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PORT ARTHUR CUT OFF FROM RUSSIAN BASE; JAPS HAVE LANDED CLOSE TO FORTRESS

Mikado's Soldiers Hold Railroad—Isolation Complete.

ALEXIEFF AND BORIS ESCAPE

Kuropatkin May Be Caught Between Two Armies—Port Arthur Must Fight Battles Unaided.

Tokio, Friday, May 6, 12 noon — It is officially announced that a Japanese force began landing on the Liao Tung Peninsula yesterday (Thursday).

The place where the landing is occurring and the number of men being landed is withheld.

[Pitsewo is situated on the east coast of the Liao Tung Peninsula, and about 75 miles northeast of Port Arthur. It is near the narrowest part of the peninsula, along which passes the railroad connecting Port Arthur with Mukden and Harbin. Kin Chou Bay, where the Japanese transports are also reported to have been sighted, is on the west coast of the Liao Tung Peninsula and not far from Pitsewo.]

PORT ARTHUR CUT OFF.

London, May 6. — A dispatch to the Central News from St. Petersburg today says the Japanese landed at Port Adams on the west coast of the Liao Tung Peninsula, as well as at Pitsewo.

Port Adams is situated about 50 miles from Port Arthur, at the head of Society Bay, and on the railroad conecting Port Arthur with Mukden and Harbin. Consequently it may be inferred that if the report of a Japanese landing there is correct, communication with Port Arthur has been cut off. Pitsewo, on the east coast, where the Japanese have landed, is less than 20 miles from Port Adams.

LANDING CONFIRMED.

St. Petersburg, May 6. — 12:48 p.m. — The landing of the Japanese at Pitsewo, northeast of Port Arthur, is officially confirmed. It is expected that the railroad connecting Port Arthur with Mukden and Harbin will soon be cut.

The departure of Viceroy Alexieff and Grand Duke Boris from Port Arthur was hurried owing to the possibility of the interruption of railroad communication.

The Japanese landed in sufficient force to discourage the few hundred Russians watching at Pitsewo from offering any resistance.

Paris, May 6. — A dispatch to the Havas Agency from St. Petersburg says the Japanese troops who landed at Pitsewo yesterday have cut the land communications with Port Arthur.

New Chwang, May 6. — It is reported here that the Japanese troops landed yesterday at Pitsewo on the Liao Tung Peninsula, number 10,000 men.

Port Arthur, according to reliable information, is well supplied with provisions.

30,000 to Land.

St. Petersburg, May 6. 5:10 p.m. — The details of the Japanese landing at Pitsewo have just been received by the general staff. From information brought to Port Arthur by the Chinese, 600 transports are disembarking two divisions, numbering together 30,000 men, of which 10,000 were landed yesterday evening.

No news has been received up to this hour of any other landing. Strict orders have been given to Rear-Admiral Wittsoeft not to take out his warships from Port Arthur.

SHELLED THE RUSSIANS

Jap Admiral Tells How the Troops Were Landed.

Tokio, May 6.—Noon.—The report of Admiral Hosoya, received today, gives details of the landing of Japanese troops on the Liao Tung Peninsula, suppressing the location of the landing place. He says: "Our seventh division, with torpedo boats and the Hong Kong Maru and Nippon Maru, arrived from the advance base off the Liao Tung Peninsula at 5:30, May 5. Discovering a number of the enemy's patrols, we bombarded them for a short time and then a landing party of sailors, Captain Nomoto leading, was ordered ashore. It being low tide it was impossible to use boats and the sailors plunged into water, waded breast deep for about 1,000 yards and reached the beach at 7:20 p.m. Immediately advancing they took possession of a range of hills without firing a shot and planted our flag on the hills.

"The gunboats Amagi, Oshima and Chiokai were employed to distract the enemy's attention They discovered a hundred of the enemy and shelled them, killing several.

