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THE EVENING TIMES.

THE WEATHER. Not much change in temperature.

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RUSSIANS ARE SURRENDERING.

Heart Sick and Battle Weary They Yield Themselves to Their Conquerors Rather than Prolong a Useless Struggle-- Japs Chasing Czar's Army.

OFFICIAL REPORTS ON CASUALTIES.

Russians Claim to Have Lost 47,581 Officers and Men, and Japanese 41,222.

Table with columns: KUROPATKIN'S REPORT, OYAMA'S REPORT, Japanese Losses, Russian Prisoners, Russian dead on field, Russian killed or wounded.

Table with columns: SPOILS TAKEN BY JAPANESE, Flags, Guns, Rifles, Ammunition wagons, Carts, Shells, Ammunition, rounds, Cereals, bushels, Fodder, bushels, Clothing, cartloads, Horses, Bread, rations, Fuel, tons, Hay, tons.

Japanese left armies, Wednesday, March 8, via Yinkow, March 13. (Delayed in transmission)--From noon, until darkness yesterday, the left column of Gen. Okta's army fought a desperate fight near Lik-ampu, seven miles north of the river Hun, and five miles west of the railway. The Russian forces outnumbered the Japanese three to one. The Russians had been heavily reinforced, from the south, rushed out of their trenches to meet the advancing Japanese, and a fierce hand-to-hand fight ensued, the soldiers using their bayonets and the others their swords. The Russian casualties were over 10,000 killed, and the wounded, and the Japanese a little over 3,000. The Russian dead, were left on the field in heaps, among them many staff officers. Last night part of the extreme left army reached the railway, between Mukden and The Pass, destroying it, thereby preventing the trains from running north. The Russians today, are retiring in large bodies along the main highway. A large Japanese force is holding the main road to cut the Russian retreat. It was fortunate that hours of the left army was across the railway, last night, as it probably changed the outcome of the battle.

Without the railway the Russians cannot remove their wounded nor their heavy guns which will probably fall into the hands of the Japanese. The Russians in the center near the railway began retreating at midnight. The Japanese pursuing briskly, captured a few heavy guns and machine guns. The right wing of Gen. Okta's army is today attacking Subjatan Station, ten miles south of Mukden. The station is well fortified with heavy guns which were stubbornly defended. It was the centre of operations against the villages north and east of the railway line where the Russians have strong works, which were gallantly defended. The Japanese at noon occupied the villages on the main highway, five miles south of Mukden, continuing their pursuit of the Russians who hastily retired towards the north. Large bodies of the Russians have been moving steadily from Mukden north west along the railway. The Russian forces outnumbered the Japanese three to one. The battle south of Mukden today became almost a pursuit, the centre following in retreat, the wings holding the line giving the extreme left time to firmly establish its position astride the railway.

Many Russians Surrender. Gen. Kuroki's Headquarters in the field, via Fusan, March 14. The country is swarming with hungry, disheartened Russians who are surrendering in squads to any pursuing Japanese they meet. Leading Japanese officers have refused to criticize the lack of mobility displayed while driving the Russians beyond The Pass. Most of the foreign attaches with the Russian army, including two American and British officers, were captured at Mukden.

Still Driving Them Out. Tokio, Mar. 14--11 a. m.--A telegram received today from headquarters in the field says: "In the direction of Sing Ching, our forces have been dislodging the enemy from Yinkow, 18 miles east of Fushan, and on March 11, occupied that place. "In the direction of the Shakhe river, all of our forces are continuing the pursuit of the retreating enemy and many Russian officers and men are surrendering to our train guards in the mountainous district east of the Tie Pass road. Additional spoils taken in the direction of the Shakhe river are guns and carts captured south east of Chutlinsate. They exceed one thousand and are loaded with various military supplies.

IN HIS IMAGINATION.

A Star Reporter Saw a Strike of Freight Handlers, But There Was no Ground for the Story-- The Alleged Strikers Never Heard of it.

Last evening the St. John Star published a sensational story under the caption "Prospect of a strike on the I. C. R." The Star went on in a sensational third-of-a-column story to tell of grumbling, discontent and dissatisfaction, and the writer, in his most imaginative way, said that the seed sowed at the early part of the season "sent up a healthy sprout through the soil Sunday, with the promise that the harvest will be a good one. The writer may be a well-skilled horticulturist, but the seed he has sown for a strike among the freight handlers will not bear fruit. The Star further says "the men went to work, but with little grace, and in their kick have the sympathy of the entire union." In connection with this sensational article Mr. Ross, terminal superintendent, has stated that he had not heard of any strike. Two men called on him and asked if they would not be entitled to double pay, claiming that the men who shovelled snow were allowed double time on Sunday. Mr. Ross did not consider the comparison a good one. The snow shovellers were temporary employees, whereas the freight handlers were permanent. He could not consent to giving them a double day's pay, and told them that the matter would have to be referred to higher authority. One of the freight handlers who worked last Sunday, was interviewed by a Times reporter this morning. "Did you see that report about the threatened strike, published in the Star?" asked the scribe. "Yes! It is a tissue of falsehoods, nothing more nor less. We simply asked for double time and Mr. Ross said he could not allow it to permanent men, unless he had authority from headquarters. We understood the situation, and every man went to work. Ours was not a demand but simply a request. Two men called on Mr. Ross, and presented our claims that we considered we should be paid double for working on Sunday. A strike was entirely out of the question, and must have been the result of a most vivid imagination on the part of the writer in the Star." The above statement shows the actual state of affairs.



