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VAGUENESS SURROUNDS RUSSIAN FLIGHT

ST. PETERSBURG ADMITS HAVING HAD NO ADVICES FROM KUROPATKIN BEARING DATE OF TUESDAY.

REPORT THAT REAR GUARD WAS DESTROYED HAS BEEN DENIED AT THE WAR OFFICE

The Army Supposed to be Pushing On to Mukden Impeded by Floods and Bad Roads With the Tenacious Japs Hanging Onto Its Flanks Like Bull Dogs.

Associated Press Bulletin.

The dearth of immediate press and official dispatches from the present actual seat of the far eastern struggle continues. It is admitted by the Russian war office that no telegrams whatever were received from Gen. Kuropatkin bearing Tuesday's date, the last message to the emperor from the general being dated September 5 and briefly telling that the army was advancing northward, and that it had extricated itself from a dangerous position; that there was constant cannonading of the rear guard and the losses on that day were about 1,200.

Pushing on to Mukden.

The situation in the light of the latest information may be summed up as follows: The Russian forces are pushing on to Mukden, greatly impeded by heavy rains and floods, conducting an orderly retreat and followed step by step by the Japanese. Details of the fighting and of the exact position of the opposing armies are lacking.

Rear Guard Story Denied.

The report that Kuropatkin's rear guard has been annihilated and that the Russian forces are in danger of being surrounded, is denied by the Russian general staff. The Russian war office is entirely confident that the retreat is slowly and surely being effected. From Tokio comes an official report that the Japanese field marshal says that the Russians burned all the railroad bridges over the Taitsie, and predicting that while the Japanese list of casualties is not yet completed, the losses will prove heavy.

Viceroy Alexieff is on his way from Harbin to Mukden.

The Flight Northward.

Kuropatkin's long commissary trains have passed through Mukden and are continuing northward.

The attack on Port Arthur continues, the Chinese arriving at Che Foo say the Russian garrison expect a general land and sea attack today (Wednesday).

Army Is Extricated.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—The emperor has received the following dispatch from Gen. Kuropatkin, dated September 5:

Today, September 5, the army is advancing northward. It has extricated itself from the dangerous position in which it was placed, being threatened by the enemy and having a narrow front.

The enemy throughout the day cannonading our rear guard and especially its left flank, but with our much effort.

We lost about 1,200 men today.

Japs Occupy Yientai.

Tokio, Sept. 6, 2 p. m.—It is reported here that the Russians have retired beyond Yientai. Gen. Kuroki has occupied the town.

Fighting Near Mukden.

Yientai, Sept. 5, (Delayed).—There was heavy fighting northeast of this place today. The Japanese troops are now pressing northward along the ridges east of the railway and several skirmishes have already taken place within 20 miles to the south east of Mukden.

Rear Guard Not Annihilated.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6, 4:12 p. m.—The Associated Press is authorized in the name of the Russian general staff to deny the report which was in circulation here last night of the annihilation of Gen. Kuropatkin's rear guard. According to the latest advice of the staff, no Russian force was cut off and it is believed there is little danger of Japanese interceding Gen. Kuropatkin below Mukden. The information here is that the Japanese force at Benishin does not exceed two divisions at the most. It is added however, that the staff has not received news from the front under today's date.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 7, 2 a. m.—There has been no news from Gen. Kuropatkin since Monday afternoon. This is attributed to the interruption of direct communication with the commander in chief, owing to the transfer of the telegraph office to Mukden, whither messages have to be sent by courier.

Intense Anxiety Is Felt.

The utmost confidence prevails at the war office that the Russian army is slowly but surely effecting the retreat without serious risk of being cut off. Nevertheless, intense anxiety is felt throughout the whole nation and this feeling is shared by the emperor. His majesty is unwilling at such a juncture to absent himself from Peterhof and has countermanded all proposed journeys. He will not go to Warsaw or Libau, and remains closeted for hours with his military advisors. It is believed that the outcome of these deliberations will be an order to mobilize several more army corps.

