

SHEET OF LAME OVER RUSSIANS

ARTILLERY SEEKS TO ANNIHILATE FLEEING ARMY

Tokio is Unable to Ascertain the Full Result of Yesterday's Fighting. Estimated That Between 20,000 and 50,000 Taken Prisoners.

Kuropatkin Wires the Czar That the Japanese are Inflicting Great Damage on Both Flanks of His Retreating Army. Their Position is Perilous.

KUROPATKIN'S LOSSES WERE ENORMOUS.

St. Petersburg, March 11, 6.50 p. m.—It is reported in the military clubs this evening that Kuropatkin lost hundreds of guns and about 60,000 prisoners, besides about the same number of killed or wounded.

The broken Russian army is desperately struggling northward after enormous losses in men, guns and supplies. The rout seems complete and an unofficial report from St. Petersburg says Kuropatkin lost 60,000 prisoners. To the east and west of the retreating army, the Japanese are closing in and it is apparent that Russia has met with the crowning disaster of the war. Official reports from Mukden say thousands of Russians are crowded into the district between the railway and Mukden road, while the Japanese are pouring an annihilating fire upon the demoralized mass. In a despatch to the Emperor, Kuropatkin announces that he is still in retreat and adds "How many are surrounded is not known." On three sides the retreating Japanese are being cut off and it seems possible that Oyama's supreme effort to interpose a strong force between the main Russian army and the north may succeed fully.

GIANT CORDON AROUND MUKDEN Desperate Efforts of the Russians to Break the Encircling Barrier Unsuccessful. Far—From 20,000 to 50,000 Prisoners.

Tokio, March 11.—The full extent of the Russian disaster is still unknown here, but the casualties and losses in guns and munitions of war are enormous. Local estimates of the number of prisoners taken vary from twenty to fifty thousand. By a desperate onslaught the Japanese drove a wedge through the line of Hun river and then pressing northward practically created a giant cordon around Mukden, bagging a tremendous force of Russians by the operation completed yesterday.

Desperate fighting continued during the night, the Russians striving to break the encircling barrier. The wedge continues to advance north, and has already reached Hanper, some distance northeast of Mukden.

The losses on both sides yesterday were heavy swelling already the tremendous total involved in the capture of Fushun and the continuous heavy fighting. It is now known that as a result of the operations yesterday if

LIVES ENDANGERED BY MINE EXPLOSION

Miraculous Escape of 150 Miners From a Horrible Death. Flooding Necessary to Quench the Flames. Two Persons Fatally Injured by Explosion.

Irwin, Penn., March 11.—An explosion in Yonah mine, caused by a miner igniting a blast, started a fierce fire in the shaft and endangered the lives of 150 men. All escaped injury. All efforts to smother have been unavailing and preparations are being made to flood the shaft. The fire is and is difficult to reach. Over \$200,000 has been expended recently in improving the plant and the damage will probably be heavy.

Two Fatally Injured. Erie, Pa., March 11.—Two persons were probably fatally injured and a number of others had miraculous escapes and considerable property was wrecked by the explosion of natural gas near here.

THE CHADWICK TRIAL.

Arguments Being Made on Both Sides of the Case. By Associated Press.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 11.—Attorney Dawley, for Mrs. Chadwick, made two hours' argument and was followed by District Attorney Sullivan for the prosecution.

KILLED BY A STEER.

Boy Tossed High in the Air, Breaking His Neck. Buffalo Creek, W. Va., March 11.—John McIntyre, the sixteen-year-old son of a prominent farmer living near here, was instantly killed Friday afternoon in an encounter with a steer.

MUSICIANS VS. DANCERS.

Two-Step Ended Only When Heart Trouble Interfered. Winsted, Conn., March 11.—A battle between musicians and dancers to see which could stay the longest took place at a fair in the armory here last night.

Individual Communion Cups.

Norfolk, Va., March 11.—The congregation of Freemason-Street Baptist Church, of Norfolk, one of the leading Baptist churches in the South, which has a membership of 1,000, last night unanimously adopted the individual communion cup plan, the individual cups to be of glass.

Lots Talk Wanted.

