

## RUSSIANS BUSY ON FORTIFICATIONS

### PREPARING FOR THE ADVANCE OF JAPANESE

Oyama's Troops Are Moving Against  
Kirin and May Also Separate Line-  
vich From Vladivostok.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—Another deal between the two opposing armies in Manchuria may be on the programme for the coming week. The Russians, according to the Associated Press Harbin correspondent, are now strongly fortifying their positions at Sipinghai, against which the Japanese are reported to be gathering in force.

The reported Russian retirement from Sipinghai to Chaumaiadzi was incorrect, due to a telegraphic error in the confusion of similar names, Chaumaiadzi with Shumanrao, south of Sipinghai, from which fact the Russian advanced force retired to the fortified line at Sipinghai.

The Japanese followed to some extent, but a border of twenty miles of detached ground still remains between the two armies, over which the Japanese will not probably advance until they are ready to attack.

Equally important news is that a column of Japanese is moving against Kirin in perhaps with the intention of turning the position eastward and striking at the Vladivostok line of communication with the double purpose of separating Gen. Linvich from Vladivostok.

There has been no fighting of importance lately. Reconnaissance established the fact that the Japanese are gathering in heavy force twenty miles south of Sipinghai, evidently intending to attack the Russian position at Sipinghai. The Russians are strongly fortified and evidently expect to make a stand. The country between is comparatively clear of Japanese. The number of Chinese bandits is constantly augmenting.

Chinese continue to report that Field Marshal Oyama has issued proclamations fixing the date for the occupation of Harbin as April 10th, but this prediction seems apparently improbable of fulfillment.

An interesting fact thrown on the situation of the suppression of Gen. Bildeberg from the second in command of the third Manchurian army has been brought out by a Russian dispatch from Qunshu pass, describing the retreat from Mukden.

According to the plans of retreat, as outlined, each of the three armies was to retire to the Mandchurian road and to the eastward of that highway. Instead it moved for some reason along roads to the west of the Mandchurian road, leaving a breach between the first and third armies, of which the Japanese took advantage.

The correspondent says he personally saw a map made from observation from balloons on January 30th, which showed the position of the Japanese army at Sipinghai, and that the attack was shattered, but of the existence of which the attacking forces first learned during the attack. "An important detail, but one which cost ten thousand men and the success of the operations."

During the same battle, the correspondent says, the roads were blocked for a long distance with wagons conveying pontoons that had been ordered southward. This was in spite of the fact that the rivers were frozen solid.

Officially the authorities continue to deny stoutly that Russia has made any proposals to Japan. This is literally true, as Russia has only made known the negative conditions, leaving the intermediary to convey these conditions on its own responsibility to Japan.

Diplomats in St. Petersburg are convinced that something is in progress, but none of those in a position to know will acknowledge that they are aware of what has actually been, or is being, done.

The Novoe Vremya yesterday, for the first time, admitted the possibility of negotiations for peace. The Novoe Vremya declares that the payment of indemnity by Russia is utterly out of the question, as it would be a contribution to build up the strength of Japan, and that Japan is not in a position to claim indemnity.

The diplomat "who did nothing to prevent war" will now turn their attention "to bring the war to a close advantageously to both combatants."

An official news agency here says: "In spite of the favorable talk of the conclusion of the war, Russia has not proposed any peace conditions nor prepared any such conditions."

Russia's four tools further sharp drop to 83½, closing 2½ points below yesterday's low mark. Other government securities and industrials suffered in sympathy, and there was considerable excitement on the Bourse, though traders retained their heads in the face of the fall.

### TO INVESTIGATE SURRENDER OF FORTRESS.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—1 a.m.—The membership of the commission to investigate the circumstances of the surrender of Port Arthur under the presidency of Gen. Roop, has been announced. It consists of Gen. Reuberg, of the engineers; Gens. Benckhoff and Kamanoff, of the infantry; Denekhoff, Krjanzovskiy and Bogalovsky, of the artillery; and Admiral Dikoff and Doubsassoff. These sittings will begin in the middle of May. The commission's report will determine whether anyone shall be tried by military tribunal.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—The Associated Press is in a position to announce that a step in the direction of peace actually has been taken. Russia has indirectly made known to Japan the negative conditions upon which peace may be concluded, namely: No concession of territory and no indemnity, leaving Japan

Results from common soaps: eczema, coarse hands, ragged clothes, shrunken flannels.

## SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE

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to determine whether negotiations can be begun upon the decision.

No reply from Japan has yet reached the Russian government.

The above represents practically the facts obtainable.

Through what channel or channels Russia has indirectly communicated with Japan the Associated Press is not in a position to state definitely, although there is reason to believe that it is through the two States.

It is practically certain that France and possibly Great Britain, as the two allies of the belligerents, and the United States as the country across for Japan, have been apprised of Russia's position.

Last night's rumors that President Roosevelt had tendered his good offices to both parties are incorrect. The President's friendly disposition and pecuniary willingness to undertake to open negotiations, however, are well understood here, and without asking directly that they be communicated to Japan, Russia could make known to President Roosevelt the substance of the proposed basis.

While thus giving Japan knowledge of Russia's attitude, Russia avoids the attitude of suing for peace or actually submitting proposals, and besides places the United States and Great Britain and the powers generally in a position where they could offer Japan advice as to reasons for the proposed basis.

Having been apprised of Russia's position, Japan has two alternatives—to decline absolutely to open negotiations on such a basis or indicate her own attitude. If the negotiations are opened, Russia probably will be prepared to make broad concessions on collateral issues as stated by the Associated Press.

### COMMISSION WILL REPORT ON SITUATION.

St. Petersburg, March 29.—2 p.m.—Russia's attitude was described to-day by a prominent diplomat as follows: "The government is now for peace, but continues to prepare for war."

"The whole situation with reference to the prosecution of the war is being carefully considered from every view point by a commission sitting under the presidency of Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaievitch, inspector-general of the navy, and consisting of Minister of War Shukhrinoff, Vice-Admiral Avelan, head of the Russian admiralty department; Minister of Finance Kotovskoff, Minister of Railroads Hilkoft, Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, General Grodekoff and Kamanoff, and several others."

"Every phase of the situation, military, naval, financial, transportation and diplomatic, is being covered."

"The commission report, which is expected to be completed in 10 days, will be prepared by Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaievitch, and Generals Grodekoff and Kamanoff for submission to the Emperor."

### NO CHANGE IN THE POSITIONS OF ARMIES.

St. Petersburg, March 29.—Chief of Staff Karkevitch telegraphs from the front to-day that no change has taken place in the positions of armies.

Russian sharpshooters on March 29th were in conflict with a force of Japanese infantry and cavalry at Khouanchine.

The commander-in-chief, Gen. Linvich, has inspected the second army, and found the troops to be in excellent spirits.

### JAPAN'S CONDITIONS WILL BE RIGOROUS.

Paris, March 29.—All the official information relative to peace is of a negative nature. At the same time the official view is now strongly optimistic that peace is not far distant. This view is not due to exact information, but is the result of a settled conviction that peace is the only logical outcome of Russia's present predicament. However, the foreign office refuses to credit the various reports that France is taking a hand in the negotiations or preliminary peace talks.

A north capital that Russia has asked Foreign Minister Delcasse to act as intermediary.

Another report prominently displayed in the Bourse to-day says that the United States is "about to make a coup et al by initiating peace." This likewise is not credited in high quarters.

On the contrary, the general view is that Japanese official opinion is pessimistic concerning peace being realized. This indicates that the preliminaries have not made appreciable progress or else that Japan does not intend to interrupt her successful campaign. It is even intimated in a high quarter that it makes no difference what St. Petersburg decides relative to asking for peace, as it will remain for Tokyo to accept or reject it. Therefore, it is intimated, the peace situation has shifted from St. Petersburg to Tokyo, which now holds the key to the peace situation.

Although official information is lacking, it is asserted in well informed quarters that Japan has permitted Russia to learn that the peace conditions will be severely rigorous and will not be responsive to the recent sentimental plea to Japan's magnanimity. In particular, it is said that Japan's indemnity figure is \$300,000,000, and that this stupendous sum has proved so staggering to Russian diplomacy that it is the chief cause why the peace preliminaries do not advance to a decisive stage.