"SLIDE PATSKY, SLIDE!"

BUSINESS TRANSFER.

Henderson & Potts Have Purchased Paint Factory of Jas. Robertson & Co.

The paint works of the Jas. Robertson Co., Ltd., have been purchased by Henderson & Potts, Ltd., of Halifax and Montreal. Mr. Thompson representing the latter firm took possession on Feb. 27th. Mr. Thompson is a practical man at the business, he having put in the plant at Montreal, and since taking charge here, has made many improvements. It is the intention of the purchasers to put the plant in first class shape, and they will make any improvements the trade warrants. It is expected that the company will start manufacturing tomorrow, and they will carry a full line of all kinds of their goods. An office has been fitted up in the building, and the New Brunswick trade will be supplied from this factory. The firm of Henderson and Potts is well known here, besides the factories at Halifax, and Montreal, they have a large branch at Winnipeg, and their business extends all over Canada, and also in the West Indies and Newfoundland. They are sole representatives for Canada and Newfoundland of Brandram Bros. and Co., London, England, white lead manufacturers. The saw works of the Jas. Robertson Co., saw some time ago to the Canada Saw Co., so that now the company can give their undivided attention to lead pipe manufacturing, brass foundry, heavy metals and plumbing supplies.

MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE.

Committee Favors Free Trade With Canada and Newfoundland.

Boston, Mar. 14.--The removal of the duty on hides and the establishment of free trade relations between the United States and Canada and Newfoundland, as well as a general re-adjustment of the tariff, are favored in resolutions which the joint committee on federal relations has voted to unanimously report to the Massachusetts legislature.

ZION ESTATE OF \$21,000,000

Dowie Assures the Faithful He Will Not Abandon Them.

Chicago, Mar. 14.--John Alexander Dowie, head of the Christian Catholic church, who is now in the city of Mexico, in a communication to his people, denies the report that he will never return to Zion City. He would never return to Zion City, he said. "I would say that the rumor that I would never return to Zion City is untrue, if by that it is meant that Zion City will cease to be the headquarters of the church. It is to remain continuously in Zion City until I pay my next visit to Mexico. Zion City will continue to be the headquarters of the church. The estate of Zion shows a balance of \$21,000,000 over all present and future liabilities."

TOWN WIPED OUT.

Winnipeg, March 14.--(Special)--Half of the town of Ponoka, N. W. T., was destroyed by fire last night. Fairly big store and the Bank of Commerce were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

THE REPORT IS DENIED.

Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick Has Not Resigned -- The Fight Over the School Question.

Ottawa, Mar. 14.--(Special)--The story that Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick has resigned the post of minister of justice is laughed at here. Mr. Fitzpatrick was engaged on departmental work last night in his office at the department, and because he could not be in his seat in the commons at the same time the rumor was put in circulation that he had resigned. This was the only foundation there was for the report. The premier ridiculed the story and Mr. Fitzpatrick laughed heartily over it. Months ago the Jacques Cartier club, of Montreal, a conservative organization, has got petitions printed and circulated all over the province of Quebec in favor of the bill being put through the commons, as it now stands. These petitions are being forwarded in printed envelopes addressed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The Quebec conservatives have made up their minds to have as many petitions for, as Dr. Sproule can get against the bill and so the fight goes on. The education clause which has been amended in the direction already indicated will not suit either of these parties. The Ancient Order of Hibernians of the county of Carleton, has passed a strong resolution to the effect that in the interest of immigration, the rights of the minority should be safeguarded, and therefore that the school clause in the bill should go through as it now stands. The resolution asks that the minority have the right to their own schools and have an equitable proportional share of the government fund for education, and the order pledges itself to stand by the minority getting legal enjoyment of this right.

CHILDREN WERE ROASTED TO DEATH.

Another New York Fire Horror Destroys at Least a Score of Lives in a Five Story Tenement House Trap This Morning.

