

JAPANESE ARE FALLING BACK; THEIR LEFT FLANK MENACED

Rain and Cold Retards Operations, But the Russians Appear To Be on the Offensive.

RUSSIAN CRUISER BAYARIN REPORTED DESTROYED

Mukden, Oct. 19, 5 a.m.—Yesterday passed off quietly. No firing was heard last night. The Japanese appear to be slowly falling back. A glare seen above their encampments may indicate that they are burning their stores prior to withdrawal.

This morning broke chilly, but clear. So soon as the roads are dryer a resumption of the battle is probable, as the Russians everywhere are in close touch with the Japanese.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 19.—The Emperor has received from General Kurapatkin under date of Oct. 18, the following dispatch: During the night the Japanese attacked our advanced positions at Lone Tree Hill, but they were repulsed. No reports have been received of any other engagement. Everything was quiet at all our positions up to 10 o'clock this morning. Rain fell all night, and the roads have been greatly damaged.

A complete veil hides the movements east, but both Kurapatkin's and Sakharov's representatives say there were collisions on that portion of the battle ground Monday or Tuesday. Field Marshal Oyama evidently considers that Lone Tree Hill from which Kurapatkin could pivot a turning movement against his left, to be of vital importance, as both Monday and Tuesday nights, the latter during a terrific storm, made desperate efforts to recapture it, accompanying the assaults with demonstrative attacks against other points. But all the efforts failed. Neither Kurapatkin nor Sakharov, in the dispatches given out this morning, send details of the defeat of Yamada's column and the capture of the Japanese guns. Pictorial pictures are painted by the war correspondents of the shelterless troops bivouacking in the cold rain, the roads converted into quagmires and the streams flooded.

A Deadlock.
St. Petersburg, Oct. 19, 1:45 p.m.—The rush of enthusiasm yesterday evening over the capture of Lone Tree Hill and Shakhe, the repulse of the attacks of the Japanese left, and the hard drubbing given General Yamada, with the capture of fourteen additional guns, has given rise this morning to a calmer and more sober appreciation of these partial successes. There is no official confirmation of the report that General Kurapatkin had resumed a genuine offensive, that the rather general Japanese offensive had exhausted itself and that the position of the armies is now a sort of deadlock, with the country rendered so sodden by the heavy rains as to compel a temporary suspension of general operations.

London, Wednesday, Oct. 19.—A dispatch from Shanghai to the Morning Post says it is reported there that the Japanese shells have sunk the cruiser Bayarin in the harbor of Port Arthur.

London, Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2:30 a.m.—St. Petersburg has been cheered by the report that Gen. Kurapatkin has resumed the offensive, and by the news of the defeat of the Japanese command of Gen. Yamada, and the capture of Lone Tree Hill, which is represented to be the key to the position in the southwest front of the advancing armies. If the report of the advance is authentic and the Russians have crossed the south side of the Shakhe River, a later rise in that stream may have produced conditions seriously threatening failure of Gen. Kurapatkin's plans for it, it is believed, the advance force will be cut off from the reserves and the base of supplies and retreat rendered problematical. It is, however, questionable if the advance movement had proceeded to the point indicated. There seems no immediate prospect of a cessation of the fighting that has been in progress for the last ten days, although there are signs that on both sides the supply

of ammunition is falling short, and that the limit of endurance in the troops must have been nearly reached. The dispatches leave little doubt that the Russians and Japanese are continuing the fight that has raged desperately for ten days. Marshal Oyama reports that on Monday night two fierce assaults were made on Lone Tree Hill and several lighter attacks on other portions of his line, all of which were repulsed, while the Japanese almost unrivaled in their bravery and desperation on both sides, no new light is thrown on the general situation.

Kurapatkin's Reserves.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 19.—The military critics are not yet satisfied that Oyama is ready to relinquish the offensive, expressing the opinion that he may still try to break through the Russian center in order to compel Kurapatkin to retire from the line of the Hun River, unless they believe, he has become convinced that the superiority of the Russian numbers and reserves makes his withdrawal to the line of the Taisse River advisable. Gen. Geisman asserts positively that up to yesterday Kurapatkin had not brought anything like all the regiments of his reserves into action, and the number of fresh units behind which his battered troops could reform, accounts for Kurapatkin's ability to resume the offensive.