### RUSSIAN GENERALS WERE CENSURED.

St. Petersburg, March 29.—General Baidinov, the new commander of the Third Manchurian army, succeeding General Bildeberg, who has been temporarily in command since the transfer of General Kanibarov, to succeed General Gripenberg as commander of the Second

army, is one of the old school Russian army commanders, having commenced his military career in 1863. He has served with distinction in the Russo-Turkish and the Russo-Japanese wars in the '90's, in the Arctic campaigns in the '00's, and in the Russo-Turkish war of 1878. He was commander of the Twelfth corps from 1893 to 1896, then commander of the Sixteenth corps, and after his promotion to be a full general in 1899 was made a member of the council of war. He is 70 years of age, but active and energetic. It is noteworthy that he does not belong to the general staff, as also do not Generals Linvich, Kourapatkin and Kanibarov.

General Bildeberg probably will resume command of his corps, though he has been blamed to some extent for the defeat at Mukden by defective dispositions of the Third corps during the retreat from the Shakhe river.

The Associated Press learned from the general staff that Kourapatkin, after the battle, severely censured ten generals for failure to execute orders. It now develops that Bildeberg was included in the number.

### RUSSIAN FORCES ARE FALLING BACK.

St. Petersburg, March 29.—A telegram from the front to-day, March 28th, says the Russians have evacuated the railroad station at Chaumaiadzi, 40 miles below Qunshu pass, and that the Japanese are advancing.

### ADVISED TO INSIST ON DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS.

Washington, March 29.—It is stated here that Japan has received an urgent warning from a neutral power to beware of all offers of mediation from any government, and to insist upon direct negotiations with St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—A telegram from St. Petersburg, under to-day's date says: "The Chinese report that a Japanese column which is probably carrying out a flanking movement has been seen twenty-seven miles northeast of Sipinghai (74 miles north of Tiel pass)."

"Snow has fallen heavily here."

### REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE JAPANESE ARMY.

Qunshu Pass, March 30.—Chinese merchants arriving here after a circuitous flight from Mukden, relate that the Japanese have taken over the administration of Manchuria. They have stationed Japanese officials in place of the Chinese. They have taken possession of the Russian administrative buildings and have established a Japanese police force at Mukden.

The work of converting the railroad from Port Dalny to Mukden into a narrow gauge road has been completed, giving the Japanese three railroad lines of supply from Seoul by way of Yungpoo, and from Port Dalny to Mukden and over the Sipinghai road, which the Japanese are reported to have leased.

Fresh Japanese troops are reported to be arriving at the front.

### AN INTERVIEW WITH ROJESTVENSKY.

Paris, March 30, 1.30 p.m.—Admiral Rojestsvensky, in the course of an authorized interview with a Matin correspondent at the Island of Nossibe, near Madagascar on March 4th, said that the future movements of the squadron depended on the arrival of coal and military supplies. He added: "The slow arrival of coal becomes a serious question when a fleet consists of sixty warships. If coal is abundant I may go to meet the second division."

Admiral Rojestsvensky received a telegraphic summary of the decision of the international commission of inquiry into the North Sea incident and said: "I am glad the admirals approved of my conduct, but owing to a false statement by the press, I shall always feel a certain measure of moral responsibility. However, torpedo boats were certainly there, my ships were endangered, I was obliged to save the flagship, and I succeeded."

### MILITARY PARTY AGAINST PEACE.

Berlin, March 30.—The suggestion that an international congress might be called to arrange the Russo-Japanese terms of peace finds no favor at the foreign office here, where a full settlement between the belligerents without the interference of other powers is much preferred.

An international settlement congress would mean a derangement of the present peace policy, because those undertaking the settlement of peace would seek advantages for themselves as a proper brokerage on the terms of peace. The suggestion is against peace appears to be the influence of the Russian military body, which still stands resolutely for a continuance of the war.

### PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMISSION.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—It is understood the Emperor's commission, under the presidency of Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaievitch, which has been considering the question of prosecuting the war, has completed its preliminary report which contains a full statement of the war, finding nothing in the present situation, either financial or military, to prevent its prosecution.

During his forthcoming inspection of the Siberian railroad, the minister of railroads proposes to make an extensive inquiry into the possibility of organizing a big system of transportation along the rivers.

