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RE-INFORCEMENTS MUST BE SENT.

Kuropatkin Says He Can Do Nothing Without Another Immense Force of Men--Preparing to Besiege Vladivostok--More Fighting Yesterday.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—General Kuropatkin in a despatch dated March 14 says: "Fierce Japanese attack on the centre of our positions at the Fan River (about 13 miles south of Tie Pass), has been repulsed. More than a thousand corpses remain in front of our positions."

With General Oku's Headquarters, Mar. 14, 4 p. m., via Fusan (Delayed in transmission)—Reports received up to last night show that over 40,000 Russian prisoners have been captured by all the Japanese armies, and that over 50,000 Japanese soldiers have been taken. Reports still coming in say that the Russians are still surrendering. There are many villages within the Japanese lines yet unoccupied and it is probable that they contain many more prisoners. The total number of prisoners, it is expected will reach 50,000. The Chinese are enthusiastically welcoming the Japanese into Mukden and flags are flying from all buildings. The Russians have no stores between Tie Pass and Harbin. In the last stages of the battle, General Linovitch's army became completely separated from the remainder of the forces. Captured prisoners report that general Kuropatkin believed that he was winning the battle up to March 7, when General Sogt pressed strongly on the northern front. General Kuropatkin ordered his troops on the Shakkie to fall back and defend Mukden, thus forfeiting an opportunity to utilize the Hun river which afforded a stronger line of resistance than the Shakkie. Russian troops command the plain and the crossing of the wide river bed is dangerous account of the partially melted ice.

The hills are strengthened by a series of earthworks, connected by deep trenches. This position was lost on account of General Kuroki's raid march. Some of the Russian military observers criticized General Kuropatkin's generalship severely. Field Marshal Oyama's plan seems to have been to hold the Russians along the Shakkie, while working around them with both wings, the Japanese right was brought to a standstill. The Russian retreat from the Shakkie rapidly succeeded. General Kuroki's plan to cut the Russian center, surround Mukden and isolate the Russian left, thus forcing prisoners to be marched to Liao Yang for shipment to Japan. They are a mixed lot including Poles, Mongolians etc. Their clothing is much inferior to the Japanese. The Siberians who fought in the earlier months of the war were the finest men that Russia has had. The Russians that are voluntarily surrendering, made an abject spectacle. The Japanese are treating them most kindly.

Japs Near Tie Pass. New York, March 15.—A St. Petersburg despatch to the Times says: "According to the latest news from Tie Pass, the Japanese are within a few miles of that position, and a resumption of fighting is hourly expected. The general staff, however, declares that the enemy is too much exhausted for immediate attack. General Kuropatkin, on the other hand, is according to General Kuropatkin, the Russians are fast re-organizing their forces and are on the alert. According to General Masloff, the extent of the losses of the third army is still unascertained. General Kuropatkin is highly commended for leading the onslaught against General Nogai near Hashtan, on March 10, which is believed to have prevented the complete loss of the second, and third armies. There is no news of General Masloff."

MYSTERY OF A HANSON CAB. Arrived at Police Station at Full Gallop, With A Dead Woman and a Dying Man Inside—Both Were Well Dressed and Young.

New York, March 15.—The body of a woman who had been dead for several hours, and a man unconscious, and apparently dying, were found in a cab, which was driven up to a Brooklyn police station, on a gallop, early today. The man, who was suffering from alcoholism, and possibly from the effects of a drug, may recover. Both he and the driver of the cab have been detained by the police, pending an investigation of the affair. Although the condition of the man was so serious that he could give the police little information, which would aid them in their investigation, he said that his name was Thomas Deegan, and that he lived in Conroe street, one of the better class residential sections of Brooklyn.

The dead woman, he said, was Miss Mary Savage, 20 years old. Both Deegan and his wife were well dressed. The cab, driven by a man who said his name was David Good, dashed up to the police station, early today, and when the policemen came out, they found the man and woman lying in the coach. It was seen at once that the woman was dead, but the man was still alive, and physicians were hurriedly summoned. By administering antidotes, and using a stomach pump, the man's life was saved, and he finally was restored to consciousness. He became greatly excited when told that his companion was dead.

THE EVENING TIMES.

