

BATTLE ALL DAY

Armies Are Resting on Arms Near Mukden.

MORE FIGHTING IS CERTAIN

Japanese Are Determined to Push the Attack Home.

FORWARD MOVEMENT BEGUN

Oyama Informs Tokio That the Operations Are Progressing Favorably—Russian War Office Without Advice, and Fearful.

General Kuropatkin's advance has been met with counter advance of the forces under Field Marshal Oyama. According to reports received at Tokio, a general engagement is in progress between Liao Yang and Mukden, but reports from Russian sources describe the fighting there as merely in the nature of advance-guard actions.

General Kuropatkin is reported to be striving to strike simultaneously at two widely separated points on the Japanese line. There has been hard fighting a short distance north of Benishu, in which a Russian loss of 150 killed or wounded is admitted. The Japanese say they have cut off a Russian column south of the Taita River.

No official reports from the front were received by the Russian War Office last night, and the fact is regarded in some quarters as indicating the non-success thus far of General Kuropatkin's forward movement. Military authorities, however, point out that, owing to the magnitude of the movement planned, it is too early to expect news of decisive results.

TOKIO, Oct. 12 (9:30 A. M.).—Field Marshal Oyama, telegraphing from the field yesterday, says that operations are progressing favorably.

Reports dispatched Tuesday night from the scene of the battle, which extends from a central point north of Yentai westward across the railroad southeast of Benishu, on the Taita River, say the struggle continued undisturbedly throughout the day. The Japanese commander's avowed purpose was to continue the assault throughout the night and the following day. The Russians have a great force close down to the Taita River. Apparently Field Marshal Oyama's attack was nicely timed to interrupt a strong turning movement that was threatening Liao Yang itself. The right army, reporting last night, says:

"The enemy's artillery opened a severe attack at 9 o'clock Tuesday against our force at Benishu. The enemy, with one regiment from his right and five battalions from his center, assumed the aggressive. Fighting is now progressing. He is bombarding points between Ta Pao and Benishu. In the direction of Tumen-tsu Pass another artillery duel is progressing. Our detachment sent to the left bank of the Taita River returned after driving the enemy back.

"The enemy has some guns near Tayupo, on an upper stream of the Taita River. The enemy is holding a line from Tumen-tsu Pass to Benishu, and east of the roadway he has 80 guns and fully two divisions of infantry. The enemy opposing the main strength of the right army and holding a line from Sunchiatse to Padatzu numbers four divisions. The right column of the right wing and the left column continued severe fighting until sundown. The left wing of the left column, operating with the right column and the center army, are trying to attack the enemy posted at Sunchiatse, but the progress of the front, center and left wing is very favorable. The commander of the army was still keeping up the attack on the enemy, even after dark."

The center army reports that its right column, which has been occupying the heights north of Yamen-tsu since yesterday, is co-operating with the left column of the right army, and began advancing toward Ouchiatse, which place it attacked. In the meanwhile the left wing advanced and attacked Wanoniutun and Samkwal-shishan. The result of the attack in those directions is unknown. The enemy opposing the left column holds a line from Fan-chiatan, on the Schill River, to Reutao-kou, and made a stubborn resistance.

"It was sundown," says the report, "before we could effect our intended advance. The enemy opposing the column is slightly less in number than one division."

The left army reports as follows:

"The advance effected by us today has been comparatively favorable. We are continuing the attack against a line extending from Patatso to Luitunkow. The right column took possession of Yang Chensung and is advancing toward Liang-chiatan. The left column has advanced to a line extending from Taryuchwangpo to Taitan-tun, through Ching-tzu-tan, and with its main strength is menacing the right flank of the enemy holding Chanovitzu and Yuchiatien-tzu and their vicinity. Should the commander be unable to accomplish his purpose before sundown, he will continue the attack during the night and the following day. The enemy now opposing us numbers at least two divisions."

