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# JAPS CUT KUROPATKIN'S COMMUNICATIONS; RETREATING RUSSIANS WITHIN IRON RING; 100,000 FALL IN WAR'S BLOODIEST BATTLE

# Oyama's Big Guns Now Thundering at Gates of Mukden he met successfully at Liao Yang, since now he is threatened on both flanks, his left wing being entangled Japs Hemming in Russians On All Sides.

#### Reverse May Become a Sweep- uated during last night, although nothing Disaster and End the War.

is badly beaten in the bloodiest battle

Tokio, March 9, 8 a.m.-It is officially announced the Russians began retreating yesterday morning. The Japanese armies are pursuing.

Tokio, March 9, 4 p.m. - The Japarese have cut the railway north of

St. Petersburg, March 9. - The gen- W unded Streaming North. eral staff has received the following dispatch from Gen. Sakharoff, Kuropatkin's chief of staff, dated today: 'Several fierce attacks on our northfront were made during the night. They were all repulsed.

other directions the night was Gen. Sakharoff's reference to the Russian north front would seem to indicate that a Japanese force is be-tween Mukden and Tie Pass. Though the Japanese may have cut the telegraph lines along the railroad, it is possible that field telegraph lines have been run between Fuwhere Kuropatkin may have the advices from Tokio and St. Peters-Russian line of communications.

## Retreating in Confusion.

With the Japanese Left Armies, Wednesday, March 8. — Noon. — Via Fusan, March 9.—The left armies have cut and destroyed the railroad between obtainable at present. The Russians are in retreat over the northern roads. The left column of the Japanese armies is at Likampu, seven miles north of the Hun River, and five miles west of the has had a fierce with a Russian force thrice its number. The Russian casualties number

The Russian center is retreating in

### 100,000 HAVE FALLEN Bloodiest Battle of the War and the End Is Not Yet.

Tokio, March 9, 6 a.m. - The great battle in Manchuria raged all day yes- Will It End the War? terday along the entire enormous front. The Japanese were generally victoria series of important positions. By suffer the disadvantage of lengthened nightfall it seemed imperative that Gen. Kuropatkin would have to withdraw his shattered forces and avoid a complete disaster. Indeed, it appeared impossible for him to effect a retreat without heavy losses in prisoners, guns

The continuous battle is already the bloodiest of the war. Upon the ground that Gen. Oku alone gained are 8,000 Russian dead. The reports from the other armies are expected to triple this figure. It is estimated that the Japanese have lost 50,000, making the joint slaughter far exceed 100,000 men. Details of the combat are lacking, but it is believed that the Japanese have cut the railway north of Mukden, leaving Linevitch's army is certain to be only the roadways and a light railway from Fushun to Tie Pass as avenues for the retreat of the Russians, army headquarters refrain from affirming or denying a report to that ef-

It is thought that Mukden is still in the hands of the Russians. The details of operations against Fushun are not following the capture of Machuntan, The constant shipment of wheat and the Japanese renewed the assault on Tieta, and dislodged the Russians, not interfered with, and the Japanese Various reports are in circulation concerning prisoners of war, but it is impossible to obtain reliable information as to the number taken. Field Marshal Oyama in an order, directing Fierce Fight for Village. the pursuit of the retreating Russians yesterday, prohibited his troops from entering Mukden in masses, in order to respect the tombs and sacred places of the imperial Chinese household, and

here later today.

Tokio Celebrates. Tokio, March 9. - Noon. - Although the actual extent of the success gained by Field Marshal Oyama's army is unknown, Tokio is already celebrating the victory. An official announcement of the result of Field Marshal Oyama's

## NO DISASTER, SAYS PETERSBURG But Admits That the Pril of the sulted in a Russian defeat. Field Mar-Army is Great.

St. Petersburg, March 9, 2:30 p.m. A veil is drawn over the progress of Gen. Kuropatkin is now engaged in endeavoring to defend his title as a master of successful retreats, and Gen. Kuropatkin's heroic effort to extricate his beaten army, but the general staff insists that while he has

ing definite has been received on this point. Yesterday Gen. Bilderling's base their hopes on the physical conarmy, which held the center, fell back upon the Hun River, clinging all the day desperately to Madyapu at the Apex southwest of the city.