"The first fleet of transports, on seeing our flag displayed on an eminence, began landing troops at 8 p.m. The troops who were forced to wade ashore were in high spirits.

"In order to facilitate the further landing of troops piers are being erected. Our division is assisting in the work."

The report of Admiral Kataoka, commander of the third squadron, gives additional details of the landing. The admiral reports that his squadron conveyed the first batch of the second army to the Liao Tung base, and adds that the Kaga Maru grounded near the base at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She was assisted by the protected cruiser Akitsushima, which succeeded in floating the transport, which reached her destination safely at 5 o'clock the same evening.

The Garrison Reduced.

Rome, May 6. — According to a telegram received here from Che Foo, the garrison at Port Arthur has been reduced to 4,000 men and all the important documents, money and field guns have been removed to Mukden.

Where Is Kuroki?

St. Petersburg, May 6. — No direct information has been received here as to whether Gen. Kuroki's army has advanced from its position on the Yalu River, but it is known that the Japanese are reconnoitering south of Feng Wang Cheng, and along the littoral, and a landing near Taku Shan, in order that the enemy might establish himself on the right flank of the Russians, is considered probable. A sharp lookout is being kept northeast of Feng Wang Cheng to prevent the

GEN. KUROKI.
Who Led the Victorious Japs at the Yalu River.

possibility of a flanking movement from that direction, but it is understood that no signs of the enemy have been discovered. Gen. Kuropatkin's plans are being carefully guarded. The general staff insists that hardly more than 7,000 Russians were actually engaged in the battle at the Yalu, while the enemy had five times that number, and there was an almost similar disparity in the number of the Russian guns.

It is reported that Gen. Kuropatkin has asked the Emperor to dismiss Lieut.-General Zassalitch for disobedience of orders. Such action would not be surprising.

Among the many rumors afloat which are not confirmable, is one that the Emperor intends to proclaim the mobilization of the entire Russian army on the occasion of the grand review at St. Petersburg, May 11, and at the same time bid farewell to the famous Semenovsky Foot Guards, who have been selected to go to the front.

The late Vice-Admiral Makaroff's daughter has been appointed maid of honor to the Empress.

The Investment Begun.

Washington, May 6. — The state department has received a cablegram from United States Minister Griscom at Tokio, confirming the press report of the landing of the Japanese in the Liao Tung Peninsula, about 40 miles above Port Arthur. The location given in the Japanese dispatch is Kinchau. This is the narrowest point on the peninsula, and consequently, the minister says, the railroad is practically closed and the investment or Port Arthur has begun.

DEFENSE AT PT. ARTHUR.

St. Petersburg, Friday, May 6—3:30 a.m. — With Vice-Admiral Togo hovering in the immediate vicinity of Port Arthur, and transports loaded with troops lying at Pitsewo, northeast of that stronghold, Russia has braced herself for impending conflicts with the foe, when she will again play a defensive role, this time, it is hoped, with better success, and therefore with less sacrifice of life than in the engagements on the Yalu. The war commission sat until 2 o'clock this morning, and at the close of the session it was announced that there was nothing to communicate to the public. It is known, however, that the Emperor has been informed of the presence of the Japanese fleet off the Liao Shan promontory and the appearance of transports at Pitsewo. The fact that the two events occurred simultaneously may have significance. If a landing should take place at Pitsewo the experts anticipate that Togo's battleship squadron will bombard Port Arthur in order to prevent the garrison from sending reinforcements by railway to the troops opposing the Japanese there. Neither the admiralty nor the war office believes that a disembarkation of the Japanese can be stopped, as the guns of the Japanese cruisers could command the point of landing, but after the Japanese are ashore then the Russians will strike, and officers here say, will strike hard. What force they will be able to bring up to resist the invaders cannot be stated definitely, the strength of the army on the peninsula of Liao Tung having been kept a strict secret. It is expected that the railroad will play an important part in the efforts of the Russians to push the Japanese into the sea, as it will permit the rapid transportation of troops. The general staff has not forgotten that Japanese ships were sighted on May 3 off Kalping and Siniuchen, on the west coast of the Liao Tung peninsula, but these two points could be readily covered, if necessary, from New Chwang.

