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UNION CLOTHING CO. SUPPRESSED STORY OF RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

Pitiful Tale of Incapacity and Disobedience is Disclosed by the Secret History of General Kuropatkin—Officers and Men Are Inefficient.

General Kuropatkin's history of the failure of the war with Russia finally has come into the hands of persons in St. Petersburg outside the circle of censors.

Kuropatkin's reasons for the failure of the war were based chiefly on a comparison of the warlike spirit of the Japanese; their preparedness and valor, which, he says, had never been seen in any previous war, and their ability to maintain the numerical superiority necessary to assume the offensive, with the disadvantages of Russia, owing to the inadequacy of the single-track railway from Europe, with the commanding officers disobeying orders and in a hopeless state of confusion and cross-purposes, with a low state of morals and confidence among the troops and continuous news from home of international troubles and of insults and reproaches against the army, the fight against odds was his survey of the cause of the defeat of the Russians with the pathetic reflection that if Russia had been united and ready to make the sacrifice necessary to safeguard her dignity and integrity the "valiant Russian army would have striven till the foe was subdued."

After tracing the events down to the end of May, Kuropatkin admits that had Gen. Kuropatkin grasped the situation on the Russian east front, which, "fortunately for us he did not, he could have seized Liao-Yang as early as the beginning of June."

Gen. Bludner's tactics at Liao-Yang are severely criticized. Gen. Orloff's force of 12,000 men simply bolted from the field in wild disorder, with the result that a splendid position was lost. What was lacking throughout the fighting at Liao-Yang, Kuropatkin says, was "greater effort on the part of the troops and more capable handling on the part of their leaders."

The dangers and disadvantages of the retreat from Liao-Yang to Mukden are pointed out. When the troops got among the high hills they lost their heads and gave way to panic. After the fall of Port Arthur Kuropatkin describes his plan for a great turning movement and the blame for its failure is thrown upon General Gripenberg.

General Kuropatkin's history of the Russo-Japanese war, which was confiscated by the Russian Government, has at last become accessible despite the most extreme precautions to prevent this galling official indictment from reaching the public.

The work is remarkable for its historic value as the closing chapter of the war from the pen of the commander-in-chief and for the merciless criticism of the men and measures which in Kuropatkin's estimate, swept Russia and its army to inevitable defeat. The work consists of three bulky volumes, respectively devoted to the three crucial events of the war, the battle of Liao-Yang, the battle of the Sha river and the battle of Mukden. The voluminous general orders, statistics, reports and other documentary matters have been collected by Col. Bolshovikov, and "conclusions" which have been formulated, constitute most amazing revelations of disorganization and incapacity, and even of disobedience of specific and urgent orders on the part of certain general officers entrusted with high commands in the field, notably Gen. Kaulbars, against whom a formidable indictment is practically the entire responsibility for the crushing defeat at Mukden.

The Mukden volume opens with a sketch of the early events of the war, showing that there were divided counsels from the onset, and that Kuropatkin presented two memoranda to the emperor concerning the plan of operations. In the first he wrote:

"During the earlier period of the campaign our chief task must be, not to permit our troops to be beaten in detail, but to gradually strengthen them and prepare ourselves for a final advance. We must begin it with sufficient forces, and not until we have all the necessities for an uninterrupted advance during a comparatively long time."

On the margin of this memorandum the emperor wrote the laconic comment, "Just so."

Kuropatkin goes on to show how his efforts to realize this programme were checked in numerous ways by the deficiency of the army and the lack of transport and artillery horses, dwelling upon the details given in order to show the utter inadequacy of the Manchurian army to cope with the situation. Indeed, after tracing the events down to the end of May, Kuropatkin grasped a critical position on the Russian east front, which "fortunately for us he did not, he could have seized Liao-Yang as early as the beginning of June."

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TO LET—Flat 8 rooms, 15 Brindley St. Rent \$100. Seen Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 149 Waterloo St. 19-2-6

TO LET—My new house, 180 Brindley street. Has four flats. Three are rented, one is not. Who wants it? 7 rooms and central closet. Separate entrance. A. E. HAMILTON, Contractor. Phone 1628. 19-2-6

SHOP TO LET—At 109 Main street. Enquire J. E. COWAN, 99 Main street. 19-2-6

FLAT TO LET—Corner Main and English Avenue. Enquire Mr. W. F. ROBERTS. 19-2-6

TO RENT—Two houses to rent. No. 8 and 8 Charles street. Apply Mrs. GILLIS, 109 Union St. 19-2-6

Small freehold property, 280 Prince William street. G. S. FISHER & Co. 19-2-6

TO LET—At 23 Paddock street, from May 1st, upper flat—ten rooms—bath room, hot and cold water. Can be seen Wednesday and Friday, 2.30 to 5.30 p. m. Enquire of S. M. WETMORE, Ferry Building, Water street. 19-2-6

