JAPS DEFEAT RUSSIANS NEAR CHEMULPO.

London, March 10 .- A despatch to The Times from Weihalwei, dated March 9, says: "It is reported on good authority that a collision between Japanese and Russian troops has occurred near Haiju, Korea (54 miles northwest of Chemulpo), which resulted in the defeat of the Russians."

RUSSIAN POWER ON LAND COLLAPSES JAPS TURN POSITION ON YALU RIVER SIBERIAN RAILWAY IN THEIR GRASP

Latest Move Compared to the Staggering Appearance of Napoleon in Plans of Italy.

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London, March 9 .- Up to a late hour last night the Japanese legation had heard nothing of fighting at Port Arthur or of the Russian Vladivostock squadron it is considered significant that none of the Russian officials despatches make any mention of the Vladivostock cruisers. The news from Washington of the appearance of the Japanese forces at Fungwangchang is regarded as important.

According to The Tientsin correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, the Japanese adeanced from the Yalu River, captured Fungwangehang and drove out the Russians in the vicinity of the Takuling Eastern Pas, and are in in force 70 miles east of Newchwang. The Russians with 75,000 men are entrenched strongly at Liaoyang and Haicheng, where fighting is imminent. Some small engagements already have been fought, the Russians retiring with losses. This correspondent says further that the Japanese are using the same tactics and advancing along

The Yinkow correspondent of The Paris edition of The New York Herald also vaguely reports the Japanese to be 50 miles northwest of Antung and well to the westward of the Yalu Kingston Civic and Corporation Depu- Residents of Holland Landing on it is inconceivable that Japan can really have executed such an unexpected and successful turning of the Russian position on the Yalu River, which

Metal Ceilings. Skylights and Roof-ing A B.Ormsby & Co. cor. Queen and George Sta Telsphone M. 1725 A feature that is calculated to assist Continued on Page 4,

STUPENDOUS, IF TRUE.

This mornings war telegrams, tho of a very surprising character, cannot be lightly set aside as impossible or even improbable. There possible or even improbable. There is no doubt that since securing the command of the eastern seas the Japanese have been busily engaged in the despatch of troops, whose destination, so far as the outside world is concerned, has only been a matter of the vaguest conjecture. The accepted view of the situation has been that the forces were chiefly destined for Chemulpo, the Port of Seoul, and were to be found somewhere to the north of that city. Repeated bulletins have that city. Repeated bulletins have reported the patrols of the op-posing troops as having come into posing troops as having come into touch, resulting in slight skirmishes. But the scene of these minor conflicts has always been laid in the neighborhood of Pingyang, 120 miles or so north of the capital. If The Daily Telegraph's correspondent is to be believed the Japanese army has not only succeeded in forcing the passage of the Yalu River, but have occupied Fungwangchang, a. town forty miles northwest of Antung, on the road to Liaotung, a station in the Manchurian railroad, about the same distance south of Mukden. This report is fortified by the independent information coming from a Paris source which reports the Japanese to be northwest of Antung and well across the Yalu River. The Russian troops on the other hand are now said to be occurred. Russian troops on the other hand are now said to be occupying a

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strong position along the line of the Manchurian railroad between Liao-yang and Haicheng and to be there awaiting the Japanese attack. It is evident that if this be the true condition of matters the Japanese have already gained a very considerable strategical advantage, and must have moved with a celerity and certainty as remarkable as that of Admiral Togo's fleet. There is apparently nothing to prevent them from ocupying Niuchwang, a them from ocupying Niuchwang, a place of enormous tactical strength, and which would have the effect of compelling isolating Port Arthud. It would also supply the Japs with an invaluable base for their operations in Southern Manchuria, and would enable them to ladn reinforcements and supplies within easy distance of the main army. The forcements and supplies within easy distance of the main army. The Telegraph rightly says that this surprising development in the land campaign is comparable only to Napoleon's forcing of the Alys and appearance on the flank of the bewildered Austrians.

Of course the Japanese generals will still have some work to do before they can occupy Mukden, which, as the capital of Manchuris, would be invaluable not only for its strategical strength, but on account of the enhanced prestige which

of the enhanced prestige which would accrue to them. With these fortified places in their hands the task of a Russian force advancing from the north would be stupendous and could scarcely be achieved in time to save Port Arthur from

the same factors and advancing along the same route they followed during BOTH PARTIES INTERESTED WHAT TORONTO ALDERN the Chinese war.

Guard and Promise "Trouble" for Rumored Invaders.



OLD MAN ONTARIO: Well, say, it looks like everyone could come in here and make sugar except the owner of the bush.

WALMSLEY LED DOUBLE LIFE HAD TWO PLACES OF ABODE AND POSED AS A GENTLEMAN

Distinct Flutter Caused Among Many Prominent People in Parkdale by His Arrest.

There is a flavor of the Jekyl and Hyde romance in the career of Alfred Walmsley, the professional pickpocket captured Sunday night while attending church with his sweetheart in the west end. It is one of those contradictions

Scrambled Out Again.



CASCADE OF WATER RUSHES

Comes From Miles and Miles of Thawing Ice and Snow Banks -Other Lines Opening.

rove and each day something is achieved in the way of opening up the northern branch lines. It was reported vesterday afernoon that the G.T.R. lines from Palerston to Southampton, Chesley and Strat ord had been cleared; also that from Strat ford to Goderich. Moreover, it is now pos ible to travel from Stratford to Wingham, via Clinton, which, while not the direct route, is an improvement. Word reached Grand, Trunk officials yesterday that another snowstorm was on in, roughly speaking, the districts north of Guelph, Palmerston and Stratford, and that a high wind ston and Stratford, and that a high wind was blowing, but they did not regard 1. as a scrious menace, saying it was of a mild nature compared to what has been experienced many times this winter.

linees of both roads, and the local sheds. Fright is moving very freely on the main are aving a busy time.

The Sutton, Goderleh and Cobleonk lines of the G.T.K. are still in all probability closed. The freight department here was notified yesterday that the lines in question would be opened by today, but it was an optimist who made the prediction, according to a passenger official, who had just been advised of the state of the Haliburton branch.

Ningara Rapids a Track.

"There's a real phenomenon up there," he said. "Something novel in the way of set feets, which gives an idea of the chances for traffic up there in the near future. For miles and miles the snow is basked up several feet, and is enerusted with a solid coating of ice of several inclaes in tiackness. This has been the outcome of the freaks of the weather, as shown in its quick succession of thaws and frosts. Over this icy surface there is a torrent of water created by the present mild spell, flowing. It swishes onward in this way until strikes the hollow in which the tracks are and then there is a verifiable cascade, a sort of ministree Magara. Falls and tapids Trainmasters say they never say anything approaching this sight before. So great is fits violety, they say, that when it strikes a cutting, it shoots almost clear recross."

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The Don River claimed its first victim for the year yesterday afternoon, when Stanley Mohait, the Sycar-old son of P.C. Robert T. Mohatt of No. 4 Division, broke thru the ice and was drowned. The accident occurred at about 10 minutes to 6 o'clock. In company with two lads about his own age, the little fellow was playing onlying another visitation of ware and Elora branches were also onlying another visitation of wall and

Young Aikins tried to seize him as he foundered in the water, and finally succeeded in grasping him by the foot. Unfortunately, Stanley was wearing a pair of long rubber boots, and as his companion off. The sudden release from the weight was trying to pull him out the boot came off. The sudden release from the weight caused young Aikins to fall, and he, too, was precipitated into the icy water. The open space ends abruptly, and as soon as young Moffait was released he was carried the fee.

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