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KOUROPATKIN FINDS POSITION UNTENABLE

Kuroki Has Turned the Lett Flank-Muscovites' Line of Communication Threatened.

Mukden, Feb. 27 .- The Japanese crossed the Shakhe river last evening, having driven in the pickets of the Russian vanguard. Russian supports came up and stopped the Japanese advance. On the right flank all is quiet, but the movements of the Japanese indicate an ntention of attacking the Russian cen tre, at least in the form of a demon-

Heavy firing continued to-day to the Soldiers of the Tsinkhetchen division are in good spirits in spite of the heavy losses they have sustained, and the necessity which compelled them to retreat. They are encouraged by the execution they wrought upon the Japanese, whose bodies were piled in heaps outside the Simon Lake, the submarine boat builder, redoubts at the Beresneff Hill and the are the latest arrivals. renches at Tsinkhetchen.

storm of heavy and wet snow. The erica, and is temperature during the night moderated. a few days.

GENERAL ENGAGEMENT SEEMS IMMINENT.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.-2 15 a.m.-According to the Associated Press Muk-den dispatches, the Japanese on Sunday evening crossed the Shakhe river, but the place of crossing was eliminated by the censor. The advance was checked by Russian reinforcements. This is the most important news from the scene of

Fighting is continuing on the Russian left flank, with indications that the Jap-anese are planning a demonstration against the centre, but the Russians believe their positions are impregnable.

JAPANESE FRONT

HAS BEEN EXTENDED. extending from the Hun river to several

The weather took a sudden change tolay, becoming unfavorable for further operations. The morning was cloudy and the afternoon brought a driving storm of wind and snow which was almost a blizzard. To-night the weather is clear and cold with wind subsiding.

SAKHAROFF TELLS OF RECENT FIGHTING.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.-Belated reorts of the attack on the Russians at Tsinkhetchen do not satisfy the curiosity of the public as to what is going on in Manchuria, but the military authoritie explain that the Japanese are probably attempting only to force in the Russian

An Associated Press dispatch from Isinkhetchen is interrupted at an inter esting point, and does not give the losses or final results of the battle, but it is evident both sides lost heavily.

Gen. Sakharoff, Gen. Kouropatkin's chief of staff, in a dispatch dated to-day, reports that when the Japanese attacked and captured Beresneff Hill, February 24th, after severe fighting, they were in superior force and advanced literally over the bodies of their own men. The Japanese loss was very heavy, the dead lying in heaps. The Russian losses have The text of Gen. Sakharoff's dispatch

We evacuated Beresneff Hill after severe bayonet fight, the enemy having a considerably superior force. The atck on Tzinti pass was repulsed. At eresneff Hill the Japanese advanced r the bodies of their own dead in the e of exploding surface mines and through barbed wire entanglements. Their losses were considerable. Ours

"In the evening of February 24th the hood of Thautogao village and pass, nine iles south of Wanfu pass.'

KUROKI'S SUCCESS ON THE LEFT FLANK.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.-1.15 p. m.-The fragmentary official and press re orts of the fresh reverse sustained by en. Kouropatkin are inadequate to draw a conclusion of the magnitude of Gen. Kuroki's success against the Russian left, but the public, as usual, is eady to believe the worst, and the city already full of reports that disaster as again overtaken the Russian arms, ording to which Mukden has been out anked and is untenable, and Kouropatkin is withdrawing from his strong posi-

tion on the Shakhe river. That such reports are exaggerated is eyond question, but although reticen and seeming to minimize the operations of the last few days, the officials of the war office are plainly discouraged at the fashion in which Kuroki is able to drive n and turn the Russian extreme left, s advance columns actually cross

It is admitted that the fighting was again repulsed. desperate at several passes on Sunday and Monday while the front was being volved, the purpose of Field Marshal Oyama evidently being to keep the entre and right engaged, and prevent Kouropatkin from sending reinforce ments to head off Kuroki.

Should Kuroki cross the Hun river the high road to Tie pass, forty miles north of Mukden, would be open and Kouropatkin's retreat threatened. Further news is awaited with great anxiety. Anything like an aggressive Japanese victory now would probably

RUSSIAN CASUALTIES AT TSINKHETCHEN.

end the war.

