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## KUROPATKIN'S BLOW DESPERATE FIGHT GOES ON AS JAPANESE SOLAR PLEXUS

### Strong Force of Little Fellows North of Mukden Brings Russians Face With Disaster—St. Petersburg Hopes Line of Retreat Is Re-Established.

There was no cessation of the fighting between the Russian and Japanese armies in Manchuria, yesterday. Russian reports state that at a distance the tide of battle in the immediate vicinity of Mukden seemed to be ebbing. The most that the war critics at St. Petersburg seem to hope for at present is that Gen. Kuropatkin has re-established his line of retreat in the direction of Harbin.

### JAPS PRESSING MUKDEN.

St. Petersburg, March 7.—(2:15 a.m.)—According to correspondents with the Russian army the tide of battle yesterday gradually was rolling back from the immediate vicinity of Mukden, operations up to noon having resulted in the capture of several villages west and southwest of Mukden, but late in the afternoon the Japanese inaugurated a series of desperate attacks, the outcome of which still is not known.

At latest reports the Japanese also had launched an attack on the Russian front, presumably with the intention of regaining positions from which the Russians had ousted them during the night, and also to prevent Gen. Kuropatkin from despatching further reinforcements against him. Captured villages were held by the Japanese, and they started with provisions for three days, and were then ordered to make them last for six days. They had not eaten Sunday morning. Gen. Kuropatkin has for several days been in a state of nervous tension, and it is considered that even if his objects, that of drawing Russian reinforcements, may have forwarded part of his army to reinforce the centre and west flank.

The war office estimates the number of wounded in the battle of Mukden at 12,000, including 234 officers, but makes no statement regarding the number of dead. This undoubtedly is a conservative statement. The Japanese losses, according to the same source of information, are estimated at 30,000. The optimistic tone of the war correspondents is reflected in military circles here. It is considered that even if Gen. Kuropatkin has not delivered a crushing blow at the Japanese, he has at least insured the possibility of withdrawing, which was greatly jeopardized by the operations of Gen. Kuropatkin and the Russian army.

Sakhetun, March 6.—(2:45 p.m.)—According to reports received here, the Japanese have advanced to attack along the whole line. Fighting has been in progress on the right bank of the Russian river, but at this hour the slackened firing, and the fact that the Japanese are sweeping further and further northward, indicate that the fighting gradually is sweeping further and further northward. Several regiments of captured Japanese trenches, approaching under cover of darkness. The fighting was sharp and the Japanese used hand grenades, but finally were expelled at dawn.

Gen. Oku's Headquarters, March 7.—The Russians are retreating in great disorder. The escape of the main Russian forces seems impossible. It is already estimated that the Russians have lost over 100,000 men. The Russians are throwing away their arms and clothing in order to facilitate their escape.

Newchwang, March 6.—It is reported here that the scouts of Gen. Nogai and General Kuropatkin's armies are already in touch behind the Pass.

### KUROPATKIN FIGHTS

St. Petersburg, Mar. 6.—2:57 p.m.—General Kuropatkin has launched a blow at Field Marshal Oyama's left centre just west of the railroad. The fighting is desperate along almost the entire line.

Kuropatkin's losses in killed and wounded up to last night are placed at 23,500. Oyama is believed to have already lost fully 40,000 men.

The Japanese army, according to the prisoners, is greatly exhausted. They repeat the statement that some of General Nogai's men have not had any food for two days.

### JAPANESE LEFT 2000 DEAD IN FRONT OF THE GAO PASS

Artillery Duel Yesterday in Vicinity of Mukden Lasted Until Sunset.