Late Thursday evening the Associated Press obtained the following statement from the war office: "No telegrams whatever were received from Kuropatkin today, Tuesday. It is inferred that the only Russian troops remaining at Yientai, Sept. 6, are the rear guard whose mission is solely to retard the enemy's movement."

It is quite consistent from the position of affairs to suppose that a portion of the Japanese forces entering Yientai, there being no intention to hold this point as it is of no intrinsic importance. The stores there have already been removed and what was not moved was burned.

An official telegram will probably arrive tomorrow, Wednesday, morning.

Transfer Caused Delay.

The transfer of the telegraph office to Mukden has caused delay in the direct transmission of messages.

A Russian correspondent of the Associated Press sent a message from Mukden Tuesday, more than 24 hours after the dispatch of Gen. Kuropatkin's last published message. This correspondent gives no details of the retreat and the censor is probably not allowed to authorize the transmission of this news until the commander in chief sends his report.

The correspondent points out in his dispatch that the Russian forces are followed step by step by the Japanese and are greatly impeded by heavy rains and floods. He adds:

It is impossible to say how long the fighting will continue as the initiative is in the hands of the Japanese.

Alexieff at Harbin.

Harbin, Sept. 6.—Viceroy Alexieff and his staff have arrived here from Vladivostok.

Rear Guard Action Severe.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—Arriving reports from Mukden say that some of the rear guard actions in progress are quite severe, but no details have been received.

CONTRABAND QUESTION.

Indications that Russia Will Make Important Concessions.

London, Sept. 6.—The preliminary representations made by Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador that Russia is on the point of making substantial concessions to the United States and Great Britain regarding the question of contraband of war, as a result of the admission by Foreign Minister Lambsdorff of the report of general commissaire to Emperor Nicholas today, together with the information transmitted by Ambassador Benckendorff showing the views of the British government. The Russian foreign minister is expected to present to the British government through Sir Charles Harling.

Aid for Kuropatkin.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—It is stated that by the end of October, the fourth, eighth and thirteenth army corps consisting 152,000 men will reach the front. Before the end of September 1,000 guns will have been dispatched to Gen. Kuropatkin.

RUSSIAN PRESS ON LIAO YANG

DIVIDED OPINION AS TO KUROPATKIN'S ABILITY.

RUSS TAKES PESSIMISTIC VIEW

Says the Empire May as Well Have Its Eyes Open Now as at Later Date.—Estimate of Japanese was Incorrect.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—(6:05 p. m.) While insisting that Marshal Oyama missed his main object at Liao Yang, most of the Russian papers do not disguise their profound disappointment over the result of the battle of Liao Yang. The Russky Inval, organ of the army, however, is of the opinion that Gen. Kuropatkin both strategically and technically got everything possible out of Liao Yang, saying:

"It enabled him to cope with an army very much superior to him. Field Marshal Oyama was compelled to waste several thousand men to capture a position which is of no importance, now that Kuropatkin has left. It is evident that Oyama's plans miscarried since he failed to surround and inflict a decisive blow on the Russian army."

The other view is reported by the Russ as follows:

"The fact that Kuropatkin was compelled to leave Liao Yang has not only military but political significance. It is no use concealing the fact that the evacuation of Liao Yang was a surprise for the Russians. Everybody was led to believe that the son had arrived for a decisive struggle. It was thus we interpreted Kuropatkin's telegram saying the men were thirsting for an opportunity to meet the foe. Dashing our hopes means a prolongation of the campaign. The moment for taking the offensive is now definitely postponed. This will inevitably influence the fate of Port Arthur and the further development of Japanese operations. The evacuation of Liao Yang also will have an effect on China which is in a nervous tension under the influence of Japanese agitation. Japanese, of course, will do their best to restore Mukden to China and leave themselves any longer with the idea that by retreating into the heart of Manchuria we are gaining time and adding to our forces, whereas the Japanese, of course, will do their best to destroy us and therefore losing strength. Our idea of the military strength of Japan were far from correct. It is known that they concentrate their forces as well as we can. We fully believe in our ultimate success, but it is idle to blink facts. We shall have to make heavy sacrifices in order to protect the vital interests of the empire."

