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GREAT STORM BURSTS OVER UNITED KINGDOM S. S. KYBER GOES DOWN WITH 23 OF CREW; LINERS DRIVEN ASHORE AT QUEENSTOWN

Grave Fears Entertained for the Safety of the Irish Fishing Fleets---Terrible Seas Along the Coasts.

Departure of English Royal Party for Portugal Has Been Postponed.

London, March 15. — A storm of hurricane force burst over the Irish and English costs during the night, and it is feared that many disasters have occurred, but the telegraph lines are broken at many points.

The British ship Khyber has been totally wrecked off the Cornish coast.

Twenty-three of her crew were drowned and three were saved. The Khyber was on her way home from Melbourne, Australia.

The storm swept over the north of Ireland early this morning, and did great damage to property. Fears are entertained for the safety of the fishing fleets.

The high winds have caused considerable havoc along the coasts of the United Kingdom. Telegraphic communication between London and many points is cut off. The lifeboat stations are busy, and shipping everywhere is seeking shelter. Numbers of minor wrecks accompanied by loss of life have been reported. Terrific seas are running.

The departure of Queen Alexandra, Princess Victoria and other members of the royal family from Portsmouth for Lisbon, to return the visit of the King and Queen of Portugal, which was to have occurred yesterday, and which was prevented by the weather, was again postponed, this time until tomorrow.

The Khyber was built at Liverpool in 1880. She registered 1,927 tons net and was owned by J. Joyce & Co., of Liverpool.

Liners Driven Ashore.

Queenstown, March 15.—A large iron vessel, the British ship Wray Castle, from Portland, Oregon, which arrived at Queenstown yesterday, has been driven ashore, and several others have dragged their anchors, owing to the severity of the gale off this coast.

The Wray Castle lies on the eastern bank in Whitegate rods. Seas are breaking over her, but possibly she may be towed off after being lightened.

SCHOOL CHILDERN DEFY RUSSIA

Assembled in Class Rooms—March Out in a Body.

PEASANTRY REVOLT SPREADING

The Estates and Property of Government Officials Being Sacked and Burned.

Warsaw, March 15. — The authorities yesterday were unsuccessful in an attempt to reopen the commercial and technical schools. The pupils assembled in the classrooms at the regular hour, where they remained a few minutes and then simultaneously marched out. The educational situation is causing much concern.

St. Petersburg, March 15. — The peasantry movement is spreading to the northwest provinces. Serious disturbances are reported in the provinces of Vilna and Kovno, where the estates and property of Government officials and others have been sacked and burned, necessitating the employment of the military to suppress the revolt.

ANOTHER CAB MYSTERY

Dashed Up to Police Station With Dead Woman and Very Sick Man.

New York, March 15.—The body of a woman who had been dead several hours, and a man unconscious and apparently dying, were found in a cab, which was driven up to a Brooklyn police station on a gallop early today. The man, who was suffering from alcoholism, and possibly from the effects of a drug, may recover. Both he and the driver of the cab have been detained by the police pending an investigation of the affair. Although the condition of the man was so serious that he could give the police little information which would aid them in their investigation, he said that his name was Thomas Deegan and that he lived in Comroe street, one of the better-class residential sections of Brooklyn. The dead woman, he said, was Miss Mary Savage, 30 years old. Both Deegan and Miss Savage were well dressed.

Two More Protests.

Toronto, March 14.—Two more Liberals, Hon. Richard Harcourt and Dr. Morley Currie, will have to face the election and prove their title to seats in the Legislature. Monck Conservatives ask for the disqualification of the former Minister of Education, while Prince Edward Conservatives also ask disqualification and a scrutiny of ballots. James A. Ross is the petitioner in the first, and R. A. Norman petitioner in the second. These two make the total protests nine. None of the protests can be tried until after the close of the coming session, during which the members "protested" are members in good standing.

40,000 PRISONERS, FIFTY BIG GUNS

Oku's Report of Haul Up to Saturday Night.

KUROPATKIN'S FATAL BLUNDER

Should Have Opposed the Crossing of the Sans River Instead of Falling Back

With General Oku's Headquarters, March 12, 4 p.m., via Fusan.—(Delayed in transmission).—Reports received up to last night show that over 40,000 Russian prisoners have been captured by all the Japanese armies, and that over 50 guns have been taken.

