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JAPS DEFEAT BUSSIANS

Advantage Won By Mikado's Men Is At Heavy Cost.

Action Menaces Russians' Left Flank and is of No Mean Proportions-Scene Is 50 Miles Southeast of Mukden-Gen. Kuropatkin Wires That the Japs Have Occupied Sinkhetchen-Fighting at Close Quarters.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—An action of St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—An action of no mean proportions is in progress on the Russian left flank. The advantage thus far is on the side of the apatiess, though at heavy cost. From advices from the front it is difficult to say how severe the losses have been or how had the reverses, andw hether the Japaness are likely to attempt to drive in the Russian left much further.

Gen. Kuropatkin evidently had been trying to establish his left flank far in advance, to command the crossings.

in advance, to command the crossings of the Tairs River, the operation being a counterpart of Gen. Gripenber movement on the right flank to see the fords of the Hun River preparate to the breaking up of the ice in

miles southeast of Mukden, beyond Da Pass, an important defile commanding the road to Fusan. Both armies opening apparently impregnable positions so the centres. Gen. Kuropatkin evi-dently planned to inaugurate widely sprending operations on both flanks, but

ne Japanese countered hard. The weather is fine and favorable for operations, and all is quiet on the Russian right wing.

Japs Hold Sinkhetchen.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—Gene

"Exact reports of our yesterday's

losses have not yet been received. There are 12 officers and about 30 wounded men in hospital at Santunyu. The percentage of killed is very large. The commander of the detachment reports acts of bravery by many detached bed-less of traver."

acts of bravery by many detached sod-les of troops."

Gen. Kuropatkin instances many cases of close fighting and bayonet charges, and concludes:

"This morning a battalion of the enemy advanced in the direction of Papin Pass, six miles southwest of Santunya, and this evening the enemy authorist commenced to approach the

tunya, and this evening the memys outposts commenced to approach the passes occupied by us."

Japs Met Gun Cotton Grenades.

Tsinkhetchen, Feb 27.—The Japaness attack on Beresnoff Hill developed into an encounter of the most estimatory natude. The Japaness, pressing forward a bayonet charge, were received with gun cotton hand grenades, or were blown up by buried mines. The Japaness machine guns which took positions to support the advance were silenced for a time and beaten back. The Japaness came on with greater resolution, however, and the Russians finally yielded the hill in the face of greatly superior numbers and a determined series of attacks, which continued night and The Japaness on Friday attacked a hill opposite Tzenti Pass, but were repulsed with great loss. News has just been received here that the Japaness renewed the attack on Tzenti Pass last night. enewed the attack on Tzenti Pass last

yesterday and 400 are expected to-day. The cannonade along the Russian centre diminisned in intensity yesterday. There is no evidence of activity on the part of the Japanese who were strengthening the site of the Russian operations towards Lisoyang in the latter part of January.

To aush Troops East.

London, Feb. 27.—The correspondent

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London, Feb. 27.—The correspondent at St. Petersburg of The Times says that the Government is making concessions to the railway men and placing the railways under martial law, with a view to expediting the transportation of troops to the far east. The correspondent adds that the South Rifle Brigade, which left Odessa two months ago, is still near Omsk; that the Fourth Army Corps, which left Minsk a month ago, has not yet reached Siberia, and that the Third Rifle Brigade, mobilized last year, is only now leaving Kieff. The latest units ordered for service include some 25,000 men, with 68 guns, from Caucasus garrisons. These cannot reach General Kurepatkih before April.

Siege Guns in Action.

Siege Guns in Action. Mukden, Feb. 27.—An action in the centre opened at 8.30 Saturday morning with siege guns. The firing of field guns continued throughout the day.

300 Russians Reuted.

Newchwang, Feb. 27.—(Via Tientsin.)

—It is announced that a cavairy de-tachment of 300 Russians was routed at Liuchia Wopu, 14 miles south west of Hsinmingtun.

Hsinmingtun.

Abandon a Town.

Tokio, Feb. 27.—The Rusisans shelled
Litajentun and Chenchiehpao Friday.
On the same day they burned an abandoned Chiensunmupaotzu, near Waitoom Mountain. Collisions between scouts and reconnoitering parties continue.

World Amazed by Stoessel. Morid Amazed by Stoessel.

Moscow, Feb. 27.—Gen. Stoessel, the late commander of the Russian forces at Fort Arthur, and his party arrived here at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. Gen. Stoessel was met in the Imperial Pavillon at the Nicholas Station by the Governor, nobility, numerous officers and civil officials. Col. Dimansky made an eulogistic address of welcome, declaring "that your splendid defence of Port Arthur amazed the world and created immortal glory for Russia." Numerous bouquets were presented to Madame Stoessel. The General afterwards held a reception. He will go to St. Petersburg on Wednesday, but subsequently he will return for a prolonged stay.

