Russians Are Fleeing to Tie Pass.

FIGHT AS THEY FLY

Japanese in Close Pursuit of Army.

LEFT WING IS IN DANGER

Rennenkampff May Be Cut Off and Captured.

KUROPATKIN'S FATE SEALED

Choice of Successor Discussed-Talk of Peace Revived-Defeat Raises Liberals' Hopes of Reform at Home.

TOK10, March 9, 4. A. M .- The Japmese have cut the rallway north of

GENERAL KUROKUS HEADQUAR-TERS IN THE FIELD, vis Fesas, March 8 (Morning),-The Russians last night, under cover of the darkness, evanented the whole line along the Shakhe River and are now in full rerest northward. The Japanese infantry is pressing them closely. Before retreating the Russians set

fire to great heaps of supplies, which burned throughout the night.

The fall of Mukden appears Imminent. The Japanese are pushing the Russinns hard on the east.

WASHINGTON, Merch S.-The State Department is officially futurmed from l'okio that the Japanese have achieved a great victory before Mukden and that the Bussian army is in full retrent. The canualties are numerous on both sides.

MUKDEN, March S (10 A. M.) .-- A strokes. heavy cauponading is in progress northis in progress at the imperial tombs.

TOKIO, March 9.—Advices received Hood for a John Indicate that General Kuris badly beaten in the bloodlest battle of the present war.

gan retreating yesterday moraing. The Japanese armies are pursuing them.

MURDEN, March 8 (4:30 P. M.) .- The Russian army is evacuating its posttions south of Mukden.

RUSSIA CONFESSES DEFEAT. Kuropatkin's Failure Will Mean

Losses of His Command.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 8.-(I A. M.) Russian defeat.

Field Marshal Oyama has once more proved himself one of the greatest masters while General Koropatkin is now endeavoring to defend his title as a master of successful warfare and bring off his army with its immense train safely to Tie Pass where a position was long ago prepared with this contingency in view.

The problem before the Russian Comthan the one he met successfully at Lian Yang, since now he is threatened on both Banks, bis left wing being entangled in a untainous region far from the railroad. Nevertheless Russian military men here express a fair degree of confidence in General Kuropatkin's ability once more to extricate his army and avoid a Rusguard action, they base their hopes on the physical condition of the Japanese soldiers who, though they are conceded to the greatest marchers in the world, are well-nigh exhausted by their strenuous endeavors of the last fortnight

Breaking the News Gently. Only to the initiated is the news of the reverse positively known at this time. Emperor Nicholas and high military officers of course were informed by General Kuropatkin's telegram of Tuesday, stat ing that Mukden must be abandoned, and received details of the beginning of the withdrawal as they appeared in portions of the official dispatches given out yesterday. Last evening a newspaper contained a vague report of doubtful origin, credited to Chinese sources, but the first positive statement was derived from the Associated Press dispatch from River is in full progress. The Japanese tents of which were quickly telegraphed to many Liberals from friends abroad. report probably will not be printed in this morning's papers, the government, true to its policy of breaking the news gently, only preparing the way by authorining the publication of a number of telegrams. The news, however, is only what was expected, ultimate retirement having discounted from the moment Oyama

inaugurated his brilliant move westward. the Associated Press It is known that in those of the Japanese. At 2 o'clock General Kuropatkin contemplated refire. this morning the Russians succeeded in tkin contemplated refirement before the beginning of the buttle,

without serious combat. The Japanese, however, forced him to accept battle. The double turning movement compelled him to send the major part of his reserves to the fighting line and rendered an effective counter-stroke out of the question, and taken on March 6, as was stated by the Associated Presu'en that day. With-drawal was actually begun during the

Race for Tie Pass.

