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JAPANESE CARRY KIN CHOU AFTER FIVE HOURS' FIGHTING

Nan Quan Ling, a Russian Stronghold, Also Successfully Stormed---Heavy Artillery Duel, Ships Take Part.

RUSSIANS SWEPT FROM DEFENSES AND PURSUED

Jap Admiral Establishes Complete Blockade About Port Arthur and the Final Investment of the Fortress Has Commenced--Fighting of Desperate Character and Losses Heavy.

Tokio, May 27, 10 a.m. — After five days of desperate fighting, the Japanese captured Kin Chou yesterday evening. Nan Quan Ling, a stronghold of the enemy, was taken later, after a hot fight. An artillery duel still continues. A Russian gunboat bombarded the Japanese left flank from Talienwan Bay, while the Japanese warships worked with the army from Kin Chou Bay.

RUSSIANS SWEPT AWAY.

Tokio, May 27.—Noon.—The Japanese troops have swept all the Russians from their defenses west of Talienwan Bay. It is now improbable that the latter will be capable of offering any further serious resistance in the territory north of Port Arthur.

JAPS IN PURSUIT.

Carried Kin Chou After a Heavy Artillery Duel.

London, May 27. — A dispatch from Tokio to the Central News dated today, says: "The fighting which culminated in the Japanese occupation of Kin Chou was practically confined to an artillery duel, which, beginning at dawn of May 26, continued without intermission for five hours.

"Three Japanese warships in Kin Chou Bay co-operated, firing with heavy guns on the Russian positions. A Russian gunboat in Talienwan Bay also joined in the fight, bombarding the left flank of the Japanese army.

"Kin Chou Castle was occupied by the Japanese at 20 minutes past 5 o'clock this morning.

"Later the Russians were driven from their positions on the southern heights. The Japanese are now in pursuit of the retreating Russians."

THE FINAL INVESTMENT.

Togo Establishes Complete Blockade Around Fortress.

Tokio, May 27, 10 a.m. — Vice-Admiral Togo has now established a complete blockade around the southern end of the Liao Tung Peninsula. This completely envelops Port Arthur from the seaward and probably marks the opening of the final investment of the town and its fortifications.

WILL BE FIRST BASE.

Hayashi Says Capture of Kin Chou Is Most Important.

London, May 27. — Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, discussing the recent fighting north of Port Arthur, said today: "Kin Chou will be occupied as a first base. The neighboring hills will be strongly fortified in order that they can be held indefinitely. For food supplies and ammunition Port Dalny will be the second base.

"The possession of Kin Chou will be of invaluable aid in the campaign against Port Arthur. The hills commanded positions of the country for several miles in the direction of Port Arthur. I presume from the action at Kin Chou that the Russians intend to make another stand at Port Dalny. Their justification for defending Kin Chou must have been the belief that their numbers were able to cope with ours, so I expect that practically all the available Russian troops have been moved out from Port Arthur in the attempt to head off the investment."

THE JAP MANEUVERS.

Details of the Storming of Kin Chou.

Tokio, May 27. — Noon. — The Japanese army swept the Russians from Kin Chou last evening, and in a desperate night attack stormed the almost impregnable position of the Russians on Nanshan Hill, west of Talienwan. The battle raged in the hills all through the night and fragmentary telegrams from the Japanese headquarters report that the engagement is still in progress, and that the Japanese are still pursuing the Russians south from Nanshan and the head of Talienwan Bay. The Russians had made elaborate preparations to check the Japanese movement south on the Liao Tung Peninsula toward Port Arthur. They had fortified the high ground on the south shore of Talienwan Bay, their works extending to the east and the west. The extreme Russian right was at Hushangtao, and the extreme left at Nanshan Hill. This hill was the strongest part of the line; a series of batteries, strongly emplaced, crowned its crest, while rifle pits extended around its sides.

Mines had been placed lower down on the hill and around the base on the northern and eastern sides were stretched well-made wire entanglements. Another line of defenses, also protected with wire entanglements, extended from Yen Chia Tung near the head of Talienwan Bay, due north of Liuchia Tien, which lies south of Kin Chou. A strong Russian force was posted at Kin Chou. It consisted of infantry and artillery.