German Steamer Seized.

Tokio, Feb. 27.—The German steamer Romulus, bound for Vladivostock, with a corre of Carille coal.

with a cargo of Cardiff coal, was seized Saturday night.

STRIKERS AWAIT SIGNALS.

Russia Fears Concentrated Action by the Peasants and the Workmen Political Agitators Busy.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—Evidence is increasing that the strikes throughout the Empire, and especially those in St. Petersburg, are not economic in their origin, but inspired by a definite political plan. The Government and the employers are embarrassed by the tactics of the workmen, whose discontent is being fed and who are increasing demands with each new concession.

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This condition is believed to have been fomented by crafty political agitators, who are stirring up the men, and at the same time holding them in leash, apparently awaiting some signal for concerted action. Fear is entertained that this widespread disaffection, is connected with a pla nto await a possible peasant outbreak in the spring, with which a general strike will be synchronized, the workmen joining hands with the peasants. The election of labor representatives to the Imperial Commission, which is to investigate the causes of dicontent in St. Petersburg, passed off quietly yesterday. The situation in Riga is again reported to be very serious. The authorities there are apparently unable to cope with the law-less elements.

less elements.

Bad in the Caucasus. Bad in the Caucasus.

In the Caucasus the situation is extremely bad, practically amounting to civil war. In Baku the inhabitants barricaded their houses and are petitioning the central authorities at St. ePteraburg for relief from the existing condition of affairs. The Government of troops, but condition of analys. The Government is sending reinforcements of troops, but while these may be able to stop the reign of terror, they will be impotent to start the wheels of industry. Proprietors fear that the il wells will be utterly ruined if sumping is suspended much longer. Conditions in offier towns in the Caucasus are equally desperate. much longer. Conditions in other towns in the Caucasus are equally desperate. In Siberia as well as in other parts of the Empire, the Government has granted considerable concessions to railway employes in some cases according them a seduction of hours of labor to nine a niv. This renders the situation of private employers increasingly difficult, as they claim that it is impossible for them to concede so much.

Under Martial Law.

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All the Russian railways except the
Central Asian, have been placed under
martial law.
Telegraphers Threaten.
Moscow, Feb. 27.—Postal Telegraph
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officials are threatening to strike un-less their demands for the improvement of their conditions are granted.

Tolstoi on Russian Affairs.

Paris, Feb. 27.—The declarations of Count Lee Tolstoi denouncing Russian autocracy and Russian Nihilism as two equally detestable principles, and pro-posing Russian Socialist collectivism as the sole remedy for the nation, pub-lished is all the French wares clic-

night.

Gen. Negi Takes Part.

Mukden, Feb. 27.—Fighting continues in front and west of Tie Pass. On the extreme east the Japanese have taken the outlying positions and they now threaten the main defence.

Owing to their formidable attack, it is thought that the Japanese artillerymen are veterans from Port Arthur, commanded by Gen. Nogi. Forty wounded Russians arrived at Mukden yesterday and 40¢ are expected to-day. The cannonade along the Russian Socialist collectivism as the sole remedy for the nation, published in all the French papers, elicit widespread comment.

Seldiers Accompanied by Policemen. Warsaw, Feb. 27.—Every policemen on duty here is accompanied by a soldier. The authorities, fearing a strike by the police, adopted this precaution, so that in the event of an officer leaving the police, adopted this precaution, so that in the event of an officer leaving the police, adopted this precaution, so that in the event of an officer leaving the police, adopted this precaution, so that in the event of an officer leaving the police, adopted this precaution, so that it will not be unpretected. The measure is further intended to guard policement from possible attack by the police, adopted this precaution, so that in the event of an officer leaving the police, adopted this precaution, so that in the event of an officer leaving the police, adopted this precaution, so that in the event of an officer leaving the police, adopted this precaution, so that in the event of an officer leaving the police, adopted this precaution, so that in the event of an officer leaving the police, adopted this precaution, so that in the event of an officer leaving the police, adopted this precaution, so that in the event of an officer leaving the police, adopted this precaution, so that in the event of an officer leaving the police, adopted this precaution, so that in the event of an officer leaving the police, adopted the precaution, so that in the event of an officer leaving the police, adopted the precaution, so that in the event

by strikers.

Some 15,000 strikers from the big iron mills will return to work to-day, all their demands having been granted. In Novolipiki Street at 3 o'clock last night an unknown man fired a revolver at a patrol, killing two policemen and severely wounding a sergeant. The murderer escaped.

Big Plot, But No Clues.

