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MARSHAL OYAMA TO BE RECALLED

Bennet Burleigh's Statement Creates Sensation.

NODZU SAVED THE SITUATION

The Japanese Victory at Lio Yang Would Have Been Reverse But for Him.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 12. — The story cabled from Shanghai to the London Daily Telegraph by Bennet Burleigh, that Oyama will be recalled and that Gen. Nodzu will be commander-in-chief of the Japanese forces, attracts lively interest in military circles here. It is now known that Gen. Nodzu's action at the battle of Liao Yang, in pressing a portion of his army across the Taitse River to co-operate with Gen. Kuroki, thus increasing the strength of the Japanese flanking force and threatening Kuropatkin's communications, made it impossible for the Russian commander to risk continuing his original plan of striking the Japanese right, which forced the Russian retirement. According to a Russian general, who just returned here from Liao Yang, the Japanese had 140,000 men, 6 double divisions and 4 brigades, across the river when Kuropatkin ordered a retreat.

Burleigh's Story

London, Oct. 12. — An extraordinary statement is sent by Bennett Burleigh from Shanghai to the Daily Telegraph. Mr. Burleigh says it is believed that Field Marshal Oyama and his staff will return or be recalled to Japan, ostensibly because the army is going into winter quarters, and that General Nodzu will take over the command. "It is now well known among the better classes of Japanese," Mr. Burleigh adds, "that it was Nodzu who saved the situation at the battle of Liao Yang. Oyama and the headquarters had actually ordered retreat, when Nodzu vigorously protested against such a step and begged them to make another desperate effort, he more directly co-operating with Oku's right. To Nodzu, therefore, is due the sole credit of averting a disastrous retreat, which he warded off by sending in and almost sacrificing the entire Twentieth Regiment of the Tenth Division."

According to Mr. Burleigh, the Japanese still have no intentions of proceeding much farther north than Mukden, and they will only under exceptional circumstances attack Tie Pass this season.

Mr. Burleigh concludes: "Gen. Nishi, commander of the Japanese second division, will become Governor of Manchuria."

Commenting, editorially, upon the statements in Mr. Burleigh's correspondence, the Daily Telegraph says: "The recall of Oyama is almost inconceivable. It is Oyama's war, planned and carried out by him, and his recall would be a sign that Japan, her Emperor and ministers, were suffering from an acute attack of nerves and had begun to doubt themselves."

The British Government is closely watching to discern the cause and effect of Gen. Kuropatkin's forward movement.

Anglican Synod.

Montreal, Oct. 12. — The triennial session of the Provincial Synod of the Church of England in Canada, opened in this city yesterday, headed by the Venerable Archbishop of Montreal, Dr. Bond, the synod marching from the Synod Hall to Christ Church Cathedral, where the synod was formally opened with a service and holy communion, Bishop Carmichael being the preacher. He referred to doctrines propounded by advocates of higher criticism, and deprecated the stand of these men. He expressed confidence in the strength of the allegiance of the Canadian church to the dogmas and doctrines of the word of God contained in the canonical books.

NINETEEN DROWNED.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 12.—Word was received here yesterday that the steamer Call, from Tracadie, N. B., for New London, P. E. I., went down near New London in a gale Saturday night. All the nineteen persons on board, including fourteen passengers, were lost. A message from New London received by John Fagar, one of the owners of the Call, confirmed the report. Mr. Fagar's son was on the steamer and is believed to be among the lost. It is thought that most of the passengers were men from fishing villages.

DEAD IN A DITCH

Body of an Avonton Farmer Found Underneath His Horse.

Stratford, Ont., Oct. 12. — Thomas Wood, a farmer, who lived near Avonton, was found this morning lying under his horse in the ditch at the side of the road, about two miles and a half from town.

Mr. Wood left Stratford for home about 9 o'clock last night, and evidently—the night being very dark—he lost his way and drove into the ditch. He was 62 years of age and unmarried. He was treasurer for a couple of cheese factories in the neighborhood.

TRAIN HANDS MUST HAVE REST

Important Action of Railway Commission---Block System To Be Used.

Ottawa, Oct. 12. — In response to a circular from the railway commission at Ottawa, all the railway companies in Canada have formed a joint committee to agree on uniform running rules and regulations. This step is taken to safeguard the traveling public and as a means towards reducing the number of railway wrecks in Canada.

