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General Engagement in Progress Between Liaoyang and Mukden — Russians Admit Loss of 150 North of Benschu — Japs Claim to Have Cut Off a Russian Column.

RUSS ADVANCE CHECKED.
Gen. Kuropatkin's advance has been met with a counter advance from the forces under Field Marshal Oyama. According to a dispatch received from Mukden, a general engagement is in progress between Liaoyang and Mukden, but reports from Russian sources describe the fighting there as merely in the nature of advance guard actions.
Gen. Kuropatkin is reported to be aiming to strike simultaneously on two widely separated points on the Japanese left. There has been heavy fighting in which a Russian loss of 150 in killed or wounded is reported. The Japanese claim to have cut off a Russian column south of the Taitse River.
No official reports from the front were received by the Russian war office last night, and this is regarded in some quarters as indicating the non-success of the Russian advance. Military authorities, however, point out that owing to the nature of the movement planned it is too early to expect news of decisive results.

NO OFFICIAL NEWS.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 13, 3:20 a.m.—No official news of the result of today's battle south of Mukden is available at this hour. Gen. Kuropatkin doubtless has communicated his regular report to Emperor Nicholas at Tsarsko Selo, but the despatch was not sent back to the general staff to-night.

The frontal attack on the Yentai mines developed a desperate battle, in which probably 10,000 men engaged; but the despatches so far deal almost exclusively with this feature of the battle. It is pointed out that there is a much wider field involved in the battle than is indicated by the reports. It is possible that the attack on the Yentai mines may simply be intended to hold the main Japanese force stationary, and that the outcome of the Yentai fight may have little bearing on the result of the general engagement.
The battle now in progress undoubtedly will outweigh in importance the hard fought battle for KUROPATKIN, VICTORY, PARTIAL OR COMPLETE, IS ABSOLUTE. It would certainly spell ruin for his military reputation and probably prove a disaster to the Russian army. If the Japanese should roll up Kuropatkin's advance now, the Russian campaign, or of relief for Port Arthur, would be ended for this year. If, on the other hand, Kuropatkin's success in the campaign, and of the Russian army, is not only a military success, but a political one, in the eyes of the Chinese, which is an important factor in the present situation.

FOUGHT FOR TWELVE HOURS.

Tokio, Oct. 12.—(4 p.m.)—General activity has been resumed in the theatre of war. It is believed here that a general engagement is progressing between Liaoyang and Mukden. Field Marshal Oyama has met Gen. Kuropatkin's advance with a general advance of the main strength of his force along the front.

The opposing forces were in touch yesterday, and it is believed that a general engagement is in progress. The Japanese are attempting to strike the Russian right at two points widely separated.

A considerable force of Russians was seen yesterday at Taitse River, thirty-five miles east of Liaoyang, has apparently been isolated by the Japanese cutting its rear, and the report of its defeat or capture is expected. The following report from the headquarters of Gen. Kuropatkin's army was received to-day:

"On the morning of Oct. 10 a body of the enemy crossed the Taitse River from the river at Weiningeng toward Chaotao and entrenched between Chaotao and Benschu. Its strength consisted of 2,000 infantry and 2,000 cavalry with two guns. East of Benschu, on the right bank of the Taitse River, the enemy's strength has increased to one brigade of infantry and 2,000 cavalry with eight guns. The enemy toward Taitse consists of a mixed brigade. One regiment of infantry at Mowakupa and another at Fachaiasi are advancing south."

The report on Oct. 10 Gen. Kuropatkin says: "Communication has been established with our detachment at Benschu. Our detachment fought against superior strength for twelve hours. The most severe engagement was near Benschu. All our positions were successfully defended."

"At Weiningeng the Russians have one brigade.
"A large column of the enemy reached Taitse on the 9th.
"The Russian strength at Tumentas is one brigade.
"Last night the Russians attempted a close attack against our position, and we repulsed with a portion of our force.
"Reinforcements from our army reached Benschu at 6 o'clock on the afternoon of the 9th. A portion reached Benschu at 8th and another portion occupied Tumentas.
"The Russians are assembling at Pin-shankou and Taiyupin."

BATTLE STILL GOES ON.

Mukden, Oct. 13, 2:40 a.m.—Stubborn fighting is still in progress, this being the fourth day of the engagement. It is impossible to say at this time what has been accomplished. Hospital trains are continually arriving from the front. The wounded are being sent further north. A dressing station has been established on the railway platform here, where nurses and surgeons give prompt attention to the most urgent cases before the trains proceed.