O'DELL TURNS IT DOWN.

Says He Does Not Want to be Governor of New York Again.

New York, Sept. 6.—Gov. Odell declined today at a conference of reliable state leaders that he would under no circumstances be a candidate for renomination. "I don't want the place; I would not have it, I don't want to hear anything more about it. Under no circumstances would I take the nomination and make the race," replied the governor to a suggestion of one of the up state leaders that he be the candidate.

The chief topic of discussion at the conference was the governorship. It was said the leaders are still a great deal at sea and a number of names were suggested and considered, but no conclusion was reached. Most of the talk was about Lieut. Gov. Higginson and former Lieut. Gov. Woodworth and it was recognized that they were the leading candidates.

SAWED THEIR WAY OUT.

Seven Prisoners in Tennessee Jail Achieve Liberty.

Memphis, Sept. 6.—Seven prisoners escaped from the Shelby county jail here this morning by sawing the steel bars in one of the walls. They are: Norris Deane, convicted of murder and sentenced to 20 years imprisonment; Arthur McGuire, convicted of larceny and sentenced to five years imprisonment; Jack Patton, charged with murder and awaiting trial; Wesley Jones, charged with highway robbery and awaiting trial; Ed Oliver, charged with house breaking and larceny in three cases and awaiting trial; Julia Mason, charged with house breaking and larceny and awaiting trial; Guy Peterson, charged with larceny and awaiting trial.

The first two are white men and the other five are negroes.

Sheriff Montevello has offered a reward for their capture and officers are looking for the men.

NO MORE SEIZURES.

Zanzibar, Island of Zanzibar, Sept. 6.—The British cruiser Forte early this morning found the Russian volunteer steamer St. Petersburg and Smolensk within the three mile limit and communicated to them the order of the Russian government to desist from interfering with neutral shipping. The commanders of the Russian vessels said they would forthwith proceed to Europe.

A report was brought in yesterday by the German steamer Kronprinz that the St. Petersburg and Smolensk were coaling, but after the order of the Russian government had been delivered them, the Smolensk and St. Petersburg joined a German collier and proceeded to Dar-Es-Salaam on the African coast, 25 miles south of Zanzibar.

JAPS HANG TWO CHINESE SPIES

BELONGED TO OFFICIAL HOUSE.

HOLD OF GEN. STOESEL.

LAND AND SEA ATTACK EXPECTED

Steamer Loaded With Flour Arrived at Port Arthur Relieves the Situation and Reduces the Price.

Che Foo, Sept. 6.—10 p. m. Firing at Port Arthur was heard here tonight. Two Chinese interpreters belonging to the official household of Lieut. Gen. Stoessel commander of the military forces at Port Arthur have been caught spying at Shushiyen and Palungshan. They were executed by the Japanese.

The Chinese who arrived here today from Port Arthur declare that the Russian garrison expect a general land and sea attack on Sept. 7.

On September 2 and 3, the Japanese bombarded the fortifications severally and two Russian guns on a fort near Kihungshan were dismounted.

The recent entrance into Port Arthur of a large steamship carrying provisions chiefly flour, has resulted in the reduction of the price of flour from \$5 to \$2 a bag.

Wanted to See Norwick.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—The emperor has received the following despatch from Lieut. Gen. Kapanoff military governor of the island of Sakhalin dated September 6: "Two of the enemy's warships this evening approached Korsakovsk (Sakhalin). They stopped four miles from shore and sent launches toward the sunken cruiser Norvik. Our troops opened fire wherupon the launches returned to their ships."

MILL OUTLOOK BRIGHTENING.

Although Trade Is Limited Cotton Mills are Resuming Work.

Boston, Sept. 6.—For the first time since the serious depression of cotton manufacturing early in the year, the situation has assumed a brighter aspect. Although trade is still limited, idle machinery is being set in motion gradually and manufacturers believe that the low stage has been reached. Several mills in New England which have been shut down, resumed work today and others are preparing to start. In all about 17,000 operatives either went to work or received notice that their services would be required in a few days. Since the beginning of the depression in New England fully 75,000 operatives have been idle or on short time. It is not known when an attempt will be made to start the Fall River mills.