FEAR INSOLATION.

London, Friday, May 6. — Viceroy Alexieff's departure from Port Arthur is interpreted here to mean that the place is in imminent danger of isolation and the Japanese preparations for landing are considered as confirming the belief that Port Arthur has been sealed up — probably by two of the sunken ships which Russia "failed to locate." In this connection, attention is drawn to the discrepancy between the Russian and Japanese accounts of the attempt to bottle up the port, the former stating that it occurred about 3 o'clock in the morning, while the latter said it took place in the afternoon. It is suggested that there may have been two separate attempts, each time with ten ships. It will be remembered that it has been previously asserted that Japan prepared twenty vessels for this purpose, and if this explanation is correct, the Russian accounts referring only to the early morning affair, may be justified in asserting that it was unsuccessful. It is supposed that the Japanese will make a supreme effort to cut off Port Arthur before the arrival of Vice-Admoral Skrydloff.

KUROPATKIN'S PROBLEM.

St. Petersburg, May 6. — An important advantage would accrue to the Japanese should they succeed in establishing themselves at Pistewo. From there radiate roads connecting with the railway at Yang Ti Tien, directly west to south, with Chelipon and Kinchow stations on the railroad nearer Port Arthur, north of Kaiping, and northeast through Takushan and Feng Wang Cheng. A landing at this moment would make it difficult for Gen. Kuropatkin to concentrate a formidable force against Gen. Kuroki, whose forward movement is not yet reported. Furthermore, once the Japanese are across the railroad, Port Arthur will be as good as besieged. A member of the general staff says that Gen. Kuropatkin is well aware of these conditions. Even if the Japanese should succeed in cutting the railroad Port Arthur is now ready to depend on its own resources.

The absence of press dispatches telling of the fight on the Yalu is partially explained by the heavy mortality among the correspondents. Three of the Novosti's correspondents are missing, and it is believed they were killed, while the Russ lost one of its correspondents. The other journals are wiring to ascertain if their representatives are alive.

RUSS LOSSES INCREASED.

Tokio, May 5, 8 p.m. — A telegram has been received here from General Kuroki, dated May 3, in which he reports that a careful search of the battlefield of last Sunday revealed 200 additional wounded and dead Russians. He expects that a complete search of the field will result in increasing this number.

The Jap Loan.

New York, May 6. — Kuhn, Loeb & Co. announce that the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and Parr's Bank, Limited, of London, have purchased from the Imperial Japanese Government £10,000,000 seven-year six per cent treasury notes redeemable after three years at the option of the Government, and secured by an exclusive first lien on the customs. Kuhn, Loeb & Co. have agreed to join, and a small public issue will be made shortly in London and New York. It is understood from outside sources that Kuhn, Loeb & Co. take half of the notes and will form a syndicate which will purchase them.

Adelbert in Far East.

Berlin, May 6.—Prince Adelbert, the third son of the Kaiser, who is serving with the squadron on the China station, is about to go to Korea on the cruiser Hertha. The Hertha will convey him and a party of officers to Chemulpo, whence he and the officers will proceed to Seoul and visit the Korean court. He will then go to Tong Hu, and thence to Pekin, where audience of the Dowager Empress and Emperor has been arranged.

New Telegraphic Apparatus.

London, May 6. — The Times has the following from Paris: A St. Petersburg dispatch says: A new telegraphic apparatus permitting direct communication between the Russian capital and Paris and London will be tested next week. Hitherto St. Petersburg telegrams for Paris have gone by way of Berlin or by cable via Libau, Bornholm and Calais. The new transmitters are of Danish make.

Corean Roads Still Bad.