The line of battle thus far engaged, counting westward from the east, Gen. Geisman says, comprised Gen. Biderling's Seventeenth European Corps, parts of Gen. Sobolev's Sixth East Siberian Corps, portions of Gen. Slochich's Tenth Corps, Gen. Meyendorff's First European Corps and Gen. Zaslavitch's Second Siberian Corps. The extreme Russian left, which essayed a turning movement and was meeting with success, according to Russian accounts, until the situation at the right center compelled its withdrawal, consisted of Gen. Ivanoff's Third Corps and Gen. Zarubaloff's Fourth European Corps. The Corps bearing the brunt of the assaults on the group of passes of the Taisse River, therefore, comprised Gen. Stakelberg's First Corps and Gen. Dembowich's First Siberian Corps, and parts of five other corps are still unused.

The Associated Press learns that the reports representing Emperor Nicholas as being despondent and depressed are far from the truth. Gen. Velitchko, who saw him Monday night, declares that while his majesty is greatly grieved at the terrible sacrifice of life, he is as firmly resolved that the war must be prosecuted to a successful conclusion, and that he is by no means satisfied that Kurapatkin, in whom he expressed the fullest confidence would not be able to turn the tide of the battle. Therefore, the engagement is ended. By General Velitchko, who returns at once to the front, the Emperor sent a personal message to Kurapatkin, renewing his expressions of faith and confidence, and announcing his readiness to send such reinforcements of men and guns as Kurapatkin might ask for.

Jap Flank Menaced.

A Mukden dispatch, dated Oct. 18, says: It is reported that the Russian army is advancing. News has just been received that the Japanese left flank has been driven back with heavy loss and its retreat cut off. A Russian regiment is now being hurried to the scene in the hope of completing the rout. An officer, who has just returned from Gen. Mischenko's division, reports that on both sides of the great Mandarin road, Gen. Kurapatkin is indefatigable, personally directing the forward operations. Nothing seems to affect him, but he wears his usual quiet smile under all circumstances. The last Japanese defenders of Lone Tree Hill, two artillery officers, refused quarter and died fighting with their swords beside their guns.

Kurapatkin's Daughter In an American Convent

Supposed Drowned Child of the General Hides From Her Stepmother.

New York, Oct. 18.—That General Kurapatkin, the Russian commander has a daughter living secretly in an American convent, although he has mourned her as dead for twelve years in the belief that she was drowned in the Neva River at St. Petersburg, is the remarkable story told by Wolf von Schierbrand in the World. His authority for the statement is Mother Joseph Hartwell, superintendent of a religious order known as the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart. The motherhouse of Mother Joseph's order is in Baltimore, and she is endorsed by Cardinals Gibbons and Sartoli. She has revealed the history of her protégée in an effort to return the young woman to her father. The

young recluse is a daughter by Gen. Kurapatkin's first wife. In Rome she was received into the Roman Catholic Church by Father Lambert, S. J., who now resides in Chicago.

While traveling in America with her daughter and servants, Mrs. Kurapatkin died under circumstances which aroused the suspicion of poisoning. In the party traveling in America, was the companion of Mrs. Kurapatkin, and in course of time this young woman became the second wife of Gen. Kurapatkin. She is said to be of Spanish gypsy blood. The young woman, who was happy for Miss Kurapatkin, who became terror-stricken. It appears that the girl agreed to vanish forever from St. Petersburg, from her family circle, and from Russia, and that she was hatched to make it appear that she had met with a fatal accident. The story as given was that she had been drowned accidentally in the Neva. Miss Kurapatkin, who was 18 years old then, fled to America and sought refuge in the convent.



No, gentle reader; this is not a street fight or a football scrimmage. It represents the wild rush for the Conservative nomination.

MR. BLAIR EXPLICITLY DENIES REPORT HE WILL TAKE STUMP

Says He Will Be Professionally Employed—Will Not Return to New Brunswick.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Oct. 19.—The statement that Hon. A. G. Blair intends taking the stump against the Government in the present campaign is not correct. He made the explicit statement to your correspondent that he had no intention of going into politics. Asked if he was going to practice his profession he replied that he was going to be professionally employed.

