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WORK RESUMED AT A NUMBER OF FACTORIES

The Governor-General of St. Petersbur Says the Crisis is Over - Disturbances at Moscow.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 27 .- 2 a. m .-Although the strikes in Reval, Libau, Kieff Odessa and a few smaller places are extending, the situation is nowhere acute. An increasing number of workmen are out in Moscow, but there is no general tie-up or disorder there. The whereabouts of Father Gopon still remains a mystery, although it is believed

the priest is in Moscow, The Russian capital presents an albone of the strike has been broken. Some turbance. factories and mills already have resumed and a general resumption of oper-

the strike here will have a discouraging effect upon the workmen in other cities to which the troubles have been spreading, and believe that there is no longer of the workers' position.

danger of a suspension of all industries A proclamation has been Minister of the Interior Sviatopolk-

investigate the arrest of several promin ent writers who are now confined in St.

Peter and St. Paul fortress, and secure

Government Cannot Stand. Another Proclamation.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 26.-6 p. m.-Governor-General Trepoff, who received Press this afternoon at the former head-Press this afternoon at the former head-quarters in the Winter Palace, manifests complete confidence that the crisis is over and that the public and safety of all pity him in his fall. He has no will complete confidence that the crisis is over and that the public and safety of

Governor-General Trepoff and Minister of Finance Kokovsoff issued a pro-clamation last night which reveals the government's plan for breaking the strike, not only here but throughout Russia The proclamation is conceived in a paternal tone and points out that hon-est workmen who want to better their condition should have brought their demands to the government instead of being misled by agitators into affiliating with a movement which is not confined the conomic aspirations. It invites them to return to work, promising them, in their superstitions, the revolution will be crushed now, but not killed. I think the following courses.

St. Feetsburg are beginning to arrive in the troops. If the latter remain loyal to their superstitions, the revolution will be crushed now, but not killed. I think Germans who are obliged to remain there were permitted to the following courses. o economic aspirations. It invites them the troops. If the latter remain loyal to the Emperor's name, a revision of the general law so as to restrict the hours of labor, the institution of a plan for state insurance and otherwise to meet carrying on the war, the necessity for the opinion of the arrivals is that the crushed now, but not kined. I think even this will take the following course: The strike will stop preparations for carrying on the war, the necessity for the opinion of the arrivals is that the continuous course to attend to business are sending their families here.

The opinion of the arrivals is that the coll. Macpherson, the British medical carrying on the war, the necessity for the coll. Macpherson, the British medical carrying on the war, the necessity for the coll. Macpherson is their demands as far as the law will per- dragooning the people into submission mit, and guarantee them protection

against interference by agitators. Sir Charles Hardinge, the British ambassador, called Foreign Minister Lamsdorff's attention this afternoon to the I am convinced will fail. The failure telegram printed at Moscow yesterday will send a wave back on St. Petersburg saying that the disturbances at the Rus-sian dockyards and arsenals were due to the grand dukes. In that way the revo-Anglo-Japanese instigation and that both Great Britain and Japan were spending vast sums to prevent the Rus-sian second Pacific squadron from going to the Far East. At the same time he and the Emperor's message, like himself, pointed out that a similar telegram appeared here this morning in the Rusky Invalid army organ. Count Lamsdorff assured Ambassador Hardinge that such blications had no official sanction, but added that he would enquire whether it had been given an official appearance at Moscow. The matter is not likely to as-

sume the dignity of diplomatic inci-Negotiations at Moscow. Moscow, Jan. 26.—Although the strike industries as practically over, and declare that the attempt to turn the movement thus far has not been accompanied by collisment into a general political revolt has far has not been accompanied by collisions of great gravity. To-day's events failed. The government's promise of were restricted to minor skirmishes in shorter hours of labor has been preclaim-the northern and eastern outskirts of the ed in Moscow and other cities, and seems city, in which the troops successfully resisted all efforts of the crowd to break through the cordon. No bloodshed is rebessions.

are negotiating for a settlement of their offered an advance in wages, which will bring up the average earnings of each workman to \$10 per month and lodgings. the Emperor and the Imperial family One firm has offered to knock off one have fled to Livadia. hour from the legal working day of eleven hours, but this is a burning ques-

Thirty-One Killed.