Asheville, N. C., March 11.—It is learned here that a large Charleston, S. C., concern is negotiating for the purpose of a great quantity of western North Carolina tale, with which a new white polish is to be made. The tale in this section of the State is found to be better for the polish than any other. It will be used almost exclusively.

RUSSIA WILLING TO HEAR OF PEACE

Empire Would Welcome Peace and Terms Looking to the Conclusion of War Could be Arranged by Japan Taking the Initial Step.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—Regarding the rumors of peace, the Associated Press is enabled to make the following statement: "The moment might prove opportune, but the question of peace lies with Japan and not with Russia. Russia would welcome peace and peace could be arranged not through a third power, but by direct negotiations between the two countries if Japan would propose moderate terms. As victor Japan is in a position to take the first step. Russia cannot and will not sue for peace. Neither could she accept terms which did not recognize Russia as a power in the Far East."

OPEN ANARCHY PREVAILS.

Authorities at Samara Do Not Raise a Hand to Suppress Appalling Outrages. By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—Advices from Samara say anarchy is reigning there. The authorities are passive in the face of the most appalling outrages. Numbers of people have been killed by bands of roughs and no one ventures in the streets.

CAR JUMPS ON STEEP GRADE.

Eight Persons Injured in Pittsburg Trolley Accident. By Associated Press.

Pittsburg, March 11.—Mrs. Pepper, a passenger, and the motorman and six others were injured by a Carnegie trolley jumping the track on a steep grade today.

FIRE IN KAISER'S PALACE.

Stubborn Blaze in the Fuel Cellars at Potsdam. By Associated Press.

Berlin, March 11.—Fire broke out yesterday morning in the extensive coal and wood cellars under a wing of the new palace at Potsdam.

THE AUTHORSHIP OF PLATFORM IS BEING DISCUSSED

The Question as to Who Wrote the Platform Adopted by the Laboring Men's Club at the Meeting Last Night, Roundly Discussed.

Two of the Platform Committee Deny That They Had Any Voice in the Make-up of the Paper. Parties Suspected of Drafting the Document.

"Who wrote the platform adopted by the Laboring Men's Club last night?" This was the interesting question that was put to the News' man early this morning and one that he has tried to solve.

In the first place Mr. L. W. Wise, one of the platform committee and the one who introduced the resolutions, states that he "killed the bear."

A gentleman who reads the papers very closely and thinks twice before he speaks—and then generally talks to himself—says that he can plainly discern the Italian hand of a certain Socialist.

Another gentleman seems to think that the platform as adopted last night bears the earmarks of a certain prominent local Republican and these two gentlemen are the only ones that the News' man could go to make up an opinion relative to the paper in question.

It is positively stated by the other two members of the platform committee that they not only do not endorse the platform, but never saw its contents until they read it this morning.

A prominent labor leader this afternoon states positively that the platform as adopted last night does not voice the sentiments of a majority of the working people of the city. They not only do not subscribe to the sentiments contained therein, but are perfectly willing and ready to hear the issues discussed before making up their minds.

A MATCH OF FOX HOUNDS.

English and American Packs to Compete in Virginia. By Associated Press.

Richmond, Va., March 11.—The epistolary controversy, which has been going on in a New York sporting publication as to the relative merits of English and American fox hounds, has resolved itself into a wager between Harry W. Smith, of Worcester, Mass., who has laid \$1,000 even, that his Grafton pack of American fox hounds can rouse and catch more foxes in a day than the English fox hounds of Middlesex Hunt, of which A. Henry Higginson, of Boston, Mass., is master.

ROYAL WEDDING DAY.

Forty-Second Anniversary of Marriage of Edward and Alexandra. By Associated Press.

London, March 11.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra celebrated the forty-second anniversary of their wedding day today. The event occasioned the usual rejoicing at Windsor, where in St. George's chapel, their majesties were married. The Queen was nineteen then and the King two years older.

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COL. ORR'S SUCCESSOR.

William E. Beattie Elected President of Piedmont Manufacturing Company. By Associated Press.

Greenville, S. C., March 11.—William E. Beattie was elected president and treasurer of the Piedmont Manufacturing Company at a meeting of the directors held here today. He was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Col. James L. Orr, and will serve until the annual meeting of the stockholders in May. Today's action, however, means that he will retain the position.

