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THE Spring Season

The spring season is now beginning to come upon us in earnest; milder days are commencing to wedge their way in and the general indication points to an early break up of our cold weather. To be ready with your Spring Dress you should anticipate the season a little and get your order in at once. We are this season prepared to do your dressmaking with extra promptness, whether it be an elaborate gown you want or a simple shirtwaist suit.

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LIFE RACE TO TIE PASS

Oyama Wins Battle of Mukden—Kuropatkin on the Run.

Japanese Are North of Mukden and Russian General and His Army Are in Danger—Aims to Get to Tie Pass. Forty Miles Away, But Both Flanks Are Threatened by Japs—Heavily Tremble at Mukden.

London, March 9.—Kuropatkin is defeated and is giving ground before the armies of the Japanese. Yesterday he abandoned positions south and southwest of Mukden, burning such of his supplies as he could not carry with him.

The Japanese artillery is thundering at the gates of Mukden, which position the Russians still hold, but which admittedly they are preparing to evacuate, changing their base to Tie Pass, which is 46 miles north of Mukden.

So far as the retreat has progressed it has been orderly. What the Japanese have in store for the defeated army on its retirement northward remains to be disclosed. There are reports that Gen. Rennenkampf, the foremost cavalry general of the Russian army in Manchuria, has been cut off on the east from the main force, and Japanese troops in increased numbers are said to be in the vicinity of Tie Pass.

The retreat unquestionably cost the Russians dear in the matter of supplies and heavy guns. Neither commanders nor correspondents have yet ventured to estimate the number of killed and wounded in the eleven days' fighting. The Russians' casualties in the fighting Tuesday on the left flank are said to have been fully 1,000.

Beaten in Bloodiest Battle. Tokyo, March 9.—Advices received here indicate that Gen. Kuropatkin is badly beaten in the bloodiest battle of the present war.

House Tremble. Mukden, March 9.—A heavy cannonading is in progress northwest of this city, causing the walls of houses here to tremble. An engagement is in progress at the Imperial Tomb.

Japs North of Mukden. Mukden, March 9.—A division of Japanese troops appeared north of Mukden on the heights west of Hsueh-tai Station. The terrific cannonading is in progress and the streets of Mukden rumble as with 10,000 drums.

Why Russians Withdrew. Mukden, March 9.—The Russian army is leaving positions south and west of Mukden. The withdrawal was necessitated by a heavy concentration of Japanese weapons and northwest of Mukden.

Retreat Officially Announced. Tokyo, March 9.—It is officially announced that the Russians began retreating yesterday morning. The Japanese armies are pursuing them.

RACING FOR TIE PASS.

Kuropatkin and His Army in Flight, With Japs Following.

St. Petersburg, March 9.—The battle of Mukden has resulted in a Russian defeat. Field Marshal Oyama, once more has proven himself one of the greatest masters of offensive strategy since Napoleon, while General Kuropatkin is now engaged in endeavoring to defend his title as a master of successful retreat and of his army, with its immense train, safely to Tie Pass, where a position long ago was prepared with this contingency in view.

Both Flanks Threatened. The problem before the Russian Commander-in-Chief is much more difficult than the one he met successfully at Liaoyang, since now he is threatened on both flanks, his left wing being entangled in a mountainous region far from the railroad. Only the fact that it is the news of the reverse position known at this time. Emperor Nicholas and high military officers of course were informed by General Kuropatkin's telegram of Tuesday, stating tersely that Mukden must be abandoned, and they received details of the beginning of the withdrawal as they appeared in excited portions of the official despatches given out yesterday.

Began to Run March 6. From information it is known that Gen. Kuropatkin contemplated retreat before the beginning of the battle, and that he had hoped to accomplish it without a serious combat. The Japanese, however, forced him to accept battle. The double turning movement compelled him to send the majority part of his reserves to the fighting line and rendered an effective counterstroke out of the question, and the decision to retire was immediately taken on March 6. Withdrawal was actually begun during that night.

The great question now is whether Field Marshal Oyama has entangled the Russians in his strategic not sufficiently to prevent a successful retreat to Tie Pass. Gen. Rennenkampf's force to the eastward admittedly is in great danger of being cut off, and considerable force of Japanese appears to be operating on the Russian right well toward Tie Pass.

Japs Utterly Reckless. If the Japanese succeed in reaching the railroad and interrupting traffic, it only for a few hours, it may have the greatest consequences for General Kuropatkin, who is now engaged in a literal race with the Japanese to reach a naturally defensible position, forty miles northward. All reports indicate that the Japanese were utterly reckless of sacrifices, making attack after attack especially on the central and westward against machine guns and sniping fire, which literally mowed down the advancing columns, making human flesh so cheap that the survivors could bastion themselves behind piles of corpses.

