

## DECISIVE BATTLE IS RAGING

### Greatest Artillery Duel of World's History Now in Progress Near Mukden---Japanese Under Oku Turn Russian Right And St. Petersburg Admits That Fate of Kuropatkin and His Army Hangs in the Balance---Oyama Again Sacrifices Pawns on the Battlefield Chessboard---Nogi's Port Arthur Veterans Accomplish the Miraculous Until Utterly Exhausted--The Crisis at Hand

#### Giant Armies Lock in Battle

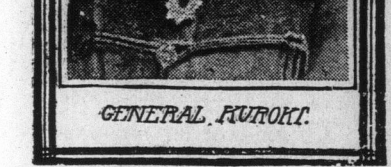
##### Snow-Covered Plain Near Mukden Scene of Unprecedented Artillery Duel.

##### Japanese Advance Line Extends For Seven Miles--Gains Won at Awful Price.

##### Tactical Programme of Liao Yang Duplicated With Success at Mukden.

MUKDEN, March 6.—(Noon.)—An artillery duel has been raging here since morning to the westward of Mukden, and the Japanese shells are exploding within three miles of the Imperial tombs.

The Japanese advanced guard extends about seven miles, parallel with the railway. Scattered Chinese villages, which are believed that a formidable force of Japanese is on the way to the pass.



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practically the only shelters in this open plain, are receiving particular attention from the guns.

Throughout the day the Russian batteries replied vigorously to the Japanese fire and the exchange of shrapnel has been terrible.

Mukden, March 3.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The beginning of the withdrawal of the Russian right flank on March 2, precipitated a battle at Chantan, west of Sandepas, when the right flank was ordered to fall back fighting to Taetzatu, near Nantaru.

The Japanese attacked Chantan from Sandepas simultaneously with an astounding advance from Liaoyang, the impression being that the Simnintin railway was being employed by them as a line of communication.

The fighting at Putloff hill and on the centre closed at dark on Thursday, when it was confined chiefly to the west, where the Japanese are occupying Simnintin. Two companies also dashed up the Mukden roads from Tichang, which have been in touch with the Japanese advanced posts for two days.

On March 3 several divisions gave battle west of Mukden, from which city the bursting shrapnel could be plainly seen.

Mukden, which was thrown into confusion, recovered today when it became known that the Japanese had been repulsed.

The prisoners captured showed that the Imperial guards division, formerly of General Kuroki's army, with a few other troops, made the two attacks of the last sixty hours on the Russian centre, which have already been reported, and kept up a furious demonstration while the Japanese flanks pushed back the Russian right and left flanks.

The Russian casualties on March 1 and 2 are reported to have been one hundred in the centre, while the Japanese are believed to have lost more than 1,000. Information obtained indicates that only three divisions of the Japanese army were engaged, and it is

believed that a formidable force of Japanese is on the way to the pass.

Russian communication with China is interrupted.

Mukden, March 4.—(Delayed in transmission.)—Refugees are arriving here from Simnintin and the region north of the Hun river.

At the close of yesterday's battle on the west front, the Japanese who were taken prisoners were unable to walk or remain awake on account of exhaustion and lay like dead under guard.

Occasional discharges of artillery are heard to the southwest this morning, and it is reported that the Japanese have fallen back from the position they held when the battle was fought on March 3.

The Japanese continue their demonstration along the front.

With Russian Headquarters, Huan Mountain, March 3.—(Delayed in transmission.)—At nightfall yesterday (Thursday) flashes in the sky disclosed that a bombardment was in progress along the eastern mountain position.

The Japanese made two infantry charges against Putloff hill the night of March 3, and the Japanese report that both attacks were repulsed with small Russian loss.

Japanese movements are responsible for the redoubt artillery fire, and when the sides suddenly cleared, the plain between Putloff hill and the railway was enveloped in a mass of artillery smoke, reminding the beholder of the battle of Shakhe.

The whole of the fire is occasionally obscured by dense white smoke from the exploding missiles.

Mukden, March 5.—(Noon.)—The rumble of carts in the streets of Mukden is drowned by the roar of battle, which is raging northwest, west and southwest of the city a few miles away between General Nogi's Port Arthur veterans and the hastily assembled army interposed by General Kuropatkin to defend the city and railroads.

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"In the district east of the railway the enemy was encountered frequently, and small attachments were repulsed.

"In the district west of the railway our force is continuing fierce attacks and has occupied the districts of Wuchenyang, five miles west of Shakhe village, and Laitshenpao, three miles northwest of Wuchenyang and Shuhoupa, the terminus of the new railway constructed by the Russians.

