

KUROPATKIN ASKS FOR MEN.

Russian General Sends Dispatch
To Czar Appealing for More
Reinforcements

WANTS SIXTH ARMY CORPS.

This Telegram Would Indicate That His
Defeat Is Worse Than at First
Surmised.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 4.—Emperor Nicholas this afternoon received a telegram from Gen. Kuropatkin asking for the immediate dispatch to the far east of the sixth army corps.

Gen. Kuropatkin, in a report dated Saturday, Sept. 3, 7 p. m., says that the greater part of his army, including Gen. Skakelberg's force, which succeeded in rejoining the main force, is now south of the Yenlai mines, about 10 miles from Liao Yang.

The troops which were left at Liao Yang and the surrounding fortifications, to cover the retreat, crossed the Taitse river Saturday and occupied the right bank of this river.

The report says that after the decisive engagement between the armies of Gen. Kuropatkin and Korok large numbers of Japanese, perfectly concealed in the Chinese corn and grass, stealthily crept up on the retreating Russians and inflicted heavy losses.

These same tactics had previously been adopted, with terrible results.

Major Gen. Orloff's detachment was assailed in the Chinese corn and grass, and a completely unexpected fire, a panic ensued, and one regiment alone lost from 1,500 men half of its total strength.

Russian losses before Liao Yang on Sept. 2, as officially computed were 2,500.

It is reported here this evening that Gen. Kuropatkin has arrived at Tieling. Tieling is 12 miles north of Yenlai, on the railroad, and 18 miles south of Mukden. Yenlai is 12 miles north-east of Liao Yang.

BITTER PILL.

St. Petersburg Tells the Situation
Keenly and is Wrought Up.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 5, 2:20 a. m.—There is bitter disappointment tonight, probably the keenest of the whole land campaign, over the situation at the front. Up to Liao Yang the retreating from the abandonment of positions had been expected, and that much the public and the officials, thought they knew of Gen. Kuropatkin's plan of campaign. Had Liao Yang been abandoned without a fight the public at least would have looked forward patiently to a decisive stand at Mukden, but after the Japanese battle, with victory for the instant apparently in sight, to find Liao Yang abandoned, its immense stores captured or destroyed and the retreat continued under most adverse conditions, severely tries public confidence in the commander in chief.

At this hour even the authorities know little more than what has already been given to the public. There is still much doubt as to whether Kuropatkin is continuing his retreat, or whether, indeed, he has been able to do so, but the public so far is not aware of Gen. Skakelberg's narrow escape from being cut off.

The situation as it is known to date is that the Russian army is south of the branch railway connecting Yenlai station, 10 miles northeast of Liao Yang, with the Yenlai mines, where fierce fighting has been in progress.

Actual fighting seems to have been suspended for the moment, the armies probably resting after their terrific and continuous exertions of the past 10 days, the longest single battle in history, and it will depend upon their respective recuperative powers as to which will first be able to resume activity.

The country is ill suited to military operations. It is flatter and more open than the region south of Liao Yang, but is covered at this season with dense masses of Chinese corn, growing higher than a man on horseback. It is more suited to surprise tactics and to offensive operations than to an orderly retreat.

One feature of the situation, however, has apparently been overlooked by the local critics in their recent eagerness to chronicle a decisive engagement, namely, that Kuropatkin is still in command of the railway and apparently has saved a majority of the rolling stock. This is chiefly in requisition at present for the transportation of the wounded, but Mukden, with strong defenses, is less than 30 miles north of Yenlai. What force Kuropatkin is holding in reserve there even the au-

thorities do not exactly know, but it is believed that it must be considerable, while the European reinforcements, which have been rushing east for weeks past, are pouring in there daily.

The Japanese army is confessedly exhausted and is getting further from its base of supplies. If it reaches Mukden without dealing Kuropatkin a crushing blow—and Field Marshal Oyama seems to be not yet able to envelop the Russian force—the Japanese will find themselves in front of a fresh and strongly defended city, where the Russians will be sure of a warm welcome and renewed supplies, and against which it seems impossible that the Japanese commander will be able to hurl his brave but worn out and possibly starved forces.

It is possible that even now Russian reinforcements may be descending from the north to aid their retreating comrades at Mukden, which is less than two days' ordinary march distant, even ignoring the railway.

