

JAPANESE ATTACK PORTS IN REAR OF PORT ARTHUR

Rome Dispatch Says One Stronghold Was Carried By Desperate Bayonet Charge --Kuropatkin's Losses at Liao Yang Were 5,000 Killed and Wounded-- Stakelberg's Army Safe

LONDON, Sept. 5.—A Rome dispatch asserts that a telegram from Tokio contains news of Japanese successes near Port Arthur. The Japanese made a desperate attack on the line of forts from Antschan above Tung Chaitau. From this point of vantage they began a terrific bombardment of the town. The shells also rained down on the ships in the harbor and one vessel was disabled.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 5.—It is estimated here that Kuropatkin's losses during the retreat from Liao Yang were 5,000 killed and wounded. Several times regiments were obliged to cut their way through the opposing Japanese by bayonet charges.

General Stakelberg is believed to be safely out of the Japanese enveloping forces. A message received this evening reports the explosion of a powder magazine at Port Arthur. Tremendous destruction was done. It is again reported that the czar has decided to go to the front to inspire the troops by his presence.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—A St. Petersburg dispatch states that the only cheering news received there is a report from General Kuropatkin, dated Saturday afternoon, to the effect that General Stakelberg, with a corps of 25,000 men, reported Saturday as having been cut off to the westward of Liao Yang, had been safely extricated and that the corps has succeeded in joining the main Russian body on the right bank of the river, but no details of the escape of Stakelberg are known.

General Kuropatkin also reported that the greater portion of his army was, at the time of filing the report, south of Yental, ten miles northeast of Liao Yang and a few miles from the Yental mines, where fierce fighting had been in progress.

It is indicated that there has been a cessation of the fierce fighting. Kuropatkin reports that his men were not being much interfered with by the Japanese.

The absence of news is looked upon as heightening the gravity of the situation. It is reported in St. Petersburg that Kuropatkin has arrived at Tieling, which is ten miles north of Yental and eighteen miles south of Mukden.

General Kuropatkin says in his report: "The retreat of Major General Orloff's detachment yesterday (Friday) was largely due to the fire with which the force was assailed among the millet fields.

"General Orloff's losses were considerable, one regiment alone losing 1,500 men." The Russian losses before Liao Yang September 2, as officially computed, were 3,200.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 5.—Most bitter despondency prevails here over the latest news from the front. Until the battle of Liao Yang, the falling back from various positions had been foreseen and Kuropatkin's plan of campaign was thought well understood. But it tries the faith of the czar and the people to find Liao Yang abandoned with all its immense stores and the retreat continued after a fierce battle with victory all but in sight.

Had Liao Yang been abandoned without a battle, the Russian government would have relied on a bold stand at Mukden. It is here believed that the Japanese are exhausted and are now far removed from their base of supplies and that if they do not overwhelm Kuropatkin before they reach Mukden, they will encounter their Waterloo at that city, where there is a strong garrison.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 5.—A message has been received from General Kuropatkin asking that the sixth army corps be rushed to the Far East at once.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—A Chefoo dispatch says that the Japanese have lost 25,000 men outside of Port Arthur alone, and that fourteen regiments will leave Tokio during the week to replace them.

PARIS, Sept. 5.—A dispatch from Saigon states that the commander of the Russian cruiser Diana has received orders from the Russian admiralty to disarm his vessel.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—Reuters' St. Petersburg correspondent wires that despite the denial of the war office the report is persistently current that Kuropatkin was obliged to abandon 200 guns at Liao Yang. Some were damaged in the fighting. The rest were spiked by order of Kuropatkin. It is also rumored at St. Petersburg that Gen. Linievich with troops for the relief of Kuro-patkin has arrived at a point not far from Mukden.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 5.—According to the latest but unofficial reports at the war office, some rear guard fighting is progressing and the retirement of General Kuropatkin's main army is continuing.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 5.—A cablegram to the Japanese legation from Tokio says: "Field Marshal Oyama reported that at 9 o'clock on September 3 our central and left armies are still continuing the attack on the enemy on the south and west sides of Liao Yang. All buildings near the railway stations, apparently gone down were burned on Saturday. "Another report received from the field marshal says after the battles on Saturday night and Sunday morning Liao Yang fell entirely into our hands."