Reports still coming in say that the Russians are still surrendering. There are many villages within the Japanese lines yet unoccupied, and it is probable that they contain many more prisoners. The total number of prisoners, it is expected, will reach 50,000.

The Chinese are enthusiastically welcoming the Japanese into Mukden, and flags are waving from all buildings.

The Russians have no stores between Tie Pass and Harbin. In the last stages of the battle, General Linevitch's army became completely separated from the remainder of the forces.

Captured prisoners report that General Kuropatkin believed that he was winning the battle up to March 7, when General Nogi pressed him strongly on the northwest. General Kuropatkin ordered the troops on the Shakhe to fall back and defend Mukden, thus forfeiting an opportunity to utilize the Sans River, which affords a stronger and more natural line of resistance than the Shakhe. Ranges of hills command the plain, and the crossing of the wide river bed is dangerous on account of the partially melted ice. The hills are strengthened by a series of earthworks, connected by deep trenches. This position was lost on account of General Kuroki's rapid march.

Some of the foreign military observers criticise General Kuropatkin's generalship severely.

Field Marshal Oyama's original plan seems to have been to hold the Russians along the Shakhe while working around them with both wings, but the Japanese right was fought to a standstill. The Russian retreat from the Shakhe, rapidly pursued, gave the Japanese an opportunity to cut the Russian center, surround Mukden and isolate the Russian left.

One thousand prisoners are being marched to Liao Yang for shipment to Japan. They are a mixed lot, including Poles, Mongols, Burials and Kirghs. Their clothing and equipment is much inferior to that of the Japanese. The Siberians who fought in the earlier months of the war were the finest men that Russia has had. The Russians that are voluntarily surrendering make an abject spectacle. The Japanese are treating them most kindly.

NEW GARRISONS ALL CANADIAN

Only Junior Grade Imperial Officers To Be There.

1,200 PRIVATES FOR HALIFAX

Will Borrow Small Force of Engineers and Artillery From the Home Army.

Ottawa, March 15. — The 2,000 men to be added to the permanent corps will be distributed between Halifax and Esquimalt, but the larger part will go to Halifax. If the present proportions are maintained there will be at least one thousand infantry at Halifax, the remainder of the garrison being artillery and engineers. Canada may have to borrow some engineers and some artillery from the imperial authorities. But it cannot be too strongly emphasized that on July 1 Canada will take over the command of the two fortifications—the pay, the responsibility, in fact, everything. All the principal officers, including the commanding officer and his staff, will be Canadians. A few imperial officers may remain for a time, but they will be of a junior grade. It is now said that the commander at Halifax will be the D. O. C. of that district. Before the militia act of last session the permanent corps probably numbered some 800 men. Since that time it has been increased to 1,200, which number is still 800 short of the maximum allowed by law. When the amendment to be introduced this session by Sir Frederick Borden is enacted 800 more men will have to be recruited. Details of the new scheme of creating larger military commands in Canada will shortly be announced by Sir Frederick Borden. Two commands in Ontario, one in Quebec, one in the Maritime Provinces, and one in the west will probably form the main features of the scheme. Each of the larger commands will be administered by a deputy commanding officer, who, at the same time, will continue to be responsible for his own district.

WATCHES BABE DROWN

Woman Smilingly Looks on as Her Little One Is Expiring.

Peoria, Ill., March 15.—Tying a rope around the waist of her 10-months-old baby yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Henry Berck, of Morton, with a smile on her face, deliberately and coolly watched it drown. When life was extinct and the spirit of the little one had flown, Mrs. Berck securely fastened one end of the rope under the cistern lid and went to the home of a neighbor, whom she told, in answer to questions concerning her baby, that it was asleep at home.

The body was found by Mr. Berck when he returned home an hour or two afterward His wife had been subject to fits of despondency and melancholia, and not finding her nor the baby in the house, he began a search. Seeing the end of the rope under the cistern cover, he quickly discovered the awful deed of the irrational mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Berck are young and are among the prominent residents of the neighborhood. Mrs. Berck will be committed to a state asylum tomorrow.