TO LET—AT MARKET SQUARE—Store at present occupied by W. H. Johnson Co., Ltd., from May 1st. Apply to S. M. WETMORE, Ferry Building, Water street. 19-2-6

TO LET—Flat 19 Elliott Row, at present occupied by Mrs. W. H. Nase, eight rooms, electric lighting, hot water heating. Seen Wednesday afternoon. Apply JAS. MCGATH, 21 Elliott Row. 19-2-6

TO LET—At 186 Waterloo street, lower flat, hot and cold water, patent closet. Seen Tuesday and Thursday. Apply M. G. ADAMS, 164 Sydney street. 19-2-6

TO LET—Upper flat house, 87 High St. Seen Tuesday and Thursday at 10 o'clock. MRS. E. ELLIOTT. 19-2-6

TO LET—On Whipple street, two flats in house near Seaside Park. Upper flat \$5.00 a month; lower flat \$3.00. Also barn to let. THE CHRISTIE WOOD WORKING CO., LTD. 19-2-6

TO LET—Three flats and shop on the corner of St. James and Charlotte streets. Flats can be seen on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Apply to DANIEL MULLIN, Fugley Building, Water street. 19-2-6

TO LET—Three flats to let, one in rear and two in front of 17 St. Paul street. Apply to MRS. E. STEELE on premises. 19-2-6

TO LET—Self-contained flat, five rooms with bath, hot and cold water, hot water heating. Can be seen Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Apply at 92 Wright street. 19-2-6

TO LET—Lower flat of house, 169 Waterloo street, corner Castle, containing six rooms, patent closet, suitable for factory or other purposes. Apply to MRS. HUNT, 41 Paddock street, or Henderson or W. Blizard. 19-2-6

TO LET—ON ERIN STREET from 1st of May, a flat of ten rooms at 45 Erin street. Can be seen Tuesday and Thursday, from 2 to 5. Used for boarding house for the Rev. H. D. Marr. Nine rooms and clothes closet. Stable and barn privilege. Rent moderate. Apply to RICHARD G. MAGROE or F. W. Blizard. 19-2-6

TO LET—At Crouville, that pleasant and conveniently situated cottage (second house from Kane's corner), owned by J. H. Magee and occupied for some years by the Rev. H. D. Marr. Nine rooms and clothes closet. Stable and barn privilege. Rent moderate. Apply to RICHARD G. MAGROE or F. W. Blizard. 19-2-6

TO LET—From May 1st, lower flat, 10 rooms, hot and cold water, bath, etc. 48 Exmouth street. Also large building 157-161 Brindley street, suitable for factory or other purposes. Apply to ARNOLD'S DEPARTMENT STORE, 53 Charlotte St. 19-2-6

SHOP TO LET—Enquire at 350 Union street. 19-2-6

TO LET—Shop, No. 578 Main street, lately occupied by R. E. Coupe. For particulars apply to F. J. LYNCH, 141 Paradise Row. 19-2-6

TO LET—Flat of nine rooms, modern improvements. Inquire at 79 Hazel street. R. H. HOLMES. 19-2-6

TO LET—May 1st, cottage, corner of Sealey and Spruce streets, near Horticultural Garden gate. New plumbing. Apply G. EINEST FAIRWEATHER, 84 Gormain street. 19-2-6

TO LET—Some self-contained flats from seven to six rooms, with modern improvements. Apply to WILLIAM HUMPHREYS, 115 St. James street. 19-2-6

TO LET—Two small self-contained houses, 321 Haymarket Square. 19-2-6

STORES TO LET—Large well lighted stores, 53 and 55 Gormain street, with or without floors above and large basement. G. FRED FISHER. 19-2-6

TO LET—Two flats corner St. James and Carmarthen streets. Apply to MRS. FOSTER, 240 Prince William street. 19-2-6

TO LET—Large barn in rear 210 Waterloo street, formerly occupied by BARON'S EXPOSURE. J. P. WILSON, 31 Sydney, 19-2-6

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

PRIVATE SALE—Household Furniture consisting of Hallett and Davis Square Piano, Large Cabinet Organ, Riller Top, Old Mahogany Furniture. Also 45 yds. of new Brussels Carpet and other housekeeping goods. Enquire mornings and evenings, residence of MISS MITCHELL, 119 King St., East. 19-2-6

FOR SALE—At Duval's Umbrella Shop, self-opening Umbrellas, 80c. up; ordinary, 50c. up. L. S. Cane. We use no other in our chair-seating. Perfected Seats, shaped square, Light, Dark, Umbrella recovering and repairing. 17 Waterloo street. 19-2-6

