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CHASING THE ENEMY

JAPANESE ARE ON HEELS OF THE RUSSIAN GENERAL.

Race Very Hot for Mukden—Heavy Rains That Causes Floods Impede Retreat of Russians

Mukden, Sept. 6.—A Russian correspondent of the Associated Press supplies the following:

"Our retreat is being carried out under heavy pressure, and with the Japanese on our heels. The task is additionally difficult owing to the terrible condition of the roads and the rivers, which are flooded. The fighting has now been almost continuous since August 24, and how much longer it will last is impossible to say, as the initiative is in the hands of the Japanese.

"The number of lives sacrificed and the loss of supplies by burning, bridges being blown up, etc., can only be explained when we once more have concentrated, and this will occupy us for some days.

"Do not be under any misapprehension; we will live through these heavy days and still more alarming nights, for, despite recent failures, we have steadfast faith in the future, and the spirit of the troops is unimpaired.

Long lines of Commissariat wagons drawn by steaming mules, horses and even bullocks, are straining their way north over the soaking, cut-up main road from Yentai. Behind them come long trains of artillery, and back of them still Kurapatkin's army.

The main Japanese army is marching up along the roads eastward of the Russian lines of retreat which converge at Mukden. Another Japanese force is also heading for Mukden from the westward, coming from the direction of the Liao river.

Marshal Oyama seems to be making a race for Mukden. He has evidently a great superiority in numbers, especially in artillery.

The booming of the Japanese cannon, which are in play 14 miles from Mukden, was heard today.

The skies are black and the air is stifling with the sense of suffocation which is felt here before a storm breaks—strange harmony between the elements and the menacing attitude of the contending armies.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 26.—The war office is advised that the heads of transport trains passed through Mukden yesterday afternoon, and the fact that the baggage trains continued on their way northward of Mukden, the war office explains, does not mean that Kurapatkin is bound further north at this time, but is simply a natural precautionary measure if he intended to hold Mukden, the Russian formation during the operations of an army locating the baggage train 12 miles in the rear of the main body of troops.

Once Yentai is passed Kurapatkin's army will have the Hun river between it and Oyama. The only uneasiness is due to the possibility that Japanese light draft gunboats, which, according to reports, are coming up from Niu Chwang, might suddenly make their appearance, the river being navigable to this point.

As Kurapatkin was just north of Yentai when the heads of the transports entered Mukden yesterday, it is evident that the retreating column is over 15 miles long.

Chefoo, Sept. 6.—Firing at Port Arthur was heard here tonight. Two Chinese interpreters belonging to the official household of Lieutenant-General Stoessel, commander of the military forces at Port Arthur have been caught by spying at Shushien and Palungshan. They were executed by the Japanese.

Chinese who arrive here today from Port Arthur declare that the Russian expects a general land and sea attack on September 7.

On September 2 and 3 the Japanese bombarded the fortifications severely, and two Russian guns on a fort near Rihlungshan, were dismounted.

The recent entrance into Port Arthur of a large steamship carrying provisions, chiefly flour, has resulted in the reduction in the price of flour from \$5 to \$2 a bag.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—The No-

voy Vremya this morning got out an early edition announcing the fall of Port Arthur, but it was recalled before the paper reached the streets. Such a report is current but it seems to have no basis in fact.

Tokio, Sept. 6.—An extended report from field Marshal Oyama, the Japanese commander-in-chief, in the field, was received in Tokio today and made public tonight. It is largely devoted to a review of the fighting which took place between August 24 and September 4.

The announcement that the Russians will retain possession of the Yentai Collieries indicates a strong possibility of a battle there. Yentai is the only colliery in Northern Manchuria, and its possession is of vast importance to the Russians in connection with the operation of the railroad.

