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## RUSSIAN CAVALRY OVER YALU RIVER PENETRATING INTO KOREA 30 MILES JAPANESE BLOCKADE VLADIVOSTOCK

**Fifty Cossacks Appear Before  
Pingyang and Engage  
With Their Enemy**  
**THEY ARE FORCED TO RETIRE.**

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Vladivostock has been blockaded by a Japanese fleet since Thursday, according to a Daily Mail despatch from Hakodate, which adds that incoming steamers report Russian cruisers on the coast east of Kinkow, in the Bay of Sondai, Japan. Japanese warships have been reported in the vicinity of which blockade, but this report, which has not yet been confirmed from other sources.

**SEOUL, Feb. 28.**—Details of a skirmish at Pingyang on Feb. 28 show that fifty Russian cavalrymen approached the north gate of the Japanese camp and fired at a distance of 400 metres. A sharp fusillade took place, and the Russians retired. All foreigners are safe.

**LONDON, Feb. 28.**—The following official statement was received at the Japanese legation here: "Tokio, Feb. 28.—(9 a.m.)—A number of the enemy's cavalry appeared at a point 700 metres south of Pingyang, Korea. Our infantry fired on them, causing them to retreat."  
A metre is 39 inches.

**ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 28.**—A despatch from Lianyung, dated Feb. 28, says the Chinese on the Yalu River report that an advance guard of Russian cavalry, which had penetrated into Korea for a distance of about 200 versts (150 miles) across the river had an encounter with a detachment of Japanese and that the Japanese were compelled to retreat and fled, leaving their horses, which were seized by the Russians. GEN. LINEVICH DESPATCHED CAVALRY AND A BODY OF INFANTRY IN PURSUIT WITH AN ORDER TO OCCUPY NORTH-KOREA.

**IRKUTSK, Feb. 28.**—The movement of troops on the Trans-Siberian Railroad has again accelerated. Proportions in both directions. Trains going east are filled with troops. All trains going west are crowded with women and children, and the station here is filled with refugees. The railway, Yarkutsk, is going to the front in a few days to make sketches.

**ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 29.**—Over 20,000 Oseting from the Caucasus have volunteered for service. A locomotive broke through the ice on Lake Balkha and sank under the shore, but no loss of life is reported.

**FIGHT NEWS EXPECTED.**  
St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—The official announcement of Japanese troops of staff to victory Alexieff, that Russian cavalry has crossed the Yalu River, is expected to be followed shortly by news of rather heavy land fighting, as, according to seemingly trustworthy reports, Gen. Linevich has sent a whole army corps of infantry to support the Cossacks, who have penetrated to a point below Anju, and who are reported to have beaten the Japanese in several engagements. However, unless this movement in force is progressing, it must not be assumed that the Russians have taken the offensive, but rather that they are taking up a strong position in Northern Korea in order to check the advance of the formidable Japanese army landing on both shores of Korea, while the concentration of Russian troops behind the Yalu is being completed. This concentration is making progress that is generally believed.

**RUSSIAN INTERFERING.**  
Tientsin, Feb. 28.—Russians are interfering with the imperial railway telegraph. On Feb. 27 they demanded that they be allowed to read the telegrams received at Tienchiang station, where the Chinese authorities have now placed a sentry.

**INSURED AGAINST TWIN.**  
London, Feb. 28.—The recent death in Berlin of the performing chimpanzee, Consul, has brought to light another of those strange risks taken by those London engagements which insure for £20,000 weekly, with its bonus £200 to £2000 annually, insured for £20,000 per year. It is insured for £20,000 and Fly-comma is insured for £20,000. During the present week a gentleman paid seven guineas per cent. on a £200 policy insuring him against twins.

**LET THE MAJORITY RULE.**  
(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)  
London, Feb. 28.—Sir John Forrest, minister of the interior for the commonwealth of Australia, speaking at Melbourne, said he wanted an electoral law following government by majority in all cases as at present by minorities.

**WHERE AUSTRALIA STANDS.**  
(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)  
London, Feb. 28.—Sir Joseph Symon, the leader of the opposition in the Australian senate, says that Australia is not extending her arms to welcome any trade proposals or preferences which would likely involve restrictions in