

RUSSIAN FORCES ARE DISAPPOINTED

Cause is an Unexpected Order to Fall Back to Positions Nearer Liao Yang.

JAPS ARE NOT FOLLOWING THEM

Sakharoff Gives Account of Retreat Toward Fortified Position of Aushanshan.

Liao Yang, Aug. 28.—The Russian forces have been disappointed by another unexpected withdrawal. The whole eastern division and the troops on the Aushanshan position have been ordered to fall back to positions nearer Liao Yang just as the soldiers were expecting another advance.

The Japanese are not following the Russians.

The advance from the south is apparently being pushed home. Sounds of artillery from that direction are plain than they were yesterday.

The Chinese at Liao Yang are bringing out women and children, which they usually do when expecting a Japanese advance.

The Russians had sustained a hot artillery fight all of Aug. 26 on the eastern front, but held all their positions.

The understanding was that the Russians would concentrate heavily in the morning for an attack of the Japanese in that direction and the surprise was greater therefore at the order to retire.

The explanation is given by General Sakharoff, chief of the Russian division on the extreme left, was confronted by a greatly superior force of Japanese. Although the Russians fought bravely and held all their positions they had lost an immense number of officers.

Probably the retirement from the Aushanshan position arose from the same reason that the whole mountain division, as well as the eastern troops, retired apparently not because of the pressure of the Japanese, but for strategic reasons.

The rains had made a thick and binding mud which almost paralyzed wagon transportation and made the movement of guns even more difficult.

Although the Japanese witnessed the slow retirement of the eastern division they made no attempt to follow the Russians, being apparently exhausted by the duel of Aug. 24 and 25, and the desperate and unsuccessful all day attack of Aug. 26.

Today the sound of cannonading is heard plainly in Liao Yang. It is more to the south than to the southeast.

The Japanese seem to be advancing along the entire front, particularly moving with a large force up the valley of the Liao river.

Arrangements for a battle had been completed by night time when the order to retire was given on account of the situation to the east.

The order was received with disappointment by the troops. The retirement was made in an orderly manner.

The plain between Aushanshan and Haicheng was covered with Japanese troops, who burned the bridge and shelled the railway station after the Russian retirement.

The Russian losses amount to 300. The Japanese are advancing with great rapidity.

RETREAT TO ANSHANSHAN. St. Petersburg, Aug. 28.—The general staff has received the following telegram from Lieut.-Gen. Sakharoff, dated Aug. 27:

"Our advance guard and advanced troops on the southern front yesterday retired slowly toward the fortified position of Aushanshan."

"Ride" was general along the whole front.

"The Japanese artillery cannonaded our positions at different points."

"Our guns poured a heavy fire into the columns of the Japanese as they advanced, and into their works and entrenchments and eventually compelled them to move their vast camp from Hamaina to the village of Baisaiara."

"At 6 o'clock in the evening there was a lull in the firing."

"The hottest fighting occurred on our left flank, on the south front of which our losses amounted to 200."

"During the night our advance guards retired to the principal position."

"Five divisions of the enemy took the offensive against our south front."

"Our troops repelled toward the southeast all attacks of the Japanese directed against our front, while our troops on the right flank, taking the offensive toward evening, drove the Japanese back to Tounsinpu. Our losses on the southeast front were about 400."

"Our detachment on the east yesterday had a desperate fight against considerable force of the enemy."

"On the right flank our troops, although unsupported by artillery, and although the Japanese were at all points superior numerically, firmly and courageously repulsed the attacks begun during the night by the Japanese sword, bayonet and revolver wounds."

"After desperate fighting on the advanced positions of Tsegow and Anping our troops retired on the main position, supported by artillery."

"The Tamboff regiment on the left flank at Tsegow defended an advanced position from 1 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, repelling all the enemy's attacks at the point of the bayonet."

"There were four counter attacks. The commander of the regiment, Col. Klenbouky, was wounded."

