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IMPORTANT FIGHT ON

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BATTLE IN PROGRESS FOR TWO

Japanese Making Effort to Out Off to Mukden.

MANY RUMORS CONCERNING IT CURRENT

One is that Japanese Have 20,000 Russians Surrounded.

MOVEMENT THOUGHT HIGHLY IMPORTANT

One Correspondent Wires Kuroki Has Come Through the Mountains Onto the Main Mukden Road.

(Copyright, by New York Herald, 1904.) LONDON, July 7.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent with the Russian army at Liao Yang telegraphs under date of July 7:

"A battle is proceeding twenty-five miles from here. Numbers of wounded are being brought in from the mountains, slung between mules or lying on mattresses in carts.

"Evidently the engagement is a severe one, and the fighting has been going on for two days.

"I believe the Japanese are continuing their advance with the object of cutting off Mukden."

In commenting on this dispatch the Daily Telegraph says that if the intelligence from Liao Yang can be accepted as true the most important movement of the war has been reached.

"Writing from Russian headquarters," adds the Daily Telegraph, "our special correspondent sent a message which appears to give substance to the strange rumors which have been reaching the journals of St. Petersburg and Moscow during the last twenty-four hours."

One fact the Daily Telegraph declares is certain, is that for two days there has been heavy fighting within twenty-five miles of Liao Yang. The view of the correspondent that the Japanese object is to cut off Mukden, the Daily Telegraph considers, would not have been introduced in such a compressed dispatch unless the fact was immediately connected with the fighting described.

This theory is deemed probable in view of the rumors simultaneously transmitted to their journals, with the permission of the censor, by several Russian correspondents, one report roundly declaring that 20,000 General Kourapatkin's troops are actually surrounded near the Manchurian capital, which commands the rear of all the Russian dispositions and forms the master key to the whole strategic system of the war.

Other Russian correspondents, the Daily Telegraph adds, confirm the news that the Japanese turning column has actually debouched from the mountains upon the Mukden road, while all agree, it is added, that Kuroki is making an effort to thrust in masses of troops between Kourapatkin's main force in the south and his northern base in an attempt to break the Russian line.

Desperate Fight in Pass.

TOKIO, July 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Supplemental dispatches indicate that the fight at Ma Tien Lien Pass on July 4 was a desperate hand to hand affair. A majority of the Japanese injured were wounded by bayonets. The Russians surrounded the outposts of the Japanese who fought until relief came.

The Russians left fifty-three dead and forty wounded on the field. The Japanese lost nineteen killed and thirty-eight wounded. It is believed that the Russians sustained greater losses during the pursuit than in action.

Japanese Drive Back Russians.

GENERAL KUROKI'S HEADQUARTERS, via Pusan, July 6.—On July 4 two battalions of Russians attempted to break through the Japanese outposts at the northern entrance of Ma Tien Lien Pass. Before daylight they surrounded an outpost of eighty men at the foot of a hill and charged the trench above. A bloody encounter with bayonets lasting a quarter of an hour ensued. The Russians attacked the trench three times but were driven up the valley by a Japanese reinforcement, leaving many dead and wounded. An observer saw fifty lying in front of the trench.

FIGHTFULLY BURNED BY SHELL.

Japanese Survivors of Hattensu Bound for Naval Base.

CHINAMPO, July 3, via Seoul, July 6.—The steamer Manchuria, having on board a party of Japanese statesmen, foreign attaches and correspondents, was fired upon by a tour of inspection of the theater of war, has been found for five days off this port. On the evening of July 1 the Manchuria met a number of Japanese transports.

A Japanese mail steamship passing here had on board 180 survivors of the battleship Hattensu, which was sunk off Port Arthur on May 13 by striking a mine. The survivors are bound for a naval base, where they will join the torpedo flotilla. Many of the men are scared from the frightful burns received from the explosions of shells. All appear anxious to return to active service, saying that it is wrong for them to live when their comrades are dead.

With fanatical enthusiasm they are desirous of taking every risk.

Boat Returns to Port Arthur.

TIENTSIN, July 6.—The Russian torpedo destroyer Lieutenant Burukoff, which successfully ran the blockade at Port Arthur and reached New Chwang June 29 with advice for St. Petersburg from the beleaguered fortress, has returned safely to Port Arthur.

May Concentrate Upon Port Arthur.

