

200,000 Russians, Half Kuropatkin's Army, Fall at Mukden

Flower of the Czar's Forces on the Dead Run Northward to Tie Pass Subjected to Annihilating Fire From Both Flanks and in Danger of Meeting Another Jap Army—Near Hoped For Refuge— On March 10 Kuropatkin Reported That His Army Was Safe.

KUROPATKIN'S RUN BLOCKED OYAMA CUTTING IN AHEAD

Crowning Disaster of War May Yet Be Crowned With Greater Slaughter.

The broken Russian army is desperately struggling northward after enormous losses in men, guns and supplies. The rout seems complete and an official report from St. Petersburg says that Kuropatkin has lost at least 60,000 prisoners.

To the east and west of the retreating army the Japanese are closing in and it is apparent that Russia has met with THE CROWNING DISASTER OF THE WAR.

Official reports from Tokio say that thousands of Russians are crowded into the district between the railway and the Mukden road, while the Japanese are pouring an annihilating fire upon the demoralized mass.

On three sides the enveloping Japanese are drawing in their lines, and it seems possible that Oyama's supreme efforts TO INTERPOSE A STRONG FORCE BETWEEN THE MAIN RUSSIAN ARMY AND THE NORTH ARE SUCCESSFUL.

JAPAN MUST MOVE.

Attitude That St. Petersburg Assumes Regarding Peace Proposals.

St. Petersburg, March 12.—The moment might prove opportune, but the question of peace lies with Japan and not with Russia. Russia would welcome peace and peace could be arranged, not thru a third power, but by direct negotiations between the two countries if Japan would propose moderate terms. As the victor Japan is in a position to take the first step. Russia cannot and will not sue for peace. Neither could she accept terms which did not recognize Russia as a power in the far east. It is idle to speculate on the concrete terms. The only thing is that Russia's position in the far east must be recognized. Friends of peace throuth the world should use their influence with Japan. The victor should show moderation. Otherwise no end of the war is yet in sight.

WILL CRUSH KUROPATKIN.

Oyama Rushes Big Part of Army Toward Harbin.

Washington, March 11.—With Mukden as his new base Marshal Oyama has determined to push northward in the direction of Harbin with a large part of his army, in the effort to follow up his recent victory as rapidly as possible and accomplish his one great purpose of administering a really crushing defeat to Gen. Kuropatkin. This information has reached Washington from an authoritative source and accurately sets forth the present program of Tokio war office.

After receiving several cablegrams telling of the victories of the Japanese arms around Mukden, Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, altho the host at a brilliant reception last night, which lasted past midnight, was an early visitor to the state department to-day, where he had half an hour's conversation with Secretary Hay. As he was leaving the minister was asked what effect in his opinion the battle of Mukden would have upon the ultimate issue of the war.

"For us it is but a chapter in the great conflict, tho' a most important one."

The minister replied: "It is difficult for me to say how much the battle of Mukden will contribute towards peace, for overtures for peace must necessarily come from the other side."

"Will your government suggest peace, in the light of Oyama's victory?" the minister was asked as he entered his carriage.

"The initiative, I repeat, can scarcely be looked for from Tokio," he replied.

Bishop With Appendicitis.

Burlington, Vt., March 11.—Bishop A. C. A. Hall of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont is suffering from an attack of appendicitis and has been obliged to cancel all his engagements. He was taken to the local hospital to-day.

THE LITTLE BULLDOG OF THE EAST



"Say! the war's over. You're whipped. Why don't you go home?"

TROLLEY KILLS LITTLE BOY ENJOYING BIRTHDAY PARTY

Harold Beasley, Aged Five, Has Brains Dashed Out in Front of His Home on Church Street.

While having a game of tag with several of his little playmates, Charles Harold Beasley, 5 years old, was struck and instantly killed by a south-bound car, within a few yards of his home, 240 Church-street, shortly after 5 p.m. Saturday.

Just how the accident happened is not clearly known. It is not thought that the child was rolled beneath the fender, but that he was struck by the projecting gearing and thrown in front of the front car trucks. The car, No. 1629, which was in charge of Motorman E. Sage and Conductor G. Baker, is declared by eyewitnesses to have been going at a rather slow rate of speed, a statement which the fact that the car was brought to a standstill within about 20 feet, would bear out. The body of the little victim was found to be stretched across the track, between the fender and the front trucks. Dr. J. M. Johnston, who was one of the passengers, pronounced the little fellow to have been killed instantly. The head was badly crushed, the brains oozing out. The body was not mangled, or even bruised to any extent, the wheels not having passed over.

The fender on the car which is of the most modern style, was found to be only three or four inches above the ground when the body was taken out, which would indicate that the youngster had not been rolled beneath. The fender is a comparatively new one and in apparently good working order. Claims Agent Greene was on the scene within a few minutes of the fatality. Coroner Orr has been notified and will hold an inquest probably at 2 p.m. Monday.

KUROPATKIN'S SAD STORY.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 12.—General Kuropatkin has sent the following despatch to the Czar:

"I am surrounded.
"Last night all our armies commenced to retreat.
"Our retreat is being conducted with the enemy harassing both our flanks.
"The second army under Biderling has suffered the heaviest both in killed, wounded and prisoners.
"How many are surrounded is unknown.
"The army is still in danger."

A particularly sad feature was the circumstance that Saturday was the birthday of the little fellow's three-year-old sister and a few little friends had been called in to the birthday party. It was while enjoying play afterwards that the sad happening occurred. The father, William Beasley, is a candy manufacturer.