The draft prepared by the railway interests will be gone over by the board, and the authorities here have power to enforce whatever rules they see fit to prescribe. In the circular that was sent out it was said: "The opinion exists that to some extent the accidents occurring upon our railways from time to time are due to the want of uniformity in the rules governing the operation of the various lines."

One point on which the railway commission will insist is the men employed in running trains shall be compelled to take a certain amount of rest every day. It will not be within their power to run night and day as a means of earning extra pay, and it will not be within the power of the companies to compel them thus to endanger the lives of the traveling public. The commission will insist upon the introduction of what is known as the block system on lines where the traffic is heavy. By this device the occurrence of collisions is made well-nigh impossible.

Another safety device the roads will have to install is the automatic switch signal, so that a switch cannot be thrown for a siding when the semaphore is placed to mark the danger.

Uniform signaling rules and uniform rules for the operation of trains by train order will also be features of the scheme which the board has in mind.

The Deputy Minister of Railways returned today from an official inspection of the Canadian Northern Railway system from Fort William to within 60 miles of Battleford.

FIERCE FIGHTING AROUND YENTAI

Delayed Account of Battle on Monday.

TERRIFIC ARTILLERY CONTEST

Russians Drove in the Japanese Left Flank—The Right Held Fast to Its Position.

Mukden, Oct. 11. — 8 a.m. — Delayed. —The battle commenced this morning along the line of the railway with a terrific artillery fire on both sides. The railway line almost to Yentai is in the possession of the Russians. The station itself has been damaged nearly beyond recognition.

The fighting on Monday commenced early in the morning. A bombardment of five hours' duration forced back the Japanese lines along almost the entire front and opened the way for an infantry attack.

About noon the Japanese began to retire. Their flanks and center were stubbornly defended, and the battle increased in intensity, concentrating about the Yentai coal mines, where firing continued until darkness fell. As a net result of the day's events, the Russians drove in the Japanese left, while the right clung to its position, but maintained itself only with difficulty.

The aggressive movement of Gen. Kuropatkin's army is causing the Japanese column on the northeast to withdraw, concentrating at the Yentai coal mines.

The retirement of the Japanese was so hurried that they abandoned their field telegraph and telephone lines.

With Flanking Column

Shanpintaidze (a mile south of Bentsiaputze), Monday, Oct. 10, with the Russian left flanking column, believed to be Gen. Mistchenko's, by way of Mukden, Oct. 12. — The Russians have been advancing in force for several days. Upon reaching Taidiamowza, a mile south of Kaoutou Pass, on the Fushun-Bensihu road, they began hearing heavy artillery fire on the right, where the Russian advance was in contact with the Japanese. The movement of the main column was immediately accelerated. The Russians were then two days' march from Shanpintaidze. Desultory skirmishings constantly proceeded on the right, and left, and the Japanese steadily retired.

The firing ahead became heavier yesterday and wounded men from the scouting detachments began to pass through the Russian lines. The Russians pressed forward with increased speed, the infantry advancing at the double. The spirits of the men were high, due to the fact that they were actually assuming the offensive. They arrived at the village of Shanpintaidze at 5 o'clock this evening. The Japanese had hurriedly abandoned the place the night before, paying the Chinese big prices to carry away their stores, amounting to 4,000 bags of rice and barley.

Artillery Duel

There were two divisions of Japanese in front of the Russians. The general commanding this (Russian) column, upon reaching Shanpintiadze, deployed a portion of his forces, with a battery of artillery, sent out left flank supports and went personally to his right flank, where his skirmishers had already engaged the Japanese. An artillery duel then opened on the left with the Japanese mountain guns brought up from Chowsan Pass, which were shelling the Russian scouting detachments. The Japanese projectiles, however, fell wide, and the Russian guns came up at a gallop, unlimbered and opened fire on the Japanese artillery. This duel was continued until dark. The Russian fire was accurate and eventually silenced the Japanese battery. The Russians lost ten men wounded and had one man killed. This morning the batteries reopened fire at 10 o'clock, the Japanese replying.

To the right the fight was proceeding simultaneously, apparently in favor of the Russians. The latter were using about ten miles of telegraph and telephone lines abandoned by the Japanese.

It is rumored here that the Russians have captured Yentai.

Lord Milner

Who Has Resigned the Governorship of South Africa.