Tokio, March 8. - Advices received hurriedly withdrawn during Wednes-here indicated that Gen. Kuropatkin day night and dispatched to the sup-One of Gen. Linevitch's corps was port of Gen. Kaulbar's hard-pressed forces, who were fighting off Gen. Nogi's flanking legions, west and northwest of the city. At the same time the remainder of Gen. Linevitch's army fell back to the north bank of the Hun River, where it checked temporarily, the pursuing columns of Gen. Kuroki, who hemmed him in west, south and

All day yesterday and last night, wounded, munitions, baggage and stores, streamed northward. railroad and the mandarin road were almost blocked at the last moment, netwithstanding the fact that an immense amount of stores, etc., was removed last week. The Russo-Chinese bank removed to Tie Pass on Sunday.

#### Closing the Iron Ring.

Gen. Nogi, according to the latest his headquarters, and Tie Pass, thus authentic Russian reports, has already accounting for the seeming conflict in reached a point opposite the station of Souhatai halfway between Mukden burg regarding the severance of the and Tie Pass, but it is believed that his left is swinging still further north, for a blow at the line of communications, which would realize Field Marshal Oyama's plan for closing the

The Tokio report, that the railroad is actually cut, is not confirmed here, the telegraph office, on the contrary, de-Mukden and Tie Pass. Details are not claring that communication with Gen. Kuropatkin is still open. The losses already exceed those of any battle of the war.

The fanaticism displayed by the Japanese is shown in an instance mentioned by a Russian correspondent, who describes how a captured Japanese broke away from his captors and threw himself headforemost into a Chinese

While the defeat of Kuropatkin has revived the talk of peace, it is too early yet to measure its full effect. If Kuropatkin succeeds in drawing off his army, no matter how badly shattered, the war office insists that the situation will be unchanged.

St. Petersburg, March 9. - The old argument that Kuropatkin, with his ous, and they drove the Russians from forcements, while the Japanese will army still intact, will again await reincommunications, is being made. In diplomatic circles, unless Oyama has crushed the Russian army, little hope is held out that the imperial resolution to continue the war, will be altered. Much, it is agreed, will depend upon the international developments which follow when the full magnitude of the reverse is known.

Naturally, the city is full of rumors, most persistent of which is that the Russian west front, which practi-cally extends north and south to protect the line of retreat, has been broken and that the bulk of the Russian army has been forced eastward in the direction of Fushun. Should this prove to be true, Gen. Bilderling's part of Gen. trapped.

# May Seize Chinese Road,

Tien Tsin, March 9, 2 p.m. - The Japanese have requested the transportation of 450 tons of rice to Sinmintin. Unless the request is complied with the threaten to seize the railyet at hand, but it is understood, that road. It is believed to be a test case. coal to Sinmintin by the Russians was impartiality. Today again seized the telegraph office at

Mukden, March 9., 2:30 a.m. - The panese yeserday attacked the village of Pudiasa, northwest of the imperial tombs, and a stubborn fight followed, but the Russian advance guard was to protect the welfare of the inhabitobliged to abandon the village. During though if Field Marshal Oyama has the North Sea claims. the night the Japanese attacked the village of Santaitse, north of the imperial tombs. The fight continues as this dispatch is filed.

The Japanese outposts have reached Hirantchan, on the south front, and a heavy cannonade is in progress there. Jibutil

Tokio, March 9.—The Japanese Government has decided to bring 2,500 incapacitated and wounded soldiers home from Port Arthur, via Che Foo.

St. Petersburg, Thursday, March 9.shal Oyama once more has proved him self one of the greatest masters of of-fensive strategy since Napoleon, while Gen. Kuropatkin is now engaged in been defeated, there has been no disas- sition long ago was prepared with this will stave off a crushing defeat and ter. The peril of the whole army, especially of the rear guard, is admitted, and Mukaen may have been evactised, and more difficult than the one

# Railway Dept. for McGill; Ask Intercolonial Help

Dean Bovey, of Montreal, were here yesterday, seeing the Minister of Railways with a view of getting assistance to establish a railway department in ised to contribute.

Included the fine the continual to assist, and not the Government as a government. The other principal railways of the Dominion have promised to contribute.

