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ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1905.

THE WEATHER. Will be milder weather tomorrow.

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THE EVENING TIMES. THE GREAT RIVER. THE GREAT RIVER. THE GREAT RIVER.

TOKIO, March 7.—Noon.—It is reported that the Russians are preparing to abandon Mukden and Fushun, and to retreat to Tie Pass.

Hope That Kuropatkin Can Achieve a Victory is Rapidly Vanishing--Russian Position Becomes Hourly Worse --Victorious Japs at the Gates of Mukden--A Week of Desperate Fighting and Terrible Losses.

St. Petersburg, March 7.—1.55 p. m.—All hope that General Kuropatkin will be able to turn defeat into victory is rapidly vanishing. The position of the Russian army has been growing increasingly worse during the last twenty-four hours. The gravest danger is from the Japanese left, which has been pushed northward on the Simlitan road to a point eight miles northwest of Mukden, where it has joined a flanking column from the west.

The liberals especially look forward to the complete defeat of Kuropatkin's army with acquiescence. At a preliminary meeting of the war council today (Monday), General Gripenburg was present, and it was proposed to send an additional 400,000 men to the east.

General Baron Kaulbars, who is defending this wing, is only able to hold his own. On account of the desperate situation there Gen. Kuropatkin has not attempted to drive home his counter stroke at the Japanese center and his offensive, which was abortive, has been abandoned.

Report from Tokio.

Tokio, March 7.—All Japan is eagerly watching developments at the great theatre of war in Manchuria. The people are confident that Field Marshal Oyama would defeat General Kuropatkin. The only question considered is the extent and severity of the blow he will inflict, and the effect upon the outcome of the war. It is believed the possession of Mukden and a line on the Hun river is already assured, and many predict even a greater disaster for the Russians.

Japan Has Half a Million.

London, March 7.—According to a small well informed Japanese correspondent of the Morning Post, a large portion of Japan's new fifth army is engaged in the battle now in progress. The Japanese are also pressing the right centre hard. The Russians have been ordered to retake the position at any cost. There were heavy losses today, on both sides.

Desperate Fighting.

General Rennenkampf's headquarters, Ouhenspusa, Monday, March 6.—Events took an unfavorable turn for the Russians this evening. After a day of marked succession of determined attacks, the Japanese ousted the Russians from an important position on the left centre of the eastern army. The Japanese are also pressing the right centre hard. The Russians have been ordered to retake the position at any cost. There were heavy losses today, on both sides.

A Terrible Picture.

Headquarters of General Rennenkampf, near Ouhenspusa, Saturday, March 4, 8 a. m., via Mukden, March 6.—The road northward is crowded so far as the eye can reach by a continuous file of two-wheeled Chinese carts, full of Russian wounded, the best testimony of the position which the army of the east, fighting continuously for a fortnight, has defiled every inch of ground over which it has been compelled, by superior numbers, to retire. Each cart bears from three to five wounded men, whose exhaustion is almost too utter for them to feel pain. Starely a groan or a cry is heard—not even the groans of the dying—only the dismal creak of the rusty wheels, and the thud of the ponies' hoofs, are audible. Most of the wounded have their heads covered with Chinese blankets, or dirty coats, and their faces, distorted with pain, sunken eyes, and expanded nostrils. Here and there is seen a cart, with two wounded men between whom, in a corpse, which sways every jolt, pounds against the helpless living comrades of the man on whose face death has sealed the door of unbearable agony.

He Scores Kuropatkin.

Berlin, March 7.—Col Gaedke, who returned from the seat of war last December, writes the Tagblatt today, that the Russian army, expected themselves to get in danger, and that if General Kuropatkin had had even a tolerable degree of initiative, and a strong will, he would have given the Japanese severe punishment, and undered their army. "But what," says Col Gaedke, in conclusion, "are mere military theories compared with psychological influences, moral factors which some time sweep triumphantly over all material pre-arrangements, onward to victory."

MUKDEN, March 7.—4.10 a. m.—The battle around Mukden was renewed at daybreak. The artillery fire is becoming very heavy.

ate their older comrades, who had done all possible, and fled every effort to maintain the flag of the flag.

Prominent Men Arrested. Lohr, Mar. 7.—The police have arrested a dozen prominent lawyers and doctors on the charge that they had been stirring up the police against agitation in the schools.

Whipped the Servants. Warsaw, Mar. 7.—The strike of house servants here suddenly collapsed today. This is attributed to the action of the police who have severely whipped domestic, and the others, forcing similar treatment upon the strike.

