

DREADFUL SLAUGHTER

But the Russians Suffered the Most Severely.

FACE TO FACE.

The Two Armies Are in Touch; with Desultory Fighting, and Another Great Battle May be Looked for Very Soon-- The Weather is Cold.

So far as the despatches from the Far East show, there has been no change in the relative positions of the hostile armies confronting each other on the line of the Shakhe river. There is an unconfirmed report of a Russian force of 20,000 men has been concentrated at Kauts pang, 20 miles northeast of Liao Yang, which may be indicative of the direction in which General Kuropatkin is likely to strike his next blow.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 24.—Emperor Nicholas has received the following despatch from General Kuropatkin dated Oct. 23: "The fight of Oct. 22-23 passed quietly. At nine o'clock this (Sunday morning) the whole of our volunteer sharpshooters harassed the enemy while the Japanese tried to attack our outposts but were repulsed by the Russian fire."

Desultory Fighting.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 23.—Lieut. General Sakharov, in a despatch dated Oct. 22, says: "There is no serious fighting, but there has been a desultory artillery duel throughout the day. The Russian batteries bombarded the portion of the village of Linshippu, occupied by Japanese as well as Shakhe station and the village of Lamuting, while the enemy bombarded the portion of Linshippu, in the occupation of the Russians, and the village of Shakhe. Mukden, Oct. 22.—The Russians on Friday and Saturday, bombarded the villages of Lamuting, Shalandtzy and Sanyantzy and Shakhe station, which the Japanese have now completely evacuated."

A party of Russians approached on a hand car to a point near the station and a Japanese was visible. The Japanese reply to the Russian artillery fire is extremely weak, but the rifle fusillade of the outer trenches is incessant. It is only possible to bring up provisions and water by stealth at night, in kegs on donkeys' backs, as the Japanese riflemen pick off the drivers.

Dreadful Slaughter.

Tokio, Oct. 24.—Afternoon.—The Japanese headquarters here today, without referring to the general situation in the vicinity of the Shakhe River, published the following report yesterday: "Since the last telegram referring to the enemy's dead, the bodies left on the field have been increased to the following: Found by the right army, 5,200; Found by the left army, 5,603; Found by the centre army, 2,530."

Total, 13,333. The number of prisoners captured totals 709. Washington, Oct. 22.—The Japanese legation today received the following cablegram from Tokio: "Marshal Oyama reports that the investigation completed Oct. 22 regarding the Russian losses at the battle of Shakhe shows that there were about 500 prisoners and 10,550 dead bodies. The trophies of the battle are 35 guns, 6,920 shells, 5, 574 rifles, 78,000 ammunition, etc. The dead of the enemy were all buried with military honors. The Russian total casualties are estimated at 60,000. Further investigation is still proceeding."

With General Oku's army in the field, via Fusan, Oct. 22.—The Japanese of the left army report their casualties to date as 5,100. These include comparatively few killed, and many were only slightly wounded. Five thousand Russian dead have been buried by the Japanese who estimate that the Russians removed about 2,000. It is believed that the Russian casualties before the left army equals an army corps. The right army (General Kuroki's) reports fewer losses than the left army, but there have been greater Russian casualties before it.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 23.—The war office admits the Russian casualties of 40,000 and claims the Japanese lost about 30,000. The associated Press learns that a portion of the eighth army corps, which had reached Harbin, is hurrying southward. The Japanese estimate that the Russian losses in the battle of Shakhe amount to 60,000, is not confirmed here.

A telegram from Harbin reports the passage north of 26,000 wounded. The remainder, who are quartered in hospitals at Mukden, cannot exceed a few thousand. Badly Frightened. Cherbourg, France, Oct. 24.—The advance guard of the Russian second Pacific squadron, consisting of torpedo boats, is in the outer harbor. The main squadron is expected here, but it is not certain whether the vessels will enter the harbor. The vessels which first arrived here were not with the larger ships when the latter fired on the British fishing boats in the North Sea, Sunday morning. Therefore it is not yet possible to identify the Russian version of the affair.