London, May 6. — The Times has the following from Berlin: A telegram from Tokio, after giving details of the second Japanese army, which it says is not completely mobilized, states that the roads in Korea are still in a very bad condition, and that, moreover, the Japanese do not desire to assume the offensive on a great scale until there are enough Russian troops in Southern Manchuria worth fighting. The Japanese were afraid the enemy might withdraw northwards without risking a battle. The telegram also says the Japanese navy sustained serious damage in some recent encounters with the Russians near Port Arthur, and several large ships were recently docked at Sasebo.

BOUGHT CANADA EASTERN

Dominion Government Purchases the Road For $800,000.

Ottawa, Ont., May 6. — It is officially confirmed today that the Dominion Government has bought the Canada Eastern Road in New Brunswick for $800,000.

The road connects with the I. C. R. and runs through York County.

THE TRENT CANAL

The Section Between Lakefield and Peterboro To Be Opened.

Ottawa, May 6. — It has been determined to open to navigation that section of the Trent Valley Canal between Lakefield and Peterboro' about June 1st, as it is expected that the new hydraulic lift lock near Peterboro will be ready to operate about the same time. The completion of the Lakefield-Peterboro link of the Trent Valley system will afford continuous navigation from Balsam Lake to Hastings. Hon. Mr. Emmerson intends to make the opening of the magnificent new lift lock an event of considerable ceremony, and intends to go up from here accompanied by a large party of members. The arrangements are now being made.

EIGHT FIRMS TENDER

Cost of Erecting New Sheds at Montreal Will Be About $3,000,000.

Montreal, May 6. — Eight Canadian and American firms have tendered for the construction of the permanent steel sheds, which are to be built on the different wharves. These tenders are now in the hands of the secretary of the harbor commission, and will probably be considered at the meeting of the board on Monday next. The firms have each put up guarantee deposits of $50,000.

Neither the fortunate tenderer, nor the price will be known till next week. It is believed that the tendering will be close, and that the price will not be above $3,250,000 or below $3,000,000.

M. C. R. Earnings.

Detroit, Mich., May 6. — The total earnings of the M. C. R., for the past year, were $22,552,201, an increase of over three and a half million dollars. There was a net revenue, after paying the Canada Southern its proportion of net income, and the other operating expenses of $21,189,340.

THE WAR NEWS.

The Japs have landed from 10,000 to 30,000 men close to Port Arthur on the Liao Tung Peninsula, and it is now believed the fortress is completely cut off from the Russian base. The Japanese hold all the approaches by both land and sea. Alexieff and Grand Duke Boris are said to have escaped from the city, going north.

A later dispatch from General Kuroki says that in Sunday's battle a Russian division mistook some of their own men for Japanese, 110 being killed in the ensuing fight.

Nothing is known of the whereabouts of the Vladivostock squadron.

There are no further reports from Port Arthur, but the Japs would hardly risk transporting troops if the Czar's ships are not rendered helpless.

Kuropatkin is supposed to be at Feng Wang Cheng, but there is no clue as to the movements of the pursuing Japs, the Japanese censorship being as rigid as ever.

COMMISSIONER ON FISCAL PROBLEM

Hodgson Submits Plan Which Meets With Favor.

SLUMP IN BRITISH BIRTH RATE

Colonies Fail to Make Good Falling Off in England, Which Will Equal France's.

London, May 5.—Mr. Hodgson, the Dominion live stock commissioner, was today at the produce exchange, Liverpool. The president of the exchange, in introducing Mr. Hodgson, wished him to convey to the Montreal board of trade, the railway companies and the people of Canada generally, their sincere thanks for the magnificent and unique hospitality extended to the delegates at the congress in Montreal.

Mr. Price Jones also referred to the hospitality manifested, and remarked that Canadians had shown them how to make butter and cheese second to none.

