

## WITH SHEET SHE SUICIDES

MRS. J. W. HARMON, OF SELMA,  
HANGS HERSELF.

WAS NEW INMATE AT ASYLUM.

Ties Sheet to Window Guard and  
Launches Self Into Eternity  
in Early Morning.

Body Found at Early Hour Yesterday  
Morning Suspended Over Bed of An-  
other Inmate—Brought to Asylum  
Saturday.

Her brain deranged as a result of  
worry over the effects of a lightning  
stroke that damaged her property a  
little over one year ago, Mrs. J. W.  
Harmon, of Selma, Josephine county,  
hanged herself at the State Insane As-  
ylum some time Sunday night. Her  
inanimate body was found hanging to  
one of the window guards early yester-  
day morning. The body was cut down  
and the coroner notified, who, upon ap-  
pearing, declared it was a clear case  
of suicide, and therefore decided an  
inquest was unnecessary. The body  
was shipped to the home in Selma last  
night.

That Mrs. Harmon was affected with  
a suicidal mania was the last thing  
believed at the asylum, to which place  
she was brought Saturday night from  
her home in Selma. Her dementia was  
said to be due to a shock which she  
received during pregnancy in July of  
1904. The barn on the place at Selma  
was struck by lightning, causing fire  
and a complete loss of the barn. Over  
this the unfortunate woman had brood-  
ed until it wearied her mind so that  
it broke down completely. Her chief  
hallucination has been that her husband  
was insane and that he was trying to  
commit suicide.

From the hour in which she arrived  
at the asylum, Mrs. Harmon was a most  
tractable patient, and most cheerful.  
She appeared quite rational and gave  
no cause for alarm during the first  
night and day of her incarceration at  
the asylum. On Sunday she seemed  
quite out of place in such an institu-  
tion and gave no evidence of insanity.  
She laughed and chatted in a most in-  
telligent manner with those about her  
and late in the afternoon requested and  
was given writing materials. Her let-  
ter was to her husband at Selma, and,  
it is said, she wrote in a happy strain  
and spoke most encouragingly of her  
chances of immediate recovery. It  
seemed as though she were rational  
enough to appreciate her surroundings  
and to know that she was at the as-  
ylum for the purpose of a cure.

Nor did she appear at all moody  
when the full realization of her situa-  
tion came home to her. Indeed, her  
letter was written in a most cheerful  
vein and her demeanor throughout the  
whole of Sunday and that night before  
she retired indicated that she was glad  
of an opportunity to retire to a san-  
itarium where her troubled mind might  
be relieved of its depressing cares.

With the other patients she retired  
to her bed in the periodically insane  
ward, bidding all a pleasant good night.  
Throughout the night, no noise was  
heard from that ward, and it is be-  
lieved the terrible deed must have been  
committed well toward morning al-  
though the body, when cut down, was  
quite cold.

During the early hours, then, of the  
morning, Mrs. Harmon rose and tore  
her sheet into two pieces. With these  
knotted together, she made one end  
fast to the upper bar of a window near  
her bed and the other end she tied  
about her neck. In order to accomplish  
all this she had to climb upon the bed  
of another patient and stand upon the  
top of its iron head. From this ele-  
vated place, after having made both  
ends secure to the window guard and  
her neck, she swung herself off into  
eternity.

The neck was not broken and death  
was due to strangulation. When found,  
the lifeless body was hanging over the

bed of a patient who slept in the same  
room with Mrs. Harmon.  
Deceased was 37 years old.

## TALK STATE DEPOSITORY LAW.

Senate Passes Tax Commission Bill and  
House Considers Practicability of  
Law on State Deposits.

