

JAPS REOPEN PLEASANTRIES IN MANCHURIA; ATTACK AND COUNTER ATTACK ALONG HUN; RUSSIANS ON TOP IN HEAVY ENGAGEMENT

Japs Move to Battle on Hearing of the Russian Revolt.

Mikado Hurries to Build a More Powerful Navy.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 27. — General Kurapatkin, under date of Jan. 25, telegraphed as follows to Emperor Nicholas: "The advance has commenced on our right flank against the enemy. We have occupied Khalatons and Kheikoutay."

Russian Headquarters, Huan Mountain, Manchuria, Jan. 27. — 6 p.m. — After three months of quietude, the Japanese have resumed activity, attempting to force back the Russian right wing. A stubborn fight began Jan. 25 and is continuing today, Jan. 26, which may be a curtain-raiser for the spring campaign.

According to reports the Japanese attacks were repulsed and a Russian counter attack was so energetically pressed that a village within the former Japanese lines of some strategic importance was taken. It is rumored that several Japanese guns were taken. There was no fighting at the center or on the left flank. The Japanese advance is believed to have been inspired in part by the news of the Russian internal troubles, intelligence of which reached the Russian army at dawn, on Jan. 25.

Following a sudden return of winter weather, cannon began booming far westward, and through the morning fog and mist the Japanese unexpectedly advanced. The riflemen on the Rus-

sian right flank were so vigorously employed in the fighting line that by the evening they had met the Japanese attack by a brilliant counter-attack.

The Japanese at once began to retire, abandoning and setting fire to a village. Throughout the night and all day firing was heard along the line toward the Hun River in the vicinity of the villages of Hekstail and Lidun. In the center, the Japanese firing occasional shots to get the range of the Russian positions.

The troops all along the line were under arms the night of Jan. 25. The skies were lit up by the glare of a conflagration, evidently caused by the burning of a village beyond the Shakh River, south of Postiloff (Lone Tree) Hill.

A bitterly cold wind is blowing, snow is falling and heavy frosts prevail.

Gen. Kuroki's headquarters, Jan. 26. — The military attaches, who spent a week at Port Arthur, have returned. While at Port Arthur they were permitted to visit the forts and take photographs freely. Col. Macpherson, British medical attaché, remained at Port Arthur to study the security of the fort. The Japanese also sent several days at Port Arthur and Dalny.

General Kuroki's Headquarters, Jan. 26. — A heavy and continuous artillery roar has been heard to the westward all day. Apparently the largest engagement since October is being fought.

Reports received here are to the effect that the Russian force has crossed the Hun River on the Japanese left wing. A Japanese force advanced against the Russians, making an attack.

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Cities Ask Parliament To Amend 'Phone Charter

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Jan. 27. — A delegation from Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal, Ottawa, London and Winnipeg and the leading municipalities of Canada waited on the Government today, asking that legislation be passed by the Dominion Parliament providing that no telephone poles be erected or conduits constructed on any street or highway in a municipality without the consent of the local council upon such terms as the council may approve. The delegation pointed out that under the present decision of the judicial committee of the Privy Council the Bell Telephone Company of Canada were held to have the right to erect poles and string

wires thereon and carry conduits along streets everywhere in Canada without the consent of the municipal council, subject only to the right of the municipality to direct and supervise the work and the location of the poles.

The municipalities are opposed to any private corporation having such powers, more especially as the municipality is liable for the condition of the roadway by reason of the poles being placed thereon. In cities, the city council is unable to preserve the streets.

The delegation asked that to remedy these matters an amendment should be made to the Bell Telephone charter or that a general act be passed.

BERGS MENACE ATLANTIC LINERS

SS. London City Passes Immense Ice Floes Off Coast of Newfoundland.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 27. — A St. John's, Nfld., dispatch says the Furness liner London City, fourteen days from Liverpool for St. John's, has arrived, after a tempestuous passage with her cargo shifted and her engines damaged. She will require repairs. Her captain reports a tremendous area of heavy Arctic ice-floes 120 miles off St. John's, with three large bergs, a remarkable fact so early in the season and involving great damage to ocean steamers, because the floating ice is directly in the shipping routes.

UNCLE SAM'S ETERNAL WAR Will Make Another Big Effort to Subdue the Ladrone.

