

ALL EUROPE IS WATCHING RACE.

British Press Prints Opinions of War Experts on the Stirring Events in East.

RUSSIANS ARE VANQUISHED.

When it Comes to Fair Fighting Soldiers the Little Brown Men Are There.

London, Sept. 6.—The Daily Mail this morning prints a dispatch from Simsbury, dated Sept. 5, giving a report that Gen. Kuropatkin's retreat has been cut off. The dispatch goes on to say that the Russian troops had advanced in strong force to the southeast of Mukden as far as Japing hill to oppose any possible attack in the direction of their advance. A Chinese official, who arrived from Mukden Sunday, says that the Russian troops are leaving for the north; that there are 18,000 men (9 miles) to the east of the city; that the officers and men have been dispirited, and that much sickness prevails.

The race of Gen. Kuropatkin for Mukden, entails the British press and public, and military and other critics scarcely dare venture a brief surmise as to its result. The best opinion inclined to the belief that Kuropatkin will get through with a respectable remnant of his great army, thus robbing the Japanese of the complete fruits of their victory, but it is realized that the Russians will not be out of the woods for several days.

The latest report is that Gen. Kuropatkin is once more in danger of being cut off, and it is believed here to be likely that this report will be repeated several times before the issue of the sanguinary struggle is decided. English military critics base such opinions as they have upon the immense topographical difficulties Gen. Kuropatkin must overcome before intercepting Kuropatkin, who, they hold, has shown ability to take advantage of every phase in the strategy of retreat. If Kuropatkin succeeds, after failing in the initial attempt, he will have accomplished, in English eyes, an almost superhuman achievement.

Here it is almost taken for granted that a Japanese occupation of Mukden must quickly come. No serious English critic supposes that Kuropatkin will dream of making such another attempt to stem the Japanese advance as he did at Liao Yang. If the Russians can reach Harbin they will, according to English opinion, be lucky.

Before that becomes a question of moment, however, it is expected that desperate engagements must be fought, and the Japanese are expected to risk even heavier casualties than they sustained at Liao Yang in the final endeavor to annihilate Gen. Kuropatkin, either on the way to Mukden or in the neighborhood of Mukden itself. The fate of Gen. Kuropatkin's force depends, say the English observers of the struggle in which they are so vitally interested, upon the Russian general's ability to confine these efforts to rear guard actions.

General praise is again accorded the Russian commander for his temporary extrication, and to the Russian troops for their splendid discipline in defeat. They say that if the general and his men had not been so strikingly brought out in the recent dispatches there would be scarcely an English paper today that would not declare the fate of Gen. Kuropatkin's entire force already sealed. Spencer Wilkinson in the Morning Post points out that if Gen. Kuropatkin endeavored to retreat in single column, his transport and force would be so large that his first army corps would have been marching three days before the second could start to follow it. The railroad is of little use to him, Mr. Wilkinson asserts, and he says that Kuropatkin must be retreating in a series of parallel columns, each with more than one army corps behind them as the rear guard. "If Kuropatkin can move his army over the thirty miles that separate Yen Tai and Mukden," Mr. Wilkinson says, "he will break the record for such performances. The Japanese columns will have little difficulty in coming up with his rear guard and engaging it whenever they please."

The Standard says: "For the first time in centuries Europe has gone down before Asia in a military contest, and has been vanquished in fair fighting a western army." Yet the paper goes on to reiterate that the crowning triumph for the moment is denied the Japanese, though Kuropatkin's retreat is an extraordinary achievement, "is still exposed to disaster."

The Daily Telegraph, after declaring that Kuropatkin's operations and the defense of Port Arthur, "stand out as two fine achievements which have done the most to maintain the prestige of Russian arms throughout a campaign which otherwise has formed a story of unbroken incompetence and unintermitted disaster," adds that the critical moment of the retreat is only likely to be reached when Gen. Kuropatkin arrives at the Hun river, some miles to the west of Mukden.

"One of the serious obstacles the Russian forces will be in sufficient safety, though the passage of the river may be made a terrible expensive operation. If the Russian army gets to Mukden in any considerable force, Japan will have reached the limit of her advantages, and we are convinced that she will maintain what she has conquered, she will have to face the utmost test in a defensive struggle before the truce of exhaustion is forced upon the combatants."

"The Times thinks it is impossible that the heroic rear guard," which defended Liao Yang, has had time to rejoin Kuropatkin, whose long and dangerous retreat it believes to be seriously menaced. The military critic of the Times believes that Kuropatkin must sacrifice his rear guard if he hopes to get his shattered remnants of his army to Mukden. He believes that

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MYSTERIOUS MURDERS.

