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GRAND RACE TO HARBIN KAWAMURA JOINS IN IT

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Japanese Flying Column Sent to Tsitsikar to Cut the Railway in Rear of Northern Fortress.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—The best military opinion here on the situation is that the rival forces are engaged in a grand race to Harbin. Kawamura is hastening along the Kirin-road, while Nogi, Oku and Kuroki are harassing Gen. Linevitch's army on the flanks and in the rear. A flying column has been sent to Tsitsikar to cut the railroad in the rear of Harbin, the Japanese moving with wonderful rapidity. The Sungari Bridge across the Sungari River near Harbin is the first objective point of the race. The bridge is nearly a mile long and is the greatest span on the Trans-Siberian Railway.

NOT IN DISGRACE.

St. Petersburg, March 19.—It is stated on high authority that at Gen. Linevitch's request, the emperor has appointed Gen. Kuropatkin commander of the first army, and that he assumed command to-day. This cannot be confirmed. An earlier report said he left Saturday for St. Petersburg.

20 MILES NORTH OF TIE PASS.

Tokio, March 19.—Headquarters of the Japanese armies in the field, reporting under to-day's date, says:

"Our detachment continuing its advance north pursued the enemy to Kaiyuan, some twenty miles north of Tie Pass. Kaiyuan was evacuated by the enemy on Saturday, after he had set fire to the railroad station."

KUROPATKIN WOUNDED.

Hit by the Fragment of an 11-Inch Shell.

Gen. Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field, March 16, by way of Fusan.—Gen. Kuroki's army continues to lead the Japanese forces, which have now been engaged for nine days in a hard pursuit, and they have covered a distance of more than ninety-five miles with frequent fighting. The weather in the mountains is very cold with frequent hard storms. The brigade in advance occupied Tie Pass Wednesday night after a brief engagement. The Russian retreat became more disorganized daily after the storm. During the first day the Russians buried their dead, but since then they have left the dead wherever they fell. Tuesday the Russians made an attempt at resistance in entrenchments north of the Hun River, but abandoned them after they had been shelled for two hours. Gen. Kuroki's army captured the colors of the 5th Regiment of Rifles. The colors were inscribed as having been presented to the regiment by the emperor in 1834. Most of the captured organizations succeeded in burning their standard before surrendering. A few prisoners are secured daily. It is reported that during Gen. Kuropatkin's resistance at Tower Hill on the first day's battle, he was slightly wounded by fragments of an 11-inch shell which fell near him.

JAPS IN FAVOR.

Army Rapidly Recuperating From the Effects of Recent Battle.

Gen. Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field, via Fusan, undated.—Everything now appears to be in favor of the Japanese. They have a magnificent army in the highest spirits, which is rapidly recuperating from the effects of the recent battle, and which is fully equipped with everything necessary for Manchurian campaigning, including great quantities of supplies accumulated during the winter, together with several lines of communication and the best season of the year before them. The gain of the strongest natural position on the entire railway, whereon much money and labor was expended in defences, under Gen. Kuropatkin's personal direction, without a battle, was hardly expected. The greatly elated army shows how thoroly beaten are the Russians. All indications point to a continuance of the retreat of the latter to Harbin.

CZAR'S LAST HOPE.

Fleet Depended on to Save Russian Fortunes.

London, March 19.—The Tsarskoe-Selo group now profess to pin their faith in retrieving Russian fortunes on Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet, just as before the battle of Mukden they did upon Kuropatkin. They continue to renounce all idea of peace until this last resort has been tried. Nobody outside of Russia whose judgment is worth quoting believes that the Baltic fleet has any destiny beyond destruction or capture if it ever meets Togo. Its sacrifice, therefore, would mean nothing except further humiliation for Russia

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FROM LINEVITCH.

St. Petersburg, March 19.—Commander-in-Chief Linevitch, in a telegram dated Saturday, says:

"On March 17 Japanese batteries bombarded our divisions in the valleys of Tavanpun and Yanpu. The enemy appeared near Taotaitse (on the railroad about 22 miles north of Tie Pass), and their cavalry has occupied Fakoman. Our armies continue their concentration."