The Japanese first occupied the line of hills to the east of Kin Chou. Their position had formed an almost perfect right angle, showing its southern front to Talienwan and its western front to Kin Chou. Chiu Li Chan village was the apex of this angle; the extreme right of the Japanese line rested at Cheng Cha Tien, which is almost due north of Chiu Li Chan, while the extreme left was at Chaitsuho, a village due east of Chiu Li Chan. Back of this angle the attacking force assembled in complete security.

The Russians apparently attempted to draw the Japanese attack last Saturday, for their batteries opened fire slowly on the enemy on that day. The Japanese, however, refused to be drawn into an attack until the positions of the Russians, their guns and their strength had been fully developed. To this end the Japanese began a series of careful maneuvers, their officers working their way close enough to the Russian position to draw the enemy's fire. They thus secured fragments of shells for the purpose of ascertaining the caliber of the Russian guns.

VICTORY WAS COMPLETE.

London, May 27, 4:36 p.m. — The Japanese legation has received the following dispatch from Tokio:

"Kin Chou and all the heights in its vicinity have been taken and our troops are pushing the Russians towards Port Arthur."

ASSORTED RUMORS.

Czar's General Staff Believes Heavy Fighting is in Progress.

St. Petersburg, May 27. — St. Petersburg is filled with all sorts of rumors regarding fighting, which the general staff has for three days been convinced is in progress on the lower part of the Liao Tung Peninsula, but nothing official has been received. For instance, a story is going the rounds that Gen. Fock (who was in command of the Russian advanced position at Kin Chou), got between two of the enemies' columns, inflicting heavy loss on them, but that the news is being held from announcement until today, the anniversary of Emperor Nicholas' coronation. A special dispatch from Liao Yang also repeats with slight variation the report cabled to the Associated Press May 23, regarding the loss of 15,000 Japanese before Kin Chou, saying that the enemy's columns got into a cross fire from Gen. Fock's artillery. This seems to have no real foundation in fact.

The idea that a Japanese movement upon Gen. Kuropatkin's position is awaiting upon the result of the present operations against Port Arthur is strengthened. A Russian correspondent of the Associated Press at Liao Yang last night mentioned the existence at the Russian headquarters there of the belief that there has been a change in the enemy's plans.

Gen. Kuroki is bringing up heavy supplies and guns to his position at Feng Wang Cheng.

WASHINGTON HEARS OF IT.

Washington, May 27.—United States Minister Griscom cables the state department from Tokio that the Japanese have captured Kin Chou, and are marching southward.

DON JAIME HURT.

Liao Yang, Thursday, May 26. — Don Jaime De Bourbon, son of Don Carlos, the pretender to the Spanish throne, who went to the Far East in February, was thrown from his horse today and badly shaken, and cut about the face. His injuries, however, are not serious.

HIT HOSPITAL SHIP.

Moscow, May 27. — Captain Padalkoff, of the Russian hospital ship Mongolia, which was damaged by being struck by a shell at Port Arthur, and which is now at Odessa, said, in an interview today, that the Mongolia is leaking badly, and that it will probably be necessary to replace her with another vessel.

CZAR BUYS SHIPS.

London, May 27. — A cruiser now approaching completion at a private yard in England has been sold to a French agent, representing Russia.

Russia also recently purchased in England a number of fast cargo vessels which will be altered so as to enable them to be used as transports.

ST. PETERSBURG SKEPTICAL

Does Not Think Defeat as Complete as Reported.

St. Petersburg, May 27. — Owing to the fact that communication with the

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Russians Say Submarines Sunk Japanese Warships

New Chwang, May 27. — The Russian authorities here declare that the Japanese warships were sunk by a submarine boat and that three craft of this class are now at Port Arthur and another en route to Vladivostock by rail.

A French priest just arrived from Mukden says twenty thousand Russian troops are stationed there, and that an army of one hundred thousand men is at Liao Yang with heavy reinforcements arriving daily.

Feng Ling Keto, who was deported by the Russians in July last, and escaped, has recently returned, and has gathered five thousand brigands near Kwan Ling, and is harassing his old enemies.