Moscow Feb. 27.—The police now are

Moscow, Feb. 27.—The police now are fully satisfied that there existed a plot of considerable proportions against the late Duke Sergius, but they are completely baffled in tracing it out.

BIG FIRE IN REGINA.

Bank of Montreal Building Burns to

Bank of Montreal Building Burns to the Ground.

Regina, N.W.T., Feb. 27.—The Bank of Montreal was completely destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The total loss is from \$45,000 to \$55,000.

The fire was caused by a fused wire in the cellar, and had gained such headway by the time the smoke aroused Manager A, F. Angus that he had only time to escape with his family in his night clothes, saving nothing.

All the efforts of the brigade proved unavailing, as 70 tons of coal in the cellars were ignited, and the water supply proved inadequate, connection with new waterworks net being completed. The family lost all their furniture and household belongings. The condition of the safe is not yet known, as the flames are not extinguished.

The bank openi temporary premises in Domahue Block, the old stand of the Imperial Bank. The building was a handsome brick structure, greeted in 188 at a cost of \$40,000.

Rashness is the faithful but unhappy parent of misfortune.

Some men give the chill to a sentiment before it is half uttered. Attend the Urban Sale or you will regret it when you see what bar-gains your neighbor got.

DECISION FOR BRITAIN

No Justification For Rojestven sky's Broadsides.

No Japanese Torpedo Boats Among the British Fishing Trawlers-Admiral Who Saw Things That Were Not There Let Down Easy by the Commissioners—Findings Received in London With Gratification.

Paris, Feb. 27.—The decision of the International Commission of Enquiry into the North Sea incident was publicly announced at the closing session of the Commission Saturday afternoon. The decision set forth at considerable

The decision set forth at considerable length the circumstances and incidents, and gives the opinion of the Admirals on the various important points involved.

The decision says the delay of the Russian transport Kamschatka. following the breakdown of her machingery was perhaps the cause of the inery was perhaps the cause of the in-cident. The commander of the Kam-schakka signalled to Admiral Rojest-vensky during the evening that he had been attacked by torpego. No Justification.

The Admiral therefore had reason to believe he might be attacked and gave orders for strict vigilance against the possible approach of torpedo boats. The majority of the Commission considers that Admiral Rojestvensky's orders were net excessive in time of war, un-der the circumstances, and he had ev-ery reason to consider the situation

ery reason to consider the situation very alarming.
"The Commissioners," the decision says, "recognize unanimously that the fishing fleet committed no hostile act, and the majority of the Commissioners are of the opinion that as there were not either among the fishing boats or in their vicinity any torpedo boats, the opening of fire by Admiral Rojestven-sky was not justified."

The Russian Dissident. The decision further says the Russian Commissioner did not share in the

latter opinion.
"In any event," the decision continues, "the Commissioners are glad to recognize unanimously that Admiral Rojestvensky personally did all he could from the commencement to the end to prevent the trawlers being the object of fire by the Rusjan squadatter opinion.

ron."
Concerning the squadron's proceeding without assisting the damaged trawiers, the decision says:
"The Commissioners are unanimous that under the circumstances preceding and following the incident that there was such uncertainty concerning the danger to the squadron as to warrant Admiral Rojestvensky in continuing his route. However, the majority regrets that the Admiral did not inregrets that the Admiral did not in-form the neighboring maritime powers if what had occurred."

Whitewash for Rojestvensky. The decision concludes as follows; "The Commissioners declare that their views as formulated are not of a nature

views as formulated are not of a nature to cast any disrespect upon the military valor nor upon the sentiments of humanity of Admiral Rojestvensky and the personnel of his squadron."

The closing session of the Commission presented a brilliant scene. The spacious salon of the Fereign Office was crowded with prominent officials, members of the Diplomatic Corps, including Russian, British and American Ambassadors, members of the Japanese cluding Russian, British and American Ambassadors, members of the Japanese Legation, officers of the army and navy, judges of the highest French courts and many wives and other relatives of members of the Commission. The Admirals forming the Commission ap-peared in ordinary civilian dress.

A Compromise.

Admiral Fournier (France), the President of the Commission, read the decision amid impressive silence, the Admiral Fournier (France), the President of the Commission, read the decision amid impressive silence, the speciators following minutely. The general impression among the audience was that the decision was in the nature of a compromise. Admiral Fournier closed the Commission with a speech of thanks to its members. He said that each of them would return to his country bearing as a recompense for his labors the legitimate satisfaction of duty well accomplished. They left behind them a profound impression of esteem for the devotion in which the difficult task had been performed.

A significant exchange of remarks was made by Sir Edward Fry, representing Great Britain, and Baron Taube, representing Great Britain, and Baron Taube, representing Russia. Both spoke in the most amicable spirit and eulogized the arbitration. Sir Edward said:

"This is one of the most important evants ever brought before an international court. All should feel gratified with the satisfactory results attained."

