

RECALL FOR KUROPATKIN; TREPOFF FOR THE INTERIOR

Sensational Rumor From St. Petersburg Says a Big Shake Up Is Imminent.

JAPS REPULSE THE RUSSIAN CAVALRY ATTACK

St. Petersburg, Feb. 15. — Many rumors are current of ministerial and military changes, including a report that War Minister Sakharoff may be sent to relieve Gen. Kuropatkin, and also one to the effect that M. Boulanger, Minister of the Interior, is not in sympathy with the situation and may retire in favor of Gen. Trepoft, Governor-General of St. Petersburg.

The successor of M. Muraviev, former minister of justice, appointed ambassador at Rome, has not yet been appointed. Almost everything is likely to happen, but nothing definite can be ascertained.

M. Annensky, editor of the Russian Wealth, who was arrested simultaneously with Maxim Gorky, the author and reform leader, was released yesterday. Upon his appearance before a scientific society last night he was received with great enthusiasm.

Wladivostok Blockaded.

New York, Feb. 16. — A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Herald says: Reports received here announce that Wladivostok is being closely blockaded by Admiral Uri's fleet.

Cavalry Attack Repulsed.

Tokio, Feb. 16. — The following dispatch was received this morning from the headquarters of the Japanese army in Manchuria: In the direction of the Shaho River our artillery Feb. 14, bombarded Chien-sun-pao-tzu and set fire to that village. The enemy's artillery in the neighborhood of Sanchowu Mountain replied.

Russ and Chinese Clash.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 15. — A telegram from Sachin reports that a fatal affray has occurred between Russians and Chinese at a village 40 miles northwest of Sachin, where a party of Russians went on a foraging expedition. The villagers seized the Chinese interpreter, killed him, and a Chinaman was killed. The villagers killed the interpreter and fled.

DISASTER ON NEW SUBMARINE

Nine Injured and Two Missing by Explosion in Queens-town Harbor.

Queenstown, Ireland, Feb. 15. — An explosion of gasoline occurred on board the new submarine boat "A-5" this morning when the officers and crew, eleven men, were engaged in charging the tanks. The crew were hurled in all directions. Nine of them were picked up by boats and taken to the hospital. Two are missing.

GOVIN CLAIMS FIFTY MEMBERS

Bolting Ministers of Parent's Cabinet Say His Defeat Is Certain.

Montreal, Feb. 15. — The Gouin, Turgeon and Weir faction, who now claim they have secured a certain victory over Premier Parent, announced today that they are now certain of the support of 50 members of the House of Commons.

SEIZING RUSS PROPERTY

Japanese Said To Be Grabbing All Port Arthur Land.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 15. — M. Lessar, the Russian ambassador at Peking, having on Feb. 11 notified his Government that the Japanese at Port Arthur are trying, by a system of persecution, to compel private citizens to abandon their property, which the Japanese then seize.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 15. — Albert Elliott, the police officer who was charged with being asleep while on duty the night that Sgt. Nash was shot by Samuel Jarvis, had a hearing before the police commissioners last evening and was exonerated.

JOE WANTS MacMASTER

Eminent Montreal Lawyer May Contest a British Constituency.

Montreal, Feb. 15. — Mr. Donald MacMaster, K. C., the eminent Montreal lawyer, who represented the United States Government when the case of the Gaynor-Green extradition case was argued before the Privy Council, has been invited to contest a British constituency as a Chamberlain candidate. He has already announced his intention to spend the next few years in England. At one time Mr. MacMaster represented Glenagarry, his native county, in the Canadian Commons.

A ROYAL BETROTHAL

A Nephew of King Edward to Harry German Princess.

Cobourg, Duchy of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Feb. 15. — The betrothal is announced of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha to the Princess Victoria, eldest daughter of Duke Frederick of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glücksburg. The princess is a niece of the German Emperor, while the bridegroom is a nephew of King Edward of England.

GATES AFTER THEM; SHORTS QUAKING

Only 6,000,000 Bushels of "Contract May" Visible.

LINE MAY REACH 40,000,000

Ambition to Run the Biggest Corner Yet—Success Will Mean Wheat at \$2.

Chicago, Feb. 15. — John W. Gates is out for blood — the blood of a large number of bears in the Chicago wheat pit. This much became so plain within 24 hours after he reached the city Monday that it required the sale of a number of millions of bushels of his wheat to prevent a miniature touching off of the fireworks.

