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OYAMA'S INVINCIBLES CAPTURE MUKDEN: JAPS TAKE THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS: RUSSIANS FACE A COMPLETE DISASTER

Kuropatkin's Troops in a Panic Abandon Enormous "We stopped on the left bank, at-Stores and Many Guns to Conquering Japs.

St. Petersburg Has Abandoned All Hope of a Victory, But Talks of Sending Out a Fresh Army, Headed by the . Czar or One of the Grand Dukes.

ese troops occupied Mukden at 10 through until Fu Pass, o'clock this (Friday) morning.

Thousands of prisoners and enormous quantities of stores fought under dreadful conditions. A and cartridges will last the longer. dust-storm of hurricane violence was Gray-coated Russians, patient, unand guns have been captured.

Washington, March 10. - The Japan. ese legation today received the following cablegram from Tokio: "Our troops occupied Mukden 10 a.m., Friday, Our enveloping movements since some days, proved successful, and the bloodiest battle is now proceeding in various places near Mukden."

Is Settled Plan.

Paris, March 10. - The Russian embassy officials explain Gen. Kuropatkin's retreat as being part of a settled plan. They say the real struggle will occur at Harbin, where the Russians will concentrate large reinforcements.

Racing For Tie Pass.

in the hands of the Japanese, and plain between the Shakhe and Hun Oyama's first great objective has been accomplished after a prolonged and desperate battle. A single, terse sentence from Tokio saying that the Japanese entered the ancient capital Japanese entered the ancient capital Japanese entered the ancient capital siege guns and mortars at Diushantan. at 10 o'clock today and a confirmatory at 10 o'clock today and a confirmatory about six miles west of this city, dispatch from Yinkow are all that is Diushantan was the scene of the known. Kuropatkin is in full retreat, bloodiest and most desperate fighting but the fate of his army is still in of all this terrible battle. Its possession doubt. With Tie Pass his point of re- ed it again and again. The Russians fuge he is endeavoring to extricate his forces, but from the meager information in today's dispotates it is appared.

Eyewitnesses say the dead scattered ent that his position is extremely have been unburied for four days.
Rifles and other arms lie about that has been gradually thrown to the garrison was subjected to the concenmoving northward. The Japanese line, on Mukden railroad station, and, therefore, the Russians have been holding it at a frightful cost.

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All Hope Abandoned.

defeat into victory has been aband- tured. The Russians seem to be movthe papers in a dolorous strain chron- Want Czar to Lead. icle the last and worst reverse to the the storm the Japanese lines actually than he is in his palaces. faced about, apparently firing into Russians and backing into the Rustary men say, does not parallel such has been ordered already. desperate, fanatical valor.

COMMUNICATIONS CUT No Word of Situation Reaches St.

Petersburg From Front. St. Petersburg, March 10. - 2:10 p.m. -The extent of the disaster to Gen. Kuropatkin's army is as yet unknown here, but the most sinister reports receive credence, and the public believes that Field Marshal Oyama has succeeded in closing the iron ring around at least a portion of the army. Communication with Mukden is apparently cut, as no word has arrived dated later than yesterday at 5 in the the enemy toward Fushun. afternoon, when the situation of Gen. Bilderling, who commands the rear cast and south of Mukden we entirely fighting off the Japanese assaults almost at the walls of the city, west and love the basin of the basin of the basin of the listory promises to end in the world's continued on page 5.

"In the direction of the Shakhe and The Daily Telegraph says, editorially: "The present and lowest readings of the lightest lightest

Tokio, March 10.—The Japan- north of Mukden, was desperate, Even from the east Gen. Kuroki pushed eight miles east, where the Hun bends sharply to the northward, was under the Japanese guns. The opening in the net then was only twelve miles wide. Yinkow, March 10.—Mukden and nothing but a miracle, in the opinion of many experts, could then have fell at 10 o'clock this (Friday) saved the situation. To make metallow worse, Gen. Nogi's left, west of the railroad, and Gen. Kamamura's army, on the east, were reported by forced to be ready to saved the situation. To make matters marching northward to be ready to The Russians are panic-stricken throw themselves along the Russian while through the opaque yellow veil the streams of wounded and camp-fol-

Grief at the Capital

lowers plodded northward.

The war office this morning had little with long lists of those killed in the earlier days of the fighting, and the churches are crowded with wives, mothers and sisters, praying that their classes seemed to have joined in the common grief.