In regard to the stand taken by Mr. Blair on the Grand Trunk, he said he stood alone, being in favor of neither political party.

That Mr. Blair intends going back to New Brunswick is also denied. When

seen this morning Mr. Blair declared he would not be drawn into any controversy over what appears in the newspapers. He has made his statement, and he thinks it is sufficient. For the present he is going to act on the board under the reasons for resigning as follows: "Before the board adjourns I wish to make an announcement which I think may very properly be made from my place as chairman of the board. The line of action which I have conveyed to the public is that this is the last session of the commission at which I shall occupy a place either as chairman or as a member of the board. I have felt myself compelled in my own interest to come to this decision with the utmost regret. I find the work of the board very congenial to my tastes. I have not found it necessary to forego personal advantages which I have been able to secure in other employment. It will be my intention, should proper that I should state to pursue this course, I accepted a place on the commission with many thanks, and I have been a member of the board I have not found that these misgivings have been removed. I may say that at the present moment I am not prepared to make a prompt determination of the question as to whether I will turn my mind and my energies to another direction, which will be very much more profitable to me personally than the position which I have occupied. I will not be thought of in doing so. I have pursued any other course than that which is proper and legitimate in a man who, if he does not consider his own interests, certainly cannot expect to have them considered by others. I make no complaint; I make no reflections; I do not wish to intimate that I have any cause whatever to find fault.

I am reaching the conclusion at which I have arrived purely for reasons which are personal to myself. It was possible for me to have had a little longer period of service at the time, because I felt that in a large measure the railway commission has been the result of my own. I think I may claim the benefit of it to some considerable extent, at all events, and that during that few months we have had an opportunity of demonstrating the usefulness of this board. I think, tended to satisfy the public that the tribunal is one capable of rendering substantial service."

RUMORED LOSS OF A CUNARDER

SS. Ultonia Said to Have Gone Down—Had 2,200 Aboard.

Fiume, Oct. 18.—It is rumored here that the Cunard Line steamer Ultonia, which sailed from this port for New York, with 2,200 emigrants on board, has sunk off the Spanish coast in a storm. The report cannot be confirmed.

London, Oct. 19.—At the offices here of the Cunard Steamship Company, a rumor that the steamer Ultonia had sunk in a storm off the Spanish coast is entirely discredited. The Ultonia, it is pointed out, passed Gibraltar Oct. 11, and the officials cannot see how she could be anywhere in the neighborhood of the Spanish coast. The vessel is due at New York Oct. 22.

SOJ ELECTION CASES

Five Reported for Bribery Being Prosecuted.

Sault Ste. Marie, Oct. 18.—Mr. Justice Osler is presiding at the fall assizes here, in which the prosecution of five persons, reported for political corruption at the recent trial, will take place. Mr. E. A. DuVernet, and the Government, is pushing the charges. In his opening address Judge Osler expressed the hope that the grand jury would do their share to frown down corruption.

It is stated that in correspondence with Mr. DuVernet, Hon. J. M. Gibson, Attorney-General, said that he understood a client of the lawyer's was proceeding against the men, and as that client would, in the event of the conviction of the defendants, obtain half the fines, he had no desire to interfere. Furthermore, such private action would possibly serve the ends of justice. The Attorney-General added, however, that if it was desired that the Government should proceed with the prosecutions, Mr. DuVernet would have to provide him with more information, that to hand being quite inadequate for a prosecution.

King Will Entertain.

London, Oct. 19.—King Edward tomorrow will receive the officers of the American warships, now at Gravesend, and will entertain them at luncheon at Buckingham Palace.

Increased Stock.

Windsor, Ont., Oct. 19.—At a special meeting of the city council, permission was given the Windsor Gas Company today to increase its capital stock from \$75,000 to \$200,000. The company desires to take in stockholders and to lay new mains. The consent of the civic body will be forwarded to the Legislative Assembly.

British Admiral Dead.