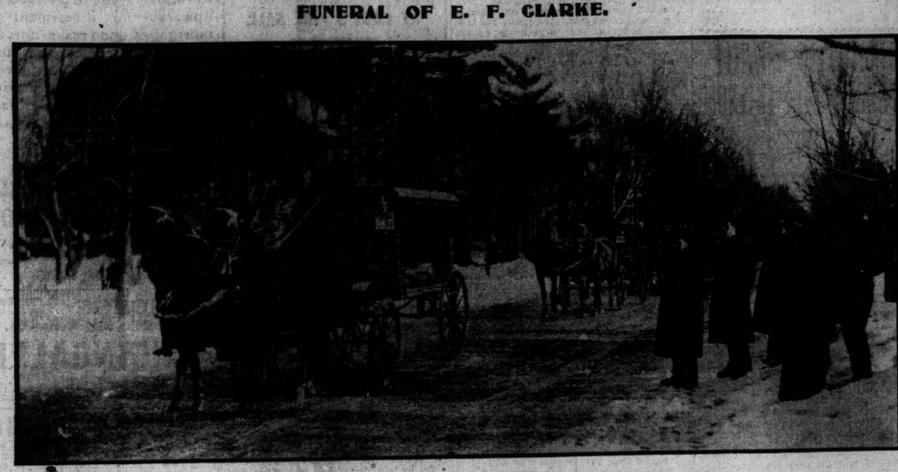
Mukden, March 6.—Today's artillery duel lasted until sunset. The firing was fiercest at Fushin, which was set on fire by shells. Shrapnel was responsible for nearly all the wounded. Today's fighting probably was only preliminary shelling. Night attacks on the centre and left flank were repulsed. The Japanese left 2000 dead in front of Gao Pass.

### KALIBARS DIRECTS.

Mukden, March 6.—(Noon).—Fighting began this morning soon after the cleared, and up to noon increased in intensity. The Japanese are forcing the Japanese north and west and have taken Fushin, Fushin, Fushin, and two other villages. General Kalibars and his staff are on advanced positions directing operations. The Japanese are attacking the Russian front, and the Russian army is being driven back.

### AWAY FROM MUKDEN.

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Hearse and cortege proceeding up St. George Street on the way to Mount Pleasant. Photo by W. E. Maw.

### RIDINGS PUTTING IN CLAIMS FOR RURAL MAIL DELIVERY

Sir William Mulock Promises Report of Investigation Into U. S. System to House.

Ottawa, March 6.—(Special).—There was a long discussion in the house today over the bill to incorporate the Northwest Telephone Company. When the first clause was read in committee of the house Mr. Bole of Winnipeg moved that the bill be referred back to the railway committee. He said the whole history of telephone companies was essentially and necessarily a monopoly. Competing companies simply meant that it was necessary to carry dividends on larger investments of capital, and sooner or later the independent companies were obliged to increase their rates or go to the wall. Mr. Bole said it was time for the government to announce a policy looking towards the taking over of the telephone companies by the Dominion.

Mr. Forster did not agree that independent telephone companies were so badly off. He said they had risen from zero ten years ago to an importance very nearly approaching that of the telephone company.

Mr. Turill, the mover of the bill, pointed out that all the municipalities in the Northwest Telephone Company had been consulted, so that municipal rights would be fully protected. The clause giving the government control over rates, etc., was criticized by Mr. Borden, who argued that such control should be vested in the railway commission.

Mr. Forster moved for copies of all the information in the possession of the postoffice department in reference to the establishment of rural mail delivery in Canada, the probable cost, including any information in the possession of the department as to the working of the United States system, or such a service or system elsewhere, and the annual expense and other particulars.

### FOR RURAL MAIL DELIVERY.

In support of his motion Mr. Lennox made a strong plea for the inauguration of a rural mail delivery service in Canada. He recalled that in 1870 the United States was serving 13,000,000 people with rural mail service, and last year it yielded a large increase of postal revenue.

### Laurier Won't Change Its Effect Tho He May Alter Wording Of Educational Clause

Church Has Its Eye on a Share of Lands in New Provinces and is Holding the Premier Strictly to Original Terms of Bill.

Ottawa, March 6.—A guarded statement made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the house of commons today, indicates that the educational clauses of the autonomy bill will be slightly modified.

Following the presentation of a flood of petitions against the separate school clause, Mr. Borden asked if it was true that certain changes were being made in the autonomy bill.

Mr. Wilfrid Laurier replied that almost without exception bills presented to parliament were subject to more or less modification during their progress thru the house. As to the autonomy bill, if changes were made, they would be communicated to parliament in the regular way.

While it is probable that section 3 will be changed, your correspondent reiterates the opinion that the change will be in wording and not in effect. What the church wants in the new provinces more than anything else, is a share of the lands which are growing rapidly in value. This rich prize it has had its eye upon for a long time, and it will not abandon its purpose without a struggle.

Mr. Wilfrid Laurier feels that he can only yield to the Sifton-Flelding representations at the expense of an estrangement in Quebec, and such an eventuality he appears to regard with horror. It is noticeable that while Mr. Flelding is ready to consent to almost any kind of compromise on the schools clause, Mr. Sifton is opposing the clause with unrelenting vigor.