West and northwest of Mukden, whither they have transferred a large share of forces from the southern front to reinforce the original striking force of Gen. Nogi. The Russians still hold to continued on page 3.

connection with McGill University. The beating off attacks of pursuing Japan-Ottawa, March 9. - Sir Thomas delegation asked the railway depart-Shaughnessy, Principal Peterson and ment, as the owner of the Intercolonial west and northwest of Mukden, whither Alberta.

# tillerymen here express a fair degree of confidence in Gen. Kuropatkin's ability once more to extricate his army and avoid a Russian Sedan. Besides dition of the Japanese soldiers, who, while they are conceded to be the greatest marchers in the world,

are well-nigh exhausted by

strenuous endeavors of the last fort-

Only to the initiated is the news of the reverse positively known at this time. Emperor Nicholas and high military officers, of course formed by General Kuropatkin's telegram of Tuesday, stating tersely that Mukden must be abandoned, and they received details of the beginning of the withdrawals as they appeared in excised portions of the official dispatches given out yesterday. Last evening a newspaper contained a vague report, of doubtful origin, credited to Chinese sources, but the first positive statement was derived from the Associated Press dispatch from General Kuroki's headquarters, the contents of which were quickly telegraphed to many Liberals from friends abroad. The report probably will not be printed in this morning's papers, the Government, true to its policy of breaking bad news gently, only preparing the way by authorizing the publication of number of premonitory telegrams. The news, however, is only what was expected, ultimate retirement having been discounted from the moment that Oyama inaugurated his brilliant move westward. From information in the possession of the Association Press it is known that General Kuropatkin contemplated retirement before the beginning of the battle, and that he had hoped to accomplish it without a serious combat. The Japanese, however, forced him to accept battle. The double turning movement compelled him to send the major part of his reserves to the fighting line, and rendered an effective counter stroke out of the question, and the decision to retire was immediately taken on March 6, as was stated by the Associated Press on that day. Withdrawal was actually begun during that night. The great question now, and the one over which the general staff burned its lights late into the night is whether Field Marshal Oyama has entangled the Russians in his strategic net sufficiently to prevent a successful retreat to Tie Pass. General Rennenkampff's force to the eastward admittedly is in great danger of being cut off, and considerable force of Japanese appear to be operating on \' the Russian right well toward. Tie Pass. If the Japanese succeed in reaching the railroad and interrupting General Kuropatkin, who is now engaged in a literal race with the Japanhe has stood off all attacks directly the death of his wife, against the flanks of his army, and holds the way of retreat open. He undoubtedly was forced to abandon a number of siege guns on his Shakhe no definite line of action was taken. A position; but if he succeeds in turn-ing over the army intact, with the principal portion of its artillery train sidered. to his successor, the Russian case will be by no means desperate, for Oyama will again have missed his quarry, and comparatively barren victory will have been purchased at enormous cost of life. All reports indicate that the Japanese were utterly reckless of sacrifices, making attack after attack, especially on the center and westward. against machine guns and infantry fire

# Kuropatkin To Be Recalled.

which literally mowed down the ad-

so cheap that the survivors could

bastion themselves behind piles

After this action, General Kuropatkin's deposition may be regarded as certain. War Minister Sakharoff is as his probable successor. though Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholaevitch or a board of strategists may be intrusted with the direction of affairs. A high military official said last night that the Emperor had had enough of a general whose interpretation of victory was a successful re-treat; that Fabian tactics are well enough in their way, but that Kuropatkin went beyond those of Fabius favorable opportunities for counter! strokes.

The news of the retreat on Tie Pass bound to revive talk of peace, failed to crush General Kuropatkin, peace is no more imperative now than it was last month. Peace advocates point out as a significant fact the departure of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron from Madagascar for of the battle of Mukden, and intimates that perhaps the recall of the fleet may have been adopted in view of the latter event. The movement on the other hand may be in pursuance

# May Help in Retreat.

London, March 9.-The Times' St. Petersburg correspondent says that Gen. Kuropatkin received consider able reinforcements a few days ago and that it is hoped these fresh troops enable him to retreat in good order, and remove guns and stores