The great question now, and the one wer which the general staff burned its lights late into the night, is whether Field Marshal Oyama has entangled the Russians in his strategic net sufficiently to prevent a successful retreat to Tie Pass. General Rennenkampff's force to the eastward admittedly is in great danger of being cut off, and a considerable force of Japanese appears to be operating on the Russian right, well toward Tie Pars, If the Japanand interrupt traffic, if only for a few hours, it may have the greatest consequences for General Kuropatkin, who is now engaged in a literal race with the Japanese to reach a naturally defensible position 40 miles northward. Thus far he has stood off all attacks directed against the flanks of his army and holds the way of retreat open. He undoubtedly was forced to abandon a number of siege guns on his Shakhe position, but if he succeeds in turning over the srmy intact, with the principal portion of its artillery train, successor, the Russian case will be by no means desperate, for Oyama will again have missed his quarry and a comparatively barren victory will have been purchased at enormous cost of All reports indicate that the Japan

ese were utterly reckless of sacrifices, making attack after attack, especially on the center and west, against mathine gons and infantry fire, which literally mowed down the advancing columns; making human flesh so cheap that the survivors could bastion them-selves behind piles of corpses.

Kuropatkin Will Be Deposed. After this action General Kuropatpicked as his probable successor, vitch, of the Board of Strategists, may be entrusted with the direction of affairs. A strong faction of the army, those high in influence about the Emperor, opposed General Kuropatkin from the first, and though his early could with the tools at his com-mand, it is now feit that, after twice baving had the opportunity to show the room and he stands off about ten feet what he could do with a powerful army and lets drive at one of these bowls, hitand having failed to accomplish victory either time, his removal is ad-

A high military official said last night that the Emperor had had enough of a "Must be kind of jonesome, obser-General whose interpretation of victory Maxey, not to have a mile or so was a successful retreat; that Fabian tactics are well enough in their way. but that Kuropatkin went beyond those of Pabius and neglected to take account of favorable opportunities for counter-

Friends of Gereral Kuropatkin, how west of this city, causing the wails of ever, say that no other General is apt houses here to tremble. An engagement to do as well as he has done and declare that his removal may mean, as in the American Civil War, the exchange of a

Talk of Peace Revived.

The news of a retreat on Tie Pass is bound to revive talk of peace, though, TOKIO, March 9 (S A. M.) .- It is offi- if Field Marshal Oyama has failed to cially announced that the Russians be- crush General Kuropatkin, peace is no more imperative now than it was last the rugs got us. Peace advocates point out the departure of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's bearskin or something else got mixed squadron from Madagascar simultaneous-up with my feet and I began to slide—do ly with the loss of Mukden and intimate that perhaps the movement of the fleet may have been adopted in view of the latter event. The movement, on the other hand, may be in pursuance of a plan for a junction between Rojestvensky and the reinforcing squadron preparatory to giving battle to Togo's fleet. The The battle of Mukden has resulted in a peace movement admittedly has a strong following even in the ministry; but it cannot be stated now whether the defeat at Mukden has been effective enough of offensive strategy since Napoleon, to turn the scale. No decision can be taken at least until the extent of the reverse is known.

Defeat Rejoices Liberals.

More important still, however, is the effect on the international affairs of Russia. Defeat is not unwelcome to the Liberals who argue that the graver the government's difficulties, the greater the extent of the reforms which it may be forced to concede. At the present crisis the project of the reform rescript of March 4 is not worked out, although it has been the subject of much deliberation. A commission is yet to be appointed. Whereas yesterday the idea was to have a purely consultative body, meet-ing perhaps separately according to estates, the existing condition of affairs may force the commission to propose long steps toward a more influential body possessing the initiative in legislation. The strange spectacle is thus presented of men who claim to be patriotic Russlans rejoicing over the defeat of their untry on foreign battlefields,

The revolutionists probably will use the result as a pretext to renew demonstrations against the war.

