GAP IN THE RING

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Russians Slip Through to Tie Pass.

TWO CORPS ARE LOST

Main Army Fighting Its Way to Safety.

OYAMA GAPTURES 30,000

Forty-One Thousand.

ONE DAY'S START OF OYAMA

Decision to Retreat Reached Just in Time to Avoid Being Surrounded and Forced to Capitulate.

TOKIO, March 12 .- (Noon.)-Field Marshal Oyama estimates that the number of Russian prisoners captured will exceed 30,000. The Jupanese essualties are estimated at 41,000. The Jupanese captured a retreating Russian column at the Pu River yesterday (Saturday).

Official information from the Russian headquarters in the field, supplemented by dispatches from the Associated Press rrespondents with the army of the Russian Empire, show that General Kuropatkin, after suffering the most severe defeat of the war, has succeeded, as he did after the battle of Liao Yang, in extricating the remnants of his army from efore believed would result in its annihi atton or surrender. The retreat from masterly event, but it is far overshadownasterly event, but the Russian Gen-nager southwestward toward Mukden, beeral, who has taken personal command of

After fighting for nearly three weeks, losing in killed, wounded and missing obably a third of his army, or nearly 100,000 men, and a fourth of his artillery. Kuropatkin gathered together what was left north of Mukden and is taking them toward Tie Pass through a rain of shrapnel, which is being thrown on them from

both right and left. Same Tactics as at Liao Yang.

This he seems to have been able to acemplish by resorting to the same tactics which saved his army at Liao Yang. As recently as Thursday last he commenced sending his artillery north by rail and That night he destroyed by fire what he realized could not be removed. Even the hospitals containing the more of the army. This movement commenced on Friday morning, and, as the Japanese Shakhe River and offering battle, ces on the east, which were to join hands with the western army and cut off retreat, did not cross the Fushun-Mukden road until Saturday morning, the Russians had a full day's start of their pursuers, and, having no guns or baggood their escape.

Kawamura to Reckon With.

There is still however, a chance of General Kawamura's army taking a hand in the battle, and should it strike the Russians at Tie Pass or cut their communicato the northward, the disaster to Kuropatkin's once fine army will be comundoubtedly holds good in the present will not be greatly added to in the re-

Two Corps Left to Their Fate. What part of his army the Russian General has saved apparently is not known at the Russian headquarters. All dis-patches indicate that part of his force has been cut off. General Kaulbars seems to have extricated his corps, likewise Bildering, but not so with Linevitch. The Associated Press correspondent says the Japanese surrounded the First and Fourth Ressian Corps and added that help could not be sent to them. Their fate is not eded, and the inference is that they have suffered either defeat or capture. censor no doubt took out of the dispatch what really happened to these The first is Stakelberg's old corps which has borne the brunt of every battle since Vafangow, and the Fourth, un-der General Zaroubaleff, has been in the of all battles. Rennenkampff's fate | War. is still in the balance.

railway built along the Shakhe position line along the south bank of the Hun River toward the Fushun mines. The confidence of the Japanese is shown in the statement published by Field Marshal Oyama to his army early in the wesk that they would be in Mukden Friday morning. He was true to his word, for early that morning the old Chinese capital was in their hands.

The Russian government and people are

determined as ever to continue the war. The reigning family, through Grand Duke Vladimir, has spoken, and will be backed by the official and military classes, while the feeling of the people, even the advanced Liberals, is expressed by the Russ, the organ of the Liberal party. While many were opposed to the war, the Russian people would resent a surrender to Japan. Still, in Europe outside of Russia there is a feeling that peace will follow there is a feeling that peace will follow this latest disaster to Russian arms.

