

RUSSIANS STILL AGGRESSIVE BUT JAPS DRIVE THEM BACK

Heavy Fighting on Thursday and Friday, Kuropatkin
Losing Seven Hundred Men.

RUSSIANS ARE ACCUSED OF MUTILATING WOUNDED

Tokio, Feb. 4, 1 p.m. — Manchurian Headquarters, telegraphing under date of Feb. 3, says: "On Thursday, Feb. 2, the enemy's artillery bombarded from several points on our right wing. Otherwise the situation is unchanged. In the direction of our center at 12:30, Friday morning, Feb. 3, one company of the enemy's infantry attacked our outposts from the Mukden road, and later another section was attacked in the neighborhood of Wenchaiyuan. Both attacks were repulsed.

"In the direction of our left, the enemy has been attacking in the neighborhood of Luliokou since the morning of Feb. 2. Their force which consisted of the first and fifth rifle brigades were driven back toward Changtun. The enemy's losses are estimated at 700. We witnessed the removal of over three hundred dead.

"The Russian dead already interred after the battle of Heikou, in the neighborhood of Sunapao alone numbered 900.

Myoff for Manchuria.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 4. — It is believed in military circles here that the succession of Lieut.-Gen. Myoff to the command of the second army of Manchuria, does not necessarily mean that the position of second in command in the Far East has devolved upon him. Gen. Myoff has a good record as a soldier, though he was not present at any of the great battles of the Manchurian campaign. He is 62 years of age, fought in the Turkish campaign and saw a great deal of service in the Caucasus. He was appointed to the command of the Eighth Corps in 1901, and went out to Manchuria with that corps from Odessa. The Eighth Corps was one of the latest to arrive there.

Army officers here confirm the report that Gen. Gripenberg is in ill-health, and declare that he was seriously ill a year before his appointment to the command of the second army of Manchuria.

Tokio, Feb. 3. — Manchurian head-

ONE STOLEN KISS COSTS HIM \$500

Man Pillers a Smack and Sets
a Prohibitive Price on
Kissing.

Cleveland, Feb. 4. — "One stolen kiss, \$500." That was the strange record on a slip of paper turned over to the city treasury by Police Clerk Schreiner. With the slip were five crisp one-hundred-dollar gold certificates. The money represented a feeding money's indiscretion on the part of one Henry Hoffman, who came here with \$1,075 to see the sights.

Hoffman pilfered just one little kiss from the peachy cheek of a Cleveland girl and sent the market up to where it was regarded as prohibitory. The theft was committed a week ago. Hoffman had been taking views of Cleveland through the bottom of various colored glasses. Then he wandered out to see the beauties of the falling snow. Just at that moment he caught a glimpse of a pair of mischievous eyes peeping from behind a fluffy boa. Pink cheeks and "witching lips lured the wayfarer on.

Hoffman caught the tempter in his arms and planted a kiss on one of the cheeks. Out of a doorway popped a policeman, awakened by the smack. He rudely seized Hoffman.

"Oh, please let him go," pleaded she of the outraged cheek. "He didn't mean it, besides, it was only—"

But the law would not relent. The girl would not make a complaint. But the policeman arrested Hoffman.

"Disturbing the peace," was the charge. Outdoor snacks come under the head of "disturbance" in Cleveland.

Hoffman put up \$500 cash bail. When the case came up for hearing, he failed to appear, and so the money was forfeited to the city. The court said the presumption was that the defendant regarded the kiss as worth the money.

Quebec, Feb. 4.—At the opening of the meeting of the Provincial Cabinet at 11 o'clock this morning, Hon. Messrs. Gouin, Turgeon and Weir.

ATTACK ON MILNER
War Veteran's Scathing Denunciation—Dutch and British to Join.

Cape Town, Feb. 4.—At Vrede, addressing a large meeting, Mr. Willis, a leading colonist, who had fought for Great Britain in the war, said that the Bradford Congress represented the whole of the Dutch and many of the English.

Eventually it would be necessary to deputize the authorities in London to grant responsible government.

Lord Milner was responsible for the misery and wretchedness of the last lustrium, but Milnerism must go, bag and baggage, along with the foreign capitalists, the Chinese, and the incompetent and corrupt officials.