WOULD NOT PLEAD

County Constable Westcott, Blackmailer, Wanted to See Lawyer First.

John Westcott, the county constable under lock and key for blackmail, came before Judge Elliott this morning to elect whether he would be tried by judge or jury on the charge preferred against him by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dart, of Pottersburg. He asked permission to consult his lawyer, however, and the court was postponed until Saturday. Westcott will also receive his sentence from Magistrate Smith, of Ailsa Craig, on Saturday, instead of Friday, as originally intended. Mr. Smith will come into the city, so that the two cases can be disposed of conjunctively. Westcott's lawyer, it is thought, will prepare a testimonial as to the man's general character, signed by men among whom he has lived.

Redmond Blames Govt. For Famine in Ireland

Wants Grazing Lands of the West Restored to the People.

London, March 15.—In the House of Commons yesterday John Redmond in supporting Mr. Hayden's motion charging the Government with failure to anticipate the distress in the west of Irland, urged the Government to take immediate steps to avert impending famine.

The land act of 1903, Mr. Redmond asserted had utterly failed to settle the problem, and the tide of emigration would not cease, until the grazing lands of the west had been restored to the people. The existing conditions of things, he further said were infamous and cruel, and had made English rule in Ireland abhorrent to humanity.

Mr. Atkinson, Attorney-General for Ireland, in defending the Government, admitted the enormity of the evil, but said the difficulty of saving the problem was appalling, reciting the measures already taken, including the expenditure of $6,000,000 by the congested districts board. He declared it most unjust to say that the Government had not taken every precaution to meet the distress.

Mr. Hayden's motion was rejected by a majority of 48.

DUTIES ON CEMENT

Manufacturers Ask That it Be Increased by 5 Per Cent.

Ottawa, March 15. — A delegation, representing Canadian cement manufacturers, waited on the Ministers of Finance and Customs today and asked for an increased duty on Portland cement. The duty on cement now is 12½ per cent. The delegation asked that it be increased by 5 per cent, making the duty 17½ per cent. The ministers promised to consider the matter.

JUDGES GOING SOUTH

Messrs. Chisholm and Boyd Secure Leave of Absence.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 15. — Judge Chisholm, of Waterloo, has been in poor health, and has secured six months' leave of absence.

Sir John Boyd has got leave of absence until June. He goes south for the benefit of his health.

COL. M. J. BURKE DEAD

United States Consul at St. Thomas a Victim of Pneumonia.

St. Thomas, March 15. — Col. Michael J. Burke, United States consul in this city, died at the consulate at 4:15 this morning. He contracted a severe cold a week ago, pneumonia setting in last Sunday, and he was in a dangerous condition all day Tuesday. Col. Burke, who came here from Chicago, was appointed during President McKinley's first regime. Of Irish descent, he was an American citizen by adoption, having been born in Canada some fifty years ago. Col. Burke was a finished speaker. He had traveled extensively in America, and in his earlier life was a telegraph operator, and for several sessions worked for the old Montreal Telegraph Company in the House of Commons, an experience to which Col. Burke always liked to refer to. Just prior to his coming to St. Thomas, Col. Burke was engaged in newspaper work in Louisville and Chicago.

A. O. U. W, Convention.

Toronto, March 15. — The change of rates question has brought a large gathering of A. O. U. W. delegates to the grand lodge, which convened this morning in the Temple building. J. Lockie Wilson's motion to have biennial meetings, instead of annual, as at present, was defeated. It was decided that the rate question should be taken up as the first order of business this afternoon and threshed out to a settlement.

Explosion at Moscow.

Moscow, Tuesday, March 14.—(Delayed in transmission.)—A violent explosion occurred in Theater Square last night. Several persons, one of whom was injured by the explosion, were arrested.

THE DEE MURDER TRIAL

Experts Say She Has Delusions, but Knows Right From Wrong.

Woodstock, Ont., March 15.—Medical testimony was given at the Dee trial this forenoon to determine Mrs. Dee's sanity. Drs. Neff and Beemer swore that the woman possessed certain delusions, but that she could distinguish right and wrong.