HE HAS DODGED OYAMA'S TRAP

Kuropatkin's Line of Retreat Secure,

Though Japs Pound Both Sides. ST. PETERSBURG, March 11 .- (1 A. M.) seia still has an army in the Fa East and its line of retreat is not cut Field Marshal Oyama's trap was again aprung too late to hag the prey he de-sired, and, though pounded on the rear and both flanks by artillery and losing heavily in killed, wounded and prisoners. General Kuropatkin, with the main portion of his forces intact, is falling slowly back to Tie Pass, where a considerable part of his army has already arrived and joined hands with the reserves in pre-paring a position behind which the beater army may find shetter.

General Kuropatkin himself, with the rearguard, was reported Saturday afternoon in the vicinity of Syanzia, I miles below Tie Pass, having accomplished some 15 miles of his retreat, and being already Japanese Losses Estimated at beyond the Jaws of the trap as originally set. How many of his men he was obliged to leave behind and whether any of the units of his army were cut off or captured before the retreat began is no

Relief in St. Petersburg.

Both General Kuropatkin's official dis patch and that of the Associated Press from Tie Pass were filed Saturday af-The news contained in these disputches will cause unbounded relief in St. Petersburg, which, in the absence of any information since Kuropatkin's laconic "retreat begun," published Friday, had come to believe Tokio rumore that the entire army would be driven to the mountains and forced to surrender. A long day's march, however, remains to ished, but the retreat now presents no tactical difficulties and is believed to be largely a question of shaking off the pursuing Japanese from its flanks and rear, and apparently no longer a matter of cutting its way through a formidable force

The Associated Press dispatch from Tie Pass was filed with great difficulty by the orrespondent, who left Mukden with the rearguard, spent Priday with General Kuropatkin and took a long ride to Tie Pass Saturday morning, after which he again returned to the front.

The dispatch indicates the strategy of Field Marshal Oyama's double-turning movement. The attack on the east side position which military experts 34 hours is regarded as a feint, but as having been designed to have the jaws of the trup of Tawan, on the Mandarin road, where a mountain range pointing like a gigantic gins to slope sharply away from the road and the rallway. General Nogi's share in the scheme has already been sufficiently chronicled. General Kuroki was to spring the other jaw, which, closing in between Sadiaputze and Madayadani and, striking the river at Pu Pass, bit deeply into the Russian flank and was all but sprung shut.

Whether General Rennenkampilis corps off to the eastward by this stroke, or whether they had already turned on the central army, it is impossible to learn; might have a chance of conducting a re

treat. Escape Due to Kuropatkin.

According to the Associated Press dispatch from Tie Pass, General Kuropatkin Even the hospitals containing the more seems before the battle to have yielded seriously wounded were left behind, so as his decision to retire to Tie Pass to the united decision of his principal Generals, who were in favor of standing at the later on, in ordering a retreat, to have gone counter to the opinion of the same council. Events show the decision was taken not a moment too soon. The credit of bringing off the army, therefore, is largely Kuropatkin's, as he took persons charge of the rearguard and exposed himself as fearlessly and recklessly as the merest man on the fighting line. What ever may be the verdict of history with regard to the generalship in the battle, nothing but the highest praise can be extended the Russian rank and file, who in clude a fine stamp of men.

Whether the retreat will pause at Ti-The shrapnel fire under which the Pans or whether the army will make its Russians are again retreating was found next stand further along on the road to not to have a very serious effect, as the Harbin will depend on the extent to which army was scattered and straggling, which | Kuropatkin has improved the naturally strong advantages of this position, and case. So, if Kawamura falls Oyama and the condition of his army, especially the Kuropatkin's rearguard can hold back the extent of the supply of munitions and arpursuers, the losses suffered in the battle tillery, and largely to the condition of the pursuing Japanese, whose exhaustion may too great to enable them to push be

a determined attack at Tie Pass,

Kaulbars' Capture Reported. Among the rumors current in St. Pe tersburg yesterday was one that General captured. It is impossible to obtain con firmation of this or any of the other ru mors assigning various specific portion of the Russian army to the fate of their Port Arthur brethren. It appears best to await authentic information before jump

ing at conclusions.