THURSDAY'S BLOODY CONFLICT Heroic Russians Lose Point After Point to Oyama's Men.

tion in today's dispatches it is appar- in the streets, court yards and houses critical. Behind the Japanese screen wrenched and twisted. Hand grenades west and north of Mukden columns of trated fire of as many as a hundred infantry and guns are reported to be guns. Diushantan, once in the hands of the Japanese, they could train guns

their efforts about seven miles north jected east until its guns are within of the railroad, with the object of breaking through and cutting off the General Kamamura's army is reported A blinding duststorm has been raging since daylight, and the day as making forced marches with the promises to witness a most gruesome

Tokio, March 10 .- Noon .- It is unwith a Japanese column on either flank officially reported that the Russian strength west of Mukden consists of two corps. The Japanese who destroyed the railroad, are pressing the Russians northward, and the portion of the Japanese center following the ment. Russians along the Mukden road is St. Petersburg, March 10.-All hope now engaged six miles north of the tune moment to strike and convert Nearly all the Russian's heavy guns and many field guns have been cap-

Berlin, March 9.-Newspapers here Russian arms. The only consolation state on the authority of St. Petersburg correspondents that the war they find it that the Russian troops party not only is not discouraged by have been conquered by a wonderful the heavy Russian reverses, but is trying to arrange for the dispatch to serves advancing on the run to resto foe, declaring there is something un- Manchuria of another army of 400,000 canny about the desperate expedient men. The supporters of the war are trying to persuade the Czar to take which the Japanese successfully em- command personally of this army, repployed at Diushantun, when during resenting that he would be much safer cool night is full of the low rustle of If his majesty declines to take the

their own reserves, deceiving the do, a grand duke will be given the nominal command, but the real leader place must be cleared for will be Gen. Sukhomlinoff, a young sian wire entanglements before the officer of great capacity, who would succeed Gen. Kuropatkin. The mobiliruse was discovered. History, mili- zation of the thirteenth army corps The peace party at the court is op-

posing the plans of the war party. Attack All Along the Line.

ing telegram has been received from the Manchurian headquarters in the

"In the direction of Singehing for some days our force has been attack-Finally, in the neighborhood of Tieta, whom they are now pursuing.

"Our force in the vicinity of Ma-

"In the direction of the Shakhe and

tions west and north of Mukden. "Our attack against the enemy, who is obstinately resisting, is being

pushed vigorously. "A heavy duststorm obscured the sun Thursday, and as a consequence the darkness precluded seeing any dis-

DARE DEVIL JAP COURAGE

Little Band When Case Was Hopeless Blow Themselves Up.

Mukden, March 9, 4 a.m.-Midnight closed the tenth day of the Titanic struggle for the possession of Mukden, and the mastery of a vast empire-the tenth day of unceasing confilet under exploding shrapnel, the roar of cannon and the whistling of bullets, the tenth day in a succession of sleepless nights and foodless days. The combat is fast reaching a point where it is a question not so much line of retreat. All accounts agree that the battle yesterday must have been strategy as of whose strength, energy strategy as of whose strength, energy complaining, strong of soul, clung doggedly to positions against an enemy whose attacks go to the very point of insanity and desperation. For 48 hours the Japanese have not eaten. They are starving and exhausted, but Field Marshal Oyama himself has told them that the city will fall and the had been obeyed. consolation to offer to the pitiful in-quiries for news. The papers are filled confidence in their leader increased in the operation of trains on all lines their strength tenfold. On Wednesday, when the Russians took Ushuntun. a few dozen Japanese clung to the thick walled temple and refused all over- regular and frequent intervals. loved ones be spared. At least all tures to surrender. Cannon were brought up and breached the walls but the dare-devil courage of the defenders continued under the fire, and finally, when defense was hopeless they blew themselves skyward with the ruins of the temple. One survivor rather than surrender, threw himself Point to Oyama's Men.

Mukden, Thursday, March 9, 10 a.m.

