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PRISON GUARDS SUSPENDED. (Special to the Star.) KINGSTON, March 1.—Inspector Dawson yesterday suspended three guards of Kingston penitentiary for trafficking with prisoners. Investigation showed that the guards had received money from friends of prisoners in return for giving prisoners letters, papers and tobacco. The suspended guards will have to stand trial. For a similar offense two years ago two guards were heavily fined and dismissed.

CHAMBERLAIN ENDORSED. LONDON, March 1.—The conference of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom, now sitting in London, today discussed fiscal reforms and ultimately decided by the votes of 42 chambers against 21 that "changes in the fiscal system are essential to provide against unfair competition and an imperial conference should be called to discuss the question."

A Sale of Men's Coats. We have a number of S. B. Sac Coats, mostly Blue and Black, of a superior quality, worth from \$5.00 to \$8.00—now marked. TWO SPECIAL PRICES, \$2.50 and \$3.95. There are a few Skirt Coats in the \$3.95 lot. J. N. HARVEY, Men's and Boys' Clothier, 199 and 201 Union St.

DREW LOTS TO SEE WHO SHOULD DIE. Starving Sailors Almost Driven to Cannibalism. Twelve Survivors of Foundered Dredge Spent 14 Awful Days—Rescue Just in Time.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Capt. J. A. Minot, of the steam dredge Texas, which foundered at sea with a loss of twenty-two lives, was brought here today on the steamer Rotterdam, from Rotterdam and Boulogne. The other survivors of the Texas were landed at Waterford several weeks ago, having been rescued by the brigantine Mercedes, after a terrible experience with hunger, thirst and cold in an open boat. The Texas, which sailed from Dantzic for Galveston in December, foundered at midnight on Christmas eve. Two of her boats were launched, but one containing the chief officer and 21 men sank immediately and all its occupants were drowned. In the second boat the survivors drifted fourteen days, the last six of which they were absolutely without food or water. One man died from exposure, another became insane and the remaining 12 were water and their bodies were covered with boils. When taken on board the Mercedes, one of the survivors said that they had just drawn lots to decide which one should be killed to furnish food for his fellows.

CHICAGO MURDER MYSTERY. Body of Unknown Woman Killed by Bullet Found on Sidewalk of Aristocratic Street.

CHICAGO, Mar. 1.—The body of an unidentified woman has been found lying on the sidewalk in front of 8223 Monroe avenue, in the aristocratic section of Hyde Park. She had been killed by a revolver bullet fired into her head behind the right ear. The police have not yet been able to ascertain her name or gain any particulars of the case. Several residents of the neighborhood, however, have been asked by a chief of police and hurriedly out, found the body of the woman lying on the sidewalk. She was not known by any of the residents of the neighborhood, and it is believed that the place of her death in a carriage.

POLICE COURT. I. C. R. Officer John Collins Landed a Couple of Obstreperous Prisoners Last Night.

In the police court this morning two common law prisoners were fined four dollars each or ten days in jail. Lewis Lawson for being drunk and disorderly in the I. C. R. depot was fined eight dollars or two months with hard labor. Lawson boarded a train last night and undertook to take charge. When invited to leave by I. C. R. officer Collins he declined and grappled with the officer. In the struggle Lawson tore a large piece of cloth from the officer's coat. His efforts, however, were useless and he was soon landed in the cooler while the officer had to change his wearing apparel. Lewis Akens played in hard luck yesterday. Early in the morning he arrived in the city from Clarendon, where he has been working all winter. He had with him \$31 and a new pair of shoes and rubbers. These were in addition to the shoes he wore. Soon after landing he met some congenial companions and a goodly amount of liquor was consumed with the usual result. Last night, at midnight, Officer Collins heard cries for help from the I. C. R. yard and upon making a search in company with one of the local police they found Akens under a car and partially foundered in the snow. He had no gloves or mitts on and had been left alone would undoubtedly have frozen. When searched he had but ten dollars on his person, his new shoes were missing and altogether he was a very sick man. The case against James "Spud" Murphy for selling liquor without a license was up in the police court this morning but has been further postponed till Tuesday next.

TRYING TO FREE NAN PATTERSON. NEW YORK, March 1.—After hearing arguments on writ of habeas corpus and certiorari having for their object to secure the release of Nan Patterson from the Tombs prison where she is awaiting trial for the murder of Caesar Young, Justice Gaynor in the supreme court in Brooklyn today reserved his decision. Miss Patterson was not in court.

LADIES' HOCKEY. The clerks in the Bank of Montreal have challenged the St. John Ladies' Hockey team to a game to be played in the Queens rink on Monday night next. The St. John ladies will also play at Rothersey next week. The Misses Sears who play on the local team have evidently been inspired to deeds of prowess on the ice by their brothers, four of whom were good hockey players.