In Russia's dark hour of defeat the in tion of the blame for a long series of r verses, not to military causes, but to the faulty internal organization of the country. The Novoe Vremya in a burst of bitterness lays all to the door of the bureaugracy, as was the case in the Crimoun

Oyama's Prediction Made Good.

The Japanese report the capture of peace, and intimates that the first overtures therefor must emanate, not from Russia, but from Japan.

CHICAGO, March II.-President Willi-

Chief of Police Under Cross Examination.

THAT OVER-ZEALOUS ORDER

Remark.

DENIES STATEMENTS MADE

Declares That Lee Was Transferred for Spending Too Much Time in Restaurants, Not for Reporting Saloons.

nto the charges made against Chief of Police Hunt by Councilman Piegel took place yesterday afternoon at the Central Police Station. The trial was not con-cluded, and yesterday's testimony con-sisted of the evidence of Judge Hogue, called by Mr. Fiegel, the introduction of documents, extracts from the police records and letters, and the statement and ross-examination of Chief Hunt. The inrestigation will be resumed the latter part of this week, at which time Chief Hunt will introduce witnesses, among whom will be Captain Bailey, officers of the second night relief, and saloonkeep-

Mr. Flegel opened the session by read ing General Order No. 156, issued by Police Headquarters under the signature of Chief Hunt December 2, 1904. The order was addressed to the Captains of the night reliefs, and reads:

"It will be the duty of the Captain the second night relief to see that all saloons are closed at 1 o'clock A. M. One year ago Judge Hogue rendered a decision in relation to saloons being open after sours. It was to the effect that if saloon doors were closed and locked, the fact that persons remaining in the sale and no sales were made the ordinance was not violated. But when persons were in saloons after hours designated by law. and were standing at the bar drinking o sitting at tables, and were furnished liquors or eigars by the proprietor or any

employe, it was in violation of the law.
"The Captains of Police will be gov erned by this decision in reference to saloons being open after bours. Complaints that are made of persons violating this order will be made to the Chief of Police by all officers who have knowledge of the violation of this ordinance, who will himcomplaints in the Police CHARLES H. HUNT, Court.

After reading the general order, Mr. Flegel asked that Judge Hogue be called to the witness stand. City Attorney Mc-Nary, who was present, swore the wit-

Don't Recall Opinion.

"I do not recall any decision or opinion ever given Chief Hunt by me," replied Judge Hogue. Flegel-Do you know Officer Lee?

Hogue-I do. Flegel-Do you recall the time Officer Lee was transferred from his beat in the hearf of the city to a beat in a suburb?

Hogue-I do. Flegel-Do you remember any comme asioned by this transfer? Hogue-Yes.

Flegel-What was the nature of this mmentT Hogue-The comment was to the effect

that Officer Lee was transferred because he reported certain saloons on his bea as violating the closing ordinance. Flegel-Were complaints ever made of the cases Lee reported as violating the ordinance?

Thinks No Complaints Were Made. Horne-I think not; however, I cannot

Chief Hunt-Judge Hogue, do you no remember that Mr. Fitzgerald asked you open court, when I was present, to tell what constituted a violation of the clos-Hogue-I have often talked with Mr.

Fitzgerald about this ordinance. Chief Hunt-Did you ever any that, if there was no violation of the ordinance? Chief Hunt-Did you not say that a reprietor had a right to remain in his

on after hours to count his cash and read his cash register? Hogus-Yes, sir; he has that right. Chief Hunt-Do you actually know

Hogue-Not from my own knowledge. Chief Hunt-Do you actually know whether Officer Lee was removed from

his beat by me or by his Captain?

Hogue-I know nothing about that, sir. Chief Hunt Takes the Stand. After Judge Hogue had given testimony file! Hunt asked to be sworn, and took

the stand. the Chief. "At my request, Deputy City the ordinance. Judge Hogue stated that the proprietor of a suicon or peort had a right to remain in his place of business after hours to make up his accounts, and that the fact that there were persons in the saloon who Attorney Fitzgerald , asked Judge were persons in the saloon who were American woman's adventures in Congoland not purchasing drinks or drinking did. Fage 46.

