

Oyama's Story of Heikoutai Battle ; Victory Hinged On All-Night Combat ; Russ Infantry Regiment Annihilated

A Jap Marshal Reports Heavy Losses by Russ Artillery.

Bloody Fighting in Big Blizzard for Every Foot of Ground.

Tokio, Feb. 2. — 9 p.m. — Field Marshal Oyama, telegraphing yesterday, reports that the extreme Japanese left holds a line along the Hun River, with its extreme left established on the right bank. The body of the Russians, after their defeat at Heikoutai, retired across the Hun and occupied Niupapao, Shufangtai, and a portion of Changtiao. On Wednesday the Russians began constructing defensive works in the neighborhood of Shufangtai. Chung-chiawopeng and Shangtiao. Russian cavalry patrols were seen Wednesday along the line of Tsuyata, Pimpetzu, and Yuhpaotzu. The Russians made a series of small attacks on the right army and the left flank of the left army, but were repulsed in each instance.

Details of the fighting from Jan. 25 to Jan. 29, which Field Marshal Oyama officially designates as the battle of Heikoutai, shows that the operations were more extensive, the forces engaged larger, and the fighting more desperate, than the first reports indicated. The Japanese casualties totaled 7,000. According to the Japanese estimate the Russians lost over 10,000. The army fought in a driving snow. It was bitterly cold, and very difficult to see. A night attack delivered early in the morning brought success to the Japanese.

JAPS WERE OUTNUMBERED Garrison of Heikoutai Was Surrounded by Russian Columns.

A Russian division surrounded and attacked Heikoutai Jan. 25. Field Marshal Oyama reports that the garrison, though outnumbered, made a stubborn resistance, and retired at night under cover of darkness, to Kuekungtzu. In the meantime, Field Marshal Oyama warned of the attack, ordered an advance for the purpose of retaking Heikoutai. It was snowing and the movement was delayed. On Jan. 25, about noon, while the attack on Heikoutai was developing, a report reached the Japanese headquarters that another division of Russians, advancing from Changtiao had surrounded Chenchiehpao, and also that an independent and smaller body of Russians was operating west of Chenchiehpao, threatening the left flank of the Japanese force moving against Heikoutai, which had departed from Sumapao westward to Heikoutai. It was originally planned to deploy from Sumapao to Taopao, but it was found that the line from Heikoutai to Taopao, the Japanese, therefore, deployed to Sumapao and Wuchiatzu, and attacked Heikoutai and Taopao. The latter place was strongly held, but its capture was necessary before it was possible to take Heikoutai. Thirty Russian gunners skulking around Heikoutai, which was surrounded by Russian troops, endeavored to take Heikoutai. The nightfall of Jan. 26 saw the Japanese still struggling to take Heikoutai. On Jan. 27 the Russians pressing the Japanese right wing, temporarily retreated. The freed force reinforced the Japanese right wing. The attack on Heikoutai was resumed Jan. 27. A covering force was sent to protect the right flank, rear, and also the left flank of the Japanese force. Another covering force protected the extreme left.

Hand to Hand Fight.
The troops attacking Heikoutai advanced fearlessly, and despite the heavy losses inflicted by the reinforced Russians, constantly gained step by step. A Russian division advanced from the direction of Niuchu and struck the left column on the right flank. A force of Russian infantry and mounted artillery fired into the rear of the left column. The Japanese lost heavily and the extreme left wing was compelled to retreat temporarily. The Russians made a series of night attacks, Jan. 27, in all directions. They succeeded in catching a detachment stationed at Sumapao in the front and rear. A desperate hand-to-hand encounter followed. The Japanese finally succeeded in repulsing all the attacks.

A portion of the Russians remained at Sumapao and on the morning of Jan. 28, fired into the rear of the Japanese center. The Japanese turned, attacked and practically annihilated the Russians, only 200 of them surrendering. The fighting continued throughout the day and night of Jan. 28. The Japanese, who were everywhere outnumbered, decided to make a general night attack.

RUSS REGIMENT WIPED OUT Desperate All-Night Attack That Ended in Jap Triumph.

In his report, Field Marshal Oyama says: "Our object had not been attained, so I commanded all columns to make night attacks. All columns of the attacking force expected annihilation. We attempted to break through the Russian lines, but were heavily by the enemy's artillery, especially the machine guns. All columns continued the attack with all their might. The enemy, unable to withstand our vigorous attacks, began to retreat at 5:30 in the morning. Our forces, charging into Heikoutai, occupied the place firmly and entirely at 9:30 o'clock in the morning."

