

THE JAPANESE WIN OVER THE SHAKHE; STILL HAMMERING AT RUSS LEFT FLANK; MIKADO'S MEN NOW HOLD DA PASS

The Japanese are Preparing to Attack Kuropatkin's Center.

Czar Loses 2,000 in Bitter Conflict—Japanese Victors in Week-Long Fight.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28, 2:15 a.m.—According to the Associated Press Mukden dispatches the Japanese on Sunday evening crossed the Shakhe River, but the place of crossing was eliminated by the censor. The advance was checked by Russian reinforcements. This is the most important news from the scene of the war tonight. Fighting is continuing on the Russian left flank with indications that the Japanese are planning a demonstration against the center, but the Russians believe their positions are impregnable.

Japs Hold Ta Pass. Mukden, Feb. 28. — The Russians report that the Japanese are in possession of Ta Pass, and also the pass between Ta Pass and Katou Pass. The possession of Ta Pass threatens Fushan, Tie Pass and Hiegsesway. Ta Pass is regarded as the same strategic sequence to the Japanese in their operations against Mukden as was Motien Pass in relation to Liao Yang. In the southeast, their operations will be among the hills.

The Jap Line. Headquarters of Gen. Kuroki, Feb. 28. — The Japanese army now holds a front extending from the Hun River to several miles east of the Taitsze. The weather took a sudden change today, becoming unfavorable for further operations. The morning was cloudy and the afternoon brought a driving storm of wind and snow, which was almost a blizzard. Tonight the weather is clear and cold, with the wind subsiding.

Turning the Flank. St. Petersburg, Feb. 27, 7 p.m. — A dispatch from Gen. Kuropatkin, dated Feb. 26, says: The enemy is continuing the offensive against the front of our Tsinckichen detachment and has turned both its flanks. The Japanese have also advanced against Kante Pass, turning our left flank, but all his attacks on Taitsze and Bydaling have been repulsed. His offensive movement against Bonapuz has also been repulsed.

May Attack Russ Center. Mukden, Feb. 27. — The Japanese crossed the Shakhe River last evening, having driven in the pickets of the Russian advance. On the right flank all is quiet, but the movements of the Japanese indicate an intention of attacking the Russian center at least in the way of a demonstration. Heavy firing continued today to the eastward. The soldiers of the Tsinckichen division are in good spirits, in spite of the heavy losses they have sustained, and the necessity which compelled them to retreat. They are encouraged by the execution they wrought upon the Japanese, whose bodies were piled in heaps outside the trenches at Tsinckichen. Hill and the trenches at Tsinckichen. Yesterday there was a violent snow storm of heavy and wet snow. The temperature during the night moderated.

Fled in Confusion. Tokio, Feb. 28, 6 p.m. — Official reports of the battle of Tsinckichen indicate that severe fighting occurred. The Japanese attacking force began the occupation of points on the left bank of the Taitsze River on Feb. 19, but the topography of the country, steep hills, the river and heavy snow, delayed the attack. The first line attacked Tsinckichen at noon, Feb. 23.

A Big Row in Jap Diet Over Illegal Contracts

Tokio, Feb. 28. — The Imperial Diet closed its session today with brief ceremonies. Count Katsura, the Premier, read the Emperor's address, thanking the members for their labors and support and formally concluded the session. Tokio, Feb. 28. — The Diet has adopted the report and settled the accounts of the committee appointed to investigate the questions arising over the contracts for the construction of the harbor at Hokkaido, pronouncing the expenditure thereon illegal and unwarrantable. The ruling of the chair prevented a vote on the question of addressing the Emperor on the subject produced a

THE PAROLE BREAKERS

Russia Orders Officers Who Broke Faith Back to 'Frisco.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27. — Yielding to the demand of the United States, Russia has not only ordered the officers of the cruiser Lena who violated their parole to return to San Francisco, but has reduced their grade as punishment. The only excuse offered was their youth.

THE NEW JAP LOAN

A Domestic Loan of \$49,000,000 Announced at Tokio.

New York, Feb. 27. — Mr. Uchida, the Japanese consul-general, received notice today that a domestic loan of 100,000,000 yen—about \$49,000,000—was announced in Tokio today. The bonds will bear 6 per cent interest, will be payable in seven years, and the issue price will be 90.