Kuropatkin's Head Will Fall. After this defeat Gen. Kuropatkin's

deposition may be regarded as certain. War Minister Sakharoff is picked as his probable successor, though Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaievich or a board of strategists may be entrusted with the direction of affairs. A high military official said last night that the Emperor had had enough of a general whose interpretation of victory was a successful retreat; that Fabian tactics are well enough in their way, but that Kuropatkin went beyond those of Fabius and neglected to take account of favorable opportunities for counter-strokes.

The Capture of Manchuria. Tokyo, March 9.—The following despatch has just been received from the headquarters of the Japanese army in Manchuria: "Our force, which has been engaging a superior force of the enemy in the neighborhood of Manchuria (southeast of Mukden), dislodged the enemy from his positions at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, and is now pursuing him northward."

From Gen. Kuropatkin. General Kuropatkin's Headquarters in the Field, via Pusan, March 9.—The Russians Wednesday night, under cover of darkness, evacuated their positions along the Shikhe River, and are now in full retreat northward. The Japanese infantry is pressing them closely.

Before retreating, the Russians set fire to great heaps of supplies, which burned throughout the night. The fall of Mukden appears imminent. The Japanese are pushing the Russians hard on the east.

Paris, March 9.—A despatch to The Temps from Tananarivo (capital of the Island of Madagascar) says the entire Russian fleet has left the water of Madagascar and is returning to Jibuti, French Somaliland.

Two British Steamers Captured. Tokyo, March 9.—The British steamers Erva and Aphrodite, from Cardiff to Vladivostok, have been captured by Japanese warships. Since the war began Japan has taken possession of 32 steamers carrying contraband of war.

M. WITTE RESIGNS.

Says Czar Evicted Lack of Confidence in Him—Russian Strike Spreads—Peasants Revolt.

Berlin, March 9.—The Lokai Anzeiger's St. Petersburg despatch says that M. Witte, President of the Committee of Ministers, has tendered his resignation to the Emperor on the plea that the latter has evicted a lack of confidence in him.

Russian Strike Spreads. London, March 9.—The directorate of the St. Petersburg strikers, when it learned of the suppression of the Shidlovsky Commission, decided to call upon the Russian State Government to permit workers to join the strike. "The directorate is now making no claims regarding working conditions. It is devoting itself solely to paralyzing the State authorities until the political demands of the workmen are granted. It is estimated that 120,000 men are idle in St. Petersburg.

To Avoid Disturbances. Lodz, March 9.—In consequence of threats of anti-Semitic disturbances, the authorities have induced M. Poznanski, a Jew, to withdraw his orders shutting down his mill indefinitely and throwing 5,000 workmen out of work. The mill was re-opened yesterday, and the men returned to work.

Russian Peasants Revolt. London, March 9.—A despatch to The Daily Mail from Kiev says that the peasants have risen near Pripiet in the Government of Kursk. They have looted the estate of Baron Demeyendorf, commander of the Czar's bodyguard, removing 120 tons of grain.

ORANGEMEN MEET.

Grand Lodge of Ontario West in Session at Midland.

Midland, March 8.—The R. W. Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West met here yesterday afternoon.

The Grand Master's address dealt comprehensively with the Grand Lodge topics. The Northwest autonomy bill is the subject of a prolonged passage, which closes as follows:

"We are all glad to observe the activity of our Grand Master and Secretary, W. W. Bro. Dr. Sproule, in warning the brethren and public generally of the details of the measure."

The Grand Auditor's report shows a balance of \$1,885.20. The income of the Grand Lodge shows a decrease in revenue of \$477.15 for the past year. The expenditure for the past year has been \$1,845.20, or \$22.50 less than the preceding year, leaving a balance of \$1,816, or \$344.15 in excess of the balance of 1903.

The Grand Secretary's report is generally satisfactory, and mentions eleven new primary lodges established during the year and one reconstituted.

The references to the recent death of E. W. Bro. E. J. Clarke, Grand Treasurer, were frequent and touching. Dr. Sproule Spoke.

The Opera House was crowded last night, the occasion being the public meeting in connection with the meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West. Lieut.-Col. Scott, the Grand Master, occupied the chair. Dr. F. S. Sproule, M. P., of Markdale, Master of British America, was present and received a rousing reception. He expressed the sorrow and loss sustained by the Orange Lodge by the death of the late E. J. Clarke, M. P. He then dealt with the autonomy bill, as did W. H. Bennett, M. P., for East Simcoe, and others.