The Russian force engaged is estimated by the Japanese at seven divisions, with a division of cavalry. Prisoners report that the fourth Russian infantry regiment was practically annihilated.

Jap Batteries Concealed.
Mukden, Feb. 1, via Tien Tsin, Feb.

3.—(Delayed in transmission).—All the natives of Holantai and Puchichung, who were let through the lines during the Russian occupation, arrived at Mukden on Jan. 31, except a few who were killed in battle. The impression is general among the Russian troops on the right flank that either Gen. Nodzu or Gen. Nogi was present at Sandapau, where the Russians ascribe their greatest losses to cleverly-concealed batteries behind the main works. The Japanese withdrew from their outposts at Sandapau, which at one time the Russians occupied.

Gen. Mistchenko was still advancing, carrying out a flanking movement, intending to cut the railway north of Liao Yang, and was taking outposts after outposts with prisoners when the order to retire came.

The Baltic Fleet.

Jibuti, French Somaliland, Feb. 2. — The division of the Second Russian Pacific Squadron, commanded by Rear-Admiral Botrowsky, consisting of four cruisers and three torpedo-boat destroyers, sailed from here yesterday to join the warships commanded by Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky, off the island of Madagascar. Eighteen German soldiers will follow Admiral Botrowsky's division.

Oku Called It Easy.

General Oku's Headquarters, Jan. 30. —(Noon).—Via Tien Tsin, Feb. 3.—(Delayed in transmission).—The Russian attempt to turn General Oku's left flank has proven a complete failure. Following on the failure of the recent heavy fighting on the railway, it is thought by the Japanese, probably will induce the Russians to await in the future the Japanese attacks. The attempt with the bombardment of other portions of the line, or a cavalry movement around the flank, has proven to be a failure from the start. The Japanese were at Heikoutai, but withdrew its small force from there and allowed the Russians to occupy the positions until they could move over enough men to make its recapture certain. The recapture of this position was easily accomplished, although the loss was heavy. The casualties have not yet been reported, but it is

THE HOCH CASE Chicago Coroner Will Ask for In- dictment of Murder.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Indictment for murder will be asked for by Coroner Hoffman against Johann Hoch, the alleged assassin of Mrs. Hendricks-Hoch, who was not held until Hoch reaches Chicago, some time next week.

Two of the wives of Hoch have quarreled over money alleged to have been paid to Hoch by the Hendricks-Hochs. The money is claimed by Mrs. Fischer-Hoch and by Mrs. Hendricks-Hoch. The latter demands \$200 of the \$300 now said to be in the possession of the New York police. Mrs. Hendricks is said to have fled to New York to obtain the money there.

The name of still another woman has been added to the long list of alleged wives of the modern Bluebeard. Today a man in Wheeling, W. Va., in which the writer states a belief that Hoch is the same man who, under the name of Jacob Russ, arrived in Wheeling eight years ago, and subsequently married a woman by the name of Hoch. Soon after the marriage the woman died suddenly. Hoch disappeared, and later a watch were found on the bank of the Ohio River.

CHURCH AND STATE Combs Demands That New Fren- ch Ministry State Policy.

Paris, Feb. 2.—Former Premier Combes, accepting today the presidency of the Republic, has declared that the cabinet changes must not permit delay or abandonment of the task of separating church and state. The opposition against which he had long struggled was now flatterer itself that it had definitely postponed the project. Therefore it was necessary to ask the new cabinet, without further delay, to make a precise declaration removing all equivocation or doubt upon this essential question. Only upon this condition could such a definite declaration be made would the groups of which he was president give adherence to the new policy.

The new (Rouvier) ministry held an informal meeting today to go over the question of the separation of church and state, and agreed upon the general form of a new measure which will be presented to the Chamber of Deputies next week.

THE CHARGES AGAINST HILL Alleged St. Thomas Man Dis- posed of Property to Defraud Creditors.

St. Thomas, Feb. 2.—The charges on which Mr. J. B. Hill, of the insolvent firm of J. B. Hill & Co., was arrested today are first for disposing of his property to defraud his creditors, and second, under the act of 1904 in not keeping proper books. Bail will probably be granted.