BRITISH EXPERTS ARE PUZZLED

They Fall to See Why Kuropatkin Would Take Such a Risk.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—The battle raging south of Mukden has revived the full

public interest in the war. Piecemeal reports from both sides are discussed and analyzed in the fullest detail. In the belief that this will prove to be the greatest engagement of the present campaign, and the news so far received, inclines the military experts to the opinion that General Kuropatkin is running a tremendous risk by his bold initiative.

There is no confirmation of the report that General Mischenko's force is cut off, and the fact that Field Marshal Oyama's report does not mention him is regarded as pointing to his escape. At the same time, the dispatches do not yet point to a success on the Russian side, and the motive underlying General Kuropatkin's decision to assume the offensive seems as difficult to understand as before.

RUSSIA FEARS A REPULSE.

No Official News From the Seat of War Creates Alarm.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 12 (6:30 A. M.).—No official news of the result of yesterday's battle south of Mukden is available at this hour. General Kuropatkin doubtless has communicated his regular report to Emperor Nicholas, but the dispatch was not sent back to the General Staff tonight. So the latest word from Russian sources is contained in the Associated Press dispatch from Mukden. The absence of official news is pessimistically interpreted in many quarters.

The frontal attack on Yentai mines developed a desperate battle in which probably 100,000 men are engaged; but though the dispatches so far deal almost exclusively with this feature of the battle, it is pointed out that there is a much wider field involved. A fight on the Russian left flank has not yet developed and possibly here General Kuropatkin intends to deliver his main blow. What force is pushing forward in this direction behind the screen containing the column at Shantinkai is unknown, but the appearance tonight of a Russian column at Tayan-chan, 30 miles southeast striking at Field Marshal Oyama's communications with the Yalu, and the knowledge that another column is already across the Taita River, gives evidence of the wide nature of the turning movement. It is possible that the attack on the Yentai mines may simply be intended to hold the main Japanese force stationary, and that the outcome of the Yentai fight may have little bearing on the result of the general engagement.

While it is now asserted that General Kuropatkin enjoys a considerable numerical superiority force, the main fear expressed is that this superiority is insufficient to enable him to carry out the big operations he has undertaken.

FIGHTING COSTLY TO RUSSIANS

Japanese Are Driven From Village, but Lose Few Men.

KOUTAILIEZ, (six and one-half miles north of Benishu) Oct. 12.—A Russian correspondent of the Associated Press telegraphs as follows:

"I have been with General Kshatinskoy's column since October 8. We have been pushing south from Fusan and have had a number of skirmishes and one hot fight at the village of Kholoyarsy on October 8, in which he lost 150 killed or wounded. We are now approaching the banks of the Taita River. The Japanese, who had already been driven out of Benishapute when we arrived, are now retiring from Lushudia, only two miles ahead. Our advance is falling back on Benishu.

"General Bennenamp's Cossacks first attacked Kholoyarsy, driving the Japanese from the village with a loss of 12 killed or wounded. The Japanese then took a stand on a ridge to the southward, whence it seemed it would be impossible to dislodge them. Two of their guns replied resolutely to ours, although late in the afternoon they ceased firing, apparently to save ammunition. The East Siberian Mountain Battery then came up and seized a commanding height from which it joined the field battery in shelling the Japanese position and finally drove them out, but the fighting cost us 150 men."

THIRD DAY OF THE BATTLE.

Stubborn Fighting Continues, and Hospital Trains Constantly Arrive.

MUKDEN, Oct. 12 (2:40 P. M.).—Stubborn fighting is still in progress, this being the third day of the engagement. It is impossible at this time to say what has been accomplished.

Hospital trains are continually arriving from the south. The wounded are being sent further north. A dressing station has been established on the railway platform here, where nurses and surgeons give prompt attention to the most urgent cases before the trains proceed.

The fighting on Monday commenced early in the morning. A bombardment of five heavy batteries forced back the Japanese lines along almost the entire front, and opened the way for an infantry attack.