Field Marshal Oyama reports that a portion of the Russian troops hold Yingshuisu, south of Yentai, and that General Kuroki's right is in close touch with the Russians. He announces also that the left and center Japanese armies, under the command, respectively, of Generals Oku and Nodzu have halted on the left bank of the Taitz river, and it is his intention to dispatch a portion of them to occupy the heights north of Muchang and along the railroad.

General Kurapatkin burned all the railroad and other bridges over the Taitz river.

The report says that the exact number of Japanese losses since August 25 is not known at present, but that casualty lists are being compiled. The field marshal predicts that the losses will prove heavy.

The report does not mention the number of guns taken, but it is known that 16 guns were captured at Anping and Aoshanshan, and earlier reports mention the capture and use against the railroad station at Lio Yang of certain ten centimeter canon guns.

Field Marshal Oyama says also that in spite of continuous attacks for ten days against an enemy occupying semi-permanent fortifications, and the heavy resultant sacrifice, the spirit of devotion and determination of the Japanese troops is excellent.

General Kurapatkin, according to the reports, continued to receive reinforcements until Aug. 13, and his final strength consisted of at least 12 full divisions.

The losses sustained by the Russians are not known to the Japanese field force.

General Kuroki encountered desperate opposition in the battle on the heights to the west of Heiyungtai, where he fought continuously and fiercely for four days before he succeeded in dislodging the Russians.

It is manifest that the stubbornness of the Russian defense at Heiyungtai saved the Russian line of retreat and averted an overwhelming disaster.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 7.—Peace is eagerly discussed by thousands of Russians in this city and in Moscow, notwithstanding what is deemed the military splendor of Kurapatkin's retreat. The Novoye Vremya, founding public opinion, suggests a basis of agreement whereby Japan would receive Sakhalin, Kamtschatka, the Kuriles, the Simidore Islands, the Liao Tung Peninsula and supremacy in Corea. The government is not likely immediately to favor the idea of peace, but may yield later. It is certain that the public demand for the cessation of war is growing in influential commercial and financial circles.

Washington, Sept. 6.—The navy department has received a cablegram from Lieutenant M. A. McCully, dated at Mukden, saying that he is leaving there immediately for Vladivostok.

Lieutenant McCully has been at Port Arthur almost constantly since the outbreak of the war. That he is going to Vladivostok leads to the supposition that he expects the Japanese to turn their attention to that port in the event of the fall of Port Arthur.

NEGLECTED COLDS.

Every part of the mucous membrane, the nose, throat, ears, head and lungs, etc., are subjected to disease and blight from neglected colds. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is a pleasant and effective remedy. 25c, 50c and \$1. W. Akendrick, Valley Mills, Texas, writes: "I have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup for coughs and throat troubles; it is a pleasant and most effective remedy. Sold by Graham & Wortham."

ANOTHER DISTASTER.

PEOPLE ON TRAIN ARE CARRIED OVER AN EMBANKMENT.

Eight Killed and Fifty Injured—Day Coach Leaves the Track and, Breaking Loose Drags Diner With It—Other News.

Moberly, Mo., Sept. 6.—The south-bound Wabash passenger train which left Des Moines for St. Louis at 6:40 a. m., was wrecked today near Pendleton, Mo., killing eight passengers and injuring fifty others.

Immediately upon receipt of the news of the wreck, a relief train was sent out and the dead and more seriously injured were brought back here. The train which was composed of an engine, baggage and smoking cars, day coach, diner and Pullman sleeper, was well filled, it being estimated by Wabash officials that there were about five hundred persons on board. The train was running at its schedule speed when the accident occurred. The day coach left the track and breaking loose from the baggage and smoking cars, plunged down an embankment, dragging the diner with it. The Pullman did not leave the track.

The heavy dining car crashed on top of the coach, and the majority of those killed and injured were passengers in the latter. There was no one in the dining car, it is stated, except the employee, who escaped with injuries.

