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ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1905.

THE WEATHER.

Fair and cold predicted for tomorrow.

ONE CENT.

ALL DAY LONG THE BATTLE RAGED

St. Petersburg, Mar. 6.—2.50 p. m.—The result of the greatest battle of modern times is expected to be known to-day or tomorrow. Two of the largest armies of recent times, both in men and guns, are now locked in a death struggle, and although General Kuropatkin has made every preparation to cover his retreat, by removing his accumulated stores and munitions northward, it is held in the opinion of military men here, that one side or the other cannot escape overwhelming disaster.

With both wings bent backward Kuropatkin's position appears to be desperate, but the issue is still in the balance. News of a victory for him is regarded as only possible by his breaking through the enveloping lines, and news of a concentrated offensive is now hourly awaiting. Unless General Kuropatkin can strike hard, it is realized that he must lose. Field Marshal Oyama's strategy in this battle is now clear. He started and amazed the war office by the marvelous daring of Kuroki's advance against the extreme Russian line, and the series of blows delivered at the centre, where no less than fifteen separate attacks were launched by the imperial guards ten miles east of Poutouff Hill.

It Was a Ruse.

But it is now realized that the heavy blows at the left were intended to mask the real turning movement, which came like a bolt from a clear sky out of the west where Kuropatkin fell into the trap. The situation seemed an exact duplicate of that at Liao Yang, and the Russian commander-in-chief hastened to mass forces to meet Kuroki.

Kuropatkin's Chance.

But the latest advices are to the effect that the Japanese, exhausted by their tremendous efforts, have everywhere, stopped, and now, if ever, Kuropatkin's hour has come. Japanese lines are extended over sixty miles, while Kuropatkin's are constantly contracting. Besides he has the advantage for the offensive not operating in the interior of his lines. Military critics declare Oyama has not great enough superiority to take risks. According to the war office, Oyama has not over 70,000 men in excess of Kuropatkin, whose forces total about 540,000.

Russian Loss 23,500.

St. Petersburg, Mar. 6.—2.57 p. m.—The Associated Press has just learned that General Kuropatkin has launched a blow at Field Marshal Oyama's left centre just east of the railroad. The fighting is desperate along almost the entire line. Kuropatkin's losses in killed and wounded, up to last night, are placed at 23,500. Oyama is believed to have already lost fully 40,000 men. The Japanese army, according to the prisoners, is greatly exhausted. They repeat the statement that some of General Nogi's men have not had any food for two days.

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Japanese Successes.

Tokio, Mar. 6.—The headquarters of the Japanese army in the field reporting yesterday said, in the Singing (or Yenden) direction, the enemy continues a stubborn resistance at several lines of defense. In the Shabke river direction our detachment, which attacked the northern eminence of Piniupao Saturday occupied a redoubt on a height northeast of the village at dawn Sunday.

The Carlisle Incident.

Manila, March 6.—The custom's officials have arrested three Japanese fishermen in connection with the alleged attempt to sink the steamer Carlisle, at anchor at this port. A Gatling gun has been placed aboard the Carlisle. The Japanese consul here is assisting in the effort, now being made to clear up the mystery which surrounds the affair.

Thousands Watch Conflict.

Mukden, March 4.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The eastern Russian army is reported to be contending aggressively for the ground lost to the Japanese at the battle of the Mountain. There are rumors that Japanese cavalry has been sighted north of Pusan and gone west.

Fighting Like Bull Dogs.

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Nine miles north of Siochupu, the Japanese reached the old railway embankment facing Machiapu, their line thence north to Tatchetico on the Siametta road. Although the greatest battle of the war is being fought around Mukden, the Chinese are strangely indifferent. General Kuropatkin has assured the Emperor that he relies on the men being able to hold their present positions.

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THIS WAS A BIG DAY.

Three Trans-Atlantic Liners Reached Port This Morning.

Bavarian Had 1087 Passengers—Busy Day With Immigration Officials --- Many New Settlers for the West.

