

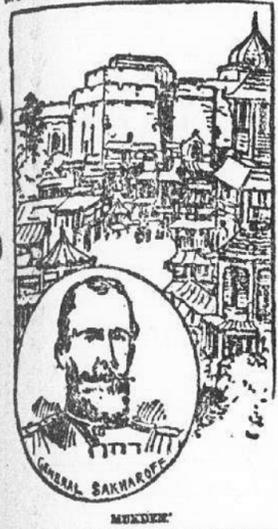
BLOODIEST BATTLE OF THE WAR. FIERCE FIGHTING IN THE FAR EAST.

Both Armies Struggle for Supremacy in Manchuria. Indications Point to Japanese Victory.

Bloodiest Battle.

The armies of Russia and Japan in Manchuria continue to be engaged in a desperate struggle for supremacy south of Mukden. On both sides there have been such losses in killed and wounded as to mark the contest

MUKDEN AND COSSACK LEADER.



one of the bloodiest battles in history. Already the losses at Liao Yang have been approximated and the indications are that they will be exceeded. The Russians up to noon, Oct. 14, estimated loss is 15,000. The Russian advance has been converted into a stubbornly fought retreat. The result, according to the Russians, is still to be determined. Reports from the Russian left wing are lacking, leaving room for question of that part of Kuropatkin's army is not in worse extremity than the center and right were at any stage of the battle.

GOT DEATH PENALTY.

The Negro Manning Was Convicted of Murder.

Dallas, Texas: The jury brought in a verdict of guilty of murder and assessed the death penalty against F. H. Manning, the negro saloon porter, who on Oct. 4 killed Arden Riddle, a white bartender, by stealthily coming up behind him and shooting him through the head while Riddle was writing at a cigar stand. This was the tragedy caused by the negro declaring that Booker T. Washington was as good as any white man and that his own "colored lady friend" was as good as any white woman, after Riddle had forbidden him to have a negro woman visit him at the saloon. Because of the negro's remarks, Riddle made him apologize on his knees at the point of a pistol. Four days later the negro assassinated the white man. The trial was begun Thursday and the negro's conviction was reached in about twenty-four hours. The case will probably be repealed.

Died of Hydrophobia.

Kaufman, Texas: Guy Brewer of Kaufman, Texas, died of hydrophobia Friday morning. He was bitten by a mad dog last July and consulted a physician, but from some cause failed to follow the advice.

Tuesday he went to Terrell and called at a country store on his way home that evening and called for soda water, stating that he had hydrophobia and was dying for water, but could not drink it.

With some effort and much pain he drank the soda, purchased another bottle and left for home. Soon after arriving at home he began having convulsions and continued to do so until death came to his relief.

Pauper a Suicide.

La Grange, Texas: The body of J. M. Britton, an inmate of the county poor house, was found floating in the river a mile below town Friday. He escaped from the poor farm last Sunday and from appearance must have been dead several days. The evidence showed he had committed suicide by drowning. Deceased was 45 years old and badly afflicted with cancer.

Rice Rate Reduced.

Beaumont, Texas: The Santa Fe railroad has announced the reduction of 5 cents per hundred on freight rates on rice from here to points on the Atlantic coast.

Corpus Pays Bonus.

Corpus Christi, Texas: One-half of the \$10,000 subscribed by Corpus Christi as a bonus to secure the terminus of the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico road has been paid over to General Manager Jeff N. Miller, and the road is now a permanency here.

Gainesville, Texas: The city attorney has been instructed to file suit against 500 delinquent taxpayers. The council has declared that it needs the money.

On both sides the soldiers have shown the utmost tenacity and bravery, and whole regiments have gone down before the fire of the enemy. In official circles of St. Petersburg there is a disposition to argue that should Gen. Kuropatkin be obliged to retire upon Mukden his position will be as favorable as it was when the order to advance was given on Oct. 6, and that on the other hand, the Japanese power of future resistance will have been materially weakened.

There is no news from Port Arthur.

Mukden, Oct. 15.—The battle began at daybreak and is now in progress. The heavy cannonading is shaking the windows here.

At 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the fight was still in progress with terrible bitterness and the result hangs in the balance. The losses on both sides are enormous. The Russians have 15,000 wounded, hundreds of whom are streaming back from all directions.

