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## THE RUSSIAN AND JAPANESE ARMIES.

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### PREPARING FOR THE CONFLICT.

Both Sides Seem Ready and Anxious  
To Close in the Deadly  
Embrace.

### BATTLEFIELD OF TA TCHE KIAO.

Its Possession Stubbornly Contested—  
Was an Artillery Fight Mostly—  
Russians Forced to Retire.

Kochitau, Manchuria, July 28, (de-  
layed in transmission).—As a great  
battle appears imminent, a survey of  
the positions of the two armies will be  
interesting. The main bodies of the  
Russians and Japanese are very near  
each other. They now form, in the  
north, a more powerful arm, than at  
any previous time. Virtually, how-  
ever, the same conditions prevail north  
of Hai Cheng as previously reported.  
The Russians are holding Tienhuaitan,  
Chitsaiwan Pien, and Kuanchu pass.  
The latter is three miles east of here,  
in view of the fact that serious fight-  
ing is anticipated in the near future the  
Chinese have begun to brick up their  
houses, though heretofore they have not  
vacated their property except in the im-  
mediate firing zone between the pickets.

### ACROSS A ZONE OF FIRE.

A mile and a half east of Kuanchu  
pass the Associated Press correspond-  
ent accidentally crossed the zone of the  
Japanese fire and was fully 20 minutes  
crossing the bed of the Shi river, un-  
der fire, evidently from the Yuhuang  
Kao temple on the east side of the river  
and in plain view of the Russian pick-  
ets. The Japanese line extends thence  
south and is apparently  
strengthened with trenches and breast-  
works. It approaches within a mile of  
Lien pass and continues along the Shi  
river to Shien pass and thence to Hoi-  
yang facing the Tien Tshutuan and  
Chungtu pass positions.

### AN IDEAL REGION.

The correspondent visited the entire  
eastern line. It is an ideal region for  
military operations. Immense columns  
of troops are traversing the numerous  
valleys to reconnoitre the passes and  
are finding mountain artillery on the  
hillsides. The Japanese officers are at-  
tentioned to reconnoitre and down the  
trenches as though encouraging their  
men. The Russians, from equally fine  
positions, are making offensive demon-  
strations of the front, inviting an  
attack and maneuvering.

### ASCENT OF MILITARY BALLOONS.

The first ascent of Russian military  
balloon occurred yesterday evening, and  
during the flaming sunset, the balloon  
was visible to the entire Japanese army  
around Mo. Tien pass. The balloon  
caused much amazement among the  
Japanese continue to march across  
the upper part of the Taitse river, to-  
ward Mukden by way of Panshiu, pro-  
tecting their left flank from Kuanchu  
hill.

### JAPANESE TAKE POSITION.

The Japanese, as this dispatch is be-  
ing filed, can plainly be seen taking up  
positions for the conflict. They are  
apparently determined to fight and it  
is expected that the Russian commander  
has ordered preparations to be made for  
war to five thousand wounded.

### BATTLE OF TA TCHE KIAO.

Mukden, July 30.—A correspondent of  
the Associated Press, who witnessed the  
battle of Ta Tchiao, July 23 to 25,  
and who rode over 100 miles on  
horseback, all the way to Mukden, to  
bring the account, gives the following  
personal description of the engagement:

### WAKENED BY CANNON.

The correspondent was awakened at 5  
o'clock in the morning of July 23 by  
the booming of guns. He had slept in  
the village of Tien Tia Tin, four miles  
south of Ta Tchiao Kiao, where the re-  
giment to which he was attached was  
stationed. He hurriedly rode to the  
Russian outpost and found them en-  
gaged in a hot artillery duel, which  
continued for two hours. Then the bat-  
tles slowly retreated on the main po-  
sition. In fact, the total losses at  
that time were insignificant.

### BATTLE OPENS.

The night was perfectly quiet. The  
correspondent established the identity of  
the Russian positions, directly behind the Russian  
positions. The real battle opened the  
next morning. The first gun was fired  
at 7 o'clock and then a roar of artil-  
lery until 8:30 o'clock in the evening.  
It times the firing acquired extraordi-  
ary violence.

### THE BATTLEFIELD.

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occurred in that direction. The Russian  
positions fronted south, with a slight  
offset to the east. About two artil-  
lery corps were engaged.

### WITH ZARABOUAIEFF'S CORPS.

The correspondent was able to fol-  
low only the experiences of Gen. Zar-  
abouaieff's corps, and so confines him-  
self to recording the incidents of this  
portion of the Russian troops. Zar-  
abouaieff's corps consisted of two  
hills, of which the largest was  
crowned by three summits. The com-  
mander and his staff stationed them-  
selves on the highest point, the center  
one, whence they had an unobstructed  
view of the surrounding country. The  
general had placed batteries on the  
plain behind these hills, the guns being  
cleverly masked by lofty Chinese con-  
fines. The Japanese tried vainly the whole  
day to locate them. The Russian  
losses therefore were slight. The men  
suffered more from the scorching heat  
of the sun than from the Japanese pro-  
jectiles.

### AN ARTILLERY BATTLE.

It was essentially an artillery battle,  
but it was remarkable even uncan-  
ny that during the 13 hours it lasted the  
Russians could not make out a single  
Japanese soldier, even with the most  
powerful glasses. From the position  
occupied by Gen. Zarabouaieff's po-  
sition not a single shot was fired, but  
the guns on both sides worked like  
madmen. The Russian batteries, and  
the deafening crashing reports of the  
guns, the dull booming of the distant  
shots furnishing a background of deep  
bass for the vicious hissing of the  
hurrying bullets. "Dead," exploding  
shrapnel shells formed clouds over-  
head, into which were thrown foun-  
tains of dust and sand when the shells  
burst on the ground upon impact,  
showing bullets and shrapnel around.

