

KUROPATKIN IS NOW ENCIRCLED

Almost Exhausted, the Little Brown Boys Have Completely Surrounded the Russian Army and Have Cut Off Their Retreat to the North and Are Now Within Five Miles of the Sacred Tomb—Japanese Will Not Leave Army At Mukden.

THE BATTLE OF MUKDEN HAS RAGED FOR 12 DAYS.

OVER ONE MILLION TROOPS ARE ENGAGED IN THE GREAT STRUGGLE.

THE LOSSES ALREADY EXCEED THOSE OF ANY BATTLE OF MODERN TIMES.

THE TROOPS HAVE HAD NO REST FOR OVER A WEEK.

THE RUSSIAN WAR COUNCIL HAS DECIDED TO RETAIN KUROPATKIN.

THE JAPANESE HAVE CAPTURED MACHUNTAN, A STRATEGIC POINT.

THE JAPANESE HAVE SAN TIA TSE, NORTH OF MUKDEN.

THE JAPANESE OCCUPY SIAO CHI TUN, NORTH WEST OF MUKDEN.

THE RUSSIANS HAVE FALLEN BACK TO THE RIGHT BANK OF THE HUN RIVER.

THE ENTIRE DISTRICT WEST OF THE RAILROAD AND SOUTH OF THE HUN RIVER IS HELD BY THE JAPANESE.

RUSSIANS ARE RETREATING TO THE NORTHWARD.

DISPATCHES STATE MUKDEN HAS FALLEN. THIS IS DENIED BY THE ST. PETERSBURG MILITARY CLUBS.

THE CRISIS IS APPARENTLY CLOSE AT HAND AND THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE TROOPS MAY DECIDE THE BATTLE, FOR BOTH ARMIES ARE APPROACHING COMPLETE EXHAUSTION.

TOKIO, March 9.—The Japanese Manchurian headquarters telegraph, that the whole district west of the railroad and south of the Hun river are in our hands. On the right bank of the Hun river operations continue, the enemy is making a stubborn resistance, our force are now pressing toward Mukden. We occupied Siao Chi Tun, five miles northwest of Mukden and San Tai Tse, five miles north of Mukden. Our force destroyed the railroad north of Mukden.

TOKIO, March 9.—The official announcement of the result of Oyama in pursuit of the Russian forces is expected today.

Flags are flying in celebration of General MacArthur and other American attaches who leave for the front tonight.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 9.—While denying the general disaster the general staff admits the peril of the whole army, especially the rear guard. Mukden may have been pressed of news here causes the existence of hordes of the wildest rumors.

It is stated the army on the east is retiring in good order also on the center and destroying the stores as they go. Fighting has become a rear guard action. The Russian losses Wednesday were seven thousand. North of Mukden the Japanese are reported as working from a position parallel with the railroad and four versts north of the Imperial tombs and five versts from the railway.

BERLIN, March 9.—Lokal Anzeiger today prints a dispatch that the Japanese have occupied Mukden.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The Japanese ministers' Tokio dispatch says: "Oyama reports that he has beaten the enemy in every direction and that the Russians began retreating Wednesday morning with our troops in vigorous pursuit."

Oyama has prohibited his troops from quartering in the city of Mukden in order to preserve its sanctity.

LONDON, March 9.—A Reuters' Tokio dispatch confirms the cutting of the railroad north of Mukden, and says if Kuropatkin succeeds in withdrawing the bulk of his army the performance will eclipse the masterly retreat from Liao Yang. A heavy engagement is proceeding in the neighborhood of the imperial tombs.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 9.—A local paper announces that the Japanese occupied Putiloff Hill last night. The correspondent reports two divisions of Japanese north of Mukden. The indications are that Kuropatkin is hemmed.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 9.—General Srakoff, Kuropatkin's chief staff telegraphs:

"Several fierce attacks on our north front were made during the night but were repulsed."

Kuropatkin under the date of Wednesday says: "On the right bank of the Hun, the enemy has assumed the offensive toward Mukden, from the northwest and north, the center left flank of our armies has fallen back without fighting, to the entrenched positions on the right bank of the Hun river. Today the enemy attacked our north front driving a small detachment of outpost from the village of Pudiassa, two miles northwest of the village of Trentsan."

LONDON, March 9.—A Teinsin dispatch states that Tie Pass is invested by the Japanese and that Kuropatkin will probably be forced to surrender within a week. The Japanese have surrounded 80,000 in Tie Pass and cut off their supplies and are crushingly attacking the Russians on all sides.

POLICEMAN ROY SMITH IS A MENTAL WRECK

Former Policeman Roy Smith was brought back from Butte, Mont., this morning under a special guard supplied by the Masons and Eagles. He is a physical wreck and wholly unbalanced mentally, imagining that men are pursuing him with the intention of committing murder.

Ever since arriving in Butte, Smith was cared for by the police and members of the fraternal orders to which he belongs. After recovering sufficiently he was sent back to Spokane in charge of J. T. McDonald.

During the morning Smith was kept at the police station where he saw men in the persons of the trustees who had followed him from Butte with the intention of killing him.

McDonald and Detective McPhee, after securing orders from the chief, took the demented man to his home. It was the first time the deserted wife and baby had seen him.

The scene was one of pathos bordering on the dramatic. It required all the physical force of the officers to drag the unfortunate man away from his home.

The Masons and Eagles arranged to have Smith cared for at the Lidgerwood sanitarium and from the house the ex-officer was taken to the sanitarium.

Smith was presumed to have left Spokane while on a drunk and was charged with leaving with the wife of a north side bartender.

Never strong mentally, his mind gave way beneath the strain and in Butte he showed mental aberration which increased as he continued the spree.

Smith is no longer a member of the police force, but will be cared for by his brother officers and fraternal associates.