JAPANESE ARE NOW ADVANCING; ON THE MARCH FOR MUKDEN

Large Force of Russians Cut Off—Czar's Troops Beaten at Sienchuang.

Tokio, Oct. 12, 3:30 p.m.—A general Japanese advance along a broad front towards Mukden is progressing.

A brigade of Russian infantry, with 2,000 cavalry and two guns, having the object of striking Gen. Kuroki's flank, crossed the Taitse River Oct. 9. The Japanese cut off the retreat of this force and possibly will capture it.

The Russians attacked Sienchuang, 30 miles northeast of Saimantsze (southeast of Liao Yang and almost due north of Feng Wang Cheng), evidently with the object of cutting off Japanese communications with the Yalu River.

Tokio, Oct. 12, 6 p.m.—Field Marshal Oyama reports that there was fighting along almost the entire front Oct. 10, that the Japanese are gaining ground and that the Russian attack on Sienchuang was repulsed.

Tokio, Oct. 12, 11 a.m.—Silence has been preserved at headquarters concerning the events around Liao Yang and Mukden. It is popularly reported that the Russian advance and attack is welcomed. Heretofore the Japanese have always been compelled to take the aggressive and openly assault the strongest works. The people believe now that the conditions are reversed, the troops will speedily check the Russians, instancing Lieut.-General Count Keller's unlucky venture at Motien Pass.

Started Early

Field headquarters of the second Japanese army, Oct. 10, 9 p.m., via Fusan, Korea, Oct. 12.—The advance on Mukden began this morning. Field Marshal Oyama, learning that the Russians were strengthening and reinforcing their left five miles north of Yentai, ordered the advance. The entire line began the march, the infantry advancing two or three miles, the artillery following. The Russians observing this movement opened an artillery duel which continued all day. There was no decisive forward movement of the infantry tonight.

The Hei Yen Disaster

Tokio, Oct. 12, 10 a.m.—A corrected list of the lives lost in he sinking of the Japanese gunboat Hei Yen off Pigeon Bay, Sept. 18, places the total number at 197.

Russian General Wounded

St. Petersburg, Oct. 12.—General Sakharoff, telegraphing yesterday evening, confirms the reports of desperate fighting north of Yentai, where the heights were alternately held by the Russians and Japanese. Gen. Danielloff, who succeeded Generals Stroussoff and Romanoff in command of the Sixth Siberian Rifles Division, was wounded in the leg, but did not relinquish his command.

The losses are not stated and according to the latest advices the battle is continuing today.

Paris, Oct. 12, 3:05 p.m.—Officials here express the belief that the Russian Baltic fleet will actually start for the far each next Friday or Saturday.

DISASTROUS FIRE VISITS WINNIPEG

Loss Estimated at $600,000 to $700,000.

BULLMAN BLOCK DESTROYED

Ashdown's Hardware Store and a Number of Other Buildings Were Burned.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 11. — At 9:30 o'clock last night Bullman's block, which has just been raised three stories at large cost, situated in the heart of the business center of the city, is in flames, with a high wind blowing from the south. Chemicals are stored in the building, and it is impossible to save the block.

A fierce south wind promises to destroy the block to the north, including Ashdown's hardware store, the largest business house of its kind in the city. The entire department is concentrated in an endeavor to check the conflagration, but so far its efforts are meeting with little success. Ashdown's warehouse contains thousands of tons of oil.

The whole of the warehouse district is threatened. The drive of the fire is towards the Leland Hotel, and the big new steel sky-scraper of the Union Bank. A shift of the wind to the east would endanger all newspaper offices. Power and light is off, and the morning issues will be hand-set.

At 10 p.m.—Ashdown's is well alight and appears doomed. The fire is at present bounded by King, McDermott, Main and Albert streets. Explosions are now occurring.

10:20 p.m. — The Dufferin Block Steel Company, manufacturers of photographic supplies, and crammed with chemicals, and the Woodbine Hotel, one of the finest hotels in the city, have also caught.

10:30—The Bullmann block walls have fallen. Terrible explosions are occurring and wires falling.

At 1:05 a.m. the fire was reported under control.

More Details.

Winnipeg had the most disastrous fire in her history tonight, when the Bullmann block, J. H. Ashdown's extensive retail hardware store and several smaller buildings were burned to ashes.

