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Tokio Thinks Marakoff Has Escaped And Is Making a Dash For Vladivostock

Admiral Togo's Scouting Ships Can Find No Trace of the Russian Fleet in Port Arthur Harbor — Hopeless of Continuing There the Czar's Captain May Take a Long Chance and Endeavor to Get Away Through the Korean Straits.

Tokio, Tuesday, March 15. — It is strongly believed here that the Russian fleet abandoned Port Arthur after the fourth attack was made upon it by the Japanese fleet, and is endeavoring to reach Vladivostock. Confirmation of this movement is not obtainable from any reliable source, but recent scouting in the vicinity of Port Arthur has failed to reveal the presence of any Russian warships. It seems logical enough that the Russians should attempt a dash for Vladivostock, where it is possible to dock larger ships, effect a junction with their armored cruiser squadron and secure a base for operations while procuring adequate land defense. The hopelessness of continuing at Port Arthur is manifest, while a dash for Vladivostock might succeed, contrary to the opinion previously expressed. Vice-Admiral Togo is unwilling to run the risk of dividing his battleship squadron and continues to operate the six battleships together. If the Russians should make an attempt to reach Vladivostock it is believed they will try a dash through the Korean Straits rather than enter the Japanese Sea through the Sugarua Straits.

Nagasaki, March 15. — The British steamer Nigretia with a cargo of coal on board for the Japanese Government, is reported ashore near Sasebo.

ALL IS QUIET.

Port Arthur, March 15. — All is quiet in the Port Arthur district, and no news has been received here from the scene of the land operations, where the movements of the opposing forces are evidently confined to reconnoitering.

NO STEAMERS SUNK.

St. Petersburg, March 15. — The report from New Chwang that four Russian steamers have been sunk at the entrance to Port Arthur after the removal of the battleship Retvizan, is authoritatively denied here. The Associated Press is assured that with the exception of the dispatch of yesterday from General Zilinsky, no official telegrams containing news of fighting have been received in the last 48 hours. Several telegrams relating to the movements of troops have arrived, but as these were only of strategic importance their contents will not be made public.

ADVANCE WORKING SMOOTHLY.

The Passenger Trains From Harbin Southward Are Running.

Mukden, March 15. — The machinery for the advance of the Russian forces is working smoothly from Harbin southward. The running of passenger trains has been resumed and Russian families are proceeding on their way to Europe without confusion. Severely cold weather, accompanied by blizzards and snow storms, has been followed by a succession of fine days. The health and spirits of the troops are good.

Information has been received at headquarters to the effect that the Japanese are strengthening their positions in Korea.

General Linevitch, acting commander of the Russian forces in Manchuria, visited headquarters here on Sunday.

General Zilinsky, who is to succeed General Pflug, Viceroy Alexieff's chief of staff, arrived here March 10.

Grand Duke Cyril arrived here today on his way to Port Arthur, whither he is going to act as chief officer of the squadron flagship.

DECLINED WITH THANKS.

St. Petersburg, March 15. — The Emperor has declined with thanks the offers of the German and French Red Cross Societies to supply contingents for service in the field.

BURIED WITH POMP.

Mukden, Manchuria, March 15.—The native Governor of Kirwin, who was a fervent adherent of the Russians, and who is believed to have been murdered, was buried today with great pomp in the presence of the Russian representatives.

GOING HOME TO FIGHT.

New York, March 15. — Thirty-five officers of the Japanese army who have arrived here from Europe on different steamers in the past few days, have started in a body for Vancouver, whence, on March 21, they expect to sail for Yokohama aboard the steamship Empress of India.

TURNED OUT OF TOWN

Citizens of Telluride Drive Union Men From the Place.

Telluride, Col., March 15. — One hundred members of the Citizens' Alliance, after a meeting, armed with rifles and revolvers, have scoured the town and taken into custody between 70 and 80 union men and sympathizers. In some instances doors of dwelling houses were forced and broken open. The men were herded in a vacant store room until all those desired had been captured, and they were then marched to the depot and stowed in two coaches. As the special train departed the Citizen's Alliance fired volleys of shots into the air.

BROKE ALL RECORDS

Chicago Has the Greatest Snow-Storm in Its Career.