Manila, Jan. 27. — At Governor-General Corbin, U. S. A., was sent to the Province of Cavite the first battalion of the Seventh Infantry Regiment, to provide the insular forces now fighting the Ladrone, who are still at large at the front is reported improved.

Four Tralamea Killed.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 27. — Four tralamea were killed and several persons injured today by a collision between a north-bound freight and south-bound passenger train on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway, near Tullahoma, Tenn.

Ramsay Not Resigning.

New York, Jan. 27. — The Associated Press was informed today that the highest authority that President Ramsay will not resign, as has been reported. The president is expected to remain in office for some time longer.

Dukes, Not Czar, Blamed By Novelist Meredith

London, Jan. 27. — George Meredith, the author, in the course of an interview given to the Chronicle yesterday, expressed a strong conviction that the "Long reign of despotism, which blocks Eastern Europe, is slowly but surely coming to an end."

"The Emperor is a poor, weak creature," said Mr. Meredith. "We must all pity him in his fall. He has no will of his own, but is for the great dukes, they are the enemies of human kind. Nobody in the world will regret his disappearance. They are the real authors of the terrible events in St. Petersburg and Moscow. We know now that it is the bureaucracy with the grand dukes at its head that rules Russia, by means of the dukes, the Emperor might have averted bloodshed and delayed revolution for a few years, but nothing, I imagine, can prevent the early downfall of the Government."

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fair and Cold.
London, Friday, Jan. 27. — Sun rises, 7:40 a.m. Moon rises, 12:30 a.m. Sun sets, 5:21 p.m. Moon sets, 11:25 a.m. Shows have fallen heavily in the Maritime Provinces, accompanied by gales. Elsewhere the weather has been fine, and in Ontario and Quebec very cold. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 30 below—40 below; Victoria, 42—48; Edmonton, 10 below—12; Qu'Appelle, zero—3; Winnipeg, 2 below—16; Port Arthur, 12 below—25; Fanny Sound, 16 below—4; Toronto, 7 below—42; Ottawa, 12 below—4; Montreal, 8 below—2; Quebec, 6 below—18; St. John, 2—20; Halifax, 10—25.

SNOWPLOW SMASHUP

Big Machine Hits Snowbank and the Engines Are Derailed.
Tweed, Ont., Jan. 27. — The Bay of Quinte snowplow and two engines ran into a snowbank about five miles from Tweed last night, both engines leaving the track. The snowplow was smashed up. Consequently traffic will be delayed for some hours. The snowstorm is still raging in this vicinity. The mail clerk was the only one hurt in this morning's accident.

WIFEBEATER SUICIDES

Drives Spouse From House and Then Hangs Himself.
Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 27. — William Grooms committed suicide last evening following a row with his wife. After sniping Grooms pummeled his wife, knocking her down and tearing her hair. The woman fled from the house in terror, and when she returned to the house with friends, found Grooms hanging from the balcony. Evidently Grooms, after placing the noose about his neck, vaulted over the railing, breaking his neck by the shock. He was about 25 years of age and a hard-working, steady man.

Killed at Crossing.

Shakespeare, Ont., Jan. 27. — A man named G. Quenbrigg was killed while crossing the G. T. E. two and a half miles east of this place, last night. His horse and cutter were all torn to pieces. Quenbrigg was about 60 years of age and unmarried.

FREE TRADERS TAKE ANOTHER

North Dorset Bye-Election Is Won by Anti-Chamberlain Candidate.

London, Jan. 27. — The Free Traders captured another parliamentary seat in the bye-election held in North Dorset yesterday. A Liberal, A. W. Willis, defeated the Conservative candidate, Sir Randolph Baker, by a majority of 909. The vacancy was caused by the death of John Wingfield-Digby.

LONDON TEAM TOO SLOW

Y. T. C. A. Basketball Five Trimmed by Detroit Club.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 27. — The Detroit Y. T. C. A. basketball team scored a 2 to 1 victory over the Y. M. C. A. five from London, Ont., in the local gymnasium last evening, the final score being 33 to 17. The game proved to be a very interesting contest between teams that were well matched as to height and weight. London did not have as much speed as the Detroit team, but they had plenty of stamina.

LABROSSE OR EVANTUREL?