### MORE DENIALS BY RUSSIAN OFFICIALS.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—9.05 p.m.—There was no further peace news to-day. All eyes are centered on Washington and Paris, where developments are anticipated. The report of President Roosevelt's conference with Minister Tarkenton, and Ambassadors Jusserand and Von Speck Sternburg, in spite of official denials, are believed in diplomatic circles here to relate to the opening of negotiations.

The foreign office continues to maintain that Russia has taken no official step, which certainly is literally true. There is an important admission, however, that Ambassador Jusserand, upon

his own responsibility, may have given President Roosevelt the French idea of Russia's position.

The French embassy also insists that it has no knowledge of any move, if any, has been made.

The attitude of all parties concerned, however, is only regarded as natural at such a delicate stage when the negotiations have not actually begun.

Imperial Russian forces opened weak in the Boushe to-day, falling to 82 3/4 in the early transactions, but they strengthened on peace rumors, recovering to 83 1/8, at which price they closed. The dealings were light. The firmness of four quieted the erratic tendency of industrials but lottery bond was weaker.

### STEAMER CAPTURED BY THE JAPANESE.

Tokio, March 30.—The steamer Industry, whose nationality has not been ascertained, was seized by the Japanese on March 28th. She was presumably bound for Vladivostok.

The British steamer Mars, which was stranded off Rural promontory on March 17th while attempting the passage of the Bays of Gerat, has broken in two under her engines. Her bow and stern are both submerged. Her captain and nine of the crew have been rescued. Her mate died from exposure.

### JAPANESE LOSSES AT MUKDEN AND TIE PASS.

Tokio, March 29.—Twenty thousand Russians were captured in the battle of Mukden, have already arrived in Japan.

A revised official estimate of the Japanese casualties in the battles of Mukden and Tie pass place the number at 67,000.

Flags captured at Mukden have been presented to the Emperor.

General Mayeda, who was wounded at Mukden, is dead.

### CALLS UPON PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THE WAR.

Moscow, Russia, March 30.—Proclamations have been scattered broadcast here calling upon the people to support the war in order to escape a second Mongolian yoke. The Japanese are being described as worse than the locusts of Egypt. It is added that once they take themselves in Asia they will not only possess Manchuria and Korea, but will swarm over and drive the Russians from Siberia.

## TRAVELLERS WAIT ON MINISTERS

AND PROTEST AGAINST  
THE PROVINCIAL TAX

They Ask That the Bill Passed by the  
Local Legislature Be Dis-  
allowed.

Ottawa, March 30.—A delegation of commercial travellers, representing Canada, waited on Sir Michael Cartwright and Hon. W. S. Fielding to-day and made a strong protest against the bill passed by the British Columbia legislature, putting a tax on non-resident commercial travellers. The tax is \$50 every six months on commercial travellers and \$100 every six months on cigar and liquor peddlers.

The bill is being introduced in the House of Commons to-day. The Commercial Travellers' Association, the Dominion Travellers' Association and the Western Association were all represented.

Manufacturers' Protest.

Toronto, March 30.—The Canadian Manufacturers' Association yesterday sent a telegram to Sir Wilfrid Laurier protesting against the proposed legislation in British Columbia imposing a tax on commercial travellers doing business in that province, declaring that the step is anti-national.

### JIM WARDNER DEAD.

Prospector, Well Known All Over the  
Continent, Passed Away at  
El Paso, Texas.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 30.—News was received here to-day of the death at El Paso, Texas, of James A. Wardner, widely known as a mining prospector and promoter of gigantic enterprises. Mr. Wardner was an eccentric and during his lifetime had made and lost fortunes.

### FOUND DEAD.

Mrs. Murdoch Morrison Died While on  
Her Way to Nanaimo.

Nanaimo, March 30.—Mrs. Murdoch Morrison, a well known resident of Nanaimo, was found dead this morning beside the track near South Wellington, seven miles south of here. She had been visiting her husband's ranch at Lady Smith, and took the miners' train to Fiddicks Junction yesterday, whence she started to walk to Nanaimo. Heart disease is supposed to have caused her death.