HORSE AND DOG STEAKS

Miners in the Yukon Run Short of Supplies—Gold Output.

Tacoma, Wash., May 27. — Miners on the Tanana River and its tributaries have resorted to steaks of horse and dog meat during the last few weeks, while awaiting the arrival of supplies.

Staples have been very short all the winter on the Tanana. Early in May flour was $40 per hundred. Ham, bacon, sugar, rice and lard were entire out.

Some dogs were first killed to save them from dying of starvation. Later meat became so scarce that dogs and horses were killed for food, pending the arrival of supplies now en route from Dawson by steamer. The Tanana district will produce $2,000,000 of gold this season by primitive methods. The introduction of machinery will greatly increase the output.

BIG BATTLE IN SAN DOMINGO

Both Sides Heavy Losers, But the Rebels Won.

GOV'T WAR MINISTER KILLED

Revolutionists Capture Immense Supplies of Ammunition and Food—Another Fight Likely.

Cape Haytien, May 26. — A serious battle was fought today between the Dominican troops and the revolutionists at Esperanza, on the road from Monte Cristi to Santiago, near Mao. The revolutionists were victorious. Many were killed or wounded on both sides.

Gen. Raoul Cabrerea, minister of war, who commanded the Government troops, was killed and his body was taken to Navarette.

The revolutionists are before Navarette, where another battle will be fought. The Government troops are waiting for reinforcements.

The United States cruiser Detroit and the gunboat Newport, are off Monte Cristi.

Cape Haytien, Hayti, May 27. — After being informed of the defeat of the Dominican Government troops yesterday at Esperanza, on the road between Monte Cristi and Santiago De Los Caballeros, the revolutionary generals, Nenney Cepin and Mauricio Jimenes, left Monte Cristi, the headquarters of the revolutionists, and marched on Dajabon with the intention of dislodging from there General Epifanio Rodriguez, the Government commander at that place.

Later details of the fighting at Esperanza show that all the ammunition and other supplies of the Government force fell into the hands of the revolutionists. It is learned from an official source that Gen. Guayubin has been appointed Dominican minister of war, in succession to Gen. Raoul Cabrera, who commanded the Government troops at Esperanza yesterday and who died soon after the battle from a wound received during the engagement. Gen. Guayubin will leave Santiago De Los Caballeros shortly at the head of 300 fresh troops.

SHOT AT ARCHBISHOP.

Berlin, May 27. — The correspondent of the Tageblatt at Freiburg Briesgau, says that a parish priest named Dr. Rieger, of Pforzheim, fired a revolver at the Archbishop of Freiburg, Dr. Loerber, but missed him. Dr. Rieger is said to suffer from the belief that he is the victim of persecution and that the archbishop is his enemy.

RUSS DISASTER IN MANCHURIA?

15,000 Trapped by 30,000 of Enemy—Czar's Generals Lost 5,000.

London, Friday, May 27.—The Shan Hai Kwan correspondent of the Daily Chronicle sends a report received from New Chwang that on May 23, thinking that the Japanese had retired from Feng Wang Cheng, 15,000 Russians from Hai Cheng and Liao Yang marched towards Feng Wang Cheng. They were surprised by 30,000 Japanese in the Ta Tung Pass. The Russian casualties were 4,000, and over a thousand Russians surrendered. The report does not state the Japanese losses.

BIG BATTLE ON.

Paris, Friday, May 27. — The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Petit Parisienne telegraphs that according to a private dispatch from Liao Yang, Gen. Kuroki's army has begun an attack on the Russian position on the Liao Yang road, and that it is believed what will prove to be a decisive battle is progressing.

FOOD RUNNING SHORT.

New Chwang, May 27. — Morning. — The Japanese estimate the strength of the Russians about Port Arthur at 20,000 men. The former have 50,000 men at Kin Chou.

Chinese continue to escape from Port Arthur. They say food is growing scarcer at Port Arthur, and there is good authority for saying the Japanese believe they can starve out the Russians in three months.

The Russians, who recently purchased 1,500 junks' anchors here, shipped them today to Tunk Ching Tsu, where they will block the river to prevent the produce of that section leaving. Fodder is exceptionally scarce.

