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THE RUSSIANS ARE STILL FLEEING

Pursued by Victorious Japanese, Kuropatkin's Legions are Miles Away From Mukden---Sudden Finish of the Greatest Battle of Modern Times--- St. Petersburg Learns of the Great Defeat.

The Pass, Manchuria, March 13. The Russians are nearing their Tse Pass positions. Japanese detachments, continue a north west movement from Mukden.

A Japanese Report. Tokyo, March 13--11 a. m.--Army Headquarters makes the following announcement. All our forces have advanced north, pursuing the enemy in all directions, and inflicting heavy damage. They have defeated the enemy who attempted resistance at various places. Our forces have completely cleared the enemy from the districts, 25 miles north of Mukden, and on Sunday were still pursuing them. The Russians abandoned countless carts of supplies and ammunition in the district for 18 miles from the vicinity of Kaolun, south of Chihli-tzsu, west of the railway, and sixteen miles north of Mukden. No time has yet been had to count them. One of the colors captured, belonged to the 162nd Regiment, from the Wilna District, which had been engaged in three previous wars. Our Simintin garrison, has arrested a paroled Russian officer from Port Arthur, who broke his parole at Shanghai, and proceeded to Simintin. Additional stores intended for the Russians, have been seized at Simintin.

Russians Completely Beaten. New York, Mar. 13--A St. Petersburg despatch to the Times says--The story of the defeat at Mukden and the dreadful retreat to the Tse Pass is coming out piecemeal. It shows that the Russians were misled and out-manoeuvred at every point. They were misled about the numbers and disposition of the Japanese armies, and were misled about the direction whence the next Japanese attack would come. Yet Kuropatkin seems at one time to have realized the critical nature of the situation, for on March 5, he ordered the gradual removal of impediments. Had he then expected a general retreat, as he intimates he would do on that day in a telegram to the czar, the disaster might have been averted. History will say what. It is expected that the czar will be urged to order a general retreat, which is the province of peace, which is the province of peace. So far as the public here is concerned, peace is the only thing talked of, the sentiment being that if diplomacy can now bring the warring powers into negotiation, peace will follow. Many diplomats believe that terms acceptable to both are only possible on the basis, not of ordinary peace, but more in the nature of an alliance, which would distinctly define and guarantee the position of the respective powers, in the Far East, in the future. But it is certain, that Russia as yet, has made no move. The emperor has not yet decided that he must yield.

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to retire, but the Japanese swarmed from east and west, and plain batteries commanding the line of retreat. It was saved just over the plain bordering the Mandarin road. The first fugitives reached Tse Pass, forty miles distant, within 30 hours. Stackelberg's and Zarubitski's commands were left to guard the line from Mukden to Fushun. It is feared that they have been captured or annihilated. Bilibidze's and Popov's commands, in a desperate attempt to drive back Nogi, sustained terrible loss.

Waiting For News. St. Petersburg, March 13--1.30 p. m.--No further news was received from the front this morning, but the magnitude of the catastrophe is now apparent to all classes. The war office admits that even the remnants of the army are still in danger. Field Marshal Oyama holds a magnificent strategic position. It is reported that Japanese flanking columns are in touch above the Tse Pass, and that there may be a Sedan there. No adequate estimate of the losses has been furnished, but with the units captured on the left unaccounted for, the killed and wounded already total 65,000. The war office does not even know accurately what units are captured.

Deserters Tell Sad Tale. New York, March 13--The Herald says--"Sixty Russians, who told thrilling tales of how they had escaped from the czar's army, and found their way to this country, are being cared for at the Hebrew Shelter House, on East Broadway, until they can find homes elsewhere. They arrived here, on Friday, on the S. S. Gerty, of the German-American line, sailing from Trieste, two weeks ago. All were residents of Sitomer, in Kiel, and left large families behind when they were impressed into the Russian service. Unexpectedly, one morning, more than two months ago, a regiment of Cossacks swept down upon the town and the sabre point, forced 1,200 men to leave their homes, and start for the front.

Two of the men, Elias and Moses Wilensky, brothers, were among the wealthiest men of the town, and said that all of their property was confiscated, and their families left in destitution. They owned large paint manufacturing, and as the brothers were taken from their



THE LITTLE BULL DOG OF THE EAST.

"Say! The war's over. You're whipped. Why don't you go home?"

desks, more than 150 of their employees, were driven along with them, six of whom escaped, and are among the party who arrived here. One of the brothers said 13,000 roubles was taken from his safe by the Cossacks. "I was not given us to say good-bye to our families. In other years all men who had served four years in the army or large families were exempt from military service."