Tokio, Feb. 28.-It is reported that when the Japanese attacked and defeated the Russians on February 23rd at Tsin-khetchen, twenty-five miles north of simachon, the extreme Japanese right, the Russians numbered 17,000 men. Their losses are estimated at two thousand. The Japanese losses were slight

HAS NOT YET ORDERED MORE WARSHIPS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.-The Russian naval programme still waits on account of the failure of the ministry of finance to allot an appropriation, which may not be made until a new loan is floated. In the meantime representatives of foreign shipbuilding firms who are here after contracts are awaiting on the admiralty. Mr. Gauntlett, of Newport News, and

A twelfth submarine boat sold by the Yesterday evening there was a violent latter to Russia has already left America, and is expected to reach Libau in

> St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—(6.55 p.m.)— The Associated Press hears from a high source that General Kouropatkin considers his position on the Shakhe river to be menaced to the south to an extent by General Kouroki's success on the left flank as to necessitate the immediate withdrawal of his army to Tai pass, and has so advised the Emperor.
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> No confirmation of this is obtainable

n military circles here, where it is pointed out that, with the Japanese pr the whole Russian line, such an attack must end inevitably in a disaster of the

FIGHTING ALONG FRONT OF TWENTY MILES.

Russian Headquarters, Huan, Man-churia, Feb. 28.—The Japanese attack was renewed at dawn yesterday along the whole eastern front, and Da Pass, appears to have stopped, at least for the moment, the further advance of the Japanese eatward and beaten off

tack on their line of communications. The Japanese army now holds a line from Syaobeh, opposite Dzhantan,

The Japanese have effected a crossing of the Shakhe at Tanupudzi, and attacked the Russian centre under cover of darkness, driving back the Russian

advance posts; but support came up and stopped the Japanese advance.

An officer in command of the latter neard the Russians cry out that their cartridges were exhausted, and they hereupon advanced incautiously and received a voiley at point-blank range losing heavily.

THE MUSCOVITES FLED IN CONFUSION.

Tokio, Feb. 28.—6 p. m.—Official reports of the battle of Tsinkhetchen indicate that severe fighting occurred.
The Japanese attacking force the occupation of points on the left bank of the Taitse river on February 19th, out the topography of the country, steep hills, the river and the heavy snow de-

layed the attacks. The first line attacked Tsinketchen at noon on February 23rd, assaulting fiercely. The Russians held strongly fortified positions with obstacles protec ing them, and resisted determinedly. The fighting continued all afternoon, and was resumed at dawn on February 24th. At 10 o'clock in the morning the two lines closed, and the attacked and significant, defenders exchanged hand grenades.

While continuing their frontal the St. Peters Japanese executed a flank attack with the result that the Russians abandon and burned the town and fled northward

field. The Russian losses at Tsinkhetchen are one thousand. The Japanese captured three machine guns, many rifles, ammunition, a number of maps and twenty-four prisoners.

in confusion, leaving 150 dead on the

JAPANESE MADE ELEVEN ATTACKS

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.-Gen. Kourd patkin in a dispatch to Emperor Nicholas dated to-day, says: "Ten attacks made by two Japanes battalions and some cavalry west of the village of Tansintong have been repulsed. The Japanese renewed the attack in the morning of February 27th, and were

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guns. Their casualties are estimated at over two thousand.

SHIPS FOR RUSSIA TO BE BUILT IN STATES.

Seattle, Feb. 28.-A. A. Delakoff, a special agent of the Russian bureau of | would issue victorious from the present finance, is here. He says that Russia is to construct a battleship, two cruisers and several torpedo boats in the United States within the next year for delivery after the war in the Orient. His missian here is to visit Moran Bros'. shipafter the war in the Orient. This mass sion here is to visit Moran Bros', ship-yard in order to report on its capabilides to his government. He states that there is nothing secret about the matter, and the general. that the construction of the vessels was decided on two months ago.