The Japanese last night pushed up from the south, across the abandoned plain between the Shakhe and Hun Rivers, and are as this dispatch is filed, about five miles south of the latter stream. From the Hun, opposite into a stone-rimmed well and perished. defense, and hurling men, some of and others middle-aged reserves, fresh ers down here forwarded Often they are repulsed, and some- to white men in the north. times they master the advanced line but at enormous cost. Individuals and small parties have reached the railway, cut the telegraph wires and dislodged a few rail lengths, but the damages were quickly repaired and the perpetrators usually killed or captured. Around the village of Pachiatzu there raged a fierce struggle. A veteran regiment of the imperial rifles distinguished itself especially, members earning St. George Crosses time again in supporting and rescuing

reports that the Russian troops are leaving Pachiatzu, that the Japanese have seized the village and with the bodies of Sapolski and half his regi-Another of the dead is Prince Makaeff, commander of the Samara Hun River. The extreme Japanese Regiment. The middle of the afterncon, in a cloud of dust and surrounded by his staff and escort, General Kaulbars canters up, sits quietly a few minutes under fire inspecting the oned even by the military critics, and ing eastward toward Fushun with the object of retiring north.

| Description and then continues his rounds. | Errant bullets now and then strike village huts, raising a cloud of plaster or little spatters of dust in the Mandarin Now the fight slackens. The Russians appear to be gaining ground but in an instant of comparative stillness is heard the muffled, thud and snuffle of the feet of the Japanese rethe balance. Uneasily sleeps Mukden tonight. In the main streets burn dimly. Along dark roads heavy dust are marching columns. The in the midst of his faithful soldiers movement. Near the station, in overfilled hospitals are heard low groans. The wounded arrive in a never-ceasing command, which it is expected he will stream of carts, and another stream of ambulances moves northward, for victims. The eternal pines whisper above the tombs of Chinese emperors. Then the field watchfires are burning. The sky is lighted with the glare of burning stores and evacuated villages. The forces are gathered for today's

telephone at his feet jingles, and he reports to the commander of the army.

Now a Cossack orderly gallops up and

A COMPLETE DISASTER

Tokio, March 10, 11 a.m.-The follow- Experts Think But a Remnant of Army Can Be Saved.

London, Friday, March 10. - In the opinion of English military critics, Gen. Kuropatkin's forces are doomed to complete disaster, and the best ing the enemy, who is making an ob- he can hope for is to save a mere stinate resistance in strong positions. remnant of his army after devoting whole divisions to slaughter.

Much importance is attached to Gen. our force at 3 o'clock Thursday morn- Kamamura's mysteriously unlocated ing completely dislodged the enemy army, which momentarily is expected to complete the closing of the net around the defeated host by appearing chuntan continues in hot pursuit of Yingfan, thus blocking the sole remaining road from Yingfan to Tie Pass through Wankiakou Pass.

Ships of Baltic Fleet Ordered Back to Europe?

London, March 10.-According to the so difficult that he feared he would published, states that four of his war-ships are incapacitated for firing be-cause they are too heavily armed, and cause they are too heavily armed. that the problem of coaling has become structions.

St. Petersburg correspondent of the be unable to proceed to the far east. Daily Telegraph, a telegram from No further news has reached Lon-Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky, not yet don concerning Rojestvensky's squad-

SUMALIS ON WARPAIH

9,000 Wipe Out Inhabitants of an Atrican Town.

Mombasa, British East Africa, March 10. — It is reported that 9,000 Somals have attacked the town of Merka on the Bexdir coast, and have annihilated the inhabitants.

STRIKERS KEMAIN FIRM

Not Obeying Order of National Union to Return to Work.

New York, March 10. - Despite sensational reports that organized demonstrations would be made by strikers against the men who have taken their places in the subway and on the elevated lines, which were circulated during the night, no trouble of any kind had occurred today. At the same time, it was apparent that the strike against the Interborough Rapid Transit Com pany, which was repudiated yesterday by the national officers of the organ-izations involved still continued. Al-though the national officers had ordered the strikers to return to work, diligent inquiry along the various lines today failed to show that the order

today, the normal standard of efficiency of service has not yet been approached, though trains were run at

FIREWATER BY MAIL

Whisky Starts British Columbian Indians on the Rampage.

bom- white man's mail order business, and have barding villages which are keys of the got around the disability which prevents the sale of liquors to Indians by sending mail orders in the name of John Jone them veterans of the year's campaign or James Smith. The unsuspecting dealfrom Japan, against Russian positions. under the impression that it was going

STRATHCONA IN MONTREAL

High Commissioner's Visit Due to Personal Matters.