Much contraband of war is arriving at this port. The French steamer Bourbon landed 6,000 sacks of flour today.

A British cruiser at Ching Wan Tao is awaiting instructions from the consul here, who will not make any statement for publication.

THE WAR NEWS.

The feature of today's war news is the confirmation of the capture of Kin Chou by the Japanese. The victory appears to have been most complete, and the Mikado's men are now driving the enemy before them towards Port Arthur. The investment of the fortress is apparently completed, as Togo has the southern end of the Liao Tung Peninsula blockaded by sea. Kin Chou is some 32 miles north of Port Arthur, and is of great strategic value. Chinese escaping from the fortress declare the food supply is running short.

An unconfirmed dispatch says a Russ force of 15,000 men was trapped by the Japanese in a pass near Feng Wang Cheng, losing 5,000 men killed, wounded and made prisoners.

The Russians now state that the sinking of the Jap vessels before Port Arthur was caused by submarine vessels.

BRITAIN DRIVEN TO CONSCRIPTION

Royal Commission Says It's the Solution of Home Defense Problem.

London, May 27.—The report of the royal commission on the volunteer and militia forces practically recommends conscription as the only means of providing a home defense army adequate for the protection of the country in the absence or partial absence of the regular troops. The commissioners are of the opinion that the principles adopted by all the other great European states must be largely adopted by Great Britain, and that it is the duty of every able-bodied citizen to be trained for national defense. They point out that the necessary training would involve a period of continuous service with the colors, under an instruction body of especially educated and highly trained officers, and they consider that one year of such continuous training would suffice, with a few weeks attendance at the maneuvers for a year or two afterwards. The commissioners estimate that such a scheme would provide about 350,000 trained men annually at a cost probably less than that of the present militia system.

EXCITING CHURCH UNION DEBATE

The Re-entrance of Cumberland Section Discussed at Buffalo.

Buffalo, May 27. — Yesterday's session of the Presbyterian assembly closed amid great excitement and with the question of union with the Cumberland branch still unsettled. When the moderator declared the session adjourned a dozen men were clamoring for recognition, and confusion reigned in all parts of the house.

A resolution offered by Rev. John F. Carson, of Brooklyn, fixing the time for taking the vote precipitated the crisis. Points of order, questions of privilege and amendments came from a score of commissioners at the same time. When a semblance of order was restored the resolution was finally passed. It fixed the time for a vote at 11:30 today and limits the remaining addresses to ten minutes each.

The drift of debate favored union. It was the feeling that the proposal for union would be carried by a large majority, but that the proposition for separate presbyteries might be referred back to the committee. The colored delegates are aginst the resolution to a man. The vote in favor of union will mean that the recommendation is to be sent down to the presbyteries for approval or disapproval. It must have a two-thirds vote of the presbyteries to make it a law.

LATER.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 27. — The Presbyterian general assembly of the United States has declared in favor of union with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church by a vote so nearly unanimous that it was not counted.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

TOMORROW—FINE AND WARM.

London, Friday, May 27.

Sun rises..4:42 a.m. Moon rises..5:58 p.m.
Sun sets...7:47 p.m. Moon sets...3:51 a.m.
Toronto, May 26—8 p.m.

Thunderstorms have occurred today at many places in Ontario and local showers in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. In the Territories and Manitoba the weather has been for the most part fine.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 46—70; Calgary, 30—70; Qu'Appelle, 28—62; Winnipeg, 34—62; Port Arthur, 44—64; Toronto, 60—74; Ottawa, 52—76; Montreal, 52—68; Quebec, 48—52; St. John, 48—64; Halifax, 42—68.

FORECASTS.

Friday, May 27—8 a.m.

Today—Fresh northwest to west winds; fine and a little cooler.

Saturday—Fine and moderately warm.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	40	38	Fair
Winnipeg	48	34	Clear
Parry Sound	48	44	Fair
Toronto	52	50	Cloudy
Ottawa	54	54	Fair
Montreal	64	58	Fair
Quebec	52	48	Rain
Father Point	52	44	Rain

WEATHER NOTES.

Rain has fallen generally from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, coupled with thunderstorms in many localities. In the Territories and Manitoba the weather has been for the most part fine and somewhat milder.