St. Louis Coroner Finds Two Dead Bodies Lying in Road.

East St. Louis, Ill., Sept. 5.—By following directions telephoned by an unidentified man from an unknown place, Coroner McCracken tonight found the dead bodies of a white man and negro lying in the middle of a road about 100 feet apart. Both men had been shot exactly in the same place, through the heart, and the bullet in each instance penetrated the body, coming out on the opposite side.

From papers found in the pocket of the white man, it is presumed that his name was Robert Reynolds of Cedar Rapids, Ia. The negro was named George Green and was a striker, formerly employed by the Nelson Morris Packing company.

The bodies were found near what is known as the Black Bridge, on the outskirts of the city. When the coroner, who was driving a wagon, reached the bridge, he was met by a man, who told him that "what he was looking for was about 200 feet farther on."

Before the coroner could question his informant, the latter walked hastily away and boarded a street-car. A short time later the police made one arrest, and the man is being held on suspicion. He refused to give his name, and he was questioned by the police, declined to give an account of himself.

"BEFORE DAY CLUB."

Negro Acknowledges N. W. Epps Had Been Picked to Suffer Death

Tallahassee, Fla., Sept. 5.—During the taking of testimony before the coroner's jury today in the case of N. W. Epps, a prominent and prosperous planter who was shot to death Saturday night near Bradfordville, Isom Edwards, Jr., the negro who did the shooting, acknowledged that a "before day club" had been organized in the county, and that a number of prominent white men had been picked out to suffer death. The negro Edwards implicated a number of other negroes, and tonight night questions are in the county jail at Leno, Va.

The "before day club" were taken there today on a special train. It is reported that emblems of death have been found on the trees in several plantations of the best citizens of that section. The report is supposed to have been placed there by members of the club.

BIG FIRE AT DAWSON.

Klondike City Sawmill Valued at \$75,000 Completely Gutted.

Dawson, Y. T., Sept. 5.—The Klondike City sawmill, owned by the North American Trading & Transportation company, has been completely destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is \$75,000, with no insurance. The flames spread so rapidly that it was with the greatest difficulty that it was prevented from spreading to the big lumber yard adjoining it.

Two more steamers sailed today for Tanana, crowded to the guards with freight and passengers. Each also towed a barge loaded with freight. The last steamer for Tanana must leave within a week or two, or they will be unable to complete the run this season. Hotel outfits, a great quantity of mining machinery and many thousands of dollars worth of whisky are among the shipments.

Dawson voted this month as to whether it will be governed under an incorporated body or by a commission appointed by the governor.

The Klondike's output this year will be close to \$10,000,000 in gold.

CORTEYOU AND PRESIDENT.

National Chairman and Roosevelt Visit in Conference Yesterday.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 5.—National Chairman George B. Cortelyou was in conference with President Roosevelt at Sagamore Hill tonight. In accordance with the arrangement, Mr. Cortelyou arrived here at 5:43 o'clock from New York and was driven to the president's home. He said that he had come to Oyster Bay to take up with the president some minor matters.

Cortelyou will remain at Sagamore Hill until tomorrow forenoon, when he expects to return to New York.

Pursuing the policy he has laid down, the chairman is in no haste to discontinue any features of it. He said the work is well in hand and progressing smoothly, but he could not be induced to go into details.

Endicott B. Leupp, a Washington correspondent, who some time ago was commissioned by the president to make an investigation into certain Indian affairs, made a verbal report of his work to Mr. Roosevelt today. His report will be later submitted in writing.

The president passed the day quietly at Sagamore Hill until 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, when he and his sons went for a long row on the bay.

They Fear a Lockout.

New York, Sept. 5.—All the members of the building trades Employers' association took advantage of the holiday to go out of town, and no communication could be secured of the report that the bricklayers have delivered to the Employers' association an ultimatum to the effect that they will not work with non-union men. Many of the bricklayers, believing that the ultimatum has been sent out and that this presages a lockout, have taken advantage of the situation to obtain positions in other cities. Many have already gone to New Jersey and others are making arrangements to go to the west and the south.

Boiled Milk in Washington.

Chehalis, Wash., Sept. 6.—The plant of the International Milk Condensing company at Chehalis was destroyed by fire which broke out this morning a little after midnight. The boiler house, boiler, water tank and office were saved. The company is owned in Tacoma. It has recently been condensing 10,000 to 11,000 pounds of milk daily, the output from about 100 farmers who will be out of a market for their milk. Twenty hands were employed in the plant. The loss, \$65,000, is between \$40,000 and \$80,000 insurance.

