Fierce Fight At Tie Pass

Russians Repulse Attack and **Advance Through Corpses** in Thousands.

General Mistchenko Although Wounded Battles Bravely-Correspondents' Cares.

Japanese Squadron Searching the Seas For Rojestvensky's Fleet.

ANTOUPU, March 15.—A sanguinary combat occurred on March 14 on the centre advance line of the Russian army eight miles south of Tie pass. The Russanis repulsed the attack, and even made a small advance through a thousand corpses of Japaness, and advancing a large force on the right flank, where Gen. Mistchenko, who has taken command of his detachment, altaken command of his detachment, although his wound has not yet been healed, is holding the Japanese in check. The Russian troops have regained their normal spirits and fought cheerfully. It is rumored that Chinese killed 80 foreigners in Mukden after the Russian evacuation of that place, including, it is said, Correspondent Little of the Chicago Daily News. The fate of M. Nadeau, a French newspaper correspondent, who lived with Mr. Little, is not known. A message was sent to Field Marshal Oyama today, asking for information as to the fate of the two correspondents. M. Nadeau is represented to have been captured by the Japanese. The offices of the censor has been removed to Santoupu, eight miles north of Tie pass, as existence at Tie pass for taken command of his detachment, al

Tie pass, as existence at Tie pass for civilians is almost impossible. Practically all the newspaper corre-spondents have left for Harbin. For sev-eral nights the Associated Press correspondent has slept without cover on the frozen ground, and for two days he has had nothing to eat. His linen and per-sonal effects were lost in a stampede dur-ing the retreat from Mukden.

Unicago, March 15.—Mr. Little cabled direct from Yinkow yesterday to the Chicago Daily News. He said he had been captured by the Japanese and was taken to Kobe. The cablegram contained references which demonstrated that the message was from Mr. Little personally. Chicago, March 15 .- Mr. Little cabled

ENDERBY'S FIRST ELECTION.

Enderby, March 15.—Nominations were received here today for the first board of aldermen of the new city. The rival candidates for mayor are George Bell and George R. Laws; while for aldermanic honors the candidates are: Messrs. Sharpe, Kenny, Smith, Hamock, Evans, Braley, Harvey and Hatchison.

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FRENCH FINANCIERS LEAVE.

Negotiations Regarding Russian Lean Continue Nevertheless.

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EXPLOSION IN MOSCOW.

Moscow, March 14.—(Delayed)—A violent explosion occurred in Theatre square last night. Several persons, some of whom were injured by the explosion,

DISTRIBUTING WAR RESERVES.

Tokio, March 15.—The government is assigning quarters to 43,000 Russan prisoners captured in the recent battle of Mukden. These will be distributed throughout twenty garrison towns.

THE GENERAL AT JERUSALEM.

Jerusalem, March 15.—Gen. Booth of the Salvation Army left Jaffa on March 13 for Australia. Before sailing, with the Salvation Army banner flying over his head, he read a proclamation expres-sing his happiness at the accomplishment of the dream of his life in visiting Jerus-alem, and exhorting all Christians to cooperate in alleviating the miseries of out

SQUADRON STEAMING SOUTH

London, March 15.—A despatch to Lloyds, dated Singapore, says the British steamer Kongwan I. reports having passed twenty-two Japanese warships off Horsburgh, 20 miles east of Singapore, at the entrance to the Straits of Malacca.

NEW TRIAL FOR NAN PATTERSON. New York District Attorney Decides on Rehearing of Case.

will be put on trial once more to answer a charge of murdering Caesar Young, the wealthy bookmaker decision was reached today, and it was announced at the district attorney's office that the second trial of the case would begin April 10.

SHOT BY THE SENTRY.

Convicted at Court Martial, Lieut. Boone Attempts Escape.

Vancouver Barracks, Wn., March 15.

—Lieut. Francis Boone, whose conviction by court martial was made public yesterday, made a desperate attempt to escape from the barracks, and was shot by the sentry. Two serious, though not necessarily fatal, wounds were inflicted.

One bullet entered the head and the other pierced that Boone courted death at the hands of the sentry, making a break for liberty to draw their fire.

Wick. Husband and wife at first merely with smiled and nodded, and then in a formal way shook hands. Only a few words were exchanged between the couple. Dr. Chadwick had not seen his wife since he last visited her at the fall about two months ago. Mrs. Chadwick selected between \$4,000 and \$5,000 worth of personal property, which she claimed was exempt under the statute. Almost all of this was wearing aparel.