Arkansas Election.

Little Rock, Sept. 6.—Later returns from the state election yesterday show that while the unexpected democratic nominees for state officers received 25 per cent of the total vote, the plurality for Governor Davis, democrat, will be less than 40,000 and may drop to 20,000.

In Benton county, the home of United States Senator J. H. Berry, the contest is close between Davis and Meyers, the republican nominee for governor, that the official vote may be necessary to determine Gov. Davis has also been heavily in Franklin, Lafayette, Independence, Little River and Lawrence counties. He has gained in eastern Arkansas and his total vote will not be far short of the normal democratic strength as shown in state elections heretofore.

The next legislature will stand some 200 democrats 35 republicans 15 House, democrats 35; republicans 5.

Hold On at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Sept. 6.—The local union voted today to continue the present strike unless the packers should be brought to terms.

SEVEN PEOPLE KILLED IN RAILWAY WRECK

DESTINY OF THE PACKERS STRIKE

RESULT OF REFERENDUM VOTE WILL BE GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC TODAY.

GREATEST SECRECY MAINTAINED

No Official Statement Concerning the Probable Result of the Balloting Could be Obtained by the Press.

Chicago, Sept. 6.—Whether the stock yards strike is to be called off or continued indefinitely will not be known until tomorrow morning, when the result of the referendum vote on the proposition begun today by the union involved in the difficulty will be made public by President Donnelly of the Butchers' union.

The greatest secrecy is being maintained by the officers of the different unions as to the outcome of the vote which is being taken by secret ballot. No official statement regarding the probable result of the balloting could be obtained tonight and the reports of those who made a canvass of the situation conflicted. It was claimed by several of the striking butcher workmen that their union had voted to reject the proposition offered by the allied trades conference board. These persons asserted that the butchers would not agree to an unconditional surrender as exacted by the packers and which, it is said, was agreed to by the allied trades conference board. To offset these reports, many of the butchers declared that their organization had voted to return to work on the terms offered by the employers.

Contrary to expectations, a number of unions have so far refused to vote at all on the proposition, but it is the general belief that these organizations will finally take the decision. What the reasons are for refusing to accede to the instructions of the allied trades conference, is not known. One of the organizations which has refused to consider the question is the live stock handlers. According to President Donnelly this will have no effect on the vote. The strikers will meet at 1:30 tomorrow when the result of the vote will be announced.

San Francisco, Sept. 6.—Ten thousand Sir Knights marched for miles through the gaily decorated city streets today inspired by the music of forty bands and the cheers of thousands of spectators which lined every foot of the way, crowded windows and doorways and filed the grand stand and review stands erected for the purpose. The order of formation included twelve grand divisions.

The parade moved promptly at 10 o'clock, the appointed time. It was headed by a squadron of mounted police, Sir Knight Geo. W. Wittman, chief of police commanding; Commander of the parade, Sir Charles Field, grand captain general of California and his chief of staff Sir Geo. D. Clark. In this section were most eminent Sir Bates Stoddard, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and most eminent, the Earl of Funston, Grand Master of the Great Priory of England and Wales. The latter was the center towards which all eyes were focussed, the thrill of a noble gentleman who represented King Edward of England.

The parade was one of the finest ever seen in San Francisco. It occupied nearly three hours as passing a given point though at no time was there any protracted delay. The advance along the line of march of the more largely represented commanderies was signalled by continuous cheers and when the land heading the stately contingent struck up "Dixie" the enthusiasm of the spectators was unbounded.

From careful reports gathered by the California promotion committee, it is estimated that about 125,000 strangers were in the city today to witness the parade and participate in the Knights Templars exercises.

Republican Gain in Vermont.

White River Junction, Vt., Sept. 6.—Returns for governor in the state election today from 25 out of 249 cities and towns give Bell (rep.) 4,317; Porter (dem.) 2,219.

The same places in 1900 gave Stebbins (rep.) 4,259; Porter (dem.) 2,446. These returns show slight gains for the republicans and a democratic loss of about 18 per cent.