Montreal, March 10,-Lord Strathcona arrived in Montreal today from New York, and at once went to his Montreal residence on Dorchester killed at Pachiatzu. Just beyond and had no public significance what-Pachiatzu, under the shadow of a ever. He denied that he had given clump of pines in the park of the utterance to any expression of opinion imperial tombs, sits the commander respecting the school question as apof another division, Col. Launitz, plied to the present controversy, as he directing the attack on Santaitze and never meddled in matters of that kind. directing the attack on Santaitze and defense of Ushuntun. With a swish His lordship said he was feeling in the like that of the silken skirts of a wellbest of health, having fully recovered dressed dame Shimose shells hurl past from the indisposition from which he and occasional bullets whistle by lately suffered in London. Every few minutes the bell of the

Cross-Fetitions.

Toronto, March 10. - Mr. Hugh Kennedy, M. P. P. for Port Arthur and Rainy River, will enter a cross-petition against his opponent, Mr. W Preston. Mr. E. J. B. Pense, M. P. P. for Kingston, will also fight his election petition, and will file a cross petition against Mr. D. M. McIntyre.

The Chadwick Case.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 10. - It is probable that the Chadwick case will not be given to the jury until some time on Monday. Assistant District Attorney Garry made the opening argument for the Government. spoke about an hour and a half. He was followed by Mr. Dawley for the defense. The closing arguments will be delivered by Judge Wing for Mrs. Chadwick, and District Attorney Sullivan for the Government.

THE WEATHER.

Temorrow-Fair and Cold.

London, Friday, March 10. Sun rises. 6:39 a.m. Moon rises. 8:54 a.m. Sun sets. 6:17 p.m. Moon sets. 10:38 p.m. Toronto, March 9-8 p.m. The weather has been for the most part fair today in all portions of Canada, cold in Manitoba and turning somewhat colder Minimum and maximum temperatures Victoria, 46-68; New Westminster, 40-72; Calgary, 30-40; Qu'Appelle, 2-20; Winnipeg, 10 below-10; Port Arthur, 4-18; Parry

FORECASTS. Friday, March 10-8 a.m. Moderate to fresh north to northwest winds; fair and cold today and on Satur-

TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Calgary Sound.... -Parry Ottawa

WEATHER NOTES. The depressions mentioned yesterday have passed to the United States Atlantic coast and to Eastern Canada, with diminishing energy, and a pronounced cold wave has moved into the Northwest Territories. Colder weather has set in again over Ontario, and it is now cold everywhere, except in British Columbia.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

FOR THE STANLEY CUP

Great Excitement at Capital Over the Deciding Game.

Ottawa, March 10. - A bet of \$5,000, representing a syndicate, was put up this morning that the Stanley cup will leave Ottawa. Many other amounts have been wagered. All the sold before 9 o'clock this morning. Prices have jumped up until standingroom costs \$1. The Rat Portage team complain of the soft ice last night, but the Ottawas say this prevented combination work, a feature at which they

AFTER SEAL MONOPLY

S. Government Endeavoring to Buy Out Canadian Sealers.

Ottawa March 10.-Another instance which proves the grasping disposition of the people to the south is the fact that the United States Government has recently inaugurated a movement to exclude Canadians from the seal fisheries of the Northern Pacific. This movement the Canadian Government has emphatically refused to countenance up to the present. There is a disposition here to resent what is regard-

ed as a persistent attempt on the part of the Americans to inveigle or bully Canada into arrangements tending to inure wholly to the benefit of the for-

THE TEMISKAMING **COMMISSIONERS**

Road Under the Public

Works Department. Toronto, March 10. - The resignaskaming Railway commission, with

the exeception of that of B. W. Folger, of Kingston, have been handed into the Government. It is not yet known whether or not the Government has decided to abolish the commission and place the railway in charge of the public works department. This latter cannot be done unless the act re lating to the railway is amended by the Legislature, and there is a feeling around the Parliament buildings that this change is intended.

MENELIK TO VISIT EUROPE

Emperor of Abyssinia Said to Con template Trip Soon.

Geneva, March 4.-That Menelik, the Abyssinian Emperor, is soon to take trip to Europe is the information the Abyssinian Government in a letter to his family in Zurich. According to the letter, the

arousing deep interest in these capitals, for he is more than a barbarian, and his little country has shown itself great in war, as the Italians know to their cost.

Not only this, but Europe realizes that Abyssinia is a valuable customer, and can be made much more so. Menelik traces his descent in a direct line to King Solomon and the Queen of

STIRS STUDENTS' IRE

Repressive Acts by the Government Causes Much II:-Feeling.

