

FIGHT CONTINUES

RESULTS, HOWEVER, ARE AS YET UNKNOWN.

RUSSIANS STUBBORNLY RESIST

Indications that the Russians are in a most serious position. Thrown into great confusion as they attempt to hurriedly cross the river.

TOKIO—The fighting at Liao Yang was continued until a late hour Thursday.

It was resumed at dawn Friday. The fate of the great bulk of the retreating Russian army hinges upon the bravery and fortitude of its left flank.

Before falling back General Kuropatkin intended that his left to the eastward and northward of Liao Yang should be greatly strengthened in the hope of checking General Kuroki's advance around his flank and to protect his line of retreat and communication. The greatest part of this protecting force seems to have been massed in the neighborhood of Heiyngtai, twelve miles northeast of Liao Yang, where it was fiercely assaulted by General Kuroki at 11 o'clock Thursday morning.

The result of this fighting is not known.

If Kuroki wins and strikes the flank of the retreating Russian army and reaches the railroad it will place the Russians in a most serious predicament.

Yesterday the Japanese managed to interfere seriously with the train service from Liao Yang. They used some guns captured from the Russians, together with some of their own, to bombard the railroad station at Liao Yang, thus preventing the entraining of Russian troops.

It is reported here that a conflagration is raging at Liao Yang.

The chief of staff of the center Japanese army, General Nodzu's, telegraphing early this morning, reported that the Japanese center was continuing to advance today, with the object of taking a line from Shinchiyen to Liao Yang, and effecting a re-union with the Japanese left, commanded by General Oku.

The Russians began to retreat on the right center from Liao Yang early Thursday. They were thrown into great confusion while attempting to cross to the right bank of the Taitse river. The Japanese pursued them vigorously and seized a Russian cannon which they used to shell the Liao Yang railway station.

Field Marshal Oyama's right attacked a heavy force of Russians in the vicinity of Heiyngtai, twelve miles north of Liao Yang at 11 o'clock Thursday. His left began at dawn today, pressing the Russians towards Tatzho. It is thought that he will severely punish the Russians.

The Japanese casualties in the Liao Yang engagement have not yet been ascertained officially. It is announced that they will not exceed 10,000.

Government to Make Medals.

PORTLAND—That there will be a government mint in full operation at the Lewis and Clark exposition is the assurance given President H. W. Goode by Secretary Shaw of the treasury department. The visit of Secretary Shaw to the exposition grounds Wednesday had the effect of gaining his sanction to the establishment of the mint. The mint will be an active exhibit and will be placed where the processes of making money may be viewed by all. The plant will be complete in every detail.

China Steps Work on Ships.

SHANGHAI—The Chinese government, acceding to the demand of Japan, effected the stoppage of all repairs on the Russian protected cruiser Askold and the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi.

BIDS FOR LETTER BOXES.

Contractor Under Indictment Objects to Reletting the Contract.

WASHINGTON—Bids were opened at the postoffice department for furnishing "street package and combination package and letter boxes," under the supervision of a special committee headed by Postmaster Hibbard of Boston.

Ex-Representative Lemuel E. Quigg of New York was present as attorney of Isaac S. McGiehan of New York, who made a contract in the name of the Columbian Supply company in 1901 for furnishing such boxes, and who now claims the right to furnish them, and warned all bidders against making any bids. The government some time ago refused to receive any further supplies of this character from the Columbian Supply company.

McGiehan, who is a New Yorker, and George H. Huntington, a clerk in his office, and former Superintendent Machen of the free delivery service, were indicted in Washington for conspiracy and fraud in connection with the furnishing of these package boxes to the government.

RACE QUESTION THE ISSUE.

The South Wrought Up Against Roosevelt.

ESOPUS, N. Y.—Senator Asbury C. Latimer of South Carolina was the only political visitor at Rosemount.

After leaving Rosemount Senator Latimer said:

"I came to tell Judge Parker that the south stands ready to send a host of orators north to help in the campaign against Roosevelt. Every speaker in the south is prepared to assist in this work in the north. The south is solid, not so much against republicanism as against the personality of Roosevelt. The race question, as fathered by Roosevelt, will be the chief issue against him."

The announcement by David B. Hill of his contemplated retirement January 1 occasioned much interest in Esopus today, but Judge Parker refused to comment on it.

INTENSE ANXIETY PREVAILS

Battle Now in Progress May Put an End to the War.

ST. PETERSBURG—Even late Monday night the greatest uncertainty prevails regarding the actual situation at Liao Yang. There is intense anxiety for definite news from the front, but even the authorities are frankly ignorant as to whether or not the long expected decisive action will be fought at Liao Yang or further north.

It is possible that a great battle is now proceeding and there are many indications that such is the case.

If this is so, the fate of this year's campaign may be settled within forty-eight hours. At the same time, opinion is almost equally divided, many believing that General Kuropatkin will not make a determined stand and that the Japanese will crack the shell, only to find that the bird has flown.

Meat on Unfair List.

CHICAGO—"A meat famine will be forced at all costs. It is the best weapon with which to fight the trust packers, although it may not be welcomed by the independents." In these words President Donnelly of the butchers' national organization declared a boycott against all meat and announced that union men would quit in all the packing houses Thursday afternoon, regardless of where live stock is secured. Donnelly's announcement was made after the meeting of the Allied Trades board.

John M. Thurston Speaks.

ASBURY PARK, N. J.—Former Senator John M. Thurston of Nebraska was the principal speaker at the convention of the New Jersey State League of Republican clubs Thursday night.