Mr. Hodgson strongly urged the appointment of a royal commission to thoroughly thresh out the fiscal question. In Canada there was no political aspect to this question, and no knowledge of what the Chamberlain policy consisted of; consequently Canada could not have indorsed what was called Chamberlain's plan.

At the convocation at York, Bishop Ripon presented the report of the committee of bishops appointed in February last to consider the decrease in the birth rate. Statistics showed that in sixteen years England would be level with France. It was hoped the colonies would make up the deficiencies at home, but the colonial births in 1871 and 1901 were: Canada, 14.63 per 1,000 and 13.06; New South Wales, 16.30 and 11.75; New Zealand, 18.18 and 11.24. It was decided to await the report of the Government's departmental committee.

The Liverpool Daily Post comments on Commissioner Hodgson's speech thus: "Let there be a royal commission on the fiscal matter, upon which will be representatives of Canada and the other British possessions, and let there be a fair and square investigation. It is an infinitely more statesmanlike proposal than any Chamberlain has proposed, or any that his tariff commission is likely to evolve."

Sir West Ridgeway, protesting against the additional tax on Indian and Ceylon tea, at a mass meeting in London, asked: "Is any man bold enough to say that if the tea industry was a staple industry of Canada or Australia it would be taxed?"

A very large number were present at the monthly luncheon of the Canadian Society at Holborne Restaurant today. Mr. H. G. McMicken presided. Mr. Medland, of Medland & Jones, Toronto, gave a graphic description of the Toronto fire. Hamar Greenwood also entertained the company in his usual happy style. The annual election took place today, the new president being T. R. Clougher; first vice-president, Dr. Donald Baynes; second vice-president, R. V. Somerville; treasurer, E. F. Doutre; secretary, J. M. McKim. Mr. Mossman, the retiring secretary, is returning to Canada, which is regretted by the members of the society.

Fire at Tweed.

Tweed, Ont., May 6.—Fire broke out in the hub factory here about 1 o'clock this morning, totally destroying the buildings and contents. The factory was owned by John Finlay & Son, of Norwood. Loss about $5,000. No insurance.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

TOMORROW—MOSTLY FAIR AND WARM.

London, Friday, May 6.

Sun rises..5:03 a.m. Moon rises..12:37 a.m.
Sun sets...7:27 p.m. Moon sets...10:55 a.m.

Toronto, May 5—8 p.m.

Showers have occurred today in Saskatchewan and over Manitoba. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been very fine.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 34—50; Victoria, 44—48; Calgary, 26—54; Qu'Appelle, 42—54; Winnipeg, 56—68; Port Arthur, 36—52; Sault Ste. Marie, 40—78; Toronto, 48—74; Ottawa, 50—70; Montreal, 54—68; Quebec, 54—62; St. John, 42—72; Halifax, 48—78.

FORECASTS.

Friday, May 6—8 a.m.

Today—Moderate east to south winds; fine and warm.

Saturday—A few local showers or thunderstorms, but mostly fair and warm.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	38	36	Fair
Winnipeg	46	40	Clear
Parry Sound	58	44	Clear
Toronto	56	52	Clear
Ottawa	52	44	Clear
Montreal	50	42	Clear
Quebec	46	36	Fair
Father Point	38	26	Clear

WEATHER NOTES.

Scattered showers have occurred in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and the Lake Superior districts. Elsewhere the weather continues very fine.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Thursday were: Highest, 77.5°; lowest, 42°.

THE MAY STRIKES

The Troubles at Montreal Still Remain Unsolved.

Montreal, May 6.—The various strikes inaugurated on May Day are still in full swing. Both sides appear to be standing firm, and the outlook for an immediate settlement of the difficulty, unless conciliatory methods are adopted, does not seem to be very bright.

Trouble which has been brewing since Monday in the establishment of the Consumers' Cordage Company, Point St. Charles, culminated yesterday when about 250 employes went on strike. The officials of the company when seen said that their business would not suffer to any great extent.

