

JAPANESE CUT RAILROAD NORTH OF MUKDEN AND THEIR TROOPS ARE REPORTED NEAR THE PASS IN RUSSIAN REAR

LINE OF BATTLE FIVE MILES FROM MUKDEN

Russians Deny Defeat, But Oyama Has to Forbid Japanese Quartering in the City.

Putiloff Hill in the Hands of Mikado's Men and Russians Appear on Verge of Full Flight - Battle Nearing the End.

(Journal Special Service.) London, March 9.—A dispatch from Tokyo states that it is officially announced that the Japanese army, after desperate fighting in which thousands were lost on both sides, succeeded this morning in reaching the railway 10 miles north of Mukden and cutting the line.

The whole district west of the railroad and south of the Hun river is in the hands of the Japanese. On the right bank of the Hun desperate fighting continues, the Russians making a stubborn resistance.

The Japanese are now pressing forward toward Mukden. They have occupied Siao Chi Tun, five miles northwest of Mukden and Sun Tai Tso, five miles north of Mukden, having destroyed a large section of the railroad north of Mukden.

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Today's dispatches would indicate that General Rennenkampf's force on the east flank is cut off by the Japanese, who are also advancing upon the rear, 40 miles north of Mukden, whither Kuropatkin hopes to fall back.

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of Mukden the Japanese are reported working from a position parallel to the railroad three miles north of Mukden. The imperial troops are three and one half miles from the railroad.

General Sarakoff, Kuropatkin's chief of staff, telegraphs today, "Several fierce attacks on our north front were made during the night and repulsed. In other directions the fight was continued throughout the night."

Kuropatkin, under date of Wednesday, writes: "On the right bank of the Hun, the enemy assumed the offensive toward Mukden from the northwest and north. The center and left flank of our armies have fallen back without fighting to entrenched positions on the right bank of the Hun. Today the enemy attacked the north front, driving small detachments of the outposts from the village of Putiloff two miles northwest to the village of Trentan."

Japan's Ostensible Victory. A Tokyo dispatch states that the official announcement of the result of Oyama's pursuit of the Russian forces is expected today. Flags are flying throughout Japan in celebration of the victory. General MacArthur and other American attaches leave Tokyo for the front tonight.

The news of Kuropatkin's defeat is suppressed throughout the Russian empire. Only to the officials is the disaster known. Kuropatkin's telegram stating that Mukden must be abandoned has not yet been published in Russia. The news will be kept secret until sufficient military preparations are made in the provinces to offset the general outbreak by revolutionists which is feared.

The entire vast system of earth works proclaimed impregnable by Russian engineers is now in the hands of the Japanese. No estimate is made of the losses to both sides, but the Russian losses are probably exceeded a total of 100,000 men. During the whole two weeks of fighting the battle has raged continuously, cannonading by the heaviest guns ever used in the field has been followed by reckless and desperate bayonet charges and the Russians have been driven from redoubt to redoubt at the point of the bayonet.



YES, THE CZAR WOULD CONSENT TO PEACE.

ABATE THE NUISANCE RAILROADS RETALIATE

Facts Gathered Support People's Right of Way at Bridges.

RECORD OF OPENINGS KEPT FOR SOME DAYS

River Traffic Would in No Manner Be Inconvenienced if the Public Had Hour Morning and Evening.

Facts strongly supporting the contention of citizens in the movement to abate the drawbridge nuisance have been established by a record kept daily, from the morning of February 23 to the evening of March 5, by a man who has kept a tally of all boats passing through the drawbridges during the hours from 7:15 to 8:15 a. m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p. m.

Upon this fact arguments are based for the closing of the drawbridges one hour morning and evening for convenience of the public, for it is at those hours the travel over the bridges is hampered by people of all classes going to their work.

The man who has kept the daily record on the bridges was in the employ of Edward Newbegin, manager for R. M. Wade & Co., who is a resident of the east side and has taken a lively interest, with citizens of that part of Portland, in the effort to secure relief at the drawbridges.

Second Record. An affidavit will be made as to the correctness of the record, and from it facts and arguments will be adduced to convince the county court that there will be no inconvenience to river interests, but a vast benefit to the general public using the bridges, if the draws can be kept closed an hour morning and evening for uninterrupted travel in street cars and vehicles, and on foot, over the bridges.

Change wrought by agitation. The more agitation of the subject has wrought so great a change that it has been made plain that there will be no real inconvenience to the river boats if the bridges are closed at the hours desired by the public.

All the New Construction Work Is Stopped in Wisconsin.