Some Doubt as to Which Has Carried Prescott Country.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 27. — A rumor is afloat today that Hon. Mr. Ewanturel has won out in Prescott County by five majority. The figures are tabulated, however, show 82 majority for Labrosse, the regular Liberal nominee. The official count will be made by the clerk of the court on Tuesday next, and unless the figures have been transposed at some point, the Liberal will be no change from the first returns.

WANTS ENGLISHMEN TO AID REFORMERS—SEES BUREAUCRACY'S DOWNFALL.

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STATE OWNED PHONES

Manitoba to Study Question During the Current Year.

FRESH BATCH FOR SIBERIA

Trepoff Starts Punishing Prisoners Without Trial—He Is Jailing Thousands.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 27. — While outwardly the capital is resuming its normal appearance, the shops reopening, the newspapers reappearing, and the streets, there is quietly going on a stern repression of the revolution by wholesale arrests. Gen. Trepoff's agents, working at night, raid the homes of those whose names are reported down in the Government-General's bureau, and seize the occupants even from their beds. It is believed that some five thousand persons have been thus transferred to prison, a large number being of the professional class. More than 150 of them are women, many of whom are young, intelligent, and educated, who were surprised in their beds. They were compelled to dress forthwith and accompanied the officers. A hundred of the prisoners are lawyers, who were instantly started for Siberia without the pretense of a trial. It is assumed that these wholesale seizures are not only for the object of intimidating the people, but also, it is necessary, to furnish the Government with hostages in future contingencies.

A Heavy Sentence.

Toronto, Jan. 27. — James Ryan, a letter carrier, convicted of stealing a post-letter, was this morning sent to the penitentiary for five years.

MANY STRIKERS SHOT DOWN IN MOSCOW AND RIGA

Troops and Workmen Again Clash, Forty-Four of the Demonstrators Being Ruthlessly Murdered.

AUTHORITIES PROMISE REFORMS FOR THE WORKMEN

London, Jan. 26. — A dispatch to a news agency from Riga, Russia, filed at 5:30 p.m., says the strikers in the suburban factories there today attempted to enter the town, were opposed by troops, who fired, killing or wounding many persons. The strikers were dispersed.

A dispatch from Riga confirms the previous announcement of a collision there between strikers and troops. Thirty workmen were killed or wounded, and a sub-chief of police and two soldiers were mortally wounded. A dispatch from St. Petersburg, dated 9:25 p.m., to a news agency, reports that Pahl's factory and a large cotton mill have been set on fire, and are burning fiercely.

A Moscow Massacre.

Moscow, Jan. 26. — In a fight between strikers and soldiers last night, fourteen persons were killed and a number wounded. The struggle began through the attempts of strikers to assemble in the Red Square. The Cossacks attacked them with whips and staves of swords. Some of the strikers had revolvers, and began firing on the troops, who thereupon replied, with serious results. The strikers then retreated. The Kremlin in the heart of the city, is equipped as a fortress, and has been supplied with artillery and troops, under direct command of the Governor-General, who has made his headquarters there. Today passed with complete quiet, the strikers generally remaining indoors. The workers' skin and other principal thoroughfares have resumed their normal appearance. Several mills are reported to have offered an increase of wages to their employees. No factories are in operation in the whole region south of the river, with the exception of one large establishment, which was amply guarded in order to prevent possible intimidation of workmen, but there was no attempt at such intimidation.

Tranquil, Says Trepoff.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 26, 6:25 p.m. — Governor-General Trepoff, who received the correspondent of the Associated Press this afternoon at the Governor's headquarters in the winter palace, manifests complete confidence that the crisis is over, and that public order and the safety of the country are assured. Further than this the Governor-General takes an optimistic view of the situation in the provinces. He said:

"As you see the city is perfectly tranquil. There have been no disorders since Sunday, and there will be none in the future. The exaggerated reports, with which foreign countries have been flooded, I am in a position to guarantee the peace and safety of the city. The workers have already begun to return to work, but it is hardly possible for a general resumption of work to occur before Monday. You have read my proclamation. The vast majority of the workmen were deceived into associating themselves with a political movement. The Government intends to go on."

BOTH CLAIM WEST HURON

All the Polls Heard From But Some Are in Dispute.

