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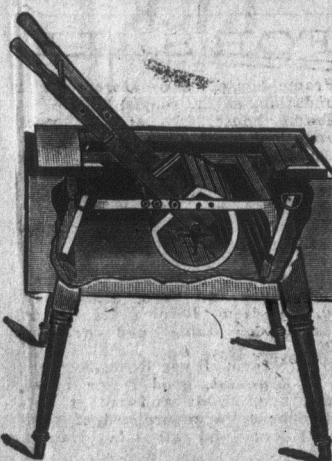
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## KUROPATKIN ESCAPES

Russian Army Slowly But Surely Effecting the Retreat.

Field Marshal Oyama Reports on Fighting of Aug. 24-Sept. 4—Owing to Russians Announcing Retention of Collieries There Is Strong Possibility of Battle at Yentai—Left and Centre Jap Armies Halt on Taitse River—Attack Due.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 7.—There has been no news from Gen. Kuropatkin since Monday afternoon. This is attributed to the interruption of direct communication with the commander-in-chief, owing to transfer of telegraph office to Mukden, whither messages have to be sent by courier. The utmost confidence prevails at the War Office that the Russian army is slowly but surely effecting the retreat without serious risk of being cut off. Nevertheless intense anxiety is felt throughout the whole nation, and this feeling is shared by the Emperor.

Late Tuesday evening the Associated Press obtained the following statement from the War Office: No telegrams whatever were received to-day (Tuesday). It is inferred that only Russian troops remaining at Yentai. Sept. 6, are on the rear-guard, whose mission is solely to retard the enemy's movement. It is quite consistent from the position of affairs to suppose that a portion of the Japanese forces entered Yentai, there being no intention to hold this point, as it is of no intrinsic importance. The stores there have already been removed, and whatever was not removed was burned.

Battle at Yentai.

Tokio, Sept. 7.—An extended report from Field Marshal Oyama, the Japanese commander-in-chief, in the field, was received in Tokio yesterday and made public last night. It is largely devoted to a review of the fighting which took place between Aug. 24 and Sept. 4.

The announcement that the Russians will retain possession of the Yentai collieries, indicates a strong possibility of a battle there. Yentai is the only colliery in Northern Manchuria, and its possession is of vital importance to the Russians in connection with the operation of the railroad.

Field Marshal Oyama reports that a portion of the Russian troops held Yingshiu, south of Yentai, and that General Kuroki's right is in close touch with the Russians. He announces also that the left and centre Japanese armies, under the command of Gen. Kuze and Gen. Nodzu, have halted on the left bank of the Taitse River and that it is his intention to despatch a portion of them to occupy the heights north of Muchang and along the railroad. Gen. Kuropatkin burned all the railroad bridges over the Taitse River.

General Kuroki encountered desperate opposition in the battle on the heights to the west of Haiyangtai, where he fought continuously and fiercely for four days before he succeeded in dislodging the Russians. It is manifest that the stubbornness of the Russians defence at Haiyangtai saved the Russians line of retreat and averted an overwhelming disaster.

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## SOME STRONG SPEECHES

### GREET PLANET EDITORIAL

Ald. Edmondson's Manly Explanation of His Convictions and Course—Ald. Piggott Distributes Some Harmless Oratory—Ald. Martin on the Mission of the Press—The Murray St. Pavement.

While The Planet was made the exalted recipient of many amusing commentaries at the City Council meeting last evening, it will be a source of sincere satisfaction to the citizens of Chatham to note that their representatives acted upon the suggestions submitted by this journal in its recent article about the Murray street pavement embroglio and took the safe and sound stand relative to the whole matter. In definitely laying the work over till the spring and utilizing the interim to prepare the street by the completion of the sewer and necessary intakes, the Council have acted with wisdom and foresight—and the course, we believe, will be commended and endorsed by the whole community.

There is little doubt, too, that it will be abundantly vindicated as being by the amicable and unanimous laying of some standard and permanent pavement on the thoroughfare.