MR. KELLY TAKES LADANUM.

Well Known Citizen Tries to End His Life. Mr. D. A. Kelly, a well known citizen of Charlotte, attempted to end his life this morning by taking ladanum.

For some time past Mr. Kelly has been engaged in the fresh meat business on North Tryon street. Owing to the fact that that business has not been good, he became despondent and lost heart.

For the past two days he has worried very much over certain business matters. This morning he remained in the same frame of mind and it was while in this condition he took the deadly drug.

WHITES' CONVICTED OF MURDER.

South Carolina Jury Renders Verdict of Guilty in Case of White Men Who Murdered Negro. Columbia, S. C., March 11.—For the first time in the history of South Carolina, and perhaps, in the South, two white men were yesterday convicted of the murder of a negro. Bob Small was found guilty of murder and Bob Noll guilty of murder with recommendation to mercy. They killed Frank Scott, colored, near Darlington, on February 6th, last.

The sentence under law for murder is death and for murder with recommendation to mercy is life imprisonment. The judge has no discretion in either case, and only a reversal of the court's ruling by the supreme court or the mercy of the governor can alter the sentences.

The two men were from North Carolina and worked at a sawmill about nine miles from Darlington. They were returning from town to the mill when they met the negro driving a wagon and after exchanging a few words with him shot him, apparently without cause. When told by the treasurer of Darlington, who happened along just at the time of the shooting, that their deed was foul, they replied by shooting at him, the leading taking effect in the horse's head.

DEATH OF MRS. SNELL.

Died This Morning at Her Home East of the City. Mrs. Samuel W. Snell died this morning at 10 o'clock at her home on the Matthews road east of the city, as the result of heart trouble.

She was taken sick about two weeks ago with the grip, but improved and was thought to be convalescing when two days ago she was taken suddenly ill with heart complications from which cause death ensued.

The funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from Amity church by Rev. Crane. The body will be interred at Amity church cemetery.

The deceased is survived by a husband and five children; Samuel W. Snell, Jr., Wilson E. Snell, Edwin Snell, Mrs. Fred Coates, and Alice Dunn. She is also survived by two sisters and two brothers. Mrs. Moore Pharr, of Sharon, Mrs. Robert Snell, of Cabarrus, Mr. William Query, of Concord, and Mr. Coltraine Query, of this city.

BOMB IS THROWN FATAL RESULTS

SAYS NEGROES SHOULD LEAVE. Dr. Babbitt Would Have Them Distributed Through the Country. Washington, March 11.—Dev. Dr. Dean Richmond Babbitt, of Brooklyn, president of the commission on the race problem, in an address here Thursday night advocated the voluntary exodus from the South of negroes.

He urged that through industrial combinations, co-operative societies and State immigrant boards created for the purpose they should seek settlements in the Northern, Middle and special Western States, so that the problem of the negro race should not be any longer a Southern one.

If the negro were distributed among the Northern and Western States, his political rights, he said, "not only would be protected, but through a balance of power between the parties he would obtain political and industrial recognition, and there would be a lessening of race prejudice, now impossible for him in the congested South."

DINED AT WHITE HOUSE.

Senator and Mrs. Overman Guests of the President. Washington, D. C., March 11.—Senator and Mrs. Overman dined with the President and Mrs. Roosevelt Thursday night and were the recipients of marked attentions from their host and hostess. Both are prime favorites in a social way at the White House.

Senator and Mrs. Simmons, by request of Mrs. Bate, accompanied and sat with the family at the funeral ceremonies of the late Senator Bate in the Senate chamber today. Senators Bate and Simmons were closely associated in the recent fight on the statehood bill and this cemented the friendship between them. Mrs. Bate and Mrs. Simmons, who have lived at the Ebbitt, are warm friends.

BULLET IN HIS BRAINS.

Suffolk, Va., March 11.—Augustus H. Cobb, a banker, and half owner of the Suffolk knitting mills, sent a bullet through his brain yesterday. He was sitting in the private office of the Suffolk Banking and Trust Company, of which he and his brother were the principal stockholders, when the shot was heard. They found him dying, lying in a pool of blood.