Berlin, March 10.—German students

are up in arms. The students of the Hanover Technical School moved a vote of sympathy with the students of Russia. They were reprimanded ism and soldierly fidelity. and the two ringleaders were rusticated. The students replied by declining to take part in a festive gathering in honor of the Kaiser's birth-day, sarcastically declaring that this also was a political matter. noisy meetings all over the country, was 74 years of age, for the sake of declaring as thinking, educated men, that they object to this tutelage, which is only for children or slaves of the

versities for purposes of study and not quest is being held.

to take part in political agitation. A State Dinner.

Toronto, March 10. - There will be a state dinner at Government House on lature will be opened.

Floods Cripple Railroads.

Albuquerque, N. M., March 10. - All Santa Fe trains for the west are held at this point indefinitely. Heavy rains to the west and south have swollen all streams along the Santa Fe Pacific Santa Fe, and the line is badly crip-

The big blue water dam on the Rio San Jose and the Cubero dam on the that stream for nearly two miles. A Cabinet Crisis Settled.

Copenhagen, March 10.—The cabinet crisis in Norway has been settled by the selection of a coalition ministry, of which M Micholsen is the Premier.

FOR MURDER OF HIS CHILD

COUNSEL CABLES KING ASKING FOR CLEMENCY, BUT THE PLEA WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.

He died protesting his innocence. To last. Sheriff Mowat he said: "Sir, I just wish to say you are hanging an innocent man." Early this morning, however, he confessed to Rev. F. C. Heathcote that he oar and threw the body overboard. had drowned the child, but denied that The next day the body was found

steady step, and bore a defiant air as he of Port Hope, where Mrs. Martin's passed along the corridors and across the grandmother lived, Martin and his jail yard. His hands were handcuffed behind his back. He looked at the few indecent expression at them.

The procession from the condemned cell ress in a restaurant. was led by Rev. F. C. Heathcote and Rev. | Their plea for committing the crime F. Vipond, who, in compliance with the was that they were very poor, and the Gospel of St. John, and the hymn, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." Earlier in buy out the Canadian sealers, and thus the morning the clergymen sang to the

Toronto, March 10. - Alexander Mar- | The crime for which Alexander Martin was hanged at 8:12 a.m. for the tin this morning suffered the extreme murder of his infant child on Aug. 30 penalty of the law was the murder of his six months old infant on Aug. 3

> On this date Martin and his wife hired a boat, and after rowing some distance out on the lake. Martin hit the child's head a killing blow with an

seats for Saturday night's match were he had struck it. The clergyman regards floating in the bay at Coatsworth's the claim of innocence as referring to this Cut. The affair remained a mystery until Sept. 26, when, as the result of a The condemned man walked with a clue obtained by Chief of Police Bond, wife were arrested.

After the killing of their child, Martin and his wife separated. Martin enspectators with anger, and muttered an listing in C Company at Stanley Barracks, and his wife becoming a wait-

request of Martin, read the passages from having given up their rooms had no

At the preliminary investigation, Mrs. Martin was acquitted, but Martin was committed for trial, and at the January assizes, before Chief Justice Fal-The drop fell at 8:12. Martin was un- conbridge, he was found guilty and

sentenced to be hanged. The prisoner's counsel, A. R. Hassard, made heroic efforts to have the sentence commuted, twice appealing to Coroner Duncan and a jury viewed the the Minister of Justice, and as a last body and passed the usual verdict. It resort, last night, cabled to King Edwas buried in the east side of the jail ground that today is the anniversary

W. HUME LONG FOR IRISH OFFICE

New Government May Place Appointed to Succeed Hon. Mr. Says Dual Government Would Wyndham-Close Votes in House.

London, March 10. - Walter Hume Long, president of the local government board, has accepted the office of chief secretary for Ireland. It is expected that Premier Balfour will

formally announce the appointment today. In the divisions taken in the House of Commons yesterday the Government majorities again were dangerously small, owing to the difficulty the whips experienced in keeping Government

members in attendance. THE STANFORD MYSTERY

Sheriff Believes Polsoner Was Member of Dead One's Household.

Honolulu, March 10. - The coroner's sent by a Swiss engineer employed by jury last night returned a verdict that Mrs. Jane L. Stanford died an unnatural death. The verdict says that death intends to visit London, Paris and was due to strychnine poisoning, the Rome, and the journey is to be made poison having been introduced into a bottle of bicarbonate of soda, with felonious intent by some persons o persons to the jury unknown. The end of the inquest, with a posi tive verdict of murder, leaves the police of Honolulu as much without a

clue as when Mrs. Stanford died. High Sheriff Henry said after inquest that it was his opinion that the strychnine was placed in the soda in San Francisco by a member of Mrs. Stanford's family.

