

A TALE OF WOE.

General Gripenberg Suddenly Appears at St. Petersburg,

AND CREATES A GREAT SENSATION IN MILITARY CIRCLES.

Tells How Russians Failed to Achieve Great Victory.

And Why He Demanded His Release from Kuropatkin.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—The arrival at St. Petersburg of General Gripenberg, former commander of the second Manchurian army, who reached here at midnight, caused a good deal of a sensation in military circles.

The General relinquished his command after the recent attempt of the Russians on the flank of Field Marshall Oyama. He claims that General Kuropatkin refused to send him help when victory was in General Gripenberg's hands, instead ordering the latter to withdraw.

Gripenberg will personally report on the situation to Emperor Nicholas. It is too early to say what the result will be, although it is evident that Kuropatkin's enemies are pushing their campaign against him.

It is only fair to Kuropatkin to say his friends claim that his side of the story is that he only intended a demonstration in force, and that Gripenberg pressed the attack too far and became too much involved.

In an interview Gripenberg said: "I am glad to give an account of the battle of my army, the telegrams I have seen being far from the truth."

"Kuropatkin of course, authorized the advance but imposed the condition that it should not go beyond Heikoutai and Sandepas. My plan was to capture Heikoutai, and then outflank to Sandepas. From the first army corps before Heikoutai I detached a brigade which occupied Heikoutai Jan. 25. The Japanese came out from the south and my brigade came under a cross fire but held out until I got up another brigade to cover its retreat, the Japanese now concentrating on their left.

"During the evening of Jan. 25 my army was ordered under no circumstance to fall back from our positions. Next morning my whole front was engaged, the troops being posted as follows: On extreme right, first corps, then the fourth rifle corps and the fifth division of the second corps, who had just arrived from Russia. Altogether I had two battalions and the enemy had twice as many.

"The battle of Jan. 26 was continued until the evening and we did not surrender an inch of ground. My left flank, which was clearing a road to Sandepas, being weak, I asked the commander in chief, who had sixty battalions available, for reinforcements. He declined to send any, apparently taking the Japanese demonstration at the centre as being a general advance. Nevertheless, I decided to storm Heikoutai next day. All the surrounding villages were already in our possession.

"Early on Jan. 27, the fiercest fighting occurred. We again held our own, and the road to Sandepas was quite clear of the enemy. I therefore again appealed to the commander in chief for reinforcements. If he had listened to my entreaties we would have riven an iron ring around 100,000 of the enemy.

"The Japanese, being menaced by a strong force of Russian cavalry on the south and southwest, evidently realized the danger of tackling us. In desperation, Jan. 28, four times they assaulted our outer positions, but were beaten off each time in such a brilliant fashion that it does my heart good to remember the gallantry of my brave comrades.

"I might easily have followed up their repulses by headlong offensive, but I was handicapped by my commander's order and his refusal to send me reinforcements.

"How anxiously I waited a reply on both occasions. Just think of what victory meant. Complete victory was in our grasp. The loss of thousands of lives was not dreadful before such a result.

The reply of General Kuropatkin arrived at 7 in the evening in the shape of an order to leave a small force in our positions and move up the army to his support, in view of the expected Japanese advance on the centre.

"How was it possible for the Japanese to attack the centre when all their available forces were diverted west.

"It is impossible to describe the impression produced on me by that order. At first I was afraid to communicate it to our victorious army, but there was nothing else to do.

"We returned during the night of Jan. 29, with tears in our eyes and bitterness in our hearts. It was then that I decided my presence at the front was no longer possible, and the next day I handed in a report to the commander in chief demanding my release."

London, Feb. 17.—The Daily Telegraph's Shanghai correspondent reports that General Stalkeberg and three Russian infantry colonels were wounded in the fighting on the Hun River.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 17.—The steamship Tremont, which arrived today from Japanese ports, brought news that fifty vessels will be added to Japan's naval strength, as a result of salvage operations now being conducted at Port Arthur.

Large salvage crews are working to recover the vessels, some of which will be repaired at the Port Arthur docks, which 1,200 workmen are putting in repairs to receive the sunken vessels as soon as they are raised.

A recent arrival in Japan from Port Arthur states that the captured guns, vehicles, locomotives, railway cars and other trophies have been massed on the drill grounds ready for shipment.