London, Oct. 19.—Admiral Van Sittart is dead. He was born July 21, 1818, and died in 1878.

BLAIR RETIRES FROM COMMISSION

Resigns Chairmanship to Resume Private Business.

IS DONE WITH PUBLIC LIFE

Believed He Is to Accept Solicitorship of a Big Transportation Corporation.

Ottawa, Oct. 18.—Hon. A. G. Blair, chairman of the railway commission, has resigned. Today he notified Sir Wilfrid Laurier by wire of the step he had taken, and forwarded his resignation by letter to the Governor-in-Council. At the close of this afternoon's session of the commission, Mr. Blair took his colleagues and the public into his confidence. He made the announcement that he had resigned, and it came as a complete surprise to everybody. From Mr. Blair's own statement it is apparent that he is about to accept a more remunerative position. What the position is, however, he declines to say. It is conjectured that he is accepting the position of solicitor to one of the large railway corporations, probably the C. P. R.

What about the cases that are standing for judgment? He was asked. "The two remaining commissioners will deal with them."

To a friend Mr. Blair remarked, in effect, that he had something better in sight, which would enable him to provide for his future. His present position was only for ten years, and he could not look for reappointment at the expiration of this time as he would be over the age limit, which is 71.

In answer to a question there was one reason for resigning as follows: "Before the board adjourns I wish to make an announcement which I think may very properly be made from my place as chairman of the board. The line of action which I have conveyed to the public is that this is the last session of the commission at which I shall occupy a place either as chairman or as a member of the board. I have felt myself compelled in my own interest to come to this decision with the utmost regret. I find the work of the board very congenial to my tastes. I have not found it necessary to forego personal advantages which I have been able to secure in other employment. It will be my intention, should proper that I should state to pursue this course, I accepted a place on the commission with many thanks, and I have been a member of the board I have not found that these misgivings have been removed. I may say that at the present moment I am not prepared to make a prompt determination of the question as to whether I will turn my mind and my energies to another direction, which will be very much more profitable to me personally than the position which I have occupied. I will not be thought of in doing so. I have pursued any other course than that which is proper and legitimate in a man who, if he does not consider his own interests, certainly cannot expect to have them considered by others. I make no complaint; I make no reflections; I do not wish to intimate that I have any cause whatever to find fault.

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St. John at St. John.

St. John, N. B., Oct. 19.—Dispatches received here from Montreal tonight say Mr. Blair will likely open a law office in Montreal after the election, but that before closing his political career he will take the stump against the Grand Trunk Pacific and use every effort to arouse the country against it. In St. John the news created a great stir. It was discredited until the Evening Times appeared containing an authoritative announcement signed by Mr. Blair. Politicians are about divided on party lines in discussing it, and it is publicly known that Mr. Blair will stump against the Government. It will be hard to speak about the effect of the announcement on the province. In St. John city and county the impartial view is that it makes more probable the defeat of O'Brien and McKeown, whose chances were already impaired somewhat by party dissension following on Blair's resignation from the cabinet. The Telegraph and Times are out of the province, and the latter is sticking to that issue. Candidates are in the field in every county, except that Conservatives have not yet named men in Kent or Victoria, where they have no chance.

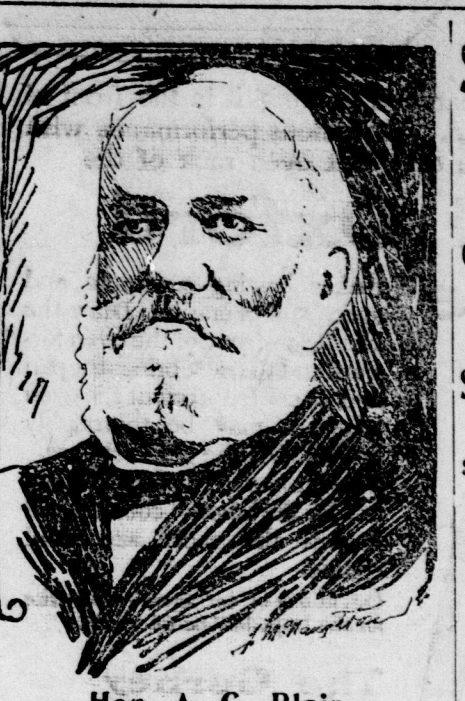
In a special edition tonight the Evening Times, David Russell's new paper, has the following: "Montreal, Oct. 18.—E. W. McCready, editor of the Telegraph, St. John: I authorize the announcement that I have resigned my position as chairman of the railway commission, and have notified the Premier that, beyond reaffirming my strong objection to the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme, I have no present intention of re-entering public life. (Signed, Andrew G. Blair.)"