Mr. Hill's creditors find that the liabilities are over \$100,000, while the assets consist of the stock inventory at \$27,000. This stock was offered for sale at the auction rooms of Suckling, company, Toronto, yesterday, but as the highest bid was only 45 cents on the dollar, the goods were reserved for private sale.

Hill is alleged to have sold numerous parcels of goods for only a fraction of their value, the effect of which was to deplete his assets and defraud his creditors, while his books at the time of his assignment, it is stated, were in such a condition that nothing even approaching an approximate statement of his affairs could be drawn up from them.

Mr. Frank Arnold, K.C., is acting as counsel for the creditors, and tomorrow, at St. Thomas, an examination of parties with a view to following some of the estate money will take place.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 3. — The Emperor has received the following dispatch from Gen. Kuropatkin: "The Japanese, during the night of Jan. 31 attacked Djianstien on the left bank of the Hun River opposite Changtiao. They captured the village, but subsequently were driven out with great loss. The Russian casualties were 100."

"The Japanese, after a severe cannonade, reentered our forces at Djianstien at noon, Feb. 1. The Russians first retired, but ultimately reoccupied the village, although some outlying parts are still in the hands of the enemy."

The commander-in-chief adds: "Despite the intense cold, frost bites are rare, owing to preventative measures."

On Feb. 1, 123 Russian prisoners have arrived at Mukden."

CALGARY THE CAPITAL Deputation to Ottawa to Look After the City's Interests.

Calgary, Feb. 3.—At a mass meeting here several citizens were selected as delegates to go to Ottawa to protect Calgary's interests in the question of location of the capital and division of the new provinces. Telegrams were sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Charles Doherty, premier and minister of the interior, respectively, naming any town or city as provisional capital that is a candidate for permanent honors. Calgary delegates take the position that the capital district should be left to the Provincial Government.

It is hoped here that Banff may be named as the temporary capital.

O. J. C. SPRING MEET Entry for the Big Stakes to Close March 1.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 3. — Mr. W. P. Fraser, secretary of the Ontario Jockey Club, the spring meeting of which will begin on Saturday, May 29, and continue, to include Saturday, June 3, announces the following stakes, to close Wednesday, March 1: The King's plate; the probable value of this stake, which is now \$3,300, has been increased by \$250, the latter amount being given to the breeder of the winner, which, it is hoped, will prove an incentive to the breeder of blooded stock in Ontario.

The starting time for the King's plate has been raised to 2:25. The addition should serve a dual purpose by increasing the total of the winner, and registering the number of starters. The distance is one mile and a quarter, to be run Saturday, May 29. The Stanley Produce stakes, open, \$1,500 added, is for 2-year-olds foaled in Canada. The long. The Breeders' stake, \$1,000 added, is for 2-year-olds foaled in Canada. The Maple Leaf stakes, \$1,000 added, is for 2-year-olds foaled in Canada, one mile and a sixteenth.

THE DAILY BLAZE AT MONTREAL Big Building on St. Lawrence Street Destroyed at a Loss of \$125,000.

Montreal, Feb. 3.—Shortly before 5 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the building at the northwest corner of St. Lawrence and Vitre streets, occupied by the Tuckett Cigar Company. The Merchants' Telephone Company's main exchange, the Peerless Gas Light Company, J. N. Brisson, watchmaker and optician, Cole & Landry, and a number of smaller occupants. The top floor, which was occupied by the central exchange of the Merchants' Telephone Company, was a roaring mass of flames when the firemen arrived on the scene. The temperature was 10° below zero, and a strong wind was blowing from the northwest. The flames licked around the east end of the Hotel Majestic to the north, and that building was in great danger for a time. The fire, however, was confined to the building which it started in. The total loss is estimated at \$125,000.

One Year for Bigamy.

Toronto, Feb. 3.—Col. Denison sentenced Harry Haines to one year in the Central Jail this morning for bigamy. His second wife was a Newmarket woman, the first belonging to Whitechurch.

PORT ARTHUR IS LIBERAL Returning Officer Gives Kennedy a Majority of 25.

Port Arthur, Feb. 2.—Returning Officer McDougall made the declaration in Port Arthur and Rainy River returns at noon today. Kennedy (Liberal), received 1,286 votes; Preston (Conservative), 1,261. Kennedy's majority, 25.

DROPPED DEAD William Wilkinson of Banff, Ont., Expires of Heart Disease.