POLICY OF DO NOTHING ADOPTED BY THE SYSTEM

Lines Object to Being Made to Pay Taxes and Think the Public Does Not Appreciate Their Efforts.

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, March 9.—The management of the Chicago & Northwestern and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroads have taken the bit in their teeth and will retaliate against the state of Wisconsin for the hostility the state officials are displaying toward the corporations. As the first move the railroads announce the abandonment of \$14,000,000 worth of improvements which the roads had projected during the year.

The Northwestern especially had planned several hundred miles of extensions, including the Sheboygan, Green Bay & Northwestern road. Upon all these President Houghton has ordered a check on the preparation of plans stopped. The order even extends to the terminal improvements and provisions for facilities for shippers.

The railroad officials are firm in the conclusion that to make additional railway investments is hazardous. They also feel that there is a lack of appreciation by the public as to what the railroads have done to develop the resources of the state.

"The railroads have decided to adopt the policy of doing nothing for the Wisconsin public while the public is trying to injure the railroads," so one railroad official put it.

STUBB RESIGNS. Eccles of the Smelting Trust to Succeed Him, According to Report. (Journal Special Service.) Omaha, March 9.—A well authenticated rumor states that J. C. Stubbs, the traffic director of all the Harriman lines, has resigned. S. W. Eccles, of New York, at present vice-president of the American Smelting & Refining company, is reported to have been appointed to succeed him. Eccles was formerly western passenger agent of the Oregon Short Line.

POLICEMAN HELD UP BY SLEEP WALKER

Highwayman Proves to Be Octogenarian Somnambulist With a Rusty Weapon.

BURGLAR'S KIT CONSISTED OF SCISSORS AND A COMB

Twenty Friends Testify That Aged Assailant Has Habit of Walking in Sleep.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, March 9.—To be held up by an octogenarian somnambulist carrying a rusty old gun useful only as a historical relic, was the fate of Policeman John Kelly as he was entering his suburban home at 2 o'clock this morning.

Kelly, who is the veteran of the police force, was about to open his gate when he saw a man rapidly approaching him with a gun which was shined, under light moon. Kelly immediately knocked the weapon out of the supposed highwayman's hand and with a well-directed blow sent him reeling into the street, where he lay dazed until Kelly picked him up and went through his pockets, finding that a pair of scissors and a fine comb comprised the burglar's outfit.

Kelly ordered the highwayman to move on, which he did in a bewildered fashion, while the policeman retired to his needed rest. On reporting the affair, Kelly was ordered to find the criminal. In an hour he returned with an old man, bent with age, who stated that he had passed his 80th year.

Twenty friends of the old man called at the station before the prisoner could be examined and testified that he was given to walking in his sleep and always took an old rusty gun with him. The weapon Kelly captured was examined and found to be so rusty that it would not work.

DIAMOND THIEF TO WED SOCIETY GIRL

Belle of Des Moines Will Marry Frank Shercliffe, the Notorious Desperado.

WEALTHY WOMAN THINKS BANDIT HAS REFORMED

Groom Has Served Term in Penitentiary for the Pollack Diamond Robbery.

(Journal Special Service.) Des Moines, Ia., March 9.—With a firm belief that Sherman Morris, known from the Mississippi to the Pacific as Frank Shercliffe, the desperado has thoroughly reformed, Miss May Bergstrom, a Des Moines society belle, will become the former bandit's wife.

The wedding will not take place until Frank Shercliffe has appeared at Logan, Iowa, this week, where he will be a witness against Tom Dennison, the noted gambler politician of Omaha, who will be tried for complicity in the \$17,000 Pollack diamond robbery of several years ago.

Frank Shercliffe, who did the actual work of robbery, was tried, convicted and sentenced to 17 years in the penitentiary. He completed his sentence a few months ago. While Shercliffe was serving sentence, pressure was brought to bear on Governor Grant to grant him a parole. Shercliffe came out of prison and immediately made a confession concerning the details of the robbery, implicating Dennison as the one who made the plans and engineered the deal.

Shercliffe's parole caused Governor Shaw a great deal of embarrassment, as sensational charges were made against politicians in both Nebraska and Iowa who were instrumental in securing his freedom. The parole was finally revoked and Shercliffe went back to prison. The bride-to-be is prominent and wealthy and her friends are astounded.

FALSE MUSTACHE FOR BANK ROBBER

J. C. Crossly, Having Removed Hirsute Adornment, Will Be Supplied by Costumer.

SHAVED TO PREVENT HIS IDENTIFICATION

With Dunne Will Go to Albany for Examination on Criminal Charge.