London, Oct. 14.—A dispatch from the news agency from Mukden timed 2 p. m. yesterday, and received by way of Paris, says the Japanese have gained a great victory and that the Russian lines are withdrawing slowly northward, having suffered heavy losses. The battle continues and dispatches are strictly censored.

Tokio, Oct. 15.—Field Marshal Oyama reports that fighting is in progress along almost the entire front and that the Japanese are making satisfactory progress.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 15.—Nothing official regarding yesterday's fighting is yet obtainable, but the prevailing impression in St. Petersburg is that the day has gone against Gen. Kuropatkin. The city is even filled with rumors of his disastrous defeat.

ORLOFF PAYS HEAVY PENALTY.

Nearly a Whole Block in Bay City Is Wiped Out.

Bay City, Texas: Fire started on Thursday morning in the confectionery store of I. Haralson by the explosion of a gasoline stove. Mr. I. Haralson was trying to light his gasoline stove, when it exploded, and he escaped only by leaving his hat and coat in the flames.

The fire quickly spread, first toward the east, caused by the northwest wind, and the surrounding stores were soon in flames.

The wind, shifting from almost due north and then from the northeast, caused uneasiness in both directions. Help was plentiful, and the only idea was to save what was possible, for it was evident that the fire company was inadequate to the occasion, though they did their utmost. When it was seen that the block was doomed all went to getting out the goods of the various business houses.

With the strong north and then northwest wind, and again north wind, it was evident that the block was bound to go, in spite of the heroic endeavors of the citizens to do all in their power to quench the flames.

It is hard to estimate what the loss will prove to be until further investigation. The town is in the midst of harvest, and the loss to the many houses and firms will be greater on account of the great volume of business being carried on at this time.

There were no casualties, so far as ascertained.

Like Rider Doubly Injured.

Taylor, Texas: Thursday morning while Paul Revere, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Revere, was riding his bicycle across the railway tracks on South Main street, he lost control of his wheel and fell violently on the steel rails, breaking the bone of his left arm and sustaining a compound fracture of the elbow joint.

Haytian Uprising.

Cape Haytien: The Haytian exiles here gathered near the frontier, preparing to re-enter Hayti and attempt an insurrection against President Nord in favor of Gen. Firmin, leader of the insurrection of 1902. The government is very anxious and is taking energetic measures to meet the situation. The town of Cape Haytien has been declared to be under martial law.

Postal Deficiencies.

Washington: The postal deficiency for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, was \$8,779,482. The figures were compiled by the auditor of the post-office department. They show a total postal expenditure during the year of \$152,962,116; total postal revenue, \$144,182,634.

Louisiana Weevil Association.

Baton Rouge, La.: Colonel Charles Schuler, president of the Louisiana Boll Weevil Association, Friday issued a call for a meeting of the association in Shreveport on Nov. 3 and 4 means for the defense of cotton fields from the migration of the weevils from Texas will be discussed. The association was formed in New Orleans a year ago and is composed of representatives from every parish in the state.

Kuropatkin Facing a Crushing Defeat South of Mukden—Fiercer Than Liao Yang Battle.

Tokio, Oct. 14.—It is yet too early to measure the results of the tremendous struggle which has been waged for the past three days south of Mukden, but all reports reaching Tokio indicate that Gen. Kuropatkin has been decisively whipped and severely punished.

The commander was evidently caught while making his dispositions with his forces scattered and he was beaten before he could recover.

Much depends upon the ability and resolution of the Japanese in applying and following up their advantage. Kuropatkin may turn up on favorable ground and succeed in beating back the Japanese onslaught, but the tide seems against him.

The Japanese yesterday began a desperate effort to turn the Russian right, and if this effort should be successful it will carry disaster to the Russian arms. The struggle around Bensihi is being followed with intense interest here. The Russian force there is estimated at 5,000, and its isolation or loss would be a severe blow.

Estimates of the total forces engaged vary. One telegram from Liao Yang says the Russian have 200,000 men with 1000 guns. The Japanese force exceeds the number engaged at the battle of Liao Yang.

Russians Repulsed.

Tokio: The latest telegrams from the front indicate the continuation of Japanese success. Gen. Ota's left army alone bagged twenty-five guns.

The Russians made two desperate counter attacks against the Japanese left, but were repulsed with heavy slaughter.

The Japanese commanders in their report give expression to their admiration of the valor of the Russians. The Manchurian headquarters in a

HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE.

Escaped Capture.