PRESS CZAR TO MAKE PEACE BUT NOT LIKELY TO PREVAIL

Some Ministers Urge That It is Time to Suggest a Reasonable Proposal.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—(10.45 a.m.)—While Emperor Nicholas, whose word is final, still declines to abandon the prosecution of the war, and the government maintains its ability to continue the conflict, the Associated Press is in a position to state that powerful influences, including several of the emperor's own ministers, are now strongly urging that the time has come to indicate to Japan Russia's desire for peace upon a reasonable basis. Should Japan then attempt to impose too onerous conditions these influences argue that in view of the universal wish to see the bloody conflict ended Russia's position will be strengthened abroad by the alienation of sympathy from Japan and the situation at home improved when the nation is made to understand that the emperor's pacific proposals have been met with impossible terms.

One Minister Speaks.

One of the emperor's ministers in a conversation with the Associated Press said: "We have suffered bitter defeat on land and sea. We can, however, still continue the war. But both countries have suffered great losses in blood and treasure, and it would only profit the rivals of both were we to fight on until one or the other is exhausted. Russia has a hard task fighting the war against such adversaries six thousand miles from home, and I contend she can make a dignified peace, without glory, but not without honor. As the victor on land and sea, Japan can afford to remember, as Bismarck did at the conclusion of Austro-Prussian war, that two countries which must live thru the long future as neighbors may need each other's friendship. Japan may consider the time propitious on account of the situation in European Russia to try and crush us. Suppose, for the sake of argument, she succeeded in finally forcing a humiliating peace, it could not be more than an armed truce. Russia is too big and powerful to retire permanently from the field. The clouds at home will eventually roll away. With the army and navy reorganized, in five, ten or fifteen years there will come inevitably our revenge. No permanent peace is possible now or later unless Japan is reasonable."

Reasonable Peace.

To the suggestion of the possibility of an alliance between Russia and Japan, the minister said: "A reasonable peace must first be established."

"What," was asked, "would be reasonable?"

"Broadly speaking, Russia's renunciation of her entire Manchurian policy should satisfy Japan's claims. She could have her protectorate over Korea, such privileges on the Kwantung Peninsula and at Port Arthur as the powers would not oppose, and the Chinese Eastern Railway would be placed under international control, Russia maintaining her rights to a railway line thru Northern Manchuria to Vladivostock."

"What would be Russia's attitude on the subject of indemnity?"

"Russia never yet has paid indemnity, and history practically affords no precedent for indemnity when territory is not occupied to insure payment, and Japan holds not a foot of Russian territory. Japan could, however, take the proceeds of sale of the property and rights of the Chinese Eastern Railway, which was built with Russian money."

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TWENTY-FOUR MINERS DIE.

Charlestown, W. Va., March 19.—As the result of the explosion in the Bush-run and Red Ash mines, near Thurmond, last night, 24 men are dead in the two mines. Ten of these were killed in the explosion Saturday, and the other fourteen were a rescuing party, who entered the mine to-day.

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EVERY NATION IN AGRICULTURE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER AGAIN

David Lubin, the Originator of the Idea, Addresses a Conference in Vienna, and Progress Made.

Vienna, March 19.—A further decided step towards the establishment of an international chamber of agriculture, proposed by David Lubin of California, and initiated among the powers of the world by King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, was taken in Vienna to-day.

At the invitation of Reichsritter Hohenlum, the head of the Austrian department for the protection of agriculture and forests, there assembled here to-day representatives of agricultural interests of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Spain and Italy for the purpose of informing themselves concerning the proposed chamber.

The conference was opened by Mr. Lubin, who read an interesting address, fully explaining the plan and scope of the enterprise. Several members, including Prince Borghese of the Italian committee, to which was entrusted the carrying out of the preliminary arrangements for the conference of nations held in Rome, were present and reported on progress.

Members of the congress will communicate to their respective organizations the information acquired at to-day's meeting, thru the "commendable, foresighted initiative of the King of Italy," which was declared to be of the greatest importance and value to national and international agriculture.

King Victor Emmanuel's efforts were fully endorsed, and the conference expressed the opinion that the co-operation of the existing agricultural institutions would be secured in furthering international communication in the solution of agricultural problems.

The conference especially recommended the holding of international agricultural congresses at propitious times and the establishment of an international agricultural association to fix and control the price of grain.

FATHER LAWLER IS DEAD PIONEER R.C. MISSIONARY

In His 88th Year, Passes Away in Toronto After Long Illness—Known Thruout the Province.