Rumors of a Disaster In the Czar's Capital

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28, 1:15 p.m. — The fragmentary official and press reports of the fresh reverse sustained by Kuropatkin are inadequate to draw a conclusion of the magnitude of Gen. Kuropatkin's success against the Russian left, but the public as usual is ready to believe the worst, and the city is already full of reports that disaster has again overtaken the Russian army, according to which Mukden has been outflanked and is untenable, and Kuropatkin is withdrawing from his strong position on the Shakhe River. That such reports are exaggerated is beyond question, but although reticent and seeking to minimize the operations of the last few days the officials of the war office are plainly discouraged at the fashion in which Kuroki is able to drive out and turn the Russian extreme left, his advance columns actually crossing the Shakhe River. It is admitted that the fighting was desperate at several places Sunday and Monday, while the front was being involved, the purpose of Field Marshal Oyama being evidently to keep the center and right engaged and pre-

vent Kuropatkin from sending reinforcements to head off Kuroki. Should Kuroki cross the Hun River the high road to Tie Pass (40 miles north of Mukden) would be open and Kuropatkin's retreat threatened.

Further news is awaited with great anxiety. Anything like a decisive Japanese victory now would probably end the war.

LATER. St. Petersburg, Feb. 28, 6:55 p.m. — The Associated Press hears from a high source that Gen. Kuropatkin considers his position on the Shakhe River to be menaced to such an extent by Gen. Kuroki's success on the left flank as to necessitate the immediate withdrawal of his army to Tie Pass, and has so advised Emperor Nicholas. No confirmation of this is obtainable in military circles here, where it is pointed out that with the Japanese pressing the whole line such an operation must almost inevitably end in disaster of the first magnitude.

GREAT BRITAIN AND MACEDONIA

Earl Percy Declares the Turkish Outrages Have Been Exaggerated.

London, Feb. 27. — In the House of Commons today, during the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, Mr. Stevenson (Advanced Liberal) introduced an amendment, declaring that the time had arrived for the Government to take steps to insure the execution of reforms in Macedonia, and by the appointment of Christian governors responsible to the powers.

DESIRED CENSURE TO BE STRONGER

Beaumont and Davis Thought Russians Got Off Too Easy.

Paris, Feb. 28. — The Echo de Paris mentions some points in the report of the North Sea commission over which the discussion among the commissioners took a serious turn. The first was a declaration, formulated by Admiral Beaumont, the British commissioner, supported by Admiral Davis, of the United States, and accepted by Admiral Van Spaun, of Austria, that the Russian squadron, when it fired on the fishing fleet, was not in the presence of torpedo boats. Admiral Beaumont, the Russian representative, desired that it be admitted at least that Admiral Rojestvensky had been in the presence of ships having suspicious or hostile intentions. Admiral Fournier, the French commissioner, observed that there was no certainty about the matter.

FAVOR WOMAN'S VOTE

Toronto City Council Recommend Legislation to That End.

Toronto, Feb. 27. — The city council today went on record as favoring the franchise for married women who have the property qualifications. Married women may now vote at school elections, and the proposition, which was fathered by Controller Spence, was designed to extend to them the right of voting on money bylaws and at municipal elections. The board of control recommended that legislation be obtained to secure this end. James Forman was appointed head of the assessment department at a salary of \$3,000.

MR. HARCOURT MAY LEAD

Likely to Head the Opposition Until Mr. Ross Returns.

Toronto, Feb. 27. — C. N. Bowman, M. P., whip of the Provincial Opposition, stated this morning that ex-Premier Ross would not return for the opening of the Legislature.

Heavy Artillery Branch For Dominion Forces

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Feb. 28. — The annual meeting of the Dominion Artillery Association was held here today. Lieut.-Col. King presided. Sir Frederick Borden, speaking of the vote of thanks, said that during the summer camp, grounds and suitable artillery ranges would be provided. In four or five years there would be proper buildings for stores all over the Dominion.

and sufficient to take over the fortress by July 1. Col. Cotton said a new branch was to be added, and in future there would be light, heavy and garrison artillery, the intermediate branch being the one added. Modern guns are to be provided for the field forces. Four days extra drill will also be given the force. Special pay will be granted specialists and gun-layers, and they will be induced to remain in the service. The policy of supplying themselves with arms and ammunition was being successfully carried out.

THE CUSTOMS RECEIPTS

Revenue for February \$3,103,051, an increase of \$627,543.

IRVING'S CONDITION

Doctors Say He Must Stay in Bed for Some Time.

GUY BOOTHBY DEAD

Author of Many Clever Novels a Victim of Influenza.

London, Feb. 27. — Guy Newell Boothby, the novelist, is dead, from complications following an attack of influenza. He was born in 1867.

DE FREYNE SELLS OUT

And His Irish Tenants Celebrate by Huge Bonfires.

