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ON EVE OF SURRENDER CAPTURE OF

Kuropatkin and His Army Hem med in On All Sides

Considerable Japanese Forces Are Well it Has Not Been Cut-Have Japa Already Captured Tie Pass ?-- 100,000

London, March 16.—Mukden at noon to-day was still occupied by the Russians. It is quite possible that they do not intend to occupy it, but are pursuing Kuropatkin with all their forces. Fu Pass, 15 miles to the eastward and on the Hun River, a vital point for Gen. Kuropatkin in the retreat of his eastern wing, was bombarded by the Japaness for an hour early in the day, Russian artillers replying vigorously. The outcome at this point seems to be in doubt. A wind storm of hurricane tury was in progress during the day. No reports from the Commander-in-Chief later than Wednesday have been given out at St. Petersburg. Despatches from Mukden indicate that considerable Japanese forces are well north of the City of Mukden, and that the railroad upon which depends so much for the Russian army, is seriously threatened, if, indeed, it has not been cut. And it is believed in some quarters, backed by desnatches from Newchwang, that the

indeed, it has not been cut. And it is believed in some quarters, backed by despatches from Newchwang, that the Japs have already captured Tie Pass and that Kuropatkin and his army are surrounded and doomed.

Army Almest Annihilated.

London, March 10.—The correspondent at Tokio of The Daily Telegraph says on official authority that fully 200,000 Russians are enveloped, and he hears that the central army is almost annihilated.

The Russians Cut Off.
St. Petersburg, March 16.—St. Petersburg yesterday knew nothing of the butcome of the battle of Mukden, or of the fate of Gen. Kuropatkin's beaten army. The most important news re-ceived from Russian sources is the inceived from Russian sources is the in-formation that the Japanese already have reached the Hun River. Fu Pass is 12 miles east of Mukden, and well westward of Gen. Linevitch's line of refreat. It is probable that unless the Russians are able to defend the cross-ing at Fu Pass, Gen. Rennenkampf's corps, and perhaps additional forces, will be cut off and have to shift for themselves in the mountainous region north of Fushan against expeditionary forces of Japanese, which are reported from Chinese sources to be racing to-

from Chinese sources to be racing to-ward Tie Pass.

100,000 Men Slain.

Tokio, March 10.—The continuous battle is already the bloodlest of the war. Upon the ground that Gen. Oku alone gained are eight theusand Rus-sian dead. The reports from the other armies are expected to triple this fig-ure. It is estimated that the Japanese have lost 50,000, making the joint slaughter far exceeded by one hundred have lost 50,000, making the joint islaughter far exceeded by one hundred thousand men. Details of the combat are lacking, but it is believed that the Japanese have cut the railway north of Mukden, leaving only the roadways and a light railway from Fushun to Tie Pass as avenues for the retreat of the Russians

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Newchwang, March 10.—It is reported that Tie Pass has been invested by the Japanese, and that Gen. Kuropatkin, having no alternative, will probably be forced to surrender within a week.

The Russians have not been reinforced from the direction of Harbin since March 1. Gen. Nog's army made a forced march of 25 miles delly, and acting in conjunction with Gen. Oku's army, surrounded \$9,000 Russians in the direction of Tie Pass and cut off their supplies.

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The hurrying Japanese armies passed division of Russians without giving any attention until the developing crushingly attacked the Russians on all sides.

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Northwest of Mukden the whole front is said to be honeycombed with mines, and this fact is expected greatly to hasten the march of the Japanese. The Russians on the right attempted a counter-attack, but it was repulsed. The Japanese have a large force at Tawa on the main road, is miles north of Pinglupa, and another large force to the northwest on both sides of the railroad.

Early yesterday morning the Japanese captured Chinese couriers carrying rouble notes and beheaded them.

Japa Take No Time to Est.

Mukden, March 10.—Midnight closed the tenth day of the Titanic struggle for the possession of Mukden and the mastery of a vast Empire, the tenth day of unceasing conflict. Grey-coated Russians, patient, uncomplaining, strong of soul, clung doggedly to positions against an enemy whose attacks go to the very point of insanity and desperation. For forty-eight hours the Japanese have not caten. They are starying and exhausted, but Field Marshal Oyama has told them that the city will fall and the slaughter stop on Friday, and their confidence in their leader increased strength tenfold.

Encircling the City.