J. C. Crossly will wear a false mustache tomorrow, when he faces the district attorney of Linn county at Albany, in his examination for alleged robbery of the Lebanon bank. Crossly and Dunne are to be taken to Albany by Sheriff Word and Deputies Downey and Moreland, and Mrs. Dunne will go as a witness. Crossly's new mustache will be worn, not from his volition, but because he shaved off the one he wore when he was arrested for the alleged crime and sought thereby to make identification impossible in the hearing. He was given a razor with which to shave himself in the county jail here yesterday, and, while Jailer Grafton was not looking, cut off his mustache.

Crossly has been identified by several witnesses, who described him as a man with a mustache. With a smooth upper lip, these witnesses would experience difficulty in making oath that he is the man they saw in Albany on the day before the robbery in Lebanon. The hearing tomorrow is to ascertain whether or not these men should be indicted and tried. They have been held to the grand jury by the city recorder of Albany, and the district attorney sits tomorrow in the county jail here.

No further trace has been found of the whereabouts of J. F. Kingsley, supposed to be the leader of the gang, or of Ed. Dorland, another member. But it is thought that evidence has been adduced to warrant indicting Dunne and Crossly. H. D. Hendricks, father of Mrs. Dunne, is to go as a witness.

NATURAL ICE FACTORY DISCOVERED IN IDAHO (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Moscow, Ida., March 9.—Latah county has a natural ice factory that produces ice at any time of the year. The fact is not generally known and the location is known to but few. This "natural" factory is located about a quarter of a mile from Clyde's spur, between Volmen and Kendrick. About a quarter of a mile back from the spur is a bench at the foot of a cliff. Rocks have fallen from the cliff and formed a huge pile. It is here the ice is formed. The cliff is about 80 feet in height and is of basalt. Water coming from beneath the snow can be found and a vapor or mist seems to issue from the ground at all times, showing it to be much warmer than the rock formation.

CHADWICK CASE NOW NEARING THE JURY

(Journal Special Service.) Cleveland, March 9.—Mrs. Cassie Chadwick was serene in manner this morning and confident of acquittal, in the belief that the government has not proved conspiracy. Her lawyers claim that had bookkeeping and financing unprofitable to the bank only have been shown on its conspiracy charge of the indictment.

Expert Accountant Doolittle was recalled and went over the books, after which the defense surprised everybody by announcing that it rested. The government had no rebuttal to offer. The lawyers consulted about the time for argument and the jury was dismissed (11:30 o'clock. Mrs. Chadwick's counsel moved the court for an order for a verdict for the defense and also that the case be taken from the jury and arguments be made before the court alone. Counsel said that only a bank officer could certify a check and that Mrs. Chadwick couldn't, hence there was no conspiracy.

HORSES AND COWS PERISH IN FLAMES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Diamond, Wash., March 9.—A barn containing several horses and cows, much grain and valuable machinery was burned here this morning. The loss is \$2,500 with a small insurance. It was owned by John Carroll, who went to the barn when the fire began, but had no knife with which to cut the ropes and free the animals.

EFFORT TO STOP FIGHTS FAILS IN CALIFORNIA

(Journal Special Service.) Sacramento, Cal., March 9.—The Ralston anti-prize fight bill was defeated in the lower house of the legislature today. The measure, if it had passed, would have put an end to professional fights in California. It passed the senate several days ago.

INSTANTLY KILLED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Helena, Mont., March 9.—Purley Atkinson was instantly killed near Lewistown today while trying to pull a rifle from a wagon muzzle first. The bullet penetrated his heart, causing instant death. He was 33 years old.

MARQUIS ANGLESEY AT DEATH'S DOOR

(Journal Special Service.) Monte Carlo, March 9.—The Marquis of Anglesey is dying of consumption here. The Marquis is 50 years old. Officially he is described as the fifth Marquis of Anglesey, Earl of Uxbridge, Middlesex and Baron Paget of Beadeswell, county of Stafford. Six years ago he came into his estate from which he derived an annual income of \$50,000. Last year he went into bankruptcy with liabilities of \$2,000,000 and the sale of amazing gimcracks on which his fortune had been squandered aroused the laughter of Europe. His agent con-

siderably more than \$1,000,000 in jewelry and dresses, consequently in the amateur theatricals he played was passionately fond of the eccentric. For instance he once wore a beautiful daughter of Mrs. Gray, who was usually pink. He married the daughter of a nobleman, but they quarreled and he was obliged to leave her. He was married a second time, but they quarreled and he was obliged to leave her. He was married a third time, but they quarreled and he was obliged to leave her.