THE WEATHER. Not much change in temperature.

ONE CENT.

ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1905.



FRANCE HALTS AT LOAN TO RUSSIA. Czar's Hopes of Raising Funds to Prolong War Considerably Set Back--French Financiers Think Russia Should Accept Reasonable Peace Terms.

Paris, Mar. 15.—The postponement of the Russian loan is definitely confirmed. This is likely to exert powerful influence towards peace as it is the first time the French financiers have shown an indisposition to advance funds while the uncertainties of war continued. The following details of the postponement are from an authoritative source. A committee representing the syndicate of French underwriters went to St. Petersburg to arrange the conditions with the minister of finance and a contract was drawn up for \$12,000,000 loan, taking the form of treasury bonds, running seven years at five percent. The contract was then brought back to Paris for the approval of all the underwriters. In view of events in Manchuria, naturally there is a doubt on the part of the underwriters as to whether Russia should make peace or continue the war. The influence of the financial elements was almost unanimous for peace, but Russia's determination to consider peace appears to have induced the decision not to proceed with the contract, and accordingly, the signing, which was expected yesterday, has been postponed and all the pending negotiations are also postponed. According to the Russian view, this does not mean that the negotiations have been broken off, but merely that they are adjourned as the Russian authorities say the syndicate holds itself bound towards Russia now and hereafter. However, the circumstances of the adjournment tend to show that the syndicate inclines to wait for some definite development of peace, before proceeding any further. It is authoritatively denied in the highest Russian quarters, that the French government exercised any pressure towards preventing the loan. The French government has indeed exercised strong influence on private financial affairs. It is significant that the postponement of the loan is coincident with a strong movement of the influential French press favorable to peace. The Matin prominently displays a statement supposed to reflect the view of financial circles, which declares that if Japan is ready to adopt a generous attitude, by waiving an indemnity or imposing any humiliation upon Russia, then Russia's policy of war to the bitter end will cease. It is noticeable that some of the Russian officials speak approvingly of the latter proposition. They say peace is impossible if an indemnity or any humiliating conditions are asked, so that the determination of these two points will go far towards securing favorable consideration of peace.

WANT DUTY ON CEMENT. Increase From 12 1/2 to 17 1/2 Percent -- Ministers Will Consider.

Ottawa, Ont., March 15.—(Special)—A delegation representing Canadian cement manufacturers waited on the ministers of finance and customs today and asked for an increase duty on Portland Cement. The duty on cement now is 12 1/2 per cent. The delegation asked that it be increased by 5 per cent, making the duty 17 1/2 per cent. The ministers promised to consider the matter.

FOREST AND GAME OF N. B. The I. C. R. Exhibit Led at Sportsmen's Show --Great Forest Wealth.

Fredericton, N. B., March 15.—(Special)—Fishery Commissioner D. G. Smith, who had charge of the Fishery Exhibit for the Intercolonial Railway at the New York Sportsmen's Show, is in the City today on route home. He says a number of Canadian and American railways exhibited at the show but the Intercolonial exhibit eclipsed them all in character and extent. Besides a splendid collection of game heads, the exhibit included live salmon and trout, which were at the close of the show presented to the New York Aquarium. A large quantity of advertising matter was distributed, and great results are expected. T. G. Loggie, of the Crown Lands Department, who responded in Brunswick at the recent meeting of the Canadian Forestry Association held at Quebec, returned home yesterday. He says the meeting was a success in every particular, and much valuable information was gained from conversation with delegates from other places. He pointed out that New Brunswick possesses more green forest in proportion to its area than any other province of the game protection. At present the Forestry Association has only eleven members in this province, and Mr. Loggie has undertaken to increase the number to one hundred.

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL & COAL CO. Will Have the Best Show For Many Years--New Coke Ovens.

North Sydney, N. S., March 15.—(Special)—The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company at Sydney Mines is said to be the best for many years. The company will increase the output of coal by at least 10 per cent.

CIRCUIT COURT. Case of Murray vs. deBury Before Judge Gregory this Morning.