The Dutch will remember Lord Milner by their ruined people and devastated land, and the English by their

BORDEN BY ACCLAMATION

The Conservative Leader Elected to Represent Carleton.

Ottawa, Feb. 4. — A report from Richmond says that Mr. Borden is elected by acclamation for Carleton.

JOSEPH PRICE DEAD

Was Formerly Vice-President of the Grand Trunk Railroad.

London, Feb. 4. — Joseph Price, formerly vice-president of the Grand Trunk Railroad, and who was connected with railroads in the United States, died in London this morning of paralysis.

FOR THE LAST TIME

Mr. Ross and His Cabinet to Wind Up Affairs This Evening.

Toronto, Feb. 4.—The Ross Cabinet meets this afternoon for the last time. It is expected that its resignation will be handed to the Lieutenant-Governor immediately after tea, although there probably will not be any announcement until Monday. Mr. Whitney will likely receive the call on Monday night. He is still at Morrisburg.

RAIN AND LIGHTNING

An Unusual Natural Phenomenon in Southern California.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 4. — Southern California is experiencing its greatest rainstorm in years. The fall is not itself particularly heavy, but is great in contrast with previous seasons. It is accompanied by flashes of lightning, an unusual phenomenon in this section. At North Pasadena the Methodist church was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

NO PEACE CONFERENCE

British Foreign Office Knows Nothing of the Proposal.

London, Feb. 4. — The foreign office declares there is no foundation for the report published that conferences have taken place at Berlin between Chancellor von Bismarck and the British ambassador, Sir Frank Lascelles, with a view of bringing about peace between Russia and Japan. The officials here know nothing of any proposal of either Great Britain or Russia, or of suggesting an effort, joint or otherwise, to stop the war.

HARDHEARTED CASSIE

Wouldn't Sign Petition to Save a Murderer From Gallows.

Cleveland, Feb. 3. — Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick today refused to sign a petition to Governor Pennington, of Pennsylvania, to commute the sentence of Kate Edwards, convicted of the murder of her husband and sentenced to hang, to life imprisonment. Mrs. Chadwick, who is circulating such petitions called at the jail and induced Chief Deputy Horn to allow her to see Mrs. Chadwick. Mrs. Chadwick refused to sign the petition, but when told the object of the visit she declined to attach her name to the petition.

GORKI TO BE TRIED

Gen. Treppoff Says Matter is Entirely Out of His Hands.

St. Petersburg, Saturday, Feb. 4. — It is the intention of the Government to bring Maxim Gorki and seven other authors and publicists to trial on political charges. Governor-General Treppoff in an interview, said: "The whole case is now in the hands of the ministry of justice, which is conducting the investigation. It is given no intimation that the procurator-general will decide whether the prisoners shall be tried by a civil or a military court. I am now conversing in this matter."

NO MEDIATION

German Foreign Office Says Peace Talk is a Phantasy.

Berlin, Feb. 4.—The statement made in a dispatch from London that Emperor William considers this an opportune moment for Great Britain and Germany to join in an effort for peace in the far east is treated by the foreign office here as being merely a variation of an old phantasy, quite without semblance of foundation. Russia has given no intimation that she desires peace, and it is deemed here impossible that Germany should advise or suggest peace without an invitation from both belligerents. The realities of the situation now preclude the European powers from offering to mediate as they did in the case of President Roosevelt two months ago.

ON SLOW ON EMBARGO

Douglas Says Canadians Were Satisfied With the Situation.

London, Feb. 3. — Lord Onslow, Minister of Agriculture, shown the cable report of Mr. Fisher's speech last night at Ottawa, said: "The last time I remember saying anything with reference to Canadian affairs was when receiving a deputation at Edinburgh in November, 1903. I remember reading an extract from some Canadian newspaper which stated something about advice to cattle breeders to fatten cattle and then send them to the mother country. I certainly did not say as Mr. Fisher claims, that from my own observation the people of Canada seemed quite satisfied with the present condition of affairs, and that being the case there was no necessity of further discussing the matter."

NEW ROYAL YACHT

London, Feb. 4. — The King's new yacht will be fitted with steam turbine machinery. Leading shipbuilders have been invited to submit designs and tenders for the construction of the vessel.