OLYMPIA, March 6.—After a day  
spent in discussing in committee of the  
whole, the respective merits of the  
state and house tax commission bills  
the Senate, late this afternoon, passed  
the House bill by a vote of 36 to 5  
without any important amendments.  
The House passed a resolution calling  
upon the state treasurer to give all in-  
formation as to the quarterly cash bal-  
ances in the state treasury for the  
last two years, the amount of interest,  
if any, paid to the state by depositors,  
the names of the depositors and re-  
quiring him to express an opinion as to  
the practicability of a depository law,  
requiring the payment of interest  
on state deposits.

## IN PROSPECTIVE

COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT WILL  
BE DEVOTED CHIEFLY TO CON-  
SIDERATION OF BRIDGES.

Question of Construction of Bridge on  
South Commercial Street of Cement  
or Other Material of Permanent Na-  
ture to Come Up—All Bridges Bad.

Among the most important matters  
to come up for consideration before  
the city council this evening will be  
the report of the special committee  
upon the matter of the construction of  
a new bridge on South Commercial  
street in place of the present structure  
which spans Mill creek, which latter  
is in a bad state of repair and decay.  
After thorough investigation the com-  
mittee has decided to report favorably  
upon the construction of a new bridge  
and to recommend the building of a  
structure of a more permanent nature  
than wood—preferably cement as the  
cheapest and most durable in propor-  
tion to cost. At the same time the  
report is made a complete set of plans  
will be submitted for the construction  
of such a cement bridge as will be  
recommended, for the information and  
guidance of the members of the council.

Although petitions are out, which are  
numerously signed by the electors of  
the city asking the council to submit  
the matter to vote of the people, it is  
learned that it is not necessary that  
the council be petitioned upon matters  
of this kind, as it lies within its power  
to submit questions of this character  
to the people without petition. The  
matter of petitioning is not compul-  
sory, being merely a prerogative which  
is vested in the people, but the pro-  
vision of the charter as to the submis-  
sion of questions of improvement, the  
cost of which will exceed the limit of  
indebtedness prescribed by the charter,  
to the vote of the people is mandatory  
upon the council.

City Must Be Bonded.  
It will cost the city \$4000 to con-  
struct another wooden bridge to re-  
place the old one, which would be only  
a temporary affair at best and a con-  
stant drain upon the treasury for re-  
pairs, and \$20,000 for a cement bridge,  
which would not only be serviceable  
and secure, but permanent and sightly  
and the first cost would be the last  
within an ordinary lifetime. In order  
that a bridge be built of cement, stone,  
steel or other substantial material of  
a like character, it will be necessary  
for the city to issue bonds for the  
amount of the cost bearing interest at  
4 per cent for a stated term of years.  
There is no question of the necessity  
of the building of a bridge over Mill  
creek on Commercial street, and it is  
believed that there will be no opposi-  
tion to the movement in the line of pro-  
gress of the charter as to the submis-  
sion of the interests of the city as well  
as themselves at heart; at least none  
could be found who would give expres-  
sion to their opposition if any was en-  
tertained.

Other Bridges Condemned.  
It appears that there are many other

bridges in the city that are in a very  
bad state of repair at least such is the  
conclusion of the council committee  
on bridges who made a tour of inspec-  
tion of all of the bridges within the  
limits of the city yesterday afternoon.  
This committee is composed of Coun-  
cilmembers Stensloff, Jacobs and Bayne.  
They made a general and thorough in-  
spection of all of the bridges, devot-  
ing the entire afternoon to the work,  
with the result that it was discovered  
that almost all of the structures were  
in an advanced stage of decay and  
many of them will probably be con-  
demned. Among those which are likely  
to be condemned by the council in the  
near future are, one on Fourteenth  
street, back of the passenger depot;  
one in Yew Park, beyond the railway,  
and another in North Salem. Although  
all of the bridges appear to be in fair  
condition, close inspection reveals that  
the timbers are rotting badly in the  
center and many of them are merely  
shells and dangerous to travel over.  
Generally speaking, one of the mem-  
bers of the committee stated, they are  
all in bad condition and it is only a  
matter of time until the great majority  
of them will have to be replaced by  
entirely new structures. This commit-  
tee will also make its report this even-  
ing.