GUILTY OF MALPRACTICE

Result of Trial in Philadelphia Baby Farming Case.

Philadelphia, May 27. — After short deliberation the jury in the criminal court No. 2 has returned a verdict of guilty against David F. Mosier, tried for malpractice. Sentence was suspended pending a motion for a new trial. Bail was denied.

Mosier, who was known under several aliases and as "Doctor," was the witness who testified against a woman who kept a baby farm, and who was charged with making away with infants intrusted to her care. It was he who declared he had seen babies thrown into a furnace in the woman's home. It was asserted that he was a member of an alleged syndicate of baby farmers.

MAILING LIST ROAD TO WEALTH

How a Gawky Youth Swindled Canadian Farmers.

SAT HOME; MONEY ROLLED IN

Wrote Offering Imaginary Stock for Sale at a Sacrifice and Found Many Takers.

New York, May 27. — According to the story told to United States Postal Inspector Mehary, by Charles Lester Murphy, the only requisite to the successful operation of a swindling game is to write letters at random from a ready-made mailing list and then sit down and wait the arrival of letters containing money, says the World.

Inspector Mehary found Murphy yesterday sitting on a rail fence at his home at Berklev Heights, N. J. The inspector at first was unable to believe the alleged swindler he sought was the bare-footed, gawky, and altogether uncouth country lad, who responded to his inquiry for Murphy, by saying: "That's me. What do you want?"

The postal authorities have for some time been looking for an alleged swindler, who was sending letters to farmers in various sections of this country and Canada. These letters informed the recipient that the sender, "James B. Murphy," was in possession of valuable stock, which he was ready to sell at ridiculously low prices. To some his stock was Western Union Telegraph stock; to others, he offered Marconi Wireless, but to most he offered "Lunar Oil Company" stock.

P. J. Robb, of Lima, Ohio, sent $75 for $1,000 worth of Lunar Oil stock. When Robb failed to receive his money's worth, he complained to the postoffice authorities, and it was through his complaint that Murphy was arrested.

"You've got me all right," said this youth to Mehary. Then he told the inspector that he had just taken a notion to send the letter after he had got possession of a "mailing list," which had been sent to him by a publishing house, and for which he had paid 25 cents.

"I didn't think so many answers would come," said Murphy.

"But they came in fast. Some had money in them in amounts of $50 and $75. I made about $500 clear on the scheme in a few weeks. I did not send the stocks I promised, because I didn't have any. I just made up the Lunar Oil Company in my own mind. Gee, but ain't some men easy marks?" Murphy was taken before United States Commissioner Whitehead and pleaded guilty. He said he did not "want no examination nor nothin'," and was committed. He is 21 years old.

WILD WEST WAYS 'WAY DOWN EAST

A Sensational Robbery in a Staid Old Massachusetts Town.

New Bedford, Mass., May 27. — A bold robbery was perpetrated here shortly before midnight by five masked burglers, who broke into the Oneko woolen mills, in the northern part of the city, overpowered and bound the two nightwatchmen, dynamited the safe and escaped with its contents. Both watchmen were bound and gagged and were witnesses to the blowing open of the safe.

The burglars remained in the mill for nearly two hours. A few minutes after their departure one of the watchmen managed to free himself and telephoned to police headquarters.

G. T. R. TELEGRAPHERS

Sir Wm. Mulock Asks G. T. R. to Arbitrate Trouble.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Ont., May 27. — A conference will be held this afternoon between Sir William Mulock, Minister of Labor, Mr. C. M. Hays, of the Grand Trunk and Mr. Campbell, of Toronto, representing the G. T. R. telegraphers. An effort is to be made to settle the grievances of the operators. If no settlement is arrived at then the question will in all probability be referred to arbitration. Sir William Mulock has asked Mr. Hays to consent to arbitration or to show good cause why he should not.

INSANE THROUGH SORROW

Death of Five Children May Have Caused Suicide.

Hamilton, Ont., May 27. — The body of a woman supposed to be that of Mrs. McNicol, who wandered away from her home on Hughson street north, two weeks ago, was found in the bay at the foot of Simcoe street, this morning. Mrs. McNicol, who was about 45 years of age, became demented, caused by the death of five children from diphtheria. Her husband is a glass blower and lives in Toronto.

