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ARMIES ON SHAKHE RIVER

POSITIONS OF BOTH ARMIES REMAIN THE SAME.

Neither Side Inclined to Advance or to Retire—Each Making Preparations for Big Battle—General Kuropatkin is With Center of His Army—20,000 Wounded at Harbin.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 25.—The relative positions of the armies on the Shakhe river are not changed. General Sakharoff telegraphs that the Russians have been bombarding Lamunting and the Buddhist temple at Linsinpu, while the Japanese have been shelling the Russian position at Shakhe and near Linsinpu.

An Associate Press dispatch from Mukden reports that the Japanese are fortifying an important height south of Shakhe and that neither side shows a disposition either to advance or to retire.

This meager but significant admission, all that the censor allows to pass over the wires, doubtless indicates that General Kuropatkin in maturing important plans, and distributing his forces in readiness for another attempt to break the Japanese resistance. The roads are now dried by wind and frosts; the cold is intense and flooded fields have been frozen. Thus military movements are facilitated, though at the same time it will be more difficult to carry on entrenching work.

An Associated Press dispatch from the Russian front gives a rumor that the Russian force has made a detour to the west, arriving abreast of Liaoyang, but there is no confirmation of these reports.

Great importance is attached to a report from Tokio that 200 Russians have crossed the Taitze river east of Bensiho, and that 20,000 are concentrated at Kau pass, 20 miles north-west. This may indicate the direction of Kuropatkin's next blow, or possibly it is intended to disconcert the Japanese and compel them to weaken their forces on the railroad.

Whatever Kuropatkin's ultimate object may be, there is no doubt that he is desirous of obtaining the most reliable information as to the number and disposition of the force opposing his eastern flank. The Cossacks may be relied upon to harass the Japanese line of communication, besides reconnoitering.

General Kuropatkin is with the center of his army. On October 21, he personally conveyed the congratulations of Emperor Nicholas to Colonel Putloff and the Ninth rifles for the capture of Lone Tree hill.

The Japanese estimate that the Russian losses in the battle of Shakhe amount to 60,000, is not confirmed here. A telegram from Harbin reports the passage north of 26,000 wounded. The remainder, who are quartered in hospitals at Mukden, can not exceed a few thousand.

Lieutenant General Rezvy, commanding the Twenty-first infantry division, has been appointed to the command of the Nineteenth army corps of the Vinn district. This appointment is believed to indicate the inclusion of the Nineteenth corps in the Second Manchurian army.

The return of Grand Duke Nicholas to St. Petersburg, has not evoked any comment, and there is no further talk of his appointment to the chief command of Manchuria.

Fatal Shooting in Butte Court

Butte, Mont., Oct. 25.—A thrilling revolver duel occurred here, in which Henry J. Gallahan, bailiff of the federal court and a well known citizen of Butte, was shot and killed after he had emptied his revolver at his assailant, who is thought by the police to be Miles Fuller, now under arrest. Trouble of long standing, originating, it is alleged, over the alleged theft of gold by Fuller from the sluice boxes of Gallahan started the fight.

Gallahan, it is said, caught Fuller in the act and gave him a beating. Fuller later threatened the life of Gallahan. The prisoner denies all knowledge of the shooting. A small boy was a witness to the tragedy, though in the dark he was not able to get a good look at the murderer. The killing has caused a sensation.

No Excuse for Firing on Fishermen

London, Oct. 27.—A special correspondent of the Times, in a telegram from Hull, scoffs at the idea that the North sea horror was due to a mistake on the part of the Russians. He says that he has no doubt that the outrages were committed deliberately. Against the theory that the officers of the fleet were in such a state of extreme nervousness that they were unable to remain like reasonable human beings, he cites the fact that the first squadron of the fleet sailed calmly by the trawlers and took no notice of them, and asks if it is any more likely that the officers of the second squadron were any more likely to have been in a blue funk than those who had gone before. Whatever their condition, they must have obtained knowledge through a torpedo boat what sort of people were on board the trawlers.

It is nonsense, the correspondent adds, to pretend that the men on the torpedo boat did not recognize the character of these fishing boats. There was no possibility of mistaking these boats for vessels of some other sort. The plea of ignorance on the part of the Russians is dismissed as ridiculous. The correspondent declines to accept the theory that some nervous gunner let off his piece without orders, and so set the gunners of four ships to work. The firing, he holds, was started by an order from the admiral commanding the squadron. He describes the condition of the vessels which were under fire, showing that they were literally riddled with shot from machine guns and badly torn by shells. The Russians, he says, made first rate practice, which he considers a square denial of the theory of gunners paralyzed with terror, and also of the suggestion that the night was so dark that they could not distinguish the vessels they were firing at.

"Finally," says the correspondent, "we have the fact that they steamed away and have kept silence about the escapade. That is incompatible with the idea of a genuine blunder made in good faith, but it is quite in keeping with the conduct of a drunken commander who has yielded to the temptation of having a little fun among the English fishermen."

"I notice that the suggestion of drunkenness has come from Berlin, where they know Russian ways very well. It will occur to everyone who has ever seen Russian officers full of vodka or champagne that this exploit is the very thing that would occur to a man in that not uncommon condition. He would think no more of it than of peppering beaters out shooting, and if one of the poor brutes died he would laugh and settle the matter with a handful of roubles."

"Fishermen are no more than peasants in the eyes of a well born Russian, and when drunk he would not be troubled by a sense of responsibility. This may seem incredible to many persons, but the Russian can not be judged by western standards, especially in their relation with persons of no importance, like fishermen."

British People Don't Want War

London, Oct. 25. — The London Times says:

"The British people do not want war with Russia over the outrage committed by the czar's mad dog fleet on the Northern sea trawlers, and confidently expect that the St. Petersburg government will promptly make ample apology and reparation. At the same time, if the commander in charge of one of the British fleets, patterning after Rojostvensky, should have an attack of temporary insanity and sink a dozen or fifteen of the vessels of the Baltic fleet, his countrymen would hail him England's greatest naval hero, and in the course of time might erect a monument to him that would make Nelson's column look like a hitching post."

This is no exaggerated statement of the feeling here. Everybody seems to think that an apology and money will not be enough to pay for the blunders. There is a distinct craving for the infliction of punishment upon the guilty fleet. Some Britishers actually sigh when they think that there is no practical way of securing this result.

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