GOVERNMENT TO OWN RAILROADS

(Scripps News Association.)

WASHINGTON, March 9.—A report of the sub-committee interstate commerce investigation of the Panama Railways pays a high tribute to the management of the road, but criticizes the Isthmian canal commission. The report advocates the government ownership of the Panama railroads.

STANFORD INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

(Scripps News Association.)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—The police continue discreetly silent in regard to the death of Mrs. Stanford. They claim to be holding their opinions in abeyance until the investigation in Honolulu is concluded and they are put into possession of all the facts. In the meantime the

detectives are seeking to ascertain who placed the poison in the bottle of mineral water from which Mrs. Stanford drank in January.

It is again stated today on good authority that if any arrests are made in this city the person who will be arrested is one whose name has not yet been mentioned in connection with the poison mystery. It is suggested that upon the arrest of this person the household servants will be detained or arrested as accessories before the fact.

BOYD'S TRIAL STARTS TOMORROW

Tomorrow is the big day for the city hall politicians who will attend the hearing of the charges against President J. H. Boyd of the city council.

President Boyd is charged with violating the laws by selling supplies, such as hydrants, etc., to the city while holding office.

The Boyd defense will be that the supplies bought of the iron works managed by the defendant were bought in the open market and did not reach the contract price, \$200.

President Boyd, through his company, has been supplying hydrants to the city for the past 14 years. He had a contract for such which expired and it is claimed now that the supplies were bought in the open market and that the president of the council does not hold stock in the iron works.

MOTHER FOUND LOST DAUGHTER

After 20 years of separation Minnie Montgomery was found living within six blocks of her mother who is now stopping at the Southern hotel in St. Louis.

The Montgomery girl has been sought by her mother for two decades and the search led to inquiries being made through Chief of Police Waller.

Today the chief received a letter from the mother announcing that the daughter had been found through police efforts and was residing only a short distance from the parent who had searched a continent for her.

MORE CARS ARE MOVING

(Scripps News Association.)

NEW YORK, March 9.—Much improvement is noted this morning in the movement of trains on the elevated and subway lines. The officials of the company declare the strike broken. The strike leaders are endeavoring to get the employes of the power houses to quit. No disorder has been reported.

HAY DENIES REPORT

(Scripps News Association.)

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Secretary Hay this afternoon stated that he was in receipt of reports concerning negotiations with San Domingo that were misleading. He said the president nor the department of state never had any intention of carrying out an agreement without duly submitting it to the senate and that the department had no knowledge of the existence of an agreement of January, prior to its announcement in the press.

BEEF TRUST INVESTIGATION

(Scripps News Association.)

CHICAGO, March 8.—Forty more subpoenas for witnesses in the beef trust inquiry were issued today, bringing the total number of persons summoned tot 280. The grand jury will convene March 20 and will probably be in session many weeks.

WANT TREATY CHANGED

(Scripps News Association.)

WASHINGTON, March 9.—It is announced on good authority the president will accept a reasonable amendment to the San Domingo treaty. The senate may make an endeavor to secure the consent of San Domingo government to a change.

The senate committee of foreign relations this morning decided to make a favorable report on the San Domingo treaty as amended.

TESTIMONY ALL IN IN CHADWICK CASE

(Scripps News Association.)

CLEVELAND, O., March 9.—Mrs. Cassie Chadwick with a serene manner this morning is confident of acquittal in the belief that the government has not proved conspiracy. Bad bookkeeping and financing was unprofitable to the bank. Expert accountant Doolittle was recalled, he went over the books after which the defense surprised everybody by announcing that it rested.

The Government had no rebuttal, the lawyers then consulted about the time for an argument. The jury was then dismissed until 1:30 p. m. Mrs. Chadwick's counsel moved that the court order a verdict for the defense. They also asked that the case be taken from the jury and the arguments to be before the court. The counsel said that only a bank officer could certify the check and Mrs. Chadwick couldn't have any conspiracy.

On the reassembling of the court this afternoon the jury was dismissed until tomorrow while the court continued to hear the arguments of the counsel for the defense to take the case from the jury.

Judge Taylor overruled the motion to take the case from the jury.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY BE STOPPED

Corporation Counsel Dudley will not submit to the plot of the county commissioners whereby the city is defrauded out of its share of the full tax assessment against W. H. Cowles and the Spokesman-Review.

Mr. Dudley said today that he would ask for a writ of mandate to compel the county commissioners to reconsider and rescind the action of the board, which by resolution, secretly, last Friday, agreed to accept the offer of Cowles to cut the Review taxes in two.

The papers in this most important suit will be filed just as soon as the corporation counsel can get through with other business and prepare them. The application will be made on behalf of the city based on the ground that the city's interest in the \$1495.12 which the board cut in two, was not fairly protected.

The corporation counsel tried yesterday to stop the scheme and secured an injunction against County Treasurer Irwin to prevent him from accepting the tender of the partial payment, but a deputy accepted the money, before the papers could be served on the treasurer.

Because of this the writ of mandate against the county commissioners will be asked for.

INDIAN CHIEF'S REQUEST DENIED

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Gerenimo, the aged Indian chief today tearfully pleaded with President Roosevelt to "take the rope from the hands" of himself and his people. The "Great Father" replied: "When you lived in Arizona you had a bad heart and killed many of my people. I cannot yet grant your request."

CALIFORNIA CAN HAVE FIGHTS

SACRAMENTO, March 9.—Ralston's prize fight bill was defeated in the lower house today. The measure if it had passed would have put an end to professional prize fights in California. It passed the senate several days ago. Today's vote was 33 ayes and 35 noes.

SENATOR BATE IS DEAD

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Senator William Bate, of Tennessee died in the Abbott house this morning of Pneumonia. He was 79 years of age. He caught cold last Monday.