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GREATEST BATTLE IN HISTORY
Conflict Around Mukden So Designated—Oyama One of World's Greatest Soldiers.

A correspondent who accompanied the Japanese army under Gen. Kuroki thus describes the movements of the "greatest battle known to history":
Oyama's victorious troops are pursuing Kouropatkin's army, crushed and demoralized. In the greatest battle known to history the Russians have been routed from their chosen stronghold so carefully prepared. System, system, and again system has triumphed over "graft" and disorganization.

It is fair to assume that Kouropatkin a fortnight ago had at his disposal between the Sha river and Tie Pass 300,000 effectives at least. Oyama is far too sagacious to have tried to envelop such a great force unless he had more men than his brave but over-cautious adversary. So whatever the reports spread to deceive Kouropatkin, the Japanese probably had 400,000 men at least when Oyama first attacked in this battle Feb. 26. This estimate, of course, includes the reserves that have been hurried forward and Nogi's army that took Port Arthur.

Oyama's Report.
Oyama announced to his sovereign on March 10 that he had successfully completed his enveloping movement, "in which we have been engaged for some days past." The "days past" then numbered thirteen.

In all these days Oyama made not one feint. He struck again and again, but wherever he struck he was fighting, not feinting. By his constant attacks he concealed his main purpose, his final aim. He confused his enemy, who undoubtedly was handicapped by an inefficient intelligence department.

The Japanese enveloping movement began Feb. 26 by Gen. Kuroki's right wing. The scene of operations was fifty miles southeast of Mukden, in front and west of Ta Pass, an important defile commanding the road to Fushun, the eastern key to Mukden and about eighteen miles away from it. Next day, displaying the most desperate bravery, "clinging to the rocks like leeches," the Japanese threw a force across the Sha river in the center of operations. All was quiet then on the Russian right wing to the east.

Vigorous Attack.
So vigorous was Kuroki's attack on the Russian left wing that Kouropatkin weakened his center by sending

a whole army corps to reinforce his left. March 1 Gen. Kaulbars seemed to successfully resist Kuroki, but a general engagement began along the whole ninety miles of front, the Russians holding their positions in the center and making some successful counter-attacks on their extreme right. The Titanic struggle continued Thursday, the 700,000 men and 3,000 guns battling desperately. The Russian left wing being driven back thirteen miles from Ta Pass.

Then by some military magic, by a forced, hidden march that will be forever famous, Gen. Nogi and his Port Arthur veterans appeared opposite the Russian right flank. To them and Gen. Nodzu's army was assigned the task of crumpling back the Russians and threatening Mukden from the west. Under cover of these demonstrations a strong Japanese force was pushed to the northeast to cut the railway and telegraph lines upon which Kouropatkin relied exclusively for supplies and communication and, after Kuroki's success, which the daring Oyama took for granted, to join part of Kuroki's forces in surrounding Tie Pass, Kouropatkin's last refuge, forty miles north of Mukden.

Tremendous Losses.
With tremendous losses on both sides Oyama steadily tightened around Kouropatkin a great cord of men and steel, and despite desperate resistance continued his drives around both wings of the Russian army. Last Monday Oyama's front was like a huge bow, the base on the Sha river, the right arm reaching out east of Fushun and the left arm extending west and north of Mukden.

March 6 the scouts of Gen. Nogi's army, on the west, and of Kuroki's met at Tie Pass; the iron circle was forged, but was not welded at the north. It was the beginning of the end. Kouropatkin abandoned his strong position on the Sha river under cover of darkness. The Japanese, attacking at once from all four sides, drove the Russians into Mukden, which was entirely untenable. Friday Kouropatkin telegraphed to the czar, "Last night began the retreat of all our armies."

The Japanese occupied Teta Thursday morning, Fushun Thursday night, Mukden Friday morning. They had already invested Tie Pass, prepared for the Russians' last stand, and cut the railway.

Kuroki was advancing northwest, driving the panic-stricken Russians against the Japanese western armies. Kouropatkin seems to have sacrificed his rear guard in a last desperate attempt to cut his way through his enemy, probably toward the northeast.

It is reported that the Russians have lost 200,000 men, killed, wounded and prisoners. It remains to be seen whether Mukden will be, literally, the Russian Sedan, whether no remnant escapes of the greatest army Russia ever assembled.

From Brakeman to President.
Thirty-five years ago W. H. Newman was a brakeman on a Southern railroad at \$2 a day; to-day he is president of the great Vanderbilt system, with a salary of \$120,000 a year, a palatial residence in New York and a private car so sumptuously appointed that a king might envy it.

BIG BATTLES OF MODERN TIMES.

The following shows the number of troops engaged in historic battles of modern times and the losses on both sides. These include the dead, wounded, missing and prisoners:

Battle	Men engaged.	Losses.
AUSTERLITZ—French	60,000	12,000
Russo-Austrians	80,000	30,000
ANTIETAM—Federals	65,000	12,410
Confederates	28,000	6,500
BAUTZEN—French	110,000	20,000
Allies	90,000	13,000
BLENHHEIM—Allies	52,000	11,500
French-Bavarians	60,000	35,000
BORODINO—Russians	110,000	35,000
French	130,000	45,000
BOYNE—English	36,000	500
Irish	30,000	1,500
CHICKAMAUGA—Federals	57,000	15,851
Confederates	50,000	17,804
FONTENOY—French	70,000	11,500
Allies	59,000	12,000
GETTYSBURG—Federals	93,500	23,000
Confederates	70,000	20,450
GRAVELLOTTE—Germans	211,000	20,000
French	140,000	13,000
JENA—French	100,000	10,000
Prussians	60,000	27,000
LEIPZIG—Allies	240,000	35,000
French	160,000	40,000
MAGENTA—French-Sardinians	55,000	4,000
Austrians	75,000	17,000
MAJUBA HILL—Boers	450	100
English	700	240
MARENGO—French	28,000	7,000
Austrians	33,000	12,000
SADOWA—Prussians	321,000	10,000
Austrians	205,000	40,000
SEDAN—French	150,000	17,000
Germans	250,000	9,000
SHILOH—Federals	55,000	13,573
Confederates	49,000	10,669
SMOLENSK—French	175,000	20,000
Russians	120,000	40,000
SOLFERINO—French-Sardinians	150,000	18,000
Austrians	170,000	20,000
WAGRAM—French	159,000	25,000
Austrians	120,000	25,000
WATERLOO—Allies	214,671	22,976
French	124,588	25,000
LIAOYANG—Japanese	200,000	18,000
Russians	250,000	22,000
SHA RIVER—Japanese	180,000	35,000
Russian	275,000	56,000
MUKDEN—Japanese	500,000	30,000
Russian	325,000	65,000

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