# Retired in Good Order.

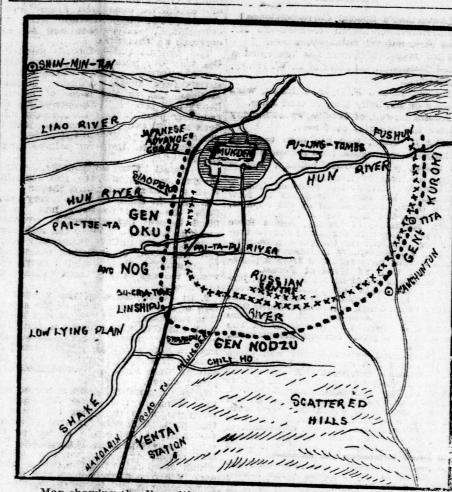
Mukden, March 9, 5 a.m.-The Russian army is leaving positions south and southeast of Mukden. The sky is lighted with the brilliant glare of burning warehouses, where tons of The sign — indicates below zero. burning warehouses, where tons of commissary supplies have been given to the flames. The retirement is being effected in perfect order, the Russians ese. The withdrawal was necessitated by a heavy concentration of Japanese,

# Japs Win Race to Pass; Russians May Surrender

New Chwang, March 9, via Tien Tsin.-It is reported that Tie Pass has been invested by the Japanese, and KENNEDY, WHO WAS YESTERDAY SENTENCED TO that General Kuropatkin, having no alternative, will probably be forced to surrender within a week.

The Russians have not been reinforced from the direction of Harbin in a mountainous region far from the railroad. Nevertheless, Russian aracting in conjunction with Gen. Oku's army, surrounded 80,000 Russians in the direction of Tie Pass and cut off their supplies.

The hurrying Japanese armies passed a division of Russians without giving it any attention until the enveloping movement was completed, when they crushingly attacked the Russians on all side.



Map showing the disposition of Kuropatkin's and Oyama's armies o Tuesday. According to latest dispatches, the Russian commander has compelled to withdraw his center, and is in full retreat towards Mukden and Tie Ling Pass, with the Japanese in close pursuit and pressing him on

## CONSERVATIVE CAUCUS

# Talked School Clause.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, March 9. - There was a Conservative caucus here today, Mr. traffic, if only for a few hours, it may Lake presiding. Resolutions of conconsequences for dolence and sympathy with Mrs. E. F. Clarke, widow of E. F. Clarke, M. P., ese to reach a naturally defensible was passed, and another with Martin, position 40 miles northward. Thus far M. P., of Prince Edward Island, upon

There was some discussion on the school clause of the autonomy bill, but | ing nearly \$3,000,000.

# Irving Drove Out.

# vancing columns, making human flesh RUSSIA SETTLES WITH BRITAIN

# downe to Close North Sea Claims.

London, March 9. - Count Benkenand neglected to take account of dorff, the Russian ambassador to Great Britain, today paid \$325,000 to Foreign

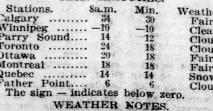
# THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow-Unsettled. squadron from Madagascar for simultaneously with the less battle of Mukden, and intithat perhaps the recall of the lay have been adopted in view latter event. The movement on her hand may be in pursuance lan for a junction between Roof a plan for a junction between Rojestvensky and the reinforcing squadron preparatory to giving battle to Admiral Togo's fleet.

Admiral Togo's fleet. another one is situated over Louisiana.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Victoria, 44-64; Calgary, 32-54; Qu'Appelle, 20-44; Winnipeg, 2-16; Port Arthur, 8-16; Parry Sound, 18-32; Toronto, 25-34; Ottawa, 18-32; Montreal, 18-30; Quebec, 12-30; St. John, 28-38; Halifax, 12-40.

> Thursday, March 9—\$ a.m.
> Today—Unsettled; snow or sleet this
> evening and during the night.
> Friday—Still unsettled. TEMPERATURES.



Very disturbed conditions prevail this morning, marked depressions covering the upper lake region and the Mississippi Valley. Much colder weather prevails in Manitoba, and continued very mild in

# ANGLESEY DYING

#### P. ssed Resolutions of Sympathy and The Eccentric Marquis Is a Victim of Consumption.

New York, March 9. - The Marquis can dispatch from Monte Carlo, is dying there from consumption. His condition took a sudden turn for the worse on Wednesday, and it was reported that he could live but a short time. The marquis, who was born in 1875, attracted much attention after succeeding to his title, through his lavish expenditures on jewels and theatricals. Not long ago he was thrown into bankruptcy, with liabilities aggregat-

# United States Navy Recruits.

Detroit, Mich., March 9 .- Since the naval office opened here on Feb. 20, there have been many applications Wolverhampton, March 9 .- Sir Henry from Canadians who wished to enlist Wolverhampton. March 9.—Sir Henry Irom Canadians who wished to enlist Irom Ganadians who wished to enlist in the United States navy, not only in the mayor and a municipal delegation visited Sir Henry at his hotel and presented him with an address engrossed on vellum, on an ebony roll, and inclosed in an oxidized and enameled solid silver they are not citizens of the United States.