Alleyway in Block Three.  
It is also quite probable that a bill  
for an ordinance will be introduced at  
tonight's meeting of the council pro-  
viding for the vacation of an alley  
through block 3 (east and west) in  
this city. This is the block which is  
situated between High, Church, Center  
and Marion streets, the northern half  
of which will be occupied by the new  
Central school building in contempla-  
tion. At present an alley runs through  
this block, north and south, but as  
the new school will be constructed in  
the center of the north half of the  
block some outlet must be provided  
for the residents thereof, and the school  
district has agreed to deed a 16½-foot  
strip of land, running east and west  
along the southern end of the school  
property to be used as an alleyway.  
The vacation of the property for this  
purpose must be done by ordinance,  
however, and the preliminary steps will  
probably be taken at tonight's meet-  
ing of the council. It is understood  
that the bill has already been drawn  
for presentation.

Salary Ordinance Coming Up.  
Another matter of interest to the  
public which will come up before the  
council this evening is an ordinance,  
the purpose of which is to increase the  
salaries of the city marshal and city  
recorder from \$1000 to \$1200, each, per  
annum. This ordinance was introduced  
at the last meeting of the council and  
will doubtless come up for third read-  
ing and final passage tonight. When  
the salaries of the other city officials  
were increased by ordinance several  
weeks ago these two officials were over-  
looked, and this ordinance is simply de-  
signed for the purpose of according  
them the same meritorious recognition  
as the other city officials received.  
There may be some slight opposition to  
the bill but it is believed it will be  
adopted.

## WARM MEETING

WEST SALEM TAXPAYERS SCRAP  
OVER RELOCATION OF THE  
SCHOOL BUILDING.

Meeting Last Night Was One Contin-  
uous Tussle With Everybody Talk-  
ing at Once—Petitioners for Removal  
Prepare for Big Fight.

There was a warm evening at the  
West Salem school house last night.  
The taxpayers of that section met for  
the purpose of deciding what should be  
done about relocating the school build-  
ing in that section. The call was in  
pursuance of a petition circulated by  
citizens living in other sections of the  
district other than in the immediate vic-  
inity of the school house. They claim-  
ed that the building should be more  
centrally located. This is what every-  
body understood was the object of the  
meeting, but it might just as well not  
have been held for nothing was done,  
and not a motion made save that of  
adjournment to an indefinite date.

E. C. Crossan called the meeting to  
order and presided throughout its boister-  
ous moments. He stated the object  
of the assembly and then the trouble  
was on. Everybody was on his feet in a  
trice, clamoring for the chair's atten-  
tion. J. R. Chapman, who drafted the  
petition for the removal of the school,  
was recognized and he poured forth a  
Phillippic that carried strong argument  
for the change of location of the build-  
ing. He was followed by dozens of  
others among whom were the chairman,  
T. E. Gardner and George Gosser.  
Gardner stated that he would give an  
acre of land on the Skinner place if  
they would move the school house. The  
meeting had progressed no more than  
half an hour when men in all parts of  
the room were on their feet and talking  
at the same time. It was pandemonium  
cut loose. There was no regard for  
parliamentary ruling or order and ev-  
erybody who wanted to took a hand in  
setting forth his views, regardless of  
the presence of others on the floor.  
Somebody in the rear finally shouted  
adjourn and it was carried unanimously.  
Just when and where the next meet-  
ing will be held is a question that will  
be determined by another petition. But  
that the school will be moved, there  
seems little doubt. Mr. Chapman with  
number of others favoring the re-  
moval, leave for Dallas this morning to  
see the county authorities and the su-  
perintendent of instruction for the  
county to see what can be done about  
the matter. They assert they will leave  
no stone unturned until the building is  
located in such a place that children  
from one district will not have to walk  
three or four miles, while those in oth-  
ers have only a short ways to go.