### JAPANESE FIRE.

The Japanese fire was at first con-  
centrated upon the eastward hill, held  
by a small force of Russians, and by  
11 o'clock this part of the position was  
literally aflame, enough to try the  
courage of the bravest soldier. When  
this position was captured, the Russian  
artillery shifted their fire to the  
center hill, but after five hours or so  
after another of the Russian positions  
became untenable.

### JAPANESE NON-PLUSED.

In the meantime, the guns serv-  
ing the Russian batteries beyond the  
hills redoubled their energies and the  
Japanese were evidently non-plussed  
by the fierceness of the fire from the  
unconquerable position. The Russian  
right, showering projectiles on a small  
hill which was quite unoccupied. Then  
the Japanese shifted their fire to the  
Russian center hill, but after five hours  
was withdrawn therefrom.

### JAP FIRE CEASES.

The fire from the Japanese diminished  
about 5 o'clock and ceased altogether  
half an hour later, whereas the Rus-  
sian batteries continued to fire. When  
the Japanese guns re-opened the  
artillery duel later they had changed  
their position to the westward, whence  
they obtained an unobstructed range  
of the plain behind the Russian po-  
sition, and their projectiles began falling  
dangerously near the Russian batter-  
ies. The Chinese villages in the im-  
mediate vicinity suffered terribly. The whole plain  
was ploughed and pitted by the explo-  
sion of the shells.

### RELIEF FOR RUSSIANS.

With the approach of evening the  
Russians had a little relief from the  
heat, but none from the Japanese, the  
only difference being that the flashes  
of the Japanese guns were distinguish-  
able. The Russian batteries, however,  
revealing their exact position by  
the red sparks of each cannon's  
mouth against the somber shadow, fol-  
lowed by the bursting of shells over the  
Russian positions.

### SCENE OF WILD BEAUTY.

The wild beauty of the scene had now  
reached its zenith, the bombardment  
slowly diminished in intensity and half  
an hour later profound silence reigned,  
broken only now and then by the rattle  
of infantry volleys from the distant  
portentous hills, where the battle  
was still dragging on.

### SINMINTIN ABANDONED.

Upon reaching Sinmintin the same  
evening, the correspondent found that  
the place had already been abandoned  
by the Russian troops, though he was  
for a time under the impression that  
they had merely gone out to take up  
positions at the front. He was con-  
vinced that the fight must have  
been a Russian victory since over the  
great extent of field which had come  
under his observation for 13 hours he  
had seen no Japanese troops.

### RUSSIAN STORES BURNED.

The Russian stores of flour and other  
provisions at Ta Tchiao Kiao were  
burned, and as the correspondent rode  
northward immense columns of black  
smoke were rising along the horizon  
behind him and until he approached Hai  
Cheng, he was unable to see the smoke  
hear the distant rumbling of the Japa-  
nese guns.

### VON PLEHVE'S ASSASSIN.

His Identity and That of Accom-  
plices Not Established.

St. Petersburg, July 30.—The police  
have not yet established the identity of  
the assassin of M. Von Plehve or of his  
accomplices, though it has been ascer-  
tained that the former is a little Rus-  
sian, which accounts for his noticeable  
accent. The accomplice is a Jew, and  
it has been developed that the police for  
some time past have been aware that  
a plot was maturing against the czar  
and had advised one of the ministers  
that a party of 13 anarchists had ar-  
rived in St. Petersburg. Several ar-  
rests were actually made several days  
before the assassination of the minis-  
ter of the interior, and the police had  
the assassin's house marked and a trap  
set for his arrest on the night of July  
14, but he did not return home.

### MILITARY MANEUVERS.

Gen. Corbin Completes Arrange-  
ments for Them in Virginia.

New York, July 30.—Major Gen. Henry  
C. Corbin, commanding the Atlantic  
division, has completed the arrange-  
ments for the joint maneuvers in Vir-  
ginia to be held Sept. 5 to 10 next by a  
force of 100,000 regular and national  
troops. The force will be organized in  
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Rumored Fall of That Place is Officially Denied at Tokio—There Has Been  
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Last Tuesday.

Tokio, July 30, noon.—The rumored fall of Port Arthur is officially pronounced  
to be untrue.

St. Petersburg, July 30.—At 12:30 a. m. the general staff announced that there  
was no news from Port Arthur and no more reason to credit the report that it had  
fallen than the many similar ones previously in circulation.

It was pointed out that no line of official news has been received from Port  
Arthur this week, and that since the occupation of Yinkow by the Japanese anything  
from the fortress was likely to reach Mukden first and then be given out by Viceroy  
Alexieff. There is no official confirmation of the reported sinking of a cruiser and  
gunboat on July 25.

Tokio, July 30, 8 p. m.—The general staff announced this evening that five Japa-  
nese officers had been killed and forty-one wounded in the fighting which had been  
going on around Port Arthur since last Tuesday. The losses in men are not given.

This is the first official announcement of its kind since the beginning of the siege  
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### County Must Pay Tax.

Madison, Wis., July 30.—The attor-  
ney-general has given an opinion in  
the case of the bequest of Martin Mur-  
phy of Burlington, who left \$100,000 to  
the county of Madison, Wis. The county  
authorities hold that since the money  
came to the county it was exempt from  
the income tax. The attorney-general  
rules that the county must pay the tax  
amounting to about \$11,000 as the  
money was assessable before it became  
county property.

### Injured by Gas Explosion.

Chicago, July 30.—An explosion of nat-  
ural gas early this morning in the  
basement of the four-story brick build-  
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