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JAPANESE PREPARING

Are Getting Ready For Extensive Turning Movement East of Mukden.

No Confirmation of the Reported General Assault on Port Arthur City.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 26.—A dispatch from General Kuropatkin announces that the Japanese are preparing for an extensive turning movement east of Mukden. A large force is advancing from Liao Yang by way of Taihe and Tsianshan. Skirmishes have occurred in the valley of the Hun river and at Inpu, situated between Bentziaputze and the railroad. Many casualties are reported at Inpu.

WAR DISPATCHES SUMMARIZED.

General Kuropatkin reports all quiet along his entire front and it is evident from the tone of the day's advices that the two armies are not yet in close touch. A dispatch from Mukden says that the Japanese are moving forward with extreme slowness.

Chefoo reports that two hours' of heavy firing was heard by vessels passing off Port Arthur, but there is no confirmation of the dispatch from St. Petersburg published in the Paris Matin saying that the emperor had received private dispatches to the effect that a general assault on the positions was in progress. Like the majority of reports originating in the European press it is obviously an invention. It has been some months since Port Arthur was in communication with any outside point and the only news from the beleaguered fortress has come out by way of Chefoo and Tokio. On its face the Matin story is incredible.

CHOLERA AT PORT ARTHUR.

No Confirmation of Report at St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 26.—Although no confirmation has been received at either the war office or the admiralty of the report from Tsingtau that cholera had broken out at Port Arthur it is admitted that possibly it is true owing to the terrible unsanitary conditions around the fortress, arising from the number of decaying corpses there. But until confirmation is received the Tsingtau telegram will not be given out to the press in order to avoid causing needless alarm among the relatives of the brave defenders. The announcement, however, has caused the deepest concern in military and naval circles. It is hoped, however, that even if the report is true the outbreak will turn out to be a mild one and that it will be quickly checked by rigid discipline and the isolation of suspicious cases. Port Arthur has been free from cholera for several years, thanks to constant precautions. The chief danger lies in the overcrowded Chinese quarters, but it is believed that comparatively few natives are left at Port Arthur. It is pointed out that if the epidemic, despite all precautions, obtains a foothold it is likely to affect the Japanese as well as the Russians.

The admiralty has not yet received any confirmation of the report that vessels of the Vladivostok squadron had put to sea.

OFFSET BY CASUALTIES.

Russian Reinforcements in Manchuria Since June Last.

General Oku's Headquarters in the Field, via Fusan, Sept. 26.—Before the retreat northward began Russian officers told foreigners that reinforcements brought into Manchuria since June last were only enough to counterbalance the casualties up to that date. If this is true the Russian forces now in Manchuria are no larger than when the battle of Telissu (Vafangow) was fought on June 15.

There are persistent rumors among the Chinese that the Russians are evacuating Mukden and are preparing to make a desperate stand at Tie pass. Everything now awaits the result of the attack on Port Arthur.

WITH EXTREME SLOWNESS.

Japanese Armies Continue Their Advance Northward.

Mukden, Sept. 26.—The Japanese continue their advance northward with extreme slowness. General Kuroki's headquarters is close to Pensiin, about forty-five miles east of Liao yang.

A Turkistan regiment is reported to have killed eight Japanese cavalrymen in the brush near Yentai. Junks are coming up the Liao river regularly with supplies for the Japanese.

The return of Lieutenant General Bennekampff to the command of the cavalry division has been signaled by renewed activity on the part of the Russians.

ORLOFF DISMISSED FROM ARMY.

Held Responsible for Russian Retreat From Liao yang.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 26.—Major General Orloff, who has been held responsible for the retreat of the Russian forces from Liao yang, has been dismissed from the army. The action was taken in accordance with a decision of General Kuropatkin. Brigadier General Pomin of General Orloff's division, who was reported to have been killed at Liao yang, is now found to be only severely wounded. There is some hope of his recovery.

SQUADRON WILL SAIL.

Russians Plan to Relieve Port Arthur During the Winter.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 26.—In spite of constant affirmations to the contrary there are undoubted indications that a second Pacific squadron will leave the Baltic so that under economical coal consumption and moderate speed it will reach Port Arthur in January.

Then, with greatly augmented forces, Kuropatkin will make a simultaneous effort to reach the defenders of the stronghold, while Admiral Wiren will leave the harbor and attack the Japanese fleet.