MINISTER OF INTERIOR RESIGNS HIS PORTFOLIO.

Hon. Clifford Sifton Has Left the Government As a Protest Against Forcing Separate Schools in North West. (Special to the Star.) HAMILTON, Ont., March 1.—The Toronto Globe this morning positively announces the resignation of Hon. Clifford Sifton. Only two days ago a prominent correspondent there was not the slightest foundation for the rumor. It now appears that even Laurier could not hold him in the traces. The reason given is that he does not approve of the educational clause of the

Northwest Autonomy Bill as presented to parliament. (LATER.) OTTAWA, Ont., March 1.—Up to this hour—11 a. m.—Sifton's resignation has not reached the cabinet, being still in Laurier's pocket. A leading French senator told your correspondent just now that Sifton might be induced to remain. Great party pressure is being exercised to that end. W. F. MacLean will interrogate Laurier soon as the house opens this afternoon.

KUROPATKIN SCORES A SUCCESS AT LAST.

Important Bridge on Shakhe River Captured—Russians Are Encouraged.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 1.—Two brief despatches from General Kuropatkin dated Feb. 27 and Feb. 28 confirm the capture of Head of the Shakhe River Bridge. Attacks of Japanese on Gauto Pass were repulsed Feb. 27 and again Feb. 28. The Russian advance guard still holds the position at Kudzuva. The sharpshooters continue to harass the whole Japanese front and caused considerable alarm by the use of hand grenades at Sandai Sandai during the night of February 27. JAPS HAVE LOTS OF MONEY. TOKIO, Mar. 1.—A meeting of bankers and financiers was held today for the purpose of discussing the subscription to the new domestic loans should it be found to be over-subscribed when the list is opened. At the close of the meeting the Associated Bankers announced that they would take sixty million yen, about \$30,000,000. The imperial household will take five million yen and other corporations and individuals forty million yen. It is expected that the loan will be doubly subscribed. Count Okuma, addressing today's meeting, said that the Japanese domestic financial capacity was astonishing even to his friends. He expressed the belief that the slight disturbance in financial conditions despite the enormous expenditures was due to the fact that the agriculture furnished the country's great wealth. Continuing, Count Okuma said that he believed that the country would continue the war without any feeling of embarrassment.

A GREAT GENERAL BATTLE. ST. PETERSBURG, March 1, 3:50 a. m.—Last night's news from the front is of the most important nature, the Associated Press despatch from Mukden, which was transmitted at noon of Tuesday, indicating that a general battle was beginning along the whole of the 100 miles of front occupied by the two armies. General Kuropatkin appears to have taken a leaf out of Field Marshal Oyama's book and replied to General Kuroki's attack on the Russian left by a counter attack on the Japanese left, in which General Kaulbars' initial success is better for the Russians than the best efforts of General Gripenburg, the Russian vanguard being established at the outskirts of Sandai. At the same time General Kuropatkin delivered a blow against the Japanese centre, seizing a railroad bridge across the Shakhe River. These at least for the moment, the further aspect to the situation, as the Russian army, though driven out of Da Pass, appears to have succeeded in stopping the Japanese advance, and the further advance of the Japanese eastward and beaten off the attack on the centre.

RUMORS OF WITHDRAWAL. The effect of yesterday's developments on Gen. Kuropatkin's reported intention to withdraw from the Shakhe is problematical. Retirement in the face of an enemy, which is extremely hazardous under any circumstances, is doubly dangerous when the armies are grappling in a general engagement; but if General Kuroki succeeds in rolling up the Russian left, at least for the moment, the further withdrawing of trains and stores. If, however, Gen. Kuropatkin is determined to stand and fight out the battle on the line which he has held during the winter, and if he should be able to administer a vigorous check to Gen. Kuroki, he has secured a good position for his second move in the game.

ARABIA WANTS INDEPENDENCE. Insurrection Against Turkey Assumes Alarming Proportions—Battle Has Been Raging for Five Days. CONSTANTINOPLE, Mar. 1.—The present insurrection of Yemen province, Arabia, appears to put in the shade all previous troubles. The centre of the melee is at Sala, northward of Sanaa, and already there are signs of its extension to the province of Assyr. The insurgents have again surrounded Sanaa and a stubborn fight has been in progress for five days. Many of the Turkish troops refuse to resist any further and are deserting. The towns of Abana and Hidjeh, the latter containing two thousand troops with four guns, are surrounded and on the point of capitulating. The alleged victory of Feb. 18, when it was officially announced that the Turkish forces had routed the rebels investing Sanaa and Hidjeh, Yemen province, and had relieved the besieged garrison of Faana, turns out to be an insurmountable success. Turkey's defective transportation delays the despatch of reinforcements. The object of the insurrection is believed to be the creation of an autonomous Arab state.