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His Colleagues

Mr. Borden's Caustic References to Premier's Railroading Autonomy Bill.

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Russian Statesman and People Say Opportunity Was Lost.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—The prospect of M. Witte becoming the Bismarck of the situation is rapidly vanishing. Three months ago, when Emperor Nicholas entrusted the elaboration of the reform manifesto of Dec. 25 to his care, the popular impression was that he should come rapidly to the front and gather the reins in his hands. Apparently le is bjoelessly entangled in a number of missions, giving his enemies a chance to make good use of the fact that the situation has become worse instead of better since he appeared upon the scene, to discredit him.

M. Witte himself is said to realize that he made a fatal blunder by not holding completely alof until the Emperor should be compelled to turn to him with an offer, of practically dictatory power. He is now represented as greatly dissatisfied with his position, and his early retirement will be no surprise. It is said that M. Witte has recommended to the Emperor that the committee or ministers take charge, thereby eliminating his office. M. Witte his reclaim the remaining his office. M. Witte his reclaim the cabinet council at which the impernal rescript of March 3 was signed.

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LOCOMOTIVE EXPLODES.

Johnstown, Pa., March 15.—While going east past Bolivar station on the Pennsylvania railway today, a locomotive having a long train of empty cars blew up, killing the engineer, George Ribblett, probably fatally scalding Fireman George Hysong and Conductor Griffin Hare, and injuring a dozen of a crew of trackmen who were working at the place.

DOMINICAN TREATY POSTPONED United States Senate Will Not Ratify Measure This Session.

Washington, March 15.—Hope has been abandoned of ratifying the Santo Dominican treaty at the present session of the Senate. While no definite agreeof the Senate. While no definite agreement has been reached yet, it is quite possible that the Senate will put the treaty aside without taking a vote, thus holding the convention before the body until some later time.

The idea that meets general approval now is that arrangements will be made to the Senate to acquire during the recess of Congress all information concerning Santo Domlingo affairs that the Senate may desire in order that it may

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STILL HAS EYE FOR BUSINESS. Mrs. Chadwick Insists Upon Extrem of Property Exemption.

Cleveland, O., March 15 .- Mrs. Chad vick, accompanied by two deputy narshals, left the county fail today and was driven to her old home to select 500 worth of personal effects exempted from the claims of creditors. The furnishings and other personal property in the house will be sold at public auc-tion by Trustee Loesser on Friday. Immediately upon entering the sump-tuously furnished residence she broke down and for a time wept bitterly.

Shortly after beginning her tour of the house she encountered Dr. Chadwick. Husband and wife at first merely smiled and nodded, and then in a formal way shook hands. Only a few words were exchanged between the couple. Dr. Chadwick had not seen his wife since he last visited her at the jell shout two months are Mrs. Chad.

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PEACE WOULD BE WELCOME. Russian Minister of Railroads Interviewed on Situation.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—(3:35 p. m.)—The question of peace still engrosses public attention, but the attitude of this government apparently remains firm. Minister of Railroads Hilkoff, in an interview, declared he, personally, would welcome peace, but it was difficult to see how it was possible.

Plain Talk Of Russian Error

Babbling of Junior Officers Discloses Russian Military Plans.

Machinery of the Military Service Is Now Fatally Disorgan-Ized.

Intelligence Department and the Geographical Knowledge Insufficient.

T. PETERSBURG, March 15.(7:05 p. m.)—M. Kiriloff, one of the Associated Press Russian correspondents, who was wounded a Liaoyang, continuing today his descrip-tion of the causes of the Russian de-feat, has drawn a powerful picture of the criminal lack of knowledge on the part of the Russians of the country and of the enemy's movements, and of the utterly imprudent gossip and babbling which acquaints the Japanese with every movement and plan before they are inaugurated. He compares the army to a powerful yokel moving forward

***************** WAR SUMMARY.

(By Associated Press.)

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Meagre reports have been received from a Russian source of a fight eight miles south of Tie pass between a Russian force under General Mistchenko and a Japanese column, their identity unknown; the latter was repulsed, it is said, with a loss of 1,000 killed. The rumor that after the evacuation of Mukden eighty foreigners, including an American newspaper correspondent, had been murdered by Chinese, is discredited by the fact that the correspondent in question reported to his paper on March 14 that he had been captured by the Japanese and was being taken to Kobe. A steamer arriving at Singapore reports having passed a squadron of twenty-two Japanese warships about twenty miles east of the entrance to the Straits of Malacca. Two Japanese cruisers and two auxiliary cruisers previously arrived at Singapore. Presumably these vessels are on the way westward in search of the Russian second Pacific squadron, last reported in Madagascar waters.

