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## AN AWFUL RACE

Russian and Japanese Armies Each Striving to Reach Mukden.

### A CRUCIAL SITUATION

The Fate of the Manchurian Campaign Is Thought to Depend on Outcome of This Race.

If Kuropatkin's Retreat Is Intercepted His Resources Will Be Exhausted.

The forces of Kuropatkin and Oyama are racing for Mukden. This much stands out in the news from the far East, and is indicated in a report forwarded by Kuropatkin, who says that his retreat is being conducted in perfect order, though the Japanese have repeatedly attacked his rear. The result of the race is in doubt.

The united Russian forces are now north of Yentai, a station on the railway about ten miles northeast of Liao Yang. They are pushing on to Mukden, to which the bulk of Japanese forces is marching direct, after having swarmed across the Taitse river. A strong Japanese flanking column is about thirty miles northeast of Liao Yang and is trying to get between the Russian forces and Mukden.

With this race in progress there was a brief dispatch from Mukden, saying that preparations for the evacuation of that place are proceeding. This report, if well-founded, would mean the abandonment of the whole of southern Manchuria and the winding up of the present campaign.

It was reported in St. Petersburg at a late hour last night that Kuropatkin's rear guard had been almost annihilated and that the main Russian army was in danger of being surrounded. Kuropatkin in his report makes no mention of the abandonment of 200 guns at Liao Yang, a rumor to which effect is in circulation. Advices from Port Arthur by way of Chefoo bring the fighting there up to Sept. 2, and say the Japanese losses were very heavy.

### SITUATION IN DOUBT

St. Petersburg Without Satisfactory Dispatches From the East.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—A dispatch received from General Kuropatkin indicates that Kuropatkin's army and General Kuroki's army are racing for Mukden and that the result is in doubt.

Mukden, Sept. 6.—Preparations for the evacuation of Mukden are proceeding. The Japanese advance is within thirty miles.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—It is reported that General Kuropatkin's rear guard has been almost annihilated and that the main Russian army is in imminent danger of being surrounded.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—It is officially stated that the united Russian forces are now north of Yentai, except a detachment left at that place to cover the retreat. The Japanese swarmed across the Taitse river near its junction with the Pensi. The bulk of the Japanese forces is marching direct on Mukden.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—It is impossible at this hour to obtain any information regarding the reported preparations for the abandonment of Mukden. This is the first intimation that such a course is contemplated. If it turns out to be true it means the abandonment of the whole of southern Manchuria and the winding up of the political campaign. In fact, should Mukden be evacuated there would be no point for wintering the army of a quarter of a million with its many wounded, short of Harbin.

On the other hand, the evacuation of Mukden would give Field Marshal Oyama commodious winter quarters and the practical control of two lines of railway. The Kinchow-Simintin line, tapping rich Chinese territory, stops little short of Mukden, where it is connected by a good wagon road.

The report of the prospective evacuation of Mukden, if well founded, would indicate that the crippling effect of the Liao Yang battle on Kuropatkin's army is more serious than has yet been intimated.

### The Situation Summarized.

A summary of the war situation to date shows that the whole Russian army, or at least the main portion of it, is already above Yentai station and is pushing on toward Mukden. Field Marshal Oyama's rear army has crossed the Taitse river and part of it is hanging on to Kuropatkin's flank. A strong flanking column on the east is pushing rapidly north in the effort to head off the Russians.

Against this General Kuropatkin has sent out a strong cavalry division to the northeast, which it is believed is already in position to check the Japanese flankers, while to the westward Kuropatkin is moving a division toward Simintin, thirty miles west of Mukden, to meet any interference that

may be attempted from the direction of Yinkow or New Chwang.

Oyama's advance is reported to be engaging the Russian rear, but it is not expected to develop anything more serious than a series of rear-guard actions tending to harass Kuropatkin's retreat. The Japanese have thrown a strong flanking column across the Taitse river at Benzit, about thirty miles northeast of Liao Yang. This column is hurrying to the northeast and endeavoring to get in between the



GENERAL RENNENKAMPFF.