SPROULE LOST HIS TEMPER

Another Row in Committee Over the Peace River District.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Ont., May 6. — There was another row at the agricultural committee today over the Macoun evidence on aht Peace River district. Mr. Henderson (Halton) protested against its going on, as people were taking more interest in the squabbles of the committee than in the Grand Trunk Pacific. Mr. Oliver blamed Dr. Sproule for taking up too much time, and the doctor replied angrily that it was not so, and added that Mr. Oliver could not choke down his throat a statement of that kind.

A COOKED-UP LOTTERY

Revelations in Inquire Into Montreal Company's Business.

Montreal, May 6.—The men arrested on Saturday by Chief Carpenter and his staff on a charge of selling or taking part in the issue of tickets for a policy game, carried on under the name of the Argenteuil Granite Company, were brought before Judge Choquet yesterday. Telesphore Belair, secretary and manager, admitted there was no quarry in existence belonging to the company, and no books whatever were kept. There was no real system of drawing the winning tickets, the agents being permitted to draw from a committee of fifteen, who were permitted to select from day to day the numbered ticket to which was to be awarded the prize.

MERGING THEIR ROADS

President of the N. Y. C. and Lake Shore on the M. C. R. Board.

Detroit, Mich., May 6. — The tendency towards merging more closely the control of the Vanderbilt roads was exemplified at the annual meeting of the H. C. R. shareholders yesterday, when Wm. H. Newman, president of the New York Central, and of the Lake Shore, was made a director of the M. C. R. The board of directors was increased from 9 to 13, the other newly-enrolled directors being Wm. Rockefeller and James Stillman, of New York, and Frederick Swinston, of Chicago, counsel for the M. C. R. The nine directors in office were re-elected.

THE TRAINING CAMPS

London's To Open June 7, Instead of June 9.

Ottawa, May 5. — The following are the dates that have been fixed upon for opening the camps of training for the militia: London, June 7; Niagara, June 14; Kingston, June 21; Ottawa, Three Rivers, La Prairie, Levis and Sussex, N. B., June 28; Aldershot, N. S., Sept. 13. The period of training is twelve days. It will be noticed that the date of the London camp is June 7, and not June 9, as first proposed. Ottawa is to have a camp this year, which it is entitled to have, as it is now the center of a military district. The camps as agreed upon will effect a saving as compared with those of last year.

MICHIGAN FOREST FIRES

Extensive Damage Done in Upper Peninsula—Homesteads Burned.

Detroit, Mich., May 6. — A Journal special from Neguanee, Mich., says: "Extensive damage is being done throughout the Upper Peninsula by forest fires. If rain does not come in a day or two the losses will be enormous. Loggers are out day and night, trying to save the product of their winter labor. The air is smoke-laden and almost unbearable. The month of April just passed was the driest in the history of the Upper Peninsula. Many homesteaders have been burned out of their homes with loss of all their possessions.

BACK AT LONDON.

London, May 6. — King Edward, Queen Alexandra and Princess Victoria arrived in London from Ireland shortly after 6 o'clock last evening, and drove to Buckingham Palace.

SEVERAL MADE D. D'S.

Toronto, May 6. — At the convocation of McMaster University Wednesday night honorary D. D. degrees were conferred on Rev. Thos. S. Johnson, London, Ont., and Malcoim MacVicar, Richmond, Va.; Honorary LL. D. degrees were conferred on S. J. McKee, Brandon, Man., and A. L. McCrimmon, Woodstock, Ont.

Was Sheridan's Scout.

St. Paul, Minn., May 6. — Captain James A. Campbell is dead at Fort Smelling, aged 60 years. He served as a volunteer scout with General Sheridan during the Civil war, and is said to have furnished the general with information which led to the winning of the battle at Winchester. He served on General Brooke's staff during the Spanish-American war.

Fell 150 Feet.