RUSSIAN REAR GUARD CUT UP.

General Kuropatkin's Men Almost Annihilated in the Race For Mukden.

FEARFUL SLAUGHTER OF MEN.

St. Petersburg Gives Out the Information—Japs Appear to Have Everything in Sight.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 5.—It is reported at a late hour that Gen. Kuropatkin's rear guard has been almost annihilated, and that the main Russian army is in imminent danger of being surrounded.

The Russian losses during the fighting at Liao Yang are estimated at 15,000. There is no doubt here that a number of guns, especially siege artillery have been abandoned.

A dispatch received from Gen. Kuropatkin, forwarded yesterday, indicates that Gen. Kuropatkin's army and Gen. Kuroki's army are racing for Mukden, and that the result is in doubt.

Gen. Kuropatkin says that the retreat is being conducted in perfect order. The Japanese repeatedly attacked the Russian rear on Sunday, but in every case they were repulsed. During the night the Japanese strengthened their forces operating against the left flank, extending their lines from the Yen Tai mines northward. The Japanese also on Sept. 4, crossed the Liao Yang and its environs.

Field Marshal Oyama's whole army is across the Taitse river and is pursuing Gen. Kuropatkin's forces.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6, 3:29 a. m.—It is impossible at this hour to obtain any statement from the authorities regarding the reported preparations for the abandonment of Mukden. This is the first intimation that such a course is contemplated. If it turns out to be true, it means the abandonment of the whole of southern Manchuria and the winding up of the present campaign. In fact, should Mukden be lost, there would be no point for wintering the army of a quarter of a million, with its many wounded, short of Harbin.

On the other hand, the evacuation of Mukden would give Field Marshal Oyama command of winter quarters and the practical control of two lines of railway. The Kinchow-Simintsin line, tapping rich Chinese territory, stops little short of Mukden, with which it is connected by a good wagon road. The report of the prospective evacuation of Mukden, if well founded, would indicate that the crippling effect of the Liao Yang fighting on Kuropatkin's army is more serious than has as yet been taken into account.

A summary of the war situation to date shows that the whole Russian army, or at least the main portion of it, is already above Yen Tai station and is pushing on toward Mukden. Field Marshal Oyama's entire army has crossed the Taitse river and part of it is hanging out Kuropatkin's flank. A strong flanking column on the east is pushing rapidly north in an effort to head off the Russians.

Against this column Gen. Kuropatkin has sent out a strong cavalry division to the northeast, which, it is believed, is already in position to check the Japanese flankers, while to the westward Kuropatkin has organized a division toward Simintsin, 30 miles west of Mukden, to meet any interference that may be attempted from the direction of Yinkow or Newchwang. Oyama's advance is reported to be engaging the Russian rear, but it is not expected to develop anything more serious than a series of rear-guard actions, tending to harass Kuropatkin's retreat.

The Japanese have thrown a strong flanking column across the Taitse river at Benitzu, about 20 miles northeast of Liao Yang. This column is hurrying to the northeast and endeavoring to get in between the Russian army and Mukden. It is against this movement that Kuropatkin has dispatched Lieut.-Gen. Rennenkampf with a strong Cossack division, which, it is believed, already is blocking the eastern highroad.

Kuropatkin has three roads over which he is marching toward Mukden, besides the main railway. The latter is chiefly occupied in the transportation of guns and of equipment, of which there are great quantities. The soldiers are marching in light order and most of the wounded have been already dispatched north by rail.

Gen. Kuropatkin, in a telegram to the general staff, filed at 1 p. m. Sept. 5, north of Yen Tai, says the Japanese on Sunday, engaged his rear guard south of Yen Tai, the fight continuing until Monday. The telegram details the precautions taken to checkmate the Japanese flankers.

Kuropatkin estimates his losses up to and including Sept. 4 at 16,000. This is considered to be a very conservative figure. The loss to the Japanese probably will be double this number, owing to their position as attackers.

Kuropatkin says nothing regarding the loss of guns, but it is probable that some of the heavier captured guns at Liao Yang had to be abandoned. There is no truth, either, in the report that Kuropatkin has been wounded or that Lieut.-Gen. Linievich is moving to his support. Gen. Linievich is still at Vladivostok.

A LA DOCKSTADER.