LEAVE LIAO YANG

RUSSIANS WITHDRAW TO THE LEFT BANK OF TAITSE RIVER.

ADVANCE OF THE JAPANESE

Kuroki's Army Crosses the River on Pontoon Bridge—Japanese Casualties Since August 29 Estimated at Ten Thousand.

TOKIO—The Japanese left began pressing the Russians toward Tatzho at dawn Friday morning. The Japanese right is engaged in the neighborhood of Heiyngtai.

The Japanese casualties since August 29 are officially estimated at 10,000.

ST. PETERSBURG—The news of the occupation of Liao Yang by the Japanese and the withdrawal of the Russian army to the right bank of the Taitse river reached only a small section of the people of St. Petersburg at a late hour and caused intense excitement and disappointment. The majority of the inhabitants retired to rest believing that Russian arms had again been successful and that the Japanese attacks had been repelled. Ugly suspicions, however, have been rife during the day, owing to the absence of press telegrams from Liao Yang, leading to the belief that the communications had been cut by General Kuroki.

The following statement was obtained by the Associated Press from the war office at 10 o'clock Thursday night:

"General Kuroki's army crossed in force to the right bank of the Taitse river, and it therefore became necessary for the Russians to be in a position to repel a blow in this direction.

"In view of this development in the operations General Kuropatkin decided to abandon his positions on the left bank and to concentrate his whole army on the other side of the river. This position is the strongest both in character and in site. The great issue will finally be decided there.

"By withdrawing to this position, the Russian army avoids the necessity of being divided by the river and enjoys the advantage of compactness.

"General Kuropatkin's move, therefore, is not to be considered as a retreat, but rather as the carrying out of a well defined idea."

The withdrawal of the Russians to the right bank involved the abandonment of Liao Yang, which is situated on the left bank. The Japanese took advantage of this to occupy the city, but the sternest part of the fighting is still before them unless General Kuropatkin decides at the last hour to again fall back to the northward. It is more than likely, however, that he will decide to fight to a finish. The cards are all in his favor, it is believed, now that he has the Japanese divided by the river, thus effectually turning the tables on his foe.

Russian Crews Told to Leave.

SHANGHAI—Repair work on the Russian cruiser Askold and torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi has been stopped by the order of the British minister, the dock at which the repairs are being made being owned by British citizens. China has ordered that the paroled crews of the Askold and Grozovoi return to Russia. The Japanese consul notified the consuls of neutral nations that any ship leaving port with crews of the Askold and Grozovoi will be captured by Japanese warships still outside the harbor.

Cullen Succeeds Parker.

NEW YORK—Judge Elmer E. Cullen of Brooklyn has been appointed chief judge of the court of appeals by Governor Odell, succeeding Judge Parker, resigned.

THE SULTAN DEAD.

Former Turkish Ruler Passes Away at Constantinople.

CONSTANTINOPLE—Former Sultan Murad V. died Wednesday of diabetes, from which he had long suffered.

It was reported in May last from Venna that Murad V., the thirty-third sovereign of the house of Osman, was dying and at the same time it was reported from the same source that his adherents all over Turkey, known as the young Turks, were secretly arming and only awaited the signal to rise in insurrection.

Murad V. was born in 1840 and ascended the throne after the murder of the sultan, Abdul Aziz, May, 1876. In July of that year Murad was placed upon the regency of his brother, the present sultan, Abdul Hamid II., and on August 31 he was dethroned. Outwardly this act was performed legally by the council of ministers on the ground that he was insane.

The real facts in the case, however, will probably never be known, but it has been claimed that Murad was a good deal more sane than his brother and one of the greatest terrors of Abdul Hamid's existence was the fear that this Turkish "man with the iron mask," as he has been termed, might escape from his place of confinement in the Cheragan palace, and some six years ago he was removed to the Malta Kiosk, in the grounds of the Yildiz palace occupied by Abdul Hamid, which is surrounded by lofty walls. In spite of the secrecy of Murad's removal he was seen as he passed by several foreigners, who declared that though he had aged and was haggard in appearance, the former sultan had not lost his majestic bearing and that he preserved the appearance of a man in the full possession of his mental faculties.

The confinement of Murad has been of the cruelest character. Only his jailers were allowed to see him and every precaution was taken to prevent any intelligence of what was going on in the opposite world from reaching him.

Although Murad is announced to have died from diabetes, it had generally been understood, according to the palace representatives, that he was suffering from tuberculosis.

PULLMAN SHOPS TO CLOSE.

Seven Thousand Men Will Be Out of Employment.

CHICAGO.—The great shops of the Pullman company are to shut down on September 1 and thousands of men employed in the various departments of the car building corporation will be without work. Thirty thousand people at Pullman and in the surrounding towns will be effected.

When the Pullman company is working on the full time 7,000 persons are employed. During the last few months owing to a lack of new orders, men have been laid off, 600 and 400 at a time, until now the force does not amount to more than 2,000. These men are engaged in finishing the construction of cars already under way, and when these are ready for the rails the shops will be closed and the plant rendered idle. The plant may remain closed for more than a month.

Letter in Hands of Printer.

OYSTER BAY.—Having transacted all business of pressing importance that has been pending since his arrival at Sagamore Hill the president will give more time henceforth to visitors. A few callers will be received almost every day. Members of the international arbitration conference which is to be held in St. Louis in the next ten days, will be received by the president at the White house September 24. The delegates will be the guests of the nation while in this country.