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KUROPATKIN'S LAST RESOURCE GONE.

Japs have Cut the Railway North of Mukden, Effectually Blocking the Russian Retreat---Whole Vast Army Caught Like Rats in a Trap---Terrible Slaughter on Both Sides---Tokio Celebrates Victory.

Tokio, March 9.—The great battle in Manchuria raged all day yesterday along the entire enormous front. The Japanese were generally victorious and they drove the Russians from a series of important positions. By nightfall it seemed imperative that Gen. Kuropatkin would have to withdraw his shattered forces to avoid a complete disaster. Indeed, it appeared impossible for him to effect a retreat without heavy losses in prisoners, guns, and stores.

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TOKIO, March 9.—The Japanese have cut the railway north of Mukden. guilty of a single violation of the rules of international law. On the other hand Baron Kaneko said, Russia has repeatedly offended against such laws and has not been fair. Report Unconfirmed. London, March 9.—No confirmation has reached London of the report that Vice-Admiral Rojstevsky's squadron, is returning from Madagascar to Jibuti, nor are there any despatches printed in the morning newspapers, throwing further light on the position of affairs in Manchuria. Should the report, concerning Vice-Admiral Rojstevsky be confirmed, it will be regarded here as a strong indication of Russia's desire to arrange terms of peace with Japan.

St. Petersburg, March 9.—A well drawn over the progress of General Kuropatkin's heroic effort to extricate his beaten army but the general staff insists that while he has been defeated there has been no disaster. The peril of the whole army, especially of the rear guard, is admitted. Yesterday, General Kuropatkin's army, which held the centre, fell back upon the Hun River clinging to the bank of the river. One of General Linievitch's corps was hurriedly withdrawn during Wednesday night and dispatched to the support of General Kaibler's hand pressed forces, who were fighting at Mukden. General Linievitch's army fell back to the north bank of the Hun river, and east. The day yesterday and last night, the Japanese, with their heavy guns, shelled the Russian positions and stores strewn towardward. The railroad and the Mandarin river were almost blocked at the last moment, notwithstanding the fact that an immense amount of stores etc. was removed last week.

Bringing Home the Wounded. Tokio, Mar. 9.—The Japanese government has decided to bring 2,500 wounded and incapacitated soldiers home from Port Arthur via the Foo. Anti-Russian Movement. New York, March 9.—A Thin Tsai, China, despatch to the Herald says: The construction of the Pekin-Kaigan railway will be commenced immediately under the supervision of a Chinese chief engineer. Representatives of all nations have endeavored for years to obtain this valuable concession. A charter was not granted, owing to the Russo-Chinese agreement that unless China employed a Chinese engineer and Chinese money, Russia alone might construct the line. The new railway will be financed by the Pekin-Shan-Hai-Kwen railway company which is bonded to England, Kaigan is the railroad key to all the northwest, and the building of the railway is evidence of a decided anti-Russian movement.

Pushing Russians Back. Mukden, March 9.—2:30 a. m.—The Japanese yesterday attacked the village of Pudasia, northwest of the imperial tombs, and a stubborn fight followed, but the Russian advance guard was obliged to abandon the village. During the night, the Japanese attacked the village of Santaitse north of the imperial tombs. The fight continues as this despatch is filed. The Japanese outposts have reached Hiranthoan on the south front and a heavy cannonade is in progress there. Burning Supplies. With the Japanese Left Armies, Tuesday, March 7, 8 p. m. via Fusan, March 9.—The Japanese made two attacks today on the village at the angle of the railroad and the Hun river. The Russians are making a strong resistance in a dozen villages in this vicinity and are burning large quantities of supplies. A movement of the Russians northward was visible this afternoon. It is uncertain whether it is a retreat or a reinforcement of the right wing. The Japanese left armies advanced perceptibly across the plain in the direction of Mukden during the afternoon.