Army Prisoner Escapes from Governor's Island

New York, Sept. 6.—Private Frank Reese, an army prisoner serving one year on Governor's Island for desertion, has escaped in an unusual manner. Reese was a model prisoner and as a "trusty" had acquired the complete confidence of Capt. Horton of the

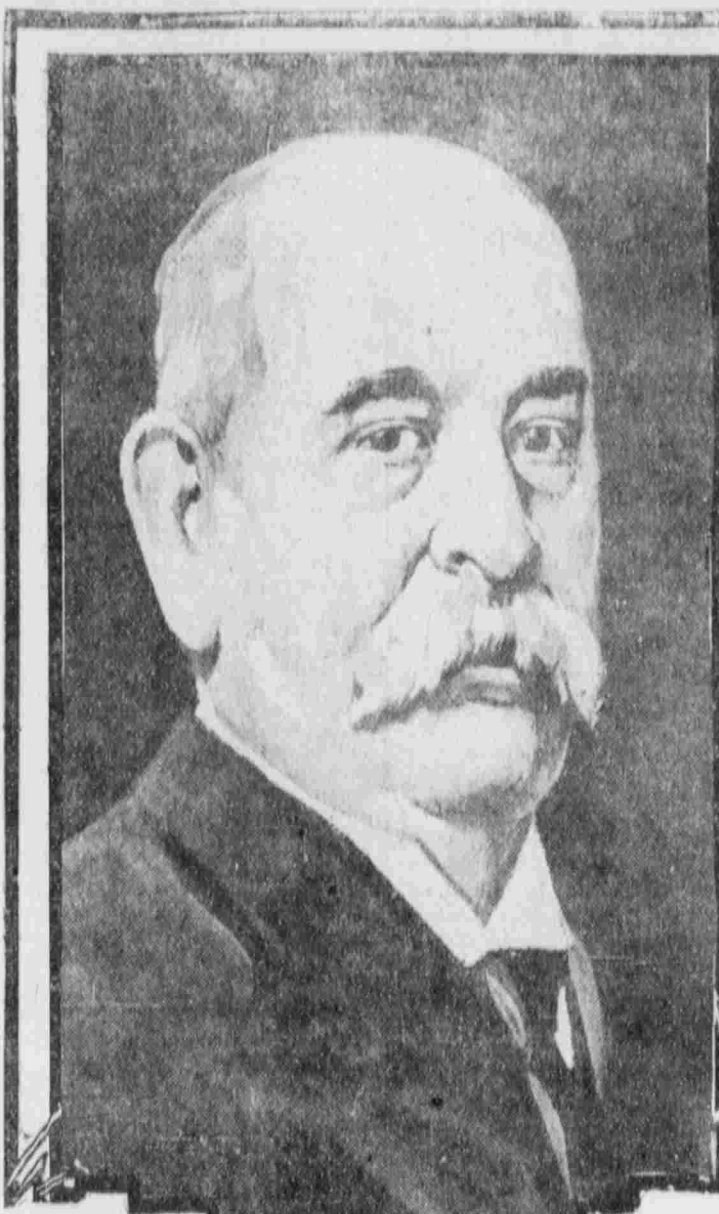
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A search for Reese later by the guard disclosed the identity of the person who had furnished so much amusement to the sentries who were much chagrined over the escape.

U. S. APPLE CROP.

Yield Will be About 30 Per Cent Larger This Year.

New York, Sept. 6.—Reports of the apple crop received here by large dealers, indicate that the American yield will be about 30 per cent larger than last year, and 14 per cent above the average for the last ten years. Some dealers estimate the output at 70,000,000 barrels.

New York state is among the largest apple producers in the east. It is estimated its crop will be 17 per cent larger than that of last year.

Exports of apples last year were valued at \$8,237,394, but crop conditions in Europe this season are reported good and the demand possibly will be less.

Titled Auto Victim.

New York, Sept. 6.—Baron Carlo Es-lavager has, according to a Herald dispatch from Salzburg, succumbed to injuries sustained by a collision of his automobile with a steam train car.

TODAY'S FIRES.

Thirty Families Homeless in San Francisco—Blaze in Haystack.

San Francisco, Sept. 6.—A fire started in the corner of a thickly populated district bounded by Howard, Natoma, Seventh and Eighth streets, late last night, and seven lodging houses and a barn were either burned or damaged by water. Thirty families were rendered homeless by the fire, and in several instances the occupants of the burned houses lost all their furniture and personal effects. The total loss will probably reach \$20,000.

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