CLEVELAND, March 6.—The com-  
plete collapse of Mrs. Chadwick brought  
the first day of her trial to an abrupt  
close this afternoon. During the 14½  
money or a witness she was obliged to

## SEE EVIDENCE OF POISONING

SO TESTIFY PHYSICIANS AT MRS.  
STANFORD'S INQUEST.

CORONER'S INQUEST BEING HELD

Poisoned Woman's Secretary Scouts Pos-  
sibility of Suicide Theory  
Advanced.

Police in "Frisco Put Former Butler and  
Maid in the "Quis" Box for Three  
Hours—Both Are Photographed—  
Will Be Questioned Again Today.

HONOLULU, H. I., March 6.—At  
the coroner's inquest this afternoon in-  
to the death of Mrs. Stanford, Dr. C.  
B. Wood, one of the autopsy physicians  
testified that symptoms were found by  
him and the other physicians which in-  
dicated that strychnine poisoning was  
the cause of Mrs. Stanford's death.  
The different organs, he said, failed to  
show any sufficient cause for death from  
disease. Mrs. Stanford's secretary, Miss  
Bernier, testified that Mrs. Stanford  
left San Francisco on the advice of her  
brother, her attorney and her physician  
because of the occurrence of January  
14, when Mrs. Stanford drank mineral  
water that afterward showed it con-  
tained strychnine. Miss Bernier related  
incidents of their stay here indicating  
the improved health of Mrs. Stanford.  
Miss Bernier testified that on the fatal  
night she arranged the medicines for  
Mrs. Stanford and retired.

After Mrs. Stanford had retired  
February 23, I was aroused from my  
sleep by hearing my name called," she  
said. "I recognized Mrs. Stanford's  
voice calling out 'Bertha, I am so sick.'  
We rushed out and found her clinging  
to the frame of her door. I tried to in-  
duce her to sit down. She said: 'I  
have got no control of my body. I  
think I am poisoned.' I had adminis-  
tered about six or seven glasses of hot  
water when Dr. Humphries came. She  
said to the doctor: 'Doctor, I think I  
am poisoned. Won't you bring a stom-  
ach pump?' Then, turning to me, she  
said: 'Bertha, tell the doctor what has  
happened.' She was referring to the  
San Francisco episode of January 14.  
I explained the affair to Dr. Humphries.  
He tried to compose Mrs. Stanford, say-  
ing to her: 'Don't be afraid.' She  
said: 'Another spasm is coming,' and  
then my soul is prepared. I go to  
meet my dear ones. Oh, God, forgive  
me my sins.' The muscles became rigid.  
Then there came profuse perspiration,  
followed by a violent spasm, and Mrs.  
Stanford died."

Attorney General Andrews question-  
ed Miss Bernier regarding the bottle of  
biscuits of some kind. The witness said  
it was Mrs. Stanford's custom to take  
soda occasionally and added: "No one  
knew of this custom so far as I am  
aware, but myself, May Hunt and Nora  
Hopkins, an employee at the San Fran-  
cisco residence of Mrs. Stanford." Questioned by Deputy High Sheriff  
Rawlins with regard to the possibility  
of Mrs. Stanford having committed sui-  
cide, Miss Bernier expressed pity for  
any one who could be driven to such  
conclusion.

San Francisco, March 6.—Albert Be-  
verley, formerly the butler, and Miss  
M. P. Richmond, formerly the maid in  
the Stanford household, were closeted  
in the office of Captain of Detectives  
Burnett this afternoon for three hours.  
The conference was a star chamber af-  
fair and the police are taking great  
pains to preserve absolute secrecy.  
There were present besides the two who  
were to be questioned, Captain Burnett,  
Detective Wren, District Attorney Ber-  
nington and Attorney Wilson, representa-  
tives of the Stanford estate. During the  
course of quizzing, the photographer of  
the police department was sent for and  
the pictures of Beverley and Miss Rich-  
mond were taken. Capt. Burnett de-  
clared these facts did not in any way  
indict the police contemplated arrest-  
ing the pair. District Attorney Ber-  
nington refused to discuss the case.  
Capt. Burnett declared that Beverley  
and Miss Richmond were not "sweat-  
ed," but had come to headquarters vol-  
untarily in order to tell all they knew  
concerning the case.