Admiral Bircliff, commander of the Crenstadt naval yards, has been ordered to work night and day incessantly upon the battleship Orel and the cruisers Olen and Jemtschug and the transport Kamchatka so that they may join the main fleet lying at Libau with the utmost rapidity.

RUSSIAN REPLY TO ROSEBERY.

Not Room Enough in Asia for England, Russia and Japan.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 26.—The Novoe Vremya, commenting upon Lord Rosebery's words at Edinburgh that "there is room enough in Asia for Russia and England," says:

"This formula is out of date since Great Britain, by her alliance with Japan, has introduced a third power into the Asiatic domain and it is doubtful if there is room for all three. Great Britain's alliance has also placed her in a most awkward position. She would like to be neutral, but she cannot. This explains her peculiar attitude towards Russia."

STRANGE IRONY OF FATE.

Volunteer Sister of Mercy Attends Dying Husband.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 26.—A pathetic echo of the battle of Liao yang is related by a Russian correspondent. General Martson and Colonel von Raaben were mortally wounded by shrapnel hurled in a Chinese hut in which they were sitting. Martson's young and beautiful wife, who had volunteered as a Sister of Mercy, had just arrived at Liao yang. By the strange irony of fate she was sent to attend her dying husband. Martson lived for hours, suffering terrible agony. His whole body was torn by shrapnel. His wife, who never left his side, followed her husband to the grave. The sight moved hardened veterans to tears.

CAPTURED BY JAPANESE.

British Steamer Crusader From Oregon Ports.

San Francisco, Sept. 26.—The Merchant Exchange has received a cable message from London stating that the British steamer Crusader, bound from Oregon ports for the Far East, was captured by the Japanese and taken to Hakodate.

HEAVY FIRING AT PORT ARTHUR.

Chefoo, Sept. 26.—The steamer Victoria, which arrived here during the evening from Newchwang, heard two hours' heavy firing at Port Arthur during the morning, the firing being on the east side of the city. The steamer was twice stopped by Japanese warships, but was only briefly delayed.

SAILS FOR UNITED STATES.

Chinese Official Studying Systems of Government.

Southampton, Sept. 26.—The American line steamer Philadelphia, which sailed for New York during the day, took aboard her passengers Tsang Hse Nun and a numerous Chinese suite. Nun is charged by the empress dowager to make an important inquiry into the system of the governments of the world in order that any points suitable to the people of China may be introduced in the empire. He has made an investigation in most of the countries of Europe with the sympathetic assistance of the authorities and through Ambassador Choate arrangements have been made with the United States government to facilitate the work of Nun's mission.

INMATES ESCAPE SAFELY.

Parochial School in South Boston Destroyed by Fire.

Boston, Sept. 26.—St. Augustin's parochial school in South Boston was destroyed by fire during the afternoon. Few persons were in the building at the time. The school is in charge of the Sisters of Notre Dame. They occupy a three-story brick building next to the school. They made a hurried exit in safety. Several firemen were injured by flying slate when the roof collapsed and were taken to a hospital.

ESCAPES WITH FINE OF \$300.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 26.—Ex-Alderman Abraham Gylsels has been sentenced in superior court to pay a fine of \$300 for accepting a bribe in connection with the Lake Michigan water deal. He had previously pleaded guilty to accepting \$200 of the bribery fund. He paid the fine at once.

MARSHAL KILLS HOTEL MAN.

Des Moines, Sept. 26.—Marshal Dan Ellis of Linville shot and instantly killed Bill Wallace, hotel proprietor. Ellis claims that the killing was in self-defense and he has surrendered himself to the sheriff.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Beginning Oct. 3rd, I shall be prepared to receive students wishing to do work in college, normal or commercial subjects. Register now and make a profitable use of your spare time by taking up some line of study. For list of subjects, terms etc., address J. J. Trask, B. A. 1115 Lake Boulevard, Bemidji.

MANY LIVES ARE LOST

Fifty to Seventy-Five Are Dead And More Than One Hundred Injured.

Misreading of Orders Said to Have Been the Cause of the Disaster.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 26.—Two passenger trains on the Southern Railway collided near New Market, Tenn., at 10:15 a. m., resulting in the death of between 50 and 75 persons and the injury of 100 to 150 others. The trains in collision were the eastbound passenger from Knoxville to Salisbury, N. C., and a local passenger from Bristol to Knoxville. Every car in the eastbound train was demolished except the sleeper. None of the passengers on the westbound train were killed.

A large number of people were going from Knoxville to New Market to attend the funeral of W. R. King, a prominent citizen of that place. James King, one of the dead, was a brother of W. R. King.