"The force on the right of the Hun river is dislodging the enemy north of Shiaohe, which is between the Hun and Liao rivers, and has advanced north. This force carried the enemy's defence line between Chantan and Shufangtal and pursued the enemy fiercely.

"The line now is between Wochiao, fifteen miles southwest of Mukden, and Taitze, thirteen miles north of Taitze.

"During a previous engagement the enemy's casualties were heavy. The spoils we captured were great. No time to investigate. We captured large quantities of provisions at Wanchangpao, and captured a clothing depot at Tsanantai."

Estimates of General Kuropatkin's force between Shakhe and Tie pass, prepared here, give a total of slightly more than 400,000, composed of 335,000

REPORTS FROM JAPANESE SOURCES CLAIM THAT THE RUSSIAN RIGHT FLANK, SOUTH-WEST OF MUKDEN AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE RAILWAY, HAS BEEN COMPLETELY TURNED BY THE JAPANESE FORCES UNDER THE IMMEDIATE COMMAND OF GENERAL OKU.

TO THE EASTWARD GENERAL KUROIKI IS DIRECTING A VIGOROUS ATTACK WITH HEAVY ARTILLERY AGAINST STRONGLY FORTIFIED RUSSIAN POSITIONS.

GENERAL KUROPATKIN IS SAID TO BE CONCENTRATING A STRONG FORCE IN FRONT OF GENERAL KUROIKI AND GENERAL NOGI.

IT STILL SEEMS PROBABLE THAT GENERAL KUROPATKIN WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO RETIRE TO THE PASS, WHICH APPEARS TO BE A NECESSARY MOVE.

ST. PETERSBURG HAS WORD THAT AFFAIRS LATTERLY HAVE TAKEN A TURN FOR THE BETTER FOR THE RUSSIAN ARMS, AND THE TACTICS OF FIELD MARSHAL OYAMA IN SACRIFICING MANY OF HIS SOLDIERS IN AN ATTACK ON IMPREGNABLE POSITIONS ON THE CENTRE AS A MERE DIVERSION WHILE THE REAL BLOWS WERE BEING STRUCK ON THE FLANKS, IS BELIEVED BY RUSSIAN MILITARY OFFICERS TO HAVE BEEN WANTON SACRIFICE.

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THE LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN HEAVY, BUT EVEN ESTIMATES ARE LACKING.

#### OYAMA REPORTS TIGHTENING CORDON

Japanese Are Making Heavy Gains--No Time to Investigate Spoils of Victory.

TOKIO, March 5.—(3 p. m.)—Field Marshal Oyama is continuing his great drives around both flanks of the Russian army. His front is now a huge bow, the base on the Shakhe river, the right arm reaching a point east of Fushan, and the left arm extending to a point west of Mukden. He is steadily tightening the great cordon of men and steel.

General Kuropatkin is striving desperately to check the Japanese advances, contesting the flank encroachments and hampering the Japanese centre. The Japanese are making heavy gains of ground west of the railway and have captured great quantities of stores and other spoils. There has already been bloody fighting and heavy losses, and this will be vastly increased when the masses of infantry meet.

Field Marshal Oyama, reporting on March 4, says:

"A few days ago our force in the Hsinchiung district pressed the enemy into its position, Tita, which is 25 miles southeast of Fushan and 8 miles south of Fushan. The engagement continues in the Shakhe direction.

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"The line now is between Wochiao, fifteen miles southwest of Mukden, and Taitze, thirteen miles north of Taitze.

"The enemy renewed the attack on the Kandoleian position, but were beaten back at 8 o'clock this morning with great loss. Altogether the Japanese delivered thirteen charges. The attacks have since been suspended.

Two attacks on the Kutlini position at 7 o'clock this morning were repulsed.

"The night and day were comparatively quiet on our extreme right. Our detachment Kuchitzu (about twenty-two miles east of Liaoyang) advanced somewhat during the night."

SECOND DEFENCES OCCUPIED. General Oku Looks for Fighting "On a Grand Scale."

General Oku's Headquarters in the Field, March 4.—(Delayed in transmission.)—Late yesterday the Japanese occupied the second line of the Russian right defences, two miles northward of Benschu, and fighting on a grand scale is expected.

THE PROTEST OF THE LAMB. China Mildly Objects to Neutrality Violation--Japanese Reply.

