

## BLOODY BATTLE STILL ON; RUSSIANS FIGHT GALLANTLY

Dawn of the Ninth Day of Battle Finds Kuropatkin  
Holding Right Bank of Shashke River.

### DESPERATE FIGHTING ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Berlin, Oct. 17, 11:51 a.m. — Colonel Gadeke, the war correspondent of the Tagblatt, telegraphs from Mukden that when he left the battlefield yesterday at 3:30 p.m., a general engagement was in progress, which was not yet decisive, although not unfavorable for the Russians. The battle opened at 7 o'clock in the morning, twelve miles south of Mukden. At about 2 p.m. he heard heavy artillery firing in the mountainous eastward, where he understood General Stakelberg was attacking the Japanese right flank. An immense number of wounded were arriving at Mukden. On this, the eighth day of the fighting, the weather was fine. Col. Gadeke sent another dispatch dated Saturday, which was detained at St. Petersburg, describing the operations on the Russian right, which he accompanied. He says that after four days' hard fighting, with heavy losses, the Russians had reached a point at the base of the precipitous heights of Tunin Pass, which was occupied by Japanese. The Russians were only about 300 to 500 yards distant from the Japanese positions, and intended storming them the morning of the 13th, but the order to retreat arrived during the night. The Russians fought with admirable persistence and skill. Their artillery was somewhat greater than that of the Japanese in number and far superior in effectiveness. The infantry and artillery cooperated with great success.

In retreating from the pass the Russian forces got away without firing a shot. The wounded were carried away on stretchers. The incessant artillery firing heard from the Russian center and right on the 14th was considerably stronger than the firing at Liao Yang. The Russian losses up to the evening of Oct. 13 were estimated at 15,000.

**More Guns Captured.**  
Tokio, Oct. 17.—Noon.—It is reported here that Major Takashima's battalion captured fourteen guns at Sanchiatzu on Oct. 16. This makes a total of 34 guns captured by Gen. Nodzu's army since Oct. 14.

**Stonewall Kuropatkin.**  
St. Petersburg, Oct. 17, 1:55 p.m. — The feeling at the war office today is slightly brighter as it becomes evident that the Japanese have not cut off any of the Russians, and that Gen. Kuropatkin is able to stand like a stone wall. The right wings of both sides are believed to be greatly exhausted by their long sustained efforts. The main fear is that the unexpected quiet on the Russian left may presage some retreat.

One of the aides of Gen. Gripenberg (who is to command the second army), said to the Associated Press this morning: "Even if Kuropatkin has been badly defeated, provided it does not end in a rout and disaster, in my opinion, his offensive movement should be approved. Only by hammering away can we ultimately hope to smash the Japanese. Kuropatkin is simply preparing the ground for us when we arrive with the second army."

St. Petersburg, Oct. 17, 1:55 p.m. — Official reports received by the war office, dated early this morning say that the battle was resumed at daybreak today, that the Russians still hold the right bank of the Shashke River, that the pressure on the right, where the Japanese are still seeking to break through the Russian center, evidently in order to get possession of the railroad and cut off the Russian army from Mukden.

Unofficial reports say the Russians had some successes at Shashke yesterday, where General Kuropatkin again took the offensive. While admitting that the Russian losses are very heavy, but not offering figures, the general staff declares the Japanese reports of the Russian losses are exaggerated, while their own are minimized.

**Oku's Report.**  
Gen. Oku's Headquarters, via Fusan, Saturday, Oct. 15, Evening. (Delayed in transmission). — Lamuting.

**A Giant Race Reported In Wilds of Labrador**  
Quebec Oct. 17.—Stories of a race of aboriginal giants living in the interior of Labrador continue to come from Indian sources, but ethnologists do not believe that such a race exists. It was while endeavoring to find this strange people that Leonidas Hubbard, Jun., associate editor of Outing, perished of hunger in the interior of the inhospitable peninsula less than a year ago. The late "Adirondack" Murray also had planned an expedition of discovery in the same region, but died before he could put his project into execution. Scientists appear to be agreed that if any such giant race exists they must be the survivors of the Beothicks, or

### CONDITION THE SAME

His Lordship Bishop Baldwin Still In a Comatose State.

