

LEFT WING REELS BACK

Crumbling in The Savage Grasp of the Japanese

THE CENTER ATTACKED

The Japanese Advance Under a Withering Fire From the Russian Trenches and are Forced to Fall Back

Tokio, March 2.—5:30 p. m.—Advices from the headquarters of the Japanese armies in Manchuria show that the Japanese activity on the extreme right continues. That wing is passing forward and is dislodging the Russians. A dispatch from headquarters says:

"Our force in the Sinking (Yenden) direction after occupying Tsinghochong (Tsinkhetchen?) is now pursuing the enemy northward. We captured large quantities of provisions at Tsinghochong.

"Our force at Henshou is gradually dislodging the enemy from his position thirteen miles northeast of Bentsiaputze and from another position seven miles northwest. The first position is four miles west of the second. Our force has pressed the enemy northward of the Shangkhe River and has occupied Sunmupaetzu, Tsiaochintun and Sunhopsatz, three miles north of Walto Mountain.

"The enemy has many field and heavy siege guns on either side of the railroad heretofore unused, and is now shelling us."

General Kuropatkin's Headquarters in the Field, via Fusan, March 2.—During the night the Japanese infantry crept forward from the hills and took three small villages in front of Walto on the plain close to the river, which has been the scene of many outpost affairs. One column advanced northeast and captured the town of Kodales, fifteen miles from Walto. The engagement there was not severe.

The artillery duel is continuing in the east and is most active about Walto, but the cannonading is neither as heavy or as unceasing as heard from the westward. The batteries of both armies have maintained their positions and are exchanging volleys of shrapnel across the villages.

One village which the Japanese occupied was subjected to a fierce bombardment of solid shot, but the two companies there stuck to their positions.

Mukden, March 2.—The thunder of cannon is heard from all positions. Putiloff and Novgorod Hills are hidden by the smoke from the guns. The bombardment was resumed after the repulse of an infantry attack by Japanese. A heavy bombardment is also in progress in the neighborhood of the Shangkhe bridge apparently in preparation for an attack in that quarter.

The weather continues fair and warm. The Chinese are preparing to sow their grain.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—A dispatch from General Kuropatkin dated March 1 says:

"In a third attack on the Russian detachment near Oubenepeina the Japanese charged with the bayonet and succeeded in occupying the central height, forcing the Russian advance guard to retire to the neighboring crest.

"The Russians at 9 o'clock at night, February 28, were still holding a position near Kondiass against the Japanese attack.

"The Japanese made a fresh attack on the Gauto Pass position at 3 o'clock in the morning of March 1. After repulsing several assaults the Russians were forced to abandon two entrenchments which had been demolished by the Japanese artillery."

General Kuropatkin adds that several Japanese attacks on Manshanpu, on the Shangkhe river on the morning of March 1, were repulsed and says the bombardment of Putiloff and Novgorod Hills and the Russian position at Sandepas was continued through March 1. The losses were insignificant."

New Chwang, March 2.—Via Tien Tsai.—A detachment of four hundred Japanese cavalry with one gun raided Simmintin about 30 miles west of Mukden this afternoon. With the gun trained on the main street the troopers ransacked the railroad buildings and Chinese inns.

For months Simmintin has been the headquarters of contraband trade and the Japanese heretofore have not interfered with it.

On the completion of their examination of Simmintin the Japanese withdrew to Pauchiatan. An engagement is expected as it is known that Cossacks are not far distant.

It is possible that the Japanese may seize Simmintin as it has long been de-neutralized owing to Russian traffic there. There are large accumulations of stores at Chencow and Koypanutse. Simmintin is now quiet. The Japanese hold all the roads.

(By the Associated Press.)

Mukden, Wednesday, March 1.—Today was marked by attacks along the whole front. The fighting in the center is becoming serious. After an all night Japanese bombardment of Putiloff Hill and Novgorod Hill involving a literal rain of heavy projectiles, the Japanese infantry this

morning advanced against the Russian lines from the hills and drove back the advance posts two miles. The advance was unchecked until the Japanese came within two hundred yards of the main line of trenches when they were beaten off by the fire of machine guns and volleys of rifle fire. When they retired the Japanese left many dead and wounded.