Tokio, March 5.—It is understood that China has lodged a protest against Japan, alleging infringement of Chinese neutrality by the occupation of Simnintin. The government has not indicated its attitude, but it is expected that the reply will declare that Japan is bound to preserve the neutrality of China as long as Russia does, but that the precedent of the Russians in occupying Simnintin created a condition of belligerency there, and that the operation was strictly in the nature of a military necessity for the protection of the rights and interests of Japan.

RUSSIAN CENSOR ESCAPES. Russian Secret Service Official Reaches Tientsin in Safety.

New Chwang, via Tientsin, March 5.—M. Ronhoven, the Russian censor, arrived in Tientsin today. Last week he was in hiding at Simnintin, where he succeeded in escaping attempts to capture him. M. Ronhoven is considered one of the cleverest of the Russian secret service officials, and the Japanese are anxiously searching for him at Heilmintung. When he left that place he was accompanied by several Russian officers, who, it is believed, avoided the vigilant Japanese raiders and regained the Russian lines.

BRAIN CONCUSSION FROM FALL. Dr. George H. Duncan Receives Serious Injury Through Runaway.

While driving in the course of his professional round of calls yesterday, a serious accident befell Dr. George H. Duncan, the well-known physician of this city. It seems that the doctor was driving along North Chatham street, when his horse, a nervous and high-spirited animal, was subjected to a sudden fright and bolted with the bit in his teeth.

Dr. Duncan, with the good nature and courtesy which is part of his nature, had en route taken up a little girl, Mabel Book, daughter of Mr. Eban Book, assistant foreman of the Daily Times, to give her a drive, and thus unwittingly committed her to an adventure, which, luckily in her case, had a fortunate termination.

In passing over a rough piece of ground, it seems that the doctor, in his solicitude for the protection of his little charge, and in an endeavor to reach the dragging reins, lost his balance and fell heavily to the ground. The terrified child was carried a considerable distance farther, but succeeded in extricating herself through the rear of the vehicle, and fell comparatively unharmed to the roadway. She suffered only a few scratches.

In falling from the equipage, Dr. Duncan, though he escaped superficial injury, was seriously hurt about the head, and lay helpless in the roadway. It was not long, however, before assistance arrived, and the doctor was carried to the residence of Mr. Graham, the glazier, resident on North Chatham street, where he was soon after attended by Dr. Carter, who was quickly summoned.

It was found that Dr. Duncan had suffered no superficial injury. There were no cuts or bruises visible, but the blow on the head caused by his violent fall from the rig, had occasioned concussion of the brain.

The patient was subsequently removed to St. Joseph's hospital, where there received the very best attention from his medical brethren. His injury was superceded by unconsciousness, and in this condition he was at a late hour last evening. Dr. Carter stated last evening that it was impossible to say what the final outcome of this injury might be, although all will hope for the best—in an early recovery.

Dr. Duncan, although a comparatively young man, ranks almost as one of the pioneers among the present day practitioners of Victoria. He was engaged in his profession here for a number of years, joining his brother, the late Dr. John A. Duncan. Upon the bursting of the Klondike discoveries with meteoric glamour for the world, Dr. George Duncan removed to Dawson, where he engaged in practice until his memorable Islander disaster almost four years ago, in which Dr. Duncan lost his life. Dr. George shortly thereafter closed up his business affairs in the Yukon and returned to Victoria, taking up the practice of his deceased brother, which he has since continued.

#### Kuropatkin's Fate in Issue

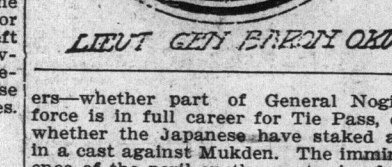
##### Victory or Defeat Contingent Upon Outcome of Battle of Mukden Plain.

##### Extreme Extension of Japanese Line Gives Russians Chance to Strike Fatally.

##### Mikado's Generals Stake All Upon Success of Attack--Nogi's Men of Iron.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 6.—(3:25 a. m.)—The fate of General Kuropatkin and his army hangs in the balance today, dependent upon the result of the fighting almost on the outskirts of Mukden.

According to latest reports this morning, the fighting went well for the Russians, who beat back the wave that threatened to roll over Mukden as it had over the fortifications of Port Arthur; but nothing is known as to what is going on beyond the line of break-



LIEUT. GEN. NOGI OMO.

ers—whether part of General Nogi's force is in full career for Tie Pass, or whether the Japanese have staked all in a cast against Mukden. The imminence of the peril on the west wing has withdrawn attention from the operations on the centre and left, where the fighting has been extremely heavy, and on the left especially, where the Japanese gains are sufficiently great to cause apprehensions to themselves.