Chicago, March 15. — All records for snow in Chicago have been broken by the storm which began Sunday night and still continues after last midnight. The total snowfall from the commencement of the storm until 8 o'clock last night when the weather bureau closed, was 8 inches, which brought the total of the winter to 55.4 inches. It is estimated that the precipitation from 8 o'clock until midnight was 2 inches, carrying the total beyond the mark of 56.6 inches, which was the high record of the winter of 1892-3. The storm delayed traffic.

SANITARY SQUAD OF BEES.

Bees ventilate their hives and keep the air pure by having a sanitary squad beat the air into motion with their wings, after the manner of our own electric fans. This ventilating squad is relieved every half-hour. Other facts no less remarkable are related by Dr. Henry C. McCook, president of the American Entomological Society, in an article on "Insect Commonwealths," in Harper's for March. The cleanliness of both ants and bees—in both cases immaculate—is not the only virtue in which their example might well be followed by mankind.

GIRL WHO STOLE THE WAR MAPS

All Japan Ringing With Miss Yoshi's Exploit.

CARRIED OFF SECRET CHARTS

Disguised as a Coolie She Carried Them Safely Away to the City of Pekin

London, March 15. — All Japan is ringing with the daring exploit of Miss Ando Yoshi, which the authorities have just permitted to be known.

Her name is on everybody's lips. She is being cheered by the students and merchants in torchlight processions and by the boys waging the war game in the temple grounds almost as much as Admirals Togo and Uriu. Moreover, she has been highly commended by the Mikado, and in all probability will receive a decoration from him.

Miss Ando Yoshi deserves her countrymen's praise. At great risk she stole important war maps and papers from the Russians at Port Arthur, and in disguise carried them through the Russian lines to Pekin, where she delivered them to the Japanese minister.

These maps, it is understood here, have influenced the Japanese general staff to a considerable extent in its plan of war, since they give detailed information concerning the measures taken to protect Port Arthur and Dalny — harbor defenses, strength of the garrisons, dimensions of the fortifications, etc. They also show the location of forts throughout Manchuria and the disposition of the Russian forces up to the day the maps were stolen.

Then there are full details of defenses to be erected in case of a Japanese invasion, and instructions concerning the mobilizing of the troops in such an event. Means of transportation and the possibility of laying railroads for the purpose are minutely outlined, and the names of the regiments to be sent to the front at once and their destinations are given.

Miss Ando primarily owes her fame to the circumstance that her family was too poor to support her. She objected to becoming a geisha girl, and hearing that many of her compatriots were making a good living in Manchuria, she decided to go there.

SOLD RICE CAKES.

She landed at Port Arthur about four years ago. There she began selling rice cakes for a living, first to the Japanese and the Chinese population, and later on to the Russians.

Miss Ando, according to Japanese standards, is a prepossessing young woman, and it was not long before she attracted the attention of some of the Russian officers. According to a native account, "it was her lacquer black hair and bright eyes," which worked havoc with the Russians. Whatever the cause, Miss Ando found favor in the eyes of the officers and was permitted to sell rice cakes in the officers' quarters.

When the news reached the Japanese at Port Arthur that the relations with Russia were strained, Miss Ando

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THE WAR SITUATION.

The startling report comes by way of Tokio that Admiral Marakoff has abandoned Port Arthur and is making a dash for Vladivostock, having first blocked the entrance to the harbor by sinking four merchantmen. Admiral Togo's scouting ships have failed to find any sign of the Russian squadron. If the Russians has decided upon this bold stroke they will probably endeavor to get out to open sea by way of the Korean Straits. Dalny is said to have been occupied by the Japs, and another of the Mikado's armies is marching on New Chwang. China repeats her intention of remaining neutral, but is rushing large bodies of troops to garrison the Manchurian frontier. Russia's present plan is to fall back at all points until a sufficiently large force is mobilized to cope with the Japs. They have already withdrawn well north of the Yalu.

BIG SENSATION ON WALL STREET

Grand Larceny Charge Against a Great Financier.

PARTNER ACCUSED OF FORGERY

Governor of New York Takes Action Against Firm That Created U. S. Shipbuilding Co.