CYCLONE SWEPT THROUGH TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG, ONT.

Great Wind Rips Things Loose and Does Damage to the Extent of $40,000.

HOTEL UNROOFED AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS DAMAGED

Amherstburg, May 27. — It requires something out of the ordinary to cause excitement among the residents of the staid old town of Amherstburg, but a cyclone yesterday accomplished this feat, and when the wind had passed over and the dust cleared away, the greater part of the population was out of doors wondering what had happened.

A hurried inventory of the damage done to buildings, shade and fruit trees, telegraph and telephone wires places the loss at nearly $40,000. The windstorm struck the town from the southwest at 12:45 o'clock, when most of the people were at their mid-day meal, and it was owing to this fortunate circumstance that no one was killed or injured by flying debris.

The area of the storm was three miles wide, and it came sweeping up the river, one end over a part of the lower end of Bois Blanc Island, while the other swept everything before it on the mainland. Barns, outhouses, shade trees, telegraph wires and poles all went down like ninepins, and when the wind finally veered so that the whole force played on the Canadian shore the flour mill and docks of Colin Wigle received the concentrated force of the storm. Docks were blown down, two boat houses were thrown into the water, and the yacht We C. U. was wrecked and sunk in its boathouse. The top of the three-story Wigle mill was picked up and hurled upwards of 100 yards and landed on the roof of the residence of Alex. Pulford.

RANGE LIGHT TOPPLED OVER.

The Hackett range light was an easy mark for the miniature cyclone, and it toppled over like a reed. Capt. Hackett's house received a short visit. Windows were broken and some parts of the roof were torn off, but the remainder of the building resisted the storm.

David Bailey's barn, near by, was laid flat on the ground and the lumber and roof were deposited in the center of a large field at the outskirts of the town. John Fraser's lumber yard presented a sad-looking sights after the wind had finished its playful antics among the large piles of lumber. The Fraser planing mill also came in for its share of injury, and the tall smokestack and the roof of the boiler room were wrecked.

It was in the center of the town, however, where the most damage occurred. The Lake View Hotel, the leading hostelry, was unroofed, and the wreckage was carried nearly a block, part of it being dropped on the roof of the kitchen of the Brown House, on a different street. Across the street from the Lake View is the stationery story of W. H. McEvoy, and the remnants of the roof of the hotel were thrown in front of the store in such a manner as to completely close the entrance. The wreckage snapped the large telegraph pole in front of Mr. McEvoy's store, and thus cut off all telegraphic connection with the town.

While a portion of the storm was spreading consternation on Dalhousie street north, the tail end of the cyclone was busy further south. The roof was completely taken off a building, the upper story of which is occupied by the family of A. G. Brown, chief engineer of the electric light plant. The family were at dinner, and with the first gust of strong wind Mrs. Brown requested them to leave the table. They did so, and not a moment too soon, as a great hole was made in the roof directly over the table, and nearly a ton of bricks and mortar tumbled through the opening on the floor and table as the last child left the room.

TOWN HALL DAMAGED.

The town hall, the pride of all Amherstburg citizens, also received a visit, and as a result a large chimney was sent crashing through the roof down into the auditorium. The bell tower was badly shattered, and the town bell was cracked by falling bricks. In the immediate vicinity of the hall a number of valuable shade trees were torn and twisted into shapeless masses, while the chimneys on many houses were demolished and the bricks scattered over lawns and flower gardens.

The public school building received its share of damage from the storm and a number of other buildings were more or less injured by the wind. Many windows were broken and any vulnerable part of the house was carried away by the cyclone. All up the river front, where there are many beautiful homes, the storm wreaked its vengeance. Shade trees that had stood for half a century were leveled to the ground, while others were so stripped of their branches that they will not be of any further use.

The white and red range lights to the north of the town were lying flat, and it will be necessary to have these replaced before vesselmen will be able to take their ships through the treacherous Lime Kilns crossing.

The public lighting plant was temporarily put out of commission and the town was in darkness last night owing to broken wires.