An interesting sidelight was thrown upon aldermanic views of public sentiment and of the people's rights to comment upon the public actions of their representatives, by the discussion which centred around The Planet's article in which certain matters were drawn to the attention of the Council, with the recommendation that they be dealt with. The people were accorded replies from two aldermen—and they will be interested in noting the difference with which their opinions are considered and dealt with.

Ald. Edmondson's response was quiet and dignified. He frankly admitted the right of the people to an explanation of any public act of their representatives, and the justification of the people's press in asking for it. He stated his position fully, fearlessly and honorably—his attitude towards the cause of permanent pavement improvements, his desire to give the people precisely what they wanted, and his own convictions as to the best way of doing it. He gave an honest man's honorable denial to the rumors concerning improper conduct in advancing the claims of any pavement in so far as he had knowledge of the matter, and expressed a preference to tender his resignation rather than be mixed in any dealings discreditable to himself, his office as a public representative or the good name of the city he served. Ald. Edmondson's explanation appealed to the people present as adequate and right, and apparently left him in a stronger position than ever before as a safe man, a conscientious man and an honest man.

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asphalt block pavement. Then such a petition unexpectedly appeared. The spectators' benches were empty—the ghost of the ballot box was not present. The clerk reported the petition sufficiently signed, it was a legal document, apparently the wish of the ratepayers and it went through. Then Mr. Ritchie saw me and told me to have nothing to do with it. He said it was not properly signed and that names were forged to it. I said if such proved to be the case I would certainly take action. Then followed the meeting at which one lady said Henry Smyth had followed her to Erieau and secured her signature by misrepresentation or misunderstanding, but there was no other charge that night. True, Mr. Houston also spoke, but he did formulate one definite charge—and alienated me by threatening to vote against me at the next election.

"When the trouble on Victoria Ave. was on we had experience. After the deputation left for Washington I told Mr. Bangham that I was convinced he had the best pavement and if the deputation so reported it I would vote for it in the interests of Chatham. I visited the Mayor on his return and asked him his candid opinion. He replied, 'If the citizens ask what we saw they'd never talk about two aldermen had been bought by the asphalt block people and I am grateful for the opportunity to make an honest denial of it. I would rather resign than prostitute the honorable office to which I have been elected—and if the citizens are not satisfied with my honest acts I am willing and ready at any time to place my resignation in their hands.'"

Ald. Piggott followed. "My name," he declared, "is as much concerned as anyone's. This is my third year at Council and my reputation is at stake, and it's time it was cleaned up. Here I have it," continued Ald. Piggott, producing a copy of The Planet, "The Planet of Thursday, Sept. 1st, a whole column on the front page. I will read it."

The Mayor—Don't inflict it on us again, please.

Ald. Piggott commenced reading.

The Mayor—The cement deal is the most serious charge.

Ald. Piggott—I'm coming to that. (Reads from The Planet as follows: "However, it is surely the duty of the members of Council to themselves and to the good name of the city they represent to do all in their power by doing everything possible to facilitate the proper and prompt settlement of this matter. For instance, it is said that one of the aldermen who zealously supported the petition was to supply the cement in view of this it would surely be wise for each of the gentlemen who supported the pavement to individually place on record his denial.")

Ald. Piggott—Now, I'm going to ask each alderman if he's the one who is going to supply the cement. (Does so and all deny it.)

Ald. Piggott—Then it's up to me. Our firm is connected with a cement concern, but so is Dr. McKeough and J. H. Holmes, and other reputable citizens. We never sold a barrel of cement for this work, were never asked to tender on it, but if they can get it from this company as low as anywhere else I'd like to see them do it. I wish to throw this charge back in as strong words as they put it. We're getting to a pretty pass when the papers and street talk can carry on this way. It's got to be stopped, that's all, and the papers told that these matters must be thrashed out in Council and not elsewhere. The Planet had a personal motive and it's high time to take action. I only wish they'd connect my name with those charges; I'd make them answer. Murray St. is the only petition the Council turn down and I'll support it again. The papers have been at it ever since last Monday and their assertions are uncalculated for. I went to Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia with the Mayor and Ald. Mounsey and I came back more convinced than ever that the asphalt block was better than ever.

