

# RUSSIAN FIGHTING ATTENDS RUSSIAN RETREAT

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### Kuropatkin's Rear Guard Pluckily Holds Back the Pursuers.

### Main Force Believed to Be Extricated From Critical Position.

ST. PETERSBURG, Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2:10 a. m.—There has been no news from General Kuropatkin since Monday afternoon. This is attributed to the interruption of direct communication with the commander in chief, owing to the transfer of the telegraph office to Mukden, whither messages have to be sent by courier.

The utmost confidence prevails at the War Office that the Russian army is slowly but surely effecting the retreat without serious risk of being cut off. None the less, intense anxiety is felt throughout the whole nation and this feeling is shared by the Emperor. His Majesty is unwilling, at such a juncture, to absent himself from Peterhof and has countermanded all proposed journeys. He will not go to Warsaw or Libau and remains closeted for hours with his military advisers. It is believed that the outcome of these deliberations will be an order to mobilize several more army corps.

Last evening the following statement was obtained from the War Office:

"No telegrams whatever were received from General Kuropatkin today (Tuesday). It is inferred that the only Russian troops remaining at Yentai on September 6 were the rear guard, whose mission is solely to retard the enemy's movement.

"It is quite consistent from the position of affairs, to suppose that a portion of the Japanese forces entered Yentai. There being no intention to hold this point, as it is of no intrinsic importance, the stores have already been removed and whatever was not removed was burned."

A Russian correspondent sent a message from Mukden last evening, more than twenty-four hours after the dispatch of General Kuropatkin's last published message. This correspondent gives no details of the rear attack and the censor probably is not allowed to authorize the transmission of this news until the commander in chief sends his report.

The correspondent points out in his message that the Russian forces are followed step by step by the Japanese and are greatly impeded by heavy rains and floods. He adds:

"It is impossible to say how long the fighting will continue as the initiative is in the hands of the Japanese."

The correspondent does not conceal the fact that the Russians are undergoing a most trying time, but he says that the courage of the troops remains undiminished.

### FIGHTING IS CONSTANT.

### Japanese Closely Press the Pursuit of Kuropatkin's Army.

MUKDEN, Sept. 6.—A Russian correspondent 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, as the rivers, which are flooded, the fighting has now been almost continuous since August 24 and how much longer it will last it is impossible to say. The number of lives sacrificed and the loss of supplies by burning bridges being blown up, etc., can only be explained when we know 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.

"There are numberless stories of heroism, collective and individual, which it is impossible to relate by wire. The Red Cross is working tirelessly, not only aiding the wounded, but in establishing booths by the roadside and distributing food and tea to the sick, injured and starving. The Chinese population is in a state of ferment."

### GENERAL ATTACK TO-DAY.

### Port Arthur Expects Heavy Onslaught by Land and Sea.

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

The Russian commander here to-day from Port Arthur declares that the Russian garrison expects a general land and sea attack on September 7. On September 2 and 3 the Japanese bombarded the fortifications severely and the Russian guns on a fort near Rihlungshan were dismantled.

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

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## LATEST WAR BULLETINS.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—The Chronicle's correspondent at Chefu, telegraphing last night, says that 10,000 Japanese sick or wounded are at Dahn; that more than half of them are suffering from beri-beri, and that they succumb rapidly.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—The Daily Mail's Newchwang correspondent, cabling under date of September 6, says: "The Russians are relying mainly on Tieling and are avoiding Mukden. Eight Japanese transports arrived here to-day with troops, which immediately took train for Liaoyang. The Russians have been partly intercepted between Liaoyang and Mukden."

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 7.—It is stated that by the end of October the Fourth, Eighth and Thirteenth army corps, totaling 192,000 men, will reach the front and that before the end of September 110,000 men will have been dispatched to General Kuropatkin.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 7.—According to an unconfirmed report the Baltic fleet will not be able to sail before November, owing to the discovery of considerable defects in some of the vessels, which recently underwent their trial trips.

The war situation, in the light of the latest information, may be summed up as follows: The Russian forces are pushing on to Mukden, greatly impeded by heavy roads and floods, conducting an orderly retreat and followed step by step by the Japanese. Details of the fighting and of the exact position of the opposing armies are lacking. The report that Kuropatkin's rear guard has been annihilated and that the Russian forces are in danger of being surrounded is denied by the Russian general staff. The Russian War Office is entirely confident that the retreat is slowly but surely being effected. From Tokio comes the official report that the bulk of the Russian force is still at Yentai. Field Marshal Oyama says that the Russians burned all the railroad bridges over the Taitse River and reports that the Japanese losses are heavy. The attack on Port Arthur continues and Chinese arriving at Chefu say the Russian garrison expects a general land and sea attack to-day.