Chicago, Ill., May 6. — From a ladder 150 feet up the side of a temporary tower at Steger, Ill., Michael Trutcius has fallen to instant death. Fifty fellow workmen in a piano factory witnessed the plunge. The tower had been erected for the use of a photographer in taking a bird's-eye view of the town. Trutcius climbed it in a spirit of bravado. His neck was broken.

Expelled From Exchange.

New York, May 6. — The expulsion of three members of the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange was announced at the opening of business today. The expelled members are W. Grant Hoage, who is said to have been connected with the firm of Longley, Hale & Co.; M. E. Halley and A. H. Page. The expulsions were made on charges that these members had engaged in irregular transactions.

RUSS SOLDIERS IN RETREAT MOWN DOWN BY COMRADES

A Detachment of Two Hundred Mistaken For Japanese and Were Almost Wiped Out.

JAP AND RUSS PATROL IN HAND-TO-HAND FIGHT

Tokio, May 6. — General Kuroki in reporting yesterday tells of a bloody encounter during the Russian retreat on Sunday last when according to information furnished by a native, a body of Russian infantry, two thousand strong, occupying a hill near Tengshang Hong, mistook for a Japanese, a detachment of their own infantry about 200 strong, retiring before the Japanese troops and fought among themselves. In the scuffle 110 were killed, and 70 wounded, and the Russian horses were stampeded, leaving their loads of stores behind. According to the story told by a captured Russian officer, who participated in the battle on Sunday last, only five or six battalions of Russian infantry and two battalions of artillery were able to retire in order. The other troops ran away in a state of entire confusion.

Gen. Kuroki says that a Japanese patrol consisting of fourteen men reached Tengshang Hong on the third instant, when a Russian patrol posted on a hill south of the village attacked them. The Japanese patrol thereupon turned and charged them and after an intrepid hand-to-hand affray, the enemy was driven back in the direction of Feng Weng Cheng. The Japanese patrol pursued them to a stream three miles southwest of Kaolimen, where Russian sentries were discovered posted on hills on both sides of the road.

TIBETANS READY FOR MORE FIGHT

Strong British Force to Dislodge Powerful Menacing Army.

Gyangtse, Tibet, May 6.—The officials at Lhassa seem to be determined to defy the British Tibetan expedition. A strong reconnoitering force has left Gyangtse to dislodge a Tibetan army on the further side of Kharola Pass, where is menaces the British communications. The presence of this army there has been known for a long time, but it was lately learned that its strength is being daily increased. The Lhassan authorities are levying recruits in all directions. It is expected that there will be further fighting shortly.

AVALANCHES IN THE ROCKIES

A Million Tons of Rock Sweeps Away Big Bridge in the Slocans.

Vancouver, May 6. — The past winter has been one of the most disastrous on record for the railways of British Columbia. A few weeks ago, snow and mud slides and washouts were almost of daily occurrence, and at one time so seriously delayed traffic that trains for the coast were more than a week overdue. Then came a period of quiet, but now the elements seem to have broken loose again.

With a roar that could be heard for miles through the mountains of the Slocan, a tremendous snowslide came down on the Kaslo and Slocan Railway and took out the big McGuigan bridge and trestle, the largest of its kind on Jim Hill's mountain road. The line was just beginning to get in shape after its experiences with a dozen disastrous slides, but now has come fresh damage that will take weeks to repair, and it is feared it will be the end of May before everything is again normal on the Kaslo and Slocan. In this slide, there were a million tons of rock and mud, and the stuff came squarely down immediately west of McGuigan station. The bridge went out before it like a structure of paper, and was carried down with the trees and boulders till it was left twisted out of all recognition. The station building was not damaged, but 500 feet of track was torn up. With the destruction of a bridge near Sandon, one near the Payne mine, and now the McGuigan structure (not to mention the half-dozen places at which the track was torn up by slides), the Kaslo and Slocan Railway has just witnessed the most disastrous season since it was built.

