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PORT ARTHUR ATTACKED ON FEB. 16

BUT JAPS REPELLED AFTER HEAVY FIGHTING

RUSSIAN GUNS COMMANDED SHORE

Mikado's Men Hoped to Isolate Russian Stronghold by a Double Assault.

JAPS CAPTURE TWO SHIPS ROYAL TREASURE FOR WAR

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—Official confirmation is given that an attack on Port Arthur Feb. 16 was repulsed after heavy fighting on both sides. According to the story this attack was intended as a feint to cover a landing at Talienwan Bay, but it failed, because the Russians' guns were placed with great foresight to command the shore.

A Russian expert says the Japanese evidently hoped the adjacent group of Eliot Isles would cover this movement, as they did the same thing during the Chino-Japanese war, landing simultaneously at Talienwan and Kinchou, thus cutting off Port Arthur from each side of the Liactung Peninsula.

"It surprises me," this expert continues "that they should have adopted a foolhardy attempt to face the Russians, as they must have known from their spies how strongly the peninsula is mined and defended."

The government's frank statement in its communique of this morning on Russia's unpreparedness owing to Japan's sudden precipitation of hostilities, and warning the Russian public not to expect immediate victories, confirms the opinion which has existed here that Russia will act upon the defensive until her army is fully mobilized, and the equipment of the commissariat is in perfect working order.

There are already over 300,000 men in the field, and this number will be largely augmented. About 50,000 men are required to guard the railroad.

NO JAP LOSSES.

London, Feb. 18.—The Japanese legation here received an official despatch from Tokio to-night saying it was not true that any Japanese vessels had been destroye, so far in any of the various naval engagements, and that all necessary repairs had already been made. The Japanese fleet remains intact.

This message also denies the report that the Japanese were driven from the neighborhood of Kinchau after a skirmish in which 150 Japanese were taken prisoners, and declares that the Japanese made no attempt to land at Pigeon Bay. It says the Japanese forces have to the present time made no attempt to land at any point where they could come in contact with the Russians, and that, consequently all reports of land actions and Japanese losses are untrue.

MAY ORDER ALL OUT.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—An official of the government to-day said that he was surprised Hay had closed his note without waiting for Russia's reply. He said: "There is no doubt the government feels somewhat embarrassed by the desire of the United States to instal consuls in the open ports of Manchuria immediately. The government does not like to be placed in the position of putting obstacles in the way, but that entire territory is now under military control and these ports would be within the sphere of the operations. Furthermore, trade is at a standstill at present, and the authorities cannot comprehend why Washington should press this matter now; none of the other powers is seeking to take immediate advantage of the privileges accorded by the Japanese treaties.

"As far as concerns Port Dalny, to which place an American commercial agent has been appointed, the situation is even worse, as it is not impossible that the military authorities will soon request all foreigners to leave there."

USING HEAVY TORPEDOES.

London, Feb. 18.—Details of the last attack of the torpedo flotilla at Port Arthur on Saturday and Sunday are still meagre, notwithstanding the official report received by the Japanese legation to-night. Naval officers await them with keen interest, as it is evident that the Russian authorities have suppressed the truth about the first assault, which was more destructive than the Japanese admiral understood at the time. Experts assert that the remnant of the Russian fleet can be destroyed by torpedoes if it ventures to remain outside the inner harbor, and that the man behind the torpedo will do all the work in future naval warfare.

The British admiralty has waked up at once, and, not content with supplying the battleships now in commission with 14-inch torpedoes, capable of running 5000 yards, is experimenting with 18-inch torpedoes with a speed of thirty knots and a radius of 5000 yards.

A prominent naval officer said to-night that the Japanese are using the heaviest torpedo charges which have been tested by the British admiralty, and that an explosion like that officially reported by the legation implies the sinking or disabling of a Russian ship. It is not clear that any Japanese torpedo has gone farther than 2000 yards.

There are various reports from war correspondents respecting the concentration of land forces of both sides, but these are clearly exaggerated or the censors would not allow them to be telegraphed. The rumor mongers in China are busy, but the columns printed here from them may be dismissed as irresponsible gossip.