Why is Mr. Sifton so uncompromising, and why is he so active in multiplying the difficulties of the government, many Liberals are asking. Mr. Sifton is not. There is not the slightest chance that he will return to the cabinet. Why, then, should he continue to appeal to the western Liberals to consent to nothing short of the absolute elimination of section 3 of the schools clause? Liberals profess to be amazed at the conduct of the late minister of the interior, and the more inexplicable the more inexplicable does his course become. The developments of the next few days will more clearly reveal his game.

In the meantime there are not ten men in the house who believe that Mr. Sifton is acting simply in pursuance of his convictions. He is playing somebody's game, and he is playing it to the great embarrassment of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

### FRACTURES SKULL IN FALL OWEN SOUND WOMAN KILLED

Wife of Inspector Burgess Thrown From a Cutter Against Iron Lamp Post.

Owen Sound, March 6.—(Special).—Mrs. H. H. Burgess, wife of the public school inspector for North Grey, was thrown from a cutter and instantly killed to-night. She was driving with her son Fred along Division-street, when the draw-bar connecting the shaft with the cutter gave way and the horse soon became uncontrollable.

At a point only a few feet from the main corner of the street, the cutter slewed and Mrs. Burgess was thrown out, striking her head on an iron lamp-post, fracturing her forehead just above the left eye. She was killed instantly.

The body was carried into a drug store by Bernie Doyle and E. W. Watt of Measord, who had endeavored to stop the runaway. The boy escaped unhurt. It was ascertained that the cutter was the property of the late Mrs. Burgess. He was notified by telephone and arrived on the 10:40 train.

### SPICED SPINAL CORD.

Physicians Operate on Man Whose Back Was Broken.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 6.—Should Edward Farrell successfully pass thru the immense gathering being held in the convalescent period of the operation performed upon his spinal cord on Saturday night in the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital the surgeons of that institution will have achieved a notable victory. The patient fell from a loft in a stable on Friday night, breaking his back. As a result of the injury he was paralyzed from the waist down and was taken to the hospital, where the physicians decided that the only chance to save the man's life was to cut out the spinal cord and splice it.

### Smoke Blue Union Label Cigars.

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DEATHS.  
CLEFF—On March 5, Lillian May Cluff of 250 Robert-st., in her 20th year.

DOUGLASS—On Saturday evening, March 4th, 1907, suddenly, of heart failure, Thomas H. Douglass, in his 51st year, proprietor of the Daily News, corner Front and Simcoe-streets. Service Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Daily News.

FUNERAL—On Wednesday morning train to Oroon, via Downsville, Orilla, Canbyton and Port Perry papers please copy.

FUNERAL—At the residence of her son-in-law, Pierce Robinson, lot 5, 3rd concession of Markham, Margaret McLean, relict of the late Joseph Elson, in her 77th year.

FUNERAL—On Monday, March 6th, at 44 Leonard-avenue, Eldridge, only and beloved son of Albert Udny.

FUNERAL—On Sunday, March 5, at her residence, 28 O'Hara-avenue, Mary, sister of the late William and Thomas Paton of Toronto and Robert Paton of Buffalo, N.Y., aged 75 years.

### NEW YORKERS FACE CAR STRIKE NO "L" OR SUBWAY LINES TO-DAY

5000 Employees Quit Work at 4 a.m., to Inconvenience of Millions and More Daily Patrons—Police Reserves Ordered Out.

New York, March 6.—The long threatened strike of the employees of the Interborough Company, operating the subway and the elevated railroads of Manhattan, was determined on at a meeting held to-night in the headquarters of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees.

This action followed the receipt from General Manager Frank Hoolley of the Interborough Company late to-night of a letter declining to agree to the terms of the contract proposed by the representatives of the men at a conference held with the officials of the company this afternoon. It was nearly midnight when President Sweeney of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers announced that the men had voted unanimously to strike and that the strike had been ordered for 3 a.m., to be put into full operation at 4 a.m.

About 5000 employees of the subway and elevated systems are affected by the strike, which will tie up all traffic in Manhattan, except on the surface trolley lines. The utter impossibility of the multitude of travelers in the upper part of the island reaching their places of business downtown to-morrow is one of the most serious features of the situation and it is feared will be the cause of much disorder.

All police reserves were summoned on duty to-night and strong guards were placed at all stations on both the subway and elevated roads.