The yacht is not to take the place of the Victoria and Albert completed in 1899 at the Pembroke dockyard. She is to be smaller, the length suggested being 210 feet, as compared with 450 feet over all and 350 feet between perpendiculars in the case of that vessel, and 250 feet in the case of the Osbourne.

A Remarkable Wreck On New York Central

White Fast Expresses Were
Passing Engine Explodes and
Piles Up Train.

Utica, N. Y., Feb. 4.—One of the strangest wrecks in the history of railroading in this section occurred at Whitesboro, three miles west of this city, at an early hour this morning. Train 23, the Western Express, was drawn by an engine known as the Pacific type. As this engine was passing train 30, the Buffalo special, eastbound, the westbound engine exploded.

The full force of the explosion was felt in the second car of the eastbound train, as the westbound engine was directly opposite that car when the explosion occurred. Both trains were running at what may be called full speed, and from the effects of the explosion and the upheaval of the wrecked engine and the car which was opposite at that moment, the coaches were thrown from the tracks in both directions. Both trains were well filled with passengers, and the westbound train is known as one of the best trains on the road for sleeping car passengers.

It was supposed that a score or more of lives had been lost and that twice that number of people had been severely injured, but when the work of rescue had gone forward through the early hours of the morning, and the wreck was examined as carefully as possible in the daylight of a morning on which the mercury registered 15 degrees below zero, it was found that not a single passenger had been killed, that there were possibly no injured passengers who would die, and that the wounds were really very few. Two Buffalo.

THE MOSCOW PROVINCE NOBLEMEN HAVE DEMANDED A CONSTITUTION

London, Saturday, Feb. 4. — A dispatch to the Standard from Moscow says that the assembly of nobles of Moscow Province, which opened Thursday, promises to become historic. At a meeting in the evening the assembly drafted three forms of an address to the czar. These were distributed to the members for private consideration. They will not be openly discussed until the meeting of the assembly on Feb. 6. At the first meeting the assembly discussed the condition of the country. The first, which is conservative in tone, hopes for success in the war, desires the postponement of internal matters until victory is secured, when, it says, it is the duty of the emperor to restore order on the old basis. The second address refers to the present conditions in plain language, but assures his majesty of the readiness of the nobles to devote their lives and property to the demands arising from the war. It, however, adds: "We shall again, as under our forefathers, issue from the trial gloriously, but we are thirsting for only one imperial word to show us that the tie between the czar and the people is unbroken, and that your majesty thinks fit you will summon elected representatives of the people to share in the Government."

The third address, a more radical one, is a severe indictment of the present form of government, which it declares, has been engaged in a policy of misgovernment, the great reforms of Alexander II. It objects to patchwork reforms, and declares that no question in Russia can be properly settled without reform at the top. It reminds the czar how Peter the Great broke from old traditions, and calls upon Nicholas to issue a manifesto granting the principle demanded, leaving the details to be worked out in the future. It says that if the principle is granted, the country will peacefully await the gradual fulfillment of a reform which would give the people a voice in the Government.

Of the three addresses, the last of which is connected with the name of Prince Sergius Troubeskoi, brother of the marshal of the Moscow nobility, is by far the most popular. In a couple of hours nearly a hundred nobles who were present today signed it. It is adopted by a majority at tomorrow's meeting. It will probably result in the closing of the session by an administrative order.

A PRECIOUS ANTIQUE

Ewer, Once Property of Anglesey, Is Valued at \$15,000.

London, Feb. 4.—An object unique in its character was offered at Christie's auction room at about 10 o'clock today. It was an Elizabethan ewer of rock crystal and silver.

Though a small piece, standing not more than 6 1/2 inches high, it is quite likely to realize from £2,000 to £3,000 (\$30,000 to \$45,000).

This ewer was discovered by a representative of Christie among a pile of worthless crockery and table glass brought from Beaudeser Castle, the Marquis of Anglesey's seat.

Had it not been for this expert the ewer would probably have been thrown into one lot with a number of worthless objects at a country sale, where it might have realized no more than a few shillings.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fine and Very Cold.

London, Saturday, Feb. 4. Sun rises, 7:31 a.m. Moon rises, 7:34 a.m. Sun sets, 5:52 p.m. Moon sets, 4:50 p.m.

