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KOUROPATKIN'S TROOPS AGAIN ON THE OFFENSIVE.

Japanese Left Flank Driven Back by the Russians With Great Loss After a Desperate Struggle.

Oyama Reports That the Russians Have Been Greatly Strengthened in Front of His Centre.

The Terrible Fight for Lone Tree Hill—Awful Losses in the Fighting of the Past Week.

A Mukden cable: It is reported that the Russian army is advancing. News has just been received that the Japanese left flank has been driven back with heavy loss and its retreat cut off.

An officer who has just returned from General Mitchenko's division reports that a sanguinary fight has taken place at Laitkhei, 15 miles southeast of Shakhe, to which Gen. Mitchenko has retired in order to preserve communication between the Russian centre and eastern flank.

ENTICED INTO THE PLAN. Victory the keynote of St. Petersburg War News.

A St. Petersburg cable: Victory is the keynote of the war news in today's papers. In addition to the capture of Japanese guns on Sunday there are unofficial accounts of other captures on Monday, bringing the total number of pieces taken from the Japanese up to 34.

TOKIO IS UNCERTAIN. Thinks Kouropatkin May Have Resumed the Offensive.

A Tokio cable: Although the newspapers through the victory of the Japanese in the battle of the Sha River as being complete, the military authorities here recognize that the engagement has been inconclusive, and they are uncertain whether the Russians are only strongly covering their retreat or whether they have again resumed the offensive.

MAY WIN OUT. Kouropatkin Not by any Means Defeated as Yet.

A London cable: Neither the official nor unofficial despatches received here show whether the Russian rally will succeed in reversing the verdict of the ten days' fighting. The Russian newspapers as having achieved material successes are not confirmed officially.

RUSSIANS JUBILANT. St. Petersburg Believes Advance has Been Resumed.

A St. Petersburg cable despatch says: There is jubilation throughout the city over the news that Gen. Kouropatkin has resumed the offensive, and the hill...

Tree Hill, which fell into the hands of the Russians during a night attack while the Japanese slept. He says: "Gen. Kouropatkin ordered the hill to be retaken, and the whole Russian artillery concentrated at 5 in the morning, and showed the hill with projectiles, the awful spectacle lasting the entire day. It seemed that no human being could outlive such an ordeal, yet the defenders remained manfully at their posts. The sun was already declining when Kouropatkin gave the order to storm. Six regiments advanced, forcing the river in the face of a murderous fire. The enemy determined to make us pay dearly for it. He poured a hail of gun and rifle fire on our advancing column, but nothing could stop them. They reached the other side, clambered up, and at 11 o'clock at night the position was in our hands. I have just visited the scene of our triumph. The trenches are filled with dead Japanese and Russians clutched in a death embrace. I saw no such ghastly sight as Shikpa or at Plevna. The credit for the achievement belongs chiefly to the 30th and 19th Rifles. Four other regiments participated. The 20th attacked from the east and the 19th from the west. Gen. Poutoff leading the brigade and personally directing the attack, was the first to reach the summit, and was in the thick of the fiercest fighting around the Japanese guns. The Japanese gunners died at their posts. Kouropatkin personally thanked the heroes for their gallant exploit. The captured guns were brought to Mukden."

AGAIN ASSAULTED. Japs Make an Unsuccessful Attempt to Recapture Lone Tree Hill.

A Mukden cable: Lone Tree Hill, won by the Russians after a desperate struggle, was the scene of a gallant but unsuccessful attempt to recapture it by the Japanese. The attempt was foiled by the Russian army.

BLOODIEST IN HISTORY. The Losses Exceed the Total of the Whole War Hitherto.

Mukden cable: A bitter fight is still going on. The line of contact between the armies does not alter materially. The Japanese seem to fear that an advance would bring out a superior force of Russian reserves. Nobody expected the fighting to last so persistently or that either side would be able to endure such losses in men and ammunition, which have already exceeded the total of the whole war hitherto.

FIGHT ON RUSSIAN LEFT. Flanking Column Carried Hills Held by Japanese.