Banff, Feb. 2.—William Wilkinson, M.A., for 37 years principal of the Central school, this city, died suddenly about 8 o'clock here last night. The deceased was one of the best known and most respected of Banff's citizens. As an educationist he stood among the first. He had only recently been appointed school inspector for this city. Heart failure is said to have been the cause of death, as the deceased was in about his usual health in the afternoon. Three sons and two daughters besides a wife are left to mourn his loss. The deceased was a prominent member of the Wellington Street Methodist Church.

Wholesale Smuggling Over the St. Clair Ice Customs Department Will Make Special Effort to Suppress the Practice.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 3. — Drastic measures are to be taken by the customs department to suppress increased smuggling into Ontario, that is being carried on since heavy ice formed. The special officers will be at once scattered along the frontier from Port Lambton, on the River St. Clair, to the mouth of the Detroit River, below Amherstburg. The Government has received information that large quantities of all kinds of goods, implements and machinery, are being brought across the river on the ice at night.

GOVERNMENT AIDS MR. BORDEN TO GET BACK INTO HARNESS Conservative Parliamentary Contingent.

There was no demonstration of any kind. Mr. Borden will go to Richmond tomorrow, where the nomination is to take place for Carleton, and will thank the electors for returning him by acclamation. The Secretary of State has written the returning officer, asking him to facilitate, in every possible way, the election of Mr. Borden. It is expected that the leader of the Opposition will be able to be in his seat in the House on Monday or Tuesday at the latest.

Opposition Leader to Receive Nomination at Once and Take His Seat

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Feb. 3.—Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Opposition, arrived at noon today from Halifax. He was met at the station by a number of Conservative members of Parliament and others. George Taylor headed the

Died of Slow Poisoning, Says M. Syveton's Friend

Paris, Feb. 3. — The appeal against the decision of the Procurator of the Republic that Deputy Gabriel Syveton committed suicide will come before the court today. The Gaulois this morning publishes an interview with Mme. Jules Lebaudy, the well-known authoress, and an intimate friend of Syveton's, in which he positively affirms that Syveton was gradually poisoned. M. Syveton, who was a Nationalist deputy, was found dying in his apartment at Neuilly, on Dec. 8, apparently from asphyxiation by gas. On Nov. 4, M. Syveton had created a scene in the Chamber of Deputies by striking Minister of War Andre in the face, and he was to have been graduated for the offense on Dec. 9. The conditions indicated suicide, but friends of the dead deputy asserted that he was the victim of foul play. In the course of the investigation it transpired that M. and Mme. Syveton had been estranged through alleged improper conduct of her first husband, and it was also alleged that he had misappropriated \$30,000 of the funds of the Nationalist political organization, of which he was the president. In the course of the examination, Mme. Syveton, while claiming that her husband committed suicide, admitted to the magistrate that she, with the help of the housekeeper, had so placed the body as to make it appear that his death was accidental, and also that she had burned his private papers.

Big Fire at St. Louis. East St. Louis, Ill., Feb. 3. — Six large office and store buildings here were destroyed or badly damaged by fire today and several persons were in- jured. The loss is estimated at \$265,000.

Several families, who occupied flats in the upper floors of one of the buildings, was driven into the cold. The intense cold greatly retarded the effective fighting of the flames.

THE WEATHER. Tomorrow—Fair and Extremely Cold

London, Friday, Feb. 3.—Sun rises, 7:32 a.m. Moon rises, 9:30 a.m. Sun sets, 5:31 p.m. Moon sets, 4:50 p.m. Toronto, Feb. 2-8 p.m.

Extremely low temperatures have again occurred in the Territories and Manitoba, and the cold wave continues to spread westward. Light local snowfalls have occurred in the Georgian Bay district and Nova Scotia, while elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 38 below—29 below; Port Simpson, 22—34; Victoria, 32—35; Kamloops, 4—9; Calgary, 40 below—10 below; Qu'Appelle, 35 below—14 below; Winnipeg, 28 below—16 below; Port Arthur, 22 below—12; Parry Sound, 12 below—29; Toronto, 3—12; Ottawa, 4 below—14; Montreal, 4—8; Quebec, 6 below—6; St. John, 4—29; Halifax, 6—24.