Will Organize Campaign. The Grand Black Chapter of Ontario West passed a resolution at their last session yesterday morning, opposing the establishment of Separate Schools in the new Provinces, and will, in conjunction with the Orange Lodge, organize a campaign against the measure.

Minard's Lintment Cures Distemper

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED

Body of Woman Burned to Death—Exhumed For Inquest.

People Who Say They Know Have No Hesitation in Saying That a Murder Was Committed in the Case of Late Mrs. Adam Lloyd of Menziesboro—Husband and Wife Used to Quarrel.

Belleville, March 9.—There is every indication that a sensational murder trial will be on in this city in the near future. The story is a peculiar one, showing how long it takes sometimes for crime, if crime it is, to become known to the authorities. On Jan. 20 last a story came to this city to the effect that Mrs. Adam Lloyd, the wife of a farmer living in the little hamlet of Menziesboro, Hungerford Township, Hastings County, had been burned to death one morning while her husband, a farmer, was at the barn doing chores.

The story says that he came in and found his wife sitting by the stove with her clothes on fire, she being, it was alleged, quite dead when found. The unfortunate woman was buried two days afterwards, and soon rumors began to be spread about foul play. These reached the ears of the authorities, culminating at last in the Crown taking the matter up. The body of the dead woman was exhumed and an inquest was held yesterday in the Village of Plainfield, 18 miles from this city. Coroner Dr. Yeomans of this city and County Crown Attorney Anderson attending. A Government detective is working on the case.

Everything Points to Murder. It was expected that the inquest would last far into last night, and as there is neither telephone nor telephone connection the verdict of the jury cannot be known until to-day. People who are acquainted with the facts of the case have no hesitation in saying that everything points to a murder having been committed.

The deceased woman was the second wife of the man Adam Lloyd. There was a daughter by the second marriage, as well as children by the first, and the couple, who were each about 55 years of age, used to quarrel frequently about the division of the property. Old Mr. Lloyd is alleged to have made the remark that "If the old woman was out of the way everything would be all right."

A Mrs. Wright, who lives across the road from where Lloyd and his wife lived, was in this city on Monday and talked freely about the case. She said Mrs. Lloyd was a very nice woman, and said that the unfortunate woman had a bad wound on her head. The doctor who conducted the post-mortem alleged to have made the statement that if Mrs. Lloyd was alive when her clothing caught fire her body would have been blistered. Mrs. Wright said there were no blisters on the dead woman's body; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd lived alone.

FELIX DOYLE SANE.

So Says Dr. Richardson of the Hamilton Insane Asylum—To Be Tried for Matricide.

Brantford, March 9.—At the preliminary hearing in Brantford yesterday afternoon, Felix Doyle was committed for trial on the charge of the murder of his mother. The hearing was before Squires Cox and Gray.

Doyle showed considerable nervousness all afternoon, remarking when the magistrate given their decision, "No, I'm not guilty."

Dr. Richardson of the Hamilton Insane Asylum has made an examination of Doyle and found him perfectly sane. Evidence was heard last night at the hearing yesterday that Doyle had not called at the Elvidge home early on the morning of the crime and had failed to awaken the people as he had claimed.

Mrs. Elvidge and the saw no footprints in the newly-fallen snow, and claimed she certainly would have noticed them.

Other witnesses swore that Felix had said: "What's the use making such a fuss about the old lady, there was a man killed in Brantford the other day, and nothing came of it."

Defective Greer was also on the stand and gave evidence showing how Felix had changed his story of the occurrence more than once.

Only ten witnesses were called all afternoon. Doyle will come up for trial at the Fall Assizes in this city.

SEVENTY-FIVE LASHES.

And Imprisonment for Life for Joseph Kennedy.

Brantford, March 9.—After being acquitted a little over a year ago of the murder of Irene Cole, Joseph Kennedy was last night found guilty of carnally knowing the little nine-year-old victim of the crime. Mr. Justice Teetzel, who presided at the court, sentenced Kennedy to life imprisonment, together with 75 lashes, which is the extreme penalty for the offence.

Asked if he had anything to say, the prisoner remarked: "I think I have been unfairly tried. There have been certain witnesses against me who have sworn to lies."

All the evidence in the case had been taken before 6 o'clock last evening. No new evidence of any importance had been adduced.

Mr. Justice Teetzel briefly reviewed the evidence, giving the jury the usual cautions. The jury came to a verdict in a little over half an hour. Kennedy walked to the prisoner's box with the same unconcern that has characterized all his actions. No one could tell that he was very much worked up about the sentence was pronounced, and he was taken back to his cell.