Tacoma, Wash.: Capt. Enlund, master of the Russian ship Glenard, arrived in port Tuesday night from San Francisco and reports having sighted a Japanese transport while coming up. The captain says when he sighted the transport he expected to be overhauled and possibly taken. He was some distance away from the ship however, and did not show his flag and as a consequence the two vessels parted company. Capt. Enlund had a narrow escape from capture. The Glenard is here to load for Australia.

Suicide in Mexico.

Mexico City: An American who committed suicide at the Two Republics Hotel turns out to be Hayward Masters, an American pensioner who arrived here from Havana late last week. He was 60 years of age, gray-haired, and weighed 175 pounds. Papers found on his body showed he had served in the United States navy and was a pensioner. The suicide left a letter, declaring life a failure and all hope gone. He has no relatives here.

Parade Three Hours Long.

Dallas, Texas: Jamming the streets for many blocks, 75,000 people saw the parade given by the Order of Knights Thursday night as a part of the festival and celebration in progress here. In the parade were a large number of elaborate floats splendidly decorated, which, with the bands, formed a column moving through the streets for more than an hour.

Kirbyville Schools Growing.

Kirbyville, Texas: The high school here continues to increase in number. Prof. Brown reports 329 enrolled up to date. The board of trustees was compelled to secure another teacher, and secured the services of Miss Alice Wright of this place, a competent and experienced teacher.

Accused of Perjury.

Lake Charles, La.: United States Deputy Marshal C. J. Husky returned Wednesday night from Rosepine, La., with Joseph B. Broxson, a white man, charged with perjury. It is alleged Broxson attempted to prove up a homestead against written testimony. He was released on \$400 bond.

Hot Place for a Fire.

Baton, Texas: A blaze started at a chili stand Wednesday evening, but the fire was arrested after burning up the stand. The loss was about \$30.

Dominican Revolt.

Cape Hatien, Hayti: The revolution in the republic of Santo Domingo is extending. Azua de Compostella (near the south coast) and all departments of the south have declared in favor of Isidor Jimenez.

Gin at Furrh.

Tyler, Texas: News was received here Thursday to the effect that the large plantation gin of Kleles Holt at Furrh was burned Wednesday. Value, \$4,500; insured for \$1500 in the Ginn's Underwriters Association.

telegram yesterday, reports as follows:

"Since the last report our right army has been continuing a vigorous pursuit of the enemy toward the north.

"The column which was dispatched in the direction of Shihochiao Tsu to intercept the retreat of the enemy from Bensihi continues its operations.

"The central army continues its attack on the Russians and expects to occupy the line between Tun Shanko and Huchiakuchiatu today. The enemy in this direction appeared to retreat continuously until dusk last evening.

"A report that a large column of the enemy is moving to the southwest and commencing the erection of defensive works at Chien Hunchiatien cannot be verified.

"The number of guns captured by the center column of the left army is sixteen, instead of eight, as previously reported.

"The right wing of the center column of the left army captured four guns.

"The enemy's two counter attacks against the center column of the left army were very daring, but these attacks were repulsed with heavy damage, which was inflicted by our artillery and by a heavy infantry fire.

"The right column of the left army while pursuing the enemy west of the Schilli river captured five guns, making the total number of guns captured twenty-five.

"The supports and the artillery reserve advanced to Kuchiatu and vicinity, driving the Russians from Hunchiatien.

"The right wing of the left column of the center army captured 150 prisoners."

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Found Dead by the Track.

Shreveport: The body of John Bragg, a young white man, was found alongside the track of the Kansas City Southern Road, near Frierson, sixteen miles from the city. Besides his name there was nothing to identify the remains or afford any clue as to the home of the deceased. The dead man's skull had been crushed in, indicating that he had not met death by being run over and foul play is suspected.

Useful and Busy Life.

Sir Richard Jebb, perhaps the finest Greek scholar in Europe, is a member of parliament and a frequent lecturer in the classes at Cambridge university.

Makes Sacrifice for Study.

Prof. Zordan of the University of Padua is enrolled in Bellevue hospital, New York, in a lowly capacity. He is studying American customs for use in a forthcoming book.

New Road to Galveston.

Houston: Galveston is to have a new and exclusive line of railroad that will empty into her lap the wealth of one of the greatest sections of the Southwest. It is the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Road, which is now stretching its steel rails to connect Fordyce, on the north bank of the Rio Grande, opposite San Miguel, and great wharves, grain elevators and ships that land there from all parts of the world.