Notwithstanding all of these state-  
ments, however, three hours were insuf-  
ficient for the inquisitors to get at the  
facts wanted, and in consequence of  
which, Beverley and Miss Richmond  
will again be questioned at police head-  
quarters tomorrow. The rumors that a  
contest of the will of the late Mrs.  
Stanford is contemplated by certain re-  
latives in this city on investigation fail  
to substantiate their authenticity. Miss  
Grace Gilmore, ward of the late Mrs.  
Stanford, said today she believed a  
murder had been committed and that  
the murderer was now in the city. She  
refused to give the name of the person  
she suspected.

HONOLULU, March 6.—A report is  
in circulation to the effect that the  
chemists are unable to find any strychnine  
in the organs of Mrs. Stanford,  
but they have found indications of the  
poison and will probably so testify at  
the inquest, stating that while it was  
not developed in the analysis, they are  
convinced of its presence. The inquest  
may be private, and there is a possi-  
bility that not even the press will be per-  
mitted to attend.

CARNEGIE IN COURTROOM.  
First Day's Trial of Mrs. Chadwick Is  
Brought to Abrupt Close.

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plete collapse of Mrs. Chadwick brought  
the first day of her trial to an abrupt  
close this afternoon. During the 14½  
money or a witness she was obliged to

leave the room, and reaching the ante-  
room she sank into a chair in a dead  
faint. Nothing of a startling nature  
was brought out in today's proceedings.  
The jury is regarded by the lawyers  
as a good one for the defendant be-  
cause there are no real "business men"  
upon it and the trial will deal largely  
with banking and other close business  
affairs. Andrew Carnegie walked into  
the courtroom today. He cast a quick  
glance at Mrs. Chadwick and then took  
a seat on the other side of the court-  
room.

WATCH DEVELOPMENTS.

All Japan Expectant and Watching  
Trend of Affairs at Scene  
of War.

TOKIO, March 7 (10 a. m.)—All Ja-  
pan is eagerly watching developments  
at the great theater of war in Man-  
churia. The people are confident that  
Field Marshal Oyama will defeat Kuro-  
patkin. The only question considered  
is the extent and severity of the blow  
that he will inflict and the effect upon  
the course of the war.

WASHINGTON IN LINE ALSO.

House Votes to Adopt New Direct Pri-  
mary Election Law Bill.

OLYMPIA, March 6.—The House di-  
rect primary bill passed the House this  
evening. It follows closely the law of  
Minnesota but affects only the superior  
judges, members of the Legislature and  
county and city officers. The vote was  
52 to 29 after an extended debate.

NEW REAL ESTATE AGENTS.

Two new real estate firms have  
opened offices in this city, and will  
hereafter be numbered among Salem's  
business enterprises. Hon. Frank Da-  
vey and Mark Savage have formed a  
partnership, and will be found in the  
room formerly occupied by S. B. Catter-  
lin on State street.

W. G. Daniels has opened offices in  
the Murphy block with H. A. Johnson.  
The prospects for a good real estate  
business during the coming year are  
very flattering.

INDIAN INCREASE.

A report from the Umatilla Indian  
School, which was established for the  
benefit of the Umatilla, Cayuse and  
Walla Walla tribes, confederated, shows  
an increased attendance this year, un-  
der the superintendency of John J. Mc-  
Koin. The school is more than full,  
having an enrollment at present of 108  
pupils. In addition to these a recent  
investigation showed that 115 Indian  
pupils belonging to these tribes are  
attending the Catholic mission and the  
public schools on and adjacent to the  
reservation. This classification does not  
include the Pendleton and Rigby pub-  
lic schools, from which no report has  
been received at the agency, and both  
of which are attended by a consid-  
erable number of Indian children.