Mr. Gates left for the Pacific coast over the Illinois Central last night, planning to stop en route at the Hot Springs in Arkansas and to remain until April 1. Before going he said that present prices of wheat would look very cheap within the next 60 days. This has been his boast for some time, and as he has a plan of making good his boasts — when his purpose is to do so — there was a panicky feeling among the shorts in wheat.

JAP TOOLS DID IT

General Stoessel Explains How Port Arthur Came to Fall.

London, Feb. 15. — The correspondent at Port Said of the Standard, gives an interview with Gen. Stoessel, chief of the Russian forces at Port Arthur, denying the charges made by the Pekin correspondent of the Times concerning the surrender of Port Arthur and his defense of the city. Gen. Stoessel attributed the Japanese success in great measure to the superior quality of their drilling tools, and said that the Russian forces were never amounted to 25,000 men. At the end of April, before the investment became total, the Russian forces numbered 15,000 men.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Light Snowfalls.

London, Thursday, Feb. 15. Sun rises, 7:43 a.m. Moon sets, 1:37 a.m. Sun sets, 5:48 p.m. Moon rises, 11:37 a.m. Very cold weather has prevailed again today throughout Ontario and Quebec, and high winds have also been general. The outlook for Ontario is more promising.

Blind, She Now Sees.

Appleton, Wis., Feb. 15. — The case of Miss Sadie Clark, of Menasha, Wis., a high school student, who today recovered her eyesight, has suddenly attracted much attention here. Miss Clark had never had any eye trouble until she awoke on the morning of Feb. 6 to find herself stone blind. She was on a train going to Milwaukee to undergo an operation when her sight suddenly returned and she was able to see.

Boy Found \$13,000.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 14. — George Putnam, 15 years of age, found a purse on Superior street today containing \$13,000 in currency and drafts together with a bank book showing deposits in the Guardian Trust Company of this city. The lad returned the purse and contents and received a reward.

London-St. Clair RR. Bill Passes the Committee

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Feb. 15. — At the railway committee of the Commons today several bills were disposed of in very quick order. The Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacific Railway was granted an extension of time of five years for the completion of the road. The time for completing the Canada Southern bridge across the Detroit River was extended for seven years. After Congress had sanctioned it, and the time for building the tunnel was extended for ten years, the time for the construction of the Canada and Michigan bridge across the Detroit River was extended for five years after the United States Congress had sanctioned it.

FARMERS TO INCORPORATE

Bill to Give Charters to Agricultural Organizations.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Feb. 15. — Hon. Mr. Fisher will likely introduce a bill this session for the incorporation of agricultural organizations. Mr. D. Mann, of Mackenzie & Mann, stated today that the first train over their road from Toronto to Parry Sound on the new James Bay Railway, would be running by next September.

Australian Liner Aground.

Perth, West Australia, Feb. 15. — The Orient liner Orizaba, with passengers and mails, for Sydney, New South Wales, is ashore off Garden Island, 20 miles out of her course. Her captain is not quite so dangerous. The British cruiser Katoomba has gone to the Orizaba's assistance.

A Produce Trust.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 15. — The American Butter Refining Company, with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000, incorporated today to produce and deal in milk, butter and food products, and to acquire the business and plants of other institutions, firms and individuals. The capital stock is divided into \$2,000,000 preferred, with 6 per cent, non-cumulative dividend, and \$1,000,000 common stock.

ALL NOVA SCOTIA ROADS BLOCKED; TOWNS ARE SHORT FOOD AND FUEL

Great Snowstorm Sweeps the Maritime Provinces—Railroads Are Helpless.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 15. — A snowstorm, commencing early last night, and general over the Province of Nova Scotia, accompanied by high winds from the northeast, continued throughout the night, ten to fifteen inches already having fallen. As a result there is but little doubt that the entire railway system of Nova Scotia will be tied up for some time to come.

READY TO MEET CHARGES

Leech Had Been Visiting Family, Not Hiding as Rumored.

