

CAN KUROPATKIN FEED HIS ARMY?

580,000 Men at End of a Single Track Line --- Japs Have Great Advantage.

A great deal has been said of late regarding the immense army with which Gen. Kuropatkin is to overwhelm the Mikado's forces in Manchuria in the Spring. One is told of the 500,000 men around Mukden and Harbin awaiting the word to move, and now with the mobilization from seven districts in Russia proper, just announced, the total force for the Spring campaign is placed at 680,000 men. But the Czar proposes and God disposes. In the last analysis it is its subsistence which must determine the size of the army. In the Napoleonic wars the Germans found that only so many thousand men could subsist upon so many square miles of land, and their generals had to divide their armies to feed them, which enabled the great Frenchman to crush them in detail. In these days of railroads transportation of subsistence supplies is the problem which controls the size of armies. Can Kuropatkin subsist 680,000 men by means of a single-track railroad? Already he complains that he cannot feed the 300,000 or 400,000 men actually under his control. On paper the Siberian road could transport 4,000 troops a day, but as a fact the number was only 400 a day, according to expert observers. All supplies must come from Russia in Europe. Even coal must be brought from a distance since the Japanese captured the Yantai coal mines.

Exhausted the Land. It is generally conceded that the Russians have exhausted the food resources of the section of Manchuria in which they are, and so the transportation problem must be solved. The feeding and supplies of the present force, it is estimated, require 450 tons a day; in the Spring double that amount will be required, or 800 tons a day, and there can be no help over the short Manchurian road, since Vladivostok can safely be reached only by occasional blockade runners. Thus, the Russians must feed and supply 680,000 men over a single-track road 4,000 miles long. What matters the limited resources in the force at the point of impact cannot adequately be maintained?

Japs' Advantages. On the other hand, the Japanese, Port Arthur having been reduced and 60,000 veterans released, will have more than 400,000 men facing the Russians near Mukden in the Spring. It is calculated that 300 tons a day would feed and supply the great force, or, say, two-thirds of what would be required for the Czar's army. But in order to do this Japan has not only a railroad from Fusan in southern Corea, and Chemulpo practically to the Yalu River, but by Spring this road will be completed as far as Liao Yang. Then there is the railroad from the great depot of Port Dalny running to Mukden, which has been regauged to fit American-built locomotives. Besides, there is the railroad from Yinkow, which is being pushed, while a great quantity of supplies from Chinese sources can be obtained over the Shinninging Railroad, a town nearly abreast of Mukden on Chinese territory. Add to these land routes the junk service on the numerous navigable rivers and the sea routes from the various seaports in Japan to Fusan, Chemulpo, the Yalu River, Yinkow, Port Dalny, and half a dozen other ports, and the ease with which the Mikado's army can be subsisted is demonstrated beyond cavil. Thus a nation of 40,000,000 people can place at the point of impact a larger army and subsist it than can the Czar of all the Russias with a total population of 130,000,000 under his control. No wonder an effort is to be made to double the Siberian line as soon as possible, and that Kuropatkin is clamoring for the hastening of the work.

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There are no brigadiers in the Canadian militia at present but it is intended to create them. The present military district would not be interfered with.

MORNING NEWS IN BRIEF.

Local.

The trial of Oscar Wright, held in Hampton jail on the charge of killing McKnight at Havelock, has been set for January 10 at Hampton.

Street cars were run over the system last night in order to keep the tracks free from the freezing slush and ice. A couple of cars were kept moving over the lines.

The creditors of J. J. Barry, after receiving a report from the inspectors authorized the assignee, D. Mullin, to accept J. H. Doody's offer of \$500 for the assets.

The Misses Hall held their annual assembly in the York Theatre rooms last evening. There was a large gathering and the time passed most pleasantly. The St. John orchestra furnished music.

The annual Christmas tree of the Exmouth street church Sunday school was held last evening. Ernest Thomas performed the duties of Santa Claus to the entire satisfaction of the large number of children present. After this a good programme was carried out.

The Father Mathew Association Dramatic Club will present the drama "The Sinner Against Than Sinning" on Jan. 2 in Calais, matinee and evening.

A temperance evening with S. L. Gorbell presiding, was attended by a large number of sea faring men in the Seaman's Mission rooms last night. Songs were sung by George Miller, A. Bennett, W. Bickerton and W. Venne, all of the Allan liner Ionian. L. P. D. Tilley gave an address to the men as did Mr. Gorbell. A number signed the pledge.

No. 1 Salvage Corps wagon and No. 3 hose responded to a still alarm yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock but the services of the firemen were unnecessary. The alarm came from Mrs. Doherty's apartment, corner Mill and Union streets, where a portion of the house was filled with smoke which had been backed down the chimney and through an unused grate.