## OFFERS A BRIBE

CHARGE MADE THAT ADAMS MAN  
WANTED TO PURCHASE PEABODY VOTE.

Republican Member Springs Startling  
Surprise in Gubernatorial Contest In-  
vestigating Committee's Session He  
Says He Was Given \$750.

DENVER, March 6.—Senator W.  
Morgan (Republican) today openly ac-  
cused James M. Herbert and Daniel  
Sullivan of offering him a bribe to  
vote for Hon. Alva Adams for Governor  
in the contest now pending before the  
joint convention. The accusation came  
in the form of a letter addressed to  
Jesse F. McDonald, as President of the  
Senate and presiding officer of the joint  
convention of the Fifteenth General  
Assembly. The letter stated that Her-  
bert had given Morgan \$750 and that  
the money had been turned over with  
full information to District Attorney  
Stidger of the city and county of Den-  
ver. The motion that a committee of  
five be appointed to investigate the  
charges prevailed.

Herbert is one of the foremost rail-  
road men in the state, and Sullivan is  
postmaster at Cripple Creek, and one  
of the most prominent Republican  
workers in the state. Eight informa-  
tions, charging bribery and conspiracy  
have been filed against Herbert and  
Sullivan in the criminal court by Dis-  
trict Attorney Stidger. Each accused  
furnished bonds in the sum of \$5000.

In a statement issued tonight, Gov-  
ernor Adams said he believed the charg-  
es were made as a part of a fixed pro-  
gram; that Morgan had personally vis-  
ited the Governor on March 2 and  
promised to vote for him because he  
believed Adams was honestly elected.  
In a statement issued today Herbert  
says that Morgan approached him, say-  
ing the Peabody workers were bound-  
ing him; that the Peabody had offered him  
\$5000 to vote for Peabody and that he  
thought if he stood by Adams, as his  
constituents desired him to do, he ought  
to have \$3000 for incurring the dis-  
pleasure of the Peabody men. Morgan  
reduced his price to \$1500 but Herbert  
said he would have nothing to do with  
the proposition. Sullivan made a sim-  
ilar statement charging Morgan with  
soliciting a bribe from Herbert in his  
(Sullivan's) presence.

Sullivan was today assaulted by a  
Peabody worker on the street for al-  
legedly that Peabody lobbyist instigat-  
ed Morgan to make the charges in or-  
der to influence the legislators to vote  
for Peabody. The Democrats claim  
Morgan's statement is a plot to help  
Peabody's fight.

STRIKES ARE RESUMED.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 7.—The  
strike was resumed this morning at the  
Putloff, Oubkoff and several other  
works, and is now extensive, though not  
general. There are disorders in the

Caucasus and especially at Kutais and  
Batoum, where there is rioting, in  
which a number of persons are killed  
or wounded. One hundred and twenty-  
five thousand persons are on a strike  
in this region.

DEFENDANTS FILE ANSWER.

Alleged Paper Trust Replies to Moody's  
Bill by Making Denial.

ST. PAUL, March 6.—The Interna-  
tional Paper Company and other defend-  
ants in the suit brought by Attorney  
General Moody in the United States  
court here against the so-called paper  
trust, today filed their answer to the  
bill, in which they enter a general de-  
nial that they have conspired to control  
the paper trade of the United States  
and to establish prices or restrain  
trade.

WAITING TO HEAR FROM FRONT.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 6.—The  
extraordinary council of war is post-  
poned until tomorrow.

## BOARD IS READY

SALEM'S HEALTH COMMISSION-  
ERS ANXIOUS TO WAGE WAR  
ON THE MICROBES.

Held Meeting and Discuss Sanitary  
Conditions of Salem—General Clean-  
up of City Is Desired—Council Ex-  
pected to Co-operate With Board.