About noon the Japanese began to retire. Their flanks and center were stubbornly defended, and the battle increased in intensity, concentrating about the Yentai coal mines, where firing continued until darkness fell.

As a net result of the day's events, the Russians drove in the Japanese left, while the right clung to the position, but maintained itself only with difficulty.

NEARLY WIPE OUT RUSSIANS

Japanese Win a Desperate Counter Attack.

FIELD HEADQUARTERS OF THE SECOND JAPANESE ARMY, Oct. 11, (5 P. M.), via Fusan, Oct. 13.—During the night the Japanese occupied the hills held by the Russians on the right and center of the line, the Russians falling back a distance of three miles. The Japanese infantry advanced within 150 yards of the Russian lines at noon, and defeated the Russians in a fierce counter-attack, almost annihilating the attacking force, who made three charges. The Russian artillery was not silenced, despite a fierce shelling all day.

Now Believe Baltic Fleet Is Going.

PARIS, Oct. 12.—Officials here express the belief that the Russian Baltic fleet will actually start for the Far East next Friday or Saturday. This is significant, as the French officials heretofore have discredited all reports that the fleet was about to leave Russian waters.

SEE FRAUD IN IT

Democrats Object to Work for Watson.

ODELL HELD RESPONSIBLE

Populist Ticket Will Go on Ballot by Petition.

ATTACK GOOD FAITH OF MANY

New York Republicans, It Is Held, Are Pledging Themselves to Support People's Party So It Can Be Revived.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—(Special.)—The Evening Post prints the following:

"Democratic state headquarters today gave out the following statement: 'The Democratic State Committee has secured complete proof that the cause of Thomas E. Watson and the Populist party in the State of New York is being sustained by Governor Odell's machine with the object of diverting votes from the Democratic party. The discovery was made in Albany County. The Populist party ceased to exist in this state in 1896, when it failed to poll the 10,000 votes required by law to enable a political party to have its column of officers printed on the official ballot. An attempt at its resurrection occurred a few days ago when there was filed with the Secretary of State a petition and certificate placing in nomination Watson and Tibbels by Presidential electors, also a Populist state ticket. The law requires such independent nominations to be valid to have the signatures of not less than 50 voters in every county. The signers must swear they intend to support at the polls the person or persons nominated in the certificate to which they put their signatures. The bogus character of these certificates was detected when an analysis was made of 95 signatures to the petition, without an exception, all the signers were Republicans. Not one ever intended to support the Populist candidates at the polls. The State Committee is informed that similar frauds will be attempted by the Odell machine in other counties of the state.'

ALL DREAD MRS. WOODCOCK.

Republican Workers in Chicago Having Struggle Time With Her.

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—Mrs. L. M. Woodcock, of Portland, Or., arrived at the Republican National headquarters today to see how a great campaign is run. Mrs. Woodcock came with information from Oregon, and professed to be a representative of the National Committee, but that State Chairman Frank C. Baker is jealous of her and makes it impossible for her to work effectively there. She was directed to Mrs. Alice Rose, of Illinois, who has charge of the women's bureau in the absence of National Committeewoman David W. Mulvane, of Kansas, who started for New York the moment he was informed that Mrs. Woodcock was coming to Chicago to see him.

Mrs. Willard endeavored to discover what the Oregonian wanted. Mrs. Woodcock exhibited a good-sized flag, bearing a picture of Theodore Roosevelt, which she declares to be the only one she has. The front of her gown was covered with Roosevelt buttons, which she was perfectly willing to distribute among the bystanders. She said she had organized two Roosevelt Clubs and was anxious to continue in the work.

Mrs. Willard declared she could do nothing with Mrs. Woodcock, and called an office boy to see that she got out of the headquarters safely. The visitor, however, was not to be disposed of so easily. She insisted on seeing all the big men but the black guardian of the "bombers" finally frightened her away. She spent the day between the National and state headquarters listening to the noonday speeches of the Commercial Men's Roosevelt League, finally winding up again at the National headquarters, where she talked and talked to Sergeant-at-Arms David C. Owen until he finally cried for help.

