

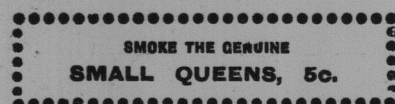
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RUSSIANS TRAPPED NORTH OF TIE PASS.

A Desperate Bloody Battle is Now Being Waged

---General Kuropatkin Was Very Much Taken by Surprise.

Santopu, eight miles north of Tie Pass, Manchuria, Wednesday, Mar. 15.—(Evening).—The Russians have abandoned their advanced positions on the Fan river where the desperate attack of the Japanese Tuesday was repulsed and have fallen back upon the defenses at Tie Pass. Previous to the retreat, the supplies of food, etc., collected there were set on fire, and the Japanese were being worked around to get in position to fall upon the Russian rear, and yesterday the blow was struck, a despatch from Santopu to the Associated Press bringing to St. Petersburg the first word that a battle was in progress north of Tie Pass.

TOKIO, Mar. 15.—4 p. m.—The Japanese occupied Singching (Singking), March 13.

Singching (or Yedden) is situated about eight miles almost due east of Mukden. A report received in Tokio, March 14, from the Japanese headquarters in the field says: "In the direction of Singching, our forces have been dislodging the army from Ying Ru, eighteen miles east of Fushan, and on March 11 occupied that place."

ST. PETERSBURG, Mar. 15.—The news from the front is again very serious.

Field Marshal Oyama is striking another blow at the defeated Russian army. In spite of the exhaustion of his forces after the long twelve day struggle for Mukden, he has been able to organize a fresh turning movement in the hope of completing the victory won under the walls of Mukden. Tuesday's attack upon the Russian advance line at the Hun river, it now evident, was only a feint, while Japanese columns were being worked around to get in position to fall upon the Russian rear, and yesterday the blow was struck, a despatch from Santopu to the Associated Press bringing to St. Petersburg the first word that a battle was in progress north of Tie Pass.

That Gen. Kuropatkin was taken by surprise is a fair inference from the manner in which, on Tuesday night, he abandoned the Hun river positions, leaving so hurriedly that he again was obliged to burn his stores to prevent them from falling into the hands of the Japanese. The Japs struck him from the west.

TICKET STILL IN DOUBT.

Executive of the Citizens' League Find They Have a Heavy Job on Their Hands.

A meeting of the Citizens' League will be held this evening. It is not yet known whether any names of candidates will be talked of in this evening's meeting. In the meantime the executive are to have a meeting.

Star this morning, stated that the public would have to be a little patient with the league. They found that it was going to take some time to select suitable names for candidates. Again, there were various difficulties to be met with along that line which the majority of people did not realize on the executive had taken a good deal of pains in preparing reports to give to the public, and they felt that they had done their part in placing the question clearly before them so that in the coming civic elections they might vote intelligently.

The Boston and Montreal trains each arrived 15 minutes late this morning.

Lt. Gov. Snowball and Mrs. Snowball arrived in the city this morning from Fredericton, on the Montreal express.

Hot Baked Beans—Delicious, savory, appetizing, 16c. per crock—C. O. D. Send order by mail to Mrs. H. S. Collins, 137 Sydney street.

The members of the Young Men's Society of St. Joseph are requested to meet at the room, St. Malachi's hall, this evening for the purpose of securing the society colors to be worn at tomorrow night's performance at York Theatre.

The Lake Manitoba, due to arrive here on Saturday, will bring eight more families for the Salvation Army. Some of these people come highly recommended by prominent clergymen in the old country. Another party, considerably larger, is expected by the Army on the Lake Champlain arriving about a week later.

A very pretty wedding took place Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. John Nelson, 73 City Road, when Miss Margaret Garnett and Walter Whipple were made man and wife by the Rev. A. G. H. Dicker. The bride was attended by Miss Susanna Whiteaway, and the groom was supported by William R. Nelson. The bride received many beautiful gifts.

The railway lines of the province are gradually being opened up. The line which has been opened up with most difficulty is the N. B. and P. E. L. from Sackville to Cape Tormentine. Work is still going on there, and the men have only reached as yet a point some seven miles beyond Sackville. Since Jan. 25th something less than \$6,000 has been expended in opening up the Shore Line, and with very unsatisfactory results.

Main street, North End, is rapidly being robbed of its once-too-much snow and ice and if the general thaw is much longer deferred motorists with their sleds, etc., may find it pretty tough going on that particular thoroughfare. The car tracks are free and the pavement between them, while on either side the road-bed has dwindled almost to the wooden blocks.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip McCarthy, 266 Main street, gave them a splendid surprise Tuesday evening, the occasion of a fifth anniversary of their marriage. A number of beautiful and costly presents showed the esteem in which the couple are held. Vocal and instrumental music added to the pleasantness of the occasion.