Rev. Father Edmund Burke Lawler, one of the pioneer Roman Catholic Church missionaries in Ontario, and one of the best known and best loved clergymen in the province, died yesterday in his 88th year, his death following an illness extending over three years. ather Lawler was born of good old Irish family in Boston in 1818. His name he gained from his uncle, Bishop Edmund Burke, the first apostolic delegate to Canada. Altho American born, Father Lawler was British at heart, and when his early education was completed in the Boston schools he entered on his college course at Montreal. Nine years he spent there, three in the theological seminary. Then he took orders at Kingston at the hands of Bishop Phelan. For a time he labored in Kingston, but when made missionary in North Hastings he took up the life work that made him known and loved thruout the province. Early and late he labored when Ontario provided few of the comfort that there are now, and to his perseverance in the face of the difficulties he had to cope with was due the vigor of his later years.

When Father Lawler gave up his work as a missionary he settled down among his books, for he was an ardent student even to the end, and became Sunday chaplain to the ladies of Loretto.

At his home, 435 Jarvis-street, the veteran missionary spent the last years of his life, extending his kindliness of heart to all who came within the wide circle of his acquaintanceship.

Three years ago he showed signs of failing strength, and a shadow came on his life when he was prevented from moving around as his vigorous spirit demanded. Some weeks ago his medical attendant, Dr. I. H. Cameron, announced to his friends that it was his last illness. Yesterday morning, with his best loved at his bedside the old clergyman received the last rites of the church at the hands of his old friend and companion, Father McEntee. He bestowed a last blessing and fell asleep.

His lifelong wish that he be buried under the British flag will be honored. Requiem mass will be sung in St. Michael's Cathedral to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, after which the body will be laid in the family mausoleum.

WITH 1380 NEW COMERS.

Steamer Tunisian Had a Rough Passage Across Atlantic.

Halifax, N.S., March 19.—(Special.)—The Allan steamer Tunisian arrived this morning with 1350 passengers on board, principally from the British Isles. The steamer experienced a succession of heavy gales after leaving the Irish coast. On Thursday a passenger named Cunningham, a pilot of St. John's, Nfld., who was on his way home, died, and he was buried the next day. Early on Thursday morning she got into communication with the White Star Line steamer Cedric and kept in touch with her for thirty-one hours. She had been delayed by heavy weather and asked to be reported at Cape Race. All the officers of the steamer Parisian, which has been transferred to the Glasgow-New York service, have been promoted to the Tunisian, and the Tunisian's former officers have been sent to the new turbine Virginian.

CANADIAN BRAKEMAN DIES.

Rutland, Vt., March 19.—According to advices received in this city, Andy Schutts, brakeman of a westbound freight train which was ditched one mile east of Malone, N.Y., to-day, died late to-night at the Ogdensburg City Hospital. Schutts, whose home was in Canada, was badly cut about the head and face and injured internally. He died soon after reaching the hospital.

TORONTO COMPLAINED OF.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, March 18.—Reynolds' newspaper publishes more letters from Canada this week, complaining of the bad treatment meted out to British emigrants, two of them from Toronto.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Ministerial Association, address by Prof. Wyckoff of Princeton, Y.M.C.A., 10.30.

Lenten services: St. James' Cathedral, 12.30; Church of the Ascension, 12.25.

Canadian Club, Prof. Wyckoff on sociological questions, Temple Building, 1 p.m.

York Township Council, 2.

East York Conservative Association, Unionville, 2.

Massey Hall, public discussion of autonomy act, 8.

Bible Training School, monthly lecture, 110 College-street, 8.

Canadian Institute, Dr. A. R. Abbott on "Wheel Animalcules," 8.

Local Council of Women, discussion on "The Indeterminate Sentence," Normal School, 8.

Parkdale W.C.T.U., 102 Tyndall-avenue, 8.

C.O.C.F. executive, Rossin House, 8.

King Edward Lodge, A.O.U.W. at home, St. George's Hall, 8.

Institute of Chartered Accountants, C. R. W. Postlethwaite on "Joint Stock Co. Accounts," 8.

"An Evening in Palestine," Bond-street Congregational Church, 8.

Northeast Liberal Club, Prospect Park Hall, 8.

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