TOKIO, Sept. 5.—The Japanese government has formally announced the establishment of a protectorate over Korea, and made public the text of the agreement.

A St. Petersburg dispatch says: The Novos Vremya this morning claims to have information to the effect that the bulk of the Russian supplies were removed from Liao Yang to Mukden before the battle commenced. The paper says that the belief of the public that Liao Yang would be held by the Russians was based on the thought that the supplies were still there, and it was thought that Liao Yang would be a sort of Plevna-held garrison, even if the main army retreated northward. The fact is, the paper adds, the place has been virtually dismantled and was held by a strong rear guard. The battle of Liao Yang therefore, was only a rear guard action of an exceptionally fierce character. Liao Yang's defenders have now safely extricated themselves; the paper concludes, and have joined the main army across the Taitse river in the neighborhood of Yental.

The Novos Vremya says that Captain Schierfuss, of General Kuro-patkin's staff, who is coming to St. Petersburg with dispatches, in an interview at Moscow, said, as early as the middle of July, that preparations were begun for the evacuation of Liao Yang. When he left there August 15 the town was almost wholly a shell, surrounded by fortifications, from which the Russian force intended to step as soon as they had made the Japanese pay sufficiently for their attempts to take it.

The steamer Bertha arrived in Port last night from Cooper river, Resurrection bay and Cooks inlet. She carried 59 passengers and 200 tons of ore from A. K. Dealson's La-touche island mine.

STRIKE SETTLEMENT SEEMS PROBABLE

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—A secret conference of the representatives of the packers and the striking butchers' committee is in progress, looking to a settlement of the strike. Manager Stainer, of the Union Stock Yards, spent more than an hour this morning in consultation with the strike leaders. It is authoritatively stated that President Donnelly held a conference Saturday night with T. J. Connors, of Armour & Co., and that he will meet other representatives of the packers today.

SHOT BY A FRIEND

TACOMA, Sept. 5.—Morris Hill, a pioneer of Pierce county, was shot and killed by Carl Wayman, a friend and companion, Saturday at Mel-went, a small mining town four miles this side of Fairfax, where mines of the Northwestern Improvement company are located. Details of the tragedy are unknown in Tacoma, other than that Wayman declares the shooting to have been accidental and that the town authorities demand an investigation by the county authorities.

One rumor which reached Tacoma was to the effect that the shooting occurred while the men were out hunting. Another rumor was to the effect that they were examining a gun, which was accidentally discharged. Hill was famous as a hunter and prospector and was 50 years of age.

CRAZY WOMAN'S BLOODY DEED

BOSTON, Sept. 5.—Mrs. Minnie McKenzie became violently insane yesterday afternoon and attempted to kill her husband at her home on Falcon street, East Boston. She barricaded herself in the front room of her home and, armed with two big revolvers, she stood off ten policemen for five hours. She shot and killed Patrolman Sturdivant, who attempted to capture her. She was finally overcome by the pre-fumes of formalin injected through the keyhole of the door and captured.

WHITEWASHED THE TIGERS

Seattle shut the Tigers out in the game at Recreation park this morning. Murphy dropped one over the fence for a home run in the seventh, with the bases full. Both Shields and St. Vrain were hit hard. The former for 10 and the latter for 13 hits. The score: Tacoma 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Seattle 0 1 2 0 0 4 0 7 Batteries—St. Vrain and Graham; Shields and Blankenship.

PRESSMEN TO BANQUET

Seattle Printing Pressmen's union No. 29 will give a banquet this evening at the Royal cafe to the visiting pressmen from Tacoma and other Sound cities. Covers will be laid for seventy.

REPORT COMPILED

The county auditor Saturday afternoon completed his annual report of the value of all the property in the county. The aggregate value of real and personal property, as equalized by the last board of equalization, is \$85,850,862. Of this amount \$68,713,308 represents the value of real estate and \$17,137,554 the value of personal property.

THE EARL OF MINTO, governor general of Canada, and Lady Minto arrived in Vancouver, B. C., yesterday morning. They will remain for two days.