# BANDITS BEHEAD RUSSIAN SPIES

# as Chinese, Executed at Siomintin, Manchuria.

New Chwang, March 8,-Noon.-Via Tien Tsin.-With the Japanese flags flying, a band of Chinese bandits today beheaded two young Russians, Secretary Lansdowne in settlement of who were alleged to be spies, at Sinevidently an officer, but he was wearing a Chinese overcoat. He knelt without a murmur, while his companion watched the death stroke. The second captive was clothed in Chinese clothing throughout. He whimpered and struggled fiercely. He was thrown The chief of the bandits was a mild-

ese sword. He watched the executions cent trouble. "They are spies," he said, "and we should kill them. Besides it is difficult to transport them." On last Monday night the bandits surprised a small body of Russian the two that were beheaded. The bandits suffered a slight loss.

Today the whole band, consisting of 200 cavalry and 100 infantry formed a great circle on the outskirts of Sintheir gaily trapped and shaggy ponies The men were armed to the teeth with long rifles and Mauser pistols. infantry was mostly turbaned, but many wore Russian caps. The Russian captives were brought to the center of the circle with a flourish of trumpets. They were stripped and their arms bound together behind their bodies. They were then turned over to a 6-foot executioner sword, afterward wiping the blade on the clothing of the dead men.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at \$ p.m. Wednesday were: Highest, 34°; lowest, 24° above.

When the executions were finished the corpses were left lying on the sun-lit road. Bugles were sounded and the bandit cavalry swung into their saddles, while the infantry fell into line and departed from the scene of execution. When the executions were finished

# **ASSAULTER**

# LIFE IMPRISONMENT, HANGS HIMSELF.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Brantford, Ont., March 9. - Joseph Kennedy, who was last night found and sentenced to life imprisonment, with 75 lashes, committed suicide in the jail during the night by hanging himself with a sheet.

Kennedy was watched all night by the jailer. This morning between 7 and 8 o'clock his watcher went to get his procured a sheet and hanged himself to the bars of his cell. The jailer was gone but a short time, but when he returned Kennedy's life was gone.

Kennedy was a year ago acquitted of he murder of 9-year-old Irene Cole, but was yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment and to receive 75 lashes by Justice Teetzel, for having carnal knowledge of the child.

All the evidence was in early in the evening, little that was fresher than the evidence produced at the first trial being aduced. Given the privilege of making a

statement to the court, Kennedy said: "I think I have been unfairly tried. There have been certain witnesses against me who have sworn to lies." The address of the crown counsel, W. S. Brewster, K. C., lasted about an hour, and Mr. Justice Teetzel briefly offense against society.

reviewed the evidence, giving the jury the usual cautions. The jury came to a verdict in a little guilty of criminal assault on Irene Cole box with that same appearance of un-Kennedy walked to the prisoner's concern as has characterized all his In pronouncing sentence the justice



JOSEPH KENNEDY, Sentenced for Life Yesterday for Assaulting Irene Cole, and Who Committed Suicide This Morning at Brantford.

remarked that he was thoroughly in accord with the verdict of the jury, and in his opinion the maximum penalty was none too strong for such an

## WANT TRADING SUB-COMMITTEE STAMPS ABOLISHED PREPARES CLAUSE

# Points Wait Upon the Government.

[Special to The Advertiser.] criminal code be amended so as to Clifford Sifton was at today's meetprevent the sale and use of trading ing. stamps. The delegation met the Premier and Messrs. Mulock, Fisher, Brodeur, Fitzpatrick, Hyman and Fielding in the railway committee room of the House of Commons. Mr. Gervais, M. P., introduced the delega-

He said trading stamp business was a nuisance and should be suppressed. jury, which sat at Plainfield yesterday He said resolutions had been passed to inquire into the cause of the death against it by Victoria, B. C., Brandon, of Mrs. Adam Lloyd, after hearing Winnipeg, Halifax and St. John, in some twenty witnesses and the result addition to others represented. The of the post-mortem examination, re-Dominion Retail Association had turned the following verdict:

# THE NEW YORK STRIKE

Trains Being Operated Fairly Well on the side of her head. As to the and Few Disturbances.