FIGHT TO GUARD THEIR REAR Russians Attacked Near Railroad

North of Mukden. MUKDEN, March 8 ((11 A. M.).-Muk den is still in the hands of the Russians, but withdrawing of the line on the Shakbe General Kuroki's headquarters, the con- are making a strong attack north of Mukden, where they occupy a right-angled position, one side parallel with the railroad and three and a half miles distant, and the other facing northward three

miles north of the imperial tombs. The Russians have retired from the poregion of Tatchekiao, but are making a strong stand against the force there. The Russians also are holding the vilinge of Ushuntun, which at nightfall was partly in the hands of the Russians and party

(Concluded on Fourth Fage.)

Morning

Cowboy's Experience at Inauguration.

BOWLS A PUZZLE

His Legs Shoot Apart on Paul Morton's Rugs.

SCENES AT BALL SHOCKING

When They See Women Attired Only in Lariat and Saddle-Blanket. Men From the Plains Blush.

CHICAGO, March & - (Special.) "Skinner" Humphrey, of Broken Timber Mont., passed through Chicago today or his way home from the inauguration cere monies at Washington, Mr. Humphrey, in company with "Long" Thompson, of Garry Owen; Pred Maxey, of Crow Hills, and "Silder" Avery, of White Creek, had a strenuous three days in the Nation's Capitol last week. Humphrey's impressions of what happened are vivid. speaking of what stood out most dis

inctly in his mind, he said: "Cuspidors, rugs and women what don't wear clothes took the eyes of all kin's deposition may be regarded as the boys soon 's we struck the lown. We certain. War Minister Sakharoff is went up to give the President the glad hand cause we all knew him when he though Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholas- on the range, and, as we were hitting the trall hot, Maxey says to me:

" 'Get on to the soup bowls." "In every room everywhere we ponied

around was a bowl.
"'Taint for soup, Fred, says I, then, I can't get on to its lay." defeats were condoned because it was "Just then (we were waiting now for realized that he was doing all that man Mr. Loeb, who was going to paisver us in to the President) a big fellow with long, black bair and an eagle eye came into

ting it square in the eye. " 'Gosh,' says 'Long' Thompson, 'them's cus-pi-dors' 'Long's' traveled some and has more curves than the rest of us. prairie for that kind of work."

Mr. Loeb Solves Mystery. "Weil, Mr. Loeb came in and he tells

us 'Long' Thompson was right about the After a time we got accustomed to seeing 'em everywhere, but none of the boys 'cept 'Long' Thompson would use em, the rest of us just sidled up alleys or went where we could hit the grass. "Some of us made a call on Secretary Morton, 'cause we like him, and we had ne in his private rooms. They was covered with fur rugs and underneath it was slippler than a back slope of a draw when it's melting. We all had our boots on and spurs and were togged to catch

"I goes in first and a tiger's head or s

the boys whooping. Humphrey Splits and Splits.

"'Rope me in," I yells, seeing I was go ing, but not a danged one of 'em would help. They just grinned and whooped. It was worse'n a buckin' bronche on a frosty morning. I went right straight across the room, splitting and splitting until I couldn't spilt any more, and I landed in a heap 'gainst the wall,

"Avery gets over to me by coming on his hands and feet and hauls me out where I had sound footing, but after that we all steered clear of rugs. Maxey had one in his room, but he hung it out the window for fear it would start in the night when he was sleepin' and carry him off.

"But say, talk about dressing. We do some dog in clothes at Broken Timber. but we were laid out cold at the inaugural ball. I guess the President fixed it we should have tickets, for we was taken care of proper. Thompson wanted to take his six-shooters along, but we reckoned his nibs at the White House wouldn't need any gunplay that night, so he left 'em in his grip. Made him feel kind of uneasy, though, for a fellow don't like

to be without his weapon in a corner. Shocked at the Ball. "We gets into the ball and the first thing we see was a stunning woman cavorting across the floor with a fellow in a swell uniform. But the girl didn't ap

pear to have any clothes on-she looked "'Long' Thompson turned his head away and blushed, something he hasn't done since he was a calf on the range of life. He whispers to us, especially to

"Silder" Avery, who was staring until his eyes begun to bulge: "'For God's sake, fellers, don't look That poor beifer's broke loose without knowing how she looks. Give her

chance to duck." "So we all shuts our eyes but Averyhe never was respectable, anyway. After a time, when it got tiresome, we opens our eyes and there's a hundred or more women skating around like the first-noth ing on but a jurial and a saddle blanket.