NEW LADYSMITH.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—No sooner has Russia realized her weakness and Japan's readiness than she is making herculean efforts to avert a more direful disaster. So secure did the Russian commanders feel from land attack that the defences of Port Arthur were arranged almost exclusively for seaward defence. Now that there is every reason to fear a complete investment of the Manchurian Gibraltar at an early date, every hour is being utilized in transforming it into a second Ladysmith. Earthworks are being thrown up on commanding positions, and all preparations being made on a gigantic plan for the withstanding of a strenuous siege.

Meantime, in and around Harbin, Russia's main army will concentrate and prepare for an irresistible movement southward in the spring. If, as is fully expected, Port Arthur and any other fortified centres invested by the Japanese, prove invulnerable, their

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LATEST WAR BULLETINS.

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—Consternation prevails thruout Russia over the rapid spread of the revolutionary movement. The secret societies everywhere recognize that the opportunity for decisive action may come at any moment, and the authorities are appalled at the evidences of disaffection which meet them on all sides. Russia's internal stability was never so precarious and is causing the government the most anxious consideration.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 18.—Mexico has officially declared her neutrality in the war between Japan and Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 18.—A telegram received here from Port Arthur says the Japanese have captured the Okhotsk-Kamchatka Company's steamers Kolik and Bovrik.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 18.—Notwithstanding all previous circumstantial statements, it is not the intention of the Russian government to despatch the Baltic fleet on its long journey to the Far East. On the contrary it will be retained in northern waters, pending eventualities. In view of possible European complications, Russia feels that to denude the Baltic of all naval strength might expose her to serious peril.

SEOUL, Feb. 18.—Japanese ladies will come here to nurse the wounded Russian soldiers, and many are volunteering their services. Complaints have been received that the wounded have been badly treated by their Corean attendants, and the Japanese government is anxious there should be no cause for reflection on its conduct of the war.

TOKIO, Feb. 18.—The Emperor has intimated his intention to turn over the whole palace treasure for the benefit of the war fund. This magnanimous example has created great enthusiasm, and is expected largely to increase the voluntary contributions of the people, which are being made with alacrity. It is reported that the Russian mining ship Boyan was among those damaged in the recent engagements. It is not thought there will be any more naval battles or that Russia will try to dispute Japan's supremacy at sea.

CHINWANGTAO, Feb. 18.—The Chinese government is displaying unexampled activity and troops are pouring into Manchuria. Special trains have been chartered and are being despatched as speedily as possible. Their ultimate destination is at present unknown.

TOKIO, Feb. 18.—Russian troops are reported to have occupied Pingyang, a station on the Wiju and Seoul Railway, about 100 miles south of Wiju. They are now advancing towards Seoul.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—Prince Schervachidz, who is attached to the person of the Dowager Empress of Russia, has telegraphed the Figaro, from St. Petersburg, saying Her Majesty accepts the proposal that the funds collected in France for the Russian Red Cross Society be forwarded to her.

NAGASAKI, Feb. 18.—The French armored cruiser Admiral Degueydon has sailed for Saigon, the capital of French Cochin China. The French second-class cruiser left Chemulpo Feb. 16 for Saigon by way of Shanghai. Heavy snow storms are reported thruout Corea.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 18.—The work of the Russian Red Cross Society is being pushed wth great vgor. The donations already exceed $5,000,000.

Kaiser Wrote to the Czar Regarding Great Britain

Official Circles in Russia Continue to Count on Germany's Unreserved Support.

Paris, Feb. 19.—The Figaro this morning publishes a telegram said to be from a high Russian official and sent from the frontier, saying that Col. Von Schenck, the commander of the Emperor Alexander regiment of the German Guards, of which the Czar is honorary colonel-in-chief, was received by the Czar on Monday and handed to His Majesty an autograph letter from Emperor William on the war in the Far East, and especially on the subject of Great Britain's attitude.

Continuing, The Figaro's informant says official circles in Russia continue to count on Germany's unreserved support, and discuss openly the possible change of the equilibrium of Europe, which might result from the grouping together of Russia, Germany and France, taken in connection with the anti-British feeling.