A DESPERATE CHARACTER. John A'tan Atlas Elliot Who Escaped from Jail Yesterday Has a Bad Record. On Tuesday last, a man who said his name was John Allen, was sentenced to four months imprisonment for stealing a silver watch from a young Scotch lad named McGregor. Yesterday he made his escape from the jail gang while they were shovelling snow on Holly street. Michael Collins, one of the guards, followed him for some distance, but finally gave up the job as useless. When last seen Allen, as he called himself, was heading toward Newman Brook. Since his escape it has been learned that Allen's right name is John Elliott and that he had had quite a career. On June 25, 1897, he was arrested for stealing a watch and a cap from the residence of W. R. Dixon, on Sydney street, but on July 2nd was allowed to go by Judge Forbes, who tried him under the Speedy Trials Act. Elliott was in Nova Scotia last year and got into trouble there. For indecent conduct he was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment at Rock Head, but escaped in August. To effect his escape he used means somewhat unique. In some way he secured a rope and to this he tied a horseshoe which he threw over the limb of a tree near the prison wall and by this means climbed to the top of the wall, after which the rest was easy.

GOLD WELCOME FOR GEN. STOESEL.

St. Petersburg Received Him Without Enthusiasm. Military Officers Conspicuously Absent—The Hair of Port Arthur's Defender Has Turned White.

ST. PETERSBURG, Mar. 1.—Lieut. Gen. Stoessel arrived in St. Petersburg this morning from Moscow. A quarter of an hour before his train was due it looked as if not more than a hundred persons would be present to welcome the defender of Port Arthur, but their number augmented rapidly and when the train steamed into the depot many hundreds, chiefly women crowded the platform. War Minister Sakharoff and Admiral Zilotti on behalf of the admiralty welcomed Gen. Stoessel, who was loudly cheered and presented with flowers. After receiving the personal congratulations of friends the general, looking bronzed and in good health, passed through the cheering crowd to a reception room stopping now and then to shake hands with admirers. Behind the general came Mrs. Stoessel leaning on the arm of a military officer. She looked to be even more bronzed than her husband and smiled happily at the warm welcome accorded him. It was remarked that the general's hair had turned quite white. When the reception ceremonies were over the general and his wife entered an open carriage and drove through the Nevsky Prospect to the residence of Lt. Gen. Prince Vlagmaky, a member of the imperial council, where they will stay. The crowd in the streets lustily cheered the general. The absence of military and naval officers from the platform was very noticeable. Only a few military and naval officers, excepting Admiral Zilotti, were present. A large force of police surrounded the railroad station while the route to Prince Vlagmaky's residence was patrolled by numerous detachments of Cossacks and Life Guards, apparently in expectation of a hostile demonstration. Altogether the general's reception was by no means in the nature of a popular demonstration and lacked genuine enthusiasm. Two months ago all Russia was singing the praises of the defender of Port Arthur, yet when he came home comparatively few people assembled to cheer him.

POLAND UNDER MARTIAL LAW. WARSAW, Mar. 1.—2:50 p. m.—The governor general of Poland today proclaimed a partial state of siege in the governments of Kallaz, Lublin, Kielce and Lomza. A similar condition prevails in the remaining six provincial governments. All Poland is now governed under a modified form of martial law. The proclamation does not give specific reason for the action taken but it is due to the general unsatisfactory condition of the country. The strike on the Vistula railroad is ended. Train service both north and south of Warsaw has been resumed. The strikers obtained higher wages and other concessions. The strike on the suburban railroads has also ended and all Warsaw's railroad communications are now restored.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecasts—Moderate to fresh northwest to north winds; fine and colder today and on Thursday. Synopsis—Moderate snowfalls have occurred over the maritime provinces, but the outlook now is fine and cold. Winds to banish and American ports moderate to fresh northwest to north. Highest temperature during past 24 hours, 32. Lowest temperature during past 24 hours, 18. Temperature at noon, 22. A RECORD WINTER. NEW YORK, Mar. 1.—By the records of the weather bureau, this winter has been the coldest but one that New York has seen since the weather bureau was established thirty-four years ago. In 1903-4 the mean temperature was 28.4, the coldest on record. This winter, the mean temperature was 28.5. During the same period the snowfall was 42.3 inches while the corresponding period last year showed the snowfall 28.5. Have a meritorious article and keep it constantly before the public.—Manager Burgess, White Sewing Machine Co., Cleveland.



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