Toronto, Feb. 3-8 p.m. The extensive high area which has been centered over the west for the past few days continues to dominate weather conditions on the continent. Very low temperatures have been recorded throughout Canada, and especially so in the west, where 6° below zero at Edmonton is the highest reported.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Port Simpson, 20-34; Victoria, 32-40; Kamloops, 2-16; Calgary, 36 below-18 below; Qu'Appelle, 28 below-12 below; Winnipeg, 26 below-12 below; Port Arthur, 16 below-10; Pelly Sound, 12 below-2; Toronto, 1 below-10; Ottawa, 12 below-2; Montreal, 8 below-4; Quebec, 2 below-4; St. John, 2-14; Halifax, 4-16.

FORECASTS.
Saturday, Feb. 4-8 a.m. Moderate wind; fine and very cold day and on Sunday.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Ottawa..... 34..... 23..... Clear
Winnipeg..... 34..... 23..... Clear
Pelly Sound..... 28..... 18..... Clear
Toronto..... 34..... 23..... Clear
Montreal..... 34..... 23..... Clear
Quebec..... 34..... 23..... Clear
Father Point..... 6..... 4..... Cloudy
Quebec..... 6..... 4..... Cloudy
The signal indicates below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.
The weather continues very cold throughout the Dominion, with temperatures from 24° to 34° below zero in Manitoba and the Territories, and some few degrees below zero in Ontario and Quebec. At present there is no indication of much change.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Friday were: Highest, 12° above; lowest, 5° below.

INSURRECTION IN ARGENTINE

Troops Mutiny and March on
Capital.

REPUBLIC IN STATE OF SIEGE

Insurgent Bands Attack Police Posts but So Far Have Been Repulsed Everywhere.

Buenos Ayres, Argentina, Feb. 4. — An insurrection has broken out in this province. Several police posts have been attacked by bands of about 30 men each, but the assailants nearly everywhere were repulsed. Two posts which were surprised, were recaptured by the police. An attack on the arsenal also was repelled.

It is rumored that two regiments of troops have been ordered to march on the capital. The Argentine Government appears to have been acquainted with the plans of the leaders of the plot, took timely measures to suppress the uprising and seems to have complete control of the situation. As a result of the insurrectionary movement, which broke out last night, not only here but in several other cities of Argentina, the Government has issued a decree establishing a state of siege for 30 days throughout the whole republic, and has also ordered the mobilization of the National Guard.

WHAT WILL CASTRO DO?

Coming Back to Caracas and Will Again Meet U. S. Minister.

Washington, Feb. 4. — It is said at the state department that President Castro is expected to return to Caracas today from his tour of the country. Before leaving the capital on this trip he submitted to August Bowen, an objectionable proposition for the settlement of the American claims against Venezuela, which Mr. Bowen, by direction of the state department, has declined. The minister has found it impossible, in the President's absence, to carry out his instructions relative to the submission of the claims to arbitration, his last advice marking no progress whatever toward the desired end.

Oldest Man Dead.

Watford, Feb. 4.—Probably the oldest man in the Dominion died in Brooke Township, in the person of John Holbrook, aged 109 years. Deceased was born in the county of Carlow, Ireland, and came to Canada at the age of 20. After residing in Smith's Falls for eight years, he settled in Brooke, where he resided up to the time of his death.

Roumanian Prince to Head Albanian Revolt

Little Balkan State Will Strike
Once More for Freedom
From the Sultan.

Rome, Feb. 4. — Prince Ghica of Roumania, who has been elected by the Albanian committee as supreme head of the Albanian independence movement, when interviewed here yesterday regarding the plans and purposes of the committee, said his election meant the inauguration of a general revolution in Albania and a bitter struggle to achieve the liberty of that country.

A MYSTERY IN BARRETT'S DEATH

Relatives of Young Englishman Killed at Toronto Want
Investigation.

Amherstburg, Feb. 4. — It is said that relatives of Russell Barrett, the young engineer who was found dead in Toronto, having apparently fallen from a lodging-house window, will insist on an investigation, despite the finding of the coroner's jury that death was purely accidental. It was alleged that the persons who accompanied Barrett to the lodging-house are missing.