'I'm going to bed,' says Maxey, 'for if I ever talk in my sleep after I get home and my old woman gets onto what sinful things I've seen here, it's all day, "So we backed out, rejoicing we didn't have to live where clothes was so scarce Otherwise we had a bully time.

"Teddy's all right. We are going to send him a house this Spring that will beat anything Washington ever saw." The party remained in the Polk-street

station for an hour today before starting Wert. With the Montana men was "Sun-down Bus," of Desdwood, also returning

Roosevelt Receives Cowboys. WASHINGTON, March &-Captain Seth Sullock and his company of cowboys whose picturesque appearance was a foa ture of the inauguration day parade, were given a reception tonight by President Roosevelt. They will leave for home to-

BALTIC FLEET IS RETURNING

Salls North From Madagascar Jibutil in the Red Sea.

PARIS, March &-A dispatch to the Temps from Tananarivo, capital of the Island of Madagascar, says the entire Russian fieet has left the waters on its return to Jibutil, French Somaliland.

Indicates Desire for Peace. LONDON, March 2.—No confirmation has reached London of the report that Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron is returning from Madagascar to Jibutil, nor are there any dispatches printed in the morning newspapers throwing fur-ther light on the position of affairs in Manchuria. Should the report concern-ing Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky be con-firmed, it will be regarded here as a strong Indication of Russia's desire to

RUSSIAN PLANS UNDECIDED.

arrange terms of peace with Japan.

Arrangements for Coaling Baltic Fleet Show Czar's Irresolution. HAMBURG, March &-Shipping circle are not surprised at the return of the Russian fleet to the Red Sea, since recent events here indicate that the Russian government is undecided with refer-

ence to further attempts to send the fleet to Eastern Asiatic waters. The chartered steamer St. Ninian, which was on the way to Batavia with coal for the second Pacific squadron, returned here the other day upon orders from the Russian government.

The recent muddle about the buying of Hamburg-American Steamship Company vessels further emphasizes Russia's

hresolution. It is now stated that Russia has actually arranged to buy eleven Ham-burg-American steamers and was nego-tiating for the purchase of others.

As the Hamburg-American Company announced on Saturday, these negotiations were without result. Then it was stated on Tuesday that Russis had decided to buy only the Palatia and Phoenicia, but today the Palatia and the Armenia sailed for Liban under the German flag for today the Palatia and the Armenia sailed for Lifath under the German flag for transfer to Russia. These two steamers loaded the coal of the British steamers Franklin and Conway, which had been chartered by the Hamburg-American Company to carry coal to Port Arthur but were ordered back by the Russian government after the fall of Port Arthur. The other nine steamers pass again into the possession of the Hamburg-American Company.

It was a great surprise here when the Russian order arrived directing the em-pension of a argo-taking.

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Murphy Family Company Has No Equal.

TAMMANY BOSS'

Its Profits Would Make Tweed Green With Envy.

GETS ALL THE FAT CONTRACTS

Jerome Is on Its Trail, and May Make It an Issue, but Murphy Has Raked in Seven Million Dotlars Already.