All Night Debate Over G. T. P. Contract in House

Mr. Borden Announces Gov't Ownership as His Policy.

His Amendment Defeated Fifty-Nine to Hundred and Five.

Opposition Leader Says Party Will Make It Issue at Polls—Mr. Fielding's Reply.

Ottawa, May 26. — The closing hours of the debate upon the measure which secures to Canada what has been aptly described as the first national transcontinental railway on Canadian soil from ocean to ocean were marked by an interest probably greater than that which characterized a similar occasion when, more than 20 years ago, the measure providing for the first Canadian railway to span the continent received the approval of the elective house. The galleries were crowded by an attentive gathering, of which ladies formed a large part, all eager to witness the final division. Hour after hour the spectators patiently waited for the close of the debate as the hands of the clock slowly revolved. The Minister of Railways rose at 1 o'clock, and there was than no apparent chance of the debate closing for several hours. A feature of the day was the sharp curve taken by the leader of the Opposition, who, without a word of explanation justifying the desertion, abandoned the alternative provision which he offered and which his followers supported last session, and proposed an amendment favoring the construction and operation of the entire road by the Government. Mr. Borden reiterated the criticism of the Government scheme as improvident of the interests of the country. The Minister of Finance replied on behalf of the Government, and made several valuable contributions to the information which the House possessed on the question. Replying to the assertion of the Opposition regarding the terms upon which the G. T. R. Company were willing to build from North Bay, Mr. Fielding for the first time made known that originally the company asked a grant of $6,400 cash subsidy and a land grant of 5,000 acres per mile, which he estimated as amounting together to a little over $53,000,000.

The company also asked for exemption from customs duties on supplies and material imported, and from taxation on all the property of the company and on the capital stock. Not one of these demands had been conceded. On the other hand, the obligation which the Government assumed was estimated by him, according to the revised calculation, at what would be met by the setting aside today of $13,833,356, a sum less than one year's surplus of revenue over expenditure. He contrasted the enormous assistance given by the late Government for a part of a transcontinental railway with the modest sum for which the present Government were obtaining a complete and well-equipped line connecting the Pacific with the Atlantic across Canadian soil, by a route which possessed material advantages from a military point of view. Mr. Fielding presented in support of his estimate, in reply to the challenge of the Opposition, a report from Mr. Collingwood Schreiber, Deputy Minister of Railways, that the cost of the Quebec to Moncton section would not exceed $25,000 per mile and the Quebec-Winnipeg section $28,000 per mile for a road of the character of the Intercolonial.

MR. BORDEN'S AMENDMENT.

Mr. R. L. Borden, in a long speech, advocated Government ownership and control of the transcontinental railroad. The basis of his plan was the extension of the Intercolonial to the west. He concluded his address as follows:

"We do not propose that the voice of people shall be stifled, and we declare that if the Conservative party is returned to power at the next general election, it will enact such legislation as will enable the will of the people to prevail over the will of this corporation, however great and powerful it may be. If it is the will of the people, it is for the people to decide. We shall abide—indeed, we must abide—by their verdict. Let them understand that they have a choice, that the door is not yet closed. By expropriation or by any other fair and just policy we shall carry out the will of the people."

MR. BORDEN'S AMENDMENT.

Mr. Borden then moved the following amendment:

"That the bill be not now read a third time, but that it be resolved, that the bill proposes to ratify and confirm agreements imposing upon the country enormous obligations for the construction of a transcontinental railway, a large portion of which is to become the property of a railway corporation to whom the remaining portion is to be leased for 50 years on terms onerous to the country.

"That the obligations undertaken by the country under the proposed agree-

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SATOLLI LEAVES FOR U. S

The Cardinal Declares He Is Not Charged With a Mission.

Rome, May 27. — Cardinal Satolli left here this morning for Naples on his journey to the United States. At Naples he will take the steamer Princess Irene for New York.

Cardinal Satolli is accompanied by his cousin, Father Efcole; his private secretary, Father Marucchi, and a second secretary, Father Luigi. There were gathered at the railway station to bid him good-bye many high prelates and dignitaries. Cardinal Satolli repeated that he was not charged with any mission.