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NEW GENERAL POSTOFFICE FOR THE CITY OF TORONTO

Railway Commission Agrees to Hand Customs Examining Warehouse Over to Railways and Allow to Be Erected a New Warehouse and New General Postoffice on Front-street, West of Custom House.

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—(Special.)—An important announcement regarding the postal service in Toronto was made before the railway commission here this afternoon, when the application of the Grand Trunk Railway for an order to expropriate land for station purposes was discussed.

The proposal is to hand over the present customs examining warehouse to the railways, and to erect a new warehouse and new general postoffice on Front-street, west of the new customs house. The order for leave to expropriate will be made out, and will deal with the different issues raised.

Mayor Urquhart was accompanied by Controllers Hubbard and Shaw, Counsel Fullerton, K. C., City Engineer Rust, City Solicitor Caswell and Assessment Commissioner Fleming, before the commission; Angus MacMurphy and McMillan represented the C.P.R.; F. H. McGulgan, W. H. Biggar, K. C., and H. B. McGivern, the G.T.R.; Robert Jaffray, M. McLaughlin and J. H. Macdonald represented the A. R. Williams Company; George H. Watson, K. C.; Shirley Denison, W. G. MacKenrick and J. J. MacLennan appeared for the Hendrie Company; Asher & Leeson, the Canada Paper Company, and Thomas Lester.

SUPERINTENDENT ROSS HEARD.
Mayor Urquhart suggested that the commission hear Mr. Ross, superintendent of postoffices, who was present. Mr. Ross then outlined the government's plans for Toronto as follows:
"Prior to the fire, the government had practically closed with the City of Toronto for a lot at the corner of Front and Yonge-streets, having an area of 46,000 square feet. It was the intention to secure this space in order that spacious buildings might be erected thereon for postal purposes. Sir William Mulock, the postmaster-general, was desirous that such buildings would be erected as would meet the growing needs of the most important city in the Dominion, and the present revenue of the postal service is \$1,000,000 per annum, and an annual expansion of from \$80,000 to \$100,000 has been the record during the past few years. The postoffice needs would, therefore, require not less than 200 feet by 120 feet. This was the least possible space to meet the requirements of the department, and make a reasonable provision for expansion of say ten or fifteen years."

WHAT IS INTENTION?
"It is intended to erect on the property a general postoffice, serving a metropolitan area, of which Toronto will be the base. This office will be the distributing point. All incoming mails, letters, newspapers and every kind of postal matter will be dealt with in the new office. The building will be connected by means of pneumatic tubes with the postal stations throughout Toronto. Lines of tubes will be laid to the postal stations in the Parkdale district—Postal Station C—at which about 30 men are now employed. New postal stations will be erected on Yonge-street and on Spadina or College-street, and also in the eastern part of the city. The present postoffice will be used for a base, from which to serve the more populous districts in the downtown division of King-street, Yonge-street, Toronto-street, and, generally, spaces of the business district."

WILL EMPLOY 450 MEN.
"I might here mention that about 350 men are engaged in the postal service at Toronto, of which about 240 will be stationed in the office which is proposed to erect. The floor spaces of the Toronto office and the sorting room at the Union Station aggregate 16,000 superficial feet, and we are asking for only 24,000, or the extremely modest request of an additional 8,000. Public interest is being invited for the tubes required in connection with the enlarged and modern postal system which the postmaster-general is anxious to establish. For this purpose we are very desirous of having the land which is to be set aside for a postoffice located at once, so that the plans may be got in readiness, and the work of laying the tubes gone on with. The boiler and the electric lighting plant will be placed in the basement."

A GENERAL POSTOFFICE.
"The new postoffice will be in every sense a general postoffice, having, as already stated, about 250 men stationed there. There will be a general delivery, call boxes, money order office, letter and newspaper deposit, telegraph, railway, fast, every detail of postoffice work will be carried on in the new building. We must be on the ground floor to meet the public to successfully carry on our work. As to the space now owned by the government, there is the lot south of the custom house, on which a large examining warehouse is located. This is 44,000 superficial feet. The space which it is proposed to give the government in exchange for this is 42,000 feet, but that will not be sufficient to meet the present requirements of the postal and customs needs, 40,000, and the postoffice 24,000 superficial feet. The total area required is 64,000 feet."