THE LAKES TIE-UP

U. S. Eastern Railways Refuse to Accept Rail and Lake Freights.

New York, May 6. — Owing to the inability of the freight-carrying lines on the Great Lakes to reach an agreement with their masters and pilots, the New York Central, Pennsylvania, Erie, B. and O., and Delaware Lackawanna and Western Railway Companies have announced that they will no longer accept rail, and lake freight at eastern points and have cancelled all tariffs in this section. The agreement was not limited to any definite period.

Jett Chooses Life.

Louisville, Ky., May 6. — Curtis Jett, who murdered J. B. Marcum in the court house of Breathitt County, has accepted a life sentence rather than face a new trial.

SENSATION IN ETERNAL CITY

Signor Nassi, an Ex-Minister of Italy, Found Guilty of Peculation.

Rome, May 6.—After a parliamentary inquiry, ex-Minister Nassi, former Minister of Public Instruction, was found guilty of peculation. He was charged with the misappropriation of several hundred thousand francs destined for the expenses of the ministry of which he was the head. The judicial authorities have asked the permission of the Chamber of Deputies to prosecute, and permission assuredly will be granted.

The case has created a great sensation in Rome. Nassi's house is being watched by the police. His secretary, Lombardo, escaped abroad. Nassi's whereabouts is unknown.

AN ARMY COUNCIL DECIDED UPON

Will Be Known Under Australian Name, Board of Advice.

Ottawa, May 6. — The Minister of Militia has finally decided to create an army council, and for this purpose will adopt the clause in the Australian act, where the name given to this body is the board of advice. The name adopted for Canada will be military council. It will consist of seven members, the minister, the deputy minister, the chief accountant, the chief of staff, a position which is created by the new militia bill, two other members of the headquarters staff and an inspector-general. The last-named officer, it is said, will be the general in command of the imperial forces in Canada. The Minister of Militia will be chairman of the council. The chief of staff will be responsible for seeing that the policy is carried into effect as outlined by the council, and the inspector-general will carry out an annual independent inspection, in order to report upon the manner in which the policy has been carried into effect and the military efficiency of the force resulting from that policy. The resolution providing for the appointment of the council will be given notice of today.

SAM PARKS' FUNERAL

15,000 Men To Walk Behind Hearse of Dead Leader.

New York, May 6. — Plans are being made for the attendance of thousands of workmen at the funeral of Sam Parks, former business agent of the Housesmiths' and Bridgemen's Union, who died on Wednesday in Sing Sing Prison Hospital.

The health department refused a permit for the funeral on Sunday, so that the time was changed to Saturday afternoon. This will allow members of the building trades organization to attend and fully 15,000 of them are expected to turn out, forming practically a labor parade. All will wear the costume in which they appeared, on parade last Labor Day when they marched down Fifth avenue with Parks at the head of the line.

Parks' widow lives in a small flat in East Eighty-fourth street, where the funeral services will be held. As the crowds of unionists desirous of seeing their former comrade before the interment could not gain entrance to the small quarters, a special casket has been made opening on the side, so the body can be viewed by them in the street before the procession starts.

Made Business of Murder; Awful Tale From Vermont

Rutland, Vt., May 6. — Attaches of the sheriff's office have unearthed evidence which they believe shows that three men, who were supposed to have been killed by trains of the Rutland railroad, were robbed and murdered in a roadhouse on the outskirts of this city and their bodies placed on the railroad tracks by the murderers. In some respects the case resembled that of the notorious Bender family years ago in Kansas.

Since the finding of the body of Joseph Murray on the railroad tracks near the house last June, the sheriff's department has been working on a murder theory. It is now thought certain that Murray was killed for a few dollars and that his murderers will shortly be placed under arrest. Stories of wild orgies which have taken place in the roadhouse, and which were followed by the disappearance of men, who, until recently, it was thought had left the country, are now being investigated, but the police say they will only be able to charge one murder —that of Murray—against the persons they suspect.