Yemen Insurrection.

Constantinople, March 10.-Altogether 32 battalions of Turkish reinforcements have been called out to cope with the insur-rection in the Province of Yemen, Arabia.

A Luminous Example.

Berlin, March 10.-Emperor William, ad A Murderess Sentenced.

London, March 9. - Sarah Ann Pearson, who was arrested in Montreal, has been sentenced to death for the murder of her mother-in-law with mercury. It was proved that she deliber-

a few pounds of insurance. The Sciater Murder.

Three Rivers, Que., March 10.-Offi-Their ire still further is increased cers have arrived with two important y a remark of the Assistant Minister witnesses from the scene of the Sclater of Education, who declared there was murder at Grand Anse. Detective Mc no such thing as academic freedom Caskill arrived here last night and and that German students visit uni- drove to Grand Piles, where the in-

Sticks to Windsor.

Windsor, Ont., March 10. - Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, rector of All Saints' Church, will not accept the St. James' Church, in Stratford, call, Mr. Chadthe 22nd inst., on which date the Legis- wick said: "The congregation of the Stratford church surprised me with the offer, but I shall remain here.'

The Floating Mines.

Pekin, March 10 .- The chief shipping firms of Tien Tsin have approached the British authorities to advocate acand the Rio Grande divisions of the tive measures against the danger from tions was 444,497, an increase of 17,474 floating mines in the Gulf of Pechili. The British authorities communicated with Yuan Shai Kai, Viceroy of Chili Province, asking for his co-operation in same stream have gone out and the floods have played havoc with the Santa Fe tracks, which closely parallel assist, Vice-Admiral Noel, in command take place at Truro tonight. Miss Pearl tion, who was communicated with, is the northern waters is attended with which caused paralysis of the brain and she died this morning

ROSEBERY TALKS

Alliance With Japs.

London, March 9. - The question of home rule for Ireland was the principal feature of the speech of Lord Rosebery before the City of London

Liberal Club tonight. His lordship said that while the Liberal party sympathized with Ireland, and was willing to proceed along the lines of administrative reform, "there is one thing to which no wise statesman ever will expose the country, namely, the curse of a dual government. We have sufficient government. We have sufficient warnings in the example of Norway and Sweden, and Austria and Hungary, to avoid the peril of having the vulture gnawing at our very vitals." Lord Rosebery said that after British ships had been ordered from Port Arthur by Russia and sent to Venezuela at the behest of Germany, Britons had little further humiliation to expect at the hands of a Liberal Government. If a Liberal government were called upon to renew the Anglo-Japanese alliance he had litle doubt

that it would sign gladly. JOHN BULL'S FINANCES

Old Country Recovering From Strain of the Boer War.

London, March 10. - The reduction of the bank rate to 21/2 per cent, the lowest in seven years, is the subject of intense satisfaction as expressed in most of the newspapers this morning. as showing that the country at last is recovering from the strain imposed by the South African war. Such an indication of the soundness of the country's finances is expected to have a stimulating effect upon trade and in

vestments. FRANCE CATCHES BAD GANG

Had for Years Robbed and Killed In Many Parts of the World.

Paris, March 10. - The largest batch of prisoners ever tried together in France is now before the Amiens assizes. They formed part of an admirably organized gang, for a number of years, under the direction of their leader, Marius Jacob, whose headquarters were in Paris. They carried out clever robberies, sometimes accompanied by manslaughter, in nearly every city of France, and also abroad their booty amounting to many milons of francs. Their capture was owing to the confession of one of them. witnesses called to testify number 160, and the trial is expected to last a fortnight. The court table presents a peculiar spectacle. It is covered with a collection of implements of the profession of the prisoners. The prison vans conveying the accused who reescorted by cavalry to and from the court the authorities fearing an attempt at lynching.

Total Vote Was 444,497. Toronto, March 10.-The clerk of the Legislature announces that the total vote cast in the provincial general elec-

over the previous elections in May Death Prevented the Wedding.

of the British fleet on the China sta- Betts was to be married to Mr. Arthur Cooke, of the Intercolonial Railway, very desirous that all the authorities but yesterday the young lady became cordially co-operate, as the passage of suddenly ill with spinal meningitis,