THE RUSSIANS WILL ENTER ANOTHER PROTEST.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—It is semiofficially announced that in view of the

transmitted at noon Tuesday, indicating | GERMAN STEAMER that a general battle was beginning along the hundred miles of front occupied by the two armies. Gen. Kouropatkin appears to have taken a leaf out of Field Marshal Kuroki's attack on the Russian left by a counter attack on the Japanese left, in which General Kaultanese left, in which Genera bars's initial success is better for the Russians than the best efforts of Gen. Grippenberg, the Russian vanguard being established at the outskirts of Sandiaged so that she was leaking on her port Grand Duchess was notified that her apu. At the same time Gen. Kouropat-kin delivered a blow against the Japan-

ese centre, seizing a railroad bridge across the Shakhe river.

These rays at therefore, give a more hopeful aspect to the situation, as the Russian army, though driven out of Da PLENTY OF MONEY

was renewed at dawn yesterday along the whole eastern front, and Da Pass was taken after fighting of the most stubborn character. An engagement was in progress off the front extending almost twenty miles from the extremeleft eastward of Kandolesan, where the Japanese opened a heavy artillery, to the district of Leolinan, where they advanced in great force, meeting with stubborn resistance.

The Japanese attack was reported at least for the moment, the further advance of the Japanese eatward and beaten off the effect of yesterday's developments on General Kouropatkin's reporting to the new domestic loans, should be provided. In four other purpose of discussing the subscriptions to the new domestic loans, should be provided. In four other years there would be provided. In four other years there would be provided. In four other purpose of discussing the subscriptions to the new domestic loans, should be response find the Grand Duke's health has been failing or over a year he is now almost a complete wreck. For a time the entreaties of his family and the warnings of the boild sufficient to find all the engineers of the Grand Duke's health has been failing or over a year he is now almost a complete wreck. For a time the entreaties of his family and the warnings of the boild sufficient to find all the engineers of the Grand Duke's health has been failing or over a year he is now almost a complete wreck. For a time the entreaties of his family and the warnings of the boild sufficient to find all the engineers of his family and the warnings of the boild warned in grant force, meeting would find sufficient to take over the family provent of Esquimant and Bulke's health has been failing or over a year he is now almost a complete wreck. For a time the entreaties of his famil strong force to meet the threatened at | counter strokes on the right and centre | scribed. may possibly be intended to cover up withdrawal of trains and stores. If, however, Gen. Kouropatkin is determinfor his second movement in the great

drama. JAPS ARE USING HEAVY SIEGE ARTILLERY.

Mukden. Feb. 28.-(Noon.)-Fighting is in progress to-day along the whole line, the Japanese attacking every-All attacks this morning were beaten back and the Russians made

unter attacks at many places. On the right flank the Russians occuotaotizsi, close to Sandiapu, and from that position hurled hand grenades cross the intervening ravine into the Japanese trenches in Sandiapu, causing heavy losses and great disorder.

The railroad bridge across the Shakhe river was the occasion of a sharp combat. The Russians surprised the Japanese bridge guard, and, reincements coming up, beat off all attempts of the Japanese to regain posses-

The Japanese are using heavy siege rtillery in the bombardment of Putiloff hill and Novgorod hill, and this is believed to be preliminary to an attempt to storm them.

The loss of the defending force is in-

St. Petersburg, March 1.-Lieut.-General Stoessel arrived in St. Petersburg this morning from Moscow. A quarter of an hour before his train was due it ooked as if not more than a hundred ersons would be present to welcome the lefender of Port Arthur, but their numner augmented rapidly, and when the train steamed into the depot many hundreds, chiefly women, crowded the plat- child.

War Minister Sakhareff and Admiral Zilotti, in behalf of the admiralty, welcomed General Stoessel, who was loudly cheered and presented with flowers. Afer receiving the personal congratulations of friends, the general, looking ronzed and in good health, passed through the cheering crowd to a recep-tion room, stopping now and then to shake hands with admirers. Behind the general came Mrs. Stoessel, leaning on

the arm of a military officer. She looked "They left a hundred corpses in front to be even more bronzed than her husof our position. The Russian loss was band, and seemed happy at the warm six men." welcome accorded him. It was remarked that the general's hair had turned quite

SEVERAL MACHINE GUNS. In the reception room Gen. Bogdane vitch welcomed Gen. Stoessel. In so do-Gen. Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field, via Fusan, Feb. 28.—In the recent fighting, February 22nd and 23rd, at Tsinkhetchen, the Russians left 20 dead on the field, and lost several machine tige of the state. Replying, Gen. Stoes sel said he had heard while at Constantinople of the disorders in Russia, and since then he had travelled in South Russia, had spoken to the people, and had noticed their tranquility of mind and expressing their loyalty to the Emperor. He was confident that the people would remain loyal, and that Russia

rounded the railroad station, while the rounded the railroad station, while the route to the Prince Viazmsky's residence was patrolled by various detachments of Moreover, the notices were neatly officially announced that in view of the appearance of Japanese troops in the rear of the Russian army west of the railway, Russia will address a circular to the powers protesting against Japan's persistent violation of Chinese neutrality.