The Southern Railway officials have given out the following account of the wreck:

"No. 15, a passenger train from Knoxville for Bristol, and No. 12, a passenger train from Bristol to Knoxville, collided just west of New Market, Tenn., at 10:18 a. m. The engines and coaches were badly damaged. The wreck occurred on a curve. The baggage car and engine of No. 15 were destroyed; the engine, one combination car, one baggage car and three coaches of No. 12 were almost totally wrecked. The four sleepers on No. 12 did not leave the track and were not damaged. No passengers in the sleepers were injured, but between 50 and 75 coach passengers were killed and 100 to 150 injured. Both engines are under the engine."

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JANITOR MAKES CHARGES.

Blames School Board for Disaster at Pleasant Ridge, O.

Cincinnati, Sept. 26.—Of the twenty-three girls rescued from the Pleasant Ridge school vault when nine girls lost their lives Lizzie Matheys, aged ten, and Etta McGraw, aged fifteen, had not improved up to noon. Stella Corolla, aged ten, who was not expected to survive the night, has recovered consciousness, but her recovery is regarded doubtful. The mayor and members of the school board have raised by subscription almost \$1,000 for families of the victims.

Henry Swift, formerly janitor, repeats his statement that the floor partially caved in two years ago, when he laid additional boards on the floor and that members of the board disregarded his warning. The latter reply by saying that Swift was offended when he was discharged. It has been demonstrated that a new floor was recently laid on old joists and it is thought that the fumes of the vault caused the latter to decay.

PASSES A RESTLESS NIGHT.

Condition of Lady Curzon Said to Be Less Favorable.

London, Sept. 26.—Lady Curzon of Kedleston, who has been ill at Walmer castle for several days, passed a restless night and her condition is less favorable.

A successful operation was performed upon Lady Curzon during the afternoon and it is announced that her ladyship's condition is grave but that the outlook is more hopeful.

NEW YORK, SEPT. 26.—MRS. L. Z. LEITER AND DAUGHTER, WHO RACED ACROSS THE CONTINENT ON THE WAY TO LONDON TO THE BESIDE OF LADY CURZON, WHO IS CRITICALLY ILL AT WALMER CASTLE, SUCCEEDED IN CATCHING THE RED STAR LINER VADERLAND JUST AS SHE WAS ABOUT TO SAIL AND ARE NOW ON THEIR WAY TO EUROPE.

TAKES POSSESSION TOMORROW.

Hon. J. M. Markham will take possession of the Markham hotel tomorrow morning instead today, as stated in the Pioneer Saturday. The final details of the transfer were completed today and the property will change hands tomorrow. No change will be made to the hotel for some time, but Mr. Markham expects to make some needed improvements during the winter.

CYLINDER BLEW OUT.

One of the cylinders on the engine of the east bound passenger train blew out just after the train left Solway this afternoon and as a result the train was delayed nearly an hour. The damage was repaired as much as possible, however, and the engine was run to Cass Lake, where a new engine was substituted.

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MUST FEED CENTRAL EUROPE.

United States Will Have to Furnish Food Supplies.

Washington, Sept. 26.—According to Consul General Mason at Berlin the United States will have to help feed Central Europe during the coming autumn and winter on account of the drought in Austria, Russia, Germany, Switzerland and France.

The consul general states that since Aug. 15 a careful inquiry as to the grain crops and the general agricultural situation has been made by the central station for Prussian agriculture, whose report shows there was a falling off from the yield of last year in spring wheat, winter rye, winter wheat, barley and oats. Winter wheat furnished the only exception.

REPORTS ARE EXAGGERATED.

Canadian Wheat Crop Said to Be a Fair One.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 26.—Hon. Clifford Sifton, minister of agriculture, Friday cabled to Lord Strathcona, the Canadian high commissioner in London, that the Manitoba and Northwest wheat crop is a fair one and that the reports as to rust and frost are grossly exaggerated. The crop will aggregate from 55,000,000 to 60,000,000 bushels.

FREIGHT WRECK

Air Brake Causes Wreck of Great Northern Train—Passenger Delayed.

While running about twenty miles an hour a Great Northern special wheat train bound for Duluth was wrecked a short distance east of Bagley and seven cars derailed, two of them being crushed to splinters. The accident was caused by the air brake being turned on to several of the cars and they immediately left the track. No one was injured in the accident. The east bound passenger was delayed for two hours by the wreck.

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