DEMOCRATS AGAIN HAVE MONEY

Belmont's Liberality Causes Other Moneyed Men to Respond.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(Special.)—The Post today prints the following from New York:

"The financial condition of the National Democratic Committee, during the past few days, has begun to make a great deal more comfortable than it had been for a while back. August Belmont's offer to duplicate his own subscription of \$50,000 is said to have inspired other moneyed Democrats to liberality, and Chairman Taggart's well-nigh depleted coffers have been replenished with \$50,000."

Concentrate on Roosevelt.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—(Special.)—The World today says:

"Save the state for Roosevelt, don't bother about Higgins."—The order which the Democratic headquarters learned was sent out yesterday to the county managers by Governor Odell. According to the same information, the Republican state leaders have become convinced that the election of Higgins is hopeless, and after talks with the National managers the order was sent out to concentrate on Roosevelt and at least save the state for him."

State to Recover Shortage.

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 12.—Today Governor Bailey turned the evidence col-

lected by State Accountant Rowell showing shortages in the state treasury over to Attorney-General Coleman, and instructed him to take such legal action as is necessary to recover the shortage. Of the 12 counties thus far examined, the shortage aggregates over \$7500, of which \$1500 has recently been mysteriously turned into the treasury. Most of the balance dates back to the previous administration, when the present Treasurer was Assistant State Treasurer.

FORM NEW '04 FAIR SOCIETY.

Daughters of Commissioners Organize—Miss Dosch Among Number.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—Miss Marguerite Dosch, daughter of Henry Dosch, commissioner-general of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and 12 other daughters of commissioners to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition met today at the Maine state building and organized the daughters of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition by providing an office for everybody. The age limit was fixed at from 18 to 16 years. It was first agreed that 14 years be the maximum age, but two very likely girls somewhat over 14 turned up at the eleventh hour and the age limit was hoisted two years to enable them to qualify for membership.

CANADIANS WELL NORTH.

Steamer Arctic Will No Doubt Reach Winter Quarters Selected.

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 12.—A dispatch from A. P. Low, of the Canadian Hudson Bay Expedition, has been received by the Marine Department, announcing that the steamer Arctic, with Major Moodie's party on board, reached Port Burwell October 1. At that point, which is near the entrance to Hudson Strait, the Arctic rendezvoused with the steamer Neptune, which has been in Hudson Bay since 1903, and which has passed Chateau Bay, in the Strait of Belle Isle, from which place Low's telegram was sent on Saturday last, bound for this city.

As the Arctic made the passage to Hudson Strait in 13 days, it is regarded as certain that she will make the trip across the bay to Cape Fullerton, her winter quarters, before navigation closes, which is usually about October 15. Low's telegram reported all well on board the Arctic.

SUFFERING IN NEW MEXICO.

Floods Have Ruined Crops, and People Must Be Aided at Once.

DENVER, Oct. 12.—A News special from Albuquerque says:

Seventy dwellings in San Marcel, 30 miles south of Albuquerque, have been wrecked by the floods of the past week, and there is great suffering and destitution there. The plight of the Mexican people in the surrounding valley is terrible, and hundreds must starve unless immediate help be furnished from the outside. There is a great crop and stores, but the lands have been ruined.

Train Service Resumed in Southwest.

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 12.—The condition of the Rock Island road caused by the heavy floods in New Mexico and Texas, and the fact that the Rock Island line is improved to such a degree that through train service has been resumed.

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Episcopal Delegates Incline to Side of Liberals.

BISHOP POTTER IS ASSAILED

North Carolina Man Again Refers to the Opening of the Subway Tavern and Creates a Great Commotion.

