

through the Japanese left wing and outflank Field Marshal Oyama's position on the Shakhe river seems to have failed entirely. Few details, however, are available beyond the information

Field Marshal Oyama, as at the bat tle of Shakhe river, appears to have answered the Russian advance with a counter offensive movement, but no great disposition was shown to carry the warfare i to the territory held by the Russlans.

At the whit once there is an monat-tion to lay the chief blame for the failure of the movement to a sudden change of the weather to intense cold (20 degrees below zero) with a high wind which drifted the snow and ren-dered it hazardous to expose the troops to comping to the open plain and also

Field Marshal Oyama, but Sandepas proved too hard a nut to crack, and the Japanese, taking advantage of the check of the Russians, hurried up their reinforcements and assumed the of-fensive on the Hun river, as well as along the railroad and the Great Man-davis grad.

Owing to the flat trajectory and the enormous penetration of modern pro-jectiles, the capture of the outer line of trenches on Thursday entailed heavy casualties. There is no official estimate of the losses, but it is ex-pected that some thousands on both sides were killed or wounded.

this time, is especially hard for the government. The popular idea contin-ues to be that the advance was under-taken in order to divert the attention of the people from the events in European Russia.

wing for the purpose of surrounding and cutting off the Russians in the neighborhood of Pokowial is progres-sing slowly, as the resistance is stub-

Should the Russian force be cut off it will result in leaving Gen. Kuropat-kin's right flank unprotected.

RUSSIANS NOT SO ACTIVE.

Tokio, Jan. 30, 1:30 a. m.—Russian activity on the Shakhe river seemed to have ceased after the fights at Chen-chiehpao and Helkoutai, where the Jap-anese were victorious. The object of the operations is not clearly understood here but it is suggested that the Rushere, but it is suggested that the sians either intended to turn the Jap-