Ald. Martin, smiling—Here, hear. Ald. Piggott, continuing—I'm accused of being bought and I deny it. I've got anything, directly or indirectly. The Windsor papers even say there has been booting at Chatham and a person in business at Windsor was mixed in it. I just want them to connect my name with it and I'll have satisfaction, that's all.

Ald. Martin followed. "Now," he

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## MUNICIPAL INSURANCE

Big Scheme For Corporation of Municipalities Broached.

Mayor Ellis of Ottawa Launches His Scheme at a Representative Gathering of the Ontario Municipal Association—Purchase of Public Utilities Should Be Made Practicable—Motion For the Training of a Municipal Code.

Toronto, Sept. 7.—The Ontario Municipal Association began its annual convention in the City Hall yesterday morning. Controller Hubbard presided, and there was a good attendance of mayors and municipal officials.

**Municipal Insurance.**  
Mayor Ellis of Ottawa gave notice of motion outlining a scheme for the establishment of a Dominion municipal insurance corporation. This plan proposed, that a Dominion charter be secured and be conducted as a joint stock insurance company; that every municipality becoming a member be entitled to have all share holders' rights in the proportion of one vote for every 10,000 of population, and all municipalities under 10,000 to have one vote; that municipalities may join only when authorized by a vote of the ratepayers; that there be five directors, representing Ontario, Quebec, Maritime Provinces, Manitoba, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories, and one from at large; that the directors have power to appoint all officials and fix the rate of insurance in each municipality; that the corporation enter into competition with existing insurance companies; that each municipality joining the corporation pay in cash an amount equal to 1-100th of one per cent. of the assessed value of all the property in such municipality; that the Department of Finance as security for the corporation security four per cent. debentures at par of value joining municipality to an amount equal to one per cent. of the total assessed value of the municipality; that all insurance in a municipality be done by the municipal officials without commissions; that the whole plan be submitted to the Dominion Superintendent of Insurance and such actuaries as may be deemed advisable. In each municipality belonging to the corporation the property would be insurable as follows:

"In each municipality a property owner may, by giving notice to the municipal authorities and paying the premium in advance, have his real property other than land insured up to two-thirds of its assessable value when such assessable value is not more than \$10,000, up to one-half of its assessable value when such assessable value is over \$10,000, and not more than \$25,000, and up to one-fourth of its assessable value when such assessable value is over \$25,000, and not more than \$100,000, and in no case more than \$25,000 of insurance on any one property. The matter of the insurance of personal property to be considered later."

The question was referred to a special committee.

**Municipal Ownership.**

Ald. Rodd of Weston moved that it be referred to a committee to consider and recommend to the Legislature of the Province of Ontario such amendments to the Municipal Act as will enable the municipalities to effectively take over public utilities such as gas plants, electric plants, etc., the present law being inadequate and practically unworkable. The motion was approved.

City Solicitor Mikel of Belleville moved that the Legislature be asked to appoint a committee composed of municipal officials to frame a municipal code. He explained that it was an attempt to prevent the contradictory and confusing amendments to the municipal law of the Province. The motion was referred to committee.

**Take in All Municipalities.**

Solicitor Caswell of Toronto moved that the constitution of the as-



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## SULMAN'S BEEHIVE

KING and SIXTH STREET.

Association be amended to provide that all municipalities in the Province be eligible for representation. At present only cities and towns may send representatives. Upon motion of Solicitor Mikel of Belleville the motion was referred to a special committee with instructions to draw up a constitution.

The following were appointed to the Committee on Resolutions: Mayor Boys, Barrie; Mayor Ellis, Ottawa; Ald. J. A. Leitch, Brantford; Solicitor Mikel, Belleville; Mayor Drake, Windsor; Solicitor Caswell, Toronto; Ald. Cooper, London; S. H. Kent, Hamilton; J. H. Hamilton, Guelph; W. J. Berry, Ingersoll; M. A. Morrison, Ingersoll; D. M. McIntyre, Kingston.

A proposal to provide the means for selling municipal debentures at a uniform rate was not kindly received, but was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

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