NEW YORK, March & -(Special)-"It rould make Tweed turn over in his grave

with envy." in these words District Attorney Jerome gave his opinion of the New York Contracting & Construction Company, better known as the "Murphy Family Company," and it is an open secret that the affairs of the corporation are now under-going investigation at the hands of the District Attorney's corps of county de-tectives. The prediction is confidently made that before the primaries are held, legal action of some kind will be taken, enough, anyway, to make the matter an

issue at the polls. Every time Tammany has been beater it has taken an issue to do it. Tweed was the issue in 1873, when Edward Cooper was elected Mayor. The Lexow con mittee exposures of crookedness and corruption all along the line made the issue in 1894, which gave Strong the victory, and Low won in 1901 because of one issue, the personality of William S. Devery, "the best Chief of Police New York ever had," to quote Bob Van Wyck of lamented memory.

But none of the Tammany leaders since the days the organization was formed have made the money that Charles F. Murphy has cleared during the trifle over a year that McClellan has been in office

"He has made Tweed look like a piker," comment of one envious district leader, and the charm of the watern is that, even admitting everything charged against him, it is doubtful if any crimial charge can be preferred.

For Murphy himself is a trust. You might call him the "pull trust," for he has so arranged things that nebody has a pull except himself-and the New York Construction and Contracting Company.

Tweed a Novice by Comparison. Tweed's methods were as crude and childlike as those of the detectives of 190 as of a Sherlock Holmes

Tweed awarded contracts to firms at exorbitant rates, and received 15, 20 and sometimes 50 per cent of the amount. Murphy hasn't asked a contractor for a cent, for he is the contractor himself.

The New York Construction & Contracting Company was organized just be fore McClellan's election. The principal stockholders of record are John J. Murphy, brother of the leader, and Alderman James E. Gaffney, his brother-in-law. John J. Murphy was tending bar wh

the company was formed, and was taken from behind the bar to become a "contractor." Gaffney also was a saloonkeep er, but, so far as that is concerned, Charles F. Murphy has spent all his life in running resorts of more or less unsavory character. Officially, Charles F. Murphy has nothing to do with the company, although he is naturally interested the welfare of his kinsmen

One Year's Profits, \$6,750,000. In the year just closed this firm of har-

keeper-contractors has received three contracts aggregating \$27,000,000, upon valch it is estimated that the profits will be at least 25 per cent, or \$6,750,000.

The Gas Trust presented it with a mammoth plant prepared in Astoria and the connecting pipe lines. The Murphy family has the contract for

the Pennsylvania's subway in the city, smounting to \$6,000,000, and the New Haven road gave a contract of a like amount. In all these instances other firms underbid the Tammany corporation, but Murphy got the contract just the same. Hereafter, this embarrassment will be avoid-ed, for the large contractors realize that if the Murphys want the job, the best thing to do is to let them have it.

Why He Has No Competitors. Not a foot of public highway can be opened without a permit from the Borugh Superintendent, upon the recomendation of his Superintendent of Pub-

lie Works. These permits could be refused for reasone that are too numerous to mention, and even if the aid of the courts were inoked and the issuance of the permits forced, the work would be restricted to three blocks at a time, and the work within these limits would have to be en tirely completed before another 600-foot permit need be issued. This would make an endless job of it, and would almost

Besides this, the contractors could be harried by all of the city and borough officials and the firm could be compelled to pay a lot of corporation inspectors. By these methods the cost could be made so great as to wreck any firm without capital of the Nation at its back

It was because of these reasons, presented strongly to the directors of the New York & New Haven Railroad Company, that it is said Murphy got the \$6,000,000 job from that company. That the firm will get all of the Pennsylvania work of tunneling across this borough

is said to be certain. The cost of this job will aggregate upward of \$15,000,000. The power of the Murphy firm has become so famous that work is being thrus spon it. It has inspired the respect and fear of every corporation designing to make improvements within the limits this city, and the peculiar thing about the situation is that the firm stands alone