LATEST FROM THE FRONT

(Bulletin.) Newchwang, Mar. 15. The Japanese occupied Tie Pass Wednesday at midnight.

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The general staffs give information to whomsoever asks for it.

"Babbling is the bane of our military bureaucracy," says M. Kiriloff, "and the sooner it is corrected the better."

While thus opening the Japanese eyes, the Russians close theirs. Not only company and battalion commanders, but even colonels, and at times commanders of divisions, enter into battle ignorant of the very manoeuvres they are expected to execute. For instance, Gen. Orloff on Sept. 2 was entrusted with the movement on which the battle of Liaoyang hinged, and he blindly led 15,000 men into action ignorant of why, wherefor and whither. Naturally there was a disaster instead of the destruction of Gen. Kuroki's forces and a victory. The general 'staff is inattentive to the all-important duty of mapping. Even now the Russans have unsatisfactory maps, and units in the hilly country are

unable to Keep in Touch

with each other. The Russan intelligence department is defective. It knows nothing of the Japanese numbers, positions or movements, not only in the unsettled mountainous regions, but even on the populated plains of Manchuria. Instead of easily securing the sympathy of the Chinese, the Russans alienated them and they now side with the Japanese. The Russians drove away the Chinese bandits, who are now the eyes of the Japanese army, and destroy bridges and communications as well. Kuropatkin is also hampered by fantastic reports from nervous generals, particularly those of Rennenkampff, who sends "poems instead of reports." The late Lieut. Gen. Kuropatkin was obliged to reprimand him sharply shortly before his death. These causes existed and still exist. The army has been defeated in the past and present, and will be in the future unless they are remedied.

VLADIVOSTOK APPROACHES. Expected That Waterways Will Be Baron Hayashi Says Japan Has no Clear of Ice by March 31. Suggestions for Peace.

Action Will Probably Be Taken i 'Frisco on Arrival of Detectives.

Honolulu, March 15.—It is learned that some action will probably be taken at San Francisco after the arrival there of the detectives who investigated the recent death of Mrs. Stanford in this city. The detectives say they have received positive instructions not to talk about the case. They will not discuss Prof. Jordan's opinion that Mrs. Stanford's death was not due to strychnine poisoning.

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The funeral of Mrs. Stanford, who died here Feb. 28, was held in the Congregational church. The Episcopal burial service was read by Bishop Restarick. The preacher paid an eloquent tribute to the life of Mrs. Stanford.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

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Albert Haase, a carpenter, was arrested at Vancouver yesterday at the instance of the local police, charged with forgery. Two charges will be preferred against him, he haring allegedly forged the name of James Leigh & Sous to two cheques, one for \$12 which at Times printer cashed for him. Haase, who came to Victoria nine months ago from Tacoma, had been convicted of stealing there. Here he posed as a religious man and became a member of Calvary Baptist church, affiliating himself with many of the church societies. He is a young Dane about 23 years of age, and has been employed by several local firms, his last place of employment being Leigh Bros.' sawmill it is understood that not only did Haase victimize his frlends by having them cash his bogue cheques, but he induced them to quarantee bills for board and tools of his trade—carpentry, not for gery. Sergeant Detective Palmer located the fugitive—he left here Saturday—in a lancouver, and on receipt of a despatch from the police office, Chief North arrested him yesterday. Detective Macdonald went to Vancouver by the steamer Princess Victoria to bring Haase here for trial.

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NEW ASSESSMENT ACT.

The bill to amend the Asse Act brought down in the legislature yesterday is practically an adoption of the recommendations made by the commission, which reported to the House on February 21. Coal and timber areas, hitherto assessed as wild lands, are separately classified, and the rate of taxation on wild lands is reduced to thereof. Coal lands, under exploitation,

transactions antedating the time of deduction more than eighteen months.

The question of the taxation of commercial travelers, resident agents, etc., is dealt with in a separate measure, now before the House

RELIEF FOR SETTLERS. Readjustment of Dyking Taxation-Province Assumes Heavy Burden.