"A turning movement by the engagement against the left flank of the Tsegow position and the enfilading fire of their batteries on the Koulou heights forced the Tamboff regiment to retire and the retreat was effected in good order. Six guns were abandoned, but they were broken and rendered useless."

"The Japanese attacked like fanatics and their losses must have been very great."

"A wounded Japanese officer who was taken prisoner escaped observation after his wound had been dressed and killed himself by dashing his head against the stones."

"Our troops captured a considerable number of rifles, cups and other articles of equipment from the Japanese."

"Our losses on this front have not been definitely ascertained, but they exceed 1,500 killed or wounded."

"Notwithstanding the long and desperate fighting and the consequent fatigue, the spirit of our troops was as alert as ever, and in the darkness of night, with rain falling heavily and transforming the ground into liquid mud, they executed the necessary movements, headed by their bands, in perfect order."

"On Aug. 26 the enemy had not assumed any definite offensive measures at any point along the whole front, and our troops gradually moved to new positions."

"At about 2 o'clock in the afternoon

A Quart Baby.

Now and again there is an item in the newspapers concerning the birth of a puny baby so small that a quart cup holds it comfortably. If the article told all the facts it would probably tell also of a mother who in weakness and misery had looked forward to the baby's advent with shrinking and fear.

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It was discovered that the Japanese were moving on Tsingpin by way of Youtoukai.

RETIREMENT EFFECTED. Liao Yang, Aug. 29.—The Russian army has effected the retirement with transport and artillery on Liao Yang and is now in position awaiting the advancing Japanese. The progress of the latter has been rapid and determined, sparing of no sacrifice.

In the attack on the Shaofoing position, one Japanese battalion lost all its officers.

The retirement of the Russian transport of four corps yesterday evening across the plain while the artillery and troops in the rear held off the Japanese afforded a magnificent spectacle. All along the extended line there was an incessant roar of batteries, the Russians working their guns with great coolness and not retiring until the transport was in safety.

Gen. Rontkovsky was among the killed.

Society of Chemical Industry. New York, Aug. 29.—Plans have been completed for the annual convention of the Society of Chemical Industry to be held here September 7-12. It will be the first convention of the society held in America. At the conclusion of the convention the foreign delegation will visit the middle west and south. All the larger manufacturing plants will be inspected. Many important subjects are expected to come before the meeting.

JOHN MITCHELL. Concerns of Metal Miners Not in His Jurisdiction.

New York, Aug. 29.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers' association, who returned from abroad on Saturday, will leave for Indianapolis today. Regarding the labor situation in Colorado he said:

"The concerns of the metal miners are not within my jurisdiction, and I shall make no attempt to see any government official on the subject, as has been reported, although I, of course, deeply deplore the situation in the west."

"There are now no difficulties in which the coal miners are concerned of a serious character," he said.

NEW JOINT SMASHERS. Mrs. Fites and Mrs. McDonald Go Saloon Wrecking.

Cuba, Kas, Aug. 28.—Four joints, or illicit saloons, were wrecked by women here and much liquor destroyed. Mrs. E. O. Fites and Mrs. William McDonald, wives of prominent business men, armed with hatchets first entered without warning the place run by Ben. Hull.

Without ceremony they began to smash everything in sight, and soon they had demolished bar and fixtures and broken every bottle and opened every keg to be found. Later they were joined by 25 other women, and the entire party raided the other four joints in Cuba. The stocks and fixtures at each place were destroyed in prompt order. Finally the women spilled into the street a great quantity of keg beer that had been confiscated and stored at the city jail.

A BOILER EXPLODES. And Three People Are Probably Fatally Hurt.

New York, Aug. 28.—Three persons probably will die as the result of the explosion today in the apartment of Israel Rosenberg in a tenement in Norfolk street. They are: Rosenberg's wife, his 2-year-old son and 8-month-old baby. The explosion and a small fire that followed created a panic in the tenement.

