

WAR SITUATION.

Russians Pushing an Aggressive Campaign

WITH SOME DEGREE OF SUCCESS.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

St. Petersburg, Oct. 19.—General Sakharof telegraphs at midday today that the Japanese are concentrating at Liangsinpu, west of the railway.

A detachment of Russian cavalry reconnoitering last night in the vicinity of Shabke, captured two Japanese guns with no losses to themselves.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES.

Mukden, Oct. 18.—It is reported that the Japanese made a furious attempt to take a wooded hill near Da Pass last night. The firing began at 11 o'clock and continued with rifle and cannon throughout the night. This action was probably a part of an attempt by the Japanese, who were already in possession of small hills in the plain, to rush the centre along the foothills at the Shabke river.

Mukden, Oct. 18.—Lone Tree Hill, won by the Russians after a desperate struggle, was the object of a gallant but unsuccessful attempt at recapture by the Japanese. In spite of the awful slaughter with which they had been driven from the hill, the Japanese returned to the charge during the night of October 17, recognizing that the hill was the key to the position on the southwest front. Nine regiments participated, creeping up through the night and delivering a furious assault at dawn. But the hill had been bought too dearly by the Russians to relinquish it, and the Japanese were driven back with terrible slaughter.

It is reported that General Mischenko's Cossacks under command of Adjutant Cavriloff, were engaged in a hot fight on Oct. 17 towards the southeast. A Cossack horse battery silenced the Japanese guns and drove back several infantry battalions, but were unable to capture the guns, which the Japanese succeeded in carrying off.

Mukden, Oct. 18.—It is reported that the Russian army is advancing. Rain is hindering everything. The rivers are bank full and the fords are impassable. There are no bridges. Supplies of all sorts are delayed.

Cossacks brought in captured guns and Japanese wounded prisoners on Oct. 17. Russian soldiers surrounded the prisoners and gave them bread and water and in other ways tried to relieve their wants.

News has just been received that the Japanese left flank had been driven back with heavy loss and its retreat cut off. A Russian regiment is now being hurried to the scene in the hope of completing the rout.

An officer who has just returned from General Mischenko's division, reports that a sanguinary fight has taken place at Laikhezi, 15 miles southeast of Shabke, to which General Mischenko retired in order to preserve communication between the Russian centre and eastern flank. The Japanese made a determined effort to cut the line of communication at this point and attacked under cover of a terrific cannonade. Out of one company of a Russian rifle brigade only fifty men were left. Two companies that had expended their ammunition prior to the last Japanese attack, lay in the trenches until the Japanese were within a few paces. Then the Russians hurled a volley of stones, charged and broke the attacking line, compelling the Japanese to flee.

There was fighting today on both sides of the great Mandarin road.

General Kuropatkin is indefatigable, personally directing the forward operations. Nothing seems to affect him, but he wears his usual quiet smile under all circumstances.

The last Japanese defenders of Lone Tree Hill, two artillery officers, refused quarter and died fighting with their swords beside their guns.

St. Petersburg has been cheered by the report that General Kuropatkin has resumed the offensive and by the news of the defeat of the Japanese in command of General Yamada and the capture of Lone Tree Hill.

DAVIS WILL RETIRE.

Ontario Com. of Crown Lands says he's Done with Politics.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

SLUG TWO

Newmarket, Ont., Oct. 19.—At a meeting of the executive of the North York Liberal Association yesterday, Hon. E. J. Davis, commissioner of

crown lands in the Ross government, announced that at the close of the present legislative term he intended to retire from politics.

In the event of an election, however, he would take his customary active part in the campaign.

OFFICIALLY CONTRADICTED.

No Truth in Tory Report that Mr. Hays has Resigned.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

London, Oct. 19.—At the head offices of the Grand Trunk Railway it was definitely stated that there was no truth in the report that Charles M. Hays, second vice president and general manager of the company, had resigned.

Montreal, Oct. 19.—This morning C. M. Hays cabled an emphatic denial of the rumor that he had resigned or intended to resign from the presidency of the Grand Trunk Railway.

LIBERALS UNDISTURBED

By News of Blair's Resignation--The Transcript's Comments.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Moncton, Oct. 19.—The Liberals are proceeding to arrange a big Emerson demonstration for tonight, exactly as if Mr. Blair never existed. The Transcript editorially argues along the line that the G. T. Pacific issue is greater than the man, meaning Mr. Blair, and that no one man's vacillation can arrest the conclusion of the great national enterprise.