New York, March 15. — The World this morning says: One of the greatest financiers connected with the creation of the United States Shipbuilding Company will have to face a charge of grand larceny. Another, who belongs to the same firm as the former, will have to face a charge of forgery in the third degree. Six or seven other men will have to face less serious charges.

Part of the evidence on which these charges will be based is in the possession of Gov. Odell, and the rest of it is held by District Attorney Jerome.

It was reported yesterday that Gov. Odell and Attorney-General Cunneen were anxious to get Samuel Untermeyer, who represented the bondholders in the suit to set aside the Sheldon reorganization plan, to act as deputy attorney-general in the criminal proceedings. Because of his intimate knowledge of all of the intricacies of the shipbuilding case, the governor, it is said, is confident that a number of convictions would be assured if Mr. Untermeyer would take charge of the prosecution.

The evidence in possession of the governor consists in part of documents written by the men who it is proposed to proceed against. These documents, particularly one relating to the charge of forgery in the third degree, are said to throw a light on the methods of those responsible for the shipbuilding scandal that is amazing.

Evidence showing that the same group of men created a number of other corporations, in which the public lost immense sums, has been gathered for investigation. This evidence seriously affects an important trust company, which, it is said, may have their charter revoked by the Legislature, as a result of the exposures.

AFTER PASTOR'S FAMILY

Attempt to Murder Household by the Means of Poisoned Cake.

New York, March 15. — A mysterious attempt has been made to poison the family of Rev. Dr. Essex J. Crudup, pastor of the Filmore Baptist Church, of Plainfield, N. J. The pastor's sister and his 6-year-old daughter, who ate some of a cake sent to the house by an unknown person, were saved by timely medical aid.

The cake was left at a grocery store by an unknown man, who asked that it be delivered to the pastor. A boy was sent to the parsonage with the package. The pastor's sister and the little girl opened it and ate some of the cocoanut frosting. They were at once taken violently ill. Examination of the cake shows that the frosting had been filled with a deadly poison.

Recently there has been trouble in the church resulting in charges against the minister and the matter has been placed before the grand jury. That body dismissed the affair. No trace of the prisoner has been found.

RUSSIA WANTS TO KNOW.

New York, March 15. — A cable to the Herald from St. Petersburg says: In view of the almost absurd warlike preparations of Sweden, which are known not to be in favor of Russia, people here are pointedly asking what was the nature of M. Kurino's mission to that country.

ONE STILL MISSING.

Brisbane, Queensland, March 15. — All but one of the boats of the British steamer Aramac, which was wrecked Sunday morning on the Break Sea Spit off Queensland, are safe. The missing boat contained between 20 and 30 persons.

JIM HILL'S LATEST

Montrealer Says Securities Company Will Operate From Canada.

New York, March 15. — A Montreal dispatch today gives R. Forget, vice-president of the Montreal Light and Power Company, as authority for a statement that the Northern Securities Company of Canada has been granted a charter by the Dominion Government; that it is backed by the Hill interests and is intended to absorb the Northern Securities Company of the United States.

WILL BE NO MEDIATION

French Foreign Office Thinks It Would Be Unacceptable.

Paris, March 15.—Official denial is given of the report printed here this morning that exchanges of views are now going on between Paris, London and Washington relative to offering mediation in the far eastern war. The foreign office here is not aware of such an exchange, and considers that mediation is impracticable as neither party would consider it.

PREMIER'S REPLY TO OPPOSITION

Will Carry On Liberal Policy of Common-Sense.

THE TREATY-MAKING POWERS

The Reason for Mr. Blair's Appointment to the Railway Commission —G. T. P. and Tariffs.

