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PROGRESS OF FIGHTING

Important Developments Are Expected in the Region Around Liao Yang.

Gravest Anxiety Expressed by Russians Regarding Gen. Kuropatkin's Position.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 4.—There has been complete and ominous silence regarding events at the front since the receipt of General Kuropatkin's brief dispatch of Aug. 2. Even this meager official information was anticipated by earlier advices to the newspapers. There are neither official nor press dispatches to indicate the progress of fighting around Liao Yang, where it is felt that a most serious situation must exist. It is thought possible that there may be a temporary lull. The terrible heat alone would be enough to demoralize the armies, and it would not be surprising if, coupled with the several days' fighting, it forced both sides to halt and recuperate.

There is the gravest anxiety here to learn whether General Kuropatkin is seriously giving battle or is determinedly screening the withdrawal of his main force. There is a persistent story afloat that the Russian army has been moving north for some days, but this cannot be confirmed. No information can be obtained regarding the reported sinking of the Japanese armored cruiser Kasuga.

AT PORT ARTHUR

Plenty of News Brought From There by Refugees.

Chefoo, Aug. 4.—The steamer Wu Chow, which has just arrived from New Chwang, brings further details of the latest Japanese assault on Port Arthur. When nearing Chefoo the Wu Chow picked up a junk carrying seven men, four women and one boy who left Port Arthur yesterday. They reported that the fighting north of the city of Port Arthur occurred at Wolf Hill and was sanguinary, resulting in the repulse of the Japanese. This hill is situated near the railroad and eight trains were kept busy bringing the wounded soldiers into the city. The wounded men from the east forts reached Port Arthur in all kinds of vehicles, many, however, coming afoot, dragging shattered limbs. The Russians unite in declaring that the fortress will never fall, but they expect that scarcely a building will be left in the city, where now there is scarcely a whole pane of glass. The Wu Chow confirms the statement that the fighting abated during the night of July 28, but had not completely subsided when the refugees left. The Russian fleet from its anchorage shelled the advancing Japanese, after returning from what seems to have been a reconnoitering maneuver. The Chinese arriving here today say that the Japanese actually captured the lightly garrisoned forts on the east shore, but abandoned them when their comrades were driven from other positions. The Russians, however, insist that this is untrue.

The forts at Port Arthur bristle with guns, including many of eight-inch caliber, but the naval artillery men are alleged to have inflicted the heaviest loss on the Japanese. The present unusual exodus from Port Arthur is due to the granting of permission to leave the besieged city, which heretofore the Russian officials have withheld. In most instances the refugees are people of the better class, who are compelled to pay exorbitant prices for junks, which are scarce. The Japanese, while repulsed, have by no means been beaten and a renewal of the fighting was expected when the junk departed yesterday from Port Arthur.

A second junk, which left at the same time, carrying the officials of the Danish East Asiatic company and their families, has not yet arrived at Chefoo.

Among the prisoners captured during the engagement on Wolf's mountain was a Japanese lieutenant carrying a freshly written letter, stating that the fighting had been severe and the Japanese losses were heavy. The Japanese are now occupying the outpost trenches, which they captured from the Russians. Both the Japanese and Russian fleets are reported to be in excellent condition.

Given a Welcome Home.

Vladivostok, Aug. 4.—The reception of the cruisers Rossia, Grombol and Rurik on returning from their last expedition was very enthusiastic. As a result of the cruise naval officers here believe that a check will be given to British and American shipowners carrying contraband of war, or at least additional burdens will be imposed upon Japan by an increase in freight and passenger rates.

New Chwang, Aug. 4.—The Russian gunboat Sivouch (which has been in the Liao river since the beginning of the war) has been deserted and blown up near Sancha and the crew, with the vessel's guns, have started for Liao Yang.

MACHINE-MADE TICKET

The Taggart Brand Is Apparent on Yesterday's Output.