TO HOT FOR LAURIER.

Will Shelve the Autonomy Bill Until the Cabinet is Reconstructed and a Western Man Added

(Special to the Star.)

OTTAWA, March 15.—One of the highest honours on Parliament Hill stated this morning that it was his solemn conviction that the government would drop the autonomy bill until the cabinet is reconstructed and a Western man taken in. Laurier and Fitzpatrick both admitted yesterday that the measure needs important amending.

FACTORY ACT COMMISSION

(Special to the Star.)

FREDERICTON, N. B., Mar. 13.—The factory act commission presented their report to the legislature last evening. The weight of the testimony taken was that while the factory act is not absolute necessity for it at the present time. They found a feeling existing among some of the larger manufacturers that it would be unwise to press legislation which might interfere with the investment of capital in manufacturing, for the reason that in this province a factory is not a factory in the ordinary sense and should be encouraged rather than discouraged.

The commission have drafted an act which is a lengthy one, containing over fifty sections, it provides for the appointment of inspectors, one of whom may be a female. A large portion is devoted to the protection of the employment of young girls and women, the hours of labor, health and sanitary arrangements, fire protection and the care and use of machinery, every factory must be registered, penalties are named for violations and the court for trying all complaints shall be before two justices of the peace.

COUNT DE BURY HOME.

Met With a Severe Accident While Travelling in Italy.

Count De Bury arrived in the city this morning on the Boston train, after an absence of about six months. During this time the count has been travelling in Europe, having spent a good part of his time in Italy. He returned home by the White Star line, landing in New York last Monday.

On his way to Genoa, Italy, where he took the steamer, the count met with an accident which made his trip across the water very disagreeable, even painful. On driving in a coach to the wharves at Genoa to board the steamer, the team ran away throwing the count from the carriage and breaking one of his legs. Nevertheless he took the steamer and came to New York where he has spent a few days at the Manhattan hotel, having his broken limb treated by a surgeon.

The count will spend a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Daniel Mullin.

S. B. Bustin returned from Fredericton this morning, arriving on the Boston train.

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GRAND JURY REPORT IS RED HOT STUFF.

Present Police System Described as Worthless and Antiquated.

The county court met this morning to receive the report of the grand jury. The report was read by the foreman, J. Fraser Gregory, and was as follows:

To His Honor, The Honorable James G. Forbes, Judge of the County Court of the City and County of St. John, May it please Your Honor:

We, the Grand Jury, summoned to attend at this present session of your honorable court, have to the best of our ability considered several of the matters brought to our attention in your honorable charge, and would now respectfully present our findings and recommendations as follows:

First—As to the condition and management of the county jail.—We visited the prison and were very much pleased indeed at the condition of the premises, the cleanliness and tidy appearance of the jail, and the respectful manner of the jailer. We consider that with some minor improvements to be detailed later, the appointments of the jail are fully up to the requirements of this municipality, and that the interior economy is so administered as to conduce to the well being of the inmates.

In our opinion the regulations governing the conduct of the prisoners are not inconsistent with what is proper and humane, and we think that the making and enforcement of these regulations may be safely left to the discretion of the high sheriff.

With respect to the arrangements made for the religious instruction of the prisoners we find that the sheriff has arranged with the Evangelical Alliance to provide services in the jail from time to time and never at any time offers objections to clergymen of any denomination visiting prisoners, but we believe that the visiting of the prisoners by irresponsible persons, however well intentioned, is not conducive to the welfare of the prisoners or the discipline of the jail.

Our information is, moreover, that it is illegal for unauthorized persons to hold communication with those prisoners on remand. We would recommend that the building adjoining the jail, now used as a morgue, be diverted from its present purpose and become a part of the jail premises to be used as a night guard room and store room.

While the present guard room is well situated for day work, it does not command the new cells as well as it should, therefore the tendency is to use the old cells, but if the morgue building were used for the purpose we designate, the guard would then command both sections of the prison equally well, and the tendency would be to use the new rather than the old part of the building.

We would also recommend that electric light be substituted for gas, for illuminating the building.

As the gas lights in the corridors are turned out at night, in case of a disturbance, it is now necessary for the jailer to go within the jail, and light each gas jet separately. The jailer should be in a position to light his whole premises instantly.

We would further recommend that the sheriff be authorized to purchase clothing or material for clothing for destitute prisoners whenever he thinks necessary.

At the present time prisoners coming in, especially females, may be bedraggled and covered with filth and dirt from the streets, and being without change of clothing, are dependent upon the charity of other prisoners, or the jailer's family, to maintain a decent appearance.