Was patrolled by various detachments of Cossacks and Guards, apparently in expectation of hostile demonstrations. Altogether, the general's welcome was by the late Interior Minister Von Plehwe, when similar notices were always run off on copying machines. The secret police then were too close on the heels persistent violation of Chinese neutrality.

Two months ago all Russia was left the Terrovists to permit the use of a siasm. Two months ago all Russia was of the Terrorists to permit the use of a St. Pefersburg, March 1.-1.50 a. m.- singing the praises of the defender of printing press.

the German steamer Romulus, which and warnings, but has twice received was recently seized while en route to from abroad formal letters signed by different groups informing him of his sencoal, has been beached at Aomori bay.

It is understood that the Romulus struck an iceberg when attempting to pass through Sova strait and was damside when seized by the Japanese, A life and her son's life would be spared, prize crew was put aboard her and she and she was appealed to not to go abroad was started for Yokosuka. Her leak in her husband; company. The letters increased and it was necessary to beach naturally terrorized the family and her in order to save her.

Count Okuma, addressing to-day's Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna. meeting, said that the Japanese domestic financial capacity was astonishing even ceived a letter from one group, which minister a vigorous check to Gen. was due to the fact that agriculture fur rect appraisement of his share in the Kuroki, he has secured a good position nished the country's great wealth.

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SEVERAL MACHINE GUNS. Gen. Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field, via Fusan, Feb. 28.—In the recent in the interests of the safety of the Imfighting (February 22nd-23rd) at Tsinkhetchen, the Russians left 20 dead on of concession and to sanction the most the field and lost several machine guns. drastic measures of repression. Their casualties are estimated at over two thousand.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

New York & Albany Railroad Company, capital \$5,000,000, with the Schenectady & Albany Railroad Company, capital \$150,000, and the New York Railroad Company, capital \$5,000,000, forming the New York Canadian Pacific Railway Company, has been filed with thereupon General Trepoff consented, the secretary of state at New York. The Consolidated Company has a capital of \$10,150,000. These companies hold franchises to construct a line of railroad from New York City to Canada, passing through Albany and the Adirondack

Joseph Soucy, station master of the Atlantic & Lake Superior railway at Bonaventure, Quebec, was frozen to death Monday night. Soucy carried the mails between the station and the post office, and started across the fields just as a heavy snowstorm set in, lost his way and became exhausted. Searching parties found him on Tuesday frozen to death. He leaves a widow and one

HAS SOLD HIS ESTATES.

London, Feb. 28 .- Lord De Freyne, whose Irish estates three years ago were the scenes of notorions evictions, has nded the long struggle with his tenants by consenting to sell his estates to the Congested Districts Board under the Land Act. Land Act.

The tenants celebrated the event last night with huge bonfires and rejoicings.

VLADIMIR RECEIVES

Recently He Has Disregarded all Warnings and Ventured Out of Palace-Police Powerless.

LETTER FROM TERRORISTS

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.-The utter impotency of the police in the face of the Perrorist organization is shown by the Diet. imperial council, where they will stay. increasing boldness of the latter about The crowds in the streets lustily cheered St. Petersburg. Even on the steps of increasing boldness of the latter about public buildings notices of the Grand tracts which proselet had brieny

of the most important nature, the Associated Press dispatches from Mukden, father of the Grand Duke Cyril and Borispy, whose husband is high on the BEACHED BY JAPS. list of those condemned to death, is try-ing to shield his life with her own. Since "Red Sunday," the Grand Duke Tokio, March 1.—It is reported that has not only been showered with threats

household of the Grand Duke, who has FOR WAR PURPOSES.

under the strain of what he insists is the unjust criticism, which placed the responsibility for the bloodshed on January

Continuing, Count Okuma said that he decision of the Terrorists to give the believed that the country would continue autocracy a breathing spell, and await the war without any feeling of embar- the result of the assassination of Ser-

The latter coincides with the views of those acquainted with the methods of the Terrorists, who point out that a sucession of assassinations would defeat their object by compelling the Emperor in the interests of the safety of the Im-

Has Gone to Riga.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.-Maxim Gorky, who was released from the fort-ress yesferday on \$2,500 bail, was banished late last night to Riga, after he had been informed of the decision of Governor-General Trepoff that he could not reside in St. Petersburg.