The case of Murray vs. deBury came up in the circuit court, before Judge Gregory, this morning. The plaintiff, Dr. Murray of Butte, Montana, has brought action against Charles deBury, for the recovery of a fee for professional services, rendered to the defendant while in Butte, some years ago. The plaintiff claims that the operation was authorized at the time, by Madame deBury, the defendant's mother. The fee amounts to about \$1000. Since Mr. deBury is now of age, the plaintiff holds him responsible for the settlement of the claim. The defendant, on the other hand, claims that he is in no way liable, as the operation was performed without authority from Madame deBury. Judge Gregory ordered this morning that the evidence taken on commission, in Butte, Montana, be opened for the examination of both parties, but it was not placed in evidence. At the request of the plaintiff, the case was adjourned until April 25th. The defendant, on the other hand, appeared for the plaintiff, and George C. Coster, for the defendant.

REDMOND DEFIANT. Makes a Fierce Attack on British Rule in Ireland.

London, Mar. 14.—In the House of Commons today John Redmond, in supporting Mr. Hayden's motion charging the government with failure to anticipate the distress in the west of Ireland, urged the government to take immediate steps to avert impending famines. Unless a remedy be found, he said, there ought not to be peace, and there ought not to be peace until the distress in the west of Ireland, and the consequent loss of life and property, had been reduced to a minimum. The land act of 1903, Mr. Redmond asserted, had utterly failed to settle the problem and the tide of emigration will not cease until the grazing lands of the west have been restored to the people. The existing conditions, he further said, are infamous and cruel, and have made English rule in Ireland abhorrent to humanity. Mr. Atkinson, Attorney General for Ireland, in defending the Government, admitted the enormity of the evil but said the difficulty of solving the problem was appalling, reciting the measures already taken, including the expenditure of \$6,000,000 by the Government during the last year. He claimed that it was most unjust to say that the Government had not taken every precaution to avert the distress. Mr. Hayden's motion was rejected by a majority of 48.

HOTEL ARRIVALS. At the Victoria--Mrs. Scott, Fredericton; Frank Street, Montreal; T. Mandelberg, Fredericton; C. G. Woodford, Fredericton; R. H. Hewer, Fredericton; Stanley Mowatt, Chatham; A. J. Millett, Ontario.

At the Pufferin--Miss F. M. Rielais, Fredericton; W. Williams, Sydney. At the Royal--J. G. Keatgr, Halifax; K. Mcintosh, Ottawa; R. W. McCallan, Fredericton; Mrs. E. H. Hutchinson, Miramichi; A. G. Markham, Springfield; Guy L. Dunn, Fredericton; D. J. Jackson and wife, Plover; E. C. W. Foss, Fredericton; Frank S. West, Fredericton; G. C. Egan, Montreal; H. A. Percy and wife, Edmonton, N. S.; F. E. Mitton, Toronto; Chas. H. Collins, Toronto; R. E. Maxie, Boston. At the Chillon--Ray J. F. Carson, St. George; Miss Nicholson, Pugwash; Miss Cameron, New Glasgow. At the New Victoria--Richard Pickett, Auburn, Ind.; Thos. Gann, Boston, Mass.; Frank Farron, Northampton; John Worsey, Lubec. O. P. King, M. P. P., passed through to Sussex today, to attend court. Mrs. F. W. Combes left for Moncton today to spend a few weeks.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE. Adam D. Bell left today for Sydney. Jas. H. Doody and wife returned today from a trip to Boston. Hamilton Teed & Hamilton appear this afternoon from Ottawa. Elbridge Cosman, of Kingston, N. B., returns to Rossland, B. C., tonight, by way of Boston, where he will remain for a week visiting friends.

WITNESS DUMPTY DEAD. Denver, Mar. 15.—Devotively recalled, with only his practiced wife to watch and mourn, Monty Dumbo, fan-faced clown, and pantomime is dead here, after suffering for months from tuberculosis. Dumbo was 33 years of age, and for 35 years had performed before the public. He was the creator of the part of "Humpty Dumpty" in the play of that name.

HUMPTY DUMPTY DEAD. Manifest for the following United States products were received at the Custom House to-day, 40 cars flour and corn, and 8 cars cattle, in transit for United Kingdom.

