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JAPS CONTINUE TO DRIVE ENEMY

Kuropatkin's Forces Falling Back Slowly Before the Japanese Onslaught

BATTERIES ARE HOLDING OUT

So Far the Japanese Have Been Unable to Dislodge the Russian Artillery and Shelling of Japanese Continues - Kuroki Reports Success Against Russian Left.

BULLETIN. Mukden, March 2.—Today was marked by an attack along the whole front. Fighting in the center is becoming serious and losses on both sides are heavy.

General Kuroki's headquarters, March 2.—During the night the Jap infantry crept forward from the hills and took three small villages in front of Warto mountain. One column captured the town of Kodates, fifteen miles from Warto mountain. The engagement there was not severe. The artillery duel is continuing in the east and is most active about Witsan, but the cannonading is neither as heavy nor as unceasingly as heard from the westward. The batteries of both armies have maintained their positions.

Tokio, March 2.—A dispatch from headquarters says: "Our force in Singking (Yens) direction is occupying Tsingpocheng (Tsingpetchen) and is now pursuing the enemy northward. We captured large quantities of provisions at Tsingpocheng. "Our force at Henshu is gradually dislodging the enemy from his position thirteen miles northeast of Bentaspuz and from another position seven miles northwest. The first position is four miles west of the second."

Our force has pressed the enemy northward of Shakhe river and has occupied Sunnumpatun Tiao, Chihnutan and Sunhuapao three miles north of Warto mountain. "The enemy has many field and heavy siege guns on either side of the railroad, heretofore unused, and is now shelling us."

St. Petersburg, March 2.—The position of Kuropatkin's army is regarded as being more or less critical. The real turning movement which Kuroki is operating in the mountains forty miles eastward of Mukden seems to be making progress. At the same time Oyama is also forcing back the Russian left, while pounding away at the Russian center with heavy high power guns. Poutloff and Novgorod hills have been subjected to a continuous three day bombardment, followed by an infantry attack, the main Russian lines being forced to retire two miles to their shelter trenches. Some Russian newspaper correspondents anticipate an attempt to take the hills by storm. Kuropatkin is making desperate efforts to check Kuroki, one of whose columns has succeeded in working around the extreme Russian left and reinforcements have been dispatched in a northeasterly direction. Rensenkampff is slowly retreating, fighting and taking advantage of the broken hilly country to contest every inch of ground. There is nothing yet to indicate that Oyama will succeed in inflicting a decisive blow, even if he forces Kuropatkin to abandon Mukden.

Kuropatkin's Army Crumbling. St. Petersburg, March 2.—The entire center of General Kuropatkin's army seems to be in imminent danger of collapse. The Russians have been defeated at the railroad bridge across the Shakhe river after an all night battle, in which the losses on both sides were enormous. The Japanese opened fire on Poutloff (Lone Tree Hill) with siege howitzers yesterday afternoon. The hill, which is the key to General Kuropatkin's center position, soon presented the appearance of an erupting volcano, being nearly hidden by clouds of dust and smoke. The artillery is busy along the whole front, a distance of eight miles. It is rumored that a division on the extreme Japanese right is marching northward. Although it is not admitted at the war office, the general impression in military circles is that General Kuropatkin may be forced to withdraw. Not only is General Kuroki threatening his communications, but the redoubts at Poutloff and Novgorod hills, and even the hills themselves, keys to the position of the Russian center, appear to be crumbling away under the impact of terrible eleven-inch shells, such as leveled the fortifications of Fort Arthur and rendered the fortress untenable. No troops will be able to retain the position long, if the bombardment continues.

Japs Raid Simmintin. Newchwang, March 2.—Four hundred Japanese cavalry with one gun raided Simmintin, thirty-three miles west of Simmintin, this afternoon. The Japs, as partners in business. At

trained in the main street the troopers ransacked the railroad buildings and Chinese huts.

For months Simmintin has been headquarters of the combat band and the Japs heretofore have not interfered with it. On arrival of the Japs at Simmintin the streets were quickly cleared, the Chinese went to hiding and the great crowd of Greek and German traders became panic stricken, but the Japs did not touch their carts which were waiting to make a night trip to Mukden. Three Cossacks were discovered. One was killed. The Chinese report previous to their entry into Simmintin the Japs disposed of a small body of Russian scouts capturing fifteen of them. On the completion of their examination of Simmintin the Japs withdrew to Pauchiatun. Ten thousand Japs troops are reported to be three miles south of Pauchiatun and numbers of Japs in Chinese clothing are along the Koupantze line. Simmintin is now quiet. The Japs hold all roads. It is reported here Kuropatkin's left has advanced six miles.

Stubborn Fight on Left Wing.

