

THE WAR.

The past week has been by far the most eventful and important in the history of the Russo-Japanese war, and the forces of the Mikado have captured Liao Yang, and put Gen. Kuropatkin and his Russian army to flight toward Mukden. This is the outcome of a battle in which over 500,000 men have been more or less actively engaged, and which is pronounced by competent authorities one of the greatest the world ever saw. The casualties have not been computed, but some have estimated that they will reach 50,000. This may be an exaggeration, but there is no doubt that the operations, and in fact the battle which is still in progress, beginning on Aug. 25th, has indeed been bloody. The magnitude of the battle of Liao Yang may, to some extent, be appreciated when it is recalled that the largest number of men engaged in any battle of the Napoleonic wars was at Leipzig on the retreat from Moscow, where the allies had 300,000 and the French less than 80,000. The forces confronting each other at Borodino numbered 280,000; at Waterloo 190,000; at Fredericksburg, Va., 190,000; at Gettysburg about 150,000; at Gravelot 320,000, and at Sedan 134,000. The battle of Liao Yang has more than borne out the predictions that there would be terrific slaughter when the land forces came to try conclusions, and even the Japs themselves have doubtless been amazed at the way they have driven back the Russians. The nearest counterpart to it, in magnitude and duration is, according to The New York Sun, found in the fighting at Leipzig, lasting five days. The land victories of the Mikado's army are much more significant than the destruction of the war vessels of Russia, for it strikes at the very vitals of the Czar's power—at a point where it was supposed the Cossack would be hardest to overcome. The capture of Liao Yang, the dispatches state, will likely have a bad effect upon the garrison at Port Arthur, which is now without hope of relief, since General Kuropatkin is put to it to save his own army. Liao Yang was selected by the general as his headquarters when the Japanese began to get a foothold upon the coast of Manchuria. It is about 300 miles from Port Arthur and midway between New Chwang, the nearest port, about 75 miles distant, and Mukden, the principal city of central Manchuria. There the Russians had established vast stores for the maintenance of their army, apparently regarding it as permanent headquarters. The enforced evacuation of the city, however, caused the stores to be destroyed. Despite all their reverses, the Russian officers at St. Petersburg continue to put on a bold front, and assert that the movements are merely a part of General Kuropatkin's plan to withdraw inland and wear the Japanese out by forcing them to lengthen their lines of communication. A study of the maps will show how shallow this explanation is. The Japanese base is the sea, and from Liao Yang to the nearest port is less than 100 miles, while the city itself is on the Taitsé river, navigable for small gunboats. Then, too, the railroad to the sea doubtless falls into the hands of the Japanese as fast as they advance, and this will be the case for the entire breadth of Manchuria. Therefore, while the Japanese have to transport supplies some hundred miles or so inland, the Russians must bring theirs for many more miles along the railroad. In explaining their reverses at

Liao Yang the Russians make General Stakelberg, the commander of the Siberian Army Corps, numbering some 25000 men, the scapegoat. It is asserted that instead of obeying the orders he received from General Kuropatkin, the general placed his own interpretation upon them and has been cut-off from the main body in its flight northward. It would seem however, that the whole Russian campaign has been one series of blunders if their defeats are to be thus explained.

With the almost unprecedented fighting around Liao Yang, the operations at Port Arthur, some 300 miles to the southward, have practically dropped out of sight. The latest news from there is that no further assaults have occurred during the past week, but that the bombardment has to more or less extent been kept up. Since the hope of relief has been cut off Japan will likely content herself with awaiting the natural fall of Port Arthur rather than resuming the costly assault upon the fortification.

As a natural consequence of the victory won by Japan within the past few days, there has been a renewal of peace talk, but there is nothing of a tangible nature to bear out the idea that the matter of endeavoring to bring about a cessation of hostilities has even been seriously considered by any of the powers, and while Russia has been severely dealt with she has by no means been whipped unless she should elect to fight the war with the present forces and not send any new troops to the field. Her resources are doubtless yet tremendous, and she will probably be able to continue the fight for a long time, even though Japan's luck does not turn. However, the issue as to whether the Cossack or the Oriental dominate Eastern Asia is a great deal nearer settlement than at any time since the war began, and there is only encouragement for those who hope that the decision may be in favor of the little Brown heathen as against the white men who should be engaged in better business.

There is a commercial feature in connection with this war which the South is especially interested in, and that is as regards the demand for cotton goods. It is believed that the end of the war will bring about an unusual demand for American fabrics from Japan. But the most significant result in this respect would doubtless come in case of Japan's final victory over Russia. Then would the ports of China be thrown open to the trade of the Western world to an extent that has only been dreamed of heretofore. It is not for this reason, however, that the sympathy of Great Britain and America are so strongly with the Jap., but rather because it is believed that he stands for the right against a domination that is not countenanced by the advanced thought of the Western world.—Charlotte Observer.

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Boll Weevil Increasing.

Cotton Menace Spreading in Texas and Indian Territory.

The government is sending out in South Carolina, through Section Director Bauer, statistics concerning the boll weevil. The weevil is making inroads in Texas and from July 15 to Aug. 27 it became known in many new localities in the Lone Star State.

"Cotton continued to make good growth and is fruiting and bolling well, with bolls opening and some picking being done; on account of hot weather and boll worms the crop has suffered some damage over nearly all portions of the section, especially over the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations, where much shedding has been reported; generally the crop condition and prospect continues good," says the Oklahoma and Indian Territory report.

The Texas report is not more cheerful. It reads: "The cotton crop has suffered decidedly from the drouth and high temperatures in the northern two thirds of the State. Growth has been greatly retarded. Very little new fruit is being made and most of that is soon thrown off. The boll worms continue to be quite destructive in a number of northeastern counties. Boll weevils are puncturing nearly all the squares in the southwestern, central, eastern and coast divisions and are doing much damage as far north as Dallas, Kaufman and Hunt counties. The bolls open rapidly, in some localities prematurely, and picking is now in full progress. The staple is generally reported to be rather short."

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