According to the official statemen Gorky himself preferred a request that he be allowed to reside at Riga, and and the author was conveyed to the railroad station.

In the meantime, Madame Gorky had been informed of the author's release, and went to the station to bid him farewell. Madame Gorky and her son will oin Gorky in Riga immediately.

THE CRUISER SQUADRON. Ships Under Command of Prince Louis Battenburg Will Sail on Wednesday,

Portsmouth, Feb. 28.-King Edward to day bade farewell to the second cruise squadron which, under the command of Rear-Admiral Prince Louis of Battenburg will sail to-morrow for the Mediterranean and in the autumn proceed to American mored cruiser Drake, Prince Louis's flag-ship, and this morning inspected the squadron of half a dozen war craft, described by McPhillips, K. C., who will defend the naval men "as battleships in disguise," all of which are capable of making twenty

JAPANESE DIET CLOSED. Lively Debate Over Question of Contracts For Barracks.

Tokio, Feb. 28.-The Imperial Diet losed its session to-day with brief ceremonies. Count Katsura, the premier, read the Emperor's address, thanking the members for their labors and support, and formally concluding the ses-

settled the account of the committee ap-pointed to investigate the questions arising over the contracts for the construc-tion of barracks at Hokkaido, pronouncing the expenditure there as illegal and unwarrantable. The ruling of the chair which prevented a vote on the question of addressing the Emperor on the subject produced a turbulent scene during the closing hour of the discussion, the Diet being angered because Secretary of Diet being angered because Secretary of War Teraoutchi said that he was an-

The Diet committee summoned M. Teraoutchi before the Diet and briefly The absence of military and naval officers from the platform was very read:

The absence of military and naval officers from the platform was very read: officers from the platform was very noticeable, only a few military men and no naval officers except Zilotti were

No naval officers except Zilotti were Sergius-Alexandrovitch, who was assassive the matter. It is expected that Chief Quartermaster Tomatsu, who resigned after assuming the responsibility. who resigned after assuming the responsibility of the contracts under discussion, will be restored to his position.

WILL BE READY FOR TRANSFER IN JULY

Speech by Minister of Militia at Rifle Association Meeting-The Customs Returns.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.-The annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association was held here to-day, Lieut.-Colonel King

household of the Grand Duke, who has aged greatly during the last few weeks Sir Frederick Borden, speaking to a vote of thanks, said that during the summer camp grounds and a suitable artillery range would be provided. In four or five years there would be proper from local merchants and business men

ed. Modern guns were promised for the avloyna.

de Vladimir report program which applause. Extra days' drill will also be a group which are the first program of the first progra through Shahkopao, along the Shakhe river to Vanupudzi, and thence to Dass and Tournadzi southeastward.

The Japanese have effected a crossing duced to remain in the service. The policy of supplying ourselves with arms with a local real estate firm in order to

> carried out. Returns For the Month The customs receipts of the Dominion during the month of February were \$3,-013,051, or \$32,543 over the same month last year. For the eight months ending February 28th the revenue was \$274, 222,018, an increase of \$618,006 over the same time last year.

Paardeberg Dinner, The Paardeberg dinner at Government House last night was a great success Earl Gray suggested that it might be a good idea after the dinner each year or succeeding days to discuss the military efficiency of the Dominion. He said it was not the first dinner he had attended. and that at a Paardeberg dinner three years ago he was presented with a cari-boo head, which he had at his home in

Northumberland. ACTION BEGUN. James Dunsmuir Will Fight the Crown

Grants Issued to Settlers.