Sakhetun, March 2.—A stubborn fight is waging on the left wing. Vigorous attacks of the Japanese on the village of Kudaza have been repulsed. The Russians maintain their position, thanks to the intervention of a relief column which attacked the Japanese from West after two passes had been occupied. This column was hard pressed by the Japanese and suffered great losses, but repulsed all assaults. To the westward the Japanese made a night attack on Kutal pass. Some assaults were repulsed, but at 9 a. m. the Russian advance guard vacated two outworks which had been destroyed by the Japanese artillery and retired to adjacent fortified positions. The Japanese attacked Manshanpu in the Khandiensia district, but were repulsed.

Activity on the Right. Tokio, March 2.—Advices from headquarters of the Japanese armies in Manchuria show that Japanese activity on the extreme right continues. That wing is pressing forward and dislodging the Russians.

HAT MEN ON STRIKE

Dispute of Management and a Few Women Trimmers Causes Closs of Six Big Hat Factories.

Orange, N. J., March 2.—A practical shutdown of six big hat factories has grown out of a dispute with a few women employed as trimmers. The latter have been idle for two days and today 6,000 or 7,000 men and women will quit work. The question at issue is the date upon which the wage scale shall take effect.

TO DEPOSE FAITHFUL SERVANT. Michigan Politicians Want Head of Health Board's Secretary.

Lansing, Mich., March 2.—The passage of the bill putting an end to the long and honored career of H. B. Baker, secretary of the state board of health, was a pathetic incident yesterday in the house of representatives. Dr. Baker founded the health department of the state in 1873, and considered nothing secondary to the preservation of the public health. Baker introduced a bill reorganizing the board and providing for the appointment of a secretary by the governor. The bill went thru the house this afternoon. It was an administration measure.

FILIPINOS GO TO CAPITAL. Scouts Leave Fort Thomas to March in Inaugural Parade.

Cincinnati, O., March 2.—The battalion of Filipino scouts that had been stationed at Fort Thomas left yesterday for Washington to attend the inauguration of President Roosevelt. The troops were brought to Newport in special street cars and boarded a special train on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad. There are 266 of the soldiers besides eleven officers. Each soldier was in full equipment, with blankets, carbines, machete and canteen. The scouts carry six days' rations and expect to be back at Fort Thomas next Monday.

COAL FOR ROJESTVENSKY. Nine German Colliers Sail to Join Russian Squadron.

Port Said, March 2.—Nine German colliers chartered from the Hamburg-American Steamship Co., proceeded to Jbutul, French Somaliland today. It is believed they are on the way to join Rojestvensky's squadron. Two other steamers with stores have sailed for the same destination.

Eloping Preacher is Caught. Washington, March 2.—The third elopement of the Rev. J. E. Cordova with his former choir member, Miss Julia Brown, received a rude termination last night in the arrest of Cordova by the Washington police.

Cordova is being held for the New Brunswick, N. J., authorities on a fugitive from justice, and it is probable the same charge will be placed against the woman. The eloping preacher was arrested as he stepped into a store to make a purchase. He refuses to discuss his escape.

Strike Area Extending. Moscow, March 2.—The strike area in the city and suburbs is extending. Sixty thousand men are now out.

Prince Mirsky Ill. St. Petersburg, March 2.—Prince Sviatopolk Mirsky, former minister of the interior, is seriously ill at Kharkoff.

Emperor Receives Stoesel. St. Petersburg, March 2.—General Stoesel was today received in audience by the emperor.

STRIKE SITUATION IS MORE CRITICAL

Russia Unable to Find Relief For Internal Troubles Which Threaten Revolution

SECRET ENEMIES AT WORK

Now Believed That a Deep Laid Political Plot is Operating Thru Hidden Agencies to Prevent a Settlement of Strike—Uprising Feared Saturday—St. Petersburg Situation.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—The strike situation throughout Russia has been rendered distinctly more critical by the bold demands of the St. Petersburg workmen yesterday, confronting the government again with the necessity of yielding everything in the face of a threat or seeing all hope of a permanent settlement of the strike here and elsewhere, thru like agencies, dashed to the ground.

But the worst feature of the situation is the authorities are now convinced the leaders of the workmen, in pursuance of a deep political plan are managed by a shrewd hidden agency which is deliberately trying to prevent a settlement. The authorities seem at their wits' ends and in the meantime rumors are again afloat that the action of yesterday was preliminary to a big demonstration of workmen in Moscow to signalize the emancipation anniversary. The police apparently do not know what to expect, but their general fear of the outcome is based on the discovery at Moscow and at Wirbelien and Russian Poland of quantities of bombs. The strike movement has suddenly assumed active form in the Ekaterinoslav and Don Cossack governments. All the miners of the Donetsk coal mines, numbering over 2,000, threaten to walk out Monday.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—According to reports from Moscow several rioters have been killed in conflicts with workmen of the Orechov Sujvo manufacturing district. Ten thousand men struck today in the large factories of the Viborg quarter of St. Petersburg.

