

the Russian line of communication. It is only twenty miles north of Bentshapuzte, but at the present rate of progress the Japanese will probably occupy four or five days in traversing it.

The Russian force south of Mukden is believed to consist of only one army corps which is acting as a rear-guard and is not intended to offer a serious resistance to the Japanese advance.

Nothing is known at the admiralty of the reported sailing of the cruiser Gromobol out of Vladivostok to capture a Japanese transport, supposed to be a sailing ship.

The Japanese Positions.

A dispatch received here from Mukden gives details of the Japanese positions as follows:

General Kuroki has concentrated one army with Bentshapuzte and Bentshu as its main base and his advance is pushing forward along the road leading to Fushun and Fu Pass.

The advance forces of two other armies occupy the Yental mines, the village of Yental and Sandun. The front of these three armies is protected by an outpost screen, which the Chinese are not allowed to pass.

A small Japanese detachment is moving along the left bank of the Liao River in order to protect Junks.

The same dispatch reports that Chinese bands are openly siding with the Japanese.

The weather at Mukden is rainy and windy and cold has permanently set in.

Japs Assume Offensive.

September 23.—General Kuroki telegraphs that the Japanese have assumed the offensive from Bentshapuzte, on Fu Pass, which is the main road to Fushun and Fu Pass, about twelve miles from Mukden.

A brief telegram was received today from Lieutenant-General Sakharoff announcing the advance of the Japanese from Bentshapuzte on the main road to Fushun and Fu Pass, and the site of the Imperial Chinese, which is likely to revive the fears expressed at Peking that an engagement may be fought at the burial place of the Manchurian dynasty.

No mention is made of resistance to the advance, but it is not to be intended that the Japanese are not to intend to further oppose the march of the Japanese on Mukden. It probably signifies that the Japanese force is using the small road to Fu Pass, between the highways leading to Mukden and Fushun, with the intention of isolating the Russian columns.

Japanese are still trying to turn General Kuroki's left flank, but there is no indication of their moving west of the Hun River. Simultaneously still held by the Cossacks.

STILL LOOK FOR BATTLE.

Russians Use War Balloons for Purpose of Observing Movements of Japanese.

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The Russians are using war balloons southeast of Mukden for the purpose of observing the movements of the Japanese in that direction. The line of outposts established by the Japanese is so effective that not even the Chinese have been able to penetrate. It is impossible, therefore, to say definitely how far the Japanese have advanced.

It is reported that the Japanese army marches toward General Kuroki's army at Mukden, and the armies of Generals Oku and Nodzu from Yental along the high road and railroad to Shabupit, sixteen miles south of Mukden, while a fourth army is moving from Delantchenka toward the Japanese.

These roads converge at Mukden. Of the four armies those of Oku and Nodzu are nearest Mukden, and their progress will have to be slackened in order to permit Kuroki and the flanking columns there to come up. Meanwhile Oku and Nodzu have commenced the railroads, grain and ammunition are carried from Yental over heavy roads exposed to capture by enterprising Cossack raiders. There has been an improvement in the weather at Mukden, which is of great help to the Japanese.

Train Breaks Record.

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 23.—A special chartered train on the Pennsylvania railroad has broken a previous record on that line between Philadelphia and Chicago, making the trip in 22 hours, 45 minutes and fifty-seven seconds. The train left Philadelphia yesterday at 4:08 P. M., arriving in Pittsburgh at 12:30 P. M. and in Chicago at 9:45 A. M. The train was chartered by a Chicago business man desirous of arriving in Chicago today in the quickest possible time. The total mileage of the trip was 1,000 miles.

Are Tearing the East.

The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railway will today deliver to the Southern Railway at Richmond a special train, consisting of a composite car, a dining car, a sleeping car, a section double drawing-room sleeping car, one ten section single drawing-room sleeper and an observation car. This superb special is being operated by and for the Los Angeles, Cal. Times party of sixty or seventy persons, who are on a tour of the East. The visitors will arrive here this morning, and will spend the day sight-seeing. They will leave Richmond at 8 P. M. via the Southern for Atlanta.

Long Trip in an Auto.

Mr. David Dunlop, of Petersburg, arrived in the city yesterday on the Virginia Day Springs, having made the trip in his magnificent touring auto, a four-seated vehicle, handsomely upholstered and thoroughly comfortable. The machine is completely equipped for travel, and is capable of a high speed for all purposes. The auto stopped for fifteen minutes or more near the corner of Tenth and Main yesterday and soon attracted a large crowd of admirers. The party of three left later in the afternoon for Petersburg.

Mrs. Gill's Outing.

Mrs. J. H. Gill, widely known as an excursion manager, will run another of her popular excursions to Washington October 10th. The excursion is for the benefit of the Male Orphan Asylum, of which Mrs. Gill is the superintendent. The train will leave here at 9 P. M. Monday, October 10th, and returning will leave Washington Wednesday, October 12th, at 6 P. M.

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