Headquarters of the Russian flanking column on left and by courtesy, via Mukden, Oct. 17, says: The Russian advance guard appeared before Shatsoun Pass its eastern detachment occupied a corresponding position before Lumin Pass. On Oct. 12 the Russian fighting line consisted of four regiments of the East Siberian rifles on the right flank, and the 33rd and 34th on the left. The right was supported by two batteries of the 18th and one of the 9th East Siberian brigades. One battery occupied the centre, and three were on the left.

ANOTHER BATTLE ASSURED. Losses Were Never Less Than 2,000 Per Day.

A Mukden cable: The fighting of Oct. 17 was confined to the Russian centre at Shakhe River, and was mostly artillery fire from the Japanese using big guns and high explosive shells. During the nine days of continuous fighting the losses were never less than 2,000 per day. The hospitals are hardly able to handle the wounded. Nevertheless, the Chinese have deserted all the villages and the troops are using the woodwork of their houses for fuel. The country south is desolated. The Japanese still seem to be exerting themselves to force the Russians out of Mukden. A battle is assured. It became more and more evident that the resources of the country cannot support a large army. This season's crops are spoiled.

RUSSIANS WON THE DAY. The Storming of Lone Tree a Brave Piece of Work.

St. Petersburg cable despatch: Nemirovitch Danzenko, the well-known Russian war correspondent, telegraphs a description of the recapture of Lone...

describable melee. The Russian reserves were ordered up, and the Russians carried two lines of trenches, after which the men lay, dead tired, in the Japanese shelters till dawn. Then it was discovered that while the attacking force was about on a level with the passes themselves they were only half-way up the heights, which were commanded by Japanese positions, and the Russians withdrew.

Silenced Jap Batteries. On Oct. 12 one Russian battery silenced some Japanese mountain guns, and then another Japanese battery opened on the Russians but a concentrated fire smothered that battery also.

The day passed without making much headway. The Japanese attacked the Russians at 10 o'clock that night, but were driven back. The Russians followed up the advantage and occupied the pass. Repeating the Russians got nearly all the commanding heights, including the conical hills beside the pass; but there was still one height at the left of the pass which had not been taken, and at dawn the Russians were again forced to retire, as the Japanese batteries commanded the ground the Russians had so hardily won.

The next day the Russians again advanced, assaulting the main pass. Gen. Gergross remained on the field during all the hot fighting, never leaving his men a moment. During the day the fourth corps was forced to draw back, but at night reoccupied its earlier positions. During the night fighting of Thursday, Lieut.-Col. Pecunia died fighting in the Japanese trenches. The 34th regiment suffered terribly.

Oct. 13 the combat moved forward. The Japanese held with particular tenacity on the left flank. Col. Hs-kin, who, with seven companies, was holding a position on the right, had his flank turned, and he retired back to his supports, and he turned back the Japanese. Towards noon several fresh Japanese batteries appeared on the heights, firing high explosives. The 1st Siberian Battery, changing ground, came under the firing and lost 17 men in crossing a space 200 yards wide. Most of the Russian guns, however, were in hidden defiles, and suffered little loss, the Japanese shells falling short. One ricochet shot wounded the horse ridden by the writer of this despatch, and also his servant.

PORT ARTHUR. To be Taken Whatever the Cost is Life.

London, Oct. 18.—The Chefoo correspondent of the Daily Telegraph claims to have special information of the position at Port Arthur, of which the following is the most trustworthy: There has been only one successful assault on the main line of forts, namely, from Aug. 21 to Aug. 24, resulting in the repulse of the Japanese, who only occupied two small subsidiary forts in the vicinity of the eastern defences. At that occasion the commanders were prepared to continue the attack until it was successful, but in consequence of orders from Imperial headquarters the conflict ceased. Since then there has been a series of isolated attacks on the forts, usually accompanied by demonstrations along the whole line.

NET RESULT OF BATTLE. Complete Russian Repulse and Gain of 15 Miles of Ground.