London, Feb. 28. — Lord De Freyne, whose Irish estates three years ago were the scenes of notorious events, has ended the long struggle with his tenants by consenting to sell his estates to the congested districts board, under the land act. The tenants celebrated the event last night with huge bonfires and rejoicing.

GORKY BANISHED

Treppoff Sends Him to Riga, Barrios Him From St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28. — Maxim Gorky, who was expelled from the fortress yesterday on \$2,500 bail, was banished late last night to Riga, after he had been informed of the decision of Governor-General Treppoff that he could not reside in St. Petersburg.

A NEW SPORT

French Official Dynamites African Natives for Amusement.

Paris, Feb. 28. — M. Cogue, the young civil servant in charge of a large district in the French Congo, is charged with complicity in acts of incredible cruelty upon the natives. Several Europeans, mostly civil servants, says the Matin, dined together on July 14, at a restaurant near Brazzaville, in the Congo, to celebrate the national feast. Being heated with wine, the guests proposed, as an after-dinner amusement, to blow up some natives with dynamite, which was done under revolting circumstances.

THE STUDENTS WON

The Prussian Government Reverses Order for Neile's Expulsion.

Berlin, Feb. 28. — The student strike at the Hanover Technical Institute has ended. Dr. Studt, the Prussian Minister of Ecclesiastical Affairs, Instruction and Medical Affairs, having conceded nearly all that the students asked. He will allow the students' committee, which he ordered disbanded to reorganize, and he has consented that the students of the various universities and technical institutions shall confer with each other through delegates regarding the common interests. He ordered a reversal of Student Neile's expulsion, letting him off with a reproof. The students have sent him a telegram of thanks and will resume their attendance on lectures today.

"EXECUTION OF SERGIUS"

Terrorists Announce It by Placards On the Public Buildings.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28. — The utter impotency of the police in the face of the "Terrorists" organization is shown by the increasing boldness of the latter all over St. Petersburg. Even on the steps of public buildings simple notices of Grand Duke Sergius' death were found. They were found in the "Terrorists" of the Social Democratic Party.

A MARRIAGE MYSTERY

An Alleged "Fake" One That Caused the Victim to Die.

Windsor, Ont. Feb. 27. — Provincial Detective Mahoney was asked today to assist the family of Miss Lena Phillips of Claxton, Mich. Her brothers alleged she accompanied a young man named Yarik to Windsor on May 7, 1904, and as she believed was married to him. He afterwards told her the marriage was a fake. The information so wrought upon her that she sickened and died last month. No record can be found here of a license having been issued to the court. There is no clergyman by the name of West, which appeared on the marriage certificate, in this county. The matter will be referred to the provincial registrar at Toronto.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fair and Milder.

London, Tuesday, Feb. 28. Sun rises, 5:57 a.m. Moon rises, 3:12 a.m. Sun sets, 5:04 p.m. Moon sets, 1:33 p.m.

Toronto, Feb. 27-28 p.m. Another severe storm has prevailed in the Maritime Provinces. Spring-like weather prevails in the Territories and Manitoba, while in Ontario and Quebec it continues cold.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 10-24; Port Simpson, 26-52; New Westminster, 44-55; Kamloops, 26-50; Calgary, 28-56; Qu'Appelle, 26-50; Winnipeg, 28-38; Port Arthur, 20-38; Parry Sound, 10 below-26; Toronto, 9-28; Ottawa, 2-24; Montreal, 4-18; Quebec, 10-24; Halifax, 28-34.

FORECASTS. Tuesday, Feb. 28 a.m. Today—Northerly winds and fair; moderately cold tonight. Wednesday—Fair, becoming much milder.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary 30 20 Fair Winnipeg 29 28 Clear Parry Sound 18 18 Fair Toronto 18 18 Fair Ottawa 13 16 Cloudy Montreal 20 16 Snow Quebec 2 2 Cloudy Father Point 8 6 Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES. Unsettled and disturbed weather conditions continue over the eastern part of the Dominion, while in Manitoba and the Territories it is mild and spring-like. Temperatures between 50° and 60° were almost general yesterday, in the nature of a joke. Premier Whitney had not read the dispatch, and therefore, had nothing to say. Hon. Mr. Matheson, smilingly said, "I don't think Manitoba will get the districts; there is nothing in the story."

FATALLY INJURED BY AXE IN HANDS OF A PLAYMATE

A Sad Affair Which Cost Thirteen-Year-Old Charley Burridge, of South London, His Life.