The increasing possibility of war with Great Britain is discussed without reserve in Russian military circles. Rear-Admiral Rojestvenski, chief of the general staff of the navy, has said it was impossible, according to the Russian official who telegraphs The Figaro, to send to Port Arthur all the naval officers who want to go there, because they may be required in the Baltic. In conclusion, this official says the whereabouts of Viceroy Alexieff has been unknown for three days past, and that the official telegrams are received without signature.

ALEXIEFF GIVES NEWS OF FIRST SEA FIGHT

JAPS' SHIPS SUFFERED

Failure to Follow Up Success Attributed to Damage Done by Russian Fleet.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—A long official despatch from Viceroy Alexieff recounts the details of the fight of Feb. 9 at Port Arthur, which was given out to-day. It enumerates the Russian casualties and says it is known that a number of Japanese ships suffered severely, which accounts for not following up the attack.

The Viceroy's despatch dated Feb. 18, says:

"After the night torpedo attack the Japanese fleet, consisting of 16 warships, appeared at 10 o'clock in the morning off Port Arthur. Its appearance was noted by the coast signal stations as well as by the ships of our squadron, which lay in the outer roadstead, fully prepared for battle. Our squadron consisted of five battleships, five first and second-class cruisers and 15 torpedo boats, under the command of Vice-Admiral Stark and Rear-Admiral Ukhtonski. The coast batteries immediately prepared to receive the enemy. Our squadron weighed anchor in order of battle, and upon the first shot being fired by the enemy, the fleet and batteries replied simultaneously with a lively cannonade. The most exposed to the enemy's fire were the ships of the squadron battery No. 15 on Electric Cliff; and battery No. 13 on Golden Hill. Other coast batteries, principally numbers 17 and 18, were also under fire.

Vessels Taking Part.

"The following vessels took part in the battle: In the front line were the battleship Petropavlosk, flying the flag of Vice-Admiral Stark and commanded by Captain Jakovloff; the battleship Sevastopol, Captain Chernychoff; the battleship Poltava, Captain Uspkenski; the battleship Peresviet, flying the flag of Rear-Admiral Ukhtonski, commanded by Captain Boissmann, and the battleship Pobieda, Captain Suzarevny. There were also the first-class cruisers Bayan, Captain Viron; Diana, Captain Satouski, and Akold, Captain Gramchikoff; the second-class cruisers Boyarin, Captain Sarychoff, and Novik, Captain Jassen. The battleships Czarevitch, Captain Gregorovitch and Retvizan, Captain Sensnovitch, and the cruiser Pallada, Captain Kossovitch, which lay at anchor, having been damaged in the torpedo attack of the night before, likewise participated in the fight, as did the transport Angara, Capt. Suschontin.

"There were also engaged the torpedo boats of the first and second divisions, under the divisional commanders, Matussevitch and Duenter as follows: Vnimatell, Captain Simon; Vladistiul, Lieut. Karzeff; Bolvoi, Captain Yelisseiteff; Bezstransni, Captain Zimmerman; Bezposhtchadni, Lieut. Ukin; Vnushitelni, Lieut. Povushkin; Vuinosilvi, Lieut. Reichter; Grozvoi, Lieut. Scheltinga; Razryvaschtchi, Captain Siminoff; Ryozhitolni, Lieut. Kornilleff; Silny, Lieut. Kodorovitch; Stereguschtchi, Lieut. Kusmankaravayeff; Storch-

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PORT ARTHUR DOOMED TO SLOW REDUCTION AT HANDS OF JAPANESE

Admiral Togo, With His Fleet, Prevents Ingress and Egress and Establishes a Blockade.

Paris, Feb. 18.—An eminent military authority connected with one of the embassies said to-day that Port Arthur was practically besieged, and it was a serious question whether this would not compel either the abandonment or the surrender of the fortress with its men and materials. The grounds for this belief were stated to be as follows:

"Admiral Togo's ships, on the watch at the entrance of the port, prevent ingress or egress, thus establishing a virtual blockade and cutting off the chances of relief from seaward. The Japanese troops near Newchwang and other points on the Liaotung Peninsula are about to interrupt the railroad forming the line of communication and supplies between Port Arthur and Harbin. The result is the gradual investure of Port Arthur within the Japanese naval and military lines. It will require a bold action on the part of Russian forces to prevent the final accomplishment of the investure and slow reduction of Port Arthur."