Smallpox in Nipissing

Toronto, Feb. 4.—Dr. Hodgkiss, of the provincial board of health, this morning received a telegram announcing that there are seven cases of smallpox in Hammer township in the district of Nipissing. Inspector Dr. Bell, of the health department, was immediately sent to the scene. No particulars have been received yet.

Colonies Secure.

London, Feb. 4. — The Manchester Guardian, commenting on the Admiralty programme regarding the distribution of the navy, says: "All our colonies are secure against military expeditions against them. We can imagine no circumstance under which any foreign power would undertake serious military operations against them. Canada is protected against any over-sea invasion by the Monroe doctrine of the United States."

FOUR HUNDRED WERE DYING DAILY

Stoessel Says He Did Not Surrender Prematurely.

ONLY \$7.50 IN THE TREASURY

Col. Reisse Says Japanese Are Admirable Soldiers, but Poor Performers With Bayonet.

Colombo, Ceylon, Feb. 4.—General Stoessel, the former commander of Fort Arthur, and the Russian officers and others accompanying him, arrived here today from Japan by way of Shanghai on board the French Line steamer Australian.

In an interview with the correspondent of the Associated Press, the general denied the statements published to the effect that Fort Arthur was surrendered prematurely. He was especially indignant at the statements made by a London newspaper, Jan. 25, in a dispatch from Peking, that at the time of the surrender there were 25,000 able-bodied men in Port Arthur capable of making a sortie, hundreds of officers, all well nourished, plenty of ammunition, the largest magazine being untouched and full to the roof, and that there was an ample supply of food for three months, even if no fresh supplies were received.

The general characterized these statements as unjustified, and not supported by facts. Col. Reisse, who was among the negotiators of the surrender of the fortress, said: "The garrison could not have held out a moment longer. It would have been murder. Only fifteen roubles (\$7.50) remained in the military treasury out of a million and a half (\$750,000) at the commencement of the siege. Four hundred men were dying daily in the hospitals, principally from wounds and scurvy. General Kondratenko was the hero of the siege."

Col. Reisse further declared that the Japanese were admirable soldiers, but poor in the use of the bayonet compared with the Russians and the French.

General Stoessel and others of his party will tranship at Port Said for Odessa.

COLD KILLS POLAR BEAR

Animal in Chicago Zoo Succumbs to the Wintery Blasts.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—It was cold in Chicago yesterday. There were many evidences of it, but the best one, which stands as unique, was that the polar bear in Lincoln Park died from exposure to the icy blasts. He had braved 21 winters in Chicago, but this "spell" was too much for him.

When the northwest winds swept over Chicago the white bear, for all its heavy coat of fur, shivered in its den. C. J. Vry, head animal keeper, had nursed him through several trying seasons, and had been trying to get the park commissioners to install steam heat in the bear's cave.

He said he would in person assume command of the Albanian forces, which he asserted would be reinforced by 12,000 European volunteers. The committee, Prince Ghica further stated, have at command all the means necessary for the prosecution of the war for independence, and only ask to be left free in the fight for liberty. Those enlisted in the movement, he added, are determined to achieve their purpose or die to the last man. Should Austria intervene to prevent the execution of the committee's plan, he declared, she will be opposed by Italy, Russia and Great Britain.

U. S. SENATE FOR HAY-BOND TREATY

Committee on Foreign Relations
Favor Proposed Reciprocity
With Newfoundland.

Washington, Feb. 4. — The Senate committee on foreign relations today authorized a favorable report on the Hay-Bond reciprocity treaty. It was amended in a number of important particulars.

The treaty will be reported by Senator Lodge, who has heretofore opposed it. The amendments meet the objections raised by the New England fishing interests. The treaty provided for reciprocity in products of the United States and Newfoundland.

That Sunspot.

Toronto, Feb. 4.—The large sun spot has been observed at the Toronto University since Jan. 30 at which date it was not very far from the eastern limb of the sun. Today the spot is a little south and west of the center, and consists of a large central nucleus with numerous smaller nuclei scattered throughout the length and breadth of the disturbance, which is about 85,000 miles long by 30,000 miles wide, and is oblong in space. Such a large spot as this has never been observed for years. At present there are three groups of moderate size, coming over the eastern limb of the sun.