

# KUROPATKIN IN FULL RETREAT

**Russians Are Again Running Before the Little Japs—  
Consternation Painted on Faces of Russian Officials Who Remain Silent—Blow May Bring Great Russia to It's Knees—Mukden Is Doomed.**

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**TOKIO, MARCH 8.—A DISPATCH FROM KUROKI STATES THAT THE RUSSIANS UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS LAST NIGHT EVACUATED THE WHOLE LINE ALONG THE SHA RIVER AND ARE NOW IN FULL RETREAT NORTH WITH THE JAPANESE INFANTRY PRESSING CLOSELY.**

**THE RUSSIANS HAVE BURNED ALL SUPPLIES. MUKDEN'S FALL IS NOW APPARENT.**

TOKIO, March 8.—The Japanese this morning captured Machun Tan, southeast of Mukden.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 8.—A dispatch from Kuropatkin today states that Mukden is still held by the Russians and denies that their communication has been cut. It is known, however, that the Russian left is in a critical position, with Rennenkampf's corps in danger of being cut off.

TOKIO, March 8.—Machun Tun has been captured by the Japanese. It is a great pass and its capture gives the Japanese control of the head of the valley to Fu Shan.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 8.—The Russian correspondent at the front says the Japanese had arranged to enter Mukden March 4. The Chinese governor is instructed to prepare a solemn reception. A regiment of infantry surrounded a portion of Kuroki's men, who rejected an invitation to surrender and were shot down.

GLASGOW, Scotland, March 8.—The Herald's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs that the Russian council of war has exonerated General Stoessel for the abandonment of Port Arthur.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 8.—At 7 p. m. the street rumors have it that the day is lost to the Russians and the army is in full retreat from Mukden. Public interest is at a higher pitch than at any time during the war. Groups surround the bulletin boards and extra papers sell in sheaves. Despite the optimistic governmental reports it is the belief of the public that Kuropatkin has been overwhelmed by Oyama and will make his last stand at Tie pass. His losses are enormous.

TANANA RIVO, Madagascar, March 8.—The Russian fleet sailed for Jubtil, French Somaliland, today, apparently on its return.

TOKIO, March 8.—The British steamers Venus, from Cardiff to Vladivostok, and the steamer Aphrodite for the same point have been seized by Japanese warships, making the total number of vessels captured to date 32.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT ATTENDS FUNERAL

The funeral of H. A. Mero, the fireman who fell from the Cook's Hill standpipe, occurred this afternoon, the services being held at Smith's undertaking parlors on Post street. The services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Fry of the Jefferson Street Methodist church. The music was rendered by the Elks' quartet.

The services were largely attended by his brother firemen, who were represented in the funeral procession by part of the central station fire equipment.

## INSURRECTION IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

(Scripps News Association.)

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Open insurrection is declared to exist in the provinces of Cavite and Batangas in the Philippines. Twelve hundred regulars have been hurried to the troublesome section.

Unless immediate improvement follows, it is prophesied they will reestablish reconcentration methods. Most horrible atrocities have been committed. The natives betraying the whereabouts of bands of Ladrones are being strung up and their lips cut from their faces.

## WAS A MURDER COMMITTED ON FRONT AVENUE?

Did All Babb, former deputy sheriff, see a man murdered two weeks ago last Sunday night?

Babb says he saw a man killed near the corner of Front avenue and Washington street.

The police say Babb has wheels in his head. For over two weeks Detectives McPhee and McDermott have been looking for a man who was shot and thrown into the river. They were told that such had happened.

H. T. Winn, porter at the Omaha bar, and Al Babb, who served as deputy sheriff, say they heard and saw a murder committed.

According to Babb's story a man was shot by two other men just in front of the blacksmith shop adjoining the Salvation Army haven.

Babb says the first shot whistled by his head and that another soon followed. Then he heard a cry of "Kill him! Kill him!" Just before a third shot was fired the man was heard to say: "Do not shoot, boys. You have me."

Then Babb says he saw them carry a man behind the blacksmith shop and drop him into the river.

H. T. Winn says Babb came running into the saloon and told him that he had just seen a man killed.

Winn says he also heard the shots.