FOR SALE—That desirable property known as Ashcroft, containing 5 acres of land with large dwelling, barn and orchard. Situated near upper corner Sussex. Address H. WHITESIDE, 105 161 Brittain street, St. John, N. B. 19-2-6

FOR SALE—Freehold property on east end of Sheffield street. For terms apply MISS MARGARET McMANUS, 161 Brittain street, St. John, N. B. 19-2-6

FOR SALE—A double house, 19 St. Andrew's street. Apply on the premises. 11-2-1mo

SPEEDY SALMON BOAT FOR SALE—That remarkably speedy salmon boat, built to the order of F. G. Spencer, last spring. A strong, roomy, and slippery craft, with specially made sails. Only one season old. Present owner is leaving city. Apply "SALMON BOAT" Star Office. 21-1-6

FOR SALE—About twenty new and second-hand delivery wagons, different styles, ready for use, glass front coach, new trimmings, well painted, a good mixer, grain grinding, three sundries carriages; best place in the city for painting and greatest facilities for carriage repairs. J. E. DODGE, 125 and 123 City Road. 19-2-6

GASOLINE ENGINES—The Toronto Gas & Gasoline Engine Company, having consolidated with The Dominion Iron Works, of Chatham, Ont., makers of the Defence Marine Engines, and now known under the new name of The Canadian Gas Powers & Launches, Ltd., are in a position to fill orders for stationary, portable and marine engines. Stationary engines for dough mixers, iron works, grain grinding, threshing and other uses. Parties wishing to purchase a Marine Engine will please call and inspect our Solid Brass Engine, adapted for salt water, at 67 Water street, St. John, N. B.—CANADIAN GAS POWERS & LAUNCHES, LIMITED. 19-2-6

TO LET.

REAL ESTATE—Flats to let, Ring 1643. J. W. MORRISON, Ritchie Building, 50 Princess street. 6-2-3mo

TO LET—Flat 55 Elliott Row, hot water heating and modern improvements. Also 101 Elliott Row, modern improvements, hot water heating if required. Seen Tuesday and Friday. Apply to MISS DEAN, Garden street. 19-2-6

TO LET—Corner Wentworth and Brittain streets, flat of seven rooms. Patent closet. Enquire J. V. ROSS, 159 Leinster street. 19-2-6

TO LET—From May 1st, self-contained flat No. 17, Duke street, now occupied by P. G. Hall, containing 8 rooms and bath room, hot and cold water, electric light and gas. Can be seen Monday and Friday afternoons. Apply C. E. HARDING, Tel. 949. 19-2-6

TO LET—Dwelling corner of Waterloo and Paddock streets, over store, owned by M. J. Siney. Can be seen Tuesday and Friday afternoons, 3 to 5 o'clock. For particulars inquire of W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. 119-2-6

TO LET—Comfortable, sunny flat, 194 Queen street, modern improvements. Seen Monday and Tuesday afternoon. 19-2-6

TO LET—At 310 Princess street, lower flat, containing 6 rooms. Can be seen Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3 to 6. Apply on premises, JAMES J. POWELL. 19-2-6

TO LET—On Union street, Flat 343 Douglas Avenue. All modern improvements. Seen afternoons. Apply to A. D. G. Vanwart, on premise. 19-2-6

TO LET—Two upper flats at 133 James street, 2 large halls, all modern improvements. Open to spectators every day. Apply C. BRADGER & SONS, 145 Mill street. 19-2-6

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HOUSEHOLD HELP WANTED.

GENERAL GIRLS, Cooks and Housemaids can always get the best places and highest pay. Apply at MISS HANSON'S EMPLOYMENT OFFICE, 159 Charlotte street. 19-2-6

WANTED—Maid for general housework, small family. Apply to MRS. GEO. L. WARWICK, 24 Princess St. 19-2-6

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Apply 67 Sewell street. 19-2-6

WANTED—Cook and waitress for restaurant, to go home at night. Also general girl. Apply MISS HANSON, Employment Agency, 159 Charlotte St. 19-2-6

WANTED—Competent girl who understands plain cooking. Small family. Apply MRS. SAYER, 36 Coburg street. 19-2-12

WANTED—Housemaids, cooks and general girls. Highest wages. MISS H. A. PROSE, 123 Charlotte street. 19-2-6

WANTED—At once, a kitchen girl. Apply at the NEW VICTORIA HOTEL. 19-2-6

WANTED—A capable girl for general housework. Apply 221 Gormain street. 19-2-6

WANTED—Girls to sew by hand. Good wages paid. Steady work. Apply Mrs. J. SHANE & CO., 71 Gormain street. 19-2-6

WANTED—Young girl for housework. Apply MRS. CARLYLE, 45 Horsfield street. 11-2-6

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Apply to MRS. R. T. LEAVITT, 52 Queen street. 23-1-6

GIRL WANTED—A capable girl for general housework. Apply to MRS. D. MAGEE, 144 Elliott Row. 19-1-6

MEN AND BOYS WANTED.