Riga, Russia, Jan. 27.-Twenty-nine men and two women were killed and thirty-seven civilians and eight soldiers were wounded by revolver shots during vesterday's rioting, according to the returns made by the hospital. At the reuest of the workmen of Riga, the

theatres of this city have been closed. A Quiet Night. St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—11 a.m.—All was quiet during the night. Traffic in the streets this morning is practically normal. Here and there small groups of workmen are reading Governor-General Trepoff's prodlamation.

Four papers were published this morn

ing. Their offices were guarded by police patrols all night long. Most of the ositors will resume work to-day. The troops have disappeared from the

The press administration has sent a ircular to the newspapers prohibiting the publication of news or comment regard- are joining. Gasworks and waterworks ing the strike.

Situation at Moscow.

Moscow, Jan. 27.—10 a.m.—The night passed quietly. Work was resumed this norning in some of the factories of the Samoskwartschje quarter. The perfect has issued a proclamation declaring that the demands of the workmen will be examined and satisfied within legal limits have been reinforced by a regiment from kouropakin's Troops Reported to Have when work is resumed. The men are Kovno. Some telegraph poles were torn urged to resume their employments with-out deiay, and are threatened with arrest

The Governor this morning issued a strike. The master printers and newspaper proprietors at a meeting just held have resolved to act unitedly, and not increase the pay of the compositors. There is every prospect of a termina-tion of the strike without bloodshed.

Only now is the political side of the movement coming to the surface. Troops Summoned. Mitsu, Russia, Jan. 27.-Labor agents

from Riga organized a strike here this help them, otherwise he will ta morning, bodies of strikers marching to getic measures to restore order. the factories and workshops and com pelled the men who were at work to most normal appearance, and the leave their employment. Troops have authorities are confident that the backbeen summoned to the scene of the dis-Received Workmen.

Kovno, Russia, Jan. 27.-The governor ations is expected on Monday.

On receiving a deputation of workmen tothis morning. There is
the authorities expect the failure of day promised assistance in improving bread left in the bakeries. their relations with their employers. On

A proclamation has been posted by the governor urging the strikers to resume work, and promising all legitimate help Mirsky has promised a delegation of towards obtaining a satisfactory settle editors who called upon him that he will ment of their demands; at the same time announcing that he would have recourse

London, Jan. 27 .- Geo. Meredith, the author, in an interview given to the Chronicle yesterday, expressed a strong conviction that the long reign of despotism which blocks Eastern Europe is slowly but surely coming to an end.

of his own, but as for the grand dukes for are enemies of humankind. No body in the world will regret then disappearance. They are the real authors of the terrible events in St. Petersburg and Moscow. We know that it is the beaurocracy with the grand dukes at its head that rules Russia. By meeting the petitioners the Emperor might have avoided bloodshed and delayed revolution for a few years; but nothing now can prevent the downfall of the government. I do not think the rising will be immediately successful. The revolutionaries are scattered and have few leaders. The poor creatures cannot hope to resist | St. Petersburg are beginning to arrive in will prevent reinforcing the army in Manchuria; Kouropatkin with reinforcements and supplies cut off will have no choice, and to attempt a strike which

lution will be effected." In conclusion, he contended that it was is weak; it means nothing after the appointment of such a man as Trepoff. Sympathizing Englishmen should give their practical support in the shape of money to the Russian reformers.

Dealing With Revolutionists. St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—1.50 p.m.— Early reports from all over Russia indicate that the strike situation is flattening out. The authorities regard the danger of a general tie-up of the Russian

On the other hand, the authorities are In the meantime workers and masters putting down the revolutionists with a ation should be imposed except for revstern hand. The latter have again been differences. Several firms already have forced to cover, meetings being almost impossible.

Strike at Warsaw. Warsaw, Jan. 27.-A strike was starttion on which the majority of the masters are unwilling or unable to agree to concessions.

ed here this morning and is spreading rapidly. A number of factories are closed. The workmen are quiet.

> Warsaw is the capital of Russian Poland, and by its population about 550,000. including military, is the third city of the Russian empire, and only second to the two Russian capitals. It is the seat of the governor-general and lieutenant of Lapland, and the seat of the Roman Catholic and Greek archbishops.

