

Sanguinary SKIRMISHES AND ONE HOT FIGHT MARK THE ADVANCE OF GENERAL KASHALINSKY'S COLUMN FROM FUSHUN

RUSSIANS MAKE AN ATTACK ON KHOVDAGUY

Japanese After Being Driven From Village Take Up Position on Neighboring Ridge and Inflict Loss on the Enemy.

KOUTALSZE (six and a half miles north of Benschu), Oct. 12.—A Russian correspondent telegraphs as follows: "I have been with General Kashalinsky's column since October 8. We have been pushing south from Fushun and have had a number of skirmishes and one hot fight at the village of Khovdaguy on October 9, in which he lost 150 killed or wounded. We are now approaching the banks of the Taitse River. The Japanese, who had already been driven out of Bentshaputze when we arrived, are now retiring from Lushudia, only two miles ahead. Our advance is falling back on Benschu.

FIGHT ARTILLERY DUEL

Correspondent Tells of Engagement Near Village of Shampintaidze.

SHANPINTAIDZE (a mile south of Manchuria, in the eyes of the Chinese, which is an important factor in the present situation. The effect of defeat upon the gallant garrison of Port Arthur, after hopes of relief had been held out, would be most disastrous. For all these reasons General Kuropatkin's friends are convinced that the offensive was taken with open eyes and

St. Petersburg Anxiously Awaits News

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—The State Department expects to dispatch tomorrow the papers relating to the seizure of the mails on the Calchas to the American embassy at St. Petersburg. As Ambassador McCormick is now en route to the United States the matter will be dealt with at the embassy by Spencer Eddy, the secretary, who will simply submit the papers to the Russian Foreign Office, with a request for an explanation as to why the Russian naval vessels have interfered with the operations of the universal postal union treaty.

There is little in the way of precedent to guide the negotiators on either side in this matter, which probably will in the end come before The Hague Tribunal when it is reconvened. Almost daily some new phase of international law requiring final and acceptable construction by competent authority has arisen and the subject of the right of belligerents to interfere with mails on neutral shipping is regarded as one of the most important.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 12.—According to the understanding here the mail on board the steamer Calchas was released under the order of the Vladivostok prize court.

PINERO'S LATEST PLAY GETS DOUBTFUL RECEPTION

"A Wife Without a Smile" Described as a Farce of Somewhat Suggestive Character. LONDON, Oct. 12.—A new play by Arthur W. Pinero is always anticipated with the keenest interest by theatergoers of London and a very critical audience assembled to-night in the Wyndham Theater for the production of "A Wife Without a Smile," described by the author as a "comedy in disguise," it proved to be a farce of somewhat suggestive character. It was well acted and caused considerable laughter, but on the whole had a rather doubtful reception.

TO CARRY MAILS BETWEEN SEATTLE AND VANCOUVER

Contract Awarded by the Government to the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—The contract has been awarded to the Pacific Coast Steamship Company for carrying the mails between Seattle and Vancouver, B. C., steamers to make a round trip three times a week. The contract may be terminated on thirty days' notice.

Californians in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—The following Californians arrived here today: At the Raleigh—W. B. Mathews of Los Angeles, J. A. Hughes and wife of California. At the New Willard—Charles Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Merson, Summer Hunt and Miss Louise Hunt of Los Angeles; Henry B. Ruys and wife, Mrs. P. H. Lynch and Miss M. Simmons of San Francisco. At the Ebbitt—E. O. Linblom and wife of San Francisco. At the Riggs—Mrs. C. B. Olmstead of San Francisco, F. W. Brumblome of Boulder Creek, C. S. Leonard of Redlands.

Bentshaputze), Monday, Oct. 10.—With the Russian left flanking column (believed to be General Mischenko's) by way of Mukden, Oct. 12.—The Russians have been advancing in force for several days. Upon reaching Taidamov, a mile south of Kacoutou Pass on the Funshun-Benschu road, they began hearing sporadic artillery fire on their right, where the Russian advance was in contact with the Japanese. The movement of the main column was immediately accelerated. The Russians were then two days' march from Shampintaidze.

Desultory skirmishing was constantly proceeding on the right and left and the Japanese steadily retired. The firing ahead became heavier yesterday and wounded men from the scouting detachments began to pass through the Russian lines. The Russians pressed forward with increased speed, the infantry advancing at the double. The spirits of the men were high, due to the fact that they were actually assuming the offensive. They arrived at the village of Shampintaidze at 5 o'clock this morning. The Japanese had hurriedly abandoned the place the night before, paying the Chinese big prices to carry away their stores, amounting to 4000 bags of rice and barley.