A Japanese Demand. Thin Tsai, March 9.—2 p. m.—The Japanese have requested the transportation of 650 tons of rice to Simmiatin. Unless the request is complied with, the Japanese threaten to seize the railroad. It is believed to be a test case. The constant shipment of wheat and coal to Simmiatin by the Russians was not interfered with and the Japanese demand impartiality. Today they again seized the telegraph office at Simmiatin. Gloom in St. Petersburg. St. Petersburg, March 9.—In diplomatic circles, unless Oyamya has crushed the Russian army, little hope is held out that the imperial resolution to continue the war will be altered. Much, it is agreed, will depend upon the interludic developments which follow. The magnitude of the reverse is known. Naturally the city is full of rumors, the most persistent of which is that the Russian war front, which practically extends north and south to protect the line of retreat, has been broken and that the bulk of the Russian army has been forced eastward in the direction of Fushun. Should this prove to be true, General Bilibaiding's part of General Linievitch's army is certain to be trapped. The news of the retreat on Tie Pass is bound to revive talk of peace, though if Field Marshal Oyamya has failed to crush Gen. Kuropatkin, peace is no more imperative now than it was last month. The peace movement, undoubtedly has a strong following, even in the military, but it cannot be stated now whether the defeat at Mukden has been effective enough to turn the scale. No decision can be taken, at least until the extent of the reverse is known. The revolutionists, probably will use the defeat as a pretext to renew demonstrations against the war.

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Tokio Celebrating Victory. Tokio, Mar. 9.—Noon.—Although the actual extent of the success gained by Field Marshal Oyamya's army, is unknown, Tokio is already celebrating the victory. An official announcement of the result of Field Marshal Oyamya's pursuit of the Russians, demanding the nationalization of land and industries, liberty of press, a representative parliament, universal suffrage and the immediate cessation of the war.

A Sweeping Resolution. Paris, March 9.—The Tribune publishes the text of a resolution which it is said is being extensively signed in the rural communities in Russia, demanding the nationalization of land and industries, liberty of press, a representative parliament, universal suffrage and the immediate cessation of the war.

Japan Fighting Fair. New Haven, Conn., March 9.—Baron Kaneko, of Tokio, who has been in the United States for several months on a mission treated for him by the Mikado's government, delivered an address on the present war before the students of Yale last night. He said, among other things, that Japan is fighting the war according to the rules of civilized warfare and is trying to follow international law. Two professors of international law, who were present, stated that they had each with a squad. Thus far he said the Japanese had not been

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The many friends of Mrs. A. Morton will be pleased to learn that she has successfully passed the examination at the Hartford hospital, and is now a graduate of that institution. Miss Morton will make a short visit to relatives in New York after which she will take up professional work in Hartford.

THE NEW YORK STRIKE. Marked Improvement in Operation of Subway Trains Today---Strikers Will Ask for Injunction Against Company.

New York, Mar. 9.—With the opening of the third day in the interborough strike, there appeared to be a marked improvement in the operation of trains in the subway. Traffic on the east side elevated lines during the early hours was almost at a standstill. On the surface lines, the same crowding which prevailed morning and night since Monday, was in evidence. Only isolated disturbances occurred during the night and were limited to a few fatal encounters on elevated trains. Guards are maintained about the power house to prevent

S. S. ASSOCIATION. The annual meeting of the City Sunday School Association will be held in Portland Methodist church hall this evening. Addresses will be delivered by the Rev. G. M. Young of Fairville and the Rev. Mr. Colpitts of the Main street Baptist church. Music will be furnished by the choir of the Portland Methodist Sunday school. All Sunday school workers and others interested in christian work among young people are cordially invited to be present.

THE AUTONOMY BILL. OTTAWA, Ont., March 9.—Special---There was a meeting of a sub-committee of the cabinet appointed to prepare a school clause of the autonomy bill, this forenoon. It is said that a satisfactory clause will be prepared today. Hon. Clifford Sifton was at today's meeting.