The Russian torpedo boats are surrounded by guardships and the utmost vigilance is maintained. No person is allowed to approach them, and no person is allowed to come ashore, excepting the postman. The boats are furnished with the wireless telegraph equipment. They took on provisions from the transport Korea. During last night and this morning, the vigilance was redoubled, owing to fear of Japanese ships being in the channel. The Russian torpedo boats and the transport Korea headed out to sea during the day, probably for the purpose of communicating with the main squadron. The newspapers here report that the torpedo boats received a wireless telegram from the Russian flagship yesterday evening warning their commanders to exercise extra vigilance, as it was feared that a Japanese attempt might be made to blow up the squadron while in the channel.

TO ARRIVE NEXT WEEK.

The New Steamer for the Philadelphia Monday.

Manager Robert Orchard of the Star Line of steamers with Captain Charles Wasson, mate Duncan Wasson, engineer George Burpee, second engineer Bert Estabrooks, and a crew of deck hands and firemen left by the steamer Calista in Austin this morning for Philadelphia, via Boston to bring the newly purchased steamer Pokanoket to this port. Manager Orchard expects to leave Philadelphia next Monday with the vessel. Through the kindness of Charles Dalton, inspector of boilers for the Dominion, the time is able to furnish the following dimensions of the "Pokanoket": Length, 160 feet; breadth, 29 feet; depth, 12 feet; light draft 5 feet. She is fitted with two sets of compound engines 10 X 20 by a 14 inch stroke, which is supplied by two boilers. The Pokanoket has a steel hull and was built in 1894. She is fitted throughout with electric lights, also a powerful search light. The steamer has been running on the Delaware river, between Colonial Beach, Virginia, and Philadelphia and is a staunch vessel. She has a speed of over sixteen knots an hour and with the improvement which it is intended to put on her when she arrives here, she will have no trouble of making eighteen or twenty knots an hour on the river. The steamer has three decks and the saloon and cabins are beautifully furnished and fitted out. Inspector Dalton says she will be one of the best of the fleet of steamers on the St. John River.

A RULING OF IMPORTANCE.

Supreme Court Judge on Special Leave to Appeal.

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—(Special.)—In delivering the judgment of the Supreme Court today in the Lake Erie and Detroit River Ry. Co. vs. March, Mr. Justice Noyes said in effect that special leave to appeal would not be granted in any case which did not involve matters of public interest or important questions of law, the construction of the Dominion statutes or the conflict of Dominion and provincial authority, or questions of law applicable to the whole Dominion; and further, that even in such cases special leave would not be granted where the judgment of the court below is clearly right. The motion for leave to appeal was dismissed with costs.

COLORED CIRCLES IN FTON EXCITED.

Fredericton, Oct. 24.—(Special.)—Whitechapel was the scene of a double wedding, this morning, the principals being John Dean and Hannah Hoyt, and John Kennedy and Mrs. McIntyre, all colored. Rev. A. A. Rideout performed the ceremony. The happy couples left by boat for Onanob for their honeymoon.

THE Y. M. C. A.

A unique plan is being adopted by W. E. Todgham, the new physical director of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, to encourage regular attendance and to bring in new members. The class is divided into two groups, each having its own captain and two assistants. Each group has its own uniform and a banner of a corresponding color. When the class meets, the captain of each group calls the roll, and the banner belonging to the group having the largest number is placed above that of its competitor. A new member is placed in the group of the boy who brings him in.

At the Baptist ministers meeting this morning the following were present: Dr. Gates, P. J. Stackhouse, A. B. Colner, R. W. Ferguson, A. J. Prosser, David Long, C. Burnett, B. N. Nobles and Dr. Manning. President Long was in the chair. Reports from the various churches showed good congregations. B. N. Nobles preached at the Home for Incurables yesterday. The remainder of the time was taken up by Rev. Mr. Long who continued the story of his impressions of the north west.

United States Secretary Shaw told a story the other day of a shamrock at a country Christmas tree party who had a pair of trousers on the tree for him. He examined the garment carefully, and, turning to his mother, shouted: "Oh, mamma, those pants must be all new. Papa never had a suit like that!"—Philadelphia Ledger.

THE WORLD OF SHIPPING.

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PORT OF ST. JOHN.

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DOMINION PORTS.