### THE CAUSE OF EARACHE

Is usually "cold." The one sure cure is Nervine, which relieves in ten seconds. It kills earache swiftly because it penetrates like lightning to the seat of the pain. Away goes the ache, cure is complete, just because Nervine has been used, just because it is so economical, so strong, so good—all-round as Poison's Nervine, which has been Canada's popular liniment for nearly 50 years. Large bottles sold for 25c. everywhere.

## ATTEMPTED TO KILL FORMER EMPLOYER

### MAN OVERPOWERED AFTER EXCITING STRUGGLE

Western Towns Will Spend Thousands  
on Improvements—Passengers In-  
jured in Railway Accident.

Ridgetown, Ont., March 30.—Percy McIntyre, an Englishman, about thirty years of age, is under arrest for having attempted to murder George M. Eastlake, a well known Oxford farmer, by whom he had been employed last summer, but had been discharged. Yesterday McIntyre, when ordered off the premises by Eastlake, picked up a heavy sledge hammer and was about to strike Eastlake but was too slow owing to the weight of the hammer. Both men clinched and Eastlake managed to throw McIntyre to the ground but was unable to hold him. William Spears, a neighboring farmer, arrived and assisted Eastlake in overpowering McIntyre. The latter admitted that his intention was to burn the barn but thought it was a shame to burn all the cattle, but when Eastlake ordered him from the place he decided to kill him instead. Had Spears not been close at hand McIntyre would have probably murdered both Mr. and Mrs. Eastlake. The general opinion is that McIntyre is insane.

Will Visit Fair.

Winnipeg, March 30.—Minnesota editors will attend the Portland exposition in June, returning home by Victoria and Vancouver and the C. P. R. through Western Canada.

Coaches Delayed.

Winnipeg, March 30.—At 7.35 a.m. this morning the extra, west, 134, consisting of twelve coaches and a van, became delayed a quarter mile west of Dryden by a broken rail. The engine and four coaches remained on the rails. The following eight coaches were delayed. Several passengers, whose names and destinations have not been ascertained, were cut and bruised, but none were seriously hurt. They are being cared for in hotels by local doctors.

### Died From Exposure.

Winnipeg, March 30.—The body found at St. Ann, southeast of the city, is believed to be that of Robert Jackson, of London, Ontario. Letters from Johnstone, a London solicitor, were found on him. He died from exposure.

### Improvements.

Winnipeg, March 30.—Western towns are busy getting ready to make extensive local improvements. Prince Albert will spend \$100,000 in sewers, sidewalks and waterworks; Calgary \$60,000 for electric light plant, and Indian Head \$150,000 for sewers, light and fire protection and waterworks.

Jumped the Track.

St. Catharines, March 30.—A trolley car filled with passengers, most of them young ladies, jumped the track near here. The passengers got out and started for the city on foot, believing it would be considerable time before the car could be put back on the rails again, but this was done sooner than expected and the passengers were waiting for the car several hundred feet further along the line when it jumped the track again at a point overlooking the Welland canal. The car was leading down to the water is almost 100 feet high. The car was only saved from going over by catching on a guy rope, but the passengers were on board the weight would have carried it down to the canal and resulted in the loss of life.

### Remount Station.

Toronto, March 30.—If the Dominion department of agriculture does not establish a remount station in Ontario, it is likely the Ontario government will do so.

### Member Ill.

Quebec, March 30.—J. L. Demers, M. P. for Levis, is critically ill, and his physician holds out no hope for recovery.

### Centre Toronto Vacancy.

Toronto, March 30.—The executive of the Liberal Association of Toronto Centre decided last night not to call a convention to nominate a candidate for the constituency rendered vacant by the death of E. F. Clarke, Conservative. This means that there will be no Liberal candidate. The choice of the Conservative rests with Dr. Beatty Nesbitt, M.P.P., and Mr. Edmund Bristol.

### Fell Down Stairs.

Winnipeg, March 30.—H. D. Ferguson was probably fatally injured in a fall down stairs in the City hotel last night. He lived on Patrick street.

### Minister Retires.

Winnipeg, March 30.—The congregation of St. Giles's church gave Rev. John Hogg a cheque for \$643 on retiring from a 15 years' pastorate. He has been 40 years in the Presbyterian pulpit.