Dr. Ellis of Toronto, told of finding strychnine in Dee's stomach.

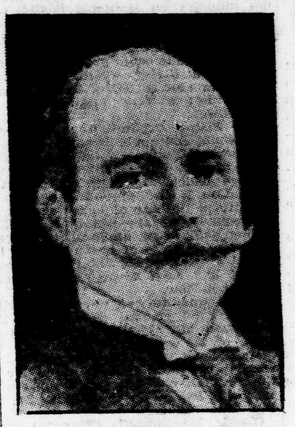
Lorne Tune swore he sold Mrs. Dee strychnine two months before Dee's death.

The crown feel they have established the sanity of the accused.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND HOUSE

Many Important Questions To Be Discussed at St. Johns.

St. Johns, Nfld., March 15. — The Legislature, summoned to assemble on Thursday, March 16, will consider many important measures, including regulations for policing the French shore fisheries, action on the Bond-Hay treaty, parliamentary approval of the Harmsworth pulpmaking project, and various bills relating to fishery matters.



Walter Hume Long,

Who Succeeds Mr. Wyndham as Chief Secretary for Ireland.

After Canada's Fisheries

Ottawa, March 15.—It is reported that the United States Government has made an offer of between two and three millions for the purchase of Canadian rights in the Behring Sea fisheries. The offer will come before the Government, but it is thought will not be entertained.

AMBASSADOR DURAND ADVISES WE SELL SEAL FISHERIES

Recommends That Uncle Sam's Offer of $500,000 for Bering Sea Rights Be Accepted.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa March 15. — It is understood that the British ambassdor at Washington has recommended to the imperial authorities that the offer of the United States Government to purchase the rights of the Canadian sealers in Bering Sea should be accepted. The offer is something like $500,000 to indemnify the sealers.

On two previous occasions, the Canadian Government refused to accept a similar offer. In fact, it was not considered in either instance. The Dominion has not changed its mind in this regard, and the statement that the British ambassador has recommended that the offer be accepted is not received with favor here.

ORGANIZER LEECH IS EXONERATED

Court's Answer to Trumped-Up Charges of Manitoba Conservatives.

Winnipeg, March 15. — The Manitoba Conservatives have made much flourish of trumpets during the past three months over charges that the voters' lists had been illegally tampered with at the last Dominion election. In the preliminary trials of deputies and returning officers before Magistrate McMicken, a strong partisan, all of the accused were committed for trial, some without the hearing of evidence. A continued effort was made to secure the conviction of R. E. A. Leech, Liberal organizer, and he was also sent up to the assizes. The cases came before the grand jury yesterday, and the result was no bill in the charges against Mr. Leech and Returning Officers Adolphe, Jickling and Ayotte. Mr. Leech returned hurriedly from Ontario for the trial and courted investigation in every way. His acquittal by the grand jury is a complete answer to the trumped-up charges.

Taking Big Chances.

Portland, Ore., March 15. — The British steamship Ras Elba will leave here today for Tsingtau, China, with 9,888 bales of hay and 91,000 bushels of oats. While the steamer is going to Tsingtau there is little doubt that the forage she carries is intended for the Russian forces.

FRESH RUMOR RE AUTONOMY BILL

Le Canada, Montreal, Says It Will Go Before the Privy Council.

Montreal, Que., March 15.—Le Canada, the organ of Hon. Mr. Prefontaine, publishes a dispatch from Ottawa this morning, which states that it is rumored in the corridors of the House of Commons that the whole question of the creation of the new Northwest provinces in all probability will not be discussed any further during the present session. The representatives from the Territories are generally of the opinion that the important clause of the bill would have to be examined from a purely legal standpoint, and that the Privy Council in England will be called upon as a last resort to pronounce respecting the bearing of the British North America act on this legislation.

GREEN IS THE COLOR

London Tailors Plan Styles to Capture Fancy of Man.

London, March 15.—Should the confident predictions of tailors be realized, green will be the fashionable color for men's attire this summer—green in all shades, ranging between the aggressiveness of the cat's-eye and the subdued pallor of Brussels sprouts. The shops already indicate the change from the present somber black and brown, which even the smartest men affect.

