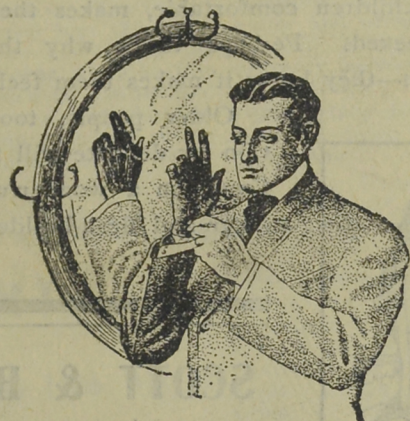


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THE RUSSIAN RETREAT.

Czar's Forces Making Good Progress
Towards Harbin.

FOLLOWED BY THE VICTORIOUS JAPANESE

The Vanquished Army Destroying the Rail-
way as They Go.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS BURNED IN TOWNS OF THE
CAUCASUS—AN AGRARIAN RIOT.

New York, March 22.—(Special)—A St. Petersburg despatch to the Times says: Prince Ukhtomsky declares that peace is imperative, because there is no bread for the Russian army, owing to the grain accumulated at Mukden or having been transported south by the Japanese.

"The Russian press demands the abolition of the post of vice-roy in the far east, and the appointment of a committee for the far east recognizing the loss of Manchuria consequent on the utility of the war." St. Petersburg, March 22.—2.20 a. m.—The Russian army in Manchuria, is still to have the service of Kuropatkin, who is considered by many in spite of his reverses, the best general and foremost strategist of the Russian army. Sinking all personal feeling, the former commander-in-chief volunteered to remain in any capacity with the army. The tender has been accepted by Emperor Nicholas and gratefully received by the new leader of the grand army.

Kuropatkin has been gazetted leader of the first Manchurian army, which Linevitch formerly commanded.

Gunshu Pass, Manchuria, 108 miles north of Tie Pass, Monday, March 20.—The Russian rear guard is now at Sipinghai, 70 miles north of Tie Pass.

The Japanese are slowly pursuing but are not energetically pressing the Russian rear.

Apparently Field Marshal Oyama is holding the main army at Tie

Pass.

When the Russians evacuated Tie Pass March 15, a five span bridge over the Tehai river, which falls into the Limoa river just north of the town, was destroyed by dynamite immediately after the last train had been despatched northward.

As the army moved northward the bridges of the railroad were disabled and everything in the shape of stores, etc., were burned.

The correspondent of the Associated Press after the removal of the Russian headquarters from Tie Pass remained with the rear guard, being some days without telegraphic facilities.

Extensive plans to carry out the retreat were made, Generals Kuropatkin, Linevitch, Bilderdink and Kaulbach and carried out.

On March 10, Kuropatkin, considering the army safe departed to Harbin. Subsequently he decided to remain commander of the first army, which he reached today, receiving a great ovation at the railway station and acknowledged the cheering by a short speech, which expressed the hope that the army would soon be able to retrieve its reverses.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—A newspaper in the Caucasus gives details of the burning of the administrative buildings recently in several towns of the Scharapan district and of an agrarian riot on the estate of Princess Murat in the Rekazugdid district, where the police were obliged to fire on the rioters, many of the latter being wounded.

MADE HALF A MILLION.

David Russell's Luck with Lake of the Woods Milling
Co.—Has Now Withdrawn.

Montreal, March 22.—(Special)—The Lake of the Woods Milling Co., has been re-organized, and David Russell withdraws.

It is said in financial circles that Russell has made a half million out of the company since its organiza-

tion two years ago.

During the last few days the stock advanced from 114 to 127½, and now the Russell party has sold out at immense profits.

It is said the company will combine with the Ogilvie Co.

WINDING LEDGES DAM BILL.

Members of the Legislature Firm in Opposi-
tion to its Passage at Ottawa.

INJUSTICE TO NEW BRUNSWICK INTERESTS AND IN-
FRACTION OF PROVINCIAL RIGHTS.

Premier Tweedie Leads Discussion and Gives Notice
of Resolution.

In the Legislature Tuesday Honorable Mr. Tweedie said: A few days ago a bill was introduced into the Parliament at Ottawa having for its object the incorporation of a company with power to dam the St. John river at a point known as the Winding Ledges. The views of the government and I believe of the most of the members of the House, are expressed in the following resolution, which is recorded by the honorable leader of the opposition:

Resolved, That this House most earnestly protests against the passage of the Winding Ledges Dam bill, both because the contemplated works of the company seeking incorporation would be a violation of the Ashburton treaty and because the proposed legislation would be an infringement of the rights of the province secured to it by the B. N. A. Act.