VICTIM OF ACCIDENT LINGERED FOR NINE HOURS

One of the saddest accidents that have ever happened in this city occurred last evening, when little Joseph Charles Burridge, known among his companions as Charley, was killed by an accidental blow from an axe in the hands of a playmate, George Fox. The accident occurred about 5 o'clock on Riverview avenue, South London, near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Burridge, the parents of the dead boy, who were prostrated with grief, as is also the lad who was the cause of the fatality. The latter's parents are Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Fox, of Riverview avenue. The dead boy was 13 years of age, and the other just a year his senior.

Four lads—Charley Burridge, George Fox, Allison Lewis and Robert Watt—were playing together in the snow after school. They had built a small snow fort on the declivity which slopes from Riverview avenue to the river, and were pretending, as only boys know how, that they were hostile armies engaged in a battle. All the boys were good friends, and no ill-feeling entered into their sport in any way. The fun was at its height, about 5:30 o'clock, when death stepped in. George Fox was defending the fort and, unfortunately, had picked up an old axe that lay near at hand. "Come on," he shouted in mock defiance to the boys who were below him on the slope, at the same time swinging the weapon in his hand.

VLADIMIR USES WIFE AS SHIELD

Terrorists Ask Her Not to Accompany Condemned Duke When Abroad.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28. — The Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna (wife of the Grand Duke Vladimir, father of Grand Duke Cyril and Boris), whose husband is high on the list of those condemned to death, is trying to shield his life with her own. Since Red Sunday the grand duke has not only been showered with threats and warnings, but has twice received from abroad formal letters signed by different groups informing him of his sentence to death and of the assignment of men to execute it. At the same time, like the Grand Duchess Elizabeth in the case of Grand Duke Sergius, the Grand Duchess Marie was notified that her life and her two sons' lives would be spared, and she was appealed to not to go abroad in her husband's company.

THE C. P. R. WINS TAXATION CASES

Supreme Court's Ruling Makes Road Free Forever in Territories.

Ottawa, Feb. 27. — The supreme court this afternoon gave judgment sustaining the C. P. R.'s contention in regard to the right of the municipalities to impose taxation upon the company's lands in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. The decision rendered involves practically two sets of cases, one arising in the Northwest Territories and the other in that part of Manitoba which was added to the Province when the C. P. R. contract was made and exempted from taxation. With reference to the Northwest Territories case one point involved an answer to the question, "What sort of taxation was the railway company exempt from?" The exemption clause provides that the railway "shall be forever free from taxation by the Dominion, or by any Province, or by any municipality, or by any municipal corporation therein." The taxes sued for were school taxes levied by a school district under the provision of a Northwest Territories ordinance, and the question was whether such taxation was within the words "taxation by the Dominion." The court holds that the Northwest Territories exercise, not original or sovereign jurisdiction, but delegated jurisdiction, and therefore, that the legislation of the Northwest Territories was really legislation "by the Dominion." The court accordingly held that the company were by the contract to be free from Manitoba taxes at the hands of the Northwest Assembly.

SIRUCK IT RICH.

Detroit, Mich. Feb. 28. — The Canadian Klondike Company, in which several prominent Detroiters are interested, is reported to have made a rich strike in its Klondike property, but no definite information is given out. The prospect is located about 25 miles from Dawson City, and on the river. It is said tests show as high as \$100 to the ton, and the Detroit men are said to have "struck it rich."

D'Annunzio Seeks Divorce.

Rome Feb. 28. — It is announced that Signor Gabriele D'Annunzio will renounce Italian citizenship and become naturalized in Switzerland, in order to obtain a divorce from his wife, Mme. Malesse, and marry the widow of Signor Carliotti, of the family of Rudini.

Think It a Joke

Toronto, Feb. 28. — The disposition at the Parliament buildings today is to treat the story from Winnipeg regarding the alleged agitation for the secession of the Thunder Bay and Rainy River Districts of Ontario and their annexation to Manitoba, in the nature of a joke. Premier Whitney had not read the dispatch, and therefore, had nothing to say. Hon. Mr. Matheson, smilingly said, "I don't think Manitoba will get the districts; there is nothing in the story."

Edward Says "Good-Bye" To Battenberg's Fleet

Portsmouth, Feb. 28. — King Edward today bade farewell to the second cruiser squadron which, under the command of Rear Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg, will sail tomorrow for the Mediterranean and in autumn proceed to American waters.

The King slept on board the armored cruiser Drake, Prince Louis' flagship, and this morning inspected the squadron of half a dozen warships, described by naval men as "battleships in disguise," all of which are capable of making 23 knots per hour.