LIAO YANG, July 6.—General Oku's army is retreating, evidently with the object of concentrating upon Port Arthur. Siege guns are being placed in position at Kin Chou. The departure of two additional divisions for the seat of war is reported from Nagasaki.

RUSSIA CALLING FOR RECRUITS

Because of War Double the Usual Number of Enlistments Is Required. L

ST. PETERSBURG, July 6.—The military critics generally take the view that serious military operations in southern Manchuria are over until the rainy season has ended and that in the meantime the Japanese will devote themselves to the siege of Port Arthur.

The army organ marvels at the lack of discipline on the part of Generals Kuroki and Oku, expressing the belief that this may account for the fact that forces landing at Port Dainy have been taken from the armies in Manchuria.

The test of the engines of the armed cruiser Admiral Nakimoff on its trial run is pronounced very satisfactory. The battleships Stasi Veliki and Navarin and the armored cruiser Svetlana are being fitted with hosts for coal at sea. An imperial ukase has been issued calling 47,000 recruits to the colors this year. This, on account of the war, is double the usual number. An official statement says that last year a large number of recruits responded, the others were excused on account of illness and other causes. The smallest percentage not responded was in Poland and the largest in the Caucasus.

GEN. OYAMA LEAVES FOR FRONT

Commander of Japanese Field Forces to Take Charge.

TOKIO, July 6.—Field Marshal Oyama, commander-in-chief of the Japanese field forces, accompanied by Generals Kodama and Fukushima and a numerous staff, departed for the front today. There was a remarkable farewell demonstration. Many houses were decorated and flags and banners fluttered over the streets.

Members of the cabinet, elder statesmen, representatives of the court, hundreds of military and naval officers, many civil officers and some foreign attaches assembled here to bid them farewell. Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister, accompanied by Lady MacDonald, entered General Oyama's private car.

American Minister Griescom was not present, the United States being officially represented by Colonel Wood and Secretaries Miller and Laughlin. Troops lined the platform at the station and when the train started there were tremendous cheers, while the band played "Auld Lang Syne."

JAPS TRYING TO ENTER ALL DOORS

Movements of the Enemy Continue to Puzzle Russians.

LIAO YANG, July 6.—4:56 p. m.—Reports have been received here of the appearance of Japanese outposts on the roads leading to Mukden. A company of Japanese infantry scouts was seen near Liao Tachan. On the other hand, the Japanese have withdrawn from the passes taken June 26 and June 27 and their advance from Lan Shan Kwan has ceased. The Russian eastern corps has moved forward to Kianwan (Ho Shan) and Hozamen, which the Russians had evacuated and reoccupied.

The tactics of the Japanese are difficult to understand. They seem to be trying to enter by all doors. Probably the armies commanded by Generals Kuroki and Oku are combining to operate against Ta Tebe Kiao and Hsi Chong in order to gain possession of the railroad and enable them to advance to Liao Yang.

TURKS STOP RUSSIAN SHIPS.

Red Cross Flag, However, Permits Vessel to Pass Through Bosphorus.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Tuesday, July 6.—It transpires that the Russian volunteer fleet steamer St. Petersburg, which passed through the Bosphorus from the Black Sea this morning in company with the Sevastopol, the latter flying the Red Cross flag and with its hull painted white, was stopped in the Bosphorus by shots from the Turkish forts, fired without previous warning. The incident threatened to cause friction, but after a delay of several hours explanations were exchanged between the Russian embassy and the ports. The vessel was then allowed to proceed, Vladivostok being its declared destination.

CALLS FOR MANY NAVAL RESERVES.

Reservists in All but Two European Provinces Are Ordered Out.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 6.—All the remaining naval reservists in the governments of European Russia, with the exception of Gornburg and Finland, have been called out by a imperial ukase. These are intended to make up the full complement of the reserves at the Baltic naval ports.

The naval reservists in some of the Don districts have also been called out and ordered to Sebastopol.

UCHTOMSKY SUCCEEDS WITH SHEET

Warships at Port Arthur Cutting Russian Lines for Ammunition.

CHEE FOO, July 6.—A party of refugees arriving today from Port Arthur say that Commodore Uchtomsky of the battleship Peresviet has succeeded Rear Admiral Witthoff as commander of the Russian naval forces at that place. According to Chinese reports the warships at Port Arthur are busily engaged in cutting brass pipe for ammunition.