Peck's Bad Boy. Page 36. not constitute a violation of the ordi-

nance. Says Johnson Perjured Himself. "In reference to the testimony of ex-Officer Johnson, who testified under Rousehold and fashions. Page 41 cath that I made the statement J Youth's department Page 43

C—, Johnson, you hadn't ought to say that before a police committeeman.' I wish to state that Johnson's statement is absolutely false and that when he made that statement he willfully committed perjury. I never had such a conversation with Officer Johnson, and never used those words to him or any other officer. Officer Johnson was charged with entering a sulcon at Third and Jefferson street, after hours, and remaining there and afterward making no report to that effect He was tried before the police commit tee and they rendered judgment. Mr. Beebe and Mr. Sichel conducted the in vestigation; I took no part in it whatever, and there is nothing in the evidence taken during that trial to warrant the Chief of Police in addressing such remarks to Johnson as he said ! made. I say again that his testimony is Puts Different Construction on this particular is absolutely false and that he committed perjury."

"Chief Hunt," said Flegel, "was Johnson tried for not reporting that "He was," replied the Chief.

Flegel-When Johnson gave that tesimony and I remarked upon it, I referred to another case, and not this trial at all. I referred to a case where wo officers were tried for receiving

Chief Hunt-It is the same case. Flegel-Who were the officers charged and tried for receiving bribes?

The Fitzgerald Letters. Chief Hunt-Officer Price and Officer

Flegel-Was the evidence in that case taken down in shorthand and properly transcribed?

Cnief Hunt-It was. Flegel-In reference to that general der-did you not write Mr. Fitzgerald letter on February 2, 1904, asking about the closing ordinance and requesting to be told what constituted a violation?

Chief Hunt-I did. Mr. Flegel here introduced the let-ter and asked: "Did you write that let-

Caief Hunt replied that he did. Mr. Flegel then read another letter, lated the day following, and written Chief, and asked if that was the

Calef Hung replied: "It is." Flegel-Judge Hogue's decision, en, was made prior to the writing of he letter

Chief Hunt-Yes, sir, The Chief in reply to further queshad said that unless there was a sale of liquor there was not sufficient cvince to convict. General order No. 156 was in force at the present time. He had saked the Deputy City Attorney for information respecting it.

Fiegel—is this the reply you received?

Mr. Flegel then read the letter from the

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Japanese fail to close the trap, but two Russian sumy corps are cut off. Page 1.

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Representative Hermann in Oregon. The

Polish peasants rebel against use of Rus-sian language. Page 15. mericans buy building for Embassy in Paris. Page 3. National.

Senate will decide on Dominican treaty this week. Page 13.

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ington Legislature appropriated over 000,000 at recent session. Page 6. Senator Mitchell will reach Portland to-morrow afternoon. Page 6.

Theory advanced that Mrs. Stanford's death was accidental. Page 6.

securing more evidence before Hermann is brought to trial.

Three idaho people are heirs to \$4,000,000 each. Page 7. Portland nine gets down to work at Bakers-

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Two-cent drop in wheat at Chicago. Page 15. Spurt in Chesapeake & Ohio stimulates stock market. Page 15. New York bank statement shows few changes. Page 15. Firm market for cured fruits at San Fran-cisco. Page 15. Steamer M. F. Henderson chartered by Reg-ulator Company. Page 14.

Portland and Vicinity. No extra session seems likely. Page 12.

oth scheme is exposed. Page 12. of Police Runt appears as a witness' collapse Prizes will be given school children for the best-kept lawns. Page 8. Improve the city, is the slogan of the Civic Improvement Board. Page 11.

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President Confers With Heney on Frauds

"SPARE NO GUILTY MAN"

Case Against Mitchell Is Pronounced Perfect.

