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NEXT MEETING OF ORANGE GRAND LODGE AT WOODSTOCK

Will Celebrate July 12 at Fredericton--Much Business Transacted in Closing Hours.

Sussex, March 16--Among the business transacted at the Grand Lodge session in addition to that already reported was the following: The finance and audit committee reported...

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KUROPATKIN BURNS STORES AGAIN AND FLEES TO HILLS

Driven from Tie Pass Russians Seek to Elude Pursuers

St. Petersburg Fears That He Will Not Be Able to Escape Oyama and Make Good His Retreat--Not a Place This Side of Harbin is Fortified--Loss of Hun River Bridge Big Loss to Japs--Czar Advised to Seek Peace and Save His Country from Further Humiliation.

Washington, March 16--A despatch from Tokio to the Japanese Legation says: The Pass, which was held by about a division of Russian troops, is now in possession of the Japanese. After a slight resistance the Russians evacuated at midnight the strong positions they had prepared months ago, setting fire to the railway station and other buildings.

The Japanese troops which had occupied Yingpao and East Fushan, are in hot pursuit of the retreating Russians along the Kirin road. It is predicted that the Russians will retreat to Harbin.

It is preparing a municipal celebration of the Japanese victory for Saturday. General Kuropatkin and the remnants of his army which was defeated by the Russians at the Mukden and Hun rivers and again around Mukden and Tie Pass, are now in the mountains a few miles north of the southern entrance to the gorges of the Tie Pass and other northern towns and a few new troops, who were on their way from Russia when the battle of Mukden began.

The Japanese evidently are doing their utmost to accomplish the envelopment of the Russian army, which all but succeeded in the recent hold up on the railway line, which with the Paokan and Yentai mountains, the railway for a line of retreat, probably will be able to keep alive its pursuers. A constant succession of delays from the rear guard elements may be expected.

Military men here have but the haziest ideas as to where the next stand will be made. Apparently there are no more fortified positions in readiness, and the retirement probably will not stop short of Kirin or Kuancheng, on the railway line, and if the Japanese press the pursuit the Russians may retire beyond and up the Sungari river, there to await the new levies, the mobilization of which will begin immediately in Russia.

Lost All the Coal Mines. The evacuation of Tie Pass involves the loss of the coal mines in that vicinity, which, with the Paokan and Yentai mines, is a severe blow. The railway shops at Tie Pass and more supplies were stored there.

A further mobilization has been determined upon, and preparatory orders to quartermasters, etc., are already being issued, but the extent of the mobilization is not known.

No change in the command of the army in the far east has yet been gazetted. One high military official told the Associated Press yesterday that to remove General Kuropatkin at this moment would be "much like trading horses in the middle of the stream," and that it would be better to give Kuropatkin a chance to get what is left of his army out of the claws of the Japanese before committing it to a new commander, who necessarily would need a little time to get a grasp upon the situation.

Kuropatkin Abandons Artillery? London, March 17--A St. Petersburg despatch to the Times gives unconfirmed reports that the Russians sustained a severe reverse at Tie Pass, involving the abandonment of their remaining artillery, and that the Japanese have cut the railway north of Chanturia, forty miles above Tie Pass.

Linevitch to Succeed Kuropatkin. St. Petersburg, March 17--It is officially announced that General Kuropatkin will be replaced by General Linevitch as commander-in-chief of the Manchurian army. Race for Sungari Bridge. London, March 17--An unconfirmed report from St. Petersburg states that General Kuropatkin will retreat, not to Harbin, but to Kirin and Vladivostok. This, however, is regarded here as quite improbable and the coming fortnight is expected to witness a keen race between the Russians and Japanese for the great railway bridge over the Sungari river, as it is believed that after Tie Pass there is no fortified place of sufficient strength at which to make a stand until the Russians reach Harbin.

MAINE HOUSE FAVORS DUTY ON AMERICAN LUMBER SAWN HERE

Augusta, Me., March 16--(Special).--The house today considered the passage of the resolution to congress praying for the repeal of the law which permits American citizens to cut timber in this country, transport it to the province of New Brunswick for manufacture and bring it back free of duty.

Representative Laiberte, of Fort Kent, sought to defeat the measure on the ground that its passage by the state legislature would probably result in the repeal of the United States law and that the repeal would practically ruin the lumber business of the St. John valley.

He said that if the St. John market was cut out, it would be impossible to locate the timber product of the St. John and the Allegheny, as there are not a sufficient number of mill sites on the upper St. John to be utilized for the purpose of the manufacture of lumber.

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SCHOOL TROUBLE SAID TO BE SETTLED

ST. JOHN VESSEL HAD LONG VOYAGE

The Howard D. Troop at New York from Kobe After 138 Days--Saw a 60 Foot Serpent on the Way.

New York, March 16--The log of the British four masted bark Howard D. Troop, Captain D. W. Corning, which arrived today from Kobe, Japan, tells of the sighting of what appeared to be the lifeless body of a snake floating on the surface of the ocean off the west coast of Africa, several degrees below the equator.

The thing, which the curious sailors emphatically declared was a sea serpent, was sixty feet in length and a big white seal-gull was perched upon its back. Captain Corning did not investigate further and the incident furnished the sole excitement of a tedious voyage of 138 days.

It is just possible that an announcement to this effect will be made by the premier in the house tomorrow. At all events Sir Wilfrid Laurier will state that the second reading of the bill will be proceeded with in an early day, most likely on Tuesday next.

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