The reception of Rev. H. R. Read, the new Presbyterian minister, and Mrs. Read was held in the Carleton church last evening. Rev. James Ross occupied the chair and addresses were delivered by Rev. B. N. Nobles, Rev. R. W. Ferguson and Rev. H. D. Marr. In reply Rev. Mr. Read expressed his thanks for the warm welcome accorded himself and Mrs. Read.

The two chemical engines have arrived, but before they are accepted they will be tested. This will not be until a practical man is sent here by the manufacturers. Ald. Maxwell, chairman of the board of public safety, is now awaiting the arrival of the expert.

The double sixty engine will be placed in No. 2 station, King Square, and the combination in the north end ladder station.

Members of St. Peter's Y. M. C. A. are preparing a dramatic entertainment to be given in St. Peter's Hall on January 9. "An Evening With a College Club," will be presented.

The chief engineer of the railway commission was in the city yesterday, and with Councillor James Lowell, inspected the Fairville and Milford crossing of the C. P. R.

The municipal council a short time ago, endeavored to get gates placed at these crossings, but being unable to do so, took the case to the Railway Commission, which will probably take up the matter next month.

Provincial.

While coupling cars in the I. C. R. yard at Moncton yesterday morning Brakeman Leslie R. Steadman had his right hand quite badly crushed, and will be laid up for some time as a result. It is possible that he may lose one or more fingers as a result of the accident. Mr. Steadman is a son of Policeman Steadman who was shot some years ago in the Donnelly house raid, at Moncton, and for whose murder "Buck" was hanged.

Hugh McLeod, local freight agent at Moncton, was presented with a valuable dress suit case by the employees of the freight department.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cross, of St. Andrews, are probably the longest married couple living in Canada. They were married 67 years ago, and are still quite smart, and take a keen interest in every day life.

The severe cold weather of the past few days has further depleted the locomotive power of the I. C. R. so that at present trains are being moved with a good deal of difficulty especially freight trains. The matter of locomotives hauling their classification is entirely out of the question.--Halifax Herald.

Capt. Kaye stationed at London, (Ont), with No. 1, Co., R. C. R., will be transferred to Fredericton and Capt. H. Kemmis-Betty will remain at headquarters in Ottawa as inspector of musketry. At No. 4 military department yesterday this report was neither denied nor confirmed.

Ernest McKenzie, late principal of the Harkins Academy, and lately appointed principal of Albert school, St. John, was married at Newcastle yesterday to Miss Charlotte Troy, daughter of J. S. Troy. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's parents.

Rev. J. C. Coffin, pastor of the A. M. E. Church at Yarmouth died suddenly yesterday morning.

The grand sub-council of the P. W. A. met yesterday at Glace Bay and adjourned late last night without making any official notice as to whether they assent to the signing of the three year contract as recently proposed by the Dominion Coal Company. It is understood, however, that they will.

An I. C. R. track man shoveling snow from the station platform at Moncton, had a thrilling escape from

being run over by a train yesterday afternoon. He was pulled from in front of the locomotive by a by-stander.

General.

The British schooner King of Avon, Captain Morris, bound from Nova Scotia for Alexandria (Va.) with a cargo of rock plaster, put into Brunswick, Ga., in distress. She encountered a severe gale on Dec. 20, and put into Bermuda for repairs. The vessel sailed from Nova Scotia Nov. 21.

Six men were killed at Walville, Wash., yesterday, by an explosion of four boilers at a sawmill. Two others were badly hurt.

A Chicago Great Western freight train lost in the snow storm has been wrecked two miles south of Melbourne, La., causing injuries to six train and section men.

At Athens a new cabinet has been formed with Dellyannis as premier and minister of the interior, Skouzes as minister of foreign affairs, Mavromichalis as minister of war and interim minister of marine, Carapanos as minister of justice and ad interim minister of instructions, and Goumrakis as minister of finance.

Grace Sullivan, aged eight years, was accidentally shot and killed at Buffalo, N. Y., by her brother, Daniel aged twelve years. He was showing her an air rifle when it discharged, the bullet entering her right eye.

Frank W. Morse has resigned as the third vice-president of the Grand Trunk, to devote himself exclusively as vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific. His headquarters will be at Montreal, and he will have general supervision and direction of all departments of the company. His successor has not been appointed.

The United States played Santa Claus to the world at large, according to reports secured from General Superintendent Joseph Elliott, of the money order division of the New York post office. From Dec. 1 to Dec. 24, the night before Christmas, no less than 334,084 international orders were forwarded to other lands from New York and these orders called for \$4,667,628.90.

The militia department at Ottawa is now in communication with the war office in regard to sending a couple of Canadian militia officers to attend military colleges in England.

When Frank McLaughlin, a patrolman, appeared in the criminal court at New York yesterday to plead to an indictment charging assault upon James P. Robbins, a newspaper reporter, he was ordered committed to the Tombs without bail on a charge of murder in the first degree in connection with the killing of John W. Patterson, a watchman.