Washington, Feb. 17.—"Peace talk is like Washington weather, variable," said Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, yesterday as he was leaving the State Department after a long talk with Secretary Hay, an incident which, despite the frequency of its occurrence, always set afloat "peace rumors."

The visit of Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, a half an hour later, brought the reassurance that the war was to "go on to the end."

Although diplomats here representing the neutral powers do not speculate as yet about the beginning of the war in the far east, The Associated Press finds a well defined belief prevalent that Washington stands a good chance of being the capital at which Russia and Japan will adjust their differences.

FACING WANT.

Ten Thousand Striking Workmen Refused Food on Credit in Russia.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—The minister of the interior, M. Boulington, has ordered the governors of provinces not to leave their posts at present.

The managers of the Putiloff Iron Works announce that, as the men have not returned to their work, they will not be further supplied with provisions on credit from the company's stores until the work is resumed.

This means that 10,000 persons henceforth are deprived of means of obtaining food.

The dissension caused intense bitterness among the strikers.

FROM COLLEGE HILL.

Monthly Meeting of Engineering Society-- The New Gym Open.

The monthly meeting of the Engineering Society will be held in the museum of the engineering building this evening at 9 o'clock. Mr. F. W. Holt, C. E., of St. John, will give a lecture on "Railroad Construction." Circulars have been sent to all the land surveyors in the province asking them to be present at this meeting, and to form themselves into a "Surveyors' Society," to be a branch of the present Engineering Society.

The new gymnasium is now ready to be used. A basket ball league has been arranged, taking in the 4 classes. The first game of the series was played yesterday afternoon between the seniors and the freshmen. The seniors won, eight to two.

The mock trial which was postponed last Saturday night will take place tomorrow night. Mr. Justice Golding will preside. The only case to come before the court is a divorce one. Mrs. Horatio Jewsharp is applying for divorce from her husband on the grounds of drunkenness, etc. McNaughton and Squires are counsel for the plaintiff, while Barker and Hazen are looking after the interests of the defendant.

Lower Southampton.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

Feb. 8.—Not having seen anything in your valuable paper from this place for some time, and in consequence thereof some have been saying that Lower Southampton was a dead place, I would correct that statement and say that we are not dead but sleeping, and no wonder after the busy Christmas season. I think that the following bits of news will show that there is yet some life left.

Rev. Wm. Ross held meeting in the Kirk last Sunday morning. Rev. Mr. Hamilton at the same time in the Reformed Baptist church.

The extreme cold weather keeps many confined to their houses, but we are hopefully looking for a thaw in June.

Our school has re-opened again under the skillful management of Miss Maud McKay.

The junior member of the firm of Savage Ebbett & Co., has retired from the business and Mr. Savage is now carrying on the business alone.

Mr. Peter Caverhill spent Sunday with his parents here, returning to his school on Monday.

The returns from the yearly examinations of the night school have been made out showing remarkable superiority over last year. L. M. Stairs was awarded the prize for the highest standing.

Miss Della Fox is visiting friends here.

Ezra Miller has purchased a new driving horse, and says that he can now go faster than anything that stands on legs.

Messrs. Asa Miller and Peter Caverhill are doing a large lumbering business. They expect by spring to have some 5,000,000 feet on the bank.

H. Cronk and son are hauling their bark. They will deliver somewhere about three thousand cord this winter. Henry is driving the leading team and says he could haul a whole yard if it was loaded on his sled.

Messrs. John Rockwell, David and Willie MacLeod, left last week for Vancouver, where they will work for T. Fraser.

What means that broad smile on Fred Stairs' face? Have you not heard that he has a son?

LeBaron Ingraham reports that times are brisk at Rossville.

William Cronkite made a flying visit to Woodstock last week.

Our hotel keeper had the misfortune to have a set of harness stolen from him by an unknown man last week. The thief has not yet been captured. He also traded a horse and pung with our local horse trader, Fred Elliott. The sheriff was after the rig the next morning. It belonged to a livery stable at Presque Isle. We think that every effort should be taken to put such characters behind the bars.

Our milliner, Miss Edna Grant, reports business as being dull this winter, as the ladies have all gone to wearing hoods, to keep off the cold.

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