General Strike. Lodz, Russia, Jan. 27.-A general

Lidz is a town of Russian Poland with a population numbering about 150,000.

Strike Still Spreading. Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.-United production."

States Consul-General Watts, at St. Petersburg, cabled the state department JAPANESE ASSINE to-day in regard to the situation in Rus-Petersburg, cabled the state department sia as follows: "Strike is spreading. Just received :

telegram from Warsaw that all workshops are stopped. Vienna railway men are being operated by soldiers.'

Disturbances at Libau. Libau, Russia, Jan. 28.-There were some demonstrations on the part of the strikers during the night, and attempts were made to loot bakeries, but the riot ers were dispersed by the troops, who

if they attempt to incite a spread of the proclamation reminding the troops of the patriotism they displayed on the occasion of the recent visit of Emperor Nicholas and the Imperial family to Libau, declaring that the strike is the result of the activity of evil disposed revolutionists who have nothing in common with the workmen, and urging the latter to return to work and not embarrass the country while at war. If they resume employments the Governor will help them, otherwise he will take ener-More Men Idle.

Warsaw, Jan. 28.-A hundred thousand people are now out on strike. Thus far there has been no disturbances of any importance. The street cars are not running, and no newspapers were published this morning. There is practically no

About 100,000 people have struck at the governor's initiative, they met and Lodz. Telephone communication with drew up a scheme for the amelioration that city has been interrupted by the strikers.

> At Moscow. Moscow, Jan. 28.—All the newspapers reappeared to-day. The factory inspectors report that 20,000 persons are still out on strike. Work is being resumed at one of the factories and at almost all the mills which had been closed, but cluding Prohroff's, where the men were situation is not causing alarm, although there is some anxiety regarding a possible disturbance to-morrow.

- Turned Down. St. Petersburg, Jan. 28.—At the last meeting of the committee of the ministers President Witte, according to the Russ, of majord the necessity for the com-mittee discussing and formulating its views on the recent events at the capital. He added that he considered that an inquiry into their causes and the initiation of measures to prevent their recurrence were imperative. After a brief discussion, however, the committee rejected M. Witte's suggestion on the ground that heavy frosts prevail. such action was not within its jurisdic-

Fear Further Trouble. Berlin, Jan. 28.-Foreign residents of

preparation for greater resistance to the study the scurvy, of which government, and that active smuggling of arms and dynamite is going on across the Austrian frontier. St. Petersburg socially shares the belief that more serious events and even a revolution are im-

Petersburg, who has arrived here, relates how a Princess who was expressing asked the Princess. "I think we are all now," said the Countess.

FISCAL QUESTION.

Premier Balfour's Speech to His Constituents—Closer Commercial Union
With Colonies.

London, Jan. 27 .- Speaking to his constituents at Manchester, Premier Balfour denied the assertion made by his opponents that he had been vague regarding the fiscal question.

"I desire," he said, "such alterations in the fiscal system as will give us freedom of action, impossible while we hold little water, are the worst encountered ourselves bound by maxims that no tax- in this war. enue. I desire this freedom in the main for three reasons. It will strengthen our hands in negotiations by which we may hope to lower foreign hostile tariffs. It may enable us to protect the fiscal independence of those colonies which de-sire to give us preferential treatment. It may be useful where we wish to check the importation of those foreign goods which, because they are bounty fed or

tariff protected aboard, are sold below "Secondly, I desire closer commercial union with the colonies. I think it might produce great growing commercial advantages both to the colonies and Mother Country by promoting freer trade be-tween them. Such commercial union is beset with many difficulties, but these ean best be dealt with by the colonial

ATTEMPTED TO FORCE BACK RUSSIAN RIGHT

> Repulsed the Attack and Captured Several Guns.

Russian Headquarters, Huan Mountain, Manchuria, Jan. 26 .- 6 p. m .-(Delayed.)-After three months of quietude, the Japanese have resumed activity, attempting to force back the Russian right wing.

A stubborn fight began January 25th, and is continuing to-day, January 26th, which may be a curtain raiser for the spring campaign.

