

JAPS MARCH INTO MUKDEN

Russian Stronghold Entered by Oyama's Army at 10 A. M. Yesterday.

FATE OF RUSSIANS IS IN DOUBT

Fear at St. Petersburg that Greater Part of Army May Be Cut Off Before It Can Reach Tie Pass.

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who were closing in on their trail, and sacrificed also, it is conceded on either hand, the greater part of his heavy artillery, especially the siege guns, and enormous quantities of supplies and munitions.

Of the present situation of the army—whether it is utterly routed or merely beaten, of the proportion of Russian to Japanese losses, and the prospect of the escape of the remainder—St. Petersburg at this moment knows less than the smallest hamlet in America. Since the Associated Press Mukden dispatch was filed at 5 o'clock Friday morning no dispatch save the brief official announcement of the retreat has come from the Russian army, General Kouropatkin's preceding dispatch giving the last details as to the positions of the army having been written at 9 o'clock Thursday evening. The members of the general staff when asked for information said:

"We know nothing. We hope he will bring the army off safely, but we do not know how he will do it. We only know he has commenced to retreat, that is all."

Peace Talk Is Revived. Every one now is discussing peace, which many of the staunchest advocates of the war, bureaucrats and officers, now declare to be inevitable. It openly is recalled that Hojostvinsky's fleet has been recalled and is now on the way home.

"We don't know. Call again tomorrow," and declined to comment on the significance of the cancellation of the purchase of colliers or the direction of Rojostvinsky's voyage from Madagascar waters. It can be stated, however, that no overtures for peace yet have been made and none are likely to be made for a few days before the extent of the disaster has developed.

Asks for Peace Deed May Bring Other Changes in Train. That an emergency has been given to the reform movement is plain even to the reactionary conservative, but the immediate result chiefly dreaded is the effect on internal disorders, not only in the capital, since St. Petersburg is not Russia, but upon the millions of people in the vast agricultural regions, among whom the spirit of revolt now is incubating and already has hatched plagues and arson in a few districts. It is believed, however, that the government is able to nip these uprisings in the bud.

News Calmly Received. Outwardly St. Petersburg takes the defeat unconcernedly. Strange as it may seem, the world knows that armies defending the honor and prestige of Russia had just sustained a crushing reverse. There were no crowds last night, no demonstrations, no changes from the ordinary street life.

Newsboys on the streets—mere doggers with three lines of General Kouropatkin's dispatch surrounded by wide margins of blank paper—but there was nothing to indicate that the extras were more important than those in which for a year General Kouropatkin's dispatches have been issued. The government made no attempt to palliate the shock or explain the significance of the retreat, but simply sent the dispatch when it was issued by the general staff late in the evening direct to the papers with authorization to print. At the clubs and in private houses the situation was discussed and rediscussed, conjecture added to the fact, and the invariable query was: "What further?"

What circle of liberals on receiving the news called for wine and solemnly pledged, "New Russia."

Mourning in Many Families. But generally the defeat cuts deeply and is keenly felt, especially by families represented in the endangered army. The spirit of unparliamentary indignation will be the herald of no good at this time, as the defeat which one Russian correspondent describes as "slaughter, not battle," entails the sacrifice of so many thousands of Russian lives the people fear to count up their losses. It is realized that in the fighting before Mukden was evacuated the death-roll of the battle of Shangkai must have been far exceeded, and the streets of St. Petersburg, where every third woman wears crepe, will present a sombre sight when the casualty lists arrive.

Hids People Not Despair. "The Russ, in an editorial article this morning, in a striking note, not minimizing the extent of the defeat in Manchuria, but bidding the people not despair. The article contains no word about peace, its whole thought being uncompromising prosecution of the war, though it is realized that in a month of preparation for another battle and that perhaps Tie pass may follow Mukden. It does not even demand General Kouropatkin's removal, but says it is first necessary to determine whether Russia has a better general. While holding up the hands of the government in regard to the continuation of the war, the Russ solemnly warns it of the necessity of internal reforms.

Other influential papers are apt to take the same stand and voice a patriotic demand to crown the war with victory and rally all forces for the prosecution of the war.

Dust Storm at Mukden. Up till this time no further dispatches of yesterday's date have reached St. Petersburg, the censors releasing, however, a belated dispatch dated Wednesday afternoon, giving details of the retirement to the Hun river and describing the duststorm, under the cover of which General Kouropatkin arranged the dispositions of his retreat. "We gasp for air," the dispatch

PRINCE OF MODERN CROOKS

Smoothest Confidence Man in America Again Under Arrest.

SOUGHT FOR IN OVER FORTY CITIES

College Graduate, Skilled Lawyer, State Senator and Millionaire, Convicted Eleven Times and Served One Year.

The annals of crime in all countries are full of examples of men who drift into wrongdoing either through environment, mental troubles, desperation, or, in the example of criminal parents. But there are few well authenticated cases in which notable criminals have set out on their careers with absolute deliberation, when they had no reason whatever for taking such a course.