James Dunsmuir has taken the first steps towards testing the E. & N. Settlers' Rights Act of last session. It will be remembered that the government of ish Columbia issued crown grants to Mr. Hoggan and Mr. MacGregor in order hid the view of the victims. The remainder to test the act. These crown grants were of the audience finding themselves cut off finally issued only about a week ago.

from the doors and expecting every instant that the rest of the floor would collapse against the proceeding and seeks to get an injunction to prevent the persons to whom the crown grants have been issued from entering into possession of their property. In the case of Mr. Hoggan, whose property is situated on the New-castle townsite, adjoining Nanaimo City, Mr. Dunsmuir claims the land, coal and timber. In the case of Mr. MacGregor the claim is for the timber and coal.

The province is represented by A. E.

ine Russians are the greatest card play. than those of any other country in the ers in the world. Last year they spent world. Last year Mexico shipped several million dollars to China. Mexican mints turn out more silver money

NO. 93. PAVILION FOR FOUL BAY.

Tourist Association Intends Constructing Building For Convenience of Visitors at That Resort.

An important meeting of the Tourist Association executive was held Tuesday afternoon. F. W. Vincent occupied the chair, and there were present Alds. Oddy and Hanna, H. B. Thompson, J. E. Wilson, J. L. Beckwith, Anton Henderson and Secretary Cuthbert. One of the principal matters decided upon was to include in the estimates a sum sufficient to cover the expense of constructing ed to dressing rooms for both ladies and War Teracutchi said that he was answerable to the sovereign and not to the Diet.

By an office, where towels, etc., will be distributed. A shower bath, lavatories, and other conveniences are to be provided. The second floor will be an open pavilion. According to present plans this will be large enough to acc date the band and a crowd of spectators. In this way it is hoped to make Foul Bay a splendid attraction for both

Victorians and tourists.

It is estimated that the total expense will reach about \$1,000, and no difficulty is anticipated in collecting enough money in subscriptions to make this extra expenditure possible without interfering with other branches of Tourist Association work. If the pavilion is established arrangements will be made for a stage service between the city and Foni Bay. Another appropriation provided for in the estimates is for the construction of One or more glass bottom beets for remore glass bottom boats for use

at Oak Bay. Senator Templeman replied to a telegram forwarded by Secretary Cuthbert regarding the dredging of the Gorge as "I realize that it is a work that must be carried out some time, but our difficulty at present is to secure sufficient appropriation to improve Victoria harbor, which, I think you will agree with me, is a much more urgent matter. When the harbor has been properly dredged to the maximum depth, attention should certainly be given to the

A favorable report was received from the printing committee, and it was decided to have an additional illustrated folder of line design printed for the use of eastern ficket agents and for distribution at the Portland and Westminster

expositions.

The canvassing committees, member

obtain the lease of a small farm of from 5 to 10 acres, suitable for fruit growing and the raising of poultry. This was given as an illustration of the far-reach ing influences of Tourist Association ad-

vertising. The meeting then adjourned. CRUSHED TO DEATH

Floor of Church in Brooklyn Collapsed-Thirteen People Dead.

New York, Feb. 27.-Thirteen persons

were killed and upwards of fifty others in ured, some fatally, by the collapse of the flooring of the Fleet street African Methodist Episcopal Zion church at Brooklyn tonight. Of those killed ten were women, two men and one child. The building is in the heart of the colored section of the city. n Fleet street, near Michael avenue. Ar rangements had been made to-night to ho'd the funeral services of Sydney Tainter, one of the older members of the church, and the auditorium, which is on the second floor of the building, was crowded with an audience of upwards of 300 persons. The ongregation was waiting in silence for the arrival of the body when the half of the auditorium collapsed, carrying down more than 100 persons, who were crushed in the wreckage of the flooring.

A great volume of dust for a few minutes under them, fought madly to reach the windows, and in some instances persons leaped from them and sustained serious in-

the work of rescue began. Those remaining uninjured on the portion of the floor remaining intact were taken from the windows by means of ladders. Those lying in the mass of wreckage on the floor could only be got after the firemen had hewed their way to them with axes. Out of the wreck ten bodies were recovered and taken to a station house and about thirty removed to the Brooklyn hospital, where three women died soon after being admitted. The cause of the collapse was the decayed condition of the beams and supports of the flooring.