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The Russian Army, Not Yet Out of Danger, is Fleeing Northward---Kuropatkin Severely Censured and Oyama Hailed as a Second Napoleon--- No Word Received From Admiral Rojestvensky.

Tokio, March 11.--Noon--The Japanese wedge driven through the Russian centre on the Hun river continues to advance north. It has already arrived at Humpu, some distance northeast of Mukden. They have been heavily punished during their retreat along the described route, the Japanese shelling the disordered mass of Russians.

Minister of War Terontchi has telegraphed his congratulations to Field Marshal Oyama, and the officers and men of his army on their victory. Field Marshal Oyama, in reply ascribes his success to the emperor and the gallantry and bravery of his officers and men.

Japs Are Deliberate. With the Western Japanese Armies, March 10--5 p. m., via Fusan (Delayed in transmission.) During the night General Oku's army advanced almost to the railway, despite a desperate resistance, occupied Tjaitou station, the Russian supply depot, and captured enormous quantities of supplies, including six million rifle cartridges and other supplies in proportion. The Japanese are not hurrying their movements, being determined to lose no chance to make victory certain and decisive. They are confident of the success of their plans.

Few Russians Will Escape. Tokio, March 11, 8 a. m.--The full extent of the Russian disaster is still unknown here. It is known, however, that the casualties and losses in guns and munitions were very enormous. Even approximate figures are unobtainable as yet. It is expected that the prisoners will number many thousands. It is not clear whether Gen. Kuropatkin planned to stand and hold his line north of the Hun river or retire, until he found it was too late to accomplish his plan with the forces at his command, owing to his confidence in the ability of the Russian army to withstand assault. His action in heavily reinforcing his right in the neighborhood of Mukden incline many to believe that he planned to hold the line on the Hun river and attempt to check flank attacks.

By a desperate onslaught, the Japanese drove a wedge through the line of the Hun river, and then pressing forward, practically created a giant cordon around Mukden, basking a tremendous force of the Russians by the operation, completed yesterday. Desperate fighting continued during the night, the Russians striving to break the encircling barrier. It is evident that the losses on both sides yesterday, were heavy, swelling the already tremendous total involved in the capture of Fushun, and the continuous heavy fighting. It is now known that as a result of the operations yesterday, if the Japanese army succeeds in obstructing the line of retreat between Fushun and Tie Pass, but a small fraction of Kuropatkin's army will emerge from the disaster.

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St. Petersburg Has No News. St. Petersburg, March 11.--3 p. m. The curtain which shrouds the extent of the Russian disaster at Mukden, has not yet been pierced. Nothing positive is known of the situation not even Gen. Kuropatkin's whereabouts. The commander-in-chief's message, announcing that all the armies were in full retreat, is the last definite word from the battlefield. The absence of news gives free play to the imagination, and the city is filled with the most pessimistic reports. The public generally believes that the situation is much worse than is officially admitted here. While the military men minimize the Russian defeat, the failure of Tokyo to report the exact situation affords a glimmer of hope that the position of Kuropatkin's army is not so black as painted. The fact that 1,200 cars loaded with artillery and carrying wounded men went northward from Mukden during the last ten days is interpreted as giving ground for hope that Fushun, Marshal Oyama's plunder will not be so great as reported. The dust storm and the expected attack of the Japanese army after their herculean efforts during the ten days battle, may also have

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rendered the retreating army good service. Will Continue the War. Washington, March 11.--"After Liao Yang there was talk of peace. Russia's answer was reinforcements. Like Liao Yang, Mukden is the scene of another retreat and again Russia's answer will be large reinforcements, but of peace, not a word." This was the emphatic statement of Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador today in light of the morning despatches telling of the Russian retreat. The only official news he has received in the last few days from his government regarding the operations is contained in a brief cablegram which came last night saying that Gen. Kuropatkin was retreating, after days of fierce fighting. The ambassador, however, was acquainted several weeks ago with the final decision of the Emperor that Russia would continue the war until Russian arms were victorious, regardless of the time it would require, and already preparations are being made for large reinforcements for Kuropatkin.

