contract, and was ordered to leave Port Arthur on February 15 last, is now at Tsingtau. He tells the Associated Press correspondent that when he left there was not a ton of coal in the place. On account of the Russian battleships having been compelled to keep up fuel steam day and night for nearly eight months, and the enormous quantities of fuel required for the water condensing plant, there must be a coal famine there now unless more coal has arrived.

The Japanese have since cut off the water, when the garrison would have to depend entirely upon the condenser. If a coal famine prevails the town must be getting water from impure water wells, which would also have to be worked by the sick and wounded seelers.

GEN. OKU REPORTS.

Tokio Cable—Gen Oku has written an extended report of the operations preceding the capture of Liao-Yang and expresses the opinion that Gen. Kouropatkin had determined to hold Liao-Yang, his plan being first to attack and defeat Gen. Kuroki and then assail the Japanese centre and left armies. Oku declares that the stubborn resistance of the Russians at Liao-Yang proves that their retreat was not prearranged.

PROVINCIAL CIRCLES.

Reports Presented to King's Daughters' Convention. Toronto, Sept. 26.—The business at the second day's session of the King's Daughters' convention consisted chiefly of the presentation of reports from New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario. Miss Helen L. Barker spoke for New Brunswick, where the work was reported to be encouraging.

Since 1891 seven circles have disbanded in Quebec, and six formed. The total membership is 801.

In Ontario in 1901 there were 76 circles and 1,386 members, and in 1904 77 circles and 1,587 members, or a net increase of 201 members. Five county and five city unions were organized.

Mrs. Moorey, Stratford, read a paper entitled "Counting the Cost." The evening meeting was presided over by Rev. C. C. James, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer. In the absence of Mrs. Mary Lowe Dickinson, of New York, general secretary, Mrs. W. W. Moorey, Stratford, read the work of the King's Daughters, after which Mrs. M. S. Savage, provincial secretary, delivered an instructive address.

TO DECEIVE THE IGNORANT.

Justice Magee's Severe Arraignment of Estates Limited. Toronto, Sept. 26.—Mr. Justice Magee yesterday morning, at Osgoode Hall, delivered his judgment regarding the winding up of Estates Limited, in which he agreed to its liquidation. The opening sentences of his decision deal with the nature of the concern. He says: "On perusal of the contract which is the subject of this case, one can only wonder how persons could be so simple as to be induced to enter into it. Manifestly none of those who did could have had any professional or independent advice or any business experience. The procurement of money from women or inexperienced men in the faith of this does not reflect credit upon any of the persons connected with the conduct of the business of the company. The papers before me are meagre in their details, but they point to an organization formed to bring about the result which has happened."

In the later petition, which emanated from Mrs. Mary Manderson, a creditor of Estates, the opinion was expressed that the first petitioner, Mr. Archibald McMillan, having been an agent of the company, would not act in any way hostile to its interest. "This fear," said Mr. Justice Magee, "was, I think, a reasonable one under the circumstances, although, it is fair to say, Mr. McMillan disclaims collusion. As the affairs and methods of the company should be probed to the bottom, and the creditors should have no misgivings, it is better that the proceedings should be in other hands."

He therefore grants the petition, but gives the conduct of the proceedings into the hands of Mrs. Manderson.

HUNG ON LIVE WIRE.

A Boy's Action Caused a Runaway and Other Accidents. Niagara Falls, Sept. 26.—The efforts of little Bernard Silberberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Silberberg, of 932 Niagara avenue, to prove his qualities as an acrobat, Saturday evening, caused a runaway, the dislocation of a shoulder of Patrolman Thomas Mahoney and the arrest of Harry P. Harris, an employee of the Niagara Falls Electric Light & Power Company.

He climbed an electric light pole in front of his home and with one hand grasped the wire from which the arc light is suspended, while with the other he held onto one of the iron spikes in the pole. Immediately a current of electricity went coursing through his body, and he could not let go. His cries attracted the attention of a number of people, but all were afraid to touch him fearing a shock of electricity, and he was allowed to hang there. A telephone call was sent to the Electric Light Station for the repair wagon and gang. In the meantime Patrolman J. Curry came along the street and despite the warnings of the men standing about, grabbed the boy and with a jerk pulled him from the pole. The lad was not injured in the least.

In the meantime the repair gang at the Electric Light Station hurriedly hitched a horse to the repair wagon and started out. They hitched the animal close to the wagon and when they started on a run the wagon knocked its heels and a moment later it was running away down Buffalo avenue. At Sixth street it collided with a rig, in which Patrolman Thomas Mahoney was seated. The officer was thrown out and his shoulder dislocated. Harry P. Harris, driver of the repair wagon, was arrested and taken to headquarters, but he was released when explanations were made.

REAL PAINLESS DENTISTRY.

Swiss Professors Discover a New Anesthetic. Washington, Sept. 26.—After three years of patient research, two professors of Geneva, Switzerland, have discovered a new anesthetic, which promises to revolutionize the practice of dentistry. In reporting this to the State Department, United States Consul Liefeld, at Freiburg, Germany, states that, finding the nervous system was influenced by colored light, the professors soon perceived that a blue light of sixteen candle power for three minutes, causing him to lose all sense of pain, although at the same time retaining his senses.

WIFE BEATER PUNISHED.

Belmont, Man., Vigilance Committee Administrator Severe Discipline. Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 26.—At Belmont to-night a resident was heard by neighbors beating his wife. A number of men gathered, went to the house and took him down the railway track, where he was beaten with sticks and then preparations were made for lynching as a bluff. When the rope was around his neck the man promised to do better and not ill-use his wife. He was taken home, where a crowd awaited the effects of his beating, and left word with his wife that he would do better and more roughly handled should he break out again.

DRIVEN FROM HOME BY TRAMP.

Weary Willies Make Things Unpleasant for Belleville Family. Belleville, Ont., Sept. 26.—A bold act was committed by two tramps near this city yesterday afternoon. They went to the farm house of Mr. John Ling and demanded a meal. As it was not prepared for them, they quickly enough they entered the house and drove the farmer and his wife out, taking possession and making themselves at home. After eating and drinking what they liked and helping themselves to some small articles, the tramps walked off in an easterly direction. This part of the country is said to be fairly infested with tramps.

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MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Italian Bootblack Shoots a Vancouver Girl and Himself. Vancouver, Sept. 26.—A double tragedy occurred in the east end of the city this morning. Joseph Nucci, an Italian bootblack, aged 40 years, shot Daisy Capello, 15 years old, and then turned the weapon on himself. Nucci was madly in love with the girl, and wanted to marry her, but her father had refused to give his consent, and ordered him away from the house. The girl did not reciprocate Nucci's passion, and when she met him accidentally this morning she refused to listen to his pleadings to elope and marry him. Nucci then fired at her and afterwards shot himself.

MISS BORTHWICK'S DEATH.

She Had Taken Laughing Gas in an Ottawa Dental Parlor. Ottawa, Sept. 26.—Miss Lottie Borthwick, aged 18, daughter of Thos. Borthwick, Gloucester township, a niece of ex-Mayor Borthwick, of Ottawa, died this afternoon while under the influence of an anaesthetic in Graham & Beatty's dental parlors, Wellington street. She asked for an anaesthetic, and nitrous oxide, commonly known as laughing gas, was administered. Dr. Bappte, coroner, who was present for an hour trying to restore respiration, returned a report to the Crown Attorney that death resulted from an anaesthetic accident, with no one to blame.

Muggins—I understand your son has finished his college course. Did he graduate with honors? Muggins—Honors! Gee, you ought to see his batting average."