Winnipeg, Feb. 15. — Mr. R. E. A. Leech, late Liberal organizer for Manitoba, arrived from the south yesterday morning. Mr. Leech stated to a reporter that he had been visiting his family in Western Ontario, and was not aware until last Saturday that charges had been made against him in connection with the Provencher lists. He got his information from a Toronto daily newspaper. Mr. Leech made immediate preparations for returning to Manitoba, and left the following day traveling by way of Chicago. Mr. Leech's prompt return and apparent willingness to have the matter gone into without delay has somewhat non-plussed those Conservatives who, because he was absent from the city on private business, were pleased to imagine he was hiding.

ON ERRAND OF MERCY

A Father Perishes While Carrying Medicine to Sick Child.

Cheboygan, Mich., Feb. 15. — Albert Fleury walked on the ice from Bois Blanc Island to this city Saturday night to get medicine for his sick child. The mercury was 15 below zero and a wild snowstorm was raging, but he bravely set out on the return trip about midnight with a lantern and a compass to guide him. That was the last seen of him and there is little doubt that he perished, and his body was covered up by the drifting snow. His wife came to the city to look for him, and large searching parties were organized, both here and on the island, to search for his body. He was 31 years old.

CASTRO DEFIES UNITED STATES

His Courts Order Sequestration of American Asphalt Property.

Paris, Feb. 15. — A semi-official dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, says that upon the pressure of President Castro, the court has ordered the sequestration of the landed property of the American Asphalt Company. This decision, the dispatch adds, has caused excitement in the American colony at Caracas.

ASQUITH WANTS "YES" OR "NO" BUT BALFOUR KEEPS MUM

British Premier Declines to State His Position in Regard to Fiscal Matters.

CABINET HASTILY CALLED OVER FAR EAST NEWS

London, Feb. 15. — In the House of Commons today the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne was resumed by Mr. Asquith (Liberal), and former home secretary, who moved his amendment, previously published. Mr. Asquith supported this demand for an immediate dissolution of Parliament with some trenchant remarks on the wide fiscal gulf separating the Unionist majority from the Liberal minority. Turning to Premier Balfour, Mr. Asquith asked him to give a monosyllabic answer whether there was any practical difference between his and Joseph Chamberlain's fiscal policies, but the Premier maintained silence. The speaker then declared that Mr. Chamberlain was also becoming incited with the "malice of ambiguity," and added that this intolerable confusion, menacing and perilous to industry and the Empire, could only be cleared up by a prompt and direct appeal to the people.

WEST HURON GOES FOR MR. CAMERON

Recount Gives Liberal Candidate a Majority of Two—Conservatives Will Appeal.

Goderich, Ont., Feb. 15. — His Honor Judge Doyle handed out his judgment today in the West Huron recount, holding that Mr. M. G. Cameron has a majority of two of the total votes cast. Mr. Holmes gained three votes. Mr. Dickinson counsel for Mr. Holmes, has given notice that he will appeal from his honor's judgment to a high court judge at Toronto.

MR. JAFFRAY RESIGNS

Chairman of the Temiskaming Commission Steps Out.

Toronto, Feb. 15. — At the conclusion of the cabinet council today Premier Whitney announced that Mr. Robert Jaffray, president of the Globe Printing Company, had resigned from the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission, of which he was chairman. Mr. Whitney said that he had asked Mr. Jaffray to hold on for a few days until the Government had come to a decision in the matter.

ROOSEVELT AFTER OIL

Washington, Feb. 15. — President Roosevelt has directed James R. Garfield, commissioner of corporations of the department of commerce and labor, to begin immediately the oil investigation requested by the House of Representatives yesterday in a resolution adopted unanimously. The investigation by the decision of the President will be rigid and comprehensive.

\$60,000 For Soo Company For Steel Rail Bounty

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Feb. 15. — The first payment of the bounty on steel rails has been made by the department of trade and commerce. A check for \$60,000 was sent to the Consolidated Lake Superior Company. The claim was for 20,000 tons of rails, which have been turned out.

TOLD OF MURDER IN HIS SLEEP

How the Irish Police Placed Complicity in Crime on a Montreal Woman.

London, Feb. 15. — Sarah Ann Pearson, the supposed poisoner, arrived from Montreal today for Arrah. She was brought before a magistrate and remanded until Saturday. Mrs. Pearson was arrested in Montreal on a warrant issued for her extradition on a charge of murder in Ireland. Her complicity in the crime was revealed by her husband's talking in his sleep while in an Irish jail.