HERMANN HAS A LOOPHOLE

No Evidence Yet Produced That He Yook Money - Williamson Also Has Chance of Escape-Other Indictments Coming.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington. March 11 .- "Go to the very bottom; spare no man who is guilty, but

injure none who is innocent." This in effect was President Roose velt's last word to District Attorney Her.ey, as the prosecutor of the Oregon land fraud cases was leaving the White House today after a final con-

By special invitation of the President Mr. Heney, Special Agent Burns, Secretary Hitchcock and Attorney-General Moody took luncheon at the White House today, and again and for the last time prior to the trials went over the Oregon situation, reviewing what has already at the bottom of the letter from the been accomplished and what will be in the near future. The President was fully advised of what he may expect when the Federal grand jury reassembles in April, and was told just what results the Government expects when those many cases are brought to trial during the coming

Perfect Case Against Mitchell.

President was assured that the Gövernment has "a perfect case" against Senstor Mitchell, and is extremely confident of securing his conviction. Not only does the Government expect to convict the Senator of violating the statute prohibiting Senators from accepting fees for work before the departments, but of unlaw-fully accepting money from S. A. D. CONTENTS OF TODAY'S PAPER Puter, as alloged in his first indictment, and for similarly receiving money from other persons. The Government is also satisfied that it will be able to establish the charge that he conspired with Hermann and others to defraud the Government of its public lands. In fact, so confident are the Government's prosecutive officers that they can convict Mitchell

Representative Hermann in Oregon. The President and all the men who are working in connection with the land fraud King Edward's honors to Admiral Davis. cases are fully satisfied that Hermann is deeply involved, but they have from the first experienced great difficulty in getting hold of evidence that will carry viction to a jury. The evidence so far accumulated tends to show that Hermann Investigation of railroad rates begins Tues-day. Page 13.

Domestic.

Cumulated troops to sub-was in hearty sympathy with many prop-ocitions advanced by Senator Mitchell, and ocitions advanced by Senator Mitchell, and that he repeatedly acted in accordance Mrs. Chadwick convicted of swindling Ober-ila bank. Page 7. with Mitchell's requests, often when the law hardly justified, but no proof has yet with Mitchell's requests, often when the been produced to show that Hermann received money from Mitchell or from any other person for becoming a party to Mitchell's schemes, and lack of this very cyldence is the weak spot in the Govern-

Missing Link in Williamson Case. The strongest case against Representatold lies in his indictment for subornstion of perjury. The Government believes it has evidence which will convict him on that charge and hopes to be able to show that Williamson, with his partner, Dr. Gesner, furnished money to persons making timber entries in Eastern Oregon with the understanding that the lands when patented, should be turned over to them. But the Government has an ink-Large orders placed in Portland for hay for ling of the defense which Williamson will shipment to Orient. Page 14. make, and is somewhat concerned. It is feared that he and his partner may be able to show that whatever money was loaned to settlers was loaned by Gesner, of it. It is further feared that it may be shown that title to the lands in question does not now rest with Williamson or his partner. In this event this case will

Conspiracy Case Not Strong.

The indictment of Mitchell, Herman and Williamson for conspiracy in connec forest reserve is not regarded as a strong one. Much is yet needed in the way of evidence to strengthen the Government's contention. In this instance, the fact remains that there is no Blue Mountain re serve; that, even if these men did con spire and did get hold of large tracts lands within the proposed reserve, they have not profited thereby; the Governent has lost nothing; the state has lost nothing, for the reserve has never been reated, and these men have not obtained any lieu base, but merely have lands which they obtained by settlement or pur chase. The further fact that, when this chase. The further tast that, when this reserve is created, all private holdings est quarters as likely to retard instead of advance peace.