New York, Mar. 14.--At least a score were burned to death, several so badly hurt that they may die, and forty others received slighter hurts, in a fire that practically destroyed a five story tenement house in Allen street early today. The fire had gained great headway before it became known to most of the tenants and the escape of many of them was cut off when too late to save themselves. Crowded fire escapes in the rear of the tenement house were largely responsible for so many deaths and injuries among its population, which approached 200 souls. The scenes near the building after the fire was over and when the search for the dead was begun were heartrending. Nothing so pitiable, of such proportions has been seen in New York since the Slocum disaster. The position of those who had taken refuge on the rubbish-choked fire escapes became more desperate every minute as the flames roared through windows on every floor. They failed to jump and they could not climb until the scaling ladders reached them, so intense was the heat. Many and thin ones would spring to the ground with a scream. A baby flung into the arms of a policeman on the ground was immediately followed by the mother, who threw herself headlong. Her body struck the policeman on the head and he fell unconscious. The woman escaped hurt by the fall, but she had been badly burned. The baby was not hurt at all. Death was reaping a harvest on other fire escapes on the building as well at this time. At the rear, two men and two women were seen descending the fire escapes, their progress being blocked by some box of rubbish. When between the third and fourth floors, flames started up from the third floor windows, enveloped the two men and women and they fell roasted to death. Their bodies were got down by the firemen. On the top of the fire escape at the other side of the house lay the bodies of Mrs. Solomon and her two sons, Isaac and Jacob. It was horrible. The crowd on the street had seen the mother and her two sons come from their apartments, the mother first, and the sons following, each holding to her and trying to help her. A blast of wind drove the flames upon them and mother and sons fell on the fire escape, and were suffocated and burned to death. Three other members of the Solomon family were seen to look from the windows and then fall back into the burning building. They were not seen again. The elder Solomon, the husband and father, was one of those rescued by Patrolman Dwan. When he reached the street his whiskers had been burned off and he wore nothing but underclothing. For more than an hour he wandered around in this condition, searching for his wife and children, who came upon the bodies, after they had been removed from the fire escape. As he recognized the charred bodies he broke into passionate weeping and agonized cries. His experience was paralleled by dozens of others in the houses. After the fire was under control, the street was filled with half-dressed weeping people, seeking for their relatives, imploring the firemen and police to go into the burning building and rescue the loved ones whom they believed perishing there. The dead thus far discovered are: Rachel Solomon, 45; Jacob Solomon, 16; Isaac Solomon, 18; Jessie Cohen, 15; Rose Weiner, 28; Sandy Weiner, 14; Tola Laskowitz, 10; Harry Kaufmann, 10; Ross Miller, 4; Marg Miller, 5 months old.

A Lamp Exploded.

The fire started in the basement, occupied by Isaac Davis, wife and three children. Davis had been out last night and returning to his home early this morning, went into his store on the same floor just in time to see a kerosene lamp in the rear explode. The flames had spread with startling rapidity, and when the persons who had been sleeping on the upper floors awoke, they found themselves confronted by a wall of flames on nearly every side. Scenes of the wildest description followed, when the panic-stricken scores, fighting for their lives, rushed for the fire escapes, only to find them littered with rubbish of all descriptions, and almost impassable. Roasting to Death. Down through this cluttered narrow passage-way, flowed a stream of rubbish, as so closely packed, that it became impossible to pass certain points, and men, women and children, stood literally roasting to death, as the flames roared through windows around them. In the meantime, firemen had run up ladders at other points around the building and dozens of people were being taken from the crowded fire escapes, and upper windows. By this time, the building was a furnace and the rescue were effected in many cases only after the greatest show of bravery on the part of the firemen and rescue workers. Twelve persons were taken from the building, suffering from partial suffocation and burns. Five of them were removed to Bellevue Hospital, in a serious condition. The fire started on the ground floor and burned through the building to the roof.

The Times New Reporter.