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—

Rev. George B. Van Waters, of Oregon, again spoke at the Episcopal Convention today in opposition to the divorce canon which is occupying the attention of the delegates. He said:

"I am astonished at what I have heard here. They ask us to say that because divorce is granted for trivial causes we should not divorce for any reason whatever, though Jesus Christ himself made the saving clause."

"I say to the applicant for marriage: 'You may go elsewhere.' I am sure they will go elsewhere for baptism, elsewhere for confirmation, elsewhere for holy communion and for the blessings of Christ. We do well to let well enough alone."

SENTIMENT IS CHANGING.

Convention May Refer Divorce Problem to a Committee.

BOSTON, Oct. 12.—A marked revision of sentiment regarding the proposal to prevent the marriage of an innocent party to a divorce during the life of the former partner developed at today's session of the house of deputies of the Episcopal General Convention.

The house, sitting as a committee of the whole, discussed the issue the whole day and many vehement addresses were made by both sides. Several prominent delegates expressed the opinion tonight in view of the difference of opinion the present convention would not act on the question but would like its predecessor, refer the problem to the next triennial conference.

Leaders of the high church party spoke strongly in favor of the proposed legislation. Dr. F. W. Clappett, of San Francisco, and several other deputies opposed a change in the canon.

Takes Filing at Bishop Potter.

A commotion was caused by John C. Burton, of Winston, N. C., who attempted to link the divorce evil with the liquor question. Mr. Burton is the deputy who, on the opening day of the convention, attempted to read a resolution censuring Bishop Potter for opening the subway saloon in New York. In his remarks today, he expressed the opinion that it would be better for the church to curb the liquor traffic before changing the canons on marriage. Continuing he was saying, "If, instead of a high official of the church, I had been in the position of a saloon keeper, when he was interrupted by a point of order. Mr. Burton was admonished by the chairman. Still he attempted to make some further reference indirectly to the subway tavern, but was promptly called to order by the chairman."

At the afternoon session of the House of Deputies, sitting as a committee of the whole, Rev. Robert Ritchie, of Philadelphia, discussed the ninth verse of the nineteenth chapter of St. Matthew, which the opponents of the proposed canon asserted authorized the remarriage of the innocent party to a divorce. He quoted further from the New Testament to show that marriage was indissoluble except by death.

Dr. F. W. Clappett, of San Francisco, speaking against the proposed change, expressed the opinion that an agreement of all Protestant communions in the marriage and divorce would be a grand achievement.

James McConnell, of New Orleans, opposed the adoption of the new canon in a dramatic speech. He said that he had been appointed to the purpose of memorializing the legislative bodies of the various states in the interest of law restricting the performance of marriages to ministers of the gospel. The matter was placed on the calendar.

Loving Cup for Archbishop.

The house of deputies today presented to the archbishop of Canterbury a silver loving cup. The English primate will leave Boston for New York tomorrow and will sail for England on Friday.

The house also voted to fix the age limit for those entering the Order of Deaconesses at 21 years.

The resignation of Bishop Thomas A. Jager, of Southern Ohio, was received and accepted by the house of bishops and his coadjutor, Rt. Rev. Boyd Vincent, became bishop of Ohio.

The spiritual side of auxiliary work was the subject discussed at the women's auxiliary conference today. Among the speakers were Bishops L. R. Brewer, of Montana, and John M. Kendrick, of Arizona and New Mexico.

FAVOR THE INNOCENT PARTY

Methodists Reach Compromise on the Divorce Question.

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—After prolonged discussions lasting nearly a week the report of the committee on marriage and divorce was presented at the last moment at the closing session of the 64th Rock River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at the Evanston-Avenue Church last night.

The report recommended a long courtship—long enough to test the quality of love. The importance of the permanence of the marriage tie was emphasized as

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Large Crowd Attends Rally, Which Is Presided Over by John W. Kern—Nebraskan Holds a Public Reception.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 12.—Every available inch of floor space in Tomlinson Hall was crowded tonight during a political meeting, which marked the close of the first day of William J. Bryan's tour of Indiana.