Sfern Oyama drives his troops northward to encircle the city. With every fresh flanking movement the iron band closes nearer the railroad, and under this menace the first and third armies were forced last night to abandon the mighty fortifications, on the Shakhe River, give up the impregnable Poutiloff Hill, and retire to the line of the Hun River.

To-day the Japanese are puching their columns north and northeast, bombarding villages which are keys of the defence, and hurling men, some of them veterans of the year's campaign, and other middle-aged reserves fresh zom Japan, against Russian positions, Often they are repulsed and sometimes.

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BOLD BURGLARS

Men Who Have Been Robbing Houses in the County Now Arrested

Good Work by County Constables Record of the Crimes Committed

Chief of Police Tre and Constables
James Blake and D. Graves, of Bidgetown, made quite an important capture when they secured Chas. Benjamin and Daniel Forsythe. There has
been quite a number of petty burgiaries in the southern part of Harwich and Howard of late. Joseph
Muckle's barn was robbed two nights
in succession. On the second night
the thieves were collowed but succeeded in eluding pursuit. Hoth men
have served time before and both
prisoners admitted the crimes with
which they were sharged but denied the others. They said they
were not the ones who broke into
the postmaster's premises at Morpeth, nor did they steal a watch
and money from Mr. Johnson, the
Morpeth school teacher. The Ridgetown Plaindealer says of the case:
On Sunday night the rectory at
Morpeth was entered and -about 48
in cash and a quantity of provisions
carried off. C. Tye and James Blake,
the local police, and D Graves, county
constable, picked up what clues they
could and kept after the burglars.
They discovered that one of them
had spent Sunday night in the Church
of England, at Morpeth, and left
early in the morning. He was tracked across the fields by constable
Graves and David Wilson, who separated, the latter following the tracks
in the snow and the former keeping
the road. Upon reaching the farm
of Joseph Rhody on the 10th concession the tracks ended and Mr.
Wilson was in the act of entering
the building when he met the burglar face to face. He decoyed the
prisoner to the road where he met
William Armstrony, of Palmyra, and
after a tussel the prisoner was overpowered and Constable Graves came
up and put the shackles on him and
brought him to the jail here. The
prisoner proved to be D. Forsythe,
of Thamesville. His partner, Chas.
Benjamin, was captured last evening at his brother's home about two
miles nor'h of Thamesville, where,
he had zone to visit his aged mother, who is sick in bed,

Mr. McLean's harn, just west of
the town, was as entered Briday
evening and some horse blankets and
other arti Chief of Police Tre and Constables James Blake and D. Graves, of Ridge

weeks ago.

The prisoners received a hearing this afternoon before Magistrate McKinley and both pleaded guilty and were sent to Chatham for trial.

BET LICENSES

P. H. Bowyer has received word rom the Department at Toronto that licenses will be issued to the Thames River fishermen this year as Ausual.-Ridgetown Dominion

Washington, March 10.—The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations yesterday agreed to report favorably the Santo Domingo treaty as amended. The vote was on party lines, every Republication of the control lican voting for the treaty, and every Democrat voting against it.

North Sea Claim Settled.

London, March 10.—Count Benkendorff, the Bussian Ambassador to Great Britain, yesterday paid \$325,000 to Foreign Secretary Lansdowne in settlement of the North Sea claims.

Farmer Killed on Track. Essex, March 10.—James Handley, a farmer of Maidstone, was killed Wed-nesday night by a fast express on the Michigan Central Rallroad tracks near

Spendthrift Marquis Dying.
New York, March 10.—The Marquis of Anglessey, according to an American despatch from Monte Carlo, is dying there from consumption.

"Bobs" is Coming.
London, March 10.—The Canadian
Associated Press has been assured that
Lord Roberts is contemplating visiting
Canada next fall.

Mother Finds Son Dead.
Sunderland, March 10.—Early yesterday afternoon Mrs. James Marquis, a wildow living about six miles southwest of this village, went to the barn to look for her son George, and was horrified to find the young man hanging to a trap door with a strap round his neck. The young man was only 26 years of see.

Falls Into Boiling Water.

Brockville, March 10.—The two-yearold son of Mr. a.d Mrs. William Adamson fell into a boiler of boiling water
while left alone for a few minutes on
Wednesday. He, died this morning at
St. Vincent de Paul Hospital.