SATISFACTORY LOCATION.
"If the property immediately west of the customs, and extending to Bay-street, is set aside for the two departments, it will in every way be satisfactory. As I understand it, the proposal is to give the express companies 48,000 feet and the postoffice and the customs combined 42,000. What we now ask for is 64,000, exclusive of the property owned by the government at the corner of Yonge and Front-streets."

Mr. McGulgan thought it would be better to have the postoffice in the centre of the city, but Mr. Ross pointed out that it was desirable the railway will have to be arranged between them, and distributed through the city. The wagon system would be cut out. The matter of an exchange of sites between the government and the public generally, and he did not think the city should provide land for the accommodation of express wagons and other traffic at the station. The railway companies, he claimed, should provide this land between the present street line and the station building, and in acquiring this land, he argued that the city should be treated as if it were a private individual. The station should be placed far enough south of Front-street to accommodate the traffic of the public street.

DO RAILWAYS CONGEDE IT?
Mr. Blair: I don't think it is the intention of the railway companies not to have considerable space between the building and the street. I understand they conceded that.
Mr. Fleming and Mayor Urquhart said they had not. Mr. Fleming said that Front-street is now sufficiently wide, but if the new station were built on the street line, the street would be ruined for general traffic, owing to the extra traffic specially for the station. He thought it should be 25 feet south of Front-street.
Mr. Blair said the board understood that there was no question as to the advisability of having the station back from the street, the only point was, if the Railway Company should expropriate from the city and then hand the land back to the city for a street. He thought it reasonable that the station should be back 25 feet, but he would not say that the companies should expropriate and then hand back. Mr. Watson asked that the order include a provision that expropriation should be made, or the proceedings dropped within 30 days of the granting of the order.
Mr. Blair said he was willing to put a time limit on, but he thought 30 days too short.

C. N. R. WOULD TAKE IT.
Mr. Ruels, for the Canadian Northern, said if the C. P. R. did not take the land they would have to.
Mr. Watson then raised the point as to compensation for loss of business, but Mr. Blair said the board had no jurisdiction in deciding that the compensation should date from the first notice. The Williams warehouse property will not be included in the order, pending a decision as to whether it is required or not.
At the request of the G. T. R. and the C. P. R., the request of the James Bay Railway to cross the C. P. R. was held over till next month, when the whole question of crossing or using city streets will be argued.

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Bell Monopoly Holds Out C.P.R. Wants the Contract

Judgment Reserved in Fort William and Port Arthur's Application for Phone Connections With Stations.

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—(Special.)—The Bell Telephone Company is trying to maintain a large monopoly, contrary to the will of the people. The municipalities, he said, are willing to pay a small amount, but not an unreasonable sum. The question was one of irritation, not compensation. Few business men, he said, would pay more than \$2 extra for railway connection.
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Mr. Stuart contended that if the contract was negatived in Fort William and Port Arthur all exclusive contracts in Canada would be gradually cancelled, as other municipalities would not.

Mr. Blair's Willingness.
Mr. Blair said this would not necessarily follow, as in some places it is recognized that two phones are worse than one.
The chairman for the C.P.R. said they would be damaged by the occupation of property and the extra help required for the telephone lines. But the main loss would be the termination of the contract with the Bell Company, which would cost the C.P.R. \$150,000 a year. The C.P.R. he said, did not want the agreement cancelled, and reserved judgment.

STEEL TRUST IN CANADA.

United States Steel Corporation Considers the Report.
New York, Oct. 12.—(Special.)—The United States Steel Corporation to-day officially considered the report that the company propose to erect a steel mill in Canada. The cost of the structure, however, has been greatly exaggerated. The Canadian report, which estimates at \$13,000,000, made by the financial department of Halifax. The mill will be built on the site of the old mill, and it is doubtful if it reaches this figure. An expert on steel works, who has visited the site, says that the Corporation will be compelled to use its own iron in the manufacture of Canadian rails. Canadian iron, he claims, is not suitable for the manufacture of a quality of rails equal to the American rails.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS MEET.

Provincial Conference to Be Enlarged Into a Dominion One.
Three Rivers, Que., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—The bishops of the Dominion of Quebec, who met here to-day under the presidency of Mr. Sbarrel. Almost all the leading clergies in the Dominion were represented, and it is proposed that the conference which up to the present time has been a provincial one should be made a Dominion institution. According to the statement made to your representative by one of the attending bishops, it is intended that in future the bishops shall take action regarding all matters affecting the interests of Catholicism in Canada, and when desirable, inform parliament of their decisions. One of the most important matters to be taken up during the present session is the attitude that should be taken regarding education in every part of Canada.