The condition of his Lordship Bishop Baldwin remains about the same, the bishop being still in a comatose condition. Messages are arriving from all over Canada and the United States, inquiring as to his lordship's illness, and the most profound regret continues to be expressed from all quarters.

### "FOOLISH," SAYS O'BRIEN

Denounces Methods of Irish Members in the British House.

Cork, Oct. 16. — Addressing a monster meeting here today, Wm. O'Brien declared that home rule was in the offing, since it was believed the Dunraven scheme of an Irish financial commission had sympathy in official quarters; but the foolish conduct of the Irish party in fighting Chief Secretary Wyndham, the lord lieutenant, and Anthony Macdonnell (under secretary to the lord lieutenant of Ireland), who were pledged to conciliation, threatened to spoil all. It was not surprising that Wyndham repudiated the Dunraven scheme, for no man could trust his political reputation in the hands of men who behaved so foolishly as did the Irish members in the last session of Parliament.

## RACE AND RELIGIOUS CRY RAISED BY A CARLETON COUNTY TORY

Declares He Would Like to See Quebec Sunk to Bottom of the Sea.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Ottawa, Oct. 17.—The race and religious cry is not kept for a "Still Hunt" in the county of Carleton. It is used directly from the platform as the best reason why a supporter of Sir Wilfrid Laurier should not be elected in that county. At a meeting at City View some six miles from Ottawa on Friday evening last, J. E. Caldwell, the Liberal candidate, who is a farmer in the district, had a talk with his neighbors as to why they should return him to Parliament. Mr. Robert Nelson, another farmer, a neighbor of Mr. Caldwell, was chairman. After Mr. Caldwell made his speech, he asked if some of the others present wanted to say something. One desired to do so. The chairman asked if the speaker was a Frenchman, and he replied that he was. He then asked if the speaker was a Frenchman, and he replied that he was. He then asked if the speaker was a Frenchman, and he replied that he was.

## BALTIC FLEET BLUFFS AGAIN

Salutes, Sets Sail and Comes to Anchor Off Danish Coast.

Fakergub, Langeland Island, Denmark, Oct. 17.—The Russian Baltic Sea fleet passed the southern extremity of Langeland Island this morning. The Danish cruiser Heimdal exchanged salutes with the Russian flagship, and then accompanied the Russian vessels to the northward. The fleet comprises 24 ships. Shortly afterwards the vessels anchored in Langeland belt to take in coal. Three steamers were awaiting them.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 17.—The Novoe Vremya, protesting against the sending of the Baltic squadron to the far east, has been ordered to retract its article on the route thither, in which it repudiated, advances the suggestion of purchasing one of the smaller Dutch East India Islands for the purpose of establishing a naval station where the squadron might be finally be overhauled before starting on the last stage of the journey for Port Arthur.

Tokio, Oct. 17.—It is authoritatively reported that the Russian fleet at Port Arthur is suffering severely from the fire of the Japanese land batteries. Reports of a recent attempt by the fleet to sortie are unfounded, as is the report of the capture of another blockade runner.

## THE "PRINCESS TAX"

Poor Peasants May Pay for the Trousseau of Cecile.

Berlin, Oct. 17. — The Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, brother of the Duchess Cecile, who is engaged to the Crown Prince of Germany, has managed to throw a cloud over the rejoicings of the people of his duchy. He has instructed his officials to enforce an old statute, dating from the sixteenth century, which requires that whenever a princess of the ducal house of Mecklenburg marries a special tax shall be levied upon the people in order to provide the funds for furnishing the bride with a trousseau.

The process of furnishing the where-withal for buying linen is called the "Princess Tax," and it is levied by grand ducal cabinet order. The Mecklenburgers, having had a bad harvest, declare themselves unable to buy lingerie for Cecile, suggesting that the salutes with the Russian flagship, and then accompanied the Russian vessels to the northward. The fleet comprises 24 ships. Shortly afterwards the vessels anchored in Langeland belt to take in coal. Three steamers were awaiting them.

### HAD HORSE SENSE

General Kuropatkin's Charger Has Deserted to the Japs.

Moscow, Oct. 17.—General Kuropatkin has lost his famous charger, Le Marechal, a gift to him from the Czar. Le Marechal, a son of Lohengrin, the English thoroughbred, has, in fact, deserted.