WABASH PASSENGER NEAR PENDLETON MISSOURI, JUMPED THE TRACK--THIRTY WERE INJURED.

TRAIN WAS RUNNING AT SCHEDULE SPEED WITH FIVE HUNDRED PERSONS ABOARD

The Day Coach Left the Rails Dragging the Buffet Car Down With It Which Crashed on Top--The Majority of the Killed and Injured Were in The Day Coach.

Moberly, Mo., Sept. 6.—The south bound Wabash passenger train that left Des Moines for St. Louis at 6:45 a. m., was wrecked today near Pendleton, Mo., killing seven passengers and injuring more than thirty others.

The dead: J. E. NICHOLS, Macon, Mo. MRS. HENRY FOLCHT, Huntington, Pa. MRS. C. H. GRAVES, La Platta, Missouri. EDNA PATTERSON, La Platta, Missouri. MRS. HENDERSON, La Platta, Missouri. MRS. ANNA GRENNER, Macon, Missouri. MISS HEBLER, daughter of A. F. Hebler of Macon Missouri.

Immediately on receipt of the news of the wreck, a relief train was sent out and the dead and more seriously injured were brought back here.

The train, which was composed of an engine, baggage and smoking car, day coach, diner and Pullman sleeper was well filled, it being estimated by Wabash officials that there were about 500 persons on board. The train was running at its scheduled speed when the accident occurred.

The day coach left the track, and breaking loose from the baggage and smoking cars, plunged down an embankment, dragging the diner with it. The Pullman did not leave the track.

The heavy dining car crashed on top of the day coach and the majority of those killed and injured were passengers in the latter. There was no one in the dining car, it is stated, except the employes, who escaped with slight injuries.

SIR KNIGHTS IN SAN FRANCISCO

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TEN THOUSAND KNIGHTS PARADE

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MESSAGE FROM MARSHAL OYAMA

TOKIO HEARS FROM THE GREAT COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

RUSSIANS HANG ON TO COAL MINES

Admits That the Japanese Losses Will Foot up Heavy and Pays a Tribute to the Resisting Quality of Czar's Troops.

Tokio, Sept. 6.—An extended report from Field Marshal Oyama the Japanese commander-in-chief in the field, received in Tokio today and made public tonight. It is largely devoted to a review of the fighting which took place between August 24 and September 3.

The announcement that the Russians still retain possession of the Yentai collieries indicates a strong possibility of a battle there. Yentai is the only colliery in north Manchuria and its possession is of vital importance to the Russians in connection with the operation of the railroad. Field Marshal Oyama reports that a portion of the Russian troops hold Yingchiuhshu, south of Yentai. Gen. Kuropatkin burned all the railroad bridges over the Taitsie river.

The report says that the exact number of Japanese losses since Aug. 25 is not known at present but that the casualty lists are being compiled. The field marshal predicts that the losses will prove heavy. He says that in spite of Kuroki's attacks for ten days against the enemy occupying semi-permanent fortifications and the heavy resultant sacrifice, that the spirit of devotion and determination of the Japanese troops is excellent.

Gen. Kuropatkin, according to the report, continued to receive reinforcements until August 13 and his final strength consisted at least of 12 full divisions.

The losses sustained by the Russians are not known to the Japanese field force. Gen. Kuroki encounters desperate opposition in the battle on the heights to the west of Hoyental where he fought fiercely for four days before he succeeded in dislodging the Russians.

It is manifest that the stubbornness of the Russian defenders at Hoyental saved the Russian line of retreat and averted an overwhelming disaster.

Oklahoma Day.

World's Fair Grounds, St. Louis, Sept. 6.—Oklahoma Day was celebrated by 25,000 citizens of that territory, who had come especially for the occasion. Addresses were made by Gen. Ferguson of Oklahoma, President Francis and Chief Pleasant Porter of the Creek nation. There was a parade of the Territory of Oklahoma and Indian Territory were reviewed by young women from both territories. A luncheon to Gov. and Mrs. Ferguson followed.