### The New Territories.

Winnipeg, March 30.—At Regina on July 1st the Northwest government and the city of Regina will celebrate in honor of the entrance of Alberta and Saskatchewan into Confederation. Earl and Lady Grey and Sir Wilfrid Laurier have been invited. The Ninetieth Regiment, Winnipeg, will attend.

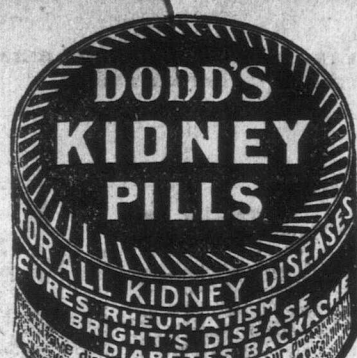
### Bank Clearings.

Winnipeg, March 30.—The bank clearings for the week ending to-day were \$5,091,307, for the same week in 1904, \$3,446,756, and in 1903, \$3,620,075.

### HAS BEEN ISOLATED.

Patient's Case Has Been Diagnosed as  
Leprosy.

New York, March 30.—A patient, whose illness is diagnosed as leprosy, has been received at Bellevue hospital. When the doctors had satisfied themselves as to the disease, the man was hurried off to an isolated ward on Blackwell's Island.



### FIRE AT REFORMATORY.

The Loss Amounts to About Seventy-  
Five Thousand Dollars.

Elmira, March 30.—The fire at Elmira reformatory at midnight last night totally destroyed the tailor shop, storehouse, laundry, bathroom, number one engine room, shoe shop, book bindery, upholstery, blacksmith, photograph gallery and broom shop, and entailed a loss of about \$75,000.

The fire started in the clothing store house, but its origin is unknown. At no time were any of the inmates in danger. Sixteen of them were designated to assist the firemen. The hospital, which is located about 40 feet from the burned building, took fire and appeared to be in danger for a time, but was saved. Patients, numbering 44, were taken to other parts of the institution without commotion. There was no effort on the part of the men to take advantage of the situation.

### PEASANT RISINGS.

Threaten to Take Possession of Lands  
Held by German Settlers.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—A telegram from Bachmut (Bessarabia) reports a peasant outbreak at Caseno against the German settlers there.

The peasants threaten to take possession of the lands by force unless the Germans voluntarily give up possession. Cossacks have been hastily dispatched to the scene.

### Imperial Palace Safe.

Yalta, Crimea, March 30.—The report that the Imperial palace at Livadiya has been burned by rioters is untrue. The administrative building at Yalta belonging to the Imperial domain was burned during the recent disorders here.

### WORK OF INCENDIARY.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—The distilling department of the Zhukoff oil works was destroyed yesterday by fire, which is believed to have been of incendiary origin. The damage is estimated at \$25,000.

### ALLEGED VIOLATION OF ACT.

Case Urged Against W. G. Cameron to  
Offset That Respecting Dr. Young.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Members of the government have been waiting for the discovery of Dr. Young's violation of the Constitution Act in order to offset it with what they believe is a second breach of the statute on the part of W. G. Cameron.

In Mr. Cameron's case the government party explain the alleged violation is found in the fact that Mr. Cameron received pay from the city for supplies for Darcy Lazaretto. These accounts in the fullness of time were handed over to the provincial government for payment, and the city got a refund. The government alleges in this taking pay from the city by a round-about process he was getting it from the province. It is believed the contention of the government is not sound in the matter.

Other members in the House to-day have been searching the records to find if they are all clear. It is said that there are spots on a few more.

### LONEY ACQUITTED.

Verdict of Jury in Case of Hockey  
Player Charged With Man-  
slaughter.

Cornwall, March 29.—Loney, charged with having caused the death of Alcide Laurin in a game of hockey at Maxville, was placed in the witness box this afternoon. He said he had never been ruled off, and had never struck for the purpose of hurting a player. He received a blow on the face from Laurin which dashed him, and he remained in that condition until some time after when he was struck on the back by some one.

Loney was acquitted by the jury of the charge of manslaughter and liberated.

### SUDDEN DEATH.

Railway President Dropped Dead of  
Heart Disease at His Home.

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