Ottawa, March 14. — Premier Laurier, in his reply to Mr. Borden, today, said the reason Parliament was not summoned earlier was not because of his health, to which Mr. Borden had so kindly and courteously referred, but because the Opposition had kept its pledge to have the House sitting last session till the snow whitened the hilltops. Members surely should have time to breathe, time to attend to their business. But the best way to insure an early calling of Parliament was to prorogue earlier, and he hoped the flood-gates of eloquence would be sufficiently under restraint to allow members to get home by the month of June. Sir Wilfrid observed that Mr. Borden had become jocose over the result of the bye-elections, although the fact was that out of twelve bye-elections the Conservatives had won three and lost nine. But where was the great Conservative reaction? Where was the Conservative party? Speaking for Quebec, he could say there was no Conservative party there. There was a new party termed the "protectionist" party. And not only had the old ship's name been changed, but they changed her captain. No party, no leader, no policy, was the position of the Conservatives. Therefore, the Liberals could not view with any apprehension the result of an appeal to the people.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. BLAIR.

Sir Wilfrid, discussing the appointment of Mr. Blair, said Mr. Borden declined to think that he, the Prime Minister, should have been guided by spite in making the appointment. Mr. Blair was chosen for the chairmanship because of his ability, and there was not in all Canada a better man or one more qualified for the position. As Prime Minister he would have been unfaithful to his trust had he failed to appoint Mr. Blair, because of spite. He believed Mr. Blair last session made the mistake of his life in opposing the Government's railway policy and he had told him so. Mr. Borden had seemed to insinuate that Mr. Blair had been appointed to the railway commission to keep him from siding with the Opposition at the general election, but Mr. Blair was with the Government on everything but the railway policy, and was against the Opposition in everything, including its railway policy. Moreover, there was no election, so Mr. Borden's argument fell to the ground. It was unworthy of Mr. Borden to seek for unworthy motives in a matter which was so natural as Mr. Blair's appointment. It was absurd to say the Government ran after the G. T. R. with a better bargain; the fact was, the first contract was so hard and fast the G. T. R. shareholders could not accept it.

FULLER POWERS WANTED.

The treaty-making power was our

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARMER

London, Tuesday, March 15.

Sun rises..6:30 a.m. Moon rises..5:41 p.m.
Sun sets...6:24 p.m. Moon sets...5:08 a.m.

Toronto, March 14—8 p.m.

A disturbance which was situated last night in Alabama has today moved into the lake region, accompanied by considerable snowfalls. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been generally fair and continued moderately cold.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 38—44; Calgary, 4 below—16; Qu'Appelle, 14 below—10; Winnipeg, 8—16; Port Arthur, 16—30; Parry Sound, 10—34; Toronto, 16—30; Ottawa, 12—30; Montreal, 14—30; Quebec, 16—32; Halifax, 18—38.

FORECASTS.

Tuesday, March 15—8 a.m.

Today—Cloudy; a few light local snowfalls.

Wednesday—Fair, with stationary or a little higher temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	2	— 6	Fair
Winnipeg	12	12	Clear
Parry Sound	24	22	Fair
Toronto	28	28	Cloudy
Ottawa	24	22	Fair
Montreal	20	18	Fair
Quebec	16	14	Clear
Father Point	18	12	Clear

The sign — means "below zero."

WEATHER NOTES.

Snow has fallen over the lake region and as far east as Kingston, and heavily locally, but the outlook now is finer in Ontario, and still fine in Quebec, temperature conditions being inclined to moderate.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Monday, were: Highest, 30°; lowest, 20°.

THE IRON BOUNTIES

The British House Discusses Canadian Competition.

London, March 15. — Asked in the House of Commons today if the Government intended to take any steps to protect the iron trade of the United Kingdom against Canadian bounty-fed competition, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Austen Chamberlain, said the abolition or modification of the Canadian bounties would be a subject for consideration when the fiscal and commercial relations between the United Kingdom and the colonies comes up for settlement.

A MILITARY CELEBRATION

Windsor May Have a Three Days' Review in May.

Windsor, Ont., March 15. — Windsor is to have a monster military celebration on the 24th of May, to which it is expected some of the crack military organizations of Canada will be invited, besides the Michigan National Guard and the Detroit corps of the Michigan naval reserves. The celebration will last three days and will consist of military reviews, band concerts and field sports, concluding with a monster fireworks display.

WAS AT BALAKLAVA

Another Last Survivor of the Famous Charge.