There were two divisions of Japanese in front of the Russians. The general commanding this (Russian) column, upon reaching Shampintaidze, deployed a portion of his forces, with a battery of artillery, sent out left-flank supports and went personally to his right flank,

where his skirmishers had already engaged the Japanese. An artillery duel then opened on the left with the Japanese mountain guns, brought up from Chowsan Pass, which were shelling the Russian scouting detachments. The Japanese projectiles, however, fell wide and the Russian guns came up at a gallop, unlimbered and opened fire on the Japanese artillery. This duel was continued until dark. The Russian fire was accurate and eventually silenced the Japanese battery.

NAVY MATTERS ARE DISCUSSED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—An informal conference was held at the White House to-day at which the President, Sir William E. White, R. N. (retired) and formerly chief constructor of the British navy; Secretary Morton, Admiral Dewey, Rear Admiral Converse and Rear Admirals Capps, Evans and Rodgers discussed naval architecture, with special reference to the American navy. The conference was called by the President, to whom Secretary Morton had presented Sir William earlier in the day, and lasted from 2:30 until 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

NEW RAILWAYS FOR ECUADOR

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Oct. 12.—Congress has been convoked in extra session to discuss the budget. During the recent sessions Congress authorized the executive to contract for the construction of three railroads, the first from Guayaquil to Santa Helena; the second from Pitajaya, in the Gulf of Guayaquil to Zuarum, in the gold mining region, and the third from Ambalo, to the Amazon region now in dispute with Peru.

It was also decided to reform the law referring to civil marriages by determining upon causes for divorce. A law was adopted restricting the prerogatives of religious orders. The boundary treaty between Brazil and Ecuador, recently signed at Rio Janeiro, was approved.

STORM SWEEPS THREE CANAL BOATS THROUGH HELL GATE

Each Has a Family on Board and Elements Prevent Any Attempt at Rescue. NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—While the heavy storm which broke during the night was at its height three coal laden canal boats, each with a family on board, tore loose from their moorings in East River and swept down through Hell Gate past Blackwell's Island and into the wider stretch of river, where all trace of them was lost. Their progress to this point was traced by cries for help from those on board the little craft, but the swift current in the river soon carried them far out toward the storm swept bay. The police, after vainly trying to secure some tugboat or other craft to go to the rescue of the imperiled boats, notified the various ferry lines and fireboats and railroad tugboats to watch for them.

The combined effect of wind and tide produced an unusually strong current down the river. Tugboats under full steam found it almost impossible to make progress up the river.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 12.

The third trial of former Mayor Ames for bribery and corruption began to-day.

There are rumors here that the Russians have occupied Yentai.

Fighting Along Entire Front. TOKIO, Oct. 12, 6 p. m.—Field Marshal Oyama reports that there was fighting along the entire front October 10; that the Japanese are gaining ground and that the Russian attack on Sien Chuang (Sian Chan) on the Hun River, thirty-five miles southwest of Mukden, was repulsed.

Decorates the American Nurses.

TOKIO, Oct. 12.—The Emperor has decorated the American nurses with the Order of the Crown.

CAPTURES BLOCKADE RUNNER.

Japanese Fleet Overhauls the Steamer Puffing Off Port Arthur. TOKIO, Oct. 12.—The British steamer Puffing, belonging to the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, carrying munitions of war, was captured by the Japanese off Port Arthur to-day.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 12.—The British steamer Puffing, which was captured by the Japanese off Port Arthur to-day, was purchased with seven other vessels by Russian agents here for the purpose of running the blockade with contraband of war for the fortress. Two of these vessels, the Sishan and the Puffing, have now been captured. Another steamship, the Canton, left here last week on this mission and has not since been heard of.

It was reported from Shanghai October 7 that the British steamer Sishan had been seized by the Japanese off Yinkow. She carried a cargo of cattle and flour intended for Port Arthur. The Canton is an iron screw steamer of 137 tons. She is registered as owned by the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company.