Rosenberg, who is a frankfurter peddler, had filled the tank of his frankfurter boiler with kerosene and lighted the wick. It is thought, without screwing on the stopper.

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FALL OF PORT ARTHUR'S NEAR.

All the Outlying Fortifications Have Been Captured by the Japanese.

THEIR GUNS COMMAND TOWN.

Jap Tactics Very Similar to Those Adopted by Gen. Oyama in the Campaign of 1894.

London, Aug. 29.—The Daily Mail's correspondent, in a dispatch dated Saturday last, says:

"Following is the position of Port Arthur: The Japanese have captured all the outlying fortifications, but the Russians still hold the citadel on Antzshan, Golden Hill forts and the forts on Tiger's Tail, Liao Ti mountain. The Japanese are in possession of the grade ground and barracks under the Antzshan forts on the outskirts."

"The fall of Port Arthur is believed to be imminent. It is believed the garrison will make a sortie before the end comes."

ITS FALL IS IMMINENT. London, Aug. 29.—The Chronicle's correspondent with Gen. Kuroki, cabling under date of Aug. 24, via Fusan, Aug. 25, says:

"The fall of Port Arthur is imminent. The Japanese are now within the main defenses and their guns command the town. Desperate fighting occurs night and day, and the losses on both sides are enormous."

"The Russians are making furious counter attacks, but the Japanese are closing in the positions they have won at such a heavy cost."

CONDITIONS AT PORT ARTHUR. Chefoo, Aug. 28.—Information which to a great extent confirms the reports of the conditions at Port Arthur was received here today by junks which left there on Aug. 24 and Aug. 26.

The most important statement agreed to by passengers on these junks confirms the reports that the Russians have been driven from the fort immediately east of the railroad. This fort is named Rihngshan, and is located on the trail of the Dragon Hill, along the summit of which the eastern defenses of Port Arthur are built.

When the Russian forces retired from Fort Tushan, they entered Fort No. 15, to the north of Cheochanko. During the nights of Aug. 18 and 19, while it was raining the Japanese attempted to storm Fort Antzshan, which is a strong position adjoining Rihngshan toward the city, but they were repulsed with heavy losses.

During the night of Aug. 22 a heroic band of 500 Japanese attempted to capture Port No. 15, in the midst of a storm. Almost the entire detachment was killed. The Chinese declare that the Russians have evacuated Port No. 5, but whether by reason of this assault or the Japanese artillery fire, cannot be learned. The Japanese are unable to occupy No. 5.

The fighting from Aug. 17 to Aug. 23 was severe, but since the latter date it has been comparatively light.

On Aug. 26 the fort on Liao Ti mountain was fired on from six Japanese torpedoes, but the result of this action is not known.

The Russian marines have left the ships in the harbor and are working at the land batteries. Shells from the Japanese fire continue to fall in Port Arthur and the dock yards, and the warships have scattered about the harbor in attempts to protect themselves from the enemy's projectiles.

A Chinese who was employed on the docks at Port Arthur says that the battleships Retzian, Poltava and Sevastopol are badly damaged. The first mentioned ship is said to be so damaged that it is unable to move. The battleship Pobieda is in fighting condition. There are also four gunboats and several torpedo boat destroyers in the harbor. The report that the Russian fleet had been captured from Port Arthur cannot be confirmed.

The Japanese are constructing forts at Louisa bay, northwest of Port Arthur.

REPEATING TACTICS OF 1894. London, Aug. 29.—The London papers' morning have been busy with the dispatches from the east, most of them dealing with the position of Port Arthur. It is pointed out that the Japanese tactics are very similar to those adopted by Gen. Oyama in 1894, but granting that the Japanese have penetrated as far as represented, there is considered doubtful, there are still formidable forts to be silenced before a general assault is possible. Equally of interest is displayed here in what is regarded as the precarious position of Gen. Kuropatkin's forces.