### STRIKE BREAKERS ON DECK.

The Interborough Company brought to Jersey City last night a body of 500 to 700 "strike-breakers," who were quartered in the fact house at Jersey City, where they were conveyed to the Harlem River which landed them at the company's power station. To-night these men were escorted under guard of private detectives to the northern terminus of the subway, where many of them were placed on trains to act as motormen and guards. Others were placed under the care of experts to receive preliminary instructions in their duties in addition to those, about 100 men were

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### THOUSANDS IN SORROW ACCORD E. F. CLARKE LARGEST OF FUNERALS

Broadway Tabernacle Far Too Small to Accommodate Those Who Wish to View Remains for Last Time.

ALL CLASSES MINGLE AS ONE ON COMMON GROUND OF GRIEF

After Impressive Oration by Rev. Dr. Potts, Cortege Mile and a Half in Length Winds Solemn Way to Mount Pleasant.

In the death of a man with a strong personality, a loving disposition in the home and in the community, a man prominent in the affairs of the city and the Dominion, around whom is gathered a publicity which makes him a leader among men, there comes a pall over the community. The very heart of the city throbs with the realization that it is bereft, and even those who only knew him by name feel the pulse of public sorrow. In the death of Edward Frederick Clarke this feeling was intensified by its suddenness. Around Broadway Tabernacle yesterday afternoon there were evidences of the deepest general sorrow. Men most prominent in public affairs were one with some of the humblest in life as each bowed the head and passed around the bier of the departed. The remains lay in state for over an hour, during which time several thousands of men and women passed by, many weeping unobtrusively. There were present senators, members of the Dominion parliament, the premier, cabinet ministers and members of the legislature of Ontario, the mayor and city council, representatives from the educational bodies, the Industrial Exhibition board, Masonic and Orange and other societies, reverend gentlemen and citizens in all walks of life. The funeral in placed as having been the largest attended of obsequies ever seen in the city.

A short private service was held at the late residence of Mr. Clarke, 183 Markham-street, after which the remains were taken to Broadway Tabernacle, where they lay in state from 2 till after 3 o'clock. The tabernacle proved very much too small, for hundreds of people never got to the place where the policemen who stood at all the doors, and by the time the society representatives and other bodies occupied the floor of the edifice, there was very little room left for the general public. From St. George-street to the church the crowd congregated in one vast mass, while carriages and people extended around King-street, and down Spadina-avenue. After 3 o'clock there was no way of edging thru the surging mass of people to the open doors, and hundreds of people never got nearer than Huron-street. The scene in the gathering in the large open area of the Broadway Tabernacle is unparalleled in the signs they conveyed of a devotional respect for a distinguished citizen ever to be met.

The service began promptly after the arrival of the party from the city hall. Rev. George Orman was in charge, and the immense gathering sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "Jesus Lover of My Soul" with sincere fervor, the auditorium resounding with the solemn choruses. The service was offered a most beautiful, heartfelt prayer, conceded to have been the finest portion of the service. The audience remained standing, and during the entire hundreds of strong men as well as a multitude of women shook with emotion and were not ashamed to wipe away their tears. The rendition of the anthems, "Benedicite" and "Te Deum" by the choir, followed, and Rev. J. D. Freeman read the lesson from Paul's epistle to the Corinthians. Rev. J. W. Pedley and Rev. Mr. Broughall were present, representing the Congregational and Anglican bodies.

Rev. Dr. Potts delivered a short eulogy on the life of the deceased. He said he had only a few hours' notice.

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### RISING TEMPERATURE.

Metropolitan Office, Toronto, March 6.—(6 p.m.)—The weather has been fine and cold from Lake Superior to the Gulf of Mexico, and fair and comparatively mild in Manitoba and the Territories.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 32-46; Qu'Appelle, 20-34; Winnipeg, 12-32; Regina, 14-30; Saskatoon, 10-28; Toronto, 2-18; Toronto, 12-24; Ottawa, 4-16; Montreal, 2-14; St. John, 1-12; Halifax, 12-28.

Probabilities.  
Lower Lake Superior, Alberta, Bay-Brester winds becoming cloudy, rising temperature, light local fall of snow or rain at night.

Ottawa Valley, Upper St. Lawrence—Fine and moderately cold today; higher temperature on Wednesday.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and Maritime—Fine and moderately cold today. Light snow or rain locally on Wednesday.

Manitoba, Fair; not much change in temperature.

### Cigars—Esquitos reduced to 5c. Alive Bolland.

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