The police have since been carrying on a secret investigation, but have been unable to find any dead man. All that has been found is some bloody handkerchiefs.

The theory of the police is that while Babb had an attack of "bats in his garret" he fired the shot and then told the story.

## STANFORD MYSTERY WILL FOREVER REMAIN UNSOLVED

(Scripps News Association.)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—If the police were at a loss in the Stanford mystery yesterday, they are utterly at sea today. The finding of the chemists weakened the theory of murder and it is evident the case will be dropped as soon as the authorities can rid themselves of it gracefully.

The presence of strychnine in the bicarbonate of soda and the first poisoning in this city it is believed will forever remain unexplained and the police practically admit today that no arrests will ever be made.

The police officials concluded this morning that a mistake had been made in the transmission of the cablegram from the Honolulu sheriff with reference to the finding of strychnine in the bicarbonate of soda. They think the decimal point before the figures 662 was dropped off and that the cablegram should read .662 of a grain instead of 662 grains.

## MRS. CHADWICK DID NOT KEEP THE BANK'S BOOKS

(Scripps News Association.)

CLEVELAND, O., March 8.—At the beginning of the third day of the Chadwick trial the government announced that it would conclude the presentation of its evidence today. Receiver Lyons of the Oberlin bank was recalled and said the books of the bank showed no credit to Mrs. Chadwick at the time the eight certified checks that figure in the indictment were drawn.

The defense objected to the attempt to have Lyons identify two drafts issued by the Oberlin bank in favor of Mrs. Chadwick in 1903, amounting to \$80,000, on the ground that they were not mentioned in the indictment, and at the same time announcing that the main feature of the defense would be that Mrs. Chadwick had nothing to do with the bookkeeping of the Oberlin bank. The court ruled that the negotiations of the two drafts, as well

as the check for \$12,500 the same day and the letter mentioned in the indictment, were a part of the same transaction. Lyons testified that the drafts were drawn in New York.

Ira Reynolds, the pioneer victim, was called to the stand, but merely identified the handwriting of Mrs. Chadwick in two letters and papers which were submitted. The crowd was disappointed.

Mrs. Chadwick was first heard in the case when she interrupted the district attorney, who threatened to bring in the Carnegie notes, though not mentioning the names outright. "That's what we want," shouted Mrs. Chadwick. Her interruption received no attention from the court. Cassie then smiled over the evident sensation she had created.

The government has rested. The defense called Expert Accountant Doolittle, who asked permission to examine the books of the Oberlin bank, which was granted. Court then adjourned.

## NEW YORK STREET CAR STRIKE IS SERIOUS

(Scripps News Association.)

NEW YORK, March 8.—The second day of the strike found the conditions slightly improved in the ability to move trains. The subway is running trains every four or six minutes. Some headway has been made on the express elevated.

The company says it will have 5000 men to handle trains by night and will be able to handle two-thirds of the normal traffic.

The company will probably refuse the mayor's offer of arbitration. On the other hand, the strikers say they have the situation won. Thirty-five hundred police were assigned to duty today.

The strike leaders in a letter to the mayor today agreed to accept arbitration. The company officials have held a meeting and it is generally reported they will decline.

Late this afternoon the company declined to arbitrate and asked for more police protection. There was little disorder today.

## AWFUL EXPLOSION IN MORMON CHURCH

SALT LAKE, Utah, March 8.—An explosion of acetylene gas in a Mormon meeting house at Granger, seven miles south of here, last night, wrecked the building, killing Nellie McKay and injuring Ida Smith, Vivi Wallace, Hazel Murphy, Eunice McRae and 19 others.

The walls were blown out, the floor torn up and the people pinned under the benches and wreckage. Miss McKay was killed by the organ falling on her as she was singing a solo.

## ONE KILLED IN FIRE

(Scripps News Association.)

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., March 8.—The plant of the American Cereal company, the largest of its kind in the world, comprising two entire blocks of brick and iron structures, was destroyed by fire with the exception of a group of small buildings. The loss is estimated at \$1,500,000, with insurance of nearly \$1,000,000. J. Safely was the only man killed.

## ELOPING MINISTER IN COURT

(Scripps News Association.)