The City Board of Health Commis-  
sioners held its regular monthly meet-  
ing at the police court room last even-  
ing. No definite action was taken,  
but matters in general pertaining to  
sanitation were discussed. All the  
members were present, and the city's  
sanitary, or rather unsanitary, condi-  
tion, was thoroughly gone over. The  
board realizes that with the approach  
of spring the time is made ripe for ac-  
tion looking toward a general clean-  
up of the city. That such a move is  
necessary is not only conceded by the  
health commissioners, but the general  
public, and the work should be com-  
menced without delay.

At the last regular meeting of the  
city council the health board, through  
its chairman, G. Stolz, submitted im-  
portant recommendations in writing  
which were referred to a committee,  
and a report upon the same will no  
doubt be made at the council meeting  
to be held this evening. Clothed with  
the proper authority and backed by  
the co-operation of the council, the  
health board, which is composed of  
some of Salem's leading business and  
professional men, will be able to ac-  
complish excellent results and make  
important improvements in the sani-  
tary conditions of the city.

The council will no doubt do its part  
to place the board in good working or-  
der, and the announcement may soon  
be expected that war has been de-  
clared against the microbes.

DISTRICT CHIEF IS KILLED.

BYELOATOK, Poland, March 6.—The  
district chief of police was shot and  
killed today while attempting to dis-  
perse a crowd of workmen who had met  
just outside of town.

## JAP RESERVE IS EXHAUSTED

THIS IS THE REPORT THAT COMES  
TO THE LONDON TIMES.

WILL TRY TO BREAK OYAMA

Kuropatkin Hears of Japanese Situation  
And Makes Ready for Crush-  
ing Blow.

No Cessation in Yesterday's Battling  
in Manchuria, Though Tide of Battle  
Is Said to Be Moving Away From  
Mukden—Conflicting Stories.

There was no cessation of fighting  
between the Russian and Japanese  
armies in Manchuria yesterday. Rus-  
sian reports state that the tide of bat-  
tle in the immediate vicinity of Muk-  
den seemed to be ebbing. The most  
that the war critics at St. Petersburg  
seem to hope for at present is that  
General Kuropatkin has succeeded in  
re-establishing his line of retreat in the  
direction of Harbin.

Word has reached New Chung-  
king, however, has no confirmation  
from other sources, that the Japanese  
are already north of Mukden with a  
large force and that the Russians are  
facing a disastrous defeat. There seems  
to be a possibility that General Kuropatkin  
has drawn off a portion of his army  
from the center and sent it to reinforce  
the divisions engaged in the flanking  
movements. General Kaulbars, the  
most trusted of General Kuropatkin's  
officers, is personally in command of the  
Russian forces in the triangle between  
the railway and the Hun river, which  
is the vital position the Japanese have  
been assailing for several days. Rus-  
sian reports admit that 12,000 men have  
been wounded, but make no mention of  
the number killed, and at the same time  
assert that the Japanese have lost  
30,000 in killed or wounded.

New Chungking, March 6.—(Via Tien  
Tsin.)—Traders arriving here report  
that last night 30,000 Japanese had  
gained an entrenched position five miles  
west of the gates of Mukden. Hand-  
to-hand fighting until daylight followed,  
without any advantage on either  
side.

Sakhetan, March 6 (2:45 p. m.)—Ac-  
cording to reports just received the  
Japanese have advanced along the  
whole line. The roar of artillery indi-  
cates that the fighting is gradually  
sweeping further and further from  
Mukden.

London, March 6.—The correspondent  
in St. Petersburg of the Times, tele-  
graphing under date of March 6, says:  
"Reassuring dispatches tonight claim  
the Japanese have already used all their  
reserves. If he receives positive in-  
formation on this point, General Kuropatkin  
will hurl his entire force tomorrow  
south and southwest of Mukden to try  
to break Oyama's army. At the pre-  
liminary meeting of the war council to-  
day (Monday) General Dragomiroff,  
presiding, General Gripenberg was present.  
It was proposed to send additional  
400,000 men to the Far East."

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