New London, Conn., March 15. — William E. Miller, who claimed to be a survivor of the Light Brigade, which made the famous charge at Balaklava in 1854, is dead at his residence in Groton. He was born in Scotland in 1828, and at the age of 24 enlisted in the Eleventh Hussars under the name of Robinson. He served through the Crimean war, becoming an aide-de-camp at Balaklava and was awarded a Victoria Cross. Afterwards he came to this country and served in the navy during the civil war. For a number of years he was foreman of a cartridge factory in Bridgeport.

NEW JUDGES FOR EXCHEQUER COURT

John Idington, K.C., and F. A. Anglin, K.C., Appointed.

SKETCHES OF THEIR CAREERS

The Name of Mr. E. F. B. Johnston Mentioned in Connection With Appointment of Chief Justice

Ottawa, March 15. — Mr. John Idington, K. C., Stratford, and Mr. F. A. Anglin, K. C., of Toronto, have been appointed judges in the new exchequer court division of the high court of Ontario. The appointment of a chief justice has been deferred, but rumor mentions the name of Mr. E. F. B. Johnston, K. C., in connection with the appointment.

John Idington, K. C., is the son of Scotch parents, natives of Berwickshire, and was born near Morriston, Ont., Oct. 14, 1840, so that he is now in his 64th year. He graduated an LL. B. at the University of Toronto in 1864, and was called to the bar the same year. Since then he has practiced law in Stratford. He was appointed queen's counsel by Sir Oliver Mowat in 1876, and by the Marquis of Lansdowne in 1885. In 1879 he became crown attorney for the County of Perth. In politics he is a Liberal, and in religion a Presbyterian. He is a bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada. Mrs. Idington is a daughter of the late Geo. Coicleugh, of Mt. Forest.

Mr. F. A. Anglin, K. C., has been practicing law in Toronto since 1888. He has conducted a large amount of crown business, especially on the northern circuit, and was also crown prosecutor in the White murder case, tried at Brantford a few years ago. The Purcell will case was another important matter in which he was recently engaged. Mr. Anglin was born in St. John, N. B., April, 1865; son of the late Hon. T. W. Anglin; was educated at Ottawa University; studied law with Blake, Lash & Cassels, and was called to the bar in Hilary term, 1888, taking honors and a medal in the final examination. After practicing for six months he entered into a partnership with the late Dr. O'Sullivan, which lasted four years until the latter's death. The firm then became Anglin & Minty, and more recently Anglin & Mallon, until Mr. Mallon's appointment about a year ago as inspector of legal offices in the Ontario service. Mr. Anglin has been this year one of the separate school representatives on the board of education.

YOUNG HARCOURT ELECTED

Eldest Son of Sir William Enters the British House.

London, March 15.—Lewis Vernon-Harcourt, eldest son of Sir William Vernon Harcourt (the Liberal statesman who recently announced his intention of retiring from Parliament) has been elected unopposed to represent the Rossendale division of Lancashire in the House of Commons, in succession to Sir William Mather (Liberal), who retired.

RUSSIANS BUY BARLEY.

San Francisco, March 15. — A deal for 5,000 tons of barley has been closed here with agents of the Russian Government for the use of Russian troops in the field. Both Russian and Japanese agents have been negotiating in this market for some time.

MADE $103,600,000 PROFIT.

In 1875 it was communicated to the British Government that the Khedive Ismail Pasha, being in desperate need of money was willing to sell his 176,602 shares of stock in the Suez Canal Company at a fair price. Disraeli was the Premier and he didn't hesitate a minute. England paid $20,000,000 for the Khedive's holdings, or at a rate of $113.80 per share. Since then the dividends on its purchase have aggregated $24,000,000, and to-day the shares are selling at $700 each. This shows a profit on the transaction of $103,600,000.

A Facer For Mr. Balfour; His Government Defeated

WRECK ON M. C. R.

Head-On Collision on the Bay City Division.

Detroit, Mich., March 15. — Three engines and six freight cars were demolished in a head-on collision on the Bay City division of the M. C. R. at the point where Mount Elliott avenue crosses the tracks one mile south of the village of North Detroit. Miraculous as it may seem, not a single life was lost, although the trains were moving at a good rate of speed.

The six men on the three engines saved their lives by jumping.