The brothers said that, after being taken out of the town by the Cossacks they were put into a train and started for St. Petersburg. Although closely guarded many jumped through the car windows, and several were killed. Some got away at railroad stations and others were shot as they fled.

Out of the 1,200 about 200 escaped, and out of this number 60 reached Trieste and obtained passage for America. Already the effect of desertions from the Russian army is being felt. Scarcely a Russian family but is sheltering one or more compatriots in the East.

The Russian Fleet. Port Louis, Island of Mauritius, March 13.--The squadron commanded by Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, was still at Nossi Island, off the north west coast of the Island of Madagascar, when the steamer, Oxiya, passed there yesterday.

It is understood that Rojestvensky intended to remain at Nossi, until the end of April. The crew of the Russian ships, were drilling night and day, and frequently engaged in firing practice. There was no continuation of the rumors current at Tamatave, Madagascar, to the effect that the Russians had bought a small island, in the Indian ocean, to serve as a naval base.

Counting the Cost. Washington, March 12.--The Japanese legation has received the following telegram from the foreign office at Tokio dated today. "The armies on the Shikoku quarter, report up to Sunday morning the following approximate figures, which are still increasing: Prisoners, over 40,000, including Major General Nachumura, and Russian corpses on the field, 20,800. Other Russian casualties, 90,000. TROPHIES. Two ensigns, sixty guns, sixty

thousand rifles, one hundred and five ammunition wagons, one thousand army wagons, two hundred thousand shells, twenty-five million shots for rifles, seventy-four thousand bushels of grain, materials for light railroad for forty-six miles, three hundred wagons for light roads two thousand horses, twenty-three Chinese carts full of maps, one thousand Chinese carts full of clothing, one million portions of bread, one hundred and fifty million pounds of fuel, two hundred and twenty-three thousand bushels of horse allowance, one hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds of hay.

Russian Casualties. Tien Tsin, March 12, 1 p. m.--The well informed here roughly estimate the total Russian casualties at 150,000 and those of the Japanese at 60,000. It is reported that the Tse Pass is practically undefended, and another great action is regarded as improbable. A Japanese officer has said: "We must push the advantage home and give no respite until a crushing defeat has been administered."

VIRTUOUS MONCTON. Moncton, N. B., March 13--(Special)--The hotels of the city and a number of the leading saloon keepers have entered into an agreement to close their bars on Sunday in future.

The arrangement was put into effect yesterday, and it is said was rigidly adhered to. In consequence of this, there was a noticeable absence yesterday of the usual Sunday drinking. It was also decided to close the bars at eleven on Saturday nights. Some of the tanks along the I. C. R. between Moncton and Springfield are going dry in consequence of the steady cold and the small amount of rain that has fallen during the winter. The tank at Westwood is without water and the supply at Springfield and Calhoun's is some two great for the needs of the railway. There is very little water in the streams and railway men say it is very serious that water is so scarce along the road this time of year.

The quarterly meeting of the Westmorland county Baptist Association will be held in the First Baptist Church here Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Mrs. Wm. Ryan, an aged resident of Lewisville died at the home of her son, William Ryan, I. C. R. nurse, yesterday. The deceased was about 78 years old. Mrs. Hugh Ryan of St. John, is a daughter of the deceased.

PRESS SPEAKS IN SCATHING TERMS. Russian Papers Say Government is Idiotic to Prolong the War But Should Make Peace on the Best Terms Now Possible.

St. Petersburg, March 13--1.27 p. m.--The announcement made in the name of the government, in the face of overwhelming disaster, authorized by General Kuropatkin, that a fresh army would be raised and the war proceed, and the haughty attitude assumed by Japan, may, after all, be simply a sparring for position, which is the province of peace. So far as the public here is concerned, peace is the only thing talked of, the sentiment being that if diplomacy can now bring the warring powers into negotiation, peace will follow. Many diplomats believe that terms acceptable to both are only possible on the basis, not of ordinary peace, but more in the nature of an alliance, which would distinctly define and guarantee the position of the respective powers, in the Far East, in the future. But it is certain, that Russia as yet, has made no move. The emperor has not yet decided that he must yield.

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A LAME DUCK AT HALIFAX. Spanish Steamer Montevideo Towed in There With a Broken Shaft.