AFFECTED LINES NOT YET NORMAL

Trains Running Today on Every Branch of the Interborough System, But on Reduced and Irregular Schedules. Subway the Least Affected. By Associated Press.

New York, March 11.—Although nearly two days have passed since the local leaders of the unions involved in the big street railway strike were repudiated by the national officers, and the strikers ordered back to work, conditions on the affected lines are not yet normal. Trains are running today on every branch of the Interborough Company's system, but on reduced and in some cases irregular schedules. The subway was least affected. It seems probable that many former employees never will be re-employed, but it is said that the company had decided to take any of the men over forty years of age, affecting hundreds of men who have been employed on the elevated many years.

MR. HOWIE OPERATED ON.

His Left Leg Amputated This Afternoon. An operation was performed on Mr. J. C. Howie this afternoon at his home near Croft. Owing to the very serious condition of the patient the gravest fears are entertained as to his recovery.

For some months past Mr. Howie has been suffering very much from necrosis of the bone of the foot. After repeated examinations it was agreed that amputation was the last resort. Mr. Howie agreed to have the operation performed and the physicians went out this afternoon to take the case in hand. Nothing had been learned as to how the patient stood the operation up to the time the News went to press.

THE COMMISSION IS ON THE ROUNDS

Inspection of the Yadkin Railroad From Salisbury to Norwood Completed and Now They Will Look Into Complaints About the Atlantic and North Carolina. Special to The News.

Raleigh, March 11.—The Corporation Commissioners returned today from an inspection tour over the Yadkin Railroad from Salisbury to Norwood, and will leave Tuesday for Goldsboro for a similar trip over the Atlantic and North Carolina road. This trip is on account of complaints of inadequate depot facilities at LAGRANGE, Beaufort, Morehead City, Kinston and other points, also as to the condition of the roadbed.

Admiral Harris Retires. By Associated Press. Washington, March 11.—Rear Admiral H. T. B. Harris, paymaster general of the navy, was placed on the retired list today, having reached the age limit of 62 years prescribed for active service.

HOTEL BRISTOL SHAKEN TO ITS FOUNDATIONS

Flesh and Blood of Owner of Infernal Machine Besmeared on Walls and Ceiling. Wife of an Officer Also Killed and Several Injured.

Unknown Man Supposed to Have Been Connected With the Destruction of Grand Duke Sergius as Circumstances Point Strongly to Him. By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—The explosion of a bomb at the Hotel Bristol this morning blew to atoms the owner of the bomb, a man with an English passport and giving the name of Alfred Henry McCullough, and wrecked the adjoining rooms, killing the wife of an officer and injuring several other lodgers. McCullough's legs were torn off, and the flesh of the upper portion of his body was spattered on the walls and ceiling. The police believe McCullough was charging the bomb when it exploded. At the British embassy and consulate McCullough is unknown.

There is not the slightest doubt that the man killed was connected with terrorist plots. The bomb was of the same power as those which killed Minister Von Plehve and Grand Duke Sergius. The police believe McCullough was engaged either in packing his effects, as the hotel Bristol was to be vacated, or in preparing for some desperate enterprise when the bomb exploded. Just before Grand Duke Sergius was assassinated McCullough was absent from the hotel for two days, which might connect him direct with the Grand Duke's murder.

A MISS IN BREECHES.

Winston Policemen Run Up With a Prissy Sensation. Winston-Salem, N. C., March 11.—A genuine sensation was produced here yesterday by two policemen finding a pretty eighteen year old girl in boys' clothes. She was found in the company of a colored woman. The girl's name is Etta Jackson Nease. She came here Wednesday from Roanoke, Va., in disguise as her cousin, who is a brakeman on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, for reason for leaving Roanoke was to prevent the authorities from sending her to a reformatory. She says her mother died over a year ago and that her father lives in Bedford county, Va.

No Trace of Missing Boy.

Elizabeth City, N. C., March 11.—No trace of Senator Beasley's son has yet been found and no clue as to his whereabouts has developed. The belief in Currituck is that he was really kidnapped and carried to some distant place, although no tangible evidence has been produced to verify it. With his disappearance is connected the stranger who drove through that place the same day the boy was missed, but the connection is extremely vague and there is practically nothing to work on in the efforts to find him.