Three steamers arrived in port this morning, the Bavarian, Montrose and Dunmore Head. The Manchester Trader came in yesterday afternoon. The Allan liner Bavarian, Captain John Brown, arrived off the island at 2 o'clock and docked at No. 2 berth about 10 o'clock this morning. She left Liverpool on February 23rd, and had an uneventful voyage. The passenger list was one of the largest of the season, totaling 1087. Of these 51 were saloon, 287 second cabin and 749 steerage. The passengers were C. Adkin, Mr. Arden, Mrs. Arden, Capt. Armstrong, A. B. Bacon, Mrs. Bacon, H. Barham, Miss Ivy Brown, Miss Carberry, R. Corry Clark, Capt. C. Connell, J. Clark, Mrs. Clark, and two children, C. H. Clarke, Mrs. Clarke, H. Cooper, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Currie, Miss Dupuis, L. Downing, J. Fullerton, L. J. M. Grant, E. M. Harper, Mrs. Harter, W. Henderson, Mr. Hickson, Mrs. Hill, Most Rev. Dr. Howley, Rev. A. Howley, H. Hurst.

PETITION WAS TURNED DOWN.

Presented by the Hon. Mr. Tweedie—An Appeal Will Now Be Made to President Roosevelt For Aid.

Burlington, Vt., Mar. 6.—The attempt by the state of Vermont, backed by the North American Fish and Game Protective Association to have the protection of fish in the state of Vermont, and an appeal will be made to President Roosevelt, for aid in the prohibition of importation of fish caught in Vermont. The Canadian Minister of Marine and Fisheries, in a letter to the president of the North American Game Protection Association, says it would not be justifiable to deprive the Canadian fishermen of the rights they have secured for so many years. The letter was in reply to a petition signed by New Brunswick, as president of the North American Fish and Game Protective Association, and recently presented to the minister by a delegation of that association.

DAVID MORROW

Died at Fairville This Morning—Funeral of Andrew Lipsett.

Fredericton, Mar. 6.—(Special.)—David Morrow, of Oranmore, who died at Fairville, this morning after a lingering illness, was seventy-four years old and a bachelor.

WEDDINGS.

Melanson—Gayne. Chatham, March 6.—(Special.)—Miss Mary Lina, daughter of the late Ferdinand Gayne, of Boston, and John Melanson, of Bathurst, were married in the pro-cathedral here this morning. Rev. Michael O'Keefe, parish priest officiating. The bride looked lovely in a tailor-made suit of velvet and blue chiffon and forget-me-nots. She was attended by her cousin, Miss May Barry, who wore a becoming blue cloth suit and a blue and white hat. Joseph Couling supported the groom. After the ceremony a breakfast was served at the home of the bride's uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Melanson left for their home in Bathurst.

CHESTER VINCENT OF ROXBORO, LOST HORSE SATURDAY, WHILE HAULING WOOD.

The animal got the road in the deep snow and broke a leg, so that it had to be shot.

FREDERICTON NEWS.

Aldermanic Candidates Filed Their Papers This Morning—Contests in Every Ward.

Fredericton, Mar. 6.—(Special.)—This is nomination day for the civic elections to be held Monday next. Up to noon the following aldermanic candidates had filed papers: Wellington Ward; Ald. Stockford and Moses Mitchell, St. Ann's ward; Ald. Everett, Ald. George Ross, and Ald. John Secord of the Scott Lumber Co., who has been on an extended business trip to the old country arrived home this morning. William P. Taylor, barrister, who leaves tomorrow for Calgary to accept a situation will this evening be presented by friends with a gold watch, locket and chain.

SUPREME COURT.

Ottawa, March 6.—(Special.)—In the supreme court today, judgment was delivered in the case of the "Calvin Austin, vs. Lovitt" dismissing the appeal with costs. This was a case of damages for wrecking of the ship in Boston Harbour. The Quebec appeals were then taken up.

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Assets. Specie \$11,614. Dominion notes \$8,981. Deposited with dom. gov't for security of notes in circulation \$4,443. Notes and checks on other banks \$8,813. Demand deposits with other banks in Canada \$3,821. Balance due from banks, or advances abroad \$9,265. Dominion gov't debentures \$10,400. Railway and other bonds \$14,230. Current loans \$623,496. Overdue debts \$10,209. Real-estate owned by bank. Total assets \$732,628.

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