Lady Curzon Better.

Walmers Castle, Oct. 19.—Lady Curzon is progressing so favorably, that, hereafter, only one bulletin will given out daily.

Mr. Lemieux in Nicolet.

Montreal, Oct. 18.—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, solicitor-general, has decided to run in Nicolet against Mr. G. P. L. Conservative, as well as in Gaspe. As the election in Gaspe does not take place until after the general election, Mr. Lemieux will be able to carry on a campaign in both constituencies.



Hon. A. G. Blair
Who Has Resigned Chairmanship of Railway Commission. Will Devote His Time to Private Affairs.

MULOCK AGAIN CHOSEN

An Enthusiastic Convention Once More Nominates Him.

Newmarket, Oct. 18.—The long, happy relationship which has existed between Sir William Mulock and the Liberals of North York received an extension today, when the Postmaster-General was unanimously chosen as candidate in the forthcoming election. It scarcely needed a convention to demonstrate the mutual affection which exists between the minister and his constituents, but, once called, there were continuous evidence of the strength of the tie and Sir William's excellent address was constantly broken by bursts of cheer.

MR. DAVIS TO RETIRE

Will Leave Politics When Present Term of Legislature Expires.

Newmarket, Oct. 18.—The regular meeting of the executive of the North York Reform Association was held here this morning, and at it Hon. J. Davis, Commissioner of Crown Lands, announced that at the close of the present parliamentary term he intended to retire from politics. However, he made it plain that in the event of bye-elections being held, he would be foreshadowed in the Premier's recent address, he proposed to take his customary active part in the campaign.

MONTREAL LABOR TROUBLE

The Dominion Metropolis Threatened With Strike of Building Laborers.

Montreal, Que., Oct. 19.—A strike of building laborers is threatened in this city. There was trouble in the building labor field in September a year ago, when some 50 contractors agreed to pay the pick and shovel men seven cents per hour, and headcarriers 20 cents. Peter Lyall, one of the largest contractors in the Dominion, stood out for the open labor market and was not backed up by any of the other contractors, and ever since has maintained his stand. The union men are trying to crush the organization, and declares that it will fight the matter out to a finish now.

BAPTIST CONVENTION

Addresses Made by Two Peace Society Representatives.

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 19.—At the Baptist convention of the Ontario and Quebec Union today Dr. Trueblood, secretary of the American Peace Society, of Boston, and Dr. W. Evans, secretary of the English Society, delivered addresses. The edifice of the English Society, which has a fund of \$3,000 for building purposes, reported that three of its churches at various times have been added to the amount of \$45,000. In all \$18,538 was received and \$248 disbursed. The report from the North-western division showed 129 churches and 480 stations. The receipts were \$13,357, of which \$2,882 came from churches.

ROUSING MEETING FOR DR. JOHNSTON

Big Gathering at Wyoming Hears West Lambton Candidate's Stirring Speech.

Wyoming, Oct. 19.—A meeting in the interest of Dr. Johnston was held at the town hall last night. The hall was filled to its capacity. Dr. Harvey occupied the chair and speeches were delivered by Dr. Johnston and Mr. T. H. Purdon, K.C., of London. Dr. Johnston showed how the Laurier administration had handled the difficult question of oil so as to benefit the county of Lambton and reduce the duty to the consumers. His explanation of the matter was approved by the large meeting present, and there is no doubt that the return of Dr. Johnston will show an increased majority in the riding of West Lambton. The meeting broke up with cheers for the King, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Dr. Johnston.