WANTED—A thorough dry goods man, capable of taking charge of dry goods store. Address Mr. Star Office, stating salary. 19-2-6

WANTED—An advertiser, window dresser and sign maker. Address Mr. Star Office, stating salary. 19-2-6

WANTED—Young man having two or three years' experience at type setting. Apply SUN PRINTING CO., LTD. 19-2-6

WANTED—Salesman. Competent salesman for our publications, throughout the province. 151 Prince Wm. St. 19-2-6

WANTED—Boy wanted to work around saloon and take care of driving horse. Apply between 12 M. & 1 P. Main street. M. A. HARDING. 19-2-6

WANTED—Two iron moulders, and two men to work around machine shop and foundry. Must be strictly temperate, and come well recommended. THOMPSON MFG. CO., Grand Bay, N. B. 19-2-6

WANTED—A steady, experienced fireman, also workman at Fertilizer Works, Crouville. Apply to Super. 5-2-6

WANTED—A man with good business experience, wants a partnership in an established business. Can furnish capital. Apply to "PARTNER," P. O. Box 17, Saint John, N. B. 2-11-6

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Position as Housekeeper.
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 Position as Pianist or Clerk in Music Store.
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 Apply at McRAE'S Employment Bureau, 74 King St., St. John, N. B. 8-12-6
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ROOMS AND BOARDING.

BOARDING AND ROOMS—MRS. SHANKS, 156 King St., East. 19-2-6

TO LET—Furnished rooms at Tremont, suitable for light housekeeping, at very moderate rates. 22-3-6

To cure Headache in ten minutes use Kumfort Headache Powders, 10 cents.

The case against Amelia Francis, charged with selling beer, was concluded in the police court yesterday afternoon, a fine of \$20 being imposed against her. The charge as first laid was for selling liquor, but it was changed to one of selling beer. Amelia was put on the witness stand and admitted having sold Pilsener beer in her premises on Sheffield street. There was no other business before the court in the afternoon.

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 Lobsters and Clams. Smoked and Salt Fish of all kinds.
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 HAVE YOUR PAPERING, PAINTING AND WHITENING done early. I am booking orders for spring work already. Very moderate prices. F. W. EDDLESTON, 83 Sydney street, Home, 10 Market Square. Telephone 1611.
 WANTED.—WILL BUY two or three second hand slate mantels in good condition, with register grate. Apply to J. Harvey Brown, telephone 454 or 1872. 19-2-6

FURNITURE REPAIRED AND MADE TO LOOK LIKE NEW at McGrath's Toy and Furniture store, 176 Brindley street, near Wilson's Foundry. Prices right. Articles sent for and delivered. We also buy any household articles.
 WANTED—Parties having old mahogany furniture to sell. Address FURNITURE, care Star Office. 19-2-6

POSTAL CARDS—Twelve Beautiful Souvenir Cards, 15c., 12 comics, 10. NATIONAL ART CARD CO., Toronto. 19-2-6
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A. FITZGERALD, 55 Dock street. Boots, Shoes and Rubbers repaired. Also a full line of Men's Boots and Shoes at reasonable prices. Rubber Heels attached, 35c.
F. C. Wesley Co., Artists, Engravers and Electrotypers, 59 Water street, St. John, N. B. Telephone 932.
E. LAW, Watchmaker, 3 Coburg St. J. D. McAVITY, dealer in hard and soft coals. Delivered promptly in the city. 29 Brindley street.

Articles Lost and Found.
 LOST—Locket at Victoria Rink Feb. 16, Saturday afternoon. The person that was seen picking it up please leave it at the office Victoria Rink. Will be rewarded. 19-2-6

It is possible
 for your STAR Want Ads. to be productive of more results by wording your advertisement properly. For instance, in renting rooms the answers will be better and more numerous if you tell the size, price, direction, locality, accessible car lines, etc., than if you merely give the street address. Tell the whole story, and readers will be interested. Think before you write. Word your ad. carefully.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Seaman's Mission met yesterday afternoon and completed arrangements for the decorations and other matters connected with the grand banquet to be held at the Chapman House on Thursday, the twenty-eighth instant. The tickets for the function will be limited in number and are being disposed of rapidly.

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 "You don't mean to tell me that that little fellow lives in that great big mansion? Why, when I lived in this town he used to be the village idiot." "He is yet. That's the poorhouse."