Quebec, Oct. 23.—Arrd stmr Lake Champlain from Quebec. Halifax, Oct. 23.—Arrd stmr Edna, from Havana and sailed to return; 23rd, stmr Halifax from Boston; 24th, stmr Liverpool via St. John, N.E. Orinoco, from St. John. Old, 22nd, stmr London City, for London.

BRITISH PORTS.

Barry, Oct. 24.—Arrd stmr Pandosia, from Liverpool. Cardiff, Oct. 21.—Arrd stmr Helene Horn from Chatham, NB. Glasgow, Oct. 23.—Arrd stmr Gard from Ayacufo, NF. London, Oct. 21.—Arrd stmr Celsano, from St. John and Halifax. Liverpool, Oct. 21.—Sld stmr Demara for Montreal. Glasgow, Oct. 22.—Arrd stmr Siberian, from Philadelphia via St. John, NF. Montreal, Oct. 23.—Arrd stmr Parisian, from Montreal and Quebec for Liverpool. Shields, Oct. 21.—Sld stmr Melville, from Rotterdam, for Montreal. Liverpool, Oct. 21.—Arrd stmr in the Mersey, Mark Vasco De Gama from Shediac. London, Oct. 22.—Sld stmr Mount Temple, for Montreal. Glasgow, Oct. 22.—Sld stmr Sardinian, for Montreal. Rotterdam, Oct. 23.—Sld Stmr Plata Marsters, for Hamburg. City Island, Oct. 23.—Bound south, schr W. R. Huntley from Parrsboro, NS, via Greenwich, Ont. New York, Oct. 22.—Arrd schr Wm Mason, from Windsor, NS. Salem, Mass., Oct. 22.—Arrd schr Emma D. Endicott, for St. John, Clifford C. for do. Ready Island, Oct. 22.—Passed down, stmr Carthaginian from Philadelphia and Glasgow. Boston, Oct. 22.—Arrd strms Celtic, from Liverpool; Boston, from Yarmouth, NS; schr Carrie from Port Daniel, PQ. Sld, stmr Halifax, for Halifax, NS. Schr B. B. Hardwick, for Annapolis, N. S. Josephine, for Port Pansy, for Point Wolfe, NS; Emma E. Potter for Clements point, NS; Susie Prescott, for St. John, Valetta, for Apple River, NS; Annie for Salmon River, NS; Agnes May for St. John.

WESTERN CROPS.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 24.—The North-west Grain Dealers' Association have issued their annual fall crop report for Manitoba and the Territories. Following are the figures: Wheat 3,420,431 acres at 17.5 bushels per acre, 59,857,190 bushels. Oats, 1,205,960 acres at 37 bushels per acre, 44,620,520 bushels. Barley 392,569 acres at 26.8 bushels per acre, 10,520,850 bushels. Flax, 46,540 acres at 11.4 bushels per acre, 530,590 bushels. Percentage of wheat No. 1 and under, 39 per cent. Percentage of threshing done, 65 per cent. Wheat inspected and passed, Winnipeg, 7,000,000 bushels.

COPPER MINE SOLD.

Helena, Mont. Oct. 24.—Senator W. A. Clark, has sold the Helena Independent, to John S. Hill of Helena and the formal transfer has already taken place. Senator Clark bought the Independent from Nell-two years ago.

Four Different Schemes.

Mr. Borden has already submitted four different schemes for a new Pacific Railway, and there is still time for him to submit one more. The Grand Trunk Pacific will be an all-Canadian line, and St. John will be its terminus. When the Conservatives talk of making St. John a National Port, remember the Harvey Salisbury Railway. Any St. John Liberal who votes for Daniel and Stockton is playing into the hands of the enemies of St. John. The Conservatives now pretend that they want Government ownership, yet every Government Conservative leader in the past has been against Government ownership. It was the Conservative Government that kept the mail steamships at Portland for seven years after the Canadian Pacific Short Line was built. Mr. Wainwright of the Grand Trunk says that the freight over the new Transcontinental road will not go to Portland, but to St. John, and he ought to know. The Electors are now asked to believe that the Conservatives will make St. John a national port. Bosh! When did a Conservative Government do anything for St. John?

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