The Grain Standards

Toronto, Oct. 12.—Mr. E. F. Craig, grain inspector, has instructed the secretary of the board of trade to collect grain samples from shipping points in Ontario, and it is probable that the grain standard will be settled within ten days. This is reverting to the older and more satisfactory method of getting samples to establish the standards.

SIR WILFRID IN NORTH ONTARIO

Great Gathering at Uxbridge Listens to Premier.

STOUFFVILLE'S DEMONSTRATION

Station Platform Crowded by Flurry Hundreds to Hear Address From Liberal Leader.

Uxbridge, Oct. 18.—North Ontario, restored to its original boundaries as they were before the gerrymandering of 1882 made it a supposedly safe Conservative seat, this evening welcomed Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Lady Laurier with a reception such as it has not previously accorded a political leader. The electors marked their appreciation to the fulfillment of the pledge which the leader of the Government gave when in opposition to undo the legislation which divorced them from municipal associations with no uncertain sound. The Premier in his speech dealt with the Transcontinental railway and the preferential tariff, reiterating the arguments he has presented so ably and well why the electors should endorse the progressive policy and honest and efficient administration of public affairs which have characterized his term of office, and give him a further renewal of that confidence which given in 1896, and renewed with greater emphasis in 1900. At Stouffville the Premier and Lady Laurier were also given a flattering reception, and where the train was held for a few minutes for the purpose of allowing Sir Wilfrid to address a crowd, numbering fully 5,000, that had assembled at the station.

There were several hundred people at the station when the train reached Uxbridge. The following reception committee immediately boarded the car and welcomed Sir Wilfrid and his visitors: Mayor T. N. Adams, H. J. Gould, I. J. Gould, George D. Grant, William Gray, W. S. O'Brien, Alex. Graham and Dr. D. A. Clark. A procession of carriages, headed by the Uxbridge Citizens' Band, was formed, and amid cheers from the citizens lining the streets, the party proceeded to the Music Hall. The hall, which seated 800, was packed with electors of the three constituencies—North and South Ontario and North York. Many of them had come a distance or come in on the train. There were several hundred people in the hall as early as half past six, and before the advertisement time of opening every inch of space, including the aisles had been taken up, and scores were unable to obtain admission. Dr. D. A. Clark, president of the Uxbridge Reform Association, acted as chair, and among those on the platform were Neil McPhaden, C. McPhaden, Asa Miller, Joseph Millard, Walter Lapp, George Lapp, C. E. Kyle, Ralph Myers, John Parish, William McLaughlin, W. J. Gladstone, S. A. Plummer, W. O. Lavo, John Plummer, James West, P. Pugh, O. E. Hughes, Henry W. A. Doherty, T. Burton, W. H. Keller, J. F. Brown, R. P. Harman, J. T. Valentine, Lady Laurier and Mrs. L. J. Gould and party, and Mrs. William Ross, Miss Ross, Miss Jones (Port Perry), and Mrs. Alex. Graham. Uxbridge occupied the boxes.

WANT CATHOLICS TO VOTE

Their Abstention in Italy May Hurt the Vatican.

Rome, Oct. 19.—Several bishops of North Italy, including Cardinal Ferrari, Archbishop of Milan, and a close friend of the Pope, have petitioned him personally to consider whether the moment has not yet arrived when Catholics should participate in the general elections. According to the petitioners, their abstention from voting has cost the Vatican four years, has brought no advantage to the claims of the church, and they have serious grounds for believing that of religion by intrusting power to the open enemies of the church, and they have a right to feel that they have not yet taken a decision, but he has asked for the opinion of the most authoritative cardinals.

MANAGER HAYS

CABLES DENIAL

Says Story of His Resigning From the U. F. R. Is Absolutely False.

TENTS OF KHAKE

New Design To Be Adopted by the Medical Militia Department.

Ottawa, Oct. 19.—The medical department of the Canadian militia, who have adopted the khaki tent, have been using for all branches of the militia hitherto, and the new design, which the summer sun is beating down, the khaki is not so warm as the white tent, a rectangular pattern, now takes the place of the bell for the accommodation of the men who belong to the medical and hospital and company. This is done so that when necessary the sleeping tents for the men employed in the medical department can be used for the accommodation of the wounded.