A few days ago, two sparrows, with the mistaken notion that spring had come, hid some of their feathers in the gutter. A King's county farmer told the Times this morning, that his crops were suffering for rain. The dry spell has made the vegetables quite stinky. AN AFFIDAVIT. I, Peter Hinks, of the City of St. John, in the City and County of St. John, affidavit of the St. John Twinkler, make oath and say: 1--That the number of copies of the St. John Twinkler sold on the average of two per head of the population, with several counties to be heard. 2--That I, the said Peter Hinks, of the City of St. John, in the City and County of St. John, affidavit as aforesaid, do hereby solemnly challenge the circulation manager of the St. John Star to an affidavit contest for the period of one month, provided the said circulation manager of the said St. John Star as aforesaid, am unable to count above a billion, and the circulation of the Twinkler is limited by statute to 1,000,000,000 copies daily for the next thirty days. Sworn to at the City of St. John, in the City and County of St. John, this fourteenth day of March, A. D. 1905. PETER HINKS. Before me, MR. JAMES EY JONES, A commissioner for taking affidavits, who read before me and at bedtime. A wireless message from Ottawa states that the Ives-Gannett autonomy bill is caused by its clause Some of Sir Wilfrid's colleagues refuse to come to the scratch. This item is copyrighted. A Kings county farmer told the Times this morning, that his crops were suffering for rain. The dry spell has made the vegetables quite stinky. Musical Item--A man named Sharp was looking for a flat this morning. A MODERN NOAH. As the Times new reporter was standing on the corner of Duke and Prince William streets, early last evening he was accosted by a pedestrian, who pointed to a ray of light issuing from the window of a nearby store. "What's going on in there?" the pedestrian asked. "I don't know," said the new reporter, "but I will find out." "Then come with me," said the pedestrian. With that he led the way up Duke street and in behind the store, where the light had been seen. A friendly window presented itself. "Look," said the pedestrian. The new reporter looked. This is what he saw. Down on his knees on the floor was the proprietor of the store. In one hand he held a hammer and in the other some nails. AIF around him were evidences of a strenuous life, while an object that looked like a cross between Noah's ark and Pih war canoe loomed up dark beside him. (Calmly and deliberately, he nailed a plank on the side of the object. The new reporter went through the window and approached the modern Noah. "What are you doing?" he asked. "Building a boat for the flood." "Why, what's going to bring a flood? We will have no flood." "Come here," yelled the boatbuilder, and he hustled the reporter out to a huge ice and snow pile on the corner. "See that?" he demanded, and then he pointed to a frozen catch basin. "That has been frozen all winter. I called the attention of the authorities to it. On Saturday a water works employe came and looked at it and went away. Today another one came and also went away. I expect another tomorrow. They are determined that catch basin shall not escape. But it is still frozen. When soft weather comes and the catch basin is still frozen, I will be flooded out. Perhaps my family will be drowned, unless I take precautions. So I have built this boat and when I get it finished we will sleep in it upstairs. When the flood comes we will launch it out of the bed-room window. Great scheme, eh? But I must go now, for it is time for one swimmy lesson." "Say," said the new reporter, "suppose the city fixes the catch basin? Get out, you fool! They don't do things that way in St. John." "As the aldermen vote the estimates for the various boards they sigh and sing-- "We saw, but who shall reap?" "Oh, what will the harvest be?" It is stated that one of the engines in the Carleton electric light station, was bought ten years ago for \$250, and was then nine years old. How old is Ann? Another man was caught this morning, opening a gutter on the edge of one of the streets. He was unable to explain why he did it, and was severely reprimanded.

MONCTON'S WATER SUPPLY.

Means of Purifying it Has Been Discovered-- Ask Hon. Mr. Emmerson to Present Protest Against Autonomy Bill--I. C. R. Accident.

Moncton, March 14.--(Special)--Citizens rejoicing over the result of an experiment with Dr. Moore's method of treating water supply, containing offensive tastes and odor during the winter months. For years Moncton water in winter has been a source of trouble, on account of the color and taste, and many citizens would not use it. Recently correspondence was opened with Dr. D. Moore, physiologist and algologist, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, who had been experimenting with copper sulphate, in cases similar to that of Moncton. Samples of water were recently sent to Dr. Moore, who reports that the trouble is due to the existence of a small plant, which is killed by the use of copper sulphate. The experiment has been tried by the civic authorities, with the result that the odor and bad taste in the water were almost eliminated. The water engineer believes Dr. Moore's experiment is the solution of the trouble with Moncton water in the winter season. There was a traffic blockade on the I. C. R. near Amherst for several hours this morning, by a freight train. Three cars on McLeod's special left the rails, and were badly broken up. The wreck occurred about one o'clock, and the line was not clear till about ten this morning. No one was injured. G. T. Champagne of the I. C. R. dining car service was taken off the Maritime Express upon arrival here from Montreal yesterday, suffering with an attack of appendicitis and was taken to the hospital for treatment. The police committee will recommend the appointment of Leslie Chap-pell, the present marshal of Shediac, to take office "Spot's" place on the police force here the first of May, when the latter's resignation takes effect. The Evangelical Alliance and a meeting last night, passed a resolution protesting against the autonomy bill presented in the dominion parliament, and through Westmorland's representative, Hon. H. R. Emmerson, ask that the new provinces be left entirely free in all questions pertaining to education.

CHAIRMAN WADE COMING EAST.

Ottawa, March 14.--(Special)--P. B. Wade, chairman of the transcontinental railway commission, left today for the maritime provinces. He goes to arrange for the report which parliament wants as to the progress of the work of the commission. Mr. Wade is accompanied by the assistant engineer of the commission, a special immigrant train with passengers from the I. C. R. will pass through here this afternoon about 6 o'clock. The immigrants numbering over two hundred are from the I. C. R. and will proceed west.