Other positions of the Russian centre were also subjected to a heavy bombardment by siege guns. The Russian artillery which was silent February 28 accepted the challenge today and a vigorous artillery duel is in progress.

The Russians have abandoned the Shangkhe river bridge entirely, taking up their former positions.

The losses on both sides have been very heavy.

Russian cavalry has been dispatched northward in the direction of Kalama to interpose a barrier against the attack of the Japanese columns advancing from the Liao River Valley.

Headquarters of General Rennenkampf, near Madyadani, Manchuria, Feb. 28, via Mukden, March 2.—All the Japanese attacks today on the new Russian positions a few miles north of Oubenepeina were successfully repulsed, but the forces defending the Russian left flank were unable to withstand the advance of the Japanese who enveloped the front and left.

The village of Kudyzain, north of Hamanda Pass, a few miles east of the highway, was captured by the Japanese during the afternoon. The retreat of the division on Madyadani is seriously threatened.

OUR FLORIDA LETTER.

EDITOR HUSTLER:—In an article sent you some days ago I gave you a brief history of the early traditions and people of Florida. In this I wish to say something of the city of St. Augustine. History tells us that in 1512 Juan Ponce de Leon in search of gold and the fountain of youth, sailed from Porto Rico, and on March the 27th, landed near St. Augustine. The Indian name of the country was Cantio, but Ponce de Leon named it Florida, having discovered it on Easter Sunday. The Spaniards planted a cross, unfurled the royal banner and took the oath of allegiance to Ferdinand, in whose name they took possession. Passing over much interesting history I wish to speak of the ancient and historic City St. Augustine. In 1565 Pedro Hernandez landed at the river of Dolphins, the day being the 28th of August, the festival of St. Augustine, he named the spot after that saint. I will mention some things of interest which I saw during my visit to that town.

Mr. H. M. Flagler, a man of considerable wealth, and who is a moneyed king in Florida, has erected some magnificent buildings in St. Augustine as all through the state of Florida. In 1885 he began to build the Ponce de Leon hotel and completed it in 1887 at a cost of \$3,000,000. This is a handsome structure, with its broad columns, asphalt pavements, tile roof and costly architecture, which must be seen to be appreciated. Then the Cardova and the Alcaza hotels are large and commodious buildings with their gardens of palms and other tropical trees and shrubs, and their fountains of water. The Presbyterian church built by Mr. Flagler, is one of, if not the finest churches in the south.

"The Alicia Hospital," costing up into the thousands, is a place for the sick, whether they be residents or visitors.

"The Francis Barracks" was formerly a monastery; it was built in 1580 and was converted to its present use by the government of the United States.

Other points of interest are the "Spanish Cathedral," completed in 1791, partly destroyed by fire in 1887, and since rebuilt.

I copied the following written on a slate outside of the oldest house in the United States: "This house was occupied by the Monks of St. Francis from 1565 to 1590." The chapel they used can still be seen.

In 1590 it came into possession of a deputy of the Spanish Government and descended in the same family until 1882. The present owner has documents proving this. The picture of this house is in the old geographies. It has not been remodeled.

"Treasury Street"—narrowest street in the United States.

"Huguenot and Spanish cemeteries."

"Postoffice Building," formerly a residence of the Spanish governors.

"South Beach," reached via Matanzas river bridge.

"Sea Wall," built in 1835 cost \$100,000 one mile long.

"City Gates," showing part of old wall built about 1620.

"United States Burial Grounds," showing Dade Pyramids, erected over graves of Major Dade's command of 107 men massacred by Indians in 1835.

"Fort Marion," built by the Spaniards. Begun 1565 and finished in 1756. This fort is a place of much interest. Our guide pointed out the room where religious services were conducted. The court room where persons were tried and sentenced to death. The dungeon where these condemned persons were chained and kept. Our guide blew out the lamp that we might realize what it was to be as dark as a dungeon.

"The old Kings Forge" is a relic of the building of Fort Marion; it was here that the iron work was forged.

I copy a part of a printed circular of a wonderful spring which is one mile from town, which I failed to see.

"Burning Spring, Anastasia Island. One of the wonders of the world."

"This spring was discovered in 1893 by parties boring for an artesian well, and at 120 feet struck a mineral flow which was so strong they were flooded out and obliged to abandon it.