DYNAMITE KILLS HIM.

Winnipeg, March 11.—While thawing some dynamite at Dunn's quarry at Stony Mountain this morning William Smith, an employe, was instantly killed in an explosion that followed. The tragedy occurred at 10 o'clock. Smith was a well-known resident of Stony Mountain. He was 40 years of age and leaves a family of eight children and a widow.

SECOND EDITION

SIX PROTESTS IN ALL IN OTHERS PROMISED FAILED

South Norfolk, North Norfolk and South Ontario Added to the List on Saturday.

Saturday was the last day for filing protests against elected members of the legislature and three more were put in. Dr. Snider challenges the election of Col. Atkinson in North Norfolk, and W. A. Charlton will endeavor to show why C. A. Platt should not hold the seat he won in South Norfolk. The former is a Liberal seat, the latter a Conservative. Charles Calder, who defeated Dryden in South Ontario, has a petition against his election also.

These make six protests in all—Kingston, Fort Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie and Norfolk and South Ontario, Conservative seats. There are also a number of counter petitions which seldom go to trial.

A despatch from Hamilton says: There will be no protests in either of the Hamilton or Wentworth. A Begue, the clerk of the county court, kept his office open till 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon to give the politicians a chance to file their documents. The only one who turned up was W. A. H. Duff, who had the papers all made out for a protest against the election of Daniel Reed in South Wentworth. Mr. Duff waited till 4 o'clock to see what the Liberals were going to do, and when they did not show up he took his papers back to his office without filing them, and there will be no protests.

A despatch from Whitby says: South Ontario protest was filed with L. T. Barclay, registrar of the high court, at noon, by Robert Holby of Reach, D. E. Pugh of Pickering and Samuel Stokes of East Whitby. The solicitors for the petitioners are Robinette and Gofrey.

MONEY SCREWS NOW PUT ON RUSSIA TO ASK FOR PEACE

No More Borrowing in Paris Till War is Concluded, Czar's Representative is Informed.

(Last Edition.)
St. Petersburg, March 12.—(Via New York, Special.)—It is admitted in official quarters to-night that Kuropatkin has been completely defeated, and that his army is in extreme danger of capture or annihilation.

The czar's advisers are confident, however, that Kuropatkin will escape north and make immediate preparations for a battle at Harbin that will be conducted on an even larger scale than that at Mukden. Large bodies of troops are being hastily mobilized in Southern Russia and it is hoped to reinforce Kuropatkin's army greatly.

A quarter of a million men are to be rushed to the front in the hope of gaining an important victory before peace negotiations are considered by the czar.

There is a more potent factor working for peace in the far east than the collapse of the Russian military bubble. Russia's closest friends, Berlin and Paris, are applying the financial screws. On the Paris bourse to-day it was reported and credited that Hottinguer, the agent of the French syndicate, who has been in consultation with the Russian finance ministry during the week, altho promising that the pending loan would be put thru as agreed, declared bluntly THAT NO FURTHER BORROWING COULD BE MADE IN PARIS UNTIL PEACE WAS CONCLUDED.

Minister Kokortzeff, with a dramatic gesture, is said to have exclaimed: "Then, indeed, we are beaten."

That the czar will recognize the inevitable—yielding ostensibly to considerations of humanity rather than acknowledging force majeure—is the opinion here to-day, despite the assertions of the Russian Foreign Office that the military reverses do not change the situation.

RUSSIAN SECOND FLEET.

Of the Coast of Madagascar on March 8.

(Last Edition.)

Chicago, March 11.—A special to The Daily News from Port Louis, Mauritius, says: "According to the captain of the steamer Akbar, which arrived here to-day from Vohemar, a seaport on the northeast coast of Madagascar, not far from Nosse Be Island, the Russian second Pacific fleet was still there on March 8."

THOSE IRVING DECISIONS.

U. S. Treasury Issues Circular Defining Terms.

Washington, March 11.—The secretary of the treasury has issued the following circular letter to collectors of customs regarding drawbacks on exported flour made in whole or in part of imported wheat:

The words "value" and "market value" appearing in treasury decisions of Jan. 11 and Feb. 4, 1905, establishing rates for the allowance of drawback on flour and by-products manufactured wholly from imported wheat or from imported wheat mixed with domestic wheat, are interpreted, in accordance with the opinion of the attorney-general dated Feb. 5, 1905, for the purpose of liquidating drawback entries, to mean the market value of the several grades and brands of flour and several by-products, including screenings, as sold in the usual wholesale quantities in the domestic market at the time and place of manufacture.

BIRTHS.

GATES—At Bayview Hotel, East Toronto, on Saturday, March 11, 1905, the wife of C. N. Gates of a son.

DEATHS.

NICHOLSON—At Quebec on the 10th inst., Celeste Jane, elder daughter of the late Wm. Manley and Elizabeth Ardrey Nicholson of Barrie, Ont.
Funeral at Barrie on Tuesday next, on arrival of train at 11.45 a.m.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

March 11.	At.	From.
Gera.	New York	Bremen
Lake Erie.	St. John	Liverpool
Agulha.	New York	Genoa
Gera.	New York	Bremen
Napoli.	New York	Naples
Tiaretto.	New York	Santos
Gilanch.	New York	Vera Cruz

SUNDAY WEATHER.

The weatherman says there will not be much change in temperature on Sunday.