NEWS FROM BOTTLED PORT.

Port Arthur, Feb. 18.—The repairs to the Russian warships damaged during the bombardment of Feb. 9, are rapidly proceeding. The Czarevitch, Retvizan and Pallada will soon rejoin the fleet. The work is being carried on with the aid of caissons. The mishap was not so great as it might have been.

About 100 Russian families, who left Japan, intending to proceed to Port Arthur and other points are now living at Shanghai, under the protection of the Russian consul.

A magnate named Salabek has arrived at Port Arthur, asking the Viceroy's permission to go to the front with 5000 Kurd horsemen. He only asks the government to provide for the transport of the men, their horses and arms. Admiral Alexieff declined and referred Salabek to the Czar.

The railroad positively is undamaged and Port Arthur is calm. All the troops are eagerly awaiting an opportunity to meet the Japanese in a fair fight. It is believed here the enemy sustained heavy damage at the time of the bombardment, and is carefully concealing the same.

Try the decanter at Thomas.

BALKAN SITUATION SERIOUS.

Rome, Feb. 18.—The situation in the Balkans, especially since the revolt of the Albanians in the District of Diakova, Province of Ipek, is considered here to be serious. It is declared that Austria has 20,000 men ready to invade Albania, but if such a move were made Italy would consider it as disturbing the balance of power on the Adriatic and most detrimental to her interests here.

TWO HUNDRED MILLION VALUE OF TIMBER LAND PROPERTY OF PROVINCE

Speaker Charlton Fails to Apply Gag to Liberal Speaker Who Insults Members.

In continuing the debate on the budget in the legislature yesterday the Minister of Crown Lands gave an estimate of the value of the timber resources of the province yet unsold and uncut. The figures were large. He estimated that ten billion feet of white pine were yet to be disposed of, the value of which would be at the least calculation 75 million dollars from bonuses and 20 million dollars from dues. There was sufficient to make 20 sales as large as the one held in December. According to his estimate there are some 300,000,000 cords of pulp wood worth $75,000,000 and hemlock and hardwood in abundance. From this the minister said the position of the province was secure for many years to come. Mr. Davis outlined the program of the government for the setting aside of the Mississaga forest reserve.

Berkeley Powell of Ottawa criticized the financial statement in a speech of over an hour. The evening was taken up by Dr. Reaume, who asked that something be done to reform the marriage laws in view of the very large number of clandestine marriages performed in Windsor, and Dr. James read a speech, the greater part of which was afterwards withdrawn on the demand of opposition speakers, who claimed it was insulting.

Powell Resumes Debate.

The budget debate was resumed by Mr. Powell of Ottawa. He said year by year the expenditures of the province had exceeded the income, and it was necessary to dispose of a large area of timber occasionally to keep ahead. Leaving out the sale of timber in December the income would be $600,000 short of the expenditures. Who ever heard, he asked, of a business man selling part of his fixed assets and putting the cash in as part of current income? This was what the province had done. Since 1898 the expenditures had increased 30 per cent.

It was a gross piece of mismanagement for the government to borrow $2,000,000 at 5 per cent. from the banks, while it had about the same amount in the banks drawing only 3 per cent.

The Premier replied to this the government had no power to transfer money from one account to another without authority from the house. The house would be asked to allow the government to transfer these amounts.

Mr. Powell: I understood it was the practice of this government to do business by Order-in-Council.

Mr. Ross: We can only go so far.

Grants to Veterans.

Mr. Powell then discussed the land grants to veterans. He regretted the condition of the land grants and said it would have been better if the government had not introduced the bill. The Minister of Crown Lands probably did not know the trouble he was getting into. Mr. Powell read a letter from a veteran criticizing the government for the delay in granting certificates to men who turned out in 1866 for service, and did not get to the frontier. How was it the government, after five years, had not found out where the frontier was? He regretted the government had not expended the $100,000 appropriated for surveying this land. At 7c an acre this amount would have surveyed 60 townships.