Indianapolis, Aug. 4.—The Republican leaders who are analyzing the result of the Democratic state convention are not dismayed. They seemed to feel today that the Democrats have not greatly strengthened themselves in any important respect. John W. Kern, the nominee for governor, is greatly liked by many Republicans, yet the party leaders can't figure where he will be much stronger than he was four years ago. They also realize that while Kern is personally very popular with his party, there were a number of aspiring gentlemen who were ruthlessly brushed aside in order that he might be nominated by acclamation and who are not liable to put their shoulders to the wheel. It was pointed out today that the Taggart machine absolutely dominated the convention and that while there was undoubtedly a disposition to let Taggart have his say because of his position as national chairman, yet it looks to the observing Republican leaders that his lieutenants may have gone too far in their course. It may be said with authority that the Republican campaign managers would have been more worried if fresher material had been placed on the ticket.

Congressman James E. Watson of Rushville, who was here today, says that he expects to get into the campaign right away. He is in one of the strongest Republican districts in the state, but he is anxious to make a better showing than ever. He will spend considerable time in campaigning throughout the country, as he received a letter today from Chairman Babcock of the national congressional campaign committee saying that he has been assigned to travel for two weeks with Uncle Joe Cannon. The latter is to be one of the principal speakers of the campaign. Although he is an old-timer and a very successful campaigner, Mr. Watson says that he has never got over the embarrassment that comes to a beginner, and he fears frequently that he can't deliver the goods alone. So when arrangements were made for him he decided not to go unless he could have three assistants. He named Mr. Watson for the first two weeks, Congressman Adam Bede of Minnesota for two, and Congressman Hepburn of Iowa for two. Mr. Watson's turn begins Sept. 15. He says that Speaker Cannon has promised to make a speech for him Sept. 1 at Richmond.

The number of Easterners appointed by Taggart as members of his executive committee has dampened the hopes of the Indiana leaders that the Western branch of the headquarters will be located here. It is said that Taggart is very anxious to have the branch headquarters here instead of in Chicago, but inasmuch as he seems to have deferred to the Eastern Democrats so far in the appointment of the vice chairman, treasurer and members of the executive committee, it is believed that he will listen to them when the matter of locating the headquarters is determined. It is generally believed that Taggart is going to make an herculean effort to carry Indiana, but it is likely that he will be out of the state most of the time and the work of organization will have to be carried on by his lieutenants.

The date for the opening of the campaign was not determined by the Republican state committee at the meeting yesterday, although the matter was discussed. Chairman Goodrich did not seem inclined to talk about it when the matter was mentioned. It is believed from the symptoms they are exhibiting that the Republican leaders expect to await the action of the Democrats before they make any definite plans regarding the time for opening the campaign. The matter has not been definitely decided by the Democrats, but it seems to be the understanding that the first gun will be fired not later than the 15th of September. However, it looks as if both sides will be in the thick of the fight two or three weeks ahead of that.

Seems to Be a Success.

Oakland, Cal., Aug. 4.—Captain T. C. Baldwin has made another ascension with his airship from Idosa park. He rose to a height of about 500 feet and then sailed northward for a distance of about ten blocks in a slight breeze, made a turn, came back and descended in the park without any mishap. The ascension was entirely satisfactory.

Fowler Is Now "Dry."

Fowler, Ind., Aug. 4.—The temperance element was victorious in a bitter saloon war, which resulted in the denial of a liquor license to Henry Deno, whose failure to secure a license leaves Fowler without a saloon. A year ago the city had nine licensed saloons.

New Trolley Line Projected.

New Castle, Ind., Aug. 4.—The board of county commissioners granted a franchise to the Indianapolis, New Castle and Winchester Electric Line company. The road has been surveyed and work will be commenced at once.

Woman Accused of Murder.

Hartford City, Ind., Aug. 4.—Mrs. W. R. Krauss is under arrest charged with murdering her stepdaughter, Crystal Krauss, aged eighteen, who died Tuesday afternoon of strychnine poisoning. Mrs. Krauss denies the charge.

Brussels, Aug. 4.—Thirty-two persons were killed near Arion by an explosion.



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