According to a cable to the Daily Mail from Koupangtee, dated Aug. 27, Russian staff officers confess themselves completely in the dark as to the meaning of the Japanese movements, and consequently they have no definite plan. Ten days ago feeling that Liao Yang would be surrounded, Gen. Kuropatkin began to draw his troops northward. They then at the Japanese retreating brought them back again, but continued his preparations for effecting a retreat. There is no doubt, says the correspondent, that the Russian army is now completely at the mercy of the Japanese whenever they choose to attack.

The Liao Yang correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, in a dispatch dated Aug. 28, says that the Japanese are pushing on against three sides of the city near which there is continuous fighting. A great quantity of transportation has been sent north, leaving Liao Yang ready for all eventualities.

The rumor that the Japanese lost guns at Sialinda, the correspondent says, turns out to be incorrect. The correspondent continues:

"The Japanese are reported to be adopting a new method of night attack. They concentrate searchlights on the point attacked, thus preventing the garrison from seeing any."

Describing recent fighting, the correspondent says:

"The shooting on both sides was splendid, the Russians contesting every inch of the ground with all their characteristic stubbornness. The Japanese attack from the direction of the Liao river has not yet developed."

Special dispatches from Shanghai report that there is a hitch regarding the cruiser Askold and the destroyer Grozovoi. The Japanese government has discovered, the dispatch says, that the paroled crews of the Variaz and Morietz have been drafted into the Baltic fleet, now insists that China shall retain the crews of the cruiser and the destroyer until the end of the war.

The Tientsin correspondent of the Standard discussing the distance the Japanese are now from Port Arthur declares that they are unable to approach nearer the new town owing to the fire from the Russian ships.

The Japanese commander, the correspondent says, has ordered that no

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So much goodness dwells in a little dry leaf!

Shells are thrown into the town for the sake of the non-combatants. The attempt to attack the forts from the outside lines both to the westward and eastward will advance from the north with a view of assaulting the forts from the inside.

The correspondent adds that owing to the extensive mine area the co-operation of the fleet is difficult.

GEN. KUROPATKIN. Is Gradually Drawing in His Advanced Positions.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 28.—3:45 a. m.—All the news of Liao Yang official or otherwise, shows that Gen. Kuropatkin is gradually drawing in his advanced positions to the inner ring of his defenses.

After three days of heavy fighting, the latter part of which was limited by rain, the Russians were compelled to disable six guns, which it was impossible to take from the high positions over the muddy roads, but during the fighting on the southern front they captured some Japanese guns. It is reported also that they destroyed some Japanese mountain batteries.

Gen. Kuropatkin has not yet disclosed whether he intends to make a decisive fight at Liao Yang.

That the reserves were not called up to hold some of the positions which were abandoned seems to show that there is a strong force at Liao Yang, which has not yet been utilized. At the same time, from private messages received from Liao Yang, it might be inferred that a heavy movement northward has been progressing for some days.

Gen. Kuropatkin seems to be well satisfied with the position. One correspondent describes him as in high spirits and laughing and joking at a meeting of the St. George's society at Liao Yang.

The Russian losses to date are said to be about 1,500. The Russian batteries inflicted heavy losses on the Japanese. Nothing has been heard here regarding the reported cutting of the railroad south of Mukden, but the fact that an unusual mass of telegrams are arriving several of which were filed late Saturday night at Liao Yang, discredits the report. A heavy Japanese force destroyed the railway they would also have cut the wires.

Several batteries which were quickly conducted by Grand Duke Serge Michailowich were dispatched to the far east today.

Japs Pushing Forward. London, Aug. 29.—The correspondent at Tien Tsin of the Standard, cabling Saturday last, says:

"Confirmatory details just arrived represent the Japanese as having reached a point within 1,300 yards from the new town at Port Arthur. The Japanese are now within a mile of the east dock basin on the east side. Strong reinforcements, it is said, are hurrying up from Dally and Pitsewo, leaving reserves at both places."