This is based on the theory that the not profit by their transactions. The Government realizes that this array of facts will not halt until the full measure of Russians Dispute Ground Doggedly that these men, if they did conspire, canwill tend to create sympathy for the ac-cused, and make it difficult to secure con-viction on this indictment. Furthermore, consolracy is the hardest thing to prove.

and the records of the Land Office in Washington show anything but conspi-racy between these three men in regard to this reserve; according to the records, they worked at cross-purposes from start

Working Against Odds.

It was explained to the President that the Government, in pressing its cases against Mitchell, Hermann, Williamson and other men long prominent in Oregon politics, is working against heavy odds. There is admitted to have been material sentiment in Oregon in favor of Mitchell and some of the others indicted with him. It will require very strong proof to overcome this prejudice, though a great ster in that direction was made when Judge Tanner was forced to confess. That conlifelong supporters and friends; if as strong proof can be secured in the cases against the other men under indictment, the Government feels confident it will

District Attorney Heney left for New York this afternoon, and will go from there direct to San Francisco, reaching Portland early in April. He told the President there would be another large batch of indictments when he got back to Portland, but said the grand jury would probably clean up its land busine in about a week, as its programme is already mapped out; it is known in advanwho will be indicted and what the indictments will be, as most of the evidence was produced before the jury took a re cess. Who is to be indicted could not b

Will Not Involve Fulton.

Mr. Heney stated, however, that no at tempt would be made to involve Senator Fulton in the land fraud cases. It is un derstood that several Federal officials i Oregon and men prominent in business circles and in politics will be included in the new list of indictments, and in all probability further indictments will be returned against Representative Hermann

As previously announced in these dis patches, the land fraud cases will not be brought to trial in Portland until the first of June. They will then be pressed vigor ously. At the conference today the Attor ney-General said he could not tell when Hermann would be tried in this city, but some plan would be arranged that there should be no conflict with his trial in

Northwestern Affairs at Capital.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, March II.-The application of W. Welch, J. C. Chistensen, L. T. Wilcox, C. H. Francise and Frank Loennig for authority to organize the National Bank of Haines, Oregon, with \$25,000 capital, Many important facts were brought out has been approved by the Comptroller of at today's conference. Primarily the the Currency.

Chester M. Cox has been appointed regular, Russel Smith substitute rural free delivery carrier route 3, at Salem. Or. F. I. Thomas has been appointed Postmaster at Cinnabar, Lewis County, Wash, vice William A. Bayne, rangeod,

Consulate for Editor Ift. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 11.-Senator Heyburn today asked the President to find some consular position for George N. Ift, editor of the Pocatello Tribune, and received an assurance that an effort would be made to place Ift. No office is yet selected, but a

Canadian consulate is preferred. FLEET IS STILL AT NOSSIBE

Contradicts Report of Return. CHICAGO, March 11 .- A special to the Daily News from Port Louis, Maut ritius, says:

"According to the captain of the today from Vohemar, a seaport on the northeast coast of Madagascar, not far from Nossibe Island, the Russian Baltic fleet was still there on March 8."

CONVOY TO THIRD SQUADRON Explanation of Return of Russian Ships to Jibutii.

PARIS, March 11.-The French gov. ernment has not been advised that the squadron commanded by Admiral Rojestvensky is returning to Jibutil, but it is the understanding that part of the squadron is returning for the purpose of convoying the Russian third cific squadron until the concentration effected with Rojestvensky.

debate in the Chamber of Deputies criticising France's action in permitting the Russian ships to stop in Madagascar waters.

The Socialists threaten to raise a

Doubasoff Explains Movements of Rojestvensky's Fleet. PARIS, March 11.-Vice-Admiral

Doubasoff, who has arrived here from London on his way to St. Petersburg, says Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron Mukden appears to be the greatest of the is not returning to the Baitic Sea, but is simply cruising and awaiting the ar-rival of the third squadron under Ad-miral Nebogatoff. When this junction is made they will proceed immediately to the Far East.
Admiral Doubasoff, declared that

peace in the Far East is impossible. He asserts that Russia ultimately must win, whatever the cost in men, money

VICTORY WILL RETARD PEACE French Believe Japan Will Push on to Harbin.