FATAL CHICAGO FIRE

Chicago, March 15. — Two persons were killed and several injured today in an explosion that wrecked the plant of the Chicago Toy Novelty Company. The explosion was caused by the ignition of 150 gross of toy pistol caps stored in the building. One of the dead is Henry Jordan, a foreman, who perished in the burning ruins after helping a score of girl employes to escape.

R. R. COMMISSION ON 'PHONE CASE

Judgment Delivered On the Port Arthur Application.

WANTED C. P. R. CONNECTION

Order To Be Issued Permitting the Towns to Run Wires Into Depot.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 15. — There was a meeting of the railway commission this forenoon, when judgment was delivered in the application of Port Arthur and Fort William for connection by their municipal telephone systems with the railway and freight stations of the C. P. R. depot. Hon. Mr. Blair delivered a long judgment. He started out by giving the reasons set forth way the application was made. The applicants relied upon their rights under the statute, and they asked that connection be granted without compensation. The contract between the Bell Company and the C. P. R. was for eight years. It granted exclusive privileges to the Bell Company, and two years of the contract had elapsed. It was said that the contract was of great value to his Bell Company and also to the C. P. R. It was held by the applicants that the contract should be set aside on the grounds of restraint of trade. Mr. Blair, in his decision, held that the contract was a binding one upon both parties. It was a good and valid contract, so long as it was not injurious to the public interest. Both companies had entered into an arrangement in their own interests. He held it was not void only on ground claimed by the applicants, and quoted judgments to support this contention. Parliament never intended to strike at a binding contract without compensating the parties injured.

It never authorized the taking of property without recouping the owners, but no country which had emerged from savagery would permit of that being done. There was no monopoly in the information or in the business and the general interest of the public was not prejudicially affected. There was nothing to prevent the construction of a station alongside the C. P. R. The decision of Mr. Blair therefore was that an order should be issued permitting Port Arthur and Fort William to have telephone connection with the C. P. R. stations, both passenger and freight, but that this order would be held until such time as the pecuniary loss and the compensation necessary to the parties concerned should be decided upon. The commission will hear the parties before deciding upon the compensation.

Mr. Bernier agreed with Mr. Blair as to the right of the parties to telephone connection, but he did not concur in the view taken by the chairman as to compensation. However, the commissioners on questions of law were bound, according to one section of the statute, although under another section there was some doubt with what the chairman had decided upon.

Mr. Bernier's view, however, was that although the contract was a binding one and legal, still it was not in the public interest, and therefore no further compensation should be granted than was necessary for the placing of the 'phones in the C. P. R. stations and that such compensation should be decided by the commission without hearing any evidence as to pecuniary loss or damages by the parties interested.

Dr. Mills practically agreed with Mr. Bernier. He held that the contract was one in restrain of trade and unreasonable. Mr. Blair said that the order was that telephone connection was granted, but that it would not be issued until such time as compensation had been decided upon. There is a feeling that the question of compensation may make the order prohibitive.

Loses On a Snap Division by 121 to 130 Votes.

Motion Was Made by John Redmond, Nationalist Leader.

The Premier Intimates That the Government Will Not Resign.

London, March 15 — 2:15 p.m. — The Government was defeated in the House of Commons this afternoon by 121 to 130 votes on a motion of John Redmond, the Irish leader, for a reduction of the Irish educational estimates. As it was in the nature of a snap division engineered by the Nationalists, the Government is not likely to resign, but it is regarded as another straw showing the direction of the wind.

Mr. Redmond's motion was made with the object of calling attention to Irish grievances. The division was taken almost immediately after the commencement of the discussion, when the Liberals and Nationalists were in strong force. The result was greeted with great cheering, especially from the Irish benches.

The Opposition immediately moved to report progress. Premier Balfour opposed the motion. He admitted, amidst much laughter that it was obvious the Government had been defeated on a proposal to reduce a vote by $500, but there was a considerable amount of financial business to be transacted before March 31, and he did not see why any time should be wasted.

Mr. Balfour added that the honorable member had succeeded in reducing the vote for Irish education by $500, and the Government accepted the opinion of the House on the subject.

Mr. Redmond retorted: "We have defeated the Government."