Military critics here point out that the Japanese have put themselves in a critical position by the extreme extension of their lines, having themselves open, as they did at Liaoyang, to the possibility of a most effective counter stroke, and probably defeat, if General Kuropatkin should be able to launch a column against

The Weak Link in the Chain. In other respects the situation also resembles that at Liaoyang, the Japanese making a costly demonstration to hold the Russians in their fortifications on the centre, and throwing away the lives of thousands in order to give the flanking force an opportunity to administer a telling blow.

A feature of all accounts of the fighting reaching St. Petersburg is the emphasis laid on the awful carnage. There is reference after reference to dead piled high on the ground over which an attack was delivered, strewn in all directions, and lying about from sight, and even being used by the Japanese to construct hasty entrenchments.

The Russian losses in both flanks are conceded to be enormous, but it is claimed that the defenders of the centre suffered comparatively little by the Japanese bombardment and the beating off of the Japanese attack.

The attacks delivered by General Nogi's soldiers were marvellous in view of the forced marches which they made for 24 days, recalling the records of Stonewall Jackson's "Foot Cavalry." They entered the battle with the greatest dash and fought day after day with vigor, but those of them who were taken prisoners dropped to the ground, utterly exhausted and hardly able to speak. They had not eaten for two days, which accounts for their utter fatigue.

General Kuropatkin's line of communication has not been touched, although it is in extreme jeopardy. His right flank is bent so sharply backwards that it may necessitate the abandonment of the Putloff and Noyorod hills, to which the Russians are still firmly clinging. The Russians' left has also been so sharply repulsed that the correspondent compares the entire position to the letter C. The Japanese possibly are

Pushing Northward at Tangents with both flanks.

A hopeful sign is the postponement until tomorrow of the grand council of war, which was to have met at Tsarskoe-Selo today. This lends color to the reports that the general situation has somewhat improved. The council was called to discuss the retirement on Tie Pass, but the action of the Japanese has made a successful retreat far more difficult than at Liaoyang, where but one flank was rolled back.

#### KUROPATKIN ADMITS ADVANCES

##### Names Points Occupied by the Enemy Without Admitting Their Significance.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 5.—The advanced guard of the Japanese left army were five and a half miles off Mukden station Saturday, according to a telegram from General Kuropatkin given out today. Other Japanese had captured Suchuzhia and Lanschanpa the same day, while their attacks on Putloff hill and thirteen fierce assaults on Kandoleian were repulsed. The commander-in-chief's despatch, which was dated March 4, is as follows:

Kuropatkin Reports "Friday night was quiet on the western flank. On Friday a detachment of our forces on the Mukden-Simnintin road met and fought a body of the enemy advancing from the westward. Gun firing has been audible since morning in the direction of Suchuzhia."

"All is quiet on the centre, excepting in the Shakhe zone, which the Japanese attacked during Friday evening, and the tenth attack was repulsed, without succeeding in damaging the entanglements.

"The Japanese guard during Friday continued its attacks on Kandoleian, and the tenth attack was repulsed at 4 o'clock this morning, the Japanese corpses being piled high against our earthworks. The enemy's attack against Gatau pass position was suspended towards Friday evening, but a renewal of it is expected.

"Their operations on our left flank were also suspended Friday evening, and it was noticed that the Japanese troops opposed Kidaizu were falling back.

"Major-General Schatloff and Colonel Gurko were among Friday's wounded.

"Today (Saturday) the advanced guard of the enemy which is enveloping our right flank, was noticed between the Mukden-Simnintin road and the Hun river, five and a half miles from Mukden station.

"The Japanese today captured Suchuzhia, but have not advanced further.

"They also captured Lanschanpa after heavy fighting.

"The Japanese advance to Shakhe station was commenced at 5 o'clock this morning, but has been suspended. The enemy has been driven back by volley firing by our advance guard.

"Two Japanese attacks on Putloff hill at 11 p. m. Friday night, and one at 4 o'clock this morning, were repulsed."