The flames broke out in the second story of the block, and within ten minutes had rushed from the second story to the sixth. In half an hour the entire block, one of the finest in the city, was burned down.

The flames crossed Bannatyne street, which is a narrow thoroughfare, and gutted the Ashdown retail stores, corner of Main and Bannatyne streets. The inflammable paints and oils, together with small arms and ammunition caused numerous small explosions and spread the fire. The strong wind blowing rendered the work of the firemen almost useless, and nothing could be done to save the Ashdown establishment, which is now in ruins. The Rialto block, on the north side, was also damaged, but the tenants will suffer small loss if the fire does not spread tonight.

The loss is estimated at between six and seven hundred thousand dollars. The Bullman block, which was unfinished, was only partially insured. Ashdown's loss is insured to the extent of $200,000 in various companies.

Other Fires.

Hamilton, Oct. 11. — Spearman's summer theater at Nona Park, about three miles outside the city, owned by Wm. Stroud, was completely destroyed by fire early this morning. The fire department was called to the scene, but the blaze had gained such headway that it was impossible to save it. The loss is estimated at $7,000, and is partly insured. The origin of the fire is unknown, but was probably the work of an incendiary.

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JAP SECURITIES DECLINE

Both in London and New York—A Loan Impending.

New York, Oct. 12.—The further decline in Japanese securities both in London and New York yesterday attracted much attention in the city, says the Herald. Bankers are inclined to associate the heaviness in Japanese securities with the rumors of an impending loan.

That New York bankers have been sounded as to the prospects of placing another Japanese loan in this city, or rather, jointly in New York and London, is generally admitted. Among banking houses the consensus of opinion is that Japan can borrow some additional money in London and New York, if the price and security are right, and provided success shall attend her arms in the field. It is admitted, however, that the last loan was somewhat disappointing in its results, and less enthusiasm would probably attend a new loan than the one placed last spring. Then Japan seemed to be sweeping onward to certain and speedy victory. Now Japanese sympathizers are more inclined to count the cost of the war and reckon the tremendous expense if the active campaign has to be suspended for the winter with an enormous force in the field.

WINTER IN RUSSIA

Amur River Closed Owing to Frost and Heavy Snowfall.

Stretensk, Russia, Oct. 12.—The navigation of the Amur River is closed, owing to a hard frost and a heavy snowfall.

CANADIANS IN PERIL IN HONAN

Names of Missionaries Whose Lives Are in Danger From a Rising in China.

Toronto, Oct. 12. — The Presbyterian Church in Canada has several missionaries in the Honan district of China, in which an uprising is reported.

Among the Canadians are Rev. Jonathan and Mrs. Goforth, Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Leslie, Rev. and Mrs. John Griffith, Rev. J. H. Bruce, Miss M. I. McIntosh, Miss Jean M. Dow, Miss Mina M. Pike, Dr. and Mrs. W. McClure, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. W. Harvey Grant, Rev. and Mrs. James Menzies, Harold M. Clark, G. Murray Ross, Minnie M. Robertson, Isabella McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Slemmon, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Mitchell, Independent Missionary Rev. Horace Houlding, in Chili, near Changle.

BIG STRIKE ENDED

The Enforced Idleness Cost City of Marseilles $16,000,000.

Marseilles, Oct. 12.—The strike of dock workers which practically ended some days ago, have now been officially closed by the decision of the Dockers' Union to resume work, though a few coal heavers are still standing out. It is estimated that the 40 days of idleness consequent upon this strike cost the city $16,000,000.

Woolen Mills Sold.

Toronto, Oct. 12.—There was no second sale of the Canada Woolen Mills properties. Referee Cartwright has determined not to set aside the contract made with W. D. Long. Mr. Long's offer of $243,000 was accepted by the court, but subsequently attacked by George F. Benson, a large creditor and shareholder, of the ground that it was too low. When Referee Cartwright rendered his decision confirming the sale, Mr. Long handed to the liquidator a check for the balance due on the sale, $243,000, and will take possession of the property. There will be an appeal from this judgment.

NOT SO ROSY FOR RUSSIANS

Kuropatkin Says the Japs Hold Their Own.