FORECASTS.
Friday, Feb. 3.—2-8 a.m. Northwesterly winds, fair and extremely cold today and on Saturday.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. 3 p.m. Clear
Calgary — 20 — 35 Clear
Winnipeg — 24 — 35 Clear
Parry Sound — 12 — 29 Clear
Toronto — 3 — 12 Clear
Ottawa — 4 — 14 Clear
Montreal — 4 — 8 Fair
Quebec — 6 — 6 Fair
Father Point — 0 — 2 Cloudy
The sign — indicates below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.
The cold wave has not diminished in severity and is still central over Manitoba and the Northwest States. Temperatures considerably below zero were recorded throughout the Territories and Manitoba, and the Territories readings as low as 42° below zero are reported.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Thursday were: Highest, 6° above; lowest, 5° below.

NEW OIL COMPANIES Two More Big Concerns to Tap the Leamington Fields.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 3. — Two new oil companies have been organized here to operate in the Leamington, Ont., oil fields. The Merchants' Oil and Gas Company, with a capital of \$100,000, and the Leamington International Oil Company, capitalized at \$50,000. There is unprecedented activity in the Leamington field, which is attracting oil men from all over the country.

NEWSPAPER MEN ELECT Canadian Press Association in Con- vention at Toronto.

Toronto, Feb. 2.—The Canadian Press Association's annual meeting opened this morning in the board of trade building, with about 100 present. The election of officers resulted as follows: A. H. U. Windsor, president; J. R. Boone, Toronto Star, secretary; J. E. Bradwin, H. H. Standard, treasurer. The second vice-president and the executive council will be elected tomorrow. There are thirty-one delegates from the press, and a ballot will be necessary. The officers this morning were all elected by acclamation. A committee was appointed to consider the propriety of applying for a Dominion charter.

FLOGGED WITHOUT A TRIAL FATE OF WARSAW PRISONERS Many Children Shot in the Recent Riots—Cossacks Hold Up Citizens and Rob.

Warsaw, Feb. 2.—More than 1,000 prisoners taken during the troubles here are confined in the fortress and jails, in addition to a large number temporarily confined at the police stations, where, without any form of trial, they are flogged. The floggings are cruelly severe. The victims are afterwards released if their relations pay the police sergeants ten rubles. Among the other abuses of suppression has been the shooting of children. The troops deliberately shot at various times, scores of school boys from 12 to 16 years of age, because they were putting whitewash over Russian signs on shops. The troops parading the streets at night hold up respectable citizens, and compel them to hand over money. Such outrages are stirring the people to the explosion point.

MRS. GILBERT'S WILL Leaves Gems to Godchild and Small Bequests to Friends.

New York, Feb. 3.—The will of Mrs. Anne Jane Gilbert, the first actress who ended her long career by starring in "Granny" up to a few days before her death, which occurred in Chicago, Feb. 2, was filed in the surrogate court yesterday. Mrs. Gilbert left \$10,000 personal property.

To her godchild, Clare McDowell, niece of Melbourne McDowell, she leaves her diamond earrings and bar brooch, and to her niece, Anne Jane Fidy, a watch and chain and all her wearing apparel, furs and lace.

Bequests of books and various articles used by Mrs. Gilbert made the "The Players," Charles Frohman, Daniel Frohman, Annie Russell, Charles Richmond, Ada Rehan and John Drew.

REWARDS FOR MURDER Thousands for Man Who Will Kill Mayor of Chinatown.

New York, Feb. 2. — Rewards aggregating \$7,000 for the assassination of Tom Lee, "Mayor of Chinatown," and reputed head of the On-Leong-Tong Secret Society, as well as for four principal members of the On-Leong-Tong, have been scattered throughout Chinatown, according to a statement made today to Magistrate Pool, in the Tombs police court, by Lee Moy, Tom Lee's secretary and right-hand man. Lee Moy was a witness in the examination of Yee-Lee, charged with the murder of Hing Fung, the Hip-Sing-Tong, has the reputation of being opposed to such practices.

TELEGRAPHS AND 'PHONES Canadian Press Association Wants Them to Be Nationalized.

Toronto, Feb. 3.—At the meeting of the Canadian Press Association this morning, after discussing the nationalization and Government ownership of telegraphs and telephones in Canada, was adopted, and the Government was urged to take steps in this direction.

HIT DYNAMITE WITH HOT BAR Three Workmen Badly Mangled While Blasting a Hole in Frozen Earth.