New York, March 9.-With the opening of the third day in the Interborough trainmen's strike, there appeared to be marked improvement in Hands Over \$325,000 to Lans- Two Young Officers, Disguised Otherwise, little change was noted. the operation of trains in the subway. Traffic on the east side elevated lines during the early hours was almost at

On the surface lines the same crowding that has prevailed morning and night since Monday was in evidence. during the night and were limited to had been in poor health for some mintin. The first one executed was tempt on the part of the strikers to vital in the company's operations.

# The Hill Case.

St. Thomas, March 9. - George Hill, the aged father of J. B. Hill, the incothing throughout. He whimpered for a moment, but regained his nerve trial on criminal charges, died at his and killed, while long trumpets fan- He was 71 years of age, and came to residence on East street this morning. this city from Michigan. Mr. Hill's mannered old man, wearing a Japan- by worry brought on by his son's redeath is supposed to have been caused

Beresford Coming Over. Southampton, England, March 8. Vice-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford sailed on the North German Lloyd scouts and killed 22, beside capturing steamer Kron Prinz Wilhelm from Southampton tonight for New York, on his way to Mexico. Thence he

# Large Deputation From All Satisfactory Solution of School ton Was Present.

Ottawa, March 9. - There was a Ottawa, March 8 .- A delegation of meeting of a sub-committee of the bout 500 persons from Montreal, Que- cabinet, appointed to prepare a school bec, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Lon- clause of the autonomy bill, this foreof Anglesey, according to an Ameridon and other points waited on the noon. It is said that a satisfactory Government today and asked that the clause will be prepared today. Hon.

# A BELLEVILLE MYSTERY

Jury Unable to Account for Wound That Killed Woman.

Belleville, March 9. - The coroner's passed strong a resolution against it. the deceased Hannah Lloyd did not come to her death through natural causes or by or through any suicidal acts or intention of her own. death was due to the shock caused by the burning, aggravated by the wound direct cause of the fire or by what means she received the wound on the head, we are unable to say, from the evidence produced."

# A. O. HOWLAND DEAD

Another Ex-Mayor of Toronto Has Passed Away.

Toronto, March 9. - Oliver A. Howland, K.C., C.M.G., ex-mayor of Toronto, died at 1:30 o'clock this morning at his residence, 55 Isabella street Only isolated disturbances occurred after a lingering illness. Mr. Howland fistic encounters on elevated time, suffering from Bright's disease. trains. Guards are maintained about Shortly after Christmas he was taken suddenly ill and was removed to the reach the engineers and firemen so General Hospital, but he recovered sufficiently to be taken to his home about three weeks later. He had a relapse about two weeks ago and never regained consciousness.

# Wouldn't Leave Parsonage.

Lexington, Ky., March 9.—Macajah Brook, 80 years old, blew out his brains because the trustees of the Baptist Church at East-Hickman, near here, had notified him that he would have to sur-render the parsonage building to a new preacher. Brook had been living in the parsonage for a number of years.

# Scoffed at Osler.

Centerville, Mich., March 8.-"I never felt better in my life, even if I am 72 years old," said William H. Smith, of this village, yesterday, while discussing the Osler "chloroforming-at-60" theory. the Osler "chloroforming-at-60" theory.

A few hours later while splitting wood,
he sank to the ground, dead of heart

# great circle on the outskirts of Sinmintin. The bronzed and stern-featured Chinese dismounted and held Arnold=Forster to Quit Is Rumor From London

Balfour Experiencing Difficulty declined the post of Chief Secretary in Filling Cabinet

for Ireland, and that fresh trouble has arisen in the war office, which it is Vacancies. not unlikely will involve the resignation of Secretary Arnold-Forster. Gossip in the lobby of the House of Com-London, March 9 .- It again is re- mons is to the effect that Anthony ported that Premier Balfour is experi- P. MacDonnell, Under Secretary to the encing difficulty in filling the vacancies Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, will be in the cabinet. It is rumored that appointed to an important post out-Waiter Hume Leng and others have side of Ireland.