In a later despatch of the same date General Kuropatkin says:

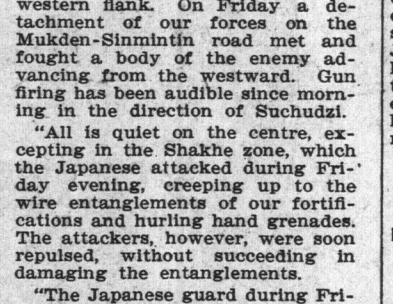
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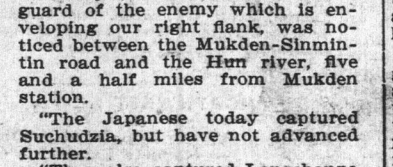
##### Short of Coal and Imprisoned in Ice, Her Position is Precarious.

Tokio, March 5.—It is expected that the steamship Tacoma, which is short of coal, and unless she is speedily taken to Vladivostok or some other port, she is in danger of becoming helpless.

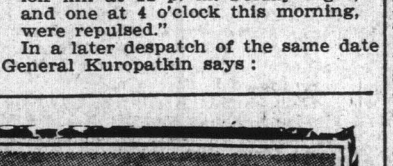


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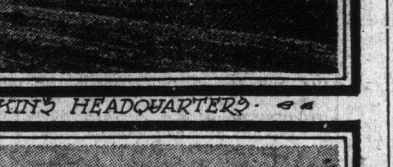
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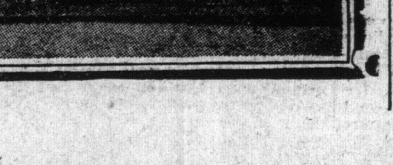
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Many Arrivals On Water Amur and Ramona From way-Tydeus From Liverpool via Orient.

The Nelson Returned Through Stern Port Yesterday Morning.

There were many arrivals yesterday morning... Amur, Captain M. reached port from Skegway... Ramona followed after, inbound from Skegway...

The British ship Nelson has the Straits district... four years ago she encountered gale up on the Oregon coast...

The Amur had a pleasant voyage... The first class passengers included Smith, formerly deputy...

Not having a watch, not could his chum has one, the possessor...

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Doisoning Of Mrs. Stanford

Enough Strychnine In Medicine to Kill Over Six Hundred People.

San Francisco Police Exerting Every Power to Trace the Poisoner.

Rumor Denied That Secretary and Maid Are Now Under Surveillance.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—The receipt today by Acting Chief of Police John Spillane of a cable from High Sheriff Henry of Honolulu, stating that there were no less than 62 grains of strychnine in the bottle of bicarbonate of soda...

Louis Falkenau, who made the analysis of the bicarbonate bottle... Mrs. Stanford last January, and which was poisoned with strychnine...

The finding of the large amount of poison in the bicarbonate bottle puzzles Mrs. Stanford's relatives and attorneys...

Mrs. Stanford's Jewelry. Honolulu, March 2.—Mrs. Stanford had in her possession when she arrived here jewelry valued at about \$75,000...

Of those who it is presumed by Mrs. Stanford's relatives that the estate left by Mrs. Stanford, it is generally believed that Mrs. Jennie Lathrop and her sister and brother...

MEAN MEN CAUSE DIVORCE. Portland, Ore., March 2.—Nineteen of the divorces in Multnomah county, and in practically the entire state are due to the meanness of husbands...

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IN THE U. S. SENATE.

Washington, March 2.—The Senate today passed the sundry civil appropriation bill, carrying about \$68,000,000...

After the Railroads. Kansas State Authorities Include Santa Fe Road in Conspiracy Suit.

Topeka, March 2.—The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co. is to be included in Attorney-General Coleman's suit for conspiracy against the Standard Oil Co....

Lincoln, Neb., March 2.—The house today passed an anti-trust bill by a vote of 73 to 10. It has still to be considered by the Senate...

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Disturbances on the Don. Few People Injured and Population Is Unhappy. Bostov-on-Don, March 2.—There were some disturbances here today and a few people were injured...

To Succeed Lord Milner. Lord Selborne Slated to Be Governor of South Africa. London, March 2.—It is stated by the London Daily Mail this morning that Lord Selborne has been decided upon as the successor of Lord Milner...

Fix North Sea Indemnity. Amount Reported Between 75,000 and 100,000 Pounds. London, March 2.—The Reuter Telegram Company states that the compensation for the North Sea affair has been fixed at between 75,000 and 100,000.

Anna Held Cost \$130,000. Husband Has Lost That Sum Starring the Actress. New York, March 2.—In the course of a lawsuit in the Supreme court today the statement was made by a witness that F. Ziegfeld admitted he lost \$70,000 exploiting his wife—Anna Held...

Laurier Has Climbed Down To Prevent Disruption of Party

Prime Minister Offers Compromise. Mulock and Fielding Given the Credit for the Present Outcome.