Rosethorn, N. W. T., Feb. 3. — News of a serious accident on the C. N. R., twenty miles east of the Elbow, on Saturday afternoon last, reached town today. A construction gang were using dynamite to blast the frozen earth. Four men were doing the work and one of them in using a large red-hot crowbar to make a fresh hole, struck a piece of dynamite, causing a terrible explosion, which seriously wounded three of the men. It is feared one of these will lose his eyesight. Another was frightfully cut about the face, and the third man was thrown heavily to the ground, but was not seriously wounded.

RUSS GENERALS AT FISTICUFFS Serious Crisis in the Quebec Cabinet—Gouin, Weir and Turgeon Will Resign.

Paris, Feb. 2. — The St. Petersburg correspondent of L'Echo de Paris says: Under reserve, that Gen. Gripenberg is to return to Russia under a cloud. Kuropatkin accuses him of engaging Japanese forces at Sandapau outnumbering his own, and refusing to retire when Kuropatkin ordered him to do so, thus sacrificing 10,000 men.

16 Below at Kingston.

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 3. — This morning was the coldest experienced this winter. At 7 o'clock the thermometer reached 16 degrees below zero. The weather is clear and bright.

STRIKERS AND TROOPS IN BATTLE AT LODZ

Warsaw, Feb. 2.—More than 1,000 prisoners taken during the troubles here are confined in the fortress and jails, in addition to a large number temporarily confined at the police stations, where, without any form of trial, they are flogged. The floggings are cruelly severe. The victims are afterwards released if their relations pay the police sergeants ten rubles. Among the other abuses of suppression has been the shooting of children. The troops deliberately shot at various times, scores of school boys from 12 to 16 years of age, because they were putting whitewash over Russian signs on shops. The troops parading the streets at night hold up respectable citizens, and compel them to hand over money. Such outrages are stirring the people to the explosion point.

PRINCE EDWARD RETURNS Official Account Gives Currie, Liberal Eleven Majority.

Pictou, Ont., Feb. 3. — The recount in Prince Edward took place yesterday before Deputy Justice Wright. Mr. Duvernet, of Toronto, and Mr. Hubbs acted for Mr. Norman, and Mr. Widdifield and Mr. Addison for Dr. Currie. On the opening of the recount Mr. Widdifield raised the objection that a deputy judge has no authority to hold a recount. After argument Mr. Wright, with considerable hesitation, concluded to proceed with the recount, which was concluded about midnight.

The result of the recount was to add two to Dr. Currie's majority, which now stands at nine, the figures being, Currie 2,273, Norman 2,264.

CUBAN CABINET CRISIS Five Ministers Resign Because Palma Joined the Moderates.

Havana, Feb. 3. — All five members of the cabinet visited President Palma yesterday and presented their resignations. They stated that they desired, since President Palma had announced his allegiance to the Moderate party, to open the way for him to make whatever selections for cabinet officers he chose under the new conditions. President Palma declined to consider the resignations, and added that his joining the Moderate party was purely a personal act, and did not necessarily affect the cabinet. The cabinet ministers, however, are well aware that there will be changes after consultation between President Palma and the Moderate leaders.

ONE OF THE BANDITS Man Confesses to Being Member of the "Car Barn" Gang.

St. Louis, Feb. 3. — Andrew Kurrowski, for whose arrest a reward of \$500 was offered some time ago in Chicago, is in custody here, and has made a confession that he was a companion in crime of Marx and Van Dine, the Chicago so-called "car barn bandits," who were hanged last year. Kurrowski came from Memphis, where he said he had hidden \$1,000 worth of booty.

"I came to St. Louis," he said, "to plunder and rob. I have shot fifteen men, some fatally. I have been in the reformatory at Pontiac, Ill., twice — once for robbery and assault to kill, and once for a street car hold-up in Chicago. I have been a bandit since I was 10 years old."

Kurrowski is now about 25 years of age.

THREE MINISTERS TO STEP OUT

Quebec, Feb. 3.—Nothing is definitely known as yet in regard to the provincial cabinet crisis, but it is stated that the resignations of Hon. Messrs. Gouin, Weir and Turgeon will be in the hands of Prime Minister Parent before the next cabinet meeting tomorrow. It is also stated that the resignation of the Provincial Treasurer, Mr. McCorkill, will follow. Mr. Alexander Tachereau is spoken of as a future member of the cabinet. Hon. Mr. Parent, who was to start for South America in the interests of his health, has canceled his trip.