Goderich, Jan. 26. — In West Huron all the polls have been heard from, but some are in dispute. Official returns cannot be given until the declaration is made by the returning officer, Mr. Cameron, who is at present in Goderich. Mr. Cameron claims four of a majority.

HUNGARIAN ELECTIONS

Budapest, Hungary, Jan. 27. — The defeat of the Government at the recent election appears to have been complete. The Opposition secured 171 seats out of the 318 results so far known. One hundred and eighteen of these are members of the Kossuth party.

ROUVIER ADOPTS COMBES' POLICY

New French Minister to Prosecute Separation of State and Church.

Paris, Jan. 27. — The Rouvier ministry held its first formal council at the Elysee Palace today under the presidency of President Loubet. Premier Rouvier submitted his declaration of policy, which was approved. Later the Premier presented the declaration to Parliament. It follows the policy of the late Premier Combes, the main features being an income tax, the separation of church and state, workmen's pensions and a reduction of the term of military service. The declaration severely condemns the action of secret reports of the lives of army officers, which brought about the downfall of the Combes cabinet. The first actual work of the new cabinet was its approval of the dismissal of Commandant Degniou from the Legion of Honor for making secret reports on the lives of army officers.

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THEIR ENGINE RAN AWAY

Train Crew Have a Narrow Escape From Terrible Death.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 27. — A train crew on the Dominion Atlantic had a thrilling escape from death on a runaway engine yesterday. The engine, with a snowplow, left Annapolis for Digby yesterday morning. The plow jumped the track and toppled over. The engine cab was partly torn away and the driver was hurled off.

Old Man to Die.

Buffalo, Jan. 27. — Charles Bonner, convicted of the murder of Frank Frehr, in November, 1903, was sentenced today by Justice Kruse to be electrocuted at Auburn prison in the week beginning Monday, March 13, of this year. Bonner, who is 75 years of age, was also indicted for the murder of Mrs. Frehr, and for forgery in connection with the death of the Frehr house, which he was securing when arrested.

FINANCIAL TERMS FOR NORTHWEST

Expense of Administering the New Province Will Be Very Great.

Ottawa, Jan. 27. — From the conferences which have so far taken place under representatives of the Federal and Territorial Governments, it seems clear that reasonable generosity must govern the settlement of the financial terms upon which Provincial autonomy is to be conceded to the Northwest. It must be borne in mind that the difficulty and expense of administering a large and sparsely-populated area is far greater than where there is a population concentrated within a comparatively small district. In the Northwest two provinces of 100,000 square miles each could be easily formed, and while the population is scattered over an immense area, it is growing very rapidly, the increase of settlement without being almost at the rate of 150,000 yearly. Hence it would seem the territories merit better terms than any of the provinces, and in confederation, the conditions now being entirely dissimilar from those which have heretofore had to be met. In the other provinces, too, the per capita tax is limited to a certain proportion of the population. While that might be a safe and proper thing to do where the growth and maximum number of the population could approximately be foreseen, it would hardly perhaps be statesmanlike proceeding where the population is increasing by leaps and bounds as in the case of the Northwest, and so it would appear to those who have given thought to the question that the territories may get better treatment than any of the older provinces, and that there will not be the same limitation as to the number of population earning the capitation allowance of 50 cents per head. At none of the conferences has the subject of the territorial claim to lands been considered; apparently this will not be dealt with until the return of Hon. Mr. Sifton, who is expected here next week.

FOUR MILLIONS TO BETTER ROAD

C. P. R. Will Spend That on Double-Tracking and Other Improvements.

Montreal, Jan. 26. — The C. P. R. directors proposed to spend upwards of \$4,000,000 in betterments this year. The largest part of this vast sum will be given over to the west, and Mr. William White, who has charge of that part of the system, left tonight for Toronto on the way to Winnipeg. Before Mr. White left, however, a decision was arrived at as to the expenditures under his jurisdiction. The contract for the second track of the main line from Fort William to Winnipeg will not be announced until Mr. White arrives home. Five hundred miles of new standard gauge line will be laid between Montreal and Vancouver during the year. Bridges will be replaced and removed, grades improved and terminal facilities increased. In every way possible the intention is to work towards the shortening of the passenger timetables on the main stretches, and to add to the equipment for handling freight in general and wheat from the west in particular.

ATROCIOUS MURDER

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