The finding of this material will assist in providing work, in a measure, for the prisoners.

And we would also ask that wooden stationary wash tubs, the plumbing for which is now in readiness, be at once provided.

The death of reading matter of all kinds is seriously felt, and we would request the public to remember the jail as well as other institutions when disposing of their old magazines, etc.

Secondly, as to the condition of certain public and other buildings with respect to danger from fire, and the means taken for prevention. As far as the buildings of this municipality are concerned, we are directed by your honor this jury was formed into committees and these visited certain buildings in this city, notably the Opera House and York Theatre, the Dufferin Hotel and Clifton House, the Victoria, Bently and Elm street schools, and the General Public Hospital.

With regard to the York Theatre we were gratified to find that the exits, fire escapes on each side of the building, and main entrance were in excellent ample and sufficient, and in case of calamity the building should be emptied without difficulty in a very few minutes, provided the exits are kept unlocked during performances.

This building is separate and detached, and any fire to be dangerous must take place in the building itself.

Opera House.—We do not consider this building as safe as it should be from danger arising from panic or fire, either in the building itself or in the neighborhood. The management informs us that they are willing to do anything that is recommended, as soon as the authorities give them definite instructions, which up to the present time have not been received, and they do not care to make changes that may be condemned.

The building is situated in rear of and annexed to several stores and factories, and in case of fire arising in any of these different premises the alarm, knowledge, and danger must reach the audience in the theatre, and be liable to create a panic.

An exit from the first and second balconies, and main floor empty into one hall or foyer with a staircase leading to Union street and a doorway to Union Alley.

At the conclusion of nearly all performances at the Opera House there is now a great congestion of people on the stairways and in the foyer, and in our opinion no fire could take place in the Opera House or neighboring buildings that would not lead to a panic and disaster in the halls and foyer mentioned.

The only fire escape on the building is from windows high above the floor on the second gallery, which is entirely inadequate and at the time of our visitation these windows were either nailed or frozen down.

To remedy these evils we believe that separate enclosed stairways should be built from both the first and second balconies sideways on the rear or Peters street side of the building, so that there would be three separate and distinct exits, one from each balcony and one from the main floor, and that fire hose and buckets should be provided on the stage and in the auditorium.

Dufferin Hotel.—This building has only one small fire escape on the south side of the building. Of necessity this escape would have to be reached through bedrooms, and we would recommend that on the stairways there should be painted conspicuously the words "to fire escape" and that sign boards indicating the direction of these rooms be put up in conspicuous places in the hallways as well as red lights at night.

We did not observe any fire buckets or other forms of extinguishers in the building and we believe that racks with buckets and grenades should be provided at once.

Clifton House.—In this hotel the stairways are very narrow and at the present time there is only one giving access to the street, the one other being kept locked.

There are no fire escapes on the building. We recommend that one should immediately be put on the Princess street side of the building as most advantageous. Also a doorway and escape to the rear of adjoining buildings on the west side. There are no fire buckets or axes in the hotel.

Bentley Street School.—This is a wooden building heated by hot air furnaces. It is provided with a fire alarm gong, which we tested and found the system of fire drill excellent, the pupils

responding instantly and coming from all parts of the building to the exit in an orderly march.

We recommend that the pull of the fire alarm bell be extended to the furnace room in the basement.

These furnace rooms are dark, and two small windows should be put in to give light, and partitions taken away so as to give a freer circulation of air, and to diminish the danger from fire in case of overheating.

There are no fire buckets or other means of extinguishing fires in their first stages and we would recommend that racks with six filled and sealed hand grenades be placed in the corridor on each floor and in the furnace room.

Elm Street School.—The new Dufferin in school building is a beautiful one with two broad solid wood stair cases from top to bottom. No fire alarm has yet been installed. This should be done at once and as there is no fire drill in this school the practice of it should be insisted upon.

In this, as well as in every school building in the city, there should be distributed without delay fire buckets, fire extinguishers, and axes, as there is nothing of the kind in any of them now. The cost of such equipment is small and the protection gained a very important matter.

All the doors should be made to open outward where possible.

Victoria School.—This is a school for females only, there being about 600 scholars in the building, the principal and janitor being the only males on the premises.

On the north and east sides of the building there are modern fire escapes with several scaling ladders in addition.

We consider the windows by which the fire escapes are reached too high for the children to reach from the floor. These windows are now closed by double sashes, the inside sash being fastened with screws. This is wrong, the sash should swing on hinges so as to open easily summer or winter.

We recommend that a permanent step be kept in position near the fire escape windows and that the modern or platform fire escapes have an additional hand rail placed between the present hand rail and the steps.

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