It has no entangling and costly alliances it doesn't have to "divvy up" with any body, and what it gets, it keeps. Big contractors who know what is going on in the city say that Murphy's profits are fully 25 per cent. They base this estimate on the fact that conservative contractors, in figuring on the cost of big job, add 15 per cent for profit, and that the increase by the Murphy firm

would raise this to at least 5 per cent. Does Not Descend to Bribery. But the probabilities are that the net profit is much greater, as the Murphys are free from interferences by any public official, and do not have to bribe any body. For it is a moral concern, this Murphy family firm. No money is given espectors to get them to wink at what is going on. And any one who dared to interfere would be locked up probably, and

lose his job certainly. In a recent interview Alderman Gaffsey said that the New York Contracting & Construction Company had progressed very slowly to its present magnificent position. Within a very few months after it, was organized it got a 30-year lease of the pier and dumping board privileges at the foot of West Ninety-sixth street at the ridiculously low rent of \$3780 a year. It is said the firm could make a profit from the lease alone of \$1,000,000 and the dumping privileges are worth \$230 a day for 300 days a year. It was also said that if this lease had been put up at a public auction it would have brought \$20,000 a year. The firm als got from the city a long lease of the pler and dump at West Seventy-ninth street at \$1200 a year; it also got numer ous other leases directly and indirectly During the investigation of the giving away of these leases it was said that

the city through undervaluations of this property would lose \$2,000,000. Working It at Both Ends.

In order to show that the Murphy firm does not confine its industries to million-dollar contracts, mention may be nade of the fact that it uses its trucks for city work, when they are not otherwise busy, and that the piers which it has secured from the city it permits the city to use for dumping of ashes at the usual rate. It has received from the city between December 24 and January 30, \$6065.79 for permitting the city to use the piers for which it pays only \$4800

a year. Simply stated, the firm receives from the city for dumping privileges \$130 a day, and so the city very probably returns within a month all the money that it receives from the company in rentals for a year.

But the situation calls to mind the words of I'weed on a famous period of his life; "What are you going to do hin life; about it?" Mr. Murphy, sithough the recognized

leader of Tammany Hall, occupies no official position. He does not draw a cent in salary from the city and has a perfect right to form all sorts of companies to do anything he wants, and persons desiring work have a perfect right to allow him to do that work at a

higher figure than somebody else. years ago compared with the up-to-date It is doubtful whether he has ever even or if he has made a single threat. That would be unnecessary. And Murphy does

not do unnecessary things. The work he has done for private firms s a matter between them and him. The docks voted him by the city, it is safe to say, were voted without even a request from him. The salaried secretary of the firm simply asked for it, and, of course, a man has a right to ask for anything he wants. The Dock missioner may have something to explain in courts, but how can Murphy

Jerome on His Trail.

But Jerome is on his trial, and Jerome has landed some rich men during the time he has been in office. And Jerome is looking for an issue to use in the coming campaign. Jerome says he doesn't want to be Mayor, he wants another term as District Attorney, but perhaps he will not be able to choose.

Cielian, one thing is sure: The New York Construction & Contracting Company will not be as big a thing as it has been in the past. It is doubtful whether Murchy cares \$15,000,000 contract to do work for the Two fat years-two years with more "mil-

And if he does succeed George B. Mc-

lions in it" than Colonel Mulberry Sellers ever dreamed of, have doubtless sat-"He won't kick." said one Tammany-Hall man the other day. "Charite don't

want to be no Bockefeller. He's got his, and he's happy," Ten years ago Charles F. Murphy ran a cheap groggery in the poverty-stricken East Side. Today he is welcomed with acciaims in the ranks of New York's

A self-made man, if ever there was But Jerome is bustly trying to unmake

Says Stock Was Illegally Reduced. TRENTON, N. J., March 8.-Harold C. cooke, of New York, today filed in the Court of Chancery a bill asking that the Illinois Car & Equipment Company, a New Jersey corporation, show cause why the reduction of the capital stock of the ompany from \$2,000,000 to \$800,000 should not be set aside. This reduction was made December 19, 1994. Mr. Cooke claims that the requisite two-thirds of the stock was not voted in favor of the proposi-

Hoch Moves for Habeas Corpus. CHICAGO, March &-A motion for a writ of habeas corpus was made before Judge Kersten today by an attorney representing Johann Hoch, confessed bigamist and alleged murderer. The petition covers a wide runge including the allega-

Convicted of an Old Crime

Russian Army a Demoralized Mob.

