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N. B. LEGISLATURE  
OPENED IN STATE.

Fine Weather Adds to a Brilliant Scene.

The Speech from the Throne Shows Few Signs of Age After All These Years.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 9.—The N. B. Legislature was opened this afternoon at five o'clock with the usual ceremonies. At that hour His Honor Lt. Governor Snowball proceeded to the legislature accompanied by his staff which consisted of Col. White, Col. Wadmore, Coroner Mullin, Sheriff Sterling, Private Secretary Baker, and aide-de-camp, Capt. Carlin. The large assembly room at the legislature was filled with an amiable and bright scene. The speaker presented a brilliant one. The 71st battalion headed by their band under Captain Gray, acted as a guard of honor, and the Newcastle field battery fired the usual salute.

In the speech from the throne delivered by his honor, reference was made to the departure of Lord Minto and his amiable consort, and to the appointment of Earl Grey as governor general. Reference of the usual indefiniteness was also made to the appeal to the judicial committee of the privy council in the representation question. The usual prosperity clause claimed that the province had been prosperous regardless of a slight depression in the lumber business.

The speech contained a reference to the development of the coal areas in Queens, Simsbury and Kent counties. The legislature was again congratulated on the always probable readjustment of provincial subsidies. One clause was devoted to factory legislation and reference was made to the scheme for utilizing the water power of Grand Falls, the government apparently having credit for the existence of this power as well as for its proposed utilization by an American company.

Issue W. Carpenter, M. P. for Queens, will move the address in reply to the speech. It was seconded by James Lowell, M. P. for St. John county.

The day was a beautiful one and the streets through which the governor, staff and guard passed were lined with crowds. A great many arrived on the morning trains and the hotels are all now well filled.

N. Y. STRIKE STILL ON.

Subway Working Better Today but Elevated Line is Still Almost Completely Tied Up.

NEW YORK, Mar. 9.—With the opening of the third day in the Interborough strike, there appeared to be a marked improvement in the operations of trains in the subway. Only a little change was noted. Traffic on the east side elevated lines during the early hours was almost at a standstill.

On the surface lines, the same crowding which prevailed morning and night since Monday, was in evidence. Only isolated disturbances occurred during the night and were limited to a few fist encounters on elevated trains. Guards are maintained about the power house to prevent any attempt on the part of the strikers to reach the engineers and firemen. It has been decided by the strikers' executive committee to ask the court for an injunction compelling the Interborough management to restore emergency brake cords and other safety appliances alleged to have been removed from many of the cars. The strikers declared. In event of the company's failure to restore these appliances, the strikers declare they would ask the city authorities to interfere also.

While General Manager Hedley states that many old men have returned to their old work, the strikers declare that not a man has deserted.

COL. McLEAN A PEACEMAKER.

MONTREAL, March 9.—At the annual meeting here of the West India Electric Co. the old board of directors retired without a contest owing to a disagreement regarding the advisability of commencing to pay dividends. James Hutchison, a director in favor of paying dividends, secured proxies sufficient to elect a board in agreement with him. Col. McLean, of St. John, who represents St. John interests in the company, moved a vote of thanks to the old board, which was carried in spite of objections raised by Hutchison.

CONSERVATIVES IN CAUCUS

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RUSSIAN LINE OF  
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Japs Have Destroyed h Railway Between Mukden and Tie Pass ---Battle's Slaughter Totals Now 100,000---Worse to Come.

BULLETIN. WITH THE JAPANESE LEFT ARMIES, noon, Wednesday, via Fusan, Mar. 9.—The left armies have cut and destroyed the railroad between Mukden and Tie Pass. Particulars are not obtainable at present. The Russians are in retreat over the northern roads. The left column of these armies is at Likampu, seven miles north of the Hun River and five miles west of the railroad, and has had a fierce fight with a Russian force three times its number. The Russian casualties number ten thousand. The Russian centre is retreating in great confusion.

BULLETIN. ST. PETERSBURG, March 9.—The general staff has received the following despatch from General Sakharoff, Kuropatkin's chief of staff, dated today: "Several fierce attacks on our north front were made during the night. They were all repulsed. In other directions the night was quiet."

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TOKIO, March 9.—The great battle in Manchuria raged all day yesterday along the entire enormous front. The Japanese were generally victorious and eight thousand Russian dead. The reports from the other armies are expected to triple this figure. It is estimated that the Japanese have lost 50,000 making the total slaughter far exceed 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, but army headquarters refrain from bearing or denying a report to that effect.