Olive green Homburg hats and automobiling caps, even dark green bowler hats confront one in the hatters' windows, and greenish tweeds and still more pronounced green flannels are to be seen at the most fashionable tailor establishments.

The editor of the Tailor and Cutter, whose finger is ever on the pulse of the young man who seeks effect by his clothes, considers it a clever scheme on the part of the hatters.

Trade has been so bad for some years that something had to be done, and the hatters did it, the tailors following suit, not only in color, but with notable changes.

The lounge coat is lengthening in a marked degree. The waist is to be so tight that the man who wishes to live up to his coat must model his figure by the advertisement columns in ladies' papers.

Trousers, too, are to be much tighter. The general tendency is to make the thin man a green lamp post and the stout man an overgrown cabbage.

A fashionable tailor in the west end says men are becoming tired of black and grays. The colored coat is bound to come, for men's views are distinctly broadening in the matter of dress.

For instance, the fashionable waistcoat or tie which is considered smart today, would have been considered horribly vulgar last year. It just requires one or two to take this lead in a reform which most men are looking for.

Paris Refuses to Supply Czar With Funds; If Japs Cancel Indemnity Peace Follows

Paris, March 15.—The postponement of the Russian loan is definitely confirmed. This is likely to exert powerful influence towards peace, as it is the first time the French financiers have shown an indisposition to advance funds, while the uncertainties of war continue. The following details of the postponement are from an authoritative source:

A committee representing the syndicate of French underwriters went to St. Petersburg to arrange the conditions with the Minister of Finance, and a contract was drawn up for a $120,000,000 loan, taking the form of treasury bonds running seven years, at 5 per cent. The contract was then brought back to Paris for the approval of all the underwriters.

In the meantime disastrous events in Manchuria naturally aroused doubts on the part of the financiers as to whether Russia should make peace or pursue the war. The influence of the financial elements were almost unanimous for peace, but Russia's disinclination to consider peace appears to have induced the decision not to proceed with the contract, and accordingly the signing of which was expected yesterday, has been postponed, and all the pending negotiations are also postponed. According to the Russian view this does not mean that the negotiations have been broken off, but merely that they are adjourned, as the Russian authorities say the syndicate holds itself bound towards Russia now as before. However, the circumstances of the adjournment tend to show that the syndicate inclines to wait for some definite development of peace before proceeding any further.

It is authoritatively denied in the highest Russian quarters that the French Government exercised any pressure towards preventing the increase of French holdings of Russian securities. Nevertheless, it is probable that some members of the Government, acting individually voiced the prevailing view that caution was desirable. Since that Rouvier has combined in himself the presidency of the council of ministers and the ministry of finance, the Government has indirectly exercised strong influence on private financial affairs. It is significant that the postponement of the loan is coincident with a strong movement of the influential press favorable to peace.

The Matin prominently displays a statement believed to reflect the views of financial circles, which declares that if Japan is ready to adopt a generous attitude by waving an indemnity or imposing any humiliation upon Russia, then Russia's policy of war to the bitter end will cease. It is noticeable that some of the Russian officials speak approvingly of the latter propositions. They say peace is impossible if an indemnity or any humiliating conditions are asked, so that the elimination of these two points will go far towards securing favorable consideration of peace.

"Humpty Dumpty" Dead.

Denver, March 5. — Practically penniless, with only his devoted wife to watch and mourn, Mons. Niblo, famous circus clown, and pantomimic, is dead here, after suffering for months from tuberculosis. Niblo was 53 years of age, and for 35 years had performed before the public. He was the creator of the part of Humpty-Dumpty in the ply of that name.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Higher Temperatures.

London, Wednesday, March 15.

Sun rises..6:31 a.m. Moon rises..12:17 p.m.
Sun sets...6:24 p.m. Moon sets....2:25 a.m.

Toronto, March 14—8 p.m.

The temperature has risen a little in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba. Elsewhere the weather remains fine and cold.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 46—56; Calgary, 18—38; Qu'Appelle, 10—30; Winnipeg, 12 below—28; Port Arthur, 10 below—16; Parry Sound, 12 below—24; Toronto, 11—27; Ottawa, 12 below—24; Montreal, zero—20; Quebec, 10 below—20; St. John, 2—30; Halifax, zero—30.