DESTITUTION FOLLOWS IN WAKE OF THE FLOOD

Hundreds in New Mexico in Need of Immediate Aid to Prevent Starvation. ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Oct. 12.—Seventy dwellings in San Marcial, eighty miles south of Albuquerque, have been wrecked by the floods of the past week and there is great suffering and destitution there. The plight of the people in the surrounding valley is terrible and hundreds must starve unless immediate help is furnished from the outside. Not only the crops and stores, but their lands have been ruined.

The Santa Fe announced to-night that it will require two weeks to restore train service between Albuquerque and El Paso. The road is still tied up north of Watrous, but the line between Las Vegas and Albuquerque was opened to-day. Trains are compelled to run slowly on account of the poor condition of the roadbed.

Has Little to Pay Big Debts.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—David Webster to-day filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. His liabilities are \$495,000, assets \$1000. The petitioner was a partner in the firm of Seymour, Johnson & Co., brokers and bankers, and his share of the liabilities of the firm was given as \$326,000, upon which a dividend of 20 per cent has been paid.

JAPANESE CRUISER ON THIS COAST

Holds Up the Russian Ship Glenard Off the Golden Gate.

After Examination Warship Allows Merchantman to Proceed.

Slav Sailing Vessel Reaches Tacoma and Reports the Thrilling Encounter.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

TACOMA, Oct. 12.—Captain Enlund of the Russian ship Glenard, which reached port last night, is congratulating himself on his lucky escape from a Japanese warship. The Glenard left San Francisco September 25 and soon after passing the Golden Gate the Japanese vessel was sighted. An effort was made by the Russians to keep away from the warship, but owing to the swiftness of the latter this was found impossible.

The Japanese cruiser succeeded in getting alongside the Glenard. A careful inspection of the boat was made, but there was no effort to molest her. Finding the ship in ballast the Japanese saluted the Russian and steamed away from the coast.

Captain Enlund said to-day: "When I saw the Japanese vessel heading toward the Glenard I would not have given a dollar for my ship. We expected to be taken on board the man-of-war and carried to Japan and to see our ship destroyed."

What reason the Japanese had in not confiscating the Glenard Captain Enlund is unable to state. According to international law the Japanese would have been justified in doing so. Captain Enlund thinks that such a course might have interfered with the plans the Japanese had come here to execute and so it was deemed best to allow the harmless ship to proceed.

Admiral Hosoya, commanding the third squadron of the Japanese fleet, reports that at 11 a. m. to-day a wireless telegram was received from the guard ship Otowa reporting that the Puffing was captured by the torpedo boat destroyer Shirakata. The Puffing, which was carrying a great quantity of munitions of war, the telegram from Otowa said, was attempting to violate the blockade of Port Arthur.

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The condition of four Japanese wounded from along the railway, who were sent by the Red Cross to Mukden, and of other prisoners taken shows that the Japanese troops are inadequately clothed for the present cold weather.

RUSSIA TO USE CAVALRY.

To Be Employed for First Time in Present War. ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 12.—Regular Russian cavalry is about to be used for the first time in the present Far Eastern campaign during Kuropatkin's efforts to overwhelm Oyama's forces. Hitherto the only mounted Russian troops employed have been Cossacks. They are best suited for scouting, guerrilla fighting and courier service. Kuropatkin has thrown them against the enemy repeatedly since the battle of the Yalu, but has carefully preserved the regular cavalry, the hussars, dragoons and uhlans, for the forward movement.

These men are reputed to be the best mounted, most skillful and most daring horsemen in the world. Whole regiments ride horses of a single color, so that units are readily distinguishable when masses are moving. The Russian commander in chief has 25,000 of this cavalry at the front for immediate active service. He recently received 800 field guns. The general staff says that he has in the field a force of 300,000 men.

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Believe That Capture of Port Arthur Is Certain to Be Accomplished. CHEFU, Oct. 12.—Japanese who arrived to-day from Port Dainy report that additional heavy guns are now dropping shells into the harbor of Port Arthur. One shell recently severely damaged the Russian battleship Retvizan.

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AWAITING DEFEAT OF THE SLAVS

Russian Dragoons Capture a Message From Emperor of Japan.

Mikado Writes That He Is Expecting Good News From Front.

Daily Engagements Taking Place Along the Line of the Railroad.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE RUSSIAN WESTERN ARMY, MUKDEN, Oct. 11, VIA PEKING, Oct. 12.—Russian dragoons have captured a copy of a message from the Emperor of Japan to his troops in which the Mikado says he is still awaiting the decisive defeat of the Russians. It is apparent from this intelligence that the Japanese are equally prepared for important events.