"THEY HAVE EVEN ADVANCED"

Kuropatkin's Force Did Not Capture Yentai as Was First Reported—The Situation.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 12, 1:37 p.m.—The battle below Mukden continues to rage along the entire front, and, according to Gen. Kuropatkin's latest advices, sent last night, after the fighting of the day had ended, the Japanese were stubbornly holding their own, offering a desperate resistance, and had even advanced their positions. After an all-day fight above Yentai, where the Russians sustained their first check, the Japanese still held that position. The infantry, practically, was not engaged, the artillery bearing the brunt of the fighting. The Japanese stuck to their guns, and the Russian batteries were unable to dislodge them.

Did Not Take Yentai

According to the advices received by the war office here, the Japanese hold entrenched lines, extending in a semi-circle north of Yentai railroad station (erroneously reported to have been captured by the Russians). Thence they have a series of arcs covering the Yestai branch railroad, including the mines, whence their lines sweep southeastward toward the Taitse River, thus inclosing the mountainous region, forming th triangle of their main positions.

Gen. Kuropatkin's right, seemingly, is carrying out a strong flanking movement eastward, as reported by the correspondent of the Associated Press at Shanpintaidze, but whether it is intended to push it home or whether it is only a feint to cover an ultimate attack against Field Marshal Oyama's left has not yet developed. The latter view is held by many officers here, who believe that Kuropatkin's purpose is to crumple up the Japanese left, push them off eastward from the railroad, and then, if he can, carry the Japanese triangle, compel them to retire in the direction of the Yalu River, thus clearing the way through Liao Yang for possession of the railroad southward, and possibly enabling Kuropatkin to relieve Port Arthur, which, as announced in the Russian general's recent order of the day, is his main objective.

Still, the best-informed members of the general staff are inclined to think that the strategy of the battle must depend on the manner in which the engagement develops. It is pointed out that in the event of defeat, which Kuropatkin must constantly bear in mind, as the Japanese then will doubtless try to push through straight to Tie Pass, it will be necessary for him to keep his heaviest battalions east.

Victim of X-Rays.

Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 12.—Prolonged experimenting with the Roentgen X-rays were the direct cause for an operation which was performed in the city hospital on Dr. Louis W. Weigel, as a result of which the physician suffered the removal of his right hand just above the wrist and the three middle fingers of his left hand. The operation was performed in the presence of prominent members of the medical profession who came to the city expressly for the purpose of assisting Dr. Edward Mullins and Dr. Lewis Rose, who were in charge of the case.

Montreal Schools Free.

Montreal, Oct. 12.—At the opening of the Montreal Protestant schools this fall all fees were remitted. The result has been an increase of 612 in the average attendance. Secretary Arthy, of the Protestant school board, says this increase, although large enough to show the value of the system, is not large enough to prove that many children were kept from school by parents. Its chief value lies in the fact that it would force the Catholic school commissioners to follow suit.

Russians Beaten Back; Bloody Battle Near Yentai

Kuropatkin's Forward Movement Stopped—The Japs' Artillery Did the Business.

Mukden, Oct. 11.—11 p.m.—A bloody battle is now raging about six miles north of Yentai railroad station.

The Japanese on Sunday fell back along the whole front, and the Russian advance guards crossed the Schili River, about half-way between Mukden and Liao Yang, and came within three miles of Yentai; but yesterday the Japanese received strong reinforcements of infantry and artillery, and not only held their positions, but even assumed the offensive.

The fighting lasted the entire day and night. The Japanese directed their artillery fire with great skill, and searched the Russian position so fiercely that the Russians fell back north of the Schili River, which crosses the railroad seven miles from Yentai.

The Russians this morning resumed their advance, once more crossed the Schili River and engaged the Japanese two miles south of it. A terrific artillery engagement is proceeding along the entire front.

A Russian View

St. Petersburg, Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2:10 a.m. — Severe fighting north of Yentai, resulting in a temporary check of Gen. Kuropatkin's advance guard, as related in a press dispatch from Mukden, is now regarded at the war office as indicating a general engagement. The latest official dispatches indicating the disposition of the various corps shows that the whole army is not yet in line of battle. The present engagement may, therefore, be regarded as the result of a counter attack which an enterprising foe like the Japanese might be expected to make, but without any calculation to prevent the Russian advance.

Gen. Kuropatkin's present superiority in numbers, it is held here, is bound sooner or later to compel the Japanese to fall back upon their strong positions within the triangle formed by Yentai, Liao Yang and Sykwantun.