FORECASTS.

Wednesday, March 15—8 a.m.

Today—Fine; not much change in temperature.

Thursday—Easterly winds; generally fair, and a little higher temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	28	26	Cloudy
Winnipeg	24	24	Snow
Parry Sound	—10	—12	Clear
Toronto	14	10	Clear
Ottawa	—2	—4	Fair
Montreal	14	10	Clear
Quebec	2	0	Clear
Father Point	12	8	Cloudy

The sign — indicates below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

The temperature has risen a little in the Territories and Manitoba, attended by a few light local snowfalls. Otherwise there has been no change in Canada in the existing cold weather conditions.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 26.5°; lowest, 5° above.

THE JAPANESE REPULSED IN A FIERCE ATTACK UPON RUSSIAN CENTER BELOW TIE PASS

Rennenkampff's Division of Cossacks Still Missing—May Have Been Annihilated.

St. Petersburg, March 15. — General Kuropatkin, in a dispatch dated March 14, says: A fierce Japanese attack on the center of our positions at the Fan River (about thirteen miles south of Tie Pass) has been repulsed. More than 1,000 corpses remain in front of our positions.

New York, March 15.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Times says: According to the latest news from Tie Pass, the Japanese are within a few miles of that position, and a resumption of fighting is hourly expected. The general staff, however, declares that the enemy is too much exhausted for an immediate attack.

According to Gen. Kuropatkin, the Russians are fast reorganizing their forces and are on the alert. According to Gen. Masloff the extent of the losses of the third army is still unascertained. Gen. Kuropatkin is highly commended for leading the onslaught against Gen. Nogi near Hashitai on March 10, which is believed to have prevented the complete loss of the second and third armies.

WHERE IS RENNENKAMPFF?

Feared That His Brigade of Cossacks Has Been Wiped Out.

Tie Pass, March 15.—There is no news of Gen. Rennenkampff. It is feared that his division of Trans-Baikal Cossacks shared the fate of the Caucasian cavalry brigade. Two officers, Albrecht and Hartmann, report that they are the only survivors of that brigade who remain to tell the tale of the fighting of Friday and Saturday, when the cavalry were sacrificed in order to cover the retreat of the rear guard.

A Japanese force of infantry and artillery is reported to be approaching Vladivostock. This gives rise to the belief that a siege is contemplated.

Lack of Reinforcements.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—In connection with the announcement of Gen. Kuropatkin's offer to resign comes a statement of equally authoritative source that Kuropatkin attributes his failure to the inadequacy of his reinforcements, and that he points out the hopelessness of achieving any conclusive result until overwhelming forces are concentrated in the far east.

Jap Cruisers at Singapore.

London, March 15. — A dispatch to the Star from Singapore, Straits Settlements, says that four Japanese cruisers arrived there today from the eastward.

Japs Take Yankee Ship.

Tokio, March 15. — 2 p.m. — The American steamer Tacoma was seized by the Japanese guardship yesterday, March 14.

The Tacoma is an iron screw, of 2,812 tons register. She is owned by the Northwestern Commercial Steamship Company of Seattle, from which port she sailed Jan. 6 with a cargo of barrel beef for Vladivostock, it is said, although ostensibly for Shanghai. When last reported the Tacoma was fast in the ice north of Hokkaido Island, with Japanese ships lying in wait to pick her up when she worked clear.

Kuropatkin's Successor.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—The question of Kuropatkin's successor was discussed at the war council yesterday, but the Emperor has made no final decision. The names of Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholaievitch, General Gripenberg and Gen. Grodekoff are mentioned, but the weight of opinion of the Czar's advisers now favors Gen. Sukhomlimoff, governor-general of Kieff, who formerly was Gen. Dragomiroff's aide-de-camp.

The foreign office adopts a very firm attitude regarding the peace rumors, again categorically insisting today that Russia has not the slightest idea of peace. There is nothing confirmatory of the reports to the effect that Japan intends to make a formal proposition to enter into peace

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