Dayton, O., Sept. 1.—Frank Schaffer, a prominent wealthy business man, it is charged, arranged, through the pretended connivance of the family physician, to kill his wife. The police today arrested the alleged would-be murderer. Schaffer is fifty-four years old, president of an envelope company and formerly owned and managed several retail groceries under the name of the Cincinnati Grocery Company.

The alleged wish to wed a girl in the employ of the envelope company, and with whom Schaffer, it is said, is madly in love, bred the desire to get rid of his wife.

According to the police report and that of Dr. Charles A. Kiefer, the Schaffer family physician, Schaffer went to the doctor and proposed to give Dr. Kiefer \$500 if he would poison or otherwise kill Schaffer's wife. Dr. Kiefer pretended to agree to the bargain, but said he would not prescribe the poison himself, but would arrange with Dr. J. Q. Adams for a deadly drug.

Meantime Dr. Kiefer advised Dr. Adams, when the two agreed upon a programme of giving a harmless drug to the intended victim. The police were also advised of the scheme. Two detectives were sequestered in an adjoining room Wednesday night, when final arrangements in the death bargain were made between the doctor and Schaffer, and the harmless tablets were given to the latter to administer to his wife. The first of these was to be given this morning.

The conversation that took place according to the report of the detectives, Neidergal and Kincaid, was as follows:

Schaffer—Doctor, I have the capsules.
Kiefer—All right, Schaffer. This is my first job, and it will be the last, but I need the money.
Schaffer, (pointing to his mouth)—Mum is the word, Doc. How long will it take to kill her?
Kiefer—It may kill her instantly or she may linger for a short time. You cannot always tell.
Schaffer—When shall I give it to her?

Kiefer—Give her a capsule at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.
Schaffer—Then I had better go downtown early so I will be away. They will call me by telephone, and I will call you right away, Doc, so you can be there.
Kiefer—How do you stand with the coroner, Schaffer?

Schaffer—I do not know, but I think I can fix that all right. You will be the physician, and you can tell him she died of heart trouble.
Kiefer—Yes I will tell him I have been attending him for a year for rheumatism of the heart and he will take my word.

Schaffer—Will it not embalm the body destroy all evidences of poison.
Kiefer—If I were you I would have the body embalmed immediately, although the poison which I shall administer will be all digested in her stomach.
Schaffer—All right, Doc. I will rely on you to help me out.
Schaffer then left with the capsules which he supposed contained poison, and which he had procured from Dr. Adams.

At about 8:30 this morning, and about the time Schaffer expected his wife to die, he was arrested and taken to police headquarters, where, confronted by the detectives and doctors, he made partial admission to the correctness of the statements. After a conference between the city and county prosecutors Schaffer was finally released, he having committed no act, they said, for which punishment is provided by the statutes of this state. Schaffer is the father of four grown children, one married.

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Bellefontaine Notes.
A family passed through this place recently from Idaho. They lost their team on the way. While crossing the Blue Mountains they turned their horses out to graze and they left for parts unknown. Another team was purchased and after a few days delay the family continued their journey.

W. S. Humphrey has typhoid fever, but his physician thinks he will recover.
Mr. Gleason is quite sick at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Perin.
Mrs. Fawcett returned to her home in Portland Wednesday.
Henry Lamb and Frank Porter have rented Mr. Huggins' farm.
Virgil Landingham has returned from Portland where he went some time ago to consult a physician.
Rev. W. W. Davis will preach at this place on Sunday, September 18th.
Mrs. J. Walters has been quite sick, but is improving.
Mr. Stantruff is very low. He has been ill a long time and is gradually failing.
Last Monday night the citizens of this place and the adjoining neighborhood were suddenly awakened from their peaceful slumbers by the awful din of arthany, clang of bells and grinding of horsa-fiddles. Judging from the voices lifted up in awful warwhoops the party must be whole-lunged, at any rate. 'Twas just the boys celebrating the return of the bridal couple, Fred Porter and Miss Carrie Porter, of this vicinity. They were married at Albany, Aug. 31st.

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