There have been daily engagements between the advance guards along the entire line of thirty miles.

The Japanese appear to be apprehensive of a cutting-off movement owing to the fact that Russian cavalry are south of the Taitse River and also owing to the presence of Russian forces yesterday in the old positions and fortifications at Benschu. They have, therefore, fallen back.

The preliminary line of battle, after the two armies have reinforced and for a month past, as determined by the Japanese stronghold of the railway bridge and the Liaoyang defenses, to-day runs southeast to northwest from the hills opposite Benschu to Yentai and thence to Tounanpu, ten miles west of the railway, where for three days the battle line has been wavering.

The Japanese cannonading yesterday was for the purpose of disclosing the Russian position, but it was apparently without result, except as showing that the Japanese are disposed freely to make battle within ten miles of the railway.

The heaviness and regularity of the cannonading since 5 o'clock this morning in the foothills and also west of the railway indicate that greater fighting is in progress.

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Field Marshal Oyama Announces Intention of Assuming Offensive

Sends Reinforcements to the Garrison at Benschu When He Learns of Russian Advance.

TOKIO, Oct. 12, 4 p. m.—General activity has been resumed in the theater of war. It is believed here that a general engagement is progressing between Liaoyang and Mukden.

Field Marshal Oyama has met General Kuropatkin's advance with a general advance of the main strength of his forces along the broad front. The opposing forces were in touch yesterday and it is believed that a great battle south of the Hun River is inevitable.

Besides their direct movement the Russians are attempting to strike the Japanese right at two points widely separated.

A considerable force of Russians which was sent across the Taitse River thirty-five miles east of Liaoyang has apparently been isolated by the Japanese cutting its rear and the report of its defeat or capture is expected.

The following report from the headquarters of General Kuroki's right army was received to-day: "On the morning of October 9 a body of the enemy crossed the Taitse River from the north at Weinyangling and Chiatao and entrenched between Chiatao and Benschu. Its strength was one brigade of infantry and 2000 cavalry, with two guns. East of Benschu, on the right bank of the Taitse, the enemy's strength was increased to one brigade of infantry and 1500 cavalry, with eight guns. The enemy in the direction of Ta Pass consists of a mixed brigade. There is one regiment of infantry at Menohuap and another at Pachiatsu, both of which are advancing south. Their rear seems to be supported by forces of some strength."

ADVANCING ALONG RAILROAD.

General Nodzu's center army telegraphs as follows: "On the morning of October 9 the enemy, one division strong, held a line stretching from Chenuahaghatien to Panchiapo and Luitunkow. On the afternoon of October 9 a column of the enemy advanced southward from Luitunkow along the railroad. His advance has reached to the south of Wullichah. Also from Luitunkow there has advanced a body of Russian infantry, consisting of three battalions, which seem to be steadily supported."

The line of the enemy advancing along the railroad is five miles long and its rear is not visible. "A body of the enemy is posted in the hills east of Panchiapo. At 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the 9th two regiments of Russians entered Upper Luitohsu and a regiment of Russian cavalry entered Lower Luitohsu. They advanced to Shaotakou. The enemy's whole strength, one division, is advancing toward our front."

OYAMA REPORTS FIGHTING.

Field Marshal Oyama, telegraphing on October 9, says: "Our right has dispatched a detachment to reinforce the garrison at Chisotao."

"Since October 7 we have been attacked at Stenchuang. To meet the forces of the enemy that have appeared at Benschu, the garrison there has been reinforced. "A battle is progressing, but no particulars regarding it have been reported. The center and left are still fighting. "It is my purpose to assume the offensive on the 10th before the enemy succeeds in concentrating his force on the left bank of the Hun River and to thus attack the enemy's main strength."

OPINIONS OF EXPERTS.

Believe That General Kuropatkin Is Running a Tremendous Risk. LONDON, Oct. 13.—The battle raging south of Mukden has revived to the full public interest in the war. Piece-meal reports from both sides are discussed and analyzed in the fullest details, in the belief that this will prove to be the greatest engagement of the present campaign and the news so far received inclines the military experts to the opinion that General Kuropatkin is running a tremendous risk by his bold initiative.