If an echo of peace should come out of St. Petersburg no official in Washington would be more surprised than the Russian ambassador, who has all along been positively informed that nothing but victory for Gen. Kuropatkin can bring an end to the war. Killed by His Own Bomb. St. Petersburg, March 11.--The explosion of a bomb at the Hotel Bristol, adjoining the Hotel d'Angleterre here, just before daylight, this morning, blew to atoms, the owner of the bomb, a man with an English passport, and giving the name of Alfred Henry McCullough, and wrooked the adjoining rooms, killing the wife of an officer, and injuring several other lodgers. The explosion, which was heard blocks away, created a tremendous sensation. There

is not the slightest doubt, that the man killed, was connected with terrorist plots. The bomb was of the same power as those which killed the late minister of the interior, Mr. Ploveh and Grand Duke Sergius, creating the same havoc as did the explosion at the Hotel du Nord, in St. Petersburg. The preliminary investigation of the police, leads them to believe that McCullough was engaged, either in packing his effects, as the hotel was to be vacated today, or in preparing for some desperate enterprise today, as the bomb, like all the infernal machines, of the terrorists, was provided with gravity, and fell and exploded, as the one at the Hotel du Nord did. An independent investigation made by the Associated Press seems to establish beyond question that the man killed was a terrorist leader. His passport, of course, was fictitious, but the man was a foreigner, not a Russian. At the Hotel du Nord, where he has been stopping since the middle of January, McCullough was described as a very intelligent looking man between 30 and 40 years of age, resembling more a Frenchman than an Englishman, speaking French with the fluency of a native. He also spoke English, and the hotel he kept much to himself, going away on frequent short trips. Just before Grand Duke Sergius was assassinated, the man was seen two days, which might connect him directly with the Grand Duke's murder. McCullough professed to be engaged in business but in view of what has happened, his movements are admitted to have been suspicious. Some of the police are inclined to think he was a direct emissary of the Paris revolutionary organization. McCullough's toes were seen protruding from the floor of the upper portion of his body scattered the walls and ceiling, which were red with blood. The police believed McCullough was charging the bomb when it exploded. At the British embassy and consulate, McCullough is unknown.

War at the Pu. London, March 11.--A despatch to the Japanese legation from Tokio says: "A Japanese detachment, which reached the Pu river thirteen miles north of Mukden and is inflicting considerable damage on the retreating enemy."

SMUGGLING REVOLVERS. Quite an Item of Trade Between Germany and Russia. Berlin, Mar. 11.--An active trade in smuggled arms at Ostrow, Prussia and at Kallisch, Russia, was broken up this week by the joint action of the Prussian and Russian police. The arms intercepted consisted chiefly of the poorest quality of revolvers, worth \$1.25 wholesale. There is no evidence that the smugglers were agents of revolutionists, or that they were connected with any organization. They were merely adventurous traders who sell goods on the other side of the border at 400 or 600 percent profit, with little risk on the side of the frontier, although those caught in Russian territory are heavily punished.

WINTER PORT NOTES. Royal mail steamship Bavarian, Captain MacNicol, sails for Liverpool via Halifax this afternoon at 3 o'clock with a general cargo. A large number of passengers are booked for the passage. C. P. R. steamship Montrose will sail from this port next Tuesday with full general cargo for London and Antwerp.

Why don't you go to work? "Here's nothin' doin' in my trade," answered Maudering Mike. "What is that?" "I'm a law-mower sharpener."

THE STRIKERS ARE LOSERS. Many of Them Will Not Be Re-employed by the New York Interborough Rapid Transit Co. New York, March 11.--Although nearly two days have passed since the local leaders of the unions involved in the big street railway strike were repudiated by their national officers, and the strikers ordered back to work, conditions on the affected lines have not become normal. Trains were running today on every branch of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company's system, but on reduced, and in some cases irregular schedules. As has been the case from the first, the subway was the least affected. All trains were badly crowded, however, and much more time was consumed in making runs

than is provided for in the regular schedules. It seems probable now that many of the former employees of the company who went out on strike never will be re-employed. It had been announced that all those taken back would have to return as individuals, that they had forfeited their rights of seniority by their action in joining the strikers, and that they would be obliged to accept a lower rate of wages than they had received. Later it was said that the company had decided not to take on any of the men over forty years of age