It is thought that Mukden is still in the hands of the Russians. The details of operations against Fushun are not yet at hand, but it is understood that, following the capture of Machun, the Japanese renewed the assault on Tientsin and despatched the Russians. Various reports are in circulation concerning prisoners of war, but it is impossible to obtain reliable information as to the number taken. Field Marshal Oyama in an order directing the pursuit of the retreating Russians yesterday prohibited his troops from entering Mukden in masses, in order to respect the tombs and sacred places of the Imperial Chinese household and to protect the welfare of the inhabitants.

TOKIO IS CELEBRATING.

TOKIO, March 9, noon.—Although the actual extent of the success gained by Field Marshal Oyama's army is unknown, Tokio is already celebrating the victory. An official announcement of the result of Field Marshal Oyama's pursuit of the Russians is expected here later today.

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One of General Linevitch's corps was hurriedly withdrawn during Wednesday night and dispatched to the support of General Kaubar's hard pressed forces, who were fighting off General Nogai's flanking legions west and northwest of the city. At the same time the remainder of General Linevitch's army fell back to the north bank of the Hun River, where it checked temporarily the pursuing columns of General Kuropatkin, which hemmed him in west, south and east. All day yesterday and last night wounded, munitions, baggage and stores, strewn northward. The railroad and the Mandarin road were almost blocked at the last moment, notwithstanding the fact that an immense amount of stores, etc., was removed last week.

The Russo-Chinese bank removed to Tie Pass Sunday. The trains were run under the Japanese flag. The railroad, some projectiles reaching the railroad.

General Nogai, according to the latest authentic Russian reports, has already reached a point opposite the station of Soumaai, half way between Mukden and Tie Pass, but it is believed that his left is swinging still further north for a blow at the line of communications, which realize Field Marshal Oyama's plan for closing the front.

The Tokio report that the railroad is actually cut is not confirmed here, the telegraph office, on the contrary, declaring that communication with General Kuropatkin is still open. The losses already exceed those of any battle of the war. The fanaticism displayed by the Japanese is shown in an instance mentioned by a Russian correspondent, who describes how a captured Japanese broke away from his captors and threw himself head foremost into a Chinese well.

While the defeat of Kuropatkin has revived the talk of peace, it is too early yet to measure its full effect. If Kuropatkin succeeds in drawing off his army, no matter how badly shattered, the war office insists that the situation will be unchanged.

ON THE LEFT WING.

WITH THE JAPANESE LEFT ARMIES, Tuesday night, Mar. 7, via Fusan, Mar. 9.—The day's fighting of the left armies, although severe, has not changed the situation so far as those armies are concerned. The attack on Mukden from the northwest is gradually progressing. The Russians, east of the railroad and near the Shakti river seem to be gradually retreating.

In diplomatic circles, unless Oyama has crushed the Russian army, little hope is held out that the imperial resolution to continue the war will be altered. Much, it is agreed, will depend upon the internal developments which follow when the full magnitude of the reverse is known. Naturally the city is full of rumors, the most persistent of which is that the Russian west front, which practically extends north and south to protect the line of retreat, has been broken and that the bulk of the Russo Russian army has been forced eastward in the direction of Fushun. Should this prove to be true, General Biderling's part of General Linevitch's army is certain to be trapped.

BALFOUR'S TROUBLES.

Difficulty in Filling Cabinet Vacancies—Rumors That Arnold Forster is Planning to Resign.

LONDON, March 9.—It again is reported that Premier Balfour is experiencing difficulty in filling the vacancies in the cabinet. It is rumored that Walter James Long and others have declined the post of chief secretary for Ireland and that fresh trouble has arisen in the war office, which is not unlikely will involve the resignation of Secretary Arnold Forster. Gossip in the lobby of the house of commons is to the effect that Antony MacDonnell, under secretary to the lord lieutenant of Ireland, will be appointed to an important post outside of Ireland.

CHINESE BANDITS  
KILL RUSSIANS.  
Two Young Soldiers Beheaded As Spies.

Bandits Flew the Japanese Flag—They Attacked Russian Scouting Party and Killed 27.