According to reports, the Japanese attack was repulsed and a Russian counter-attack was so energetically Japanese line of some strategical importance was taken. It is rumored that several Japanese guns were taken. There RUSSIANS LOST was no fighting at the centre or on the with left flank.

The Japanese advance is believed to have been inspired in part by the news of the Russian internal troubles, intelligence of which reached the Russian lost 45 officers and 1,000 men killed or army at dawn, January 25th. Following a sudden return of winter,

however, cannon began booming far westward, and through the morning fog and mist the Japanese unexpectedly advanced. The riflemen on the Russian on the other hand some large mills, in- right flank were so vigorously employed REPORTED CAPTURE OF in the fighting line that by evening they yesterday, have struck. The had met the Japanese attack by a brillion is not causing alarm, although hant counter-attack. The Japanese at once began to retire, abandoning and setting fire to a village.

ed in transmission).—A general engageting fire to a village.

ed in transmission).—A general engagement is progressing. Only the left flank

Throughout the night and all day firing Throughout the line toward the Hun river in the vicinity of the village of Heksutalt and Liuditum, the Japanese firing occasional shots to get the range of the Russian positions.

The hospitals here and at Harbin have been put in readiness to receive large numbers of wounded, of whom about a thousand have already been made prisoners.

The troops all along the line were under arms on the night of the 25th, The skies were lit up by a configuration of the Lange of the Russian positions.

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The matter is now in the hands of the main lines of work. Oyster culture and the planting of new species are also in the planting of new species

ATTACHES REJOIN

GEN. KUROKI'S ARMY. General Kuroki's Headquarters Jan.

resent half calm is only a period of attache, remained at Port Arthur to thousands of cases reported in hospitals. eral days at Port Arthur and Dalny.

General Kuroki's Headquarters, Jan. 27.-(Via Fusan.)-Regular Manchurian The wife of a leading American of St. weather prevails to-night, intense cold tsu. Field Marshal Oyama immediately with cutting winds and snow. Sounds of buttle were heard at intervals along Heikoutai. Oyama reports that he deernor-General Trepoff to a Countess was interrupted with the remark, "You talk like an anarchist." "Are you not one?" whole Japanese front.

It is uncertain whether this will bring on a general engagement. The Japanese guns are refrained from replying to the Russians except on the left, where the fighting, which ceased at dark yesterday, was renewed this morning. The clouds and snow made it impossible to see more than a few hundred feet away. The Russian gunnery was largely guess work.

This afternoon firing stopped. If the Russians' operations were pre-liminary to a general attack, as appears, possibly their plans were frustrated by the storm and fog. They could not have osen a worse time. The hardships of the soldiers camping out on the plains. where there is no shelter or fuel and but

RUMORS OF A GENERAL ENGAGEMENT

Berlin, Jan. 27.—A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Mukden to-day

"A general engagement began vester day and continues to-day. Already the losses on both sides are considerable. The fighting is especially heavy at the

THE RUSSIANS HOLD

St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.-Supplementing a previous dispatch, Gen. Kouropatkin says: "From later reports it ap- above zero. pears that in capturing these positions

manoeuvring against the left flank, and attacked the Japanese in the rear. Our force then attacked Sandepas and at 7 p. m. after a desperate fight, with the assistance of sappers, we surmounted the strong entrenchments and occupied the arge village.

"The same day our troops occupied the enemy's entrenchments at Shakhe and repulsed attempts to retake them." KOUROPATKIN REPORTS

RUSSIAN ADVANCE St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.-Gen. Kouro

patkin, under the date of January 25th, telegraphs as follows to Emperor Nicho-

"The advance has commenced on our right flank against the enemy. We have occupied Khailitosa and Kheigoutaya." General Kouropatkin adds: "No details have been received of the losses at Khailitosa and Kheigoutaya, which are seven versts southwest of San Depas. We occupied Khailitosa without firing, the Japanese being bayoneted. Kheigoutaya was practically undefended, but we finally occupied it at ten o'clock at night. Our cavalry pursued two regiments of Jap-

ward. . "On our left flank a detachment repulsed the Japanese and occupied a de-file beyond Chandienzan,

"Another detachment sent against the enemy's flank near Hindcheng forced the essed that a village within the former | Japanese to retire and captured two hun-

HEAVY IN FIGHT

from Chansiamutun says the Russians their movements during the various Mr. Bell-Irving made a strong plea for wounded at the capture of the village of Sandepas on January 26th.