YARMOUTH FAILURE. The Reddings' Liabilities Fully Half a Million---D. A. R. is Open.

Yarmouth, N. S., Mar. 9.—(Special).—No official news has been given out yet concerning last week's failure. It has been decided by the strikers' executive committee to ask the courts for an injunction compelling the company to restore emergency brake-cords and other safety appliances alleged to have been removed from many cars when the strike was declared. In event of the company's failure to restore these appliances, the strikers declared they would ask the city authorities to interfere also. While General Manager Hedley states that many men have returned to their old work, the strikers declare that not a man has deserted.

OPPOSITION TO TRADING STAMPS. Ottawa, Mar. 9.—(Special).—A delegation of about 500 persons, from Montreal, Quebec, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, London and other points waited on the government today, and asked that the criminal code be amended so as to prevent the sale and use of trading stamps. The delegation met the President, Sir William Mulock, Hon. Mr. Fisher, Hon. Mr. Broderick, Hon. Chas. Price, Hon. C. S. Hyman and Hon. W. S. Fielding in the railway committee room of the house of commons. Mr. George M. P. introduced the delegation. He said the trading stamp business was a nuisance and should be suppressed. He also said that he had introduced a bill against it by Victoria, B. C., Brandon, Winnipeg, Halifax, and St. John, in addition to others represented, the Dominion Retail Association had passed a strong resolution against it.

W. E. Sherrard, of Moncton, is at the Grand Union.

THEY SCORE WHEN FREDERICTON. The Sackville Hockeyists Complain Bitterly of Their Treatment at the Capital.

The Sackville hockey team passed through today from Fredericton, where last night they played the Trojans. A Times reporter in conversation with members of the team heard expressions most condemnatory of the treatment they received at the capital. They are in entire accord in the assertion that they never received such unfair and ungentlemanly treatment in their experience. This statement was general.

H. T. Hill, goal keeper, for the winners of the league said: "I am honest about it when I say that we were used 'dirty.' Why, Geo. Ferguson who acted as referee did not give us a fair deal at all. I have played hockey for eight years and last night was my worst experience. It was an unqualified rout. The spectators were little while rained on the ice, interfering with our work, and the cry 'kill them! kill them!' was much in evidence. The Sackville boys are certainly glad to have escaped with their whole skin and will not be anxious to again visit Fredericton. Geo. A. McArthur returned this morning from a business trip to Toronto.

ESCAPED THE LASH. Joseph Kennedy Hanged Himself in the Jail This Morning.

Brantford, Ont., Mar. 9.—(Special).—Life imprisonment in Kingston penitentiary, with 75 lashes, was the sentence passed on Joseph Kennedy, by Justice Macdougall, last night, the jury after half an hour's consideration having found Kennedy guilty of serious crime upon Irene Cole a girl of 9 years, in Sept. 1903 on the murder of a young girl. Kennedy was tried a year ago for the murder of a young girl, and was found dead, and whose body was horribly mutilated near the Shabhe river. This morning Kennedy committed suicide by hanging himself in the jail.

THE WEATHER. Forecasts—Moderate, variable winds, light and moderately cold. Friday, becoming unsettled again. Synopsis—Very disturbed conditions prevail this morning, consequently the weather in the maritime provinces is unlikely to remain fine long. Winds to Banks and American ports, moderate but becoming variable. Local Weather Report at Noon, March 9, 1905. Highest temperature during past 24 hours 38. Lowest temperature during past 24 hours 22. Humidity at noon 75. Barometer readings at noon 30.02 ins. Sea level and 32 deg. Fahr 20.02 ins. Wind at noon, direction N. W. Velocity 5 miles per hour. D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

N. B. LEGISLATURE OPENED. The Opening Ceremonies Took Place This Afternoon With the Customary Pomp---Large Number of Visitors Present.