Alonso J. Whiteman, the smoothest confidence man in America, whose escapades have kept police officers, bankers and detective agencies worrying for fifteen years, is of this latter unusual type. A study of his case is full of interest.

Whiteman's arrest a week ago at his home in Danville, N. Y., was brought about after four months of careful planning on the part of Buffalo police officers and Pinkerton detectives, following his escape from a moving train when being taken to Buffalo to answer for his latest crime. It is now in jail awaiting the hearing of his case and it does not seem within the bounds of possibility that he can escape a long sentence. But nobody who knows the astonishing ingenuity of this man in dodging conviction and his long list of successful appeals to courts all over America, both before and after conviction, is any too certain of the result of his present arrest.

Bank Swindling His Forte. Whiteman's whole criminal career, which began in 1890, has been confined almost entirely to the swindling of banks, bookmakers and gambling friends. He has accumulated and spent in this period considerably over \$1,000,000. The astonishing feature of his case is that when he was launched out in his criminal career he was possessed of large wealth, an honored family name, assured public position and the friendship of many prominent men throughout the country.

He has been arrested in the last fourteen years forty-three times, indicted twenty-seven times and convicted eleven times, with penalties totaling to fifty-one years in the penitentiary. During this period he has served a sentence of but one year. The only conviction against him that held was secured in this city in 1898. He appealed this case and gave bond, but vanished. Over a year later, however, he was again caught and served in the same prison from November, 1899, to November, 1900. The specific crime on which this conviction was based was the passing of a worthless draft on the Grand Pacific hotel for \$500.

Whiteman is a bright, intelligent man, cultivated, a good talker and with a talent for making friends rapidly. He is a churchgoer and has been known to attend services while the police of the city he was in at the time were searching for him high and low. Once, while in the city of Hampton, N. Y., he appealed to the courts to suspend sentence, announcing that he was about to begin a series of evangelical services, that the passing of the particular check for which he had then been arrested was "an error of judgment," and that if he were locked up his Christian work would be seriously interfered with.

The court suspended sentence and Whiteman actually did start in on an evangelical tour in various small towns of New York state and converted a number of people. It was proved afterwards that in the middle of this work he got away with the bank account of a Presbyterian church amounting to over \$4,000.

Collects Damages for Theft. The twists that Whiteman has made to escape conviction when it seemed certain he was going to be caught, and his daring in securing money has for years been the talk of every police department in the country. His operations have not been confined, either, to the United States. He is "wanted" in at least twenty-seven American cities and in fourteen cities of Europe.

In 1890, while he was being searched for by the police of Chicago to serve out his sentence for the Grand Pacific crime, Whiteman passed a worthless check on the Columbia bank of New York for \$1,500. When the case came to trial it seemed impossible that he should escape conviction, but he brought four farmers in his defense who swore that he was eating dinner in company with them 200 miles from New York at the time when the check was supposed to have passed the check. The alibi seemed perfect, and he was discharged, immediately beginning suit against the Columbia bank for \$10,000 for false imprisonment.

The bank officials were thoroughly scared and quashed the proceedings by payment of \$3,000. A week later William Pinkerton met Whiteman on the street in New York. "You know you got that \$1,500," he said. "Sure," said Whiteman, "and I got the \$3,000 too. But a man has to procure a good name. The truth of the matter is I was with those Jay farmers twenty-four hours before they swore to, but I made them believe it was twenty-four hours later."

Probably the most remarkable instance of Whiteman's audacity occurred in Chicago nine years ago, at the Washington race track. Ninety bookmakers were doing business that day at the track. Getting hold of a leather bag, Whiteman slung it over his shoulder and started in to collect \$300 license money from each of the bookmakers. He had actually collected from three, but when he approached the fourth the man looked at him a moment and said:

"Who are you?" "Why," said Whiteman, "I am the official representative of Alonso J. Whiteman. Good day." And, nodding in the crowd, he disappeared with the \$300 and got safely away from Chicago.

Defends Himself in Pamphlets. Whiteman, who never attempts to excuse himself for his crimes to those who know him intimately or do anything in private but glory in them to give the general public the impression that he is a bitterly persecuted man. After almost every occasion in which he has successfully evaded punishment he has got out a handsome printed "brief," spending part of his gains in "roasting" the judge and securing attorney in the particular case and declaring his own innocence. Copies of these volumes he invariably sends to every chief of police in the large cities and to the Pinkertons.

His last effort in this direction is entitled "The Great Conspiracy." In it he not only pays his respects to the judge who was compelled to release him on a technicality (this time in relation to raising a draft from \$2 to \$2,000), but goes at great length into his family history, says that his brother-in-law is the worst man unhung and announces that "several" supposedly pure gentlemen "I could name" have for years been endeavoring to ruin his good reputation, "which," he concludes, in a final burst of enthusiasm, "thanks to the genius of one Alonso J. Whiteman, they have been unable to accomplish."

Two of his narrowest escapes, which may be mentioned briefly before going into his life history, were in this city and Philadelphia. A little over a year ago he passed a worthless check here on the Auditorium

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