

VICTORY IS BARREN

Russians Able to Retire in Good Order.

TZENTI PASS THE OBJECTIVE

Siege Guns Captured at Port Arthur Are Now Turned On Old Owners by General Nogi's Experienced Artillery Men.

SPECIAL CABLE

TOKIO, Feb. 26.—The reports that are arriving from the front indicate that the severe engagements of the last few days are the prelude of what now seems will prove one of the bloodiest battles of the war.

The capture of Beresnee by the Japanese, while a brilliant exploit, was practically barren of results, in that the Russians were enabled to retire in good order and concentrate at Tzenti Pass, which is now being attacked.

According to the latest reports from the front that the public is permitted to have access to, General Kuroki's column has been heavily reinforced, especially with artillery, and many are the reports of heavy shells which were used by the Russians at Port Arthur, and fell into the hands of General Nogi's men after the fall of the "Gibraltar of the East," now being trained against General Kuroki's forces.

The fighting in the vicinity of Tzenti Pass, which began Saturday with a long-range artillery encounter, and which was proceeding at last accounts, soon was transformed into a general "skirmish in force," along the entire front of the Japanese right. The Japanese, following out their usual tactics, are hammering away at the objective, the key to the Russian front, and expect to capture it, even though many men are necessarily sacrificed in the attempt.

RUSSIAN LEFT IS CRUMPLED UP

Counter-Attack of the Japanese Results in Great Loss of Life.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 27 (1:35 A. M.)—An action of no mean proportions is in progress on the Russian left flank. The advantage thus far is on the side of the Japanese, though at a heavy cost. From advice from the front it is difficult to say how severe the losses have been or how decisive the reverse, and whether the Japanese are likely to attempt to drive in the Russian left much further.

General Kuroki evidently has been trying to establish his left flank far in advance, to command the crossings of the Taitso River, the operation being a counterpart of General Gripenberg's movement on the right flank preparatory to the breaking up of the ice in the Spring.

The scene of the operations is 50 miles southeast of Mukden, beyond Da Pass, an important defile commanding the road to Fushun. Both armies occupying apparently impregnable positions on the center, General Kuroki evidently planned to inaugurate widely sweeping operations on both flanks, but the Japanese countered hard.

HAMMERING WITH BIG GUNS

Japanese Are Evidently Preparing for a Determined Advance.

WULIATZUI, Manchuria (undated), via Port Dalny, Feb. 27.—The Japanese have scored in the initial conflict of the first great battle of the year south of Mukden, and the "advance of skirmishes in force" ordered by General Kuroki has resulted in the capture by the Japanese of most of the permanent outposts along the Japanese left.

General Kuroki is now following up his advantage, and judging from reports from the Japanese headquarters on the right and center, the two main armies will be soon in an enjoy the advantage. The chief Russian position is threatened and the Japanese force now confronting General Kuroki numbers among it nearly all of the victorious troops who wrested Port Arthur from General Steadman.

Field Marshal Oyama's army is numerically superior to that of his Russian antagonist, and the latter will have to fight hard if he is to retain his permanent defenses. It is assumed that the Russians will not withdraw again, but will attempt to crush the Japanese should they try to generalize the permanent works on which General Kuroki's most able engineers have been at work for some months.

MAIN DEFENSES ARE IN DANGER

Japanese Are Showing Very Great Activity.—Veterans From Arthur.

MUKDEN, Feb. 26.—Fighting continues in front of and west of Te Pass. On the extreme east, the Japanese have taken the outlying positions, and they now threaten the main defenses. Owing to their formidable attack, it is thought the Japanese artillerymen are veterans from Port Arthur, commanded by General Nogi.

A blustering snow storm all day is ended in a bitter wind, which may modify the threatened conflict. The region of Japanese attack is in lightly wooded and high mountains, favorable to the Russian operations.

A force of Japanese of unknown strength, joined with Chinese brigades west of Kungchilin, is still menacing the Russians in that region.

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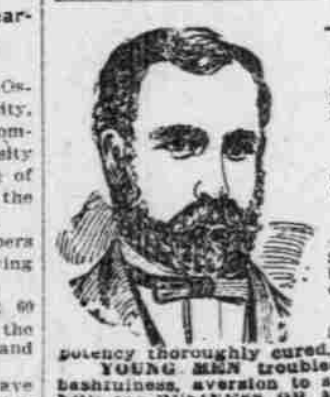
"I have been so misquoted in the papers that I should like to make the following statement: "First—I did not say that men at 60 should be chloroformed. That was the point in the novel to which I referred and on which the plot hinged.

"Second—Nothing in the criticisms has shaken my conviction that the telling work of the world has been done and is done by men under 40 years of age. The exceptions that have been given only illustrate the rule.

"Third—It would be for the general good if men at 60 were relieved from active work. We should miss the energies of some young old men, but on the whole it would be of the greatest service to the community themselves.

Caught Fire From a Stove. VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The 12 year old daughter of H. Blooquest, who lives on Fourth Plain was badly burned day before yesterday, from which death resulted today.

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