"General Kuropatkin," writes the Russian commander-in-chief's adjutant to a friend in this city, "had thrown the bride over his arm and was patting the horse on the neck when it kicked, tore away and galloped toward the enemy."

"Four Cossacks immediately pursued, but their horses were not match for the Russian charger and the riderless animal got clear away."

"At last the Cossacks came back, exhausted and afraid to show their faces. The soldiers have generally taken this to be an ill omen."

### SPREE CAUSED SUICIDE

Sarnia Man Cuts His Throat While Sobbing In Jail.

Sarnia, Ont., Oct. 17. — George Reynolds, aged 70, committed suicide this morning by cutting his throat while recovering from a spree in the town lock-up, where he had been committed at his own request. Reynolds came from Toronto seven years ago and worked on the docks. He leaves no relatives.

## BAD WHISKY KILLS TWENTY

Sensational Statement Made by New York Paper.

New York, Oct. 17.—The Tribune says the list of 20 sudden deaths presumably from bad whisky known as Stryker's Farm whisky, was increased by two yesterday. Hugo Weiss, a cigar maker, 55 years old, died in the hallway of his home in West Forty seventh street, last night, another victim, according to the police, of Stryker's Farm whisky.

Weiss was found in the hallway in a stupor, and was pronounced dead by a hospital man. Dr. Feabody, on his arrival, found the man dead, and after an examination, said he believed death had been caused by alcoholism.

Police Captain Husey at once assigned two detectives to the case. The wife of the dead man, according to the detectives, said that her husband had been out of work and had been drinking for some time.

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He said an effort was being made to get the names of witnesses who saw the man drink the whisky.

## TROLLEY PLUNGES INTO A FREIGHT

Young Lady Killed in Electric Car Collision at Preston, Ontario.

Preston, Ont., Oct. 17.—A trolley car on the Galt, Preston and Hespeler electric road, coming from Hespeler, in charge of Motorman Robert Henry, ran into the side of one of four cars of coal which a freight motor was switching. Miss Annie Kenwick, aged 18, daughter of Wm. Kenwick, of Hespeler, one of the passengers on the trolley, was instantly killed. Motorman Pock had up and cut with flying glass. A flagman had been sent from the freight motor to flag the trolley from Hespeler, but instead of flagging he came back to the freight motor.

## MISSIONARIES IN PERIL

Toronto, Oct. 15.—Owing to rumors regarding a Boxer uprising in Honan, China, where home Presbyterian missionaries are working, Rev. Dr. Mackay, secretary of Presbyterian missions, yesterday called them to ascertain the facts. Four were entertained for their safety. This morning Dr. Mackay received a reassuring cable from the fact that the missionaries were all right.

## BURNED TO DEATH

Marmora, Ont., Oct. 15.—The 10-year-old son of a farmer at Delora, Minn., was burned to death today in his father's barn. The boy's mother, hearing the fire, made frantic efforts to get him out, but could not. It is supposed that the boy was playing with a candle and set fire to the hay. The barn was also burned.

## WEATHER BULLETIN

Tomorrow—Fair and Warm.

London, Monday, Oct. 17.  
Sun rises, 6:34 a.m. Moon sets, 12:30 a.m.  
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The weather today has been fair throughout Canada, except that a few slight showers have occurred in Manitoba. Temperatures have continued comparatively high in the Territories and Manitoba, and elsewhere there has been a tendency toward warmer conditions.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 46-54; Calgary, 39-50; Swift Current, 36-49; Port Arthur, 30-48; Toronto, 36-56; Ottawa, 30-48; Montreal, 34-50; Quebec, 30-44; Halifax, 30-42.

FORECASTS.  
Monday, Oct. 17—S a.m. Today—Southly and southwesterly winds; fair and warm.  
Tuesday—Fresh southwesterly winds; fair and warm.

TEMPERATURES.  
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.  
Toronto. 46 40 Cloudy  
Ottawa. 40 34 Fair  
Montreal. 44 40 Fair  
Quebec. 36 30 Fair  
Halifax. 30 42 Clear  
Father Point. 42 40 Clear

WEATHER NOTES.  
There are no indications of a change to cooler conditions in Manitoba and the Territories. The weather continues fair in Ontario and Quebec, with a general tendency towards higher temperatures. The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Saturday were: Highest, 67°; lowest, 28°.