Strike Resumed. St. Petersburg, March 7.—3.40 a. m.—The strike was resumed this morning at the Futloff, Gabelshoff, and several other works, and in some extensive though not general. The men employed by American Westinghouse company are also out but they have manifested the best of feeling towards the management saying that only the refusal of the government to grant the demands of the workers regarding the Subbotnik concession commission had compelled them to strike.

Labor Troubles. St. Petersburg, Mar. 7.—The Schidlovski commission appointed to ascertain the causes of discontent among the working people of St. Petersburg has been dissolved by order of the emperor. An official communication explains that this action is due to the impossibility of proceeding with the proposed plan in consequence of the refusal of the workers to elect representatives to the commission. The minister of ways and communications has directed the employees in the workshops of the state railways to present their demands to the managers of the workshops.

Strike at Vilna. Vilna, March 7.—Again a strike has been inaugurated here. No newspapers will appear today. All shops have been closed. Troops are controlling the streets.

After Vladimir. St. Petersburg, March 7.—3.40 a. m.—Grand Duke Vladimir, it is reported, has again been picked for assassination, in one of the papers contained in the Imperial Rescript, issued March 8. On account of the receipt recently of several warnings and terrorist threats, the sentries about the grand duke's palace, have been doubled, and ordered to exercise special watchfulness. According to a current report, a terrorist disguised in the uniform of a general, attempted to gain access to the Grand Duke, on Saturday. On being searched, the man was found to be armed with a loaded revolver.

The Czar Speaks. St. Petersburg, March 7.—One hundred and eighteen naval cadets, and thirty-two pupils of the naval engineering schools, who have been promoted to be officers, presented themselves yesterday at Tsarskoe Selo. The emperor in an address, exhorted the young officers, particularly those who were to gain the honor and glory of Russia, with all their might, not being discouraged by strokes of fate, but always laboring faithfully in the service of the fatherland, and the emperor to express his confidence in their ability to do the best for their country.

Has Retreat Sounded?

It is rumored that Kuropatkin has already given the order to retreat and that he is gradually withdrawing his forces from the centre, but experts are inclined to believe that he has waited too long. He must fight it out in his present position as it is impossible to extricate himself from the remnants of his army. The war office reports that the Japanese since guns from Port Arthur with a range of 8 miles are causing terrible punishment. No one can stand up against them.

Kuropatkin To Move.

London, March 7.—The correspondents at St. Petersburg of the Times telegraphing March 6, says: "Assuring despatches tonight claim that the Japanese army have used 8 general information on this point."

TRAFFIC IS PARALYZED.

New York-Subway Employees to the Number of 5,000 Go Out on Strike--Harvest For Surface Cars--No Violence Reported.

New York, Mar. 7.—A strike by 5,000 employees of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company operating the subway and Manhattan R. R. elevated line in this city, which took effect at 4 o'clock this morning, was one of the most complete in its early stages of any in the history of New York. After the hour set, the train was started with union crews, and the latter quit each train when the terminals of the various lines had been reached. One union motorman on the Lillie refused to desert with the remainder of the men, and so far his was the only defection in the strike. Many of the ticket sellers remained at their posts because they are under bond, but printed signs announced the strike and they refused to sell tickets.

Getting Ready To Flee.

New Chungang, March 7.—Traders arriving report that last night 30,000 Japanese gained an entrenched position five miles west of gates of Mukden. Hand-to-hand fighting until daylight followed without any advantage to either side. Traders report that the Russians are demolishing buildings preparatory to retreat.

Yap Flots on the Way.

London, March 7.—The correspondent at Hong Kong of the Standard writes that three Japanese cruisers and six colliers passed southward Sunday afternoon, and that 22 men-of-war and colliers passed southerly Friday.

Equity Court.

Fredrickton, March 7.—(Special)—The case of Charles H. Peters plaintiff, against Agricultural Society No. 34, the J. J. McGuffigan Company and the Blue Ribbon Tea Company was taken up in the equity court, before Judge Parker here this morning. L. A. Curry, K. C., and W. A. Ewing, appeared for the plaintiff and George W. Allen, K. C., and R. W. McCallan for the defendants.

SIR WILFRID WITHDRAWS.

Ottawa, March 7.—(Special)—The clause which the government has prepared to place in the autonomy bill is generally conceded, and a strong opinion, merely makes section 83 of the B. N. A. act, applicable to the provinces, at the time of union, but subject to the school ordinances passed down to date.

Police Court.

The police gathered in five prisoners last night, all of whom were in this morning. Robert Jack, charged with drunkenness, pleaded not guilty, and wants the police (or some one else) to accept for a shortage in the amount handed back to him when he made his deposit.

OYSTERS WILL BE HIGH.

Destructive Winter Fishing on the North Shore --As a Result the Supply is Decreasing Year by Year--An Interesting Interview.