There is no confirmation of the report that General Mischenko's force is cut off and the fact that Field Marshal Oyama's report does not mention him is regarded as pointing to his escape. At the same time the dispatches do not yet point to a success on the Russian side and the motive underlying General Kuropatkin's decision to assume the offensive seems as difficult to understand as before.

DEWEY WOULD COMMAND AT WINTER MANEUVERS

Will Probably Assume Control of Combined Fleet in Caribbean Sea Early Next Year. WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Admiral Dewey has again offered to assume command of the combined fleet in the Caribbean Sea and direct the winter maneuvers. If his services can be spared from the presidency of the General Board at that time, Secretary Morton certainly will accept the Admiral's offer. It is probable the Admiral will leave

in the Mayflower early in the new year and assume command of the fleet at Guantanamo.

Artillery Duel on Russian Left. AT THE RUSSIAN FRONT, Monday, Oct. 10, by Messenger to Mukden, Tuesday, Oct. 11 (delayed in transmission).—The artillery duel is progressing on the Russian left, twenty-seven miles southeast of Mukden, while the fighting at Yentai rages with terrible bitterness. The Japanese are essaying a counter attack. The result is in the balance. Russian reinforcements are coming up rapidly.

Desperate Fighting Near Yentai. ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 12.—General Sakharoff, telegraphing yesterday evening, confirms the report of desperate fighting north of Yentai, where the heights were alternately held by the Russians and Japanese. General Danileoff, who succeeded General Trouseff and Roumanoff in command of the Sixth Siberian rifles division, was wounded in the leg, but did not relinquish his command.

Sortie of Russian Fleet Frustrated. SHANGHAI, Oct. 12.—A refugee from Port Arthur, who has arrived here, says that a sortie of the Russian fleet was contemplated, but that it was frustrated by a Japanese bombardment from the batteries overlooking the East Basin.

ITALIAN RESERVES RESPOND TO THE CALL

Over Fifty Thousand Men Present Themselves to Their Various Commanders. ROME, Oct. 12.—The reserves, which have been recalled to service with the army, presented themselves to-day to their several commanders. The number thus reporting exceeds 50,000, who show discipline and enthusiasm. The few thousand lacking of the full number recalled is the normal percentage due to death, illness and emigration. The number of troops at the disposal of the Government amounts to 221,000.

LOCAL MEXICAN CONSUL TRANSFERRED TO NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The Mexican Consulate in this city has been advised of the appointment of Cayetano Romero as Consul General of Mexico in this city to succeed the late Dr. Juan N. Navarro. Senator Romero, who at present is the Mexican Consul General in San Francisco, has been in the consular and diplomatic services of his country for thirty years.

Californians in New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The following Californians arrived here to-day: From San Francisco—R. A. Crothers, at the Victoria; A. Bentes, at the Grand Hotel; G. A. Gunn and E. M. Gunn, at the Hotel Imperial; H. I. Kowalsky, at the Hoffman; Dr. F. F. Knapp and wife at the Imperial; Miss H. Schlegeter and Dr. H. J. Schlegeter, at the New Amsterdam; Dr. J. H. Seymour, at the Imperial; P. R. Thayer, at the Hoffman; Mrs. H. Wideman, at the New Amsterdam; S. Berger, at the Wellington; F. Dunn and wife, at the Cumberland; R. J. Esberg, at the Algonquin; J. A. Goldstein, at the Herald Square; F. J. Henry, at the Hotel Astor; Mrs. S. Meyer, Mrs. W. Rosenberg and Mrs. M. Rosenberg, at the Herald Square; Mrs. C. Baker, at the Navarre; B. Bonny and wife, at the Holland; A. Brown Jr., at the Park Avenue; G. H. Corey, at the Astor House; B. Ettinger, at the Herald Square; F. H. Fuller, at the Continental; G. Hawlett and wife, at the Hotel Astor; Mrs. E. B. Partridge, at the Navarre, and H. Wutrich, at the Union Square. From Santa Barbara—E. C. Roeder, at the Ashland. From San Diego—C. A. Scott, at the Herald Square. From Los Angeles—S. B. Fitch and wife, and J. M. Lang, at the Comopolitan; C. E. Harkman, at the Marlborough; Miss M. Reed and L. Schwarz, at the Murray Hill; J. Loew and wife, and Mrs. Stephens, at the St. Andrews; P. J. Hammel, at the Herald Square, and W. L. Kuehn, at the Victoria.

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