AWAITING

Russian Army Effected Its Retreat to a Better Position for Attack at Liao Yang.

JAPANESE LOST OFFICERS

Splendid Spectacle Witnessed During Retirement of Russian Transport While Artillery Held Back the Enemy.

Liao Yang, Aug. 29.-The Russian army has effected its retirement with transport and artillery on Liao Yang and is now in position awaiting the advancing Japanese. The progress of the latter has been rapid and determined, sparing of no sacrifice. In the attack on the Siaolinday position, one Japanese battalion lost all its officers.

The retirement of the Russian transport of four corps vesterday evening across the plain, while the artillery and troops in the rear held off the Jepanese, afforded a magnificent spectacle All along the extended lines there was an incessant roar of batteries, the Russians working their guns with great coolness and not retiring until the transport was in safety. General Rontokowsky was among the killed.

MODERN SOLDIER NEEDS.

They Did Not Have so Many Gimcracks in the 60's.

An officer of the quartermaster's department who is near the age of retirement was grumbling in a whimsical way a few days ago about the modern equipment of the army. "Look at the thigs that the quartermaster's department has to move nowadays," he said. "Such things weren't heard of in the 60s, and yet we had a mighty big army and a good army."

Yet here is the beggarly list of articles which Captain James A. Moss, U. S. A., has officially recommended as a propper addition to the regular equipment of officers in the field during the maneuvers at Manasas:

"Canvas bedding roll, mat about 3x6 feet, rubber bath tub, comforter, canvas bucket, dipper, six candles, pair camp candlesticks; carry-all with pockets for comb and brush, whisk broom, toothbrush and powder, comb and brush. razor, strop, shaving brush, soap, hand mirror, kahki shirt, kahki trousers, elothes hanger, cot, shoes, rubber boots, three handkerchiefs, small hatchet, matches, pillow with case, rubber cape, twelve feet of quarter-inch rope, scissors, shoe laces, toilet 30ap, laundry soap, sponge, stationery, including fountain pen, pencil, notebook and postage stamps, sticking plaster, two face towels, bath towel, three pair socks, three pair drawers three undershirts; wash basin, ball of twine, two dozen ten and twenty-penny mails."

Judging from this list the hardships of an army officer in the field may be imagined, for there is no mention of a corkscrew, can opener, soldering iron, clotheswringer, flatiron, filter, trousersstretcher, glue pot, step ladder, waterproof matchsafe, bomb-proof whiskey flask, tobacco caddy, telescope water cup and scores of other essentials.

SMUGGLING PRAYER-BOOKS

Some proceedings at Konigsberg, in Germany not long ago revealed a pretty state of affairs on the Russian frontier. Smuggling was shown to be a matter of daily occurrence. They are well known resorts on both sides of the frontier which are haunted by the smugglers, and the evidence strengthened the suspicion that the frontier guard on the Russian side closed one eye to this illicit traffic, for a consideration, of course.

It was incidentall mentioned by one witness that 20,000 proyer-books in the Lettish language were annually smuggled into Russia, the reason being that the Russian government insists on the Letts reading their language with the Russian characters, and as they can read only Latin or Gothic type, they draw their supplies contraband from Germany.

An interesting witness was the Ruswian consul in Konigsberg, who, when asked to find certain passages in the sequestrated tracts which he alleged were treasonable, could not discover them. It was also announced that the Prussian government had determined to give a number of Russians recently expelled from Berlin to Switzerland sife conducts to Konigsberg. They will testify to the harmless character of the Russian political agitation, jadged from a German point of view During these proceedings some of

the smugglers interested the court by the barefaced way in which they confessed to selling information to the JAPANESE police on both sides of the frontier. They informed against one another in most indiscriminate fashion. The procedings in the cellars of Vorwarts office, on which the prosecution so much relied, do not seem to have been so mysterious after all. One crown witness deposed that no one was permitted to enter the cellars excent certain selected Russians, and that the Russian literature stored there was kept under lock and key. It now apears that this very cellar was used by the Vorwarts employes as a common cloak room, and that the "fearful" literature was lying about for any one to examine who wished to do so. It further transpired that one of the crown witnesses named Abel, on whom the prosecution relied for much of its information, had been dismissed from the office of the Vorwarts, and had been several times in iail for theft, blackmalling and other malpractices.

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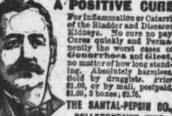
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