SAMUEL LANDERS NAMED

As an Independent Labor Candidate for North Waterloo.
Berlin, Oct. 12.—(Special.)—The independent labor party of the riding of North Waterloo held a convention to-night to nominate a candidate for the coming Dominion election. Samuel Landers and Dr. J. E. Hetta were nominated, the latter declining in favor of Landers. The labor people and independent voters are enthusiastic over the prospect of electing their candidate. Landers is well known in the labor circles throughout Canada, being a member of the executive of the Labor railway companies. He should put up a strong fight.

THREE IN THE FIELD.

Mayor Halloran of Brantford Will Represent Labor.
Brantford, Oct. 12.—(Special.)—Mayor M. K. Halloran to-day announced that he would be a candidate representing the labor party at the coming elections. A labor men's convention will be held on Saturday night, when a formal nomination will take place. This will make a three-cornered contest in Brantford riding. The mayor is an independent Liberal. The Conservative leaders feel they have a better chance of winning the election than they have. They figure that a third candidate will split the Liberal vote. But it is just possible that the mayor will get enough votes to split in between the others. With three men in the field the contest promises to be a warm one.

SMOKE ALIVE BOLLARDS TORONTO BEAT CITY 100 SCORE FOR 123 YONGEST.

South Toronto.
The talk of the city yesterday was the possibility of John Ross Robertson of the Telegram getting the Conservative nomination in South Toronto. A large number of Conservatives favor him, and it is said he is not averse to the nomination. He is a well-known man. Among others who have been mentioned in this connection are T. G. Blackmore, George F. Blackstock and George Gooderham, but Mr. Gooderham has definitely declined.

NEW CANADIAN CLUB FORMED.

St. Catharines, Oct. 12.—(Special.)—A Canadian Club has been formed here with the following officers: President, J. H. Ingersoll; vice-president, V. J. Robertson, B.A.; secretary-treasurer, A. G. B. Burton, B.A.; executive committee, W. H. Vance, R.A., A. G. Kingston, B.A., and H. Williams, B.A. At a banquet held at the Welland House last night Rev. Canon Coffey of Toronto addressed the club.

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FIGHT WILL COME IN DURHAM

GAMEY ENTERS TO-NIGHT

AYLESWORTH NOT SURE

Toronto Lawyer Less Known Than Robert Beith and the Liberals Unite Colonel Ward's Popularity Expected to Win Him the Election.

The most picturesque fight in Ontario in the federal elections will be in Durham, where Mr. Aylesworth seeks a seat. Mr. Gamey goes into the riding to-night. The Trent Valley Canal is a big issue. The people in Port Hope feel that the government is pledged to the Trent route and will almost to a man support the Conservative candidate, Col. Ward. But where the picturesque new development will be when Mr. Gamey tells his story and brings Mr. Aylesworth into the limelight as a person interested in the matter.

HOW IT STANDS.

Port Hope, Oct. 11.—(Special.)—A. B. Aylesworth made his first appearance here last night as the Liberal candidate for Durham and impressed his audience favorably, but the meeting, being a gathering of Liberal stalwarts in the committee rooms, gave little indication of the effect he is likely to have upon the mass of the electors. To-morrow evening Mr. Aylesworth and Sir William Mulock will address a public meeting in the opera house and much interest is being taken in the Liberal candidate's debut.

There is much difference of opinion as to whether Mr. Aylesworth will prove a stronger candidate than Mr. Beith would have been. In the west of the constituency which is Mr. Beith's home, Mr. Aylesworth will be much less well known than Mr. Beith, and even less well known than his opponent, Col. Ward. On the other hand, Mr. Beith, who has been nominated in July, is likely to use his influence to aid Mr. Aylesworth, and other Liberals will do the same. Another had quarreled with Mr. Beith as a patronage question is now again in line. Mr. James, mayor of Bowmanville, and editor of the Statesman, who both when Mr. Beith was nominated in July, is likely to use his influence to aid Mr. Aylesworth, and other Liberals will do the same. Another had quarreled with Mr. Beith as a patronage question is now again in line. Mr. James, mayor of Bowmanville, and editor of the Statesman, who both when Mr. Beith was nominated in July, is likely to use his influence to aid Mr. Aylesworth, and other Liberals will do the same.