SUPPLIES GIVEN UP

Japanese in Pursuit Have Cut Railroad.

ARE ENORMOUS LOSSES

Rough Estimate Makes Total Over 100,000 Men.

DETAILS OF THE FIGHTING

Tremendous Conflict at Manchumtan, in Which Russians Were Driven Out-Retreat May Be Blocked.

General Kuropatitin is giving gro before the armies of Japan, and yesterday he abandoned positions south and southwest of Mukden, burning such of his supplies as he could not carry with

The Japanese artillery is thundering at the very gates of Munden, which posi-tion the Russians still hold, but which they are admittedly prepared to evac-uate, changing their base to Tie Pass, which is 40 miles north of Mukden. So far as the retreat has progressed, it has seen orderly. What the Japanese may have in etc.

for the defeated army on its retire northward remains to be disclosed. There are reports that General Rennenkampff, the foremost cavalry General of the Russian army in Manchuria, has been cut off on the east (non the main force, and Japanese troops in considerable bers are said to be already in the

The retirement unquestionably cost the Russians dear in the matter of supplies and heavy guns. ents have yet ventured to cetimate the number of killed and wounded in the 11 days' fighting. The Russian casualties in the fighting Tuesday on the left

flank are mid to have been fully 7000.

ity of Tie Pass.

......... TOKIO, March 5.-Defeated all along the line, with thousands of men killed and wounded, his army turned fato a demoralized mob of men who no longer obey the orders of their officers, an enormous percentage of his munitions of war and artillery lost to him, having been abandoned to the victorious Japanese or destroyed to prevent falling into their hands, General Kuropatkin is at last reports making a frantic effort to save something from the wreck and is withdrawing all of his reserves northward to a point where he can reasonably hope to reorganize his defeated army. In the meantime the Japanese soldiers on the right, left and center are pressing in on the feeing Russians and will make an attempt to completely annihilate the soldiers

of the Crar. The result of the fortnight's fighting south of Mukden is the worst disaster to the Russian arms of the war. Even the bold Cossacks, who in other days have repeatedly proved their valor on bloody fields, have been compelled to give way and run before the steady, relentless pressure of the troops of the Mikado, who, corning death in every form, have continued battering away at the Russian entrenchments and plercing them one by one, until today the entire vast system of earthworks below and to the eastward and westward of Mukden, which were constructed as a haven of refuge after Line Yang by the Russian engineers, and which were proclaimed to be absol impregnable, are in the hands of the Japanese and above them floats the everictorious sun-rayed flag of the Mikado.

Losses on Both Sides Enormous. Oyama's hands have been well upheld and Nogl's veterans from Port Arthur. fighting side by side with the heroes of Feng Wang Cheng and Liao Yang and using the same sledge-hammer tactics that won success against the flower of the Siberian brigades and the Russian army corps that up to now had been supposed to be invincible, have overwhelmed the Russian army in Manchuria and inflicted a most disastrous defeat. The losses on both sides during the past fortnight have been enormous, although it is at present impossible to estimate them. The Russians at first held the advantage of poattion, and their shell fire was well directed, their shrapnel tearing great gaps in the ranks of the attacking forces. So soon as one man fell, however, another took his place, and they pressed on up the slopes to the very muzzles of the ion that Hoch is innocent of murder. Arguments on the petition will be heard Russian pieces, driving the enemy away at the very point of the bayonet. From day to day the fighting has continued. the subordinate commanders following out the carefully arranged plan of campaign nothing to interfere with the fulfilling of their orders.

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