The readjustment of dyking assessments, embodied in the bill introduced in the legislature by the government yesterday, involves a total reduction of something like \$360,278.20 in the amount theoretically collectable from this source, and this obligation will be assumed by the province. The importance of the measure is, therefore, seen at a glance, its object being to afford a measure of relief to settlers who have complained that the old rates of assess-ment bore too heavily upon them. Under the present system it seems, there are six dyking districts, in which ******************* the government has expended for the purchase of debentures issued, and in completing, maintaining and operating the dykes, \$981,219.20. Of this expendi-

ture \$896,734.52 was on capital account

are considerably reduced, namely:
Pitt Meadows \$1.67
Maple Ridge (low land) 1.43.
Maple Ridge (high land) 1.08.

KEEP ON FIGHTING.

Tokio, March 15.—It is expected here that the approaches to Vladivostok will be open March 31. The ice in the Tiacong river, Korea, has melted and traffic with Pingyang has been resumed.

MRS. STANFORD'S DEATH.

London, March 15.—Baron Hayasın, the Japanese minister, in an interview today on the subject of peace, said suggestions that the Japanese had officially or unofficially put forward feelers, looking to the conclusion of peace, were absolutely unfounded.

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"Whatever individuals may say here after," he added, "you may regard it as certain that the Japanese do not mean to put forward peace terms. When Russia acknowledges that she is beaten or expresses her willingness to discuss peace, we shall be ready. Until ther we shall continue to fight."

DRINK OR A DRUG? Brooklyn Has a Mystery of a Han-som Cab.

New York, March 15.—The body of a woman, who had been dead several hours, and a man unconscious and 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. The man said his name was Thomas Deegan and that he lived in Comroe street, one of the better class residential

News Notes Of The Dominion

Premier of Quebec Receives Certificate of Character and Retires

Hamilton Board of Trade Pro-

of the firm. Parent Gets a Certificate. Quebec, March 14.—The committee of Inquiry into the Parent charges this morning adopted a report which will be made to the House this afternoon, declaring that the charges against Premier Parent made by Senators Legris and Choquette are false, and that the administration of the crown lands department by Mr. Parent and his officers has been conducted with integrity and honesty, and that no account of favor or partiality as alleged had been committed. With this certificate of character it is sald Mr. Parent will retire from office tomorrow or Thursday. from office tomorrow or Thursday.

Advertising British Columbia. Advertising British Columbia.

Hamilton, March 14.—The Hamilton board of trade has appointed a committee to draft a resolution against the recommendation of the British Columbia assessment commission that a tax of \$100 should be placed on every commercial traveler from outside that province who goes into British Columbia to solicit orders, and asking all other boards of trade to co-operate. A copy of this resolution will be sent to the British Columbia legislature. The committee will also look into the constitutionality of the proposed legisla
Tournel Hamilton, March 14.—The Hamilton 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. In consequence of the peasant agitation, the censor has issued an order prohibiting the press and an order prohibiting the press and an order prohibiting the press and then simultaneously marched out. The educational situation is causing from referring to agrarian questions.

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Under the new bill these assessments are considerably reduced, namely: Pitt Meadows \$1.67

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Neutrality

Buelow.

Russia Will Remain a Major Power Despite War and internal Disquiet.

Social Democrats Want War - A Rebuke From Bismark's Lips.

BERLIN, March 15.—Chancellor Von Buelow, speaking in the Reichstag today in reply to Herr Von Vollman (Socialist), who criticized the government for its com-

the frontier and free their Russian brethren.

Von Buelow continued:

"For the second time Herr Von Vollman has spoken of Germany's dependence upon Russia. He repeats this reproach although I have so often declared we are not dependent upon Russia and that we are not after her, but we also have no occasion to be umpleasant to her as many persons wish. but we also have no occasion to be un-pleasant to her as many persons wish. Twenty and forty years ago these same attacks were made on Prince Bis-marck. I remember Bismarck once said in debate that he learned from such at-tacks on the foreign policy how danger-ous it was for persons who were not exactly informed upon foreign ques-tions to speak of them.

"I will not say today," added the chancellor, looking toward Herr Von Vollman, "to whom this might apply." Turning to the sale of merchant ships to Russia, the chancellor said that

directly, "said he had no ground for suspicion or complaint against Germany. He laid great value on the good relations with Germany. There was no possibility of a collision between Germany and Japan. The Russian government also knew that Germany did not intend to use against her the difficulties in which she was entangled, nor make her feel uncomfortable."

PUPILS STILL ON STRIKE. Educational Situation in Warsaw Causes Much Concern.

Warsaw, March 15.—The authorities yesterday were unsuccessful in an attempt to reopen the commercial and technical schools. The pupils assembled

Vitna and Koveno, 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.

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