Governor Snowball, in his speech from the throne, referred to the departure of Lord Minto, and to the appointment of Earl Grey as Governor general. He also dealt with the reduction of New Brunswick representation in the dominion parliament, and congratulated the legislature upon the prosperity which the province, in common with other sections of the dominion, has enjoyed during the past year. It is true that there has been depression in the lumber business, but large purchases lately made at an advance, seem to indicate that the period of depression has passed away. He referred to the government's policy of developing coal areas, and the results achieved in Queens, Sunbury and Kent counties, and to the bright prospects of increased development in future. The fishery claim, the Eastern Extension claim, and the development of the Grand Falls water power, were also made the subject of reference. Fredericton, March 9.—(Special).—The provincial legislature was opened at three o'clock, this afternoon, by Lieut. Governor Snowball, with the usual pomp and ceremony. Beautiful weather greeted the occasion, and the number of spectators was very large. His Honor drove from the Government House in company with Col. White, D. O. C. Capt. Carion, aide and his private secretary, and arriving at parliament building, shortly before three o'clock, he was received by a guard of honor, from the Seventy First Regiment, and as the party entered the building, the guns of the Newcastle field battery, roared a salute. The galleries of the Assembly chamber were thronged to their capacity and a number of prominent persons, including Ex-Governor McClellan, Judge Barker, Judge Greig, Mrs. Snowball, Dr. Inch and many ladies occupied seats on the floor of the house. His Honor wore the Windsor uniform and was attended by a brilliant military staff. After the Governor and party had retired the new members were introduced as follows: Hon. Francis J. Sweeney by Premier Tweedie, and Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Hon. W. P. Jones, by Hon. C. H. Lablache and Hon. L. P. Farris, James Lovell by Premier Tweedie and George Robertson, Robt. Maxwell by J. D. Haden and Mr. Fleming. The latter moved in reply to the speech was moved by Mr. Carpenter of Queens and seconded by Mr. Lowell of St. John. Governor Snowball will entertain the following at a state dinner at Government House this evening. Premier Tweedie, Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Hon. L. P. Farris, Hon. F. J. Sweeney, James Lovell, Dr. Mullen, Judge Gregory, Speaker Robinson, Mayor Palmer, Col. White, J. D. Hadden, Hon. C. H. Lablache, Dr. Harrison, J. H. Dickson, Capt. Laylor, J. W. Carpenter, Judge Barker, Hon. A. B. McClellan, Solicitor General James Rev. T. W. Street, H. B. Rainesford and Capt. Grey.

This afternoon shortly before 1 o'clock, a valuable bull terrier owned by V. C. Arnold, foreman for J. W. DeForest, while in the third floor of the building on Dock St., was suddenly taken with a fit and fell through an open window on to the street below. Landing on the poor brute rolled over a few yards and dropping dead. William A. Cathers has opened a new store for the sale of butter and other products at 156 Prince William street, recent occupant of the Bank of Halifax in the Davidson building. The place will be supplied with cold storage and other latest improvements. Mr. Cathers has now on hand 10 tons creamery butter, and a quantity of Westmorland county cheese and Restigouche shad. See his advertisement in this issue.

The Times New Reporter. Mr. Peter Binks has decided that he will not allow his wife to chew gum during Lent. He feels that it is his duty to make some sacrifice at this season. The snow that fell last night was another indication of the approach of winter. If a little more snow falls every night, there should soon be good sleighing. Headquarters of Gen. Kuropatkin's Army, On the Fly, March 9-10 a. m.—The general has just sent the following significant message to the czar: "I have the honor to inform you, illustrious one, Most Faithful Majesty that we are still lying there in the snow. Won Lung's boiler is now taking its food. The ferry doctor says he believes it was only a fit of the sulks last week. A young man from Fredericton was an object of much interest in town this morning. This was due to the fact that Fredericton has this week surpassed Halifax in eloquence and St. John in prowess in the hockey rink. Although the legislature is in session the ice at Fredericton still holds. What will happen when the floodgates open is another story. Several persons were out with lanterns last evening, looking for the Citizen's League.