Flattery is the salt on the tail of

CHEATS HUMAN JUSTICE BRIGHT FUTURE

Kennedy, Murderer of Irene Cole, Hangs Himself.

need Wednesday to Life Impris onment and Seventy-Five Lashes the Prisoner in Brantford Jai Hanged Himself With a Bed Sheet-Felix Doyle, Charged With the Murder of His Mother, Occupied the

Brantford, March 16.—Shortly, before so clock yesterday morning Joseph Kennedy, sentences to life imprisonment, committed suicide in his cell by hanging himself with a bed sheet.

Felix Doyle, charged with murder, was an occupant of the same corridor in the jail. Kennedy and Doyle at breakfast together and they were alone, the night guard having left a few minutes previously.

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After the meal Doyle went to a room. after the meal Doyle went to a room at the end of the corridor, and, according to his story, on returning a few minutes later, found Kennedy hanging in his cell. Doyle raised the alarm, but it was too late.

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Joseph Kennedy, doubiless the murders of Irene Cole, was dead.
There is considerable feeling locally that the jail officials were careless. It is claimed that a guard should have been with Kennedy all the time, and, further, that two prisoners charged with such serfous crimes as Kennedy and Doyle, should not have been allowed alone together.
It is anticipated that Dr. Bruce Smith, inspector of Prisons, will make a thorough investigation of the condition of affairs. A couple of prisoners recently escaped from the jail, which now lends color to the charge that things are being carelessly managed.
A coroner's jury was empannelled in the case yesterday afternoon, and after hearing the evidence of the jail officials and some nearing the evidence of the jail offi-

hearing the evidence of the jail orn-cials and some of the prisoners, re-turned a verdict to the effect that Ken-nedy came to his death by wilfully hanging, and that more precautions should have been taken by officials to prevent the prisoner doing away with

MURDER MYSTERY.

Jury Return Open verdict at Inquest on Woman Burned to Death.

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Belleville, March 10.—The coroner's jury at Plainsfield Wednesday, which sat to enquire into the death of Mrs. Adam Lloyd, who was reported to have been burned to death on Jan. 30 last, brought in practically an open verdict. The post-mortem examination disclosed the fact that the unfortunate woman had a deep out just about the left temple, sufficient to have caused insensibility. She was also badly burned about the body. The woman's husband testified of finding her dead in her chair with her clothes on.

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Death Not Natural.

After hearing some twenty witnesses the jury returned the following verdict:

That the deceased, Hanna Lloyd, did not come to her death through natural causes or by or through any suicidal acts or intention of her own. That death was due to the shock caused by the burning, aggravated by the wound on the side of the head. As to the direct cause of the fire, or by what means she received the wound on the head, we are unable to say from the evidence are unable to say from the evidence

KING WILL BE HANGED.

Death Sentence for Trapper, Who Killed His Comrade.

Winnipeg, March 16 .- At Edmonton, Winnipeg, March 16.—At Edmonton, King, a trapper, who killed his companion and burned his remains in a camp fire in the Athabasca District, was sentenced to be hanged yesterday morning. The execution will take place

was sentenced to be hanged yesterday morning. The execution will take place at Fort Saskatchewan on May 10.

A remarkable thing in connection with the case was the claim of the murdered man's brother that he saw the crime committed in a dream one night at his home in England. Also that he saw the features of the murderer. His was present at the trial.

"Royal Gypsy" Acquitted.

Toronto, March 10.—Georgina Chilectt, the "Royal Gypsy" was again in good luck yesterday. She was before Judge Morgan on the charge of telling fortunes. On March 24, 1902, she was tried by Judge McDeugall, on a similar charge, and was acquitted. Judge Mergan could not see his way clear to upset the judgment of his late colleague. If the Legislature wants to protect the people from fraud of this sort, it can easily do so by making a short drastic measure, said the Judge.

CABLES KING FOR COMMUTATION. Alex Martin's Father Makes Final Ef-fort for Son's Life.

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Toronto, March 10—Testerday Alex.
Martin, Sr., through A. R. Hassard,
who acted as counsel for the unfortunate man, who, if the law takes its
course, was to be hanged at a o'clock
this merning, made a final attempt to
procure a commutation of the sentence
which has been denied by the highest
authorities at Ottawa.

At & p. m. he cabled His Majesty
King Edward this pathetic appeal:
"My son sentenced to be hanged on
Priday celebration Your Majesty's marriage. Please commute his sentence to
life imprisonment."
His Majesty is at present at Buck-

Improvident people are often up in the clouds looking for some of those silver linings.