MRS. CHADWICK PAID BONUSES. Two Loan Agents Testify in Cleveland Bankruptcy Proceedings.

Cleveland, O., March 2.—Two men, who had loaned Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick large sums on collateral, and had charged her stiff bonuses, were examined before referee in bankruptcy yesterday. They were W. V. Coons, a loan broker of Cleveland, and Henry Wuerst, of Elyria, O. Coon's testimony, which was developed by much refreshing of his memory by the attorney, testified that in 1928 he made Mrs. Chadwick loans aggregating from \$50,000 to \$75,000. He was given a certificate by Irl Reynolds, the face value of which was \$150,000 and a personal check valued at from \$2,000 to \$30,000. His bonus, he admitted, was to be about \$12,000, besides the regular interest. "Wasn't this transaction of yours with Mrs. Chadwick, a trifle extraordinary?" asked Referee Remington, of the witness. "I mean in the manner of it."

MRS. CODY AGAIN DENIES. Insists That Reports Affecting Her Are False.

North Platte, Neb., March 2.—The hearing of the Cody divorce case closed here last evening, with the cross-examination of Mrs. Cody. All day she submitted to a fire of questions from Chief Counsel Ridgley, for the plaintiff, and only twice lost control of herself, and then she made admissions which will weaken her case materially. In the opinion of counsel for Colonel Cody. On direct examination yesterday she steadfastly denied all charges made by Cody against her. He and she never had quarrels, she said. He was kind and she treated him in a like manner. He was poor during the first few years of their married life, and had not provided well for her, she said. Yesterday, admitting that Cody had provided for her in the early days as best he could; that when he went away orders were left with the post quartermaster to give her plenty of provisions. She said she was instructed to see that she wanted for nothing. Mrs. Cody admitted that she quarreled with Cody during the early days over the saloon and tavern business because he did not make enough money. At Axami, while living near North Platte, the colonel's dogs were poisoned and he took her to task for it, and

they had a serious quarrel, which ended by Mrs. Cody leaving the ranch to walk to town.

"I told Cody," she said, "that I would not take that talk from Bill Cody or any other man."

Mrs. Cody was asked if she and Cody had not separated at Hays City, Kas., in 1867, at Leavenworth in 1869, in Denver in 1879 and at North Platte in 1885. "No, sir. We never separated until Cody brought this suit for divorce," she said.

Mrs. Cody denied she had said Cody lived five years longer than he should, or that she had said she would go back to Coney Island and bring Cody home in a box. She never consulted mediums, except for fun, and never said she would rule or run Cody, "drag on his blood" or any other drug. She said she didn't know what "dragon's blood" was. She denied that, in order to spite the colonel, she had combed a hot iron over the table where he was entertaining guests, and also denied that she insulted Richard Bennett and other members of a theatrical company who were being entertained at the Cody home. The examination came to a termination with the sensational and unexpected statement by Mrs. Cody that she now demanded that Cody make a retraction in the press of all the charges he had made against her, and that if she said she would withdraw the poisoning charge she would become reconciled and welcome him home, but today she said he would have to withdraw all the charges publicly, and she would then consider the proposition of reconciliation, but could not say as yet her verdict.

Colony Cody will give his testimony in rebuttal in Omaha on Monday and then the case goes to Sheridan, Wyo., for argument and final decision.

RULES TO GOVERN DRAWBACK. Attorney General Moody Clears Up Points Regarding Foreign Wheat.

Washington, March 2.—Attorney General Moody, in an opinion received by the secretary of the treasury yesterday, holds, in effect, that the drawback on the export of flour made from imported wheat should be computed according to the relative values of the flour and other products at the time and place of manufacture. It also is held that where only a part of the products made from imported wheat are exported it is proper to determine the proportionate value of the same for drawback purposes without allowing anything for the increased price such part would bring in the domestic market, because of the uncertainty of exportation with right of drawback. The questions covered by the decision arose in the preparation of regulations allowing drawback on exported flour and its by-products made in whole or in part from imported wheat. There was some question in the department as to whether the value of the flour and its by-products at the place of manufacture or at the point of export should determine the drawback to be allowed on each. Inasmuch as the flour and its by-products made from imported wheat would be entitled, on exportation, to a drawback at the rate of 25 cents a bushel, it was held that the amount of wheat used and hence would command a higher price in the market than the products of domestic wheat, the question was raised whether this increased value should be taken into account in determining the relative amount of drawback to be allowed or whether the value of the products for domestic use should govern. The attorney general finds that the relative values at the place of manufacture and for domestic use should be the basis of adjustment.