### Mortally Wounded Correspondent Rides for Hours to File Graphic Story of the Battle.

MUKDEN, Sept. 6.—The following message describing the earlier events of the Japanese attack on General Stakelberg's corps southwest of Liaoyang on August 30 was written on the battlefield by Kiriloff, the war correspondent, and sent to Mukden for transmission just before he was shot through the lung.

"This morning around Liaoyang guns thundered unceasingly. The heights forming a semi-circle around the city were dotted with jets of flame and little black and white clouds. The spectacle was clearly visible from the water tower of Liaoyang. The Russian left alone was not engaged.

"At 7 o'clock the correspondent rode to the Russian center, where the Japanese were concentrating in an attempt to break through, and climbed the neighboring heights, following a detachment sent to relieve the skirmishers who had been covering the battery commanded by Pokotloff, one of the heroes of Kuelincheng. The Japanese shelling places where they believed the Russian reserves were located. Before the correspondent could reach the battery he had to cross a danger zone of 150 yards, projectiles falling and bursting on it until the very ground seemed to quiver with wrath.

"There was a touching scene when the skirmishers were reached. A Russian soldier met a brother whom he had last seen in their native village. There were joyous greetings and a mutual exchange of news about home. Then each went his way and settled down to the work of firing, coolly and deliberately. The Japanese fire was spasmodic. Their bullets sang like birds as they sped overhead and the Russians cracked jokes about it.

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### RUSSIA YIELDS ON CONTRABAND.

Will Make Concessions to America and Great Britain.

LONDON, Sept. 6.—The preliminary representations made by Count Benckendorff, the Russian Ambassador, to the Foreign Office indicate that Russia is on the point of making substantial concessions to the United States and Great Britain regarding the question of contraband of war.

### Japan Imposing War Duty.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 6.—Shippers have been notified that effective October 1 a war duty of 10 cents per sack will be taxed on flour entering Japanese ports.

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## KUROPATKIN'S FLIGHT NOT TO END AT MUKDEN

### Commissariat Arrives at Town and Continues Northward.

### Retreat Is Carried Out in Good Order Despite Difficulties.

MUKDEN, Sept. 6.—The commissariat and columns of artillery are arriving here and proceeding northward. General Kuropatkin's army is engaged in an extensive rear guard action.

The retreat of General Kuropatkin's army is being carried out in good order, despite the terrible condition of the roads, rendered sodden by the rains which fell yesterday and to-day, which mire the lumbering guns and heavy transport trains. 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 Kuropatkin's army. The Japanese are hanging to Kuropatkin's flanks, keeping the Russians engaged in a continuous rear guard action. The progress of the retreating army has been slow, owing to the necessity of first getting through the baggage and guns, but the heads of the commissariat trains already have passed through Mukden and are continuing their way toward the north.

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

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

As this dispatch was filed the correspondent could hear the booming of the Japanese cannon, which are in play fourteen miles from Mukden. 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.

### BRITONS PRAISE KUROPATKIN.

Regard His Escape From Superior Numbers Masterly Achievement.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—English opinion regarding the situation in the Far East is not much influenced by General Kuropatkin's reassuring dispatches. Almost all of the difficulties of the retreat reported in the latest dispatches have been foreseen by the English military observers and indeed the Russian confidence following so closely the period of what was regarded here as exaggerated depression, combined with complete Japanese silence regarding the pursuit, leads the Daily Graphic to believe that the Japanese generals "have not yet given up all hopes of inflicting a crushing blow on the Russian main army."

The Daily Mail's Mukden correspondent, wiring under date of September 5, appears impartially to sum up the situation, saying that the relative positions of the opposing forces are about the same as ever. The enemy is advancing from the south and threatening the Russians at the same time from the east, but the decisive battle is still to come.

The Standard, which comments upon what it terms St. Petersburg's "attack of nerves," and its not altogether surprising readiness to believe anything, however disastrous, thinks that if the Russians can get to Harbin there will be a long pause in the war. The same paper has no doubt that the Japanese will follow their enemy thither, as they did to Liaoyang, but it does not think that the pursuit can be carried out as far as Harbin until after the winter season.

"Kuropatkin has won the race," says the Daily Telegraph, "and saved the greater part of his army by one of the most masterly retreats of military history. Few things in the record of war have been finer than the energy and determination with which the Czar's commander-in-chief prevented the victors from converting a defeat into a catastrophe, and the result will have the most far-reaching influence upon the whole future of the war. Combined with the stolid staying powers of Ivan Ivanovitch, the tactics which saved the situation after Liaoyang and again at Yentai saved it once more at the Hun River and protected the crossing of the bulk of the forces."

At what cost this was accomplished and whether the Japanese have been "yet wholly thwarted of their prey," the Daily Telegraph says will not be known for some days; but assuming that Kuropatkin had 100,000 men at Liaoyang, the paper says he will be comparatively fortunate if he leads 120,000 men to Tieling or to Mukden, and that number will be sufficient to have prospects for the immediate future.