In pronouncing sentence, the justice

remarked that he was thoroughly in accord with the verdict of the jury, and in his opinion the maximum penalty was none too strong for such an offence against society.

Shot Four Times. Montreal, March 9.—A special from Three Rivers states that Percy H. Seltzer, a farmer, 34 years of age, residing at Grande Anse, was found dead in his stable, having been shot in the head four times. Deceased was formerly in the employ of the Hudson Bay Co. A widow and two children survive. Murder was committed and it is said that several arrests will soon take place.

Murders Wife and Babies. Danville, Ark., March 9.—James Ince, confronted with the dead bodies of his wife and three children, the latter ranging in age from 4 months to 4 years, broke down and confessed to their murder, saying that it seemed impossible to make a living for his family.

Cummings Goes for Trial. Toronto, March 9.—James K. Cummings, formerly chief chemist of the Henry K. Wampole Co., was committed for trial by Magistrate Deane yesterday on a charge of stealing the formulas and some electro-plates belonging to the Wampole Co. The bail was reduced from \$5,000 to \$1,000 at the request of Mr. A. A. Durnett, who appeared for the prisoner.

The Chadwick Case. Cleveland, Ohio, March 9.—The case of the Government against Mrs. Chadwick was completed yesterday afternoon.

NOT SETTLED YET.

Cabinet Not Through With Temiskaming Railway Commission Question—First Big Civil Servant Change.

Toronto, March 9.—The Cabinet did not get through with the Temiskaming Railway question at yesterday's sitting. Up to last night the resignation of Robert Jaffray, E. C. Gurney and J. W. Leonard of London as members of the Temiskaming Commission had been received, leaving only B. E. Feiger of Kingston and M. J. O'Brien of Kenora to carry out the request of the Government that they resign.

Mr. Whitney was shown a despatch from Kingston that a close friend of one of the board had said the Commissioners would not resign, but would throw the onus of altering the personnel of the Commission on the Government. To this he replied that the three resignations already received showed that the story was quite unlikely.

Housekeeper O'Brien Resigns. The resignation of Patrick O'Brien, housekeeper of the Parliament Buildings, was accepted at a meeting of the Cabinet yesterday afternoon. Premier Whitney said last night that Mr. O'Brien's successor may be appointed to-day. The job is worth about a year and a suite of rooms in the buildings. Other perquisites, such as the purchase of supplies, attach to the position. He has been 18 years in the position, and under the old administration Mr. O'Brien had considerable power in relation to the control of the inferior servants of the House, but the new Government recently decided to transfer this authority to the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Lands of Veterans. A large deputation of army veterans waited upon Hon. J. J. Foy at the Parliament Buildings yesterday afternoon in regard to the act providing for the appropriation of certain lands for the volunteers who served in South Africa and the volunteer militia who served on the frontier in 1866 or in 1870. John Jones introduced the deputation. Members of the Government present beside Hon. J. J. Foy were Hon. J. P. Whitney, Hon. Dr. Willoughby and Hon. J. Montford and Hon. Col. Matheson.

David Creighton complained that the late Government had handed over to Americans who styled themselves "The Veterans Land Company Limited" the Township of Taylor, Carr, Beatty, Hylop and Bowman. J. K. Leslie spoke for the veterans of 1885.

Surgeon-Col. Ryerson of the Northwest Field Force the Veterans, if he thought that that body should receive recognition.

Capt. Musson requested the issuing of patents at once.

David Had Juggled. Major Robertson said that Hon. E. J. Davis had juggled at every point. He had cancelled land that he had picked out and had inconvenienced him greatly. In reply, Hon. Mr. Foy said that, while the deputation had been successful in defending the country they had been unsuccessful in capturing their own lands. Their request would receive every consideration.

Hon. J. P. Whitney spoke as a veteran, and as the Premier. As a veteran, he said the grant was so hedged around with conditions that he had not considered his location worth looking after. As a Minister of the Crown, he hoped the Government might see its way clear to grant their requests. The Government could not forget the hundreds of acres that would be allotted, and the time it would take to survey the lands.

His Injuries Were Fatal. Toronto, March 9.—Wednesday evening about 6 o'clock as Arthur Armstrong, J. P., of Glenora, Lloydsburg, was crossing King Street West, near the Massey-Harris Works, he was struck and knocked down and rendered senseless by a street car. He was immediately removed to the General Hospital, where his death occurred about noon yesterday. The deceased was one of the best-known men in the Township of King. He was a Canadian, born here in 1835, being the eldest son of the late Captain Armstrong of Lloydsburg, and was educated at Upper Canada College.

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