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., March 8.—The eloping minister, Rev. D. J. Cordova, was arraigned this morning and pleaded not guilty to two indictments of nonsupport and assault and battery of his wife.

Miss Bowne is still in jail. Cordova endeavored to get his wife to agree to a divorce, but she refused.

## ALL UNION MEN STRIKE

(Scripps News Association.)

PORTLAND, Ore., March 8.—All the union men employed on the buildings at the Lewis and Clark exposition went out on a sympathetic strike today. No union men are employed on the grounds now.

## WHO OWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS?

W. M. Dean, George Collins and William Connelley, composing the board of county commissioners, on last Friday, by resolution, accepted the offer of W. H. Cowles to settle his taxes on the Review for the year 1903 for \$747.56, which is upon an assessed valuation of \$19,935. This is a reduction from \$1495.12, taxed on a valuation of \$39,870.

Prosecuting Attorney Barnhart hastened to settle the suit the Review had pending against the county involving these taxes, without allowing the city to protect itself.

Under dictation from the Tall Tower and to fulfill pledges and promises, the county commissioners have done what everyone cognizant of the facts expected them to do, compromised the taxes of the Review and mulcted the city and county to the tune of \$747.56—in other words, cut that institution's taxes in two. The action was taken quietly last Friday and not a whisper has been heard concerning it about the courthouse since. Inquiry at the commissioner's office up to today elicited a denial of such action. The act was done in secrecy and has been hidden since as if its authors were ashamed to father it.

A portion of these taxes against the Cowles institution belongs to the city and a portion to the county. Under a decision of the supreme court of Washington giving the commissioners power to settle disputed and uncollectable taxes the commissioners have been for a long time trying to please the Tall Tower organ and subserviently let them out of their tax indebtedness.

The Review was assessed in 1903 at \$39,870, making its taxes \$1495.12. This the Review refused to pay, but tendered the county what that institution thought it ought to pay. It has continued this tender since Treasurer Irwin has taken office, but Irwin has refused to accept it.

In 1904 the Review secured a reduction of its assessment to \$19,935. It is upon the strength of this reduction that the fight for a reduction of the 1903 taxes was made.

Two suits were brought, one by Mr. Cowles, owner of the Review, to relieve him from paying taxes on the Associated Press franchise and another by the Review Publishing company to relieve it from paying all of its taxes. In the former suit, the defendants being the county and Treasurer Mudgett, the city intervened through Corporation Counsel Dudley to prevent the loss to the city of its portion of the Cowles taxes and the case is still pending. In the second suit the city did not intervene upon the promise of Prosecuting Attorney Barnhart that before anything in it was done the city through Mr. Dudley would be notified and allowed to be heard.

Today while papers were being prepared to protect the city's rights by Corporation Counsel Dudley, who expected to file them in the Review case, Prosecuting Attorney Barnhart, violating his promise to notify Dudley, appeared before Judge Kennan with Mr. Stevens, the Review's attorney, and had the action dismissed upon stipulation.

Thus the county commissioners, acting up the recommendation that the Review's taxes were a fit subject for their leniency, have cut the Review's taxes in twain and Prosecuting Attorney Barnhart has aided and abetted them by hurrying the court proceedings through without notifying the city's attorney and giving it a chance to protect itself. It is to be hoped that the county officials interested in this matter have now relieved themselves of all obligations incident to their becoming such officials.

Would these officials have labored so strenuously in the interest of some poor citizen as they have for this millionaire-owned newspaper?

## SENATORS ANKENY AND PILES HAND NAMES TO PRESIDENT

(Scripps News Association.)

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Senators Levi Ankeny and Samuel Piles today handed to the president the names of Edward Whitson of North Yakima for judge and Joseph B. Lindsley for district attorney and George Baker for marshal of the new federal judicial district in eastern Washington, and asked for a job for General Thomas H. Kavanaugh.

## SPOKANE BREAKS AWAY FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

(Scripps News Association.)

MILWAUKEE, March 8.—The National Bowling association officials have been advised of a movement for a distinctive western bowling league, which includes Butte, Spokane, San Francisco, Tacoma, Portland and Seattle. Dissatisfaction arising from eastern dictation is the cause,