Japanese Mobilizing at Dally. Chefoo, Aug. 28.—Seven hundred Chinese who went to Port Dally in the hope of sharing with the Japanese the business boom there, returned to Chefoo today and report that the Japanese are monopolizing all opportunities at the port.

The Chinese say that 20 transports, bearing 22,000 troops to reinforce the besiegers of Port Arthur, have arrived at Port Dally during the past fortnight.

A VERY BAD MAN. Howard Chenoweth Kills Two Officers and Shoots a Third Man.

Denver, Aug. 28.—A special from Albuquerque, N. M., says: In a shooting affray at Silver City, N. M., today Constable Marcellus Williams, who is known as "Old Marshal" Williams, fatally and Patrick Nunn and Howard Chenoweth badly wounded.

Nunn, who is foreman of the Diamond mine, is said to be a very bad man. He is a former convict and is now in the custody of the sheriff.

Chenoweth, a friend of the cowboy "Ned" Williams, who was shot and killed, was also wounded. He is now in the custody of the sheriff.

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JAPAN SENDS NOTE TO THE POWERS.

Says if Russian Warships at Shanghai Are Not Disarmed She Will Protect Her Interests.

JUST HOW IS NOT INDICATED

She is Sincerely Desirous That the Neutrality of China Shall be Maintained.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Japan has addressed a note to the powers informing them that unless Russia forthwith disarms her warships in Shanghai Japan will be forced to take whatever steps she deems necessary to protect her interests.

Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, called at the state department today and left with Mr. Adee, the acting secretary of state, the communication of the Tokio government.

To a correspondent of the Associated Press Mr. Takahira said tonight: "While Japan sincerely hopes that the reported intention of Russia to disarm the Askold and Grozovoi at Shanghai will promptly be executed, my government has felt that it was advisable to inform the powers what must necessarily be its attitude in the event that the disarmament of the Russian ships is delayed. The conditions at Shanghai are peculiar because of the international interests there, and my government is desirous of giving these interests every consideration."

"Will it be necessary to send a Japanese squadron into Shanghai and take away the Russian ships, as was done with the Ryehstehni at Chefoo?" the minister was asked.

"My government has not indicated in its note to the powers," the minister replied, "just what steps will be necessary if the Russian ships are not immediately disarmed. But it should be remembered that the Ryehstehni was not completely disarmed when seized by the Japanese, and under the circumstances her presence was certainly disadvantageous to Japan for a military reason."

When the minister called at the state department he spent some time in conference with Acting Secy. Adee, but further than to receive the communication Mr. Adee was careful not to disclose the attitude of this government, although the minister was assured that the continuance of Chinese neutrality was earnestly hoped for by the United States. The minister told Mr. Adee that Japan had been informed by China that the Russian ships would be disarmed, but as far as the feigning here knew no official date for this action has been named. It is understood a note similar to that presented by Mr. Takahira today was also delivered at the various foreign offices by Japanese diplomatic representatives.

The statement is definitely made here that Japan is sincerely desirous that China's neutrality shall be maintained. The Japanese government, however, feels that if China fails to insist upon the immediate disarmament of the Russian ships at Shanghai her neutrality will have been violated and in a manner so dangerous to Japan's own military position that Japan will be forced to take such measures as will effectively remove from the stage of activity the Russian ships which have sought refuge in Shanghai.

In state department circles the opinion is expressed that the Russian ships will soon be disarmed, and both at the state and navy departments advice have been received that the incident is regarded in Shanghai as practically closed. It was suggested tonight that the effect of the Japanese note probably would be to strengthen the determination of the Chinese officials to maintain the neutrality of the Pekin government, not only at Shanghai, but at other points where an attempt may be made to violate it.

Archbishop of Canterbury. Quebec, Aug. 28.—The archbishop of Canterbury, accompanied by his wife, Rev. Mr. Holden, domestic chaplain, Rev. Mr. Ellison, vicar of Windsor, and J. Pierpont Morgan of New York, arrived here early today.