Hon. Mr. Davis said the price had been increased to 9 cents an acre.

Mr. Powell said only 18 townships

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SPRINTER OUTRUNS A MARE.

Paris, Feb. 18.—On the Boulevard Macdonald yesterday a remarkable speed competition took place between the sprinter Roberts and the trotting mare Newella, the property of M. Ghesquieres. The distance was 400 metres (325 ft.), and Roberts won, his time being 41 3-5 seconds. Newella had previously trotted the kilometre (1093 yards) in 1 min. 28 sec.

EMBRO BANK ROBBERY.

Ingersoll, Feb. 18.—It was currently reported in town about noon to-day that three parties had been arrested at Beachville in connection with the bank robbery at Embro. No one, however, was able to confirm the report.

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FIRE AT OSHAWA.

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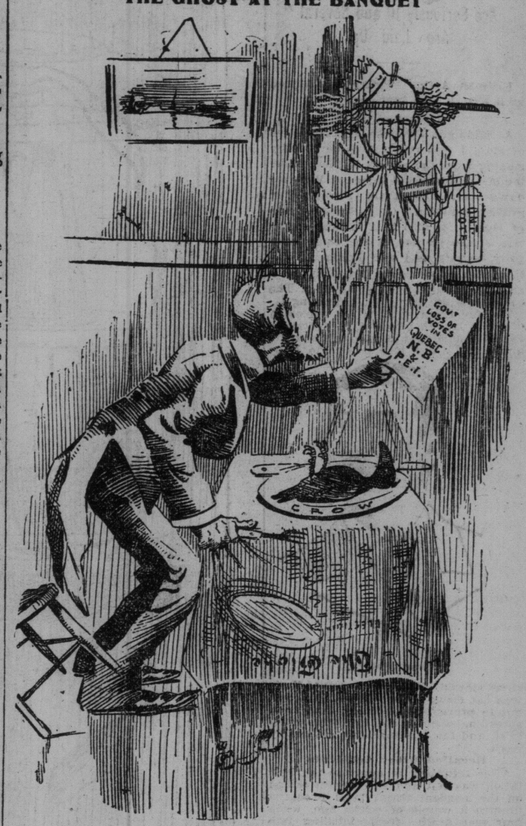
PREFERENCES TO CANADA.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Feb. 18.—The Governor of British Guiana announces that a 10 per cent. remission of duties in favor of Britain and Canada has been granted, costing the revenue of the colony $38,000 and $5400 respectively.

THE GHOST AT THE BANQUET



MACBETH ROSS: Shake not your gory locks at me—thou canst not say I did it.

CAN COMPANY WORK A LOBBY AS IT WAS DONE IN 1893?

Fear Expressed That Kingston Will Again Be Victim of Promoters' Wiles.

There was a statement made yesterady that the City of Kingston would come out of their fight with the street railway just as they did when the charter was issued in 1893. This announcement came from one of the best-known citizens of that town. His reason for saying so was not veiled in any inferential remarks. He declared that it was his opinion that the same tactics that won for the company the charter they now hold would keep it for them, no matter what the citizens said nor how valiantly they might fight for the city's rights. The legislature that gave them a charter and left the city without the power to enforce it would continue to permit the company's enjoyment of the same. It was said that the tactics that got for the company a charter with everything the company asked for and nothing the city requested was nothing more nor less than a well-planned system of lobbying. Hon. S. H. Blake at the time that the charter was issued acted for the city and strongly advised them to take whatever they got, for any effort to persuade the committee to consider their interests would avail them nothing. This was the result of the company's efforts and the degree of success they met with.

Mortgage Future for Promoters.

On the other hand, there are a very large number of the citizens who do not think the same way as this gentleman. Prominent among them is N. C. Polson, who was mayor at the time the company secured the charter, and who so strongly opposed it at the time. In this regard he says:

"In my remarks yesterday I might have said that, in addition to the great advantage the company enjoyed at Toronto, Mr. Folger has always carried a very strong following in the city council of Kingston. The position of the parties in Toronto affords a very favorable juncture for this matter to be settled in such a way as to regain some of the rights which were invaded under the agreement which has existed for ten years past.