WITH THE LADY CURLERS. At the St. Andrew's rink, this morning, two rinks of lady curlers played, the married vs. single. The latter were victorious by 17 points. The rinks were skipped as follows: Married--Single. Mrs. P. C. Jones -- Miss Hogan--12 Mrs. Russell Sturdee--3 Dr. Parks--19.

In the match played yesterday, the married ladies won by 27 points, so that the total lead of the single ladies is 8 points.

A PERILOUS DRIVE. Officer John Collins Tells of an Experience He Had Back in '72.

A few days ago an item appeared in the Times showing how dangerous it was to cross the Kennebecasis of the island. The condition of the ice was of such a character that people were afraid to drive over. The many expressions of regret lately to the British consul, when it was his privilege to recall my services on the occasion of my recent visit to Montreal, have prepared me for the address you have just made. They have anticipated the suggestion that you should have been an English citizen, and I know, moreover, that you share with your English speaking brethren the desire which all human beings possess, to fulfill, as best they can, the obligations of their station. I congratulate you on the fact that your record of St. Jean Baptiste has ready acquired the distinction belonging to any institution in Canada, which has lasted for half a century, and I hope your society is to conserve your position in the midst of which you have the purpose of enabling you to pay in the most judicious manner to the British people, the homage of your hearts to the British institutions under which you live, and under which you enjoy a measure of liberty and security, which I do not believe to be obtainable for you under any other rule. While I sympathize from my heart with your natural desire to perpetuate the expression of your wish, that the anniversary of your visit to the city should be used to promote a good cause, I am obliged to regret that the time is the time of which you have the purpose of enabling you to pay in the most judicious manner to the British people, the homage of your hearts to the British institutions under which you live, and under which you enjoy a measure of liberty and security, which I do not believe to be obtainable for you under any other rule.

GOVERNOR GENERAL. Makes a Graceful Reply to St. Jean Baptiste Society.

Ottawa, Ont., Mar. 15.—(Special)—Lord Grey, in reply to an address of welcome from the St. Jean Baptiste Society of Ottawa at government house, yesterday afternoon said: "I am gratified to receive the many expressions of affection lately to the British consul, when it was my privilege to recall my services on the occasion of my recent visit to Montreal, have prepared me for the address you have just made. They have anticipated the suggestion that you should have been an English citizen, and I know, moreover, that you share with your English speaking brethren the desire which all human beings possess, to fulfill, as best they can, the obligations of their station. I congratulate you on the fact that your record of St. Jean Baptiste has ready acquired the distinction belonging to any institution in Canada, which has lasted for half a century, and I hope your society is to conserve your position in the midst of which you have the purpose of enabling you to pay in the most judicious manner to the British people, the homage of your hearts to the British institutions under which you live, and under which you enjoy a measure of liberty and security, which I do not believe to be obtainable for you under any other rule."

STORM OF HURRICANE FORCE Causes Many Wrecks and Loss of Life on the Coast of the United Kingdom--Queen's Voyage to Lisbon Again Postponed.

London, March 15.—A storm of hurricane force burst over the Irish and English coasts during the night, and it is feared that many disasters have occurred, but the telegraph lines are broken at many points. The British ship Klyber, has been totally wrecked off the Cornish coast. Twenty-three of her crew were drowned and three were saved. The high winds have caused considerable damage along the coasts of the United Kingdom. Telegraphic communication between London and most points is cut off. The life-line stations are busy and shipping everywhere is seeking shelter. A number of minor wrecks accompanied by loss of life have been reported.

The Times New Reporter.

The talk about the way winter is lingering in the lap of spring has spread all over the country, since reference was made to it a short time ago. In fact it's public property. A serious minded citizen set down suddenly on the icy sidewalk on Gorman street this morning, and the things he said when he regained consciousness could be discovered only by a few trails, apparently belonging to the Mesozoic age. The deputation thanked Mr. Binks and withdrew. They are now looking for streets, but up to the time of going to press had only discovered a few trails, apparently belonging to the Mesozoic age. A serious minded citizen set down suddenly on the icy sidewalk on Gorman street this morning, and the things he said when he regained consciousness could be discovered only by a few trails, apparently belonging to the Mesozoic age. The deputation thanked Mr. Binks and withdrew. They are now looking for streets, but up to the time of going to press had only discovered a few trails, apparently belonging to the Mesozoic age.