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In no country are so many people acquainted with their National capital as are the people of the United States, and during the coming week thousands of citizens who have never before visited Washington will see it for the first time. They will not see it at the best for this is the most disagreeable season of the year at the capital city and it is in the midst of the most disagreeable winter in the decade. But in spite of adverse conditions and of many adverse congressmen Washington is growing and becoming a beautiful city. There are only a percentage of congressmen who stay in Washington long enough to realize that this city is the National capital and has claims beyond their county towns to national and international recognition.

A Chicago man with an income of fifteen thousand dollars has set the pace for spouse pin money allowance. With reckless prodigality he pays his wife seven dollars a month.

The joke now is on the United States. Which was the loudest in making fun of the French for their slowness in digging the Panama Canal.

At the last inauguration the Roosevelt children were farmed out among the relatives and friends of the family in Washington. This year by reason of the remodeling and extension of the White House they will all be kept with the President and Mrs. Roosevelt in the White House. The remodeling of the mansion and the addition of the president's office, of which one Senator remarked that the only good thing about it was that it was not fire proof may not suit the fancy of many people but at least it has the advantage of giving room for a large family.

The younger Mr. Rockefeller son of the standard oil king is a Sunday school teacher and it is said that his favorite text is the warning to "keep your lamps trimmed and burning."

The New York State bureau of labor announces that "servant girls are scarcer."

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR

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Angelina Breezes

As there is not much "doing" in our part of the country at present you will not have to read a very lengthy article from me but I wish to state a few facts as we are so seldom heard from.

The bad weather still continues, but I hope it will soon be over and then I suppose we farming people will have our "hands full."

Our Florida people seem to think that winter is over in North Carolina, as they are returning one by one.

There are quite a number of sick people in our community, and as Dr. Johnson is away, Dr. Greenwood is very busy.

Mrs. Tom Ballard, who has been very ill, is slowly improving.

Prof. W. A. Osborne has a "ten cent" smile on him this week—another boy!

Well, for fear I fail to do as I said I would, in the beginning of this article, with a few verses of my composure I will "ring off."

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PROTECT THE BIRDS.

We notice within the past week that robins have become very numerous and also that the thoughtless boys are still numerous.

The robin is a beautiful bird and entirely harmless so far as we know. We cannot, in any way, see why boys should wantonly throw stones at or shoot these innocent birds, yet such is the case. Let parents try to impress upon their boys the fact that it is both cruel and inhuman to kill innocent birds. These birds destroy many insects that are hurtful to gardens and field crops, then why destroy them? A well conducted humane society would be a good institution in every community.

Special Rates.

Presidential Inauguration ceremonies, Washington, D. C. March 4, 1905. Tickets on sale March 2nd and 3rd, at rate of one first class fare plus 25 cents for the round trip. Tickets to be limited to continuous passage in each direction; final limit March 8, 1905. By depositing ticket with Special Agent at Washington, D. C. not later than March 8th, and payment of fee of one dollar, an extension of final return limit may be obtained to leave Washington March 18th.

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National Association of Manufacturers, Atlanta, Ga., May 16-18, 1905. Tickets for this occasion will be sold May 14-16, 1905; final limit May 20, 1905. Final limit of these tickets may be extended by payment of fee of 50 cents to June 15, 1905.

General Assembly Southern Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, Texas, May 18-26, 1905. Account of the above occasion tickets will be sold May 15, 16 and 17th, rate of one first-class fare, plus \$2.00 for the round trip; tickets to be limited to continuous passage in each direction. Final limit May 31st, 1905, 1905.

North Carolina Bankers Association, Winston Salem, N. C., May 17-19, 1905. Account of this occasion tickets will be sold on the certificate-plan. Certificates to be honored on or before May 22nd.

Meeting of Shriners, at Charlotte, N. C. February 28, March 1st, 1905. Account of this occasion tickets will be sold on the certificate-plan. Certificates to be honored on or before March 4th.

Tri-State Medical Association of the Carolinas and Virginia, Greensboro, N. C., February 22-24, 1905. Account of this occasion tickets will be sold on the certificate-plan. Certificates to be honored on or before Feb. 28th, 1905.

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