"The best laid plans of mice and men, however, gang aft aglee." Mr. Folger's magic may again prevail upon the judgment of the committee, but it is to be borne in mind that the recognition of municipal rights, or at any rate the importance of maintaining them, is becoming a part of the consciousness of the people. This is unfortunate, as it would be a shame to mortgage the future, as so many municipalities have done, for the sake of satisfying the greed and cupidity of promoters."

The company had four of its representatives in the city this week, and it is said that several members of the house have been seen by them, but how far the matter has been discussed is not known.

'Tis a Splendid Investment.

In regard to the Light, Heat and Power franchise, which is about to be taken over by the city shortly, George Richardson, who passed thru the city yesterday en route to Winnipeg, made the statement that the city was getting one of the best bargains it had ever made. In his opinion, he looked upon $250,000 as a low figure for the property, in view of the revenue being obtained annually. The cost to the city will be about $180,000, including law costs and the amount of the award.

A deputation from the city council sought the advice of A. B. Aylesworth yesterday in regard to the proper manner of submitting the bylaw to the people asking for the authority to raise the required amount. There is a little confusion on this point, owing to the fact that there is a bonded debt of $100,000 against the properties. The bondholders have the privilege of holding their bonds to 1917. Should they desire to take advantage of this prerogative, the city will be compelled to establish a fund and will no doubt be liable for the interest of 5 per cent. for that period. Mr. Aylesworth's advice was kept secret by the members of the deputation.

ON FIRE AT SEA.

Thrilling Experience of the Ocean Liner Pallanza.

Halifax, N.S., Feb. 18.—"On fire at sea in the midst of a raging gale" is the report made by Capt. Schaarmberg of the Hamburg-American liner Pallanza, which arrived in port to-day. The steamer left Hamburg Jan. 19 and met with heavy weather, during which the boats ladders and bridges were smashed and the funnels broke at the base, compelling the steamer to put into the Azores on Feb. 2. After completing repairs and coaling the steamer proceeded to Halifax. At 8 o'clock on the morning of Feb. 15, while the steamer tossed, fire was discovered between the decks, in the cargo. The fire spread rapidly, the heat became intense and great volumes of smoke enveloped the forward part of the ship. The pumps were at once started and tons of water poured into the hold, and steam was also injected. It was difficult for the crew to get at the fire, but after five hours hard work they succeeded in extinguishing it. There was no excitement among the 167 passengers, the officers assuring them that there was no danger. Most of the passengers landed here, and the steamer will proceed to Baltimore.

KILLED AT BELLEVILLE.

Belleville, Feb. 18.—Arthur Cook, aged 15, was killed by a G.T.R. freight train to-night at 6. He was horribly mangled. His head was completely lost.

KILLED AT ST. KITTS.

St. Catharines, Feb. 18.—An unknown man was killed at noon by the G.T.R. express to-day. He was about 35 and a foreigner.

ANOTHER WAR COMING.

New York, Feb. 18.—The Times says Turkey is preparing to fight Bulgaria. Turkey claims Bulgaria is getting ready to attack her.

KING TO ROBERTS.

London, Feb. 18.—A special army order was issued this evening in which King Edward in highly eulogistic language takes leave of Lord Roberts as Commander-n-Chief of the Army.

LOOKING TOWARD CANADA.

New York, Feb. 18.—At the meeting of the Newspaper Publishers' Association to-day, it was urged that Congress should be asked for free paper and free pulp. It was said that "fully 50 per cent of the pulpwood is now drawn from Canada, and the paper business has passed beyond the protective period. Let us raise a fund large enough to be effective in maintaining our interests, one with which we can keep the country newspapers busy on their Congressmen. With the tariff out of the way, capital could safely invest in Canada and give us our paper at living prices."

ADMIRAL VESEY DEAD.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Feb. 18.—Admiral Vesey is dead, at the age of 81. He conveyed the Prince of Wales between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and assisted at the opening of the navigation of the St. Lawrence up to Montreal.

BULGARIANS ROUTED.

Salonica, Feb. 18.—The Albanians, who were besieging Shemsi Pasha have been routed, losing 800 men killed and wounded. The Turkish losses are said to be heavy. Five additional battalions of troops have been ordered to Verisovich (315 miles north of Uskub).