Russian army and Mukden. It is against this movement that Kuropatkin has directed Lieutenant General Rennenkampff with a strong Cossack division, which, it is believed, is already blocking the eastern highroad.

Kuropatkin has three roads over which he is marching toward Mukden, besides the double-track railroad. The latter is chiefly occupied in the transportation of guns and equipment, of which there is a great quantity. The soldiers are marching in light order, and most of the wounded have already been deployed north by rail.

Kuropatkin estimates his losses up to and including Sept. 4 at 16,000. This is considered to be a very conservative figure. The loss to the Japanese probably will be double this number, owing to their position as attackers. Kuropatkin says nothing regarding the loss of guns, but it is probable that some of the heavier emplaced guns at Liao Yang had to be abandoned.

There is no truth in the report that Kuropatkin has been wounded.

### Mukden Being Abandoned.

London, Sept. 6.—The Daily Mail this morning prints a dispatch from Simintin, dated Sept. 5, giving a report that General Kuropatkin's retreat has been cut off. The dispatch goes on to say that the Russian troops had advanced in strong force to the southeast of Mukden as far as Japing hill to oppose any possible attack in the direction of their advance. A Chinese official who arrived from Mukden Sunday says that the Russian troops are leaving for the north, that there are 18,000 men ten miles to the east of the city, that the officers and men have become desperate and that much sickness is prevalent.

### General Kuropatkin Reports.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—Under date of Sept. 5 General Kuropatkin telegraphed the emperor as follows: "The retreat of our troops from Liao Yang on the right bank of the Taitse on the night of Sept. 4, was carried out in good order. The enemy's insignificant attempts at pursuit were stopped by our rear guard. During Sept. 4 the Japanese strengthened their forces operating against our left flank, extending their line from the Yen Tai mines northward. Japanese, also on Sept. 4, crossed from Liao Yang and its environs."

### Bodies in Heaps.

Chefoo, Sept. 6.—Advices from Port Arthur say that following the terrific bombardment of the fortress for the five days ending Sept. 1, 1,000 bodies were removed by the Chinese under orders given by the Port Arthur authorities.

### It's Progress Conditional.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—It is reported that the Baltic squadron will sail a week from date by way of the Mediterranean, but that it will not proceed to the far East if Port Arthur falls.

### Foul Tip Causes Death.

Chicago, Sept. 6.—Wendell Miller, the twelve-year-old son of George M. Miller, president of Ruskin University at Glen Ellyn, Ill., was killed yesterday afternoon by a foul ball while watching a baseball game. Young Miller was sitting in the grandstand when the ball flew up and struck him on the temple. He died in three minutes.

### TERSE TELEGRAMS

The Russian losses during the fighting at Liao Yang are estimated at 16,000.

The rifle club championship of the United States was won by the first team of the Ohio State Rifle Association.

James E. Dolan, national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, has appointed Archbishop Farley of New York City chaplain of the order.

The American Protection firm in London is now in this country with his experts examining a gas and oil proposition in Kansas embracing 18,000 acres of land.

Senator Platoff, a member of the Council of the Empire, has been appointed minister of the interior and chief of the Russian police, in succession to the late M. Vorheve.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says that by a daringly conceived coup on the part of his friends, Sasseone, the murderer of M. Vorheve succeeded in escaping from prison.

Among the Japanese officers reported killed in the battle of Liao Yang are Lieut. Teurouchi, son of Lieut.-Gen. Teurouchi, minister of war, and Lieut. Fukushima and Kurita, both sons of Japanese generals.

According to Chinese reports the efficient Japanese forces now at Port Arthur number 12,000.

The past week's advices confirm previous deductions that the Japanese are bending their fiercest energies to secure an ingress along the railroad.

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### AMUSEMENTS.

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