### FOR SOUTH TORONTO

Mr. Hartley Dewar Chosen as the Liberal Standard-Bearer.

Toronto, Oct. 17.—Mr. Hartley H. Dewar, K.C., was unanimously chosen by the Reform convention in St. George's Hall on Saturday night the standard-bearer of Liberalism in South Toronto. One vote was taken, and two others, Ald. J. J. Ward and W. T. J. Lee, sought the honor of being the Liberal candidate. One hundred and fifty-eight votes were necessary to the election of a candidate, and Mr. Dewar received 159. Immediately after the announcement Mr. Lee moved, and Ald. Ward seconded, that the nomination be made unanimous, and that was done amid enthusiastic cheering.

## VICTIMS OF WOOD ALCOHOL

Autopsies Made by Board of Health Indicate Poisoning—Police Investigating.

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## MURDER IN CHURCH

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 17.—Clay Grubb, a prominent distiller, shot and killed William Davis, his brother-in-law, and a former business partner, at Piney Church, Davidson County, yesterday. Davis was attending services at the church, when Grubb walked up behind him and emptied three chambers of his revolver into his body. Grubb immediately surrendered to the authorities. There had been bad blood between the two for some time. Davis leaves a family, and was a man of wealth.

## LONDON MINISTERS MEET AND CONFER

Church Federation Considered and Discussed—Resolution of Sympathy.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ministerial Alliance was held this morning at the Y. M. C. A. In the absence of the president, Rev. D. S. Hamilton, first vice-president, occupied the chair. Rev. Mr. Hamilton presided at the meeting with prayer, after which the minutes were read and several items of business were taken up.

On motion of Rev. W. J. Clark, seconded by Rev. W. H. Harris, a resolution of sympathy was passed with the family of the late Rev. Bishop Baldwin, and the secretary was instructed to forward the same.

Rev. Hector MacKay, the newly appointed chairman, and Rev. Mr. Hamilton read a paper on the subject of the meeting, "Church Federation." He referred to the movements toward closer union between certain denominations in Australia, Great Britain, and the United States and Canada, suggested several reasons why there might be a tendency toward closer union of certain bodies in this country, and mentioned some of the advantages that would result. He also recognized that there were difficulties in the way which, however, were not insurmountable.

The reading of the paper was followed by a very interesting discussion, which was participated in by Revs. Coulter, Clark, Stuart, Clark, Cox, Langford, Martin, Rollie, Livingstone and Mackay. All agreed upon the desirability of cultivating the spirit of brotherhood and cooperation, and it was illustrated in London. Many of the brethren felt that the difficulties in the way of union as well as the desirable features should be kept in mind, in order that any steps taken might not be in advance of the feeling of the people in general.

The joint meeting of the committees on union of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational bodies, which is to be held in Toronto in December, it was thought would give a new impetus to the movement and revive discussion throughout the country.

## PRINCESS ASTURIAS DEAD

Was Queen of Spain Until Birth of Her Brother Alfonso.

Madrid, Oct. 17.—The Infanta Maria de las Mercedes, Princess of Asturias, sister of King Alfonso, and wife of Prince Charles of Bourbon, gave birth to a daughter yesterday and died today.

The Princess of the Asturias was Queen of Spain till the birth of her brother, the present king. She was born in 1850, and was married in February, 1861, to Prince Charles of Bourbon. They had two sons, Alfonso, born in November, 1861, and Fernando Maria Alfonso, born in February, 1863.

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## TALK IN THE U. S. OF INTERVENTION

Time at Hand When the Great Powers May Step In to End the War.

Washington, Oct. 17.—The war in the Far East has attracted the attention of the United States administration, and it is felt that the time is approaching when it will be in the power of the great neutral powers to move toward the restoration of peace. President Roosevelt has stood ready to use his good offices in the event of a basis honorable to both belligerents, but he is stopped from moving by the fact that it has been the uniform policy of the American Government to wait until it is assured that both sides to a controversy of this kind are weary of the struggle, and that the United States should act. There has so far been no open proposition for mediation, but it is believed that the signs point to an early move in that direction.

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### A "FACER" FOR THE CHRONICLE

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## TALK IN THE U. S. OF INTERVENTION

Time at Hand When the Great Powers May Step In to End the War.

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