It was then that Mr. Redmond moved to report progress. This was defeated by 171 to 146 votes, the Government majority being 25.

The Government in the interim had succeeded in mustering enough ministerialists to save the situation, as in the event of a second adverse vote the ministers would have been bound to resign.

HARCOURT'S RETIREMENT

Veteran English Statesman Will Not Seek Re-Election.

London, March 15.—Sir William Vernon Harcourt, veteran among veteran statesmen, will not seek re-election. The announcement is received with general regret. He has grown into the position of one of the oldest members of the house. For fully 30 years he has occupied a prominent part in its debates.

Sir William has been seen very little in the house this session, owing to a throat affection which precluded public speaking. The retirement of the veteran will have an important effect on the fortunes of the Liberal party, which may be placed in power by the next general election.

THREE WERE KILLED

Fatal Freight Train Collision Near Lennoxville, Quebec.

Sherbrooke, Que., March 15. — This morning early a collision occurred at the diamond near Lennoxville between a freight train of the Boston and Maine and a freight train of the C. P. R., which resulted in the killing of the entire crew of the Boston and Maine engine, the three men being on the engine.

One of the killed named Folsom is the nephew of Suvt. Folsom. One of the crew of the C. P. R. train was scalded.

AFTER MANY YEARS

The Pleasing Romance of a Grey County Family.

Detroit, Mich., March 15. — Mrs. Mary Houston, who lives in Delray, a suburb of Detroit, has just heard from a sister Mrs. Mick, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, whom she had not seen nor heard from for 41 years. Both were born in Grey County, Ont. Samuel Gould, a brother of the two women died three years ago in the Klondike. He left considerable property in the State of Washington, which will go to his surviving brothers and sisters, as he was unmarried. Mrs. Laundry, another sister, lives in Stayner, Ont.

SAY THEY BRIBED.

Windsor, Ont., March 15. — Judge McHugh has granted a motion for the examination of President Hutchins, of the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway Company in the company's case against the town of Amherstburg for the payment of the $10,000 bonus.

The plaintiffs in the case have secured an order for particulars from the defense, who in their statement claim that money was used among the ratepayers along the line for the carrying of the bylaw, granting the road the franchise.

Japs Honor Heroic Dead; A Tale of Desperate Valor

Tokio, Tuesday, March 15. — The steamer bearing ten wounded and the bodies of nine of the seamen who were killed in the Port Arthur fight on the 10th inst., has reached Sasebo. The wounded and dead were chiefly participants in the battle between the Japanese and Russian torpedo boat destroyers. The survivors unite in praising the desperately heroic attack on the Russians and tell a story of a personal encounter between a Japanese sailor and the captain of the Russian destroyer, Stregussitchi. When the Japanese closed on the Russians the sailors sprang aboard the Russian craft. Sailor and captain sprang at each other, but the seamen was the quicker of the two and felled the Russian officer by striking him on the head with a cutlass. The Russian endeavored to rise, but the Japanese sailor kicked him overboard, and he drowned. The Japanese say there were 22 dead on the two Russian destroyers. The report of the death of Engineer Minamisawa was premature. He is very low. The Japanese dead were landed at Sasebo and received with full military honors. They were borne on gun carriages to the naval brigade headquarters.

Hill and Morgan Give in To Railway Merger Decision

New York, March 15. — The Hill-Morgan interests among the large holders of the Northern Securities Company will respect the supreme court's decision in letter and in spirit, says the Journal of Commerce, in quoting a man said to be one of the strongest and best informed Northern Securities stockholders in this city.

"The securities company will, as soon as practicable, be abandoned," continues the statement, "and the securities of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Companies will be exchanged back for the securities originally deposited. Plans for the distribution of the securities were completed some time ago in anticipation of an adverse decision. The effect of the decision, so far as the roads in question—the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and the Burlington—are concerned, will not be important, as their absolute independence of operation has not been disturbed. The decision will merely mean the restoration of a community of ownership in the place of the more formal and more permanent form of corporate ownership.

"The result of the decision merely will be the restoration of the community of ownership in the place of the more radical plan for physical consolidation. It will take time to unravel the affair, but probably not as long as at the outset may seem necessary.