PARIS, March 11.-Concerning the peace rumors, a semi-official denial has been issued relative to the report of the Daily Graphic of London that the Czar had expressed his willingness to begin negotiations for peace. Notwithstanding this denial, it is gathered that the events of the next few days may have an important influence upon peace, although an overwhelming Japanese victory is considered in the highest quarters as likely to retard instead at 145,000 for the entire fight.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

Kuropatkin Makes a Safe Retreat.

HE DODGESTHE TRAP

Seeing Its Jaws, Sends ArmyOut of Reach.

HE TAKES ALL THE BLAME

Japanese Shell-Fire Fails to Cause Stampede.

BOTH SIDES LOSE 140,000

Enormous Sacrifice and With Great Skill, Russian General Saves His Army From Complete Destruction.

TIE PASS, March 11 (10:58 P. M.) .-At 7 o'clock Friday morning a great explosion which blew up the Hun River bridge and an immense cloud of smoke from the burning settlement gave indisputable testimony of General Kuropatkin's decision to relinquish also the second of his great positions-a decis-

on which was known on Thursday. The army was withdrawing all the intter half of the night, while the houses of the settlement had been vacated earlier and the light left burning. Merning showed, through the great smoke clouds, low lying for miles about the settlement, armies three and four deep in all the main roads moving

north stong the cast side of the railway. The battle still centered north of the imperial tombs, with occasional shots along the Hun River, where later on an opening permitted the Japanese to make a quick advance and dash toward their main operation with

the purpose of concentrating and cutting off the Russians. At 11:20 the Japanese had partly succeeded, for at Tawan with shrapnel they shelled three sides of a rectangle. where the main army was moving with Recent Arrival From Madagascar great exertion over inadequate thoroughfares. The Japanese, however, accomplished at this place nothing mor than a momentary stampeds and, though a soldier, crazed by its effects, threatened to shoot a correspondent in order to take his baggage-cart for himself, the correspondent observed everysteamer Akhbar, which arrived here where the admirable coolness which has distinguished the Russian army throughout its trying retreats of the

past year. Retreat a Wonderful Feat.

This retreat must be reckoned as a wonderful feat. For miles infantrymen and baggage-wagons today strew the line of march. For rapidity, the Japanese movements for the first time were outstripped by the Russians withdrawing. The sians, perhaps, had more at stake than in any previous battle with the Japanese. The crucial point of the retreat occurred at dusk, when the rearguard troops and the transport, which has reached Santiatze, ten miles north of Mukden, suddenly received a rifle and grenade assault from Japanese, which produced a stampeds. The success of the Japanese in closing against the armies trying to get away from the extended Hun River bridge

In ordering a retreat, General Kuropat-ONLY AWAITS THIRD SQUADRON kin is said to have declared it was done in order to satisfy protesting opinion, and that, whatever the blame, he would take it, which, in the light of events, seems to show that he best knew the capacity of the soldeirs.

Escaped Cronje's Fate.

The battle on the right flank and around war, except at Port Arthur. During the terrible dust storm of Thursday, Japanese, with machine guns, occupied several empty houses in a village held by the Russians, and otherwise battered their position west of the railroad, so that, when the retreat came, with Japanese shells on all sides, it suggested another Cronje incident. For ten hours not a man, not a horse rested, while the won were being gathered up on the two sides, in the rear and often in the center, and every energy was bent toward getting out of the trap, the laws of which were almost upon the Russians.

At Santiatze, the Associated Press correspondent, with others, lost all his bag-

gage in the retreat.

Many bodies of troops were encountered, some of them in advance and some in the rear, which were constantly mistaken for Japanese. The forty miles' retreat was accomplished in It hours. It was virtually through fields of dust, which made it im-

Russians Dispute Ground Doggedly-Direct Cause of Retreat.

TIE PASS, March 11-(2 P. M.)-For (Concluded on Third Page.)