Admiral Davis (United States) said concerning the decision: The conclusions seem to me to be equitable. They are fermulated in a manner to satisfy the legitimate desire of the two parties, and mark an important step in the pacific solution of international conflicts."

Admiral Baron Von Spaun, in behalf of the Admirals, thanked Admiral Fournier for his courtesy and France for her generous hospitality and requested Admiral Fournier to express the Commissioners' sense of gratitude to Fresident Loubet and Foreign Minister Delicasse. The session lasted half an hounder of the interesting features of the decision are as follows:

"Admiral Rojestvensky, after leaving Reval, took the greatest precautions to prepare his vessels to repulse a torpedo attack during the night, whether salling or at anchor. The reports of Russian agents regarding possible torpedo boat attacks seem to fustify these. "The direction the Russian squadron followed was calculated to bring the last two divisions, as events proved, in proximity of the customary fishing

nesses proved that the trawlers carried regulation lights, followed the usual fishing rules, and were directed by their commodore by means of conventional

"The leading divisions of the squad-ron, including Admiral Voelkersam's, passed the trawlers unsuspectingly. Ad-miral Rojestvensky's division, the last, noticed green flares, really a fishing signal, which created alarm, and then observed a vessel topping the waves. Admiral Rojestvensky ordered his ships

to open fire, on the result of which rests his responsibility."

The Admirals signed the document in the following order: Von Spaun, Fournier, Doubassoff, Beaumont and Davis, Gratification in Lendon.

London, Feb. 27.—The findings were received in Lendon with

Gratification in Lenden.

London, Feb. 27.—The findings were received in London with every sign of gratification, which was all the more marked because of the premature reports that the decision of the Admirals had been of an anti-British character. The whole report is regarded here as discrediting the Russian cause; even the phrase that the firing was not unduly prolonged, which seems to afford a certain justification for opening the firing, is at the same time taken as implying that the Russians centinued to fire after they had discovered their mistake. The definite finding of the Admirals that ne torpedo boats were at the scene of the incident gives considerable satisfaction, and it is pointed out that the British contentions were further uphald in the finding that the trawlers Crane and Aurora were the boats the Russians mistook for torpedo boats.

Londos, Feb. 27.—The British press welcomes the report of the international commission of inquiry inte the North Sea affair with almost unqualified satisfaction. Some of the papers tain the decision does not go far enough in the direction of condemnation of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky and the commander of the transport, Kamschatka, but at the same time they hold that it is now possible for Russis to make ample amends. The Daily Telegraph's editorial ar-Russia's Share.

Paris, Feb. 28.—According to Admiral Davis' view, Russa can take a fair

Paris, Feb. 28.—According to Admiral Davis' view, Russa can fake a fair measure of satisfaction from the findmeasure of satisfaction from the find-ing, for although it holds that an error was committed, it was one which was not discreditable to the Rusisan navy. The fact must be considered that the Rusisan squadron was making a voyage of thousands of miles upon a war mission, and reports indicated that the Japanese might make attempts against the squadron. This undoubtedly inthe squadron. This undoubtedly in-spired an analous, suspicious state of mind upon the Rusisan ships. How-ever, nothing in all the testimony re-flected in the slightest on the discipline or efficiency of the Rusisan navy.

WILL BE BRILLIANT FUNCTION.

Opening of First Conservative Parlia-ment in 33 Years.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—The indications are that the opening of the Provincial Legislature on March 22 will be one of the most brilliant social events of the kind ever witnessed in Ontario.

It is 23 years since the Conservative women of Ontario, and especially of Toronto, have had such an opportunity as will be presented next month. They will not fail to make the most of the opportunity.

opportunity.

The invitations to the opening will The invitations to the opening will include many of the secial leaders of Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, London and other towns, and the wives of the new Cabinet members, as well as the ladies of other prominent Conservative families, will unite to make the event one long to be remembered.

NO BREAK IN COMBINE.

Tomato Canners and Growers Both Stand Firm.

Stand Firm.

St. Catharines, Peb. 27.—W. P. Innis of Simcoe, President of the Amalgamated Canners' Company, which owns most of the canning factories in Canada, was in the city and asked a number of the tomato growers to call and see him and have an informal talk on the tomato situation. The matter was thoroughly discussed.

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President Innis stated emphatically that there was no prospect of the company acceding to the request of the growers for a raise of 5 cents a bushel on tomatoes. The growers in turn told Mr. Innis that there was absolutely no likelihood of them giving in, and if the company was satisfied to have no tomatoes this year they were quite agreeable not to grow any.

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