NEW CHWANG, March 8, noon, via Tien Tsin.—With the Japanese flags flying, a band of Chinese bandits beheaded two young Russians who were believed to be spies at Simlinitin. The first one executed was evidently an officer, but he was wearing a Chinese overcoat. The second captive was clothed in Chinese clothing throughout. He whimpered for a moment, but regained his nerve and struggled fiercely. He was thrown and killed while long trumpets fanfare. The chief of the bandits was a mild-mannered old man, wearing a Japanese sword. He watched the executions unmoved. "They are spies," he said, "and we should kill them. Besides it is difficult to transport them."

On last Monday night the bandits surprised a small body of Russian scouts and killed 27, besides capturing the two that were beheaded. The bandits suffered a slight loss. Today the whole band, consisting of 200 cavalry and 100 infantry formed a great circle on the outskirts of Simlinitin. The bronzed and stern featured Chinese dismounted and held their gaily trapped and shaggy ponies. The men were armed to the teeth with long rifles and Mauser pistols. The infantry were mostly turbaned, but many wore Russian caps. The Russian captives were brought to the centre of the circle with a flourish of trumpets. They were stripped and their arms bound together behind their bodies. They were then turned over to a six foot executioner who skillfully drew his red sheath sword, afterward wiping the blade on the clothing of the dead men. When the executions were finished, the corpses were left lying on the summit road. Bugles were sounded and the bandit cavalry swung into their saddles while the infantry fell into line and departed from the scene of the execution.

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PETERS GETS THE MEDAL.

Judge Orders York Agricultural Society to Give Him the Award and Issue No Duplicates.

(Special to the Star.) FREDERICTON, N. B., March 9.—His Honor Judge Barker gave his decision in Peters vs. The York Agricultural Society. His honor said that though he had to give judgment against the society, he wished it clearly understood that he believed that the society, though legally liable, had acted in good faith. Against it there was no suspicion of fraud or trickery. He believed that the organization had done what it thought correct and their mistake was clearly an honest one and should not reflect on that body. His honor then delivered judgment as follows:

The bill is to be taken pro confesso for want of an appearance, against the defendants McGaffigan and the Blue Ribbon Tea Co. The plaintiff is entitled to receive from the defendant society the medal awarded to the successful competitor in the competition mentioned in the plaintiff's bill and it is ordered that the defendant society do deliver such medal to the plaintiff on demand and that the society be perpetually restrained from delivering or permitting to be delivered to the defendant, the McGaffigan Co. or Blue Ribbon Tea Co., as competitors in such competition, a duplicate of such medal.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast—Moderate, variable winds, fair and moderately cold, Friday, becoming unsettled again. Synopsis—Very disturbed conditions prevail this morning, consequently the weather in the Maritime Provinces is unlikely to remain fine long. Winds to Banks and American Ports, moderate becoming variable. Highest temperature during the past 24 hours, 28; lowest temperature during the past 24 hours, 22; temperature at noon, 24.

or any other prize or award; that the plaintiff's cost be taxed by the clerk and that the defendant society pay to the plaintiff two-thirds of such taxed costs, the amount to be certified by the clerk and no further order as to costs or damages.

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CHILD MURDERER  
CHEATS SENTENCE.

Irene Cole's Slayer Commits Suicide in His Cell.

Was Sentenced Last Night to Life Imprisonment With Lashes—Was African Veteran.

BRANTFORD, Ont., March 6.—Joseph Kennedy, who was found guilty last night of criminal intimacy with Irene Cole, the nine years old daughter of Peter Cole, and who received sentence of life imprisonment and seventy-five lashes, hanged himself in jail this morning. Kennedy, who was an Irishman, served in the South African war and had only been a short time in Brantford when arrested and tried on the charge of murdering Irene Cole, who was found murdered and brutally mutilated. Through the perjured evidence of Joseph Drummond, Kennedy was acquitted. Subsequently Drummond was sentenced to three years on the charge of perjury. Kennedy was re-arrested, but could not be re-tried on the murder charge.

MRS. STANFORD'S DEATH STILL MYSTERY HONOLULU, March 9.—The Stanford into the death of Mrs. Jane L. Stanford has been postponed until tomorrow. The police surround the case with mystery. High Sheriff Henry says that the inquest was postponed because the stenographer's transcript of the testimony was not ready and the Hawaiian law requires the witness to read and sign their testimony in the presence of the jury. Sheriff Henry also said that he is not certain whether or not additional witnesses will be called upon to testify.

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