What effect the present result will have on Kuropatkin's reputation at home it is impossible to say. It may be remembered, however, that before starting for the far east Gen. Kuropatkin said that he fully expected his position to sink lower than his friends ever dreamed, but that thereafter there would come a turn and it would rebound. He was unwilling to predict where the turn would occur.

The battle of Ord has gone to Cronstadt. This brings Rear Admiral Rozhdestvensky's squadron up to its full complement.

JAPANESE REPULSED.

Unable to Take Port Arthur by
Storm—Garrison is Firm.

Chefoo, Sept. 4, 10 p. m.—The second general assault on Port Arthur assumed crushing proportions Aug. 27 and continued unabated until the morning of Aug. 31, when the Japanese retired everywhere except from Palicung, which they have apparently firmly secured. This information comes from a Chinese messenger sent to Port Arthur by the Associated Press, and it confirms previous fragmentary advice.

The messenger adds that Itzhak was retaken Aug. 30 with great fury, but the Japanese were unable to secure a position.

Another Chinese, who departed from Port Arthur Sept. 2, says that a fierce assault was made on the left flank at 3 o'clock in the morning of that day. The assault lasted until 6 a. m., when the Japanese retired. The bombardment then recommenced, the Japanese bringing shrapnel from the field guns and rifle bullets fell in the city. The Russian ships in the harbor participated occasionally in the firing.

A reliable authority in touch with events at Port Arthur declares that a week ago the garrison numbered approximately 15,000. According to the Chinese report of the recent losses, the efficient men now number 12,000. The past week's advice confirm previous deductions that the Japanese are bending their fiercest energy to secure an ingress along the railroad. Itzhak, Rhlungshan, Palungshan, Antezshan and other positions frequently mentioned, sustaining the most desperate and repeated assaults and bombardments, all of which are indirectly, block the plan of the Japanese.

The arrangement of the forts affording mutual support renders the Japanese scheme exceedingly difficult of execution. No Japanese have been seen since the assault shells from the field guns and rifle bullets fell in the city. The Russian ships in the harbor participated occasionally in the firing.

The Russians in Chefoo fear that the recent Japanese victory at Liao Yang will have a despairing effect on the Port Arthur garrison when they learn of it. When this information was received it was only a Japanese blockade is very tight. The Associated Press messenger was put to work carrying Russian dead and wounded upon entering Port Arthur. He escaped, Thursday, and boarded a junk, which was promptly overhauled by Japanese torpedo boat destroyers.

Finding seven copies of the Port Arthur Novikra concealed on the messenger, the Japanese took him to Dalny, where he claims that he was beaten and suspended by the queue for the purpose of compelling him to admit that he was a spy. He was finally recognized by a Chinese official interpreter, who secured his release.

SUPPLIES WERE REMOVED.
Russia Says They Were Taken
From Liao Yang to Mukden.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 5, 7:03 a. m.—The ovos Vremya this morning claims to have information to the effect that the bulk of the Russian supplies were removed from Liao Yang to Mukden before the battle commenced. The paper says that the belief of the public that Liao Yang would be held by the Russians was based on the thought that the supplies were still there, and it was thought that Liao Yang would be a sort of Plevna-held garrison, even if the main army retreated northward. The fact is, however, the paper adds, that the place had been virtually dismantled and was held by a strong rear guard. The battle of Liao Yang, therefore, becomes merely rear guard action of an exceptionally fierce character. Liao Yang's defenders have now safely extricated themselves, the paper concludes, and have joined the main army across the Taitse river in the neighborhood of Yenlai.

The Novos Vremya says that Capt. Schraffe of Gen. Kuropatkin's staff, who is coming to St. Petersburg with dispatches, in an interview at Moscow said as early as the middle of July preparations were begun for the evacuation of Liao Yang. When he left there on Aug. 15, the town was almost wholly a shell surrounded by fortifications, from which the Russian force intended to slip as soon as they had made the Japanese pay sufficient for their attempts to take it.

The head, feet and hands are usually the parts affected, though the disease appears on other parts of the body. While external applications allay the itching and burning temporarily, it is the acids thrown off by the blood that cause the irritation and eruptions upon the skin. The acids must be neutralized and the system cleansed of all humors and poisons before the cure is permanent. S. S. S. is guaranteed entirely free of Potash, Arsenic and other minerals. Back on the skin and its diseases sent free. Medical advice furnished free.

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