A London cable says: The complete repulse of the Russian attack and the gain of about 15 miles of ground seem to be the net result of the Battle of the Sha River to the Japanese, who have again failed, as at Liau Yang, to follow up their victory with a crushing blow. Opinions differ, however, as to whether the present situation indicates a lull or the end of the battle, none of the despatches enabling a definite assertion.

WOMEN'S MISSIONS. The Society has Fifty-Four in the Field.

Napanea, Oct. 24.—The twenty-third annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Methodist Women's Missionary Society opened in Napanea this afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Mrs. W. E. Rose, the President, in the chair, and all of the officers and forty delegates present. Mrs. Dr. Carman, of Toronto, read the report of the Supply Committee prepared by the Secretary, Mrs. Dr. Briggs. Mrs. Suter, of the Chinese Rescue Home, British Columbia, gave a brief address upon her work among the Chinese and Japanese.

CO-EDS HURT IN CLASS ROW. They Helped Boys in Riot in Cincinnati University.

Cincinnati, Oct. 24.—A riot at the University of Cincinnati flag rush to-day began when Jesse Quiltman, a student spectator, engaged in an argument with a bystander, resulting in the injury of twenty students and spectators, among them five co-eds. The two disputants came to blows, and several policemen rushed up to part them, Arthur Hurley, a sophomore, and another spectator clashed. This resulted in a general fight, in which at least fifty students and spectators engaged, while half a dozen co-eds, seeing their friends worsted, rushed into the scrimmage.

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MAJ'S SPINE BROKEN IN A WRESTLING MATCH.

A United States Negro Gets Six Months' Imprisonment for Manslaughter.

Effort Being Made to Unite the Longshoremen of Britain and the United States.

Italian Bishops Appeal to the Pope in Favor of Catholics Voting in Italian Elections.

New York, Oct. 24.—A Berlin despatch to the Times says: An American negro named Nevis has been sentenced at Neumburg to six months' imprisonment for manslaughter, as the result of the death of his opponent in a wrestling match. At a sharp shooters' festival held at Zeltz, in Saxony, a man named Lanzendorf, although weighing only 115 pounds and a dwarf in stature compared with the negro, accepted Nevis' challenge to wrestle. Nevis quickly threw him, but Lanzendorf's shoulders were not squarely on the ground and he endeavored to save himself by arching his body. The negro grasped him and threw his whole weight on him, breaking his spine. Nevis, in court, pleaded that he had acted strictly to the rules of the art of self-defence.

Amalgamation of Longshoremen. New York, Oct. 24.—The Sun says: The New York representatives of the American Federation of Labor were notified yesterday by cable that W. Abrams and J. Wignall, fraternal delegates from the British Trades Union Congress to the next conference of the American Federation of Labor, had sailed for this city.

The Catholic Vote. New York, Oct. 24.—Several bishops of North Italy, including Cardinal friend of the Pope, have petitioned him personally to consider whether the moment has not arrived to allow Catholics to participate in the general elections. According to the petitioners, their abstention from voting during the last thirty-four years has brought no advantage to the claims of the Vatican, while it has seriously endangered the interests of religion by entrusting power to the open enemies of the Church, and they believe that if the Catholics are allowed to vote if not for other candidates, at least for Conservatives, ensuring the presence in the chamber of a strong party capable of preventing the passage of bills aimed against religion. The Pope has not yet taken a decision, but has asked for the opinion of the most authoritative cardinals.

GOAT SWALLOWS AN ORGAN. The Discord Drove the Residents of a Philadelphia Suburb to Distraction.

Philadelphia, Oct. 24.—The wheezing of a mouth organ, insistent and inharmonious, drove many residents of Manayunk to distraction to-day. Investigation by one noise-racked man disclosed the startling fact that "Iron Barb," the suburb's notorious goat, had swallowed the musical instrument and in doing had transformed it into one of torture. Louder and louder grew the awful sounds dragged from the animal's throat as its breath forced discordant notes into the ears of Manayunkers.

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