Mr. Bryan arrived in Indianapolis in a special train this afternoon, having spoken at Rockville, Veversburg and Crawfordsville en route from Terre Haute. During the hours preceding the meeting Mr. Bryan held a public reception at a hotel. An illuminated parade escorted Mr. Bryan and the entire committee to the hall.

John W. Kern, Democratic candidate for Governor, presided, and in introducing Mr. Bryan said:

"I present to you a man who came out of the campaign in 1900 with a strong hold on the affections of the American people, but he came from the St. Louis Convention with a stronger hold on the affections of the Democratic party than he ever had before."

Mr. Bryan was greeted with cheers and the waving of hats and handclapping. He began:

"I have appeared in this hall in a different role than that in which I now appear. I come tonight not as a Moses to guide the party, but on an errand, speaking of whom I call a Moses, Alton B. Parker."

Throughout his speech, in which he insisted that it was not for the sake of the appearance of "being in line" but through sincerity that he championed the cause of Parker and Davis and a united Democratic party, Mr. Bryan was interrupted by repeated cheering, and the large crowd remained attentive until the end.

Mr. Bryan in his Rockville address also denied the charge that his wishes for the success of the Democratic ticket this year were not earnest. He called attention to the importance of the legislative action, as there is a United States Senator to elect in Indiana. He said the Bacon resolution was defeated in the United States Senate by but only one vote, and continuing said:

"Had the resolution passed, there would have been no war in the Philippines, \$600,000,000 we have spent to force a foreign government upon the people of those islands would have been saved, and several thousand American soldiers whose bodies have floated back from across the Pacific would have been saved and its disastrous results of this war of conquest would not have been."

He regarded the Bacon resolution, he said, as the most important question the United States Senate has had before it in a quarter of a century. Popular election of Senators was urged.

ONLY \$10,000 FOR EXHIBIT.

National '05 Board Fixes the Amount for Philippine Display.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 12.—Unless the managers of the Lewis and Clark Exposition can come today, the election of directors was postponed until November 1. The reason for this unexpected postponement could not be learned, those present at the meeting refusing to talk. The Oregon Short Line is a part of the Pacific coast system, and today's action, following the election to the Union Pacific board of directors yesterday of William G. Rockefeller and Henry C. Frick, has caused considerable comment among local railroad officials.

What makes the situation the more interesting is the fact that the large Harriman holdings of Northern Pacific stock are vested in the Oregon Short Line corporation. It is the generally expressed belief among local railroad officials that the control of the Union Pacific system has passed from the Harriman to the Gould-Rockefeller interests, and that today's postponement of the Oregon Short Line directors' election forebodes some exceedingly important changes affecting the Western railway situation. There is much interest expressed in the possible effect the change in the Union Pacific will have on the construction of the Western Pacific Railroad from San Francisco to Salt Lake City. This road was intended as a Pacific Coast outlet for the Gould lines.

HAS HARRIMAN LOST IT?

Salt Lake Railroad Man See Hand of Gould in Union Pacific.

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RECOVERING FROM THE FLOOD

Texas Railroads, With Exception of Santa Fe, Can Reach El Paso.

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 12.—All railroads entering El Paso are again running trains through on time except the Santa Fe and Rock Island. It will be several days before the Santa Fe is able to get into El Paso, but the Rock Island will try to run on a train tomorrow.

One of the greatest damages in the Mesilla Valley above El Paso, in New Mexico, is to the irrigation ditches, which have been cut to pieces. Harvest is recovering from the flood, and reports slight damage, although the water has been high.

Snow Falls in New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The first snow of the season fell at Albany, Schenectady and a number of other places up the state today. It melted as fast as it fell.

Great Dockworkers' Strike Ends.

MARSHFIELD, Oct. 12.—The coal heavers who have been on strike for nearly two months have agreed to resume work on the employers' conditions. This brings the great dockworkers' strike to an end.

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