J. Randolph Patterson, of Washington, who spent the greater part of yesterday with his daughter, Nan Patterson, in the Tombs, at New York, said after leaving her that he feared she was going insane. "She is broken down completely," he said.

It is probable that E. M. MacDonald, M. P. of Pictou, will move the address in the house of commons and Mr. Parent, of Montmorency, will second it.

The Japanese government intends conferring upon Captain Thacker, who for a time watched military operations in the Japanese war on behalf of the Canadian militia department, the order of the Rising Sun.

At last session of Dominion parliament Sir Frederick Borden talked of creating new military divisions. It is more than likely that this will be done, although it has not yet been brought before the cabinet. The militia council, it is said to be favorable to the idea. What is proposed is that the maritime provinces would be made one military division, Quebec and Ontario would be divided into two divisions. Each division would have a brigadier general over it.

An Ottawa despatch says:--The Terminal Railway is seeking an extension of its powers. It has given notice of intention to apply to Parliament for permission to issue preferential shares, to increase its bonding power, to construct, branch or circuit lines to be operated by electricity in the counties of Hochelaga, Maisonneuve, Jacques Cartier, Chamblay, Vercheres, Laprairie, St. John's, Irberville, and St. Hyacinthe; to acquire, generate, distribute, sell and dispose of electric power for lighting, heating, power and other purposes.

A veteran engineer and one of the founders of the Association of Mechanical Engineers of the Province of Quebec, passed away in the person of Zepherim Langlois, on Saturday afternoon at his residence 183 St. Ayde street, Montreal. He was born at Portneuf on January 31, 1832. In 1855 he married Miss Leo Papillon. To them were born seven sons and two daughters. Mr. Langlois left his native village in 1869 to practice his profession of mechanical engineer in Montreal. He leaves a wife and nine children.

Hon. S. N. Parent, stated on Tuesday that he had no present knowledge of Mr. Gardin, the local member for Richelieu, resigning his seat in the legislature in favor of Mr. Rainville, but he thought that there was no truth in the rumor. However, as far as he was concerned he had no connection with any such arrangement.

A splendid specimen moose head is at present on view in the window of the H. C. R. ticket office, St. James street. The moose was shot at Long Lake, Annapolis, N. S., and the antlers measure fifty-six inches ten points, each side being evenly matched. Mr. J. Valentine is the owner of the specimen. (Montreal Herald.)

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Some of my friends recommended an inhaler, another a catarrh salve but they were no good in my case, nor was anything else until I heard of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and bought a package at my drug store. They benefited me from the start and in less than four months I was completely cured of catarrh although I had suffered nearly all my life from it.

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DEATH IN DOUBT.

Hiding Place of a Murdered Woman's Jewelry Accidentally Discovered.

London, Dec. 28.--The articles of jewelry possessed by Miss Farmer the woman who was gaged and murdered in her shop in Commercial road, have been discovered. Not one of the missing articles was traced to either Wade or Donovan, the two men who are under sentence of death for the murder, and their counsel at the Old Bailey made a strong point of that circumstance in addressing the jury on their behalf. From a legal point of view, the discovery is not without its significance. The home office will now have to ask itself very closely whether, if the new facts had been known to a jury, a conviction could have possibly followed. If the answer is in the least degree doubtful, then it is quite evident that the death sentence cannot be carried out.

The jewelry was found by workmen while engaged in redecorating the house and shop. A loose board in the bedroom where Miss Farmer's body was found led to the discovery. A painter took up the board and placed a lighted candle under the floor. Some distance away--beyond the reach of his arm--he saw two objects. One proved to be a tin box that had been used for tobacco, and the other a lady's saskin hand-bag. On opening the box the men saw about eighty articles of jewelry and silverware, including brooches, rings earrings and watches. Their total value is not great, probably about \$150 or \$200. The police were immediately informed of the matter.

HORSE AND DOG FIGHT.

The Canine Was Having the Better of it When Spectators Interfered.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Dec. 28.--A horse and a big bulldog had a savage fight recently in East Main street, The Cove. The dog was getting the better of it, having secured a grip on one of the horse's legs, when it was beaten off with men with clubs.

A fruit vendor named Massini owns both the dog and horse. The dog began to jump up in front of the horse and bark. The horse made a spring and jumped on the bulldog with all four feet. The dog sprang repeatedly at the horse's throat, but failed to reach it. The dog did, however, inflict several wounds on the horse's leg, and at last succeeded in getting a death grip on one of Dobbin's hind legs. The horse lashed out wildly, but could not shake off the dog, which held on with the usual tenacity of its breed. The squeals of pain and terror from the horse and the yelling of Massini brought about half the population of The Cove to the scene. The horse's leg afterward swelled up to a great size, and it is thought the horse may have to be shot. The dog is in almost as bad a state from the kicks of the horse and the beating it received.

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