FOR REGIMENT

ing Last Evening

The New Armory—Non-Coms. Complimented-Committees Struck and Appointments Made.

From eight o'clock to 11.30 last vening the officers of the 24th Reginent-gathered in Colonel Rankin's office for their annual meeting-deoted themselves earnestly and energetically to negimental business and

getically to Regimental business and rapidly rounded matters into shipshape for the coming yoar, which promises to be the best in the history of Kent's splendid young military organization.

There were present at the meeting Lieut. Colonel J. B. Rankin, who presided; Adjutant Capt. W. A. Coltart, Major Geo. Massey, Capt. J. W. McLaren, Capt. J. S. Black, Capt. Fred. Stone, Capt. J. S. Turner, Lieut. N. D. Hørper, Lieut. M. D. Fraser, Lieut. H. D. Smith, Lieut. H. W. Anderson, Pavmaster Capt. Dr. W. R. Hall, Quartermaster Capt. G. W. Cornell, Surgeon Lieut. Dr. W. H. Tye and others.

There were also present Sergt. Major Harry Flowers, Color-Sergt. A. Hutchinson, representing the Non-Com's Mess; Bandmaster W. H. Walker, Sergt. Geo. Webber, W. H. Draper and a delegation from the Regimental Band; Bügle Major Wm. Plameridge representing the Bugle Band and ex-Ald. W. T. Piggott, ontractor for the new armories.

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Annual reports from President Geo. Smith and Treasurer Clements for the Non-Com's Mess; from Bandmaster Walker for the Regimental Band and from Bugle Major Plumeridge for the Bugle Hand were presented and read.

Color-Sergt. Smith on behalf of the Non-Coms briefly addressed the meeting, asking that the present drill shed be preserved for the Non-Coms as they had found the skating rink enterprise to be a paying investment. The Commanding Officer, on behalf of the officers, congratulated the Non-Coms on the showing made and assured them that as effort would be made to preserve or secure rink accommodation for them next season.

Several of the officers spake in sullegy of the good work of the Non-Com's Mess, and extended congratulations on the result secured and the business-like methods adopted. The officers held that the handsome surplus secured was earned by the Non-Coms and they had the right to say how it should be appartioned.

Bugle Major Plumeridge speaking on behalf of the Bugle Band, following the report of that splendid organization, gave a detailed statement of the position of the bugle sorps and their requirements. The officers deemed best that the Bugle Band should relinquish all claim to a portion of the rink proceeds, but granted the organization \$112 to liquidate indebtedness. They also counselled against the undertaking of any further outside enterprises without expressed authority from the Band committee.

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The report of the Regimental Band was followed by a short address by Bandman. W. H. Draper on behalf of the delegation, in which he asked for new caps and the strengthening of the Band by five additional soloists.

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The officers referred these matters to the Band committee and authorized them to secure caps if necessary arrangements could be made. Five new players will be at once brought on and it was hoped that the acquisition would place the Band in a first-class condition in every respect. The officers decided to devote their energies during the next six months to a development and perfecting of this important and perfecting of this important and perfecting of this important of Figgott & Sons, the contractors for the new drill hall.

Ex. Ald. W. T. Piggott, of the firm of Figgott & Sons, the tontractors for the new drill hall and armories, was present with the full plans and specifications for the new building, which were carefully examined and much praised, it was, however, decided to petition for a larger basement for the purpose of establishing an indoor rifle range. A unanimous resolution was passed along these lines and copies will be forwarded to the Minister of Militia, Minister of Public Works, D. A. Gondon, M. P., H. S. Clements, M. P., and George Stephens.

Mr. Piggott made the gratifying announcement that the work on the new building would be commenced immediately and pushed to as early a a conclusion as possible.

In response to the request of Color-Sergt. Smith, the Non-Coms. were granted the use of rifles for bayonet to the request of Sorgt. Hutchison, the request of Sorgt. Hutch

granted the use of rifles for bayonet drill.

It was also announced, in response to the request of Sergt. Hutchison, that negociations were now pending with the Militia Department for the establishment of a rifle range.

Officers and Non-Comes will also shortly be gazetted in this regiment for vacant positions in the signal corps and intelligence officers.

The following recommendations were then submitted and approved:—
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