

THE IRON RING IS BEING CLOSED BY MARSHAL OYAMA

Japanese Have Cut Off the Railroad North of Mukden and General Nogi is Heading for Tien Pass, Kurapatkin's Objective Point.

Entire Russian Front Has Caved in Before the Terrible Japanese Onslaught and the Several Wings are Retreating in Great Confusion. Crisis Passed.

HAVE JAPS TAKEN TIE PASS?

New Chung, March 9, via Tien Tsin, March 9.—It is reported that Tie Pass has been invested by the Japanese and that General Kurapatkin, having no alternative, will probably be forced to surrender within a week.

The Japanese are apparently closing in to the north and west of Mukden, and today's dispatches show that Field Marshal Oyama is making desperate efforts to interpose a Japanese force between the retreating Russians and Tie Pass.

New Chung, March 9.—Gen. Nogi's army made a forced march 25 miles daily, and in conjunction with General Oku's army, surrounded eighty thousand Russians in the direction of Tie Pass, cutting off their supplies.

Tokio, March 9.—The headquarters of the Japanese armies in the field reported today as follows: "In the Sinking (Yemden) direction our force, after defeating the enemy at Maguntum, is still pursuing him in the Shakhe river direction."

The whole district west of the railroad and south of Hun river is in our hands. "On the right bank of the Hun river operations continue."

ADMITS KUROPATKIN'S DEFEAT.

Veil is Thrown Over His Efforts to Extricate His Beaten Army, Which is in Great Peril.

TREATY PASSES BY PARTY VOTE

President Roosevelt's Recommendation in Santo Domingo Matter Officially Endorsed by Senate Committee, all Members Being Present.

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Washington, March 9.—Senator Bate, of Tennessee, died at six o'clock this morning at the Ebbitt House of pneumonia and a defective heart.

POLITICAL CHAT ON ROUNDS TODAY

Ex-Mayor Brevard McDowell Mentioned in Connection With Forthcoming Race. The Members of the City Executive Committee.

The article in yesterday's News, which was practically the entering wedge in the municipal campaign, was widely read and generally discussed.

In view of this practically assured fact it is said the opposition feels that no time must be lost in selecting their leader. But this is where the trouble lies.

TO CANVASS FOR EXHIBITS.

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WILL HARRIS CAUGHT.

Sheriff Wallace Will Arrive in the Morning From Atlanta With His Prisoner.

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SENATE HONORS HIS MEMORY.

Adjourns Out of Respect to Dead Member—Eulogized by Senator Gorman.

Washington, March 9.—After a session of seven minutes the Senate adjourned out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Bate.

Tennessee Honors Him.

Nashville, Tenn., March 9.—As a token of respect to the late Senator Bate, the Tennessee Legislature adjourned soon after it was called to order today.

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Norfolk, Va., March 9.—The board of governors of the Jamestown Exposition Company will begin at once a campaign among the States with a view to securing early and substantial appropriation for exhibits in Hampton roads in 1907.

SOUTH CAROLINA FIEND.

Shot and Killed Colon Policeman and Wounded Two Others.

MUSIC AT SHELBY.

Delightful Entertainment Tuesday Night—Other News Notes.

Shelby, March 9.—A delightful musical was held in the parlors of the Shelby Hotel on Tuesday evening from 8 to 11.

VERDICT FOR S.A.L. IN THE HAMLET COMPRESS FIRE

Case Involving \$21,000 Damages Decided in Favor of the Railroad by Wake County Jury After Deliberating Over the Matter for many Hours.

Standing Master Eugene Martin Investigating the Records in the Onslow County Bond Repudiation Litigation. Current Happenings of a Day.

Raleigh, March 9.—A verdict for the Seaboard was returned by the Wake County jury in the case of Cunningham and Hinshaw vs. the Seaboard Air Line, involving \$21,000 damages for cotton burned in the Hamlet Compress fire two years ago.

FEES OF CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICERS

Senator Duls Interviewed in Regard to Legislative Action Abolishing the Office of Tax Collector for Charlotte Township. Reason for the Act.

THE ELECTRIC LINE IS NOW ASSURED

Street Committee at a Meeting Held Today Accepts Proposition of Mr. E. D. Latta to Extend His Car Line Highland Park.

At a meeting of the street committee of the city of Charlotte, held today, it was unanimously decided that the city grade Brevard street from Fifteenth street to the tracks of the Seaboard Air Line.

SHIPMENT OF BERRIES.

East Carolina Truckers Ready For Season's Opening—Death on a Train.

Wilmington, March 9.—The executive committee of the Eastern North Carolina Truckers' Association met the officials of the Atlantic Coast Line here today.

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SURFACE LINES ARE JAMMED BY THE STRIKE

Today Marked Some Improvement in the Interborough Trainmen's Strike in New York. No Strikers Appear to Receive Pay.

Traffic on the East Side Elevated Lines is Almost at a Standstill. Gompers, Mitchell and Other Labor Leaders Held a Conference Today.

New York, March 9.—In the interborough trainmen's strike today there was marked improvement in the operation of subway trains.

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