THE OFFICE of "principal assistant engineer" of Tacoma has been revived by Charles M. Levy, assistant to the president of the Northern Pacific, and B. L. Crosby has been appointed chief of the new department. Mr. Crosby will assume his new duties October 1.

KILLED SEVEN

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 5.—The revised list of the victims of the Sahara street crossing horror of Saturday, shows that seven persons were killed outright, eight seriously injured and ten badly cut and bruised. Not one of the twenty-five passengers on the electric car, which was cut in two by the shuttle train escaped injury.

JEFFERSON INJURED

The Alaska Steamship company's steamer Jefferson sailed for Skagway this morning with thirty passengers and a full cargo of general freight. Yesterday when she started out on her scheduled run she struck a log, breaking her propeller. She was then sent to Eagle Harbor and the steamer Dirigo was dispatched to Tacoma to get the Jefferson's original propeller. The Jefferson was placed on the ways at Eagle Harbor and the propeller brought by the Dirigo placed in position. The whole thing was done in twenty-four hours.

MOST EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER OF K. T.

JOHN MURRAY THROWN UNDER MADISON STREET CAR BY HIS HORSE

INJURED BY CAR

John Murray, an employe of the I X L creamery, of this city, was probably fatally injured in a collision with a Madison street cable car last evening, between 4 and 7 o'clock, near the Madison street power station. Murray was thrown from a fractious horse that had become uncontrollable and before the gripman could bring the car to a stop he was caught and rolled along by the car, sustaining fractures of the skull and several bad bruises about the body. He was taken to a nearby drug store and the city ambulance summoned.

Dr. Miles, who lives in that vicinity, was called in and made a hasty examination of the man's injuries. Murray is still remaining in a state of semi-consciousness and his condition is critical. Several eye witnesses say that Murray deliberately reined his horse across the track in front of the car. Others say the horse shied. The horse pitched violently sideways into the car which unseated the rider. The horse was severely bruised. Murray is 28 years of age and resides at 2422 Second avenue north. Alexander Murray, a brother of the injured man, is the manager of the I X L creamery.

MORE DELAY EXPECTED

The trial for the condemnation of the right-of-way for the municipal lighting plant pole line will begin in Judge Griffin's court September 19. The trial for the condemnation of the right-of-way through the 4 1/2 miles of land and erect the poles. Municipal electricity, therefore, cannot be delivered in the city before the latter part of October at the earliest.

LARCENY MAY BE CHARGED

Flora Ross and Queenie Stanford have been arrested by City Detective Wappenstein for the theft of \$2,000 of diamonds from Verna Russell. The three women are all inmates of brothels in the restricted district. The diamonds were taken from the Russell woman during a drunken carousal at a tendorlin saloon two weeks ago.

INTERESTING LECTURE

Elder J. M. Webb will lecture to-night at the A. M. E. church, Fourteenth avenue and Madison street, at 8 p. m., subject "That Jesus, Solomon and the Queen of Sheba had some of the Blood of Ham flowing in Their Veins as Well as Abraham."

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At the union picnic at Thornton park addresses were made by De-nene and Stinger, respectively republican and democratic candidates for governor of Illinois.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Sons of labor to the number of 40,000 marched through New York's streets today, Grand Marshal James R. McCabe, of the Central Federated union, led the parade, which started from Fifty-ninth street and marched down Fifth to Washington square. Many unions marched for the first time.

TOLEDO, Sept. 5.—Five thousand marchers turned out for the Labor Day demonstration today. Owing to the objections raised by the Butchers' union, the employes of the Jones company, of which the late Mayor Jones was the head, were not allowed to participate. Jones' employes held a parade of their own covering the same route as the official parade.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 5.—Seventy unions turned out for the labor parade this morning. An outing at Chester park followed.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—In a dense fog that hung over the coast Saturday the British ship Drum-burton, Captain W. G. Thomas, went on the rocks off Point San Pedro and is a total wreck. There were no lives lost. The ship was valued at \$45,000 and was insured for \$38,000. She belonged to the Western Commercial company of this city and was chartered to the Renton, Holmes & Co.

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