POLITICAL POINTERS.

The Election Campaign as it Develops From Day to Day.

Laurier, Gibson and Victory—Crocket, Dunk and Defeat.

Hon. Dr. Montague has been nominated by the Tories of London, Ont., against Hon. C. S. Hyman.

The Woodstock Sentinel is issuing a daily for the campaign, and gives Hale and the Tory party hot stuff.

Liberals will raise hearty cheers for Emmerson and Sir Frederick Borden at the Fredericton opera house tomorrow night.

Mr. Macinerney has not yet accepted the Tory nomination in Kent, so the Sun says. George hesitates before taking another plunge into political obscurity.

Mr. Blair, who is now so flattered by the Tories, will be able to recall the days and years when the same party labelled him a boodler and a political nonentity.

Montreal Herald:—While Gamey was speaking the other night a building 300 yards away caught fire. This beats Gourley, who can only explode an oil can at a distance of 90 feet.

The Tories think that Blair's resignation is such a bombshell that even Dr. Stockton has aroused himself and ventures the prediction that he will be elected. More grasping at straws.

We are asked to believe that Duncan Thomas electrified Canterbury Station as it was never stirred before. Wonder if Duncan has permission from the city council to travel abroad, absenting himself from his duties at the poor house?

Mr. Robinson, the Tory candidate in Northumberland, in defending himself from the canvas that he makes no speeches in Parliament, said "It had been asserted that he had not made a speech in Parliament. That was true, and it would be better if many of those who had done so had kept their seats. Good was accomplished by work, not by talk." One of the Tory canvases against Mr. Gibson is that he does not talk in Parliament, and Mr. Robinson's answer effectively meets the case. It is Tory opinion and should be acceptable to York Tories.

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Mr. Gibson's Card

TO THE

Electors of the County of York.

GENTLEMEN:

The late Parliament of Canada, having been dissolved by proclamation of His Excellency, the Governor General, and writs having been issued for the election of a new parliament, you will be called upon on the third day of November next to elect a member for this county, to represent you in the House of Commons.

At a very largely attended and representative convention of the Liberal party, held at the City of Fredericton on the eighth instant, I was unanimously nominated and chosen as a candidate to contest this constituency at the forthcoming election in the interest of the Government of the day, and having accepted the honor thus tendered me, I am now before you, asking for your suffrages and support.

On three previous occasions I appeared with success to the electors of this county; once as a candidate for the Legislative Assembly of the Province, and twice as a candidate for the House of Commons; it is, therefore, with some considerable degree of confidence, that I am again asking for your support, for I am unaware of anything having occurred, since my last did me the honor of electing me as your representative by a splendid majority that would warrant me in inferring that I have forfeited in the smallest degree, the confidence that was then reposed in me. I am not asking for your support upon any special merit of my own, although I have in all things, and to the best of my ability, endeavored to serve your interests, but rather upon the record of the Government, so ably led by the Right Honorable Sir Wilfred Laurier. Since 1896 the commanding statesmanship of Sir Wilfred Laurier and his government, and the many administrative acts of such supreme importance to the people of Canada, have been so prominently brought to your attention through the press of the day and by the utterances of public men, that it would be of little value, even did time or occasion permit, to recount them here.

Referring to matters that more closely concern this constituency, your attention might, I think, properly enough be called to the manner in which the public works and buildings of the county have been looked after; to the acquisition by the government of the Canada Eastern Railway and its operation as part of the Intercolonial system, an event which, in commercial importance to the business men of Central New Brunswick has not been surpassed by any other single event that has occurred during the last quarter of a century; to the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific Transcontinental all-way, the preliminary surveys for which are now being vigorously pushed in our own Province, and the main line of which, it is believed by those competent to form a judgment upon the subject, is almost certain, on account of the engineering difficulties that would beset a more northern route, to traverse the valley of the river Saint John. All these are matters upon which the electors will be expected to pronounce on the third proximo.

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Owing to the short time intervening between now and election day, it will be impossible for me to visit all of you in your own districts, I intend, however, to call upon as many of you as I can. Thanking you for the generous support heretofore accorded me, and desiring to give expression in this public way, of my appreciation of the high honor conferred upon me by your electing me your representative in the past, I respectfully ask you for a continuance of your confidence, and your active support on the third of November next.

Yours faithfully,

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