Strategic reasons of the most weighty character render it imperative for the Russians, as well as for the Japanese, to bestow their chief attention upon the country east of the railway. The Russians are compelled to this course because the railroad runs northeastward, and hence lines of communication.

In view of the approaching close of navigation at Yin Kow, and of the fact that the line from Pitsewo is long and cumbersome and liable to interruption, the Japanese must consider Feng Wang Cheng and Taku Shan as the source of supplies during the winter, and with this in view the eastern communications of Liao Yang are of the utmost importance. The Yentai triangle is admirably situated to protect them. Field Marshal Oyama must, therefore, hold this triangle at all costs.

Kuropatkin's Task

The problem confronting Gen. Kuropatkin in the immediate future is the capture of the fortified heights composing this triangle, where the Japanese will have the advantage of fighting behind breastworks and using their superiority in mountain guns. The general superiority of the Japanese in mountain operations is conceded, but the Russian commander undoubtedly is aware of the difficulties of the task before him, and is confident of his ability to overcome them. If Gen. Kuropatkin possessed an army of half a million men he could leave a sufficient force to attack the triangle while he moved with the remainder around the eastern and western flanks. This is considered in the best-informed circles at the war office to be impracticable with the numbers now composing Gen. Kuropatkin's army, and a frontal advance is the only alternative.

Crimean Veteran Dead.

Kingston, Ont., Oct. 12.—John Reilly, a Crimean veteran, died yesterday, aged 79. He drew an imperial pension, and had lived in Kingston for 45 years. Four children survive.

TASK IN SOUTH AFRICA TOO GREAT

Lord Milner Has Resigned the Position of Governor---His Probable Successor.

London, Oct. 12.—Lord Milner has resigned the high commissionership of South Africa, on account of ill-health brought about by the prolonged strain in grappling with the situation, which is daily becoming more difficult, owing to the financial and racial troubles of the country.

Lord Milner had twice previously resigned, but was induced to reconsider his decision, which is now irrevocable. Lord Milner comes home at Christmas, and after consultation with him his successor will be appointed.

Col. Sir Edward Ward (permanent under secretary for the war office, and formerly director of supplies of the South African field force) is considered likely to get the appointment. Sir Edward has great administrative ability, and is wholly discontented with the past political and financial history of South Africa, so his appointment would not engender the antagonism which might be aroused by the nomination of a better-known politician.

Varnishers on Strike.

Toronto, Oct. 12.—Another dispute between the employer and employe over union and non-union men occurred yesterday, when about twenty varnishers of the Palmer Piano Company refused to work with non-union men. At present the men are getting 30 cents an hour. They want 35 cents an hour. The employr is not seriously inconvenienced by the action of the men.

Rolling Mills Closed.

Belleville, Ont., Oct. 12.—The Belleville rolling mills have closed down, the result being brought about, it is said, by a seizure for taxes owed to the city. The company running the mills claim they are not liable, the city claims they are. The matter may be settled.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Tomorrow—Fair and Cool.

London, Wednesday, Oct. 12.
Sun rises..6:28 a.m. Moon rises..10:16 p.m.
Sun sets...5:40 p.m. Moon sets...8:25 a.m.
Toronto, Oct. 11—8 p.m.

Rain has fallen today in the Maritime Provinces, and also locally this evening in the lake region. Elsewhere in Canada, east of the Rockies, the weather has been fair. In the Northwest Territories temperatures have been fairly high.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 38—54; Victoria, 50—60; Calgary, 32—66; Medicine Hat, 40—72; Qu'Appelle, 36—64; Winnipeg, 38—52; Parry Sound, 46—52; Toronto, 50—55; Ottawa, 46—52; Montreal, 46—54; Quebec, 38—52; St. John, 44—56; Halifax, 42—58.

FORECASTS.

Wednesday, Oct. 12—8 a.m.

Today—Northeasterly winds; cool and partly cloudy.

Thursday—Easterly winds; fair and cool.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	46	42	Clear
Parry Sound	34	32	Clear
Toronto	42	42	Cloudy
Ottawa	34	34	Fair
Montreal	32	30	Fair
Quebec	32	26	Clear
Father Point	32	28	Clear

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather continues fair and comparatively warm in Manitoba and the Territories. From the great lakes to the Maritime Provinces it is quite cool, and for the most part cloudy, with light rain falling in Western and Southern Ontario.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 62.5°; lowest, 47.5°.