Try the top barrel. 31 Colborne-street

WHAT BEN SHOULD DO.

If I were Ben Folger, do you know what I'd do?

What?

I'd get a clause put in the proposed Kingston street railway amendment act compelling the city to buy his road on a valuation.

Does he want to sell?

Does he?

SEEKING CHANGE.

What are the Four Felgers doing here?

Admiring the legislative buildings in the Queen's Park.

Anything else?

Trying to change their Peace.

DEATHS.

BRANTON—At her sister's residence, in Buffalo, on Thursday, Feb. 18, 1904, Mary (Mabel) Branton of Toronto.

Funeral Monday, Feb. 21, from Humphrey's, at 2.30 o'clock p.m., to Necropolis.

ONE NIGHT IN THE WARD JUST BEFORE ELECTION TOLD BY A CAMPAIGNER

Revelations That May Unseat Controller Richardson and Ald. Ramsden Feature of Scandal.

Revelations that will probably unseat Controller Richardson and Ald. Ramsden, the threat of Judge Winchester to commit a witness for evasive answers and the location of more payments of cash by the Thompsons, together with the deliberate assertion of the civic prosecutor that he proposed to know something later about where all the funds being disbursed by the implicated persons came from were the features that entertained a big crowd in the municipal investigation yesterday.

Joseph Hazelton, the druggist, was the chief story teller of the day, and related the details of a journey he made with Messrs. Richardson and Ramsden around "the ward" with Alf. McGuire, brother of George, the night before election. He admitted under severe pressure that the party were in drinking resorts after the hours prescribed by law and therein laid the foundation for proceedings that will perhaps result in an application to unseat both of the officials involved. Mr. Richardson does not deny that he was present as described by the witness, and admits that Mr. Ramsden was with him, but denies paying for the drinks after hours. The use of money was admitted by Hazelton, tho his memory was very treacherous until Judge Winchester declared he would go into custody unless he remembered things. This was an inducement that proved potent for two hours' hot examination.

Where Thompsons Come in.

Robert and John Martin, family friends of Durance, testified to conversations with the Thompsons and swore that the understanding they secured from remarks was that the Thompson brothers were to bear all the expenses of the defence Sam's poll clerk was forced to make. Incidentally it develops that while the Thompsons cannot be proceeded against for supplying Durance with money for the purposes of employing legal services they committed a felony in attempting to prevent the clerk telling his story to the police, and this may form one of the first criminal charges the brothers may be forced to face as a result of their desperate efforts to protect Sam. That they were using their cash as freely as their personal efforts was made much plainer yesterday when George Thompson admitted paying two attorneys more than one hundred dollars and retaining others for his brother and Durance, in addition to the fifty paid him to give McPherson.

One of the side lights of the situation is that which explains the final confession of Durance. He and George were members of the same secret society and the evidence is that George was sticking close to his brother craftsman and rendering police inquisition nugatory by his nightly pleadings that Durance should not betray Sam. Family friends of the same society came forward finally and put pressure upon the young clerk to tell the truth no matter whom it might incriminate and the confession followed.

Durance Again in Box.

Durance and George Thompson were again in the box and on cross-examination Durance was asked if he was not a detective for his company, going around to people who had claims against the company and making inquiries without letting them know he was an agent for the insurance people. Thompson's attorney made much of the fact that a detective could be so innocent as Durance swears he was in the stuffing of the box.

It was apparent from the proportions of the crowd that the reports of the new details being drawn out touching the transactions from inside sources were provoking renewed interest in the case. Comment, too, is quite free on the ease with which the fraud is possible under present election laws. If they were designed specially by men for the purpose of placing a premium on plugging they could not have been better framed. The returning officer employes his own clerk and pays him. He is responsible only to the returning officer and becomes his willing tool if it is necessary. The deputy sees to it if he is dishonest that he secures a pliable man. In the counting, too, of the ballots the evidence shows that the returning officer selects a ballot and reads what purports to be the way it is marked. There is no check on dishonesty, and

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Persian Lamb Jackets.

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