

LEADER IS IN DANGER

Kuropatkin With Three Divisions Is Being Hard Pressed.

MAY BECOME PRISONER

Oyama Reports Entire Russian Front as Being Driven Back on Mukden--A General Rout Is Threatened.

Roma, Oct. 15.—Bulletin.—A report from Tokyo today states that General Kuropatkin has been wounded. The newspaper Italia Militare also has a dispatch from Mukden stating that the garrison there is departing for Harbin.

Tokio, Oct. 15.—Kuropatkin's star is on the wane and he has been administered a crushing defeat.

Oyama reports today that the fighting continues with great bitterness, but that the Russians are being slowly forced back on Mukden, between three and four miles from the main front today.

Oyama estimates the Russian casualties at 30,000 as a conservative calculation.

The utmost importance attaches to the fighting in one section of the field, inasmuch as Kuropatkin himself, like a wounded lion, is leading the troops and reports say is exposing himself in a most reckless manner in the hope of setting all things in a new order.

The main body fell back into the mountains lying directly to the eastward of the railway and facing the broad valley in which the day's fighting had taken place.

There's a halt was called and the night was passed in preparation for today's fighting, which at dawn was resumed by the Japanese.

The Russians responded in a counter attack and at the time the report was sent were engaging the Japanese right, which they yesterday afternoon attempted to surround. The Japanese are slowly forcing them back into the mountains.

That portion of the fighting wherein Kuropatkin is taking command is nearer the center of operations.

Kuropatkin has under his direct command three divisions of men who are evidently reserves, new and untried. They fought with fair coolness and great courage last night until operations were suspended, and faced the Japanese unflinchingly this morning when the fighting was resumed.

Every effort is being made to overwhelm this force, and if possible to turn it so that it may be cut off. The report says Oyama has hopes of capturing the Russian commander, and is sparing nothing to gain his object.



RUSSIAN SOLDIERS MARCHING THROUGH MUKDEN ON THEIR FIRST RETREAT. THEY ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN HURLED BACK AGAIN INTO THE CITY.

J. D. ROCKEFELLER FOR PRESIDENT

Aspired to Run on Democratic Ticket a few Years Ago but His Millions Failed to Place Him.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Oct. 15.—The Journal says: "We will tell you an interesting story about Rockefeller. It has not been told before. If you doubt its accuracy you can ask Stone of Missouri, or any one of half a dozen other influential Democrats who were in charge of the party when Rockefeller tried to get himself nominated for president on the Democratic ticket."

PRESIDENT AND WIFE AT KNOX WEDDING

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Oct. 15.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by Secretary Loeb and two secret-service men, left this morning on the Pennsylvania for Valley Forge to attend the wedding of Senator Knox this afternoon.

CHARGED WITH IMBECILITY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Moscow, Idaho, Oct. 15.—J. Newton, a traveling optician was taken to Spokane yesterday, where he is wanted on a charge of embezzlement. The trouble is the outgrowth of a partnership deal.

EASTERNERS ORDER NORTHWEST WHEAT

Half Million Bushels Are Purchased for Shipment East Immediately—Local Market Is Strong.

It is estimated that orders for fully 500,000 bushels of wheat for shipment east of the Rocky mountains were received in this city today.

CONTRABAND CARGO FRIGHTENS CREW

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 15.—The steamer Inverness did not get away until this morning owing to the desertion of a portion of her crew. The cargo of the Inverness frightened her crew.

MAN ASKS DIVORCE AND \$150--ALIMONY

Novel Suit Filed in California Court by Man Whose Wife Overlooked the Deciding of Any Property to Him.

(Journal Special Service.) Pasadena, Cal., Oct. 15.—A divorce suit with unique features has been filed here. Lansford C. Jones, 69 years old, sues his wife, asking for alimony and counsel fees. Jones alleges that he met Mary Banta at Pasadena and they were married at Yuma, A. T., on February 12, 1901.

STEEL TRUST MAY BEGIN WAR ON LABOR

(Journal Special Service.) Pittsburgh, Oct. 15.—A gigantic war between the steel trust and organized labor is about to be begun according to a story in circulation here.

SCHOONER WRECKED AND THREE DROWNED

(Journal Special Service.) Provincetown, Oct. 15.—The schooner Elwood Burton was wrecked on the outer bar last night and Capt. Williams and three of the crew were lost.

GAMBLING IS KILLED

Decision of Circuit Court Strikes the Final Blow.

SHERIFF WORD JUBILANT

Gamblers Are Dismayed for Their Only Hope Is Blasted—City Charter Does Not Render State Laws Inoperative.

In a decision, delivered this morning from the bench in department No. 1 of the circuit court, with the four members sitting en banc, Presiding Judge George sounded the knell of open gambling in Portland. By this opinion practically all obstacles which have been thrown in the pathway of Sheriff Word have been removed and he remains free to carry out his vigorous policy of keeping the gambling houses closed.

175 GIRLS ON STRIKE

Imported and Inexperienced Operators Are at Work at the Switchboard—Strikers Say Company Broke Faith.

One hundred and seventy-five girls, employed as operators at the switchboard of the Pacific States Telephone company, walked out on strike last night and this morning, because the company refused to recognize their union.

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Easterners Are Arranging Purchase of Booth-Kelly Lumber Holdings. DEAL IS NOT COMPLETE

Booth-Kelly Company's Timber Lands Worth Fortunes Are Affected--\$350,000 to Be Turned Over in Initial Transaction.

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The papers were drawn today, and a large payment was made by the purchasers. Mr. Blodgett, in one of the papers, says that the deal is a well-known Wisconsin timberman, who has been interested with Mr. Blodgett. The latter's father has for some years had large holdings in Oregon timber.

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