River Acts as Barrier.

LIAO TUNG, Tuesday, July 6.—Delayed by rain, the Japanese army which fell all day yesterday have converted the Tait river into a wild, swirling torrent, making it a defense against the Japanese. Today the sun is shining and the temperature is 40 degrees centigrade.

Some of the Russian detachments are performing remarkable marches in spite of the hot roads.

General Kuroki's forces include many men of the reserves, armed with the old pattern rifles.

Comment on British Course.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 6.—Recurring to the offer of British aid to the Russian sealing interests off Kamchatka during the war, the Novoe Vremya says: Russia wishes to remain at peace with all nations and certainly has no wish to exclude England from that footing. A little remarkable is this overtone of peace, considering that Russia is trying to come to terms with Japan in order to protect the interests of India against Russia. England and Russia are allied in the danger that would threaten its Indian empire if its ally (Japan) triumphed in the far east.

Rumor of Hot Fight.

LIAO YANG, July 6.—There are persistent reports in circulation that a hot engagement occurred today northward of Gezean between the Russian Vladivostok and the Japanese squadrons, which ended favorably to the Russians.

Bridges Are Washed Out.

MUKDEN, July 6.—Rain is falling very heavily here. Several of the Chinese bridges have been carried away. The movements of large bodies of troops and transports have been stopped.



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RUSSIANS SINK TWO SHIPS

Discover an Attempt of Japanese to Enter the Harbor.

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FORT BATTERIES OPEN ON THE VESSELS

Of Four Warships Which Try to Get at Port Arthur Fleet Only One Escapes Unharmed.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 6.—At 1 p. m.—A few night ago Admiral Togo attempted to repeat the Japanese exploit with torpedo boats at Wei Hai Wei during the Chinese-Japanese war, by sending torpedo boat destroyers into the harbor of Port Arthur for the purpose of sinking ships at their anchorage, but the attempt ended in disaster. Four torpedo boat destroyers succeeded in reaching the harbor, which was not protected by booms, but only one escaped. Two were sunk by the short batteries and one was crippled. The reckless bravery of the Japanese in going to almost certain destruction excited nothing but admiration here. The channel at Port Arthur is so tortuous and strewn with wrecks without that evidently it was regarded as unnecessary to use a boom. On account of the difficulty in getting into the harbor the feat is looked upon in naval circles to be fully as daring as that of the Japanese at Wei Hai Wei, where Japanese torpedo boats in a storm and covered with ice, were jumped over the booms protecting the harbor and destroyed Chinese warships. So far as known the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers did not even succeed in launching torpedoes.

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CHICAGO, July 6.—Seven hundred range lambs were sold today on the Chicago market for \$7.40 per 100 pounds. This is the highest price ever paid for western grass lambs, the previous being \$6.50, paid in July, 1903, in Chicago. The lambs sold today were shipped from Ellensburg, Wash., and average sixty-three pounds a head.

COMPROMISE PLANK FOR UTAH

Democrats Have Agreed Upon a Declaration Not Offensive to the Mormon Contingent.

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COLOR DEBARS FILIPINOS

Students of the Philippines Refused Entrance to Dupont Manual Training High School.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 6.—The state board has instructed the high school board to inform the Philippine students who applied for admission to the Dupont Manual Training high school that their color debar them from the privilege of the public schools. When the request that the Philippine boys be allowed free admittance to the school was presented to the board, Dr. R. E. Galvin inquired if Filipinos are not negroes. Prof. Mark said he had investigated the law as to the separation of races in the schools and found that the word "colored" applied to negroes, Indians, and the brown races.

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FIRST ROUND OF CONVENTION

Temporary Organization Effected and Williams Makes a Speech.

BRYAN ENTERS THE HALL AMID SILENCE

Demonstration Assumes Absolute Control of Conservatives and Promotes Nomination of Parker—One Cleveland Shouter Ejected.

ST. LOUIS, July 6.—The democratic national convention met today, listened to an extended speech from Representative John Sharp Williams, its temporary chairman, appointed the committee necessary to perfect a permanent organization and adjourned. In a session lasting two hours and fifty minutes one striking incident overshadowed all other proceedings. That was the enthusiastic and prolonged cheering which greeted the name of Grover Cleveland.

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