The Russians took 102 Japanese prisoners, besides arms, guns and ammuni-

JAP TRANSPORT TRAIN. form one of the first subjects for investi-

Mukden, Jan. 27.-10.44 p.m. (delayis now involved.

with heavy loss. The men going into battle are well prepared for the weather conditions, being warmly clad and shod, well fed and in already been spoken of as a suitable fisheries, and now that Washington state

ood spirits.

The activity of Gen. Mistchenko's fast | British Columbian to superintend the agrees, advantage should be taken of it. riding eavalry continues.

A large Japanese transport train was also include many able specialists from TIE PRODUCTION capture on the extreme right of the west various Canadian universities.

OYAMA REPORTS RUSSIAN REPULSE, appointed harbor master for New West-

Tokio, Jan. 28.-The long inactivity of the Shahke river was broken on January 25th, when Gen. Kouropatkin advanced a full corps from the vicinity of Shangtish Columbia members, Senator Templeman, Hon. W. C. Wells, Richard Hall, Mr. Paterson and some other British essing when the field marshal reported. The official telegram does not disclose the object of the Russians, and does not

give the prospects of a general engagement. Oyama's report follows: "The enemy on the right of the Hun river began activity on January 25th. Over one corps advanced from the district south of Chengtsu toward Heikoutai and Chenchiehpao. Our army assumed the aggressive on the 26th. We repulsed the enemy at Chenchiehpao. The Russians retired to Lieutako. "Another detachment has been engaging a division of the Russians at Heiko-

utai, since January 26th." WILL ACCEPT MESSAGES FOR PORT ARTHUR.

New York, Jan. 28.-Notice was reeived here to-day that the Japanese nilitary administration will begin cept messages in future for Port Arthur

RUINED BY FROST.

Tampa, Fla., Jan. 28.-Additional advices from throughout the orange belt show that out of 500,000 boxes of oranges and grape fruit remaining on the trees, about 75 per cent. have been frozen SIANS HOLD and made unsalable. A big portion of JAP ENTRENCHMENTS. this loss falls upon the buyers, who bought the crops on the trees, although some growers have been hard hit. The emperature at Arcadia went down to 18

FISHERIES RESEARCH STATION DECIDED ON

> Scale to Be Conducted by Government.

> > Harbor Master.

Entertained to Dinner.

Messrs. Bell-Irving and Robert Ker,

Columbians now in the city were present.

Telephone Poles.

A delegation representing the union of

nunicipalities waited on the government

yesterday asking that telephone com-

panies should not use roads or streets for

Chairmen of Committees.

tions, H. J. Logan, and miscellaneous bills, L. P. Demers.

Will Attend Opening.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier left for Montreal

this afternoon to attend the opening to-

night of the applied school of science in

Banquet To-Night.

Hon. R. H: Emmerson will be ban-

uetted to-night by the Reform Club of

THE LARGEST DIAMOND.

Found Near Pretoria.

connection with Laval University.

Montreal.

views, which they will do.

their poles and conduits without first

Captain Rogers, New Westminster, is

Ottawa, Jan. 28.-A well equipped fisheries research station for biological investigation, similar to laboratories which have done such splendid services ator Templeman and British Columbia for fishery industries in the United members, took place late last evening at anese dragoons, which fied southeast- States, Britain, France, Norway and the office of the minister of marine and Italy, will be established on the north fisheries. There were also present end of Vancouver Island. W. Sloan has Messrs. Bell-Irving and Robert Kerr, been untiring in his efforts to secure for Vancouver; Deputy Minister Gourdeau British Columbia the great advantages | and Professor Prince.