I believe that this resolution will commend itself to both sides of the House and will pass almost unanimously. I believe that some members are opposed to the resolution because they or their constituencies are largely interested in the bill now before Parliament, but I think we should rise above these local interests and consider the interests of the whole province. Then we have to consider the constitutional aspect of this question and with its bearing upon provincial rights. As a representative of the people and as leader of the government I feel it my duty to move in this matter because I regard the proposed legislation as an interference with our provincial rights.

Mr. Hezen—It gives me much pleasure to second the resolution moved by the Premier and to urge its adoption. In 1903 I moved a similar resolution on this House, the same company at that time seeking incorporation at Ottawa and for the same purpose as at the present time.

Mr. Clair objecting to the passage of the resolution, the Speaker ruled that two days' notice was necessary.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley then moved the adjournment and proceeded to discuss the resolution. He said that the Winding Ledges bill was to come before the committee of the House of Commons tomorrow morning and the fact that this Legislature has almost unanimously passed strong resolutions disapproving of the bill will have a very great effect in determining the committee in dealing with it. I am opposed to the bill because it takes away our provincial rights and for which we cannot make too determined a stand at the present time. The bill is also a violation of the Ashburton Treaty. That treaty is clear and unmistakable in its language and guarantees to the people along the banks of the St. John river, where that river is the dividing line between the State of Maine and the Province of New Brunswick, free and unobstructed, and equal rights to the river for all time. In view of this treaty I do not believe it is competent for the Parliament of Canada to enact this bill.

Another ground of objection which I would urge is that if there was any right to in any legislature of the Dominion to incorporate this Company with the powers asked for that that legislature would be that of New Brunswick. The bill and the powers asked for in the bill are essentially a provincial matter and as such should be dealt with only by the representatives of the people of this province in Assembly. As we sit forth in this resolution we hope that Parliament will not go so far as to declare this company a "work for the general advantage of Canada" as that would be a most unwarranted infringement of our provincial rights and a most palpable attempt to take away our rights.

Mr. Osman said he had heard nothing since the question was discussed two years ago to lead him to change his mind in the matter or to make him think the proposed legislation any more desirable now than then.

Mr. Flemming said that as a representative of one of the river constituencies I have but one feeling towards any scheme or proposition to dam the St. John river or to interfere with the free and unobstructed navigation of the river and that is a feeling of sternest possible hostility.

MR. MURRAY'S MAIDEN SPEECH.

Mr. Murray:—Two years ago I read with much interest the discussion which took place in this House over a similar resolution and the evidence heard before the committee of inquiry. The more I have heard of this matter the more strongly I feel upon it, and the more firmly convinced am I that such legislation should not pass. As the Attorney General has stated it is a gross violation of the Ashburton treaty, and it is also taking away our provincial rights. This is the entering wedge of further encroachment by Parliament upon matters within the jurisdiction of the province, and if this matter is allowed to pass who can tell where it will end. It is not only the right of this legislature to take prompt and effective action—it is our duty to do so. If, as some claim, the object of this Company is to be benefit the industry of the province and to promote its lumbering interests, then let the company come to this legislature and get its charter. The legislature will deal with the bill upon its merits. But I believe that it is intended that this shall be a gigantic octopus one of whose tentacles is designed to reach across the St. John river and to reap the benefits of the natural advantage and the industry of our people. As such we should earnestly protest against the enactment of the proposed legislation.

After Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Hill, Mr. Tweedie and Mr. Grimmer had expressed themselves in support of the resolution, the motion to adjourn was withdrawn and Premier Tweedie gave notice of the Winding Ledges Dam resolution for Friday next.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Considerable Activity on Change To-
day at Montreal—The Quotations.

Montreal, March 22.—(Special)—The stock market was active this morning.

The opening and closing prices were:

Dominion Coal, 80½, 80.

Dominion Iron and Steel, 23½, 23½.

Dominion Iron and Steel, pfd., 72.

Nova Scotia Steel, 68, 67½.

C. P. R., 147, 148.

Twin City, 109½, 109½.

Richelieu & Ontario Navigation, 72, 71½.

Montreal Power, 88½, 88.

W. B. DEACON DEAD.

Prominent Citizen of Shediac and
Highly Respected.

Moncton, March 22.—W. B. Deacon of Shediac, died this morning after a month's illness.

He was formerly a druggist at Shediac and well known. Later he ran a stone quarry at Buctouche.

He was 70 years old and was highly esteemed. He leaves a widow, three daughters and one son, Clifford B. Deacon, a barrister at Winnipeg.

The general depth of the Niagara river at the brink of the falls is four feet.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE OPENED.

Speech from the Throne Outlines Quite Extensive Bill
of Fare.

Toronto, March 22.—(Special)—The Ontario Legislature opened this afternoon.

Among the measures announced for the session, are bills making changes in the education act, a bill relating to forest reserves, a bill

changing the name of the head of the crown lands and public works from commissioner to minister, a bill to create a department of mines with a minister at its head, and a bill abolishing numbered ballots at elections.