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UNITED MANCHURIAN ARMIES.

Are Making Desperate Attack Upon Liao Yang—Began at Dawn—Russians Make Stubborn Resistance.

Today's dispatches indicate that the tide of battle around Liao Yang has turned appreciably in favor of the Japanese. With a tremendous and sustained assault on his right and center and threatened on his rear by a heavy force which has crossed the Taitz river, Kuropatkin has been forced to fall back from his first line of battle to the fortified position he had established in the town of Liao Yang and its immediate environs. A St. Petersburg dispatch says this order was given last night after the Russians had withstood an artillery and infantry attack from dawn to midnight, but that the Japanese pressure was too great to permit it being executed. Kuropatkin probably fearing that a retrograde movement at that time might result in a rout. A dispatch from Tokyo, however, bringing the action up to this afternoon, says that the Russian right and center is now falling back, pursued by the Japanese.

Russian official advice says that Gen. Kuroki, who was reported yesterday as moving northward on the Russian left, has thrown pontons over the Taitz river and has crossed with one division, while others are following. Kuroki's object, obviously, is to intercept his force between Liao Yang, the Russian base, and the north, a movement which, if successful, would cut Kuropatkin's rear and command the railroad leading from Liao Yang to Mukden. The withdrawal of the Russian right and center probably will involve a similar movement of the troops holding the extreme left of the line and result in a concentration of Kuropatkin's army in the position he has established in Liao Yang. This is said to be a superbly fortified with rifle pits, entrenchments and barbed wire entanglements.

Tokio, Sept. 1, 11 a. m.—The United Manchurian armies of Japan have engaged in a desperate attack upon Liao Yang, where Gen. Kuropatkin has concentrated every available Russian soldier. Victory was in the balance, and the battle was a draw when the weary soldiers bivouacked last (Wednesday) night.

The Japanese are attacking from the south and from the east. The right wing of the column attacking from the south keeps in touch with the left wing of the column going in from the east, forming an immense irregular triangle, the two fronts of which cover an enormous range.

ATTACKED AT DAWN.

Following the preliminary successes of the 25th, south of Liao Yang, Field Marshal Marquis Oyama, the commander of the Japanese forces to the field, promptly sent the united armies forward and at dawn of Aug. 26 a desperate attack upon all the Russian positions was made.

The Japanese found the Russians holding a long chain of splendidly fortified positions with a tremendous force of artillery. The Japanese artillery opened the way but these preliminary attacks generally failed to give an opportunity for an open assault. Victory at Liao Yang, the Japanese believe, is the key to the conquest of Manchuria and possibly the end of the autumn campaign.

The Japanese first army, after occupying the right bank of the Liao river on Aug. 25, continued its forward movement and renewed the assault against the remaining Russian positions. The Japanese forces, which were held up by the Russian positions, finally took the last Russian positions at this place and on the extreme north of Sanchuan.

Shifting the attack, the Japanese immediately advanced toward Sanyu and Shihohu, driving back the small bodies of Russian soldiers sent out to impede their movement.

RUSSIANS DISLOADED.

From the night of Aug. 27 to the morning of the 28th the Japanese attacked the Russian positions on the right bank of the Liao river. The Russians finally were dislodged from these positions, but the Japanese did not make a general advance yesterday and took possession of the east bank of the Liao river. There was hard fighting all day long over very rough ground. The Japanese turned the Russian flank. The Russians beyond Yungling resisted strongly. The artillery fighting lasted until dark, many guns being engaged. The enemy retreated during the night. The battle was opened before dawn by the Japanese heavy cannon against the Russian trenches. In the evening a heavy rain began to fall.

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Wellington co-operated with the left column of the first army.

The Russian on the Hai-Cheng-Liao Yang road appeared to be occupying a line of ridges extending from a point east of Shoushanpo to a point east of Hsinshantzu and running through Hsinshantzu. The positions were fortified strongly and occupied by a numerous force of the enemy.

The Japanese bivouacked the night of Aug. 25 in front of these positions. At dawn of Aug. 26 all the Japanese armies jointly attacked all the Russian positions on the southern front, from a point north of Tengkiaohang to a point east of Hsinshantzu, and to the west of Hsinshantzu and Shoushanpo.

The Japanese center attacked with all its strength. The left column of the Japanese army continued the attack upon Tengkiaohang and Yagui, but the Russians there received reinforcements and it was impossible to dislodge them.

Separate columns were then dispatched from the right column of the second army and occupied a ridge to the south of Tengkiaohang, whence it opened a cannonade upon the enemy at 6 o'clock on the morning of the 26th. This first artillery attack proved successful and at 10 o'clock the Russians, having been reinforced from the direction of Liao Yang, made an effort to retake the ground they had lost.

Throughout the afternoon of the 26th and the morning of the 27th the Japanese continued their force was estimated at two divisions and 50 or 60 guns.

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The Japanese continued to attack desperately and at 3 o'clock in the afternoon a junction was effected with the left column of the first army. The Russians were dislodged from Tengkiaohang and its vicinity.

The Russians fought with dogged determination until midnight.

The main force of the Japanese right, with a portion of the left, attacked the southern Russian line in the neighborhood of Hsinshantzu and Hsinshantzu, and opened the attack against the Russian position with a vigorous shelling. The Russians defended these positions against this preliminary attack with energy and did not permit the Japanese to advance.

The main force of the Japanese left occupied positions extending from Matow to Tachohai and attacked the Russians to the west of Shoushanpo.

The Russians used machine guns against the Japanese with effect, and the Japanese were unable to press their attack home.

JAPANESE REINFORCED.

During the day the Japanese left wing was reinforced by a movement from the reserves. The Japanese army, which attacked the Russian position, reached Waghien at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and poured fire into the rear of the Russians at Shoushanpo.

The operations of the day did not succeed in developing the Russian strength in the left wing. By the constant arrival of reinforcements it was seen that the war at Shoushanpo alone finally numbered 10.

Russian positions at all points were strongly fortified, and the auxiliary defenses blocked infantry attacks. During the night of Aug. 30 the Russians at Shoushanpo attacked the Japanese left and repulsed that portion of the left which occupied Shoushanpo.

They also made a night attack upon the Russian position at Shoushanpo. On the morning of Aug. 31 both armies renewed the attack with vigor. By a late hour in the afternoon neither side was able to gain any advantage. The Japanese were holding Tengkiaohang and Tengkiaohang, and fighting bravely against superior forces.

A portion of the Japanese army succeeded in capturing an entrance to the west of Hsinshantzu at noon of the 31st.

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It will therefore be seen that the dispatch from St. Petersburg announcing that Gen. Kuropatkin's force was crossing the Taitz river on pontons, would indicate that the Japanese have either turned or are turning the Russian left flank, as Kuroki is understood to have been on the Russian left flank.

From Liao Yang yesterday announced that the Japanese were getting round the Russian left flank and that developments were expected in the west and northeast. This statement now appears to be confirmed, for it is announced from Mukden that a Japanese force of 10,000 men is said to be advancing from the northeast of Mukden.

The western move has not yet developed, according to the advice to hand, but the announcement probably refers to the Japanese force which has been reported to be moving up the Liao river.

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