TRYING TO FIX RESPONSIBILITY

The Missouri Pacific Disaster Investigated---Trainmen Were Asleep.

Warrensburg, Mo., Oct. 12. — The evidence before the coroner's jury, which is investigating the Missouri Pacific collision, near here, on Monday, when 29 lives were lost and more than 50 persons were injured, tends to fix the responsibility upon the freight crew, two of whom went to sleep, and failed to know that the ill-fated passenger train had not gone by before they started out from Montserrat. The examination of W. W. McKey, night operator at Montserrat, brought out the fact that the train dispatcher at Sedalia ordered out wrecking crews, sectionmen and doctors before the two trains came together.

No Differential Rule.

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—The railway commission gave judgment in the application of the G. T. R. for an order confirming a rate for hauling bituminous coal from Niagara Falls for manufacturing firms in Cobourg. The regular rate is 90 cents, and the firm was favored with an 80 cent rate. As there was no evidence to show that the firm would suffer by paying the 90 cents, the order was refused. The complaint of the Ontario Pea Millers' Association as to discriminatory rates on export trade was decidedly in favor of the millers. The railway must carry pea millers at the same rate as flour.

A Tribute to Premier Ross at Conservative Convention

Unusual Spectacle at a West Middlesex Gathering.

Mr. Robert Lucas, Formerly Nominated, Is Shelved.

Mr. George A. Stewart, of Strathroy, Is Placed in the Field—Dr. Roome's Admissions.

The delegates appointed by the Conservatives of West Middlesex met in convention yesterday afternoon at Mount Brydges to decide upon a candidate to oppose Mr. W. S. Calvert, M. P., the former member, and Liberal candidate for the riding. The day was wet and dismal, and the demeanor of the delegates themselves was not much more sunny than the skies. They admitted themselves that they had a very big man against them.

The old town hall was not crowded. The following were on the platform in addition to Major Beattie and Mr. Hume Elliott, of this city: Wm. Young, chairman; Dr. Roome, ex-M. P., London; R. Lucas, Caradoc; Robert Dunlop, Napier, the candidate at the last election; George A. Stewart, and ex-Mayor Avery, of Strathroy, and Secretary Richardson, also of Strathroy.

Lucas Shelved.

The convention was, in popular parlance, "stuck" for a candidate. Mr. Robert Lucas, who was nominated last January, had withdrawn, or been withdrawn, from the running. Mr. Lucas yesterday explained why, from business reasons, he was compelled to hand over the flag to someone else. Some of the delegates, however, on being questioned about the matter after the "secret" part of the proceedings was over, said that Mr. Lucas was not strong enough to hold the selfsame flag, considering the hold that Mr. Calvert has on the riding, and that the Conservatives had decided to find another man if possible. This is borne out by the statement made later by one of the speakers to the effect that everyone ought to be awfully kind to Mr. Lucas for "his manly part in filling the breach for the last few months until another candidate could be chosen, and thus preventing the riding going by default." Many a sop, and many a pat on the head, was handed out to the young ex-candidate during the meeting by the successive speakers.

The following names were given in when the nomination opened: George Stewart, Strathroy; George Lucas, reeve of Metcalfe township; Major Beattie, ex-M. P., London; Dr. Roome, ex-M.P., London; H. C. Pope, Strathroy.

The Candidate Heard.

Speaking was then in order, and, finally, Mr. George A. Stewart, ex-mayor of Strathroy, was tendered the nomination and accepted. His speech was composed of lauding the C. P. R., telling about all sorts of alleged wicked things done by Grits in election times, and working off the the now stale "gag" about Caanda being "smaller" now than when Premier Laurier came into power in 1896. Very little criticism of the present Government's deeds was indulged in by the speaker. The main point emphasized by the speaker was that the Conservatives of the west riding should work very hard in the coming campaign, that they had a hard man to fight, and that if their candidate was defeated it should not be for lack of labor on the part of his supporters. Frequent references were made to irregularies, which the speaker said, had happened in several constituencies, where Liberal members had been returned in the past elections. These references elicited much applause and more ejaculations from the audience.

A Remarkable Speech.

The most remarkable speech of the afternoon, and the one perhaps most indicative of the feeling of the convention, was made by Ex-Mayor R. G. Avery, of Strathroy. On rising, Mr.

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