WILL NOT OBEY INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION RULING. Chicago, March 2.—Executive officials of the western railroads have decided to ignore the order of the interstate commerce commission requiring them to charge no higher rates for livestock than are charged for the transportation of livestock products.

By the advice of the attorneys for the different roads the matter will be tested in the courts, as the railroads are agreed that it will be impossible either to lower the livestock rates or to increase the rates on livestock products. A reduction on the livestock rates in compliance with the decision of the commission would mean a minimum reduction of 3 1/2 cents and a maximum of about 8 cents per hundred pounds, and would affect fully 40 per cent of all the livestock traffic west of Chicago. The railroads estimate that compliance with the order of the commission would mean an annual aggregate loss to the railroads of about \$2,000,000.

ICE DOES DAMAGE OF \$600,000. Gorges in Ohio River Crush Shipping—Further Destruction Feared.

Cincinnati, March 2.—The ice gorges in the Ohio river have already damaged property to the extent of \$800,000 in this vicinity, and further destruction is feared. The large body of ice extending above here for sixty miles, almost to Maysville, Ky., began to move yesterday, and is apt to sweep both upstream and down. Barges have been smashed and sunk and larger crafts have been forced ashore high and dry. Several fine yachts and launches belong to local boating clubs have been practically destroyed and some of the handsome passenger steamers have suffered.

EX-SENATOR WOLCOTT DEAD. Former Republican Leader in Colorado Passes Away in Italy.

Denver, March 2.—News of the death of former United States Senator E. O. Wolcott in Italy, received in a cablegram to Private Secretary C. H. Chittenden yesterday, threw consternation into the ranks of the democrats who had been expecting the Wolcott republicans to vote with them when the legislature begins the consideration of the gubernatorial contest today. Frank Frewen, leader of the Wolcott republicans, when he heard the sad news, exclaimed, "It's all over now."

OPEN BUILDING BIDS MARCH 18

Additions and Improvements Planned For Soldiers' Orphan's Home at Davenport

FEES AMOUNT TO LARGE SUM About \$1,500 a Year Resulting From Small Admission Fee to State Penitentiaries, Expended in Buying Books for the Penitentiary Libraries—Books Added at Other Institutions.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, March 2.—The bids for the new buildings and improvements at the Soldiers' Orphan's Home at Davenport will be opened March 18. The estimated cost of the improvements will be about \$28,000. The present laundry building there is adjoining the dining room and too close to the latter for the comfort and convenience of the inmates. The kitchen is nearly in the center of the institution and is much too small for the purpose. It was arranged at a time when there were but fifty inmates and there are now about 500. It is planned in the improvements to use the laundry for a kitchen for which it is admirably suited, and to use the present kitchen for a library for which it is quite well suited and well located. The new laundry building will be a separate building, away from the others to sufficient distance.

LIBRARIES ARE COMING TO BE A VERY IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE STATE INSTITUTIONS OF IOWA. Before the board of control was created there was, according to legislative enactment, a twenty-five cent fee required for admission to the two state penitentiaries. This was the only institution where such a charge was made. But until the board of control was created this requirement was not lived up to with strictness. The fee was charged to strangers, but not to those inmates who operated as inmate officials. The members of the board of control found that very little was collected from this fee and at once required that the fee be charged to every one entering the penitentiary other than a convict or person excepted by the statutes. This charge has not worked a hardship on any one and has brought in about \$1,500 a year. According to the state law it was required in buying books for penitentiary libraries and good libraries have been now furnished both institutions.

On recommendation of the board of control the legislature made the control state law which provided for \$4,000 available for buying books for the other institutions of the state. Some of this money has been spent and now there are quite good starts toward libraries at Mitchellville, Eldora, Davenport and some of the other institutions as well. More books are being added continually. Books, especially in the Eldora, Mitchellville and Davenport institutions, where children are kept, are a great factor in the reformation of the youths. In some of the eastern states the library commissions are called in to advise as to the selection and also as to the use of the books in the institutions and trained librarians are employed to dispense that work.

SEVENTY BOYS WILL GO TO WASHINGTON FROM IOWA TO REPRESENT THE HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE INAUGURAL PARADE. The number is three times that of the boys and is giving the educational forces over there some chagrin. It is understood that the number from Iowa is the largest of any of the states and it is expected the delegation will be given the honor of marching in the parade. It is intended to propose to the boys when they are all together in Chicago that they go to one of the big department stores and get a bunch of sweaters with the letters across the breast, in white. If the boys take kindly to the idea this will be done. Banners were prepared in the office of the state superintendent which will be carried in the parade. John B. Hays, head of the high school division of the state, is intended to propose to the boys when they are all together in Chicago that they go to one of the big department stores and get a bunch of sweaters with the letters across the breast, in white. 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