Though Kuropatkin's resource meets with such praise, the Daily Telegraph

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### San Bernardino Stableman Elopes With a Helpless Invalid From Infirmary

SAN BERNARDINO, Sept. 6.—One of the most sensational elopements on record in this part of the State was that of Roscoe Humphries, a local stableman, with Mrs. M. E. Carter, which took place Sunday and has just come to light.

For the past six years Mrs. Carter, who is 32 years of age, has been an inmate of the County Hospital, a helpless invalid. Her sole means of moving about was a creaky wheel chair. Some two years ago Humphries was a nurse at the hospital and there he fell violently in love with the invalid, who is a remarkably pretty woman in spite of her infirmity.

Nothing was thought of the attachment until the other nurses until Sunday, when Humphries went to the hospital and left the place with Mrs. Carter. That was the last seen of them and this evening word was received that the couple were at Long Beach and are to be married to-morrow.

Mrs. Carter's parents live at Cucamonga and they were unaware of the affair until they heard of it through a message from the couple. The board of directors at the hospital were much perturbed over the matter, but Mrs. Carter has arrived at more than the age of discretion and nothing is to be done in the matter save to send congratulations.

## HEAVY HOP CROP IN STATE OF WASHINGTON

Estimated Output Is 41,500 Bales, a Large Increase Over That of Last Year.

SEATTLE, Sept. 6.—To-day the harvest of the Washington hop crop will begin. It is estimated that 10,000 pickers will be required. Reports show the condition of the crop generally to be good, though there has been a shrinkage in some localities. Estimates put the prospective crop at 41,500 bales, an increase of 5000 bales over last year. Prices are high, instances being known where growers have refused 25 1/2 cents a pound.

## RAIDERS AT LAST FOUND.

British Cruiser Conveys Czar's Orders to Volunteer Steamships.

ZANZIBAR, Island of Zanzibar, Sept. 6.—The British cruiser Forte early this morning found the Russian volunteer fleet steamships St. Petersburg and Spolensk within the three-mile limit and communicated to them the orders of the Russian Government to desist from interference with neutral shipping. The commanders of the Russian vessels said they would forthwith proceed to Europe.

## REAR GUARD NOT ANNIHILATED.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 6.—The report which was in circulation here last night of the annihilation of General Kuropatkin's rear guard was untrue.

## TELLS POLICE OF HIS CRIME

### White and Negro Found Dead in Streets of East St. Louis Killed by Barkeeper

EAST ST. LOUIS, Sept. 6.—According to statements made to-night to Chief of Police Purdy by Louis Kane, formerly a barkeeper in the Yellow Dog Saloon, the latter is guilty of having killed the two men found dead under mysterious circumstances near Black Bridge last night.

Kane, in his statement, says that his reason for killing Reynolds, a white man, and Green, a negro, was that they were strike breakers. He told Chief Purdy that he was formerly employed as a butcher and, although he had surrendered his card, he was a "strong union man and had used every means in his power to further the cause of unionism."

In describing the killing Kane told Chief Purdy that he and several striking butchers had had an argument with Reynolds and that the latter made a motion as though to draw a revolver. Kane says that he then shot Reynolds through the heart and hid his body in the bushes.

According to Kane's statement to the police he killed Reynolds at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. After closing the saloon at 7 o'clock at night Kane says he started to go home and while crossing the Black Bridge recognized Green, who was approaching him, as a strike breaker.

Kane says that he hid behind a support of the bridge until Green was within a few feet of him, when he placed his revolver on a ledge and fired, the bullet penetrating Green's heart.

## KILLS WIFE AND ATTEMPTS TO SLAY SISTER-IN-LAW

Husband Who Had Been Abandoned Because of His Habits Uses Deadly Revolver.

ITHACA, N. Y., Sept. 6.—Jesse Baker, aged 23, has shot and killed his young wife. Mrs. Baker, her mother and sister were returning from the fair grounds. While walking a short cut through an orchard Baker suddenly encountered them and drawing a revolver wounded his wife. Her mother and sister unsuccessfully attempted to take the revolver. After shooting at his sister-in-law he fired again at his wife, killing her instantly. Baker then fled.

His wife left him recently because of his drunken habits.

## ROYAL WEDDING WILL TAKE PLACE IN GERMAN CAPITAL

Marriage of Crown Prince and Duchess Cecelia Will Not Occur Until Next Year.

BERLIN, Sept. 6.—The wedding of Crown Prince Frederick William and the Duchess Cecelia of Mecklenburg-Schwern will take place in Berlin, where the visiting members of royal families can be entertained better than at the bride's home. The marriage will probably take place early in the new year.

The royal palace at Hanover has been undergoing reconstruction for a year and is now being refurbished and redecorated.

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