Mr. Laurier of York, raised the point that Hon. Mr. Sutherland had been Premier and had Mr. Sutherland's resignation in his pocket and suggested this would be a good time to test public feeling...

London, March 2.—Gen. Both of the Salvation Army started today on his first visit to Jerusalem where he will hold an open air meeting at Mount Calvary. The general will go to Australia and New Zealand on a farewell visit...

London, March 2.—The Times' Russian correspondent, telegraphs that he has a council will be held at St. Petersburg about March 5 to decide whether Gen. Kurapatkin shall be recalled...

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VIEW OF THE KREMLIN. GRAND PALACE. GRAND DUKE SERGIUS. NICHOLAS GATE WHERE GRAND DUKE SERGIUS WAS KILLED.

Mr. Murphy will ask: Is it the intention of the government to provide in the estimate for a ferry across the Fraser river in Quebec?

Mr. J. A. Macdonald will ask: I have been told that the late Sir John W. Sanderson was refused land on Kasten Island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence...

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Provincial Legislature

Criticism of the School Bill is PETERING OUT in the Debate.

Opposition Finds Little But the General Statements to Offer.

Bowser, McInnes and Williams Elucidate Subject and Other Matters.

THE House assembled at 2 o'clock and after prayers read the order of business. Mr. Tanner rose to move the second reading of the bill respecting the manufacture, inspection and storage of explosives...

Mr. Bowser continued the debate on the second reading of the bill to amend the School Act. He pointed out that the government and the province was to be congratulated upon the fact that they had not yet had to grapple with such an important question...

Mr. Oliver said he took the same stand that he took now. Mr. Bowser replied that the matter would work out the same, too, in this case as it had in the other. He contended that Vancouver suffered more than any other city under the bill...

Mr. Tanner showed that the Saanich district had for the past two years consecutively contributed some \$20,000 to the provincial revenue in excess of the grant received for education. If the bill passed it would be impossible for anybody to accept the position of trustee...

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The Nelson Returned Leaking Through Stern Port Yesterday Morning.

(From Friday's Daily.) There were many arrivals on the waterfront yesterday morning. The steamer Amur, Captain McCoskie, reached port from Skagway...

The Nelson returned leaking through her stern port yesterday morning. The vessel was damaged by a collision with the tug Lorne...

The Amur had a pleasant voyage south. The first class passengers included A. G. Smith, formerly deputy attorney general of this city...

Not having a watch has not enlivened his chum who has one, the possession of a watch is a great advantage.

To all watch boys "The Colonist" says send us four new subscribers to the "Semi-Weekly Colonist" at \$1.00 each and we will send you one of the celebrated WILKINSON watches.

Don't make a mistake. These watches are not toys and every one carries the guarantee and reputation of the R. H. Ingersoll & Co. of New York...

The illustration shown above is an exact reproduction of one of these watches on a slightly reduced scale. Send in four yearly subscribers and get one of these very handsome little watches.

Remember, if you wish to take advantage of this offer you must act quickly as the number of watches are limited. Address: The COLONIST Subscription Dept. VICTORIA, B. C.

Farmers Get Through Business

Convention of the Central Institute Brought to a Close Yesterday.

A Number of Important Resolutions Passed at Concluding Meeting.

(From Friday's Daily.) The annual session of the Central Farmers' Institute was brought to a close yesterday...

The literature supplied by the department has been very much appreciated. We realize that co-operation in all our undertakings is the keynote of success...

Dockyards Are To Be Depots

Staff to Be Left in Charge to Be Developed in Case of War.

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BRITANNIA MINE. Company Authorized to Proceed With Development.

A publication in the British Columbia Gazette yesterday may be taken as evidence that their hopes long deferred as to the initiation of development work on the Britannia mine...

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WHARVES CHANGE PROPRIETORS Findlay, Durham & Brodie Take Over Inner Harbor and Dock.

An event of interest to wholesale merchants and shippers generally is the taking over by Messrs. Findlay, Durham & Brodie of a number of the wharves and warehouses at the foot of Yates street...

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Funeral Of Late Sir Henry Crease

Body of Deceased Pioneer Member of Judiciary Laid in the Grave.

Large Attendance of Notables and Impressive Church Services.

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Ballast Shifts In Ship Of State

Balfour's Majority Dwindles Down to Twenty Four on Division.

Announcement Is Greeted With Cries of "Resign" But End Is Not Yet.

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