Mr. Hall presented his case in a very of a fisheries research station, provided full and elaborate way to show that the with a special steamer with nets, preservation of the fisheries could be atdredges, tins and all apparatus for in- tained with ut oclosing down for two vestigating the rich fishing grounds along years. The Vancouver canners would the coast. The occurrence of valuable not be injured by closing down because St. Petersburg, Jan. 28.—A telegram ish, their feeding and spawning habits, would not be affected.

seasons of the year, and endless other the adoption of the close season regulamatters of importance in the develop- tions, as recommended by Canadian and

torily by research carried on by a discussed. There is no doubt that it was Incidentally the question of traps was biological station staff. The movement the trap proposition last year that made of schools of salmon in the seas would the United States come to terms now

in regard to close seasons. gation, while new fishing grounds and f the determination of those now being ex-ploited and the utilization of valuable fontaine that he would get officers of his

I HE HOUSEHIED!

Vancouver, were entertained to dinner last night at the Russell. All the Bri-REPORTED IN TIMES

Intend Abandoning It.

ture. Hon. T. Greenway; railways, Hon.

lowing dispatch appeared:
"Mr. Sloan (Comox-Atlin) was informed by Premier Laurier to-day that the

This is directly the reverse of the telegram which appeared in the Times last

correspondent was to-day asked to repeat his message. In reply he wires that Sir Wilfrid said the government had no information that the Imperial government intended abandoning Esquimalt as a naval station.

reported by Hansard. MADE TRIP IN AUTOMOBILE.

New York, Jan. 28.-A Valparaiso,

## FOR THIS ISLAND

THE CONFERENCE WITH FEDERAL MINISTERS

Biological Investigation on Extensive Decision of Hon R. Prefontaine Expected to Be in Favor of Canners' Proposal.

NO. 84.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.-The interview between Richard Hall, representing the board of trade of Victoria and others interests, and Hon. R. Prefontaine, Sen-

ment of fisheries can be decided satisfac- United States canners.

Members of parliament present dis-

The troops all along the line were under arms on the night of the 25th. The skies were lit up by a conflagration, evidently caused by the burning of a villege beyond the Shakhe river south of Poutiloff (Lone Tree) hill.

A bitterly cold wind is blowing and heavy frosts prevail.

The battle commenced on the right flank on General Kouropatkin's initiative. The Japanese were driven back five miles from their advanced positions, defended by the reserve brigades.

The fighting extended on January 26th to take Poutiloff (Lone Tree) Hill and the very few days. There, however, does not seem to have been any material new evidence submitted to Hon. Mr. Prefontaine by Mr. Hall, although he made the very most of his case to make the minister change his mind. It is therefore expected that when Hon. Mr. Prefontaine announces his decisions of the Maritime Provinces.

A Dominion ficheries station of the Atlantic coast founded by the present government a few years ago has just completed some valuable investigations in the oyster beds of the Maritime Provinces.

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Canadian Authorities Have No Information That Imperial Government

obtaining the sanction of the municipali-ties. The principal speakers were The Times yesterday published a dis-Mayor Urquhart and Counsel Fullerton, Toronto, Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked patch from its Ottawa correspondent stating that in the House Sir Wilfrid them to submit a bill embodying their Laurier, in replying to Wm. Sloan, said that the government had no information that the Imperial government intended Chairmen of committees of the House abandoning Esquimalt as a naval stawere appointed yesterday as follows: Public accounts, C. F. McIsaac; agricul-

In the Colonist this morning, under the headlines "Esquimalt to be abandon-C. Hyman; banking and commerce, A. Campbell; debates, Mr. Gervias; expiring laws, J. A. Ethier; privileges and eleced: Imperial authorities have so informed the Canadian government," the fol-

government has information to the effect that the Imperial authorities propose to abandon Esquimalt as a naval station.

light, and to set all doubt at rest our

Jewel Valued at More Than \$3,500,000 The Premier used the word no, and is so

Johannesburg, Jan. 27.-The largest conference. Provided its objects are permitted to be discussed unhampered by limiting instructions, I recommend that the subject shall be referred to a conference on these terms.

"Lastly, I do not desire to raise home prices for the purpose of aiding home production."

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"Eastly, I do not desire to raise home discovered has been found near Pretoria. The stone weighs 3,032 carats, and is said to be a pure white diamond of good quality. It is locally valued at \$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000. The famous Kohmoor, is only valued at \$3,500,000. There is immense excitement were repulsed. Our cavalry participated,

"Eastly, I do not desire to raise home village from the south and southleast, but were repulsed. Our cavalry participated,"

Tenn.