Halifax, March 13--(Special)--The Spanish steamer, Montevideo, which left New York, March 7, bound for Cadiz, and Barcelona, with a general cargo, and 115 passengers, was towed into Halifax, this morning, in a disabled condition, by the Wilson Liner, Toronto, also from New York and bound for Hull. The disabled ship, met with the mishap on Thursday last, 350 miles S. E. of this port. A heavy sea was running, at the time, and the ship was pitching when the intermediate shaft suddenly snapped, rendering her helpless. The passengers became somewhat alarmed, when the accident occurred, as the ship, being unmanageable, fell into the trough of the sea, and rolled about badly. Their fears were soon calmed, however, by the captain and officers, and sail was put on the steamer, to steady her. Saturday morning, the Toronto came along, and in answer to signals for assistance, hove down to the Montevideo, and arrangements were soon completed for towing to Halifax. The steamer came along

THE DEATH ROLL. Boston, Mass., Mar. 13--George Reppel Harris, a leading Boston banker is dead at his home in Brookline. Mr. Harris was 67 years of age. He was senior partner of Black, Brown & Co., bankers, a director of the Canadian Pacific railroad and of the National Bank of Commerce. He was well known in Montreal where he spent much of his time.

THE YUKON MEMBER. Ottawa, March 13--(Special)--Dr. Thompson, M. P. for the Yukon, who arrived on Saturday, will take his seat this afternoon. The return of his election reached the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery this morning. Dr. Thompson does not require any one to introduce him, being returned at the general election.

NEW YORK STRIKE. New York, March 13--At the office of the Interborough company, it was announced that five hundred of the strikers would be re-employed during the day.

COMMITTED SUICIDE. Toronto, Ont., March 13--(Special)--Mrs. Agnella, 18 Gordon street, committed suicide, by drinking carbolic acid, in a fit of despondency. She swallowed about two ounces of poison, and was dead before the doctor, summoned by her husband, arrived. The woman was 29 years of age and twice before, had attempted to end her life.

TRIAL MUST GO ON. Montreal, March 13--(Special)--Judge Tremblay, this morning dismissed the motion to quash the indictment of Bissonnette and others, charged with conspiracy in connection with the federal election in St. Antoine and the trial must go on. The accused were arrested the morning of the election day, and the arrest caused a sensation.

GETS A GOOD JOB. Ottawa, March 13--(Special)--Charles M. Kitting, of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., Montreal, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Jardine as Canadian commercial agent in South Africa. Mr. Jardine resigned a few weeks ago on account of ill health.

ALL TRAINS ARE FAR BEHIND TIME. Freight Train Off the Track at Crosscut Delays Passenger Expresses for Hours---Heavy Snow Blockade on the I. C. R.--The Branch Lines.

There seems to be no abatement in connection with the difficulties experienced in railway circles. On the eastern division the "King of the Wind" has been getting his work in; while west, "Our Lady of the Snows" has not been behind the times. Both the Atlantic and Boston express today are reported five hours and a half late. According to latest reports they will not arrive within six or seven hours. The cause of the delay as ascertained by The Times is the wreck of a freight train from Brownville Jct., comprising 17 cars, which were all derailed leaving the roadbed in a generally torn up condition. The accident took place at Crosscut, a small flag station near Kingman, between Megantic and Vancouver. The cause of the trouble is ascribed to a broken rail. Fortunately no one was killed or injured. Four of the cars contained cattle for the Montrose, which is at Sand Point.

I. C. R. Snow Blockade. The C. P. R. from Halifax due here at 5.40 on Saturday afternoon arrived here nearly 24 hours late. There was a general tie up of trains on Saturday between College Bridge, and Sackville, due to a snow blockade. No snow fell, but the force of violent gale blew the snow piled on each side of the track completely over the rails, submerging them to such a depth that section men all along the line in that district had to be called out. An I. C. R. man in conversation with a Times reporter this morning, and who had experienced the blockade said: "The first train which left here on Saturday, was No. 2, the express for Halifax. She got stuck between Dorchester and Upper Dorchester. The engine from No. 5, the fast freight, was sent from Dorchester to assist her and she got stuck in a drift at the same place. Hunter's special was at Calhoun's and was ordered to push No. 2 through to Dorchester."

A GENEROUS OFFER. Montreal, March 13--(Special)--Sir William McDonald has offered the Quebec Protestant council, of public instruction, to erect and endow male and female residences at St. Anne de Bellevue Normal school, which is erecting.

The Times New Reporter. The mail carriers have offered a reward of \$5 for the discovery of the sand man. Anxious Enquirer--When a newspaper publisher has cold feet it is due to poor circulation. There is a rumor to the effect that the members of the city council and the executive of the Citizens' League will play a game of hockey this week for the oysters. The man who remembers to have seen the dust flying on the streets of St. John in March was lost this morning among the snow hills on German street. He was partially frozen when discovered. Mr. Jamesey Jones and Mr. Peter