STEAMER STRUCK ROCK.

Quebec, Oct. 12.—The steamer St. Lawrence, formerly the Duoro, ashore at English Point, is a total wreck. The steamer Aberdeen, which has been at the scene of the disaster, arrived here about 5 p.m. with 115 passengers, the crew, mails and luggage. The St. Lawrence having been abandoned altogether. The loss is about \$40,000, for the North Shore S.S. Line. The accident happened Saturday night about 5:30. The steamer was going to take some passengers at English Point, when she struck on a rock and lost her screw and gear. Seeing that she was disabled and making water very fast, the captain had nothing else to do than to ground the steamer. Most of the passengers passed the whole night on board, and the next morning they disembarked in safety and were rescued by some of the inhabitants of English Point.

SUSPICION IN GAMBLE'S DEATH.

Had Money, But No Trace of It Found.
Stratford, Oct. 12.—(Special.)—Some mysterious circumstances have cropped up in connection with the death of Albert Gamble, who disappeared about two months ago from Mr. Scott's, Pool, where he had been staying, and whose body was found in a swamp near Milverton yesterday morning. Mr. Scott asserts positively that Gamble had in his purse containing about \$15, a bank book with a credit of \$500 and a gold watch. None of these were found on the body. An inquest was opened this morning, but was adjourned until Oct. 17, pending investigation. Gamble's body was found in a swamp near Milverton yesterday morning. Mr. Scott asserts positively that Gamble had in his purse containing about \$15, a bank book with a credit of \$500 and a gold watch. None of these were found on the body. An inquest was opened this morning, but was adjourned until Oct. 17, pending investigation. Gamble's body was found in a swamp near Milverton yesterday morning.

BABY BURNED TO DEATH.

Mother Left Child at Home and Fire Broke Out.
Midland, Oct. 12.—(Special.)—During the temporary absence of Mrs. McTaggart the baby, out in the family residence in Fourth-street, the two elder children were nearly suffocated before their rescue by Robert Musgrave, but the baby, who was in the cradle beside the stove, was burned beyond recognition, the charred remains being brought out by John Coffey and others after the arrival of the brigade. Much sympathy is felt for the afflicted family, and the coroner has not yet pronounced the price of the horse which had just been sold, and they are now in a destitute condition.

MARRIAGES.

BOYD-FIELD—On Wednesday, the 12th of October, at St. Philip's Church, by the Rev. Canonweeney, John Leonard, second son of Sir John Alexander Boyd, K.C.M.G., chancery clerk, Ontario, to Ida Isabelle, daughter of Mr. John Field.

DONOHUE-McGARRY—At Cincinnati, O., on Oct. 10, 1904, in St. Peter's Cathedral, by the Rev. Father Kelly, Miss Teresa Gertrude, younger daughter of the late Francis McGarry, Toronto, Can., to Mr. Edward J. Donohue of Cincinnati, Ohio.

UNSWORTH-BUSSELL—In Toronto on October 12th, by the Rev. Francis Holcher, Caroline Frances, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Anthony Buswell, to Richard Francis Unsworth, P.M.

WITCHALL-CALDER—At St. Anne's Church, on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1904, by the Rev. Lawrence Skey, Miss Emma L. Calder to Mr. John Witchall, both of Toronto.

DEATHS.

BOWLES—At Sand Hill, Peel County, Mary Suter, beloved wife of John Bowles, in her 70th year.

Funeral from her late residence, on Friday, October, 14th, at 1:30 p.m., to St. Joseph's Cemetery.

DEVINE—At her late residence, 206 Queen-street West, Jane, the beloved wife of Edward Devine, in the 41st year of her age.

Funeral Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, to St. Mary's Church, thence to Mount Hope Cemetery.

Funeral Friday, at the residence of her son, John A. Symons, 11 Mansfield-avenue, on Wednesday, Oct. 12th, 11:30 a.m., to St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Funeral Friday, Oct. 14th, at 2:30 p.m., to Mount Pleasant cemetery.

HUBER—On Wednesday morning, Oct. 12, 1904, at his residence, Dutch Farm Road, Danforth-avenue, Charles Huber, aged 70 years.

Funeral Friday morning, at 9:30 o'clock, to St. Joseph Church, thence to Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Probabilities.

Lake and Georgian Bay, Ottawa, St. Lawrence and Gulf—Easterly winds; fair and cool.

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