The oyster question is one that is agitating the minds of the public generally. That the cost of these luscious bivalves will be exceptionally high, during the coming season, is generally conceded, and St. John will be materially affected. A well known Kent Co. man, interviewed by a Times reporter today, said that there is a great scarcity. One of the causes is the continuous depletion of the beds in winter time, along the north shore, bringing up the debris on which the oyster spat is deposited. The material is allowed to lie on the ice, and the young oyster is frozen, consequently, dies. Continuing, he said: "This mode of procedure, has been followed for years. It is understood that representations have been made in parliament, that a state of poverty existed among certain classes of the people, and it is absolutely necessary, to commit a breach of the law, and permit them to rake during the winter, in contravention to the act for oyster protection. It will be readily understood, that the destruction of the young oyster must, of necessity, decrease the supply, and will eventually destroy the oyster beds entirely, along the north shore. "Forty years ago in Shediac the same method was adopted. Oysters were fished summer and winter and the result was that after some years the natural oyster beds were depleted. No systems are found there now, except those placed by the Dominion government under the supervision of a government official. "In Shediac, J. S. Barnes, M. P., has areas under license and has kept them under careful management for the past ten years. One thing is certain, oysters are very numerous by reason of the fact that a large number have been brought from other sections of the maritime provinces, and placed there. During the spawning season the spat can be detected by incoming and outgoing tides and benefits generally the surrounding grounds. It is now understood that the oysters are more plentiful at this point than for years. So much, however, is not said about the Matachee River, where the smallest, but the most valuable, oyster beds are situated. "During the coming spring it is understood that the fishing of oysters will be prohibited in Prince Edward Island and if this is the case the total supply for the maritime provinces will have to come from the north shore. "At all events during the approaching season, oysters will command a very high price."

Frederickton News.

Frederickton, Mar. 7.—(Special)—The council of the board of trade will hold a conference with Post Office Inspector Colter this evening, and urge that better postal facilities be provided for this city. David J. Stockford and Moses Mitchell were elected aldermen for Wellington ward by acclamation yesterday. There are contests in the other four wards. Ald. John Scott and Harry C. Jewett are not offering for reelection. The largest meeting of the old council will be held this evening. A detachment of the Newcastle Field Battery under Capt. Lawlor will arrive here tomorrow to fire a salute at the opening of the legislature. The men will be quartered at Long's hotel.

The Failure in Yarmouth.

Yarmouth, March 7.—(Special)—Beyond the fact that the Hedding Yarmouth is the largest on record in Nova Scotia for many years, there is nothing new to report. Today the 5m's gross liabilities will probably reach \$500,000, which is a conservative estimate. Outside of its (bankrupt) assets, with the Hedding's, the bank which closed its doors yesterday, showed that its affairs were in a position, compared with other local banks. There will be a meeting of a preliminary nature. An official report of Upper Provinces, Guarantee Company, which is security for Taylor Ferry, will arrive here this week.

The Times New Reporter.

The ferry department is being deluged with circulars and samples of prepared foods, all of which are guaranteed to be just what Wun Lung needs to feed her boiler. At a meeting of the Hon. Club last evening Mr. Binks delivered an earnest address on the need of more work on the streets. He said he was moved to consideration of the subject while walking along Coburg street "hill the other day. Mayor Binks was just as the ardour of the mayor slipped on a "hog's back" and fell. Mr. Binks rushed to the aid of the mayor, and he was followed by a crowd of people and sidewalks passable. Mr. Binks also favored the idea of having the men who are now enjoying their holidays on the streets do a little work that day for a change. It would do them good, he said, because a change is beneficial. It might be a little hard for them, but they would do them good, he said, because a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Binks, and embodied his suggestion in a resolution that will be presented to the Mayor himself next Monday. Mr. Binks proposed a ruse to turn out with their "bells" and show the people and sidewalks passable. Mr. Binks also favored the idea of having the men who are now enjoying their holidays on the streets do a little work that day for a change. It would do them good, he said, because a change is beneficial. It might be a little hard for them, but they would do them good, he said, because a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Binks, and embodied his suggestion in a resolution that will be presented to the Mayor himself next Monday. Mr. Binks proposed a ruse to turn out with their "bells" and show the people and sidewalks passable. Mr. Binks also favored the idea of having the men who are now enjoying their holidays on the streets do a little work that day for a change. It would do them good, he said, because a change is beneficial. It might be a little hard for them, but they would do them good, he said, because a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Binks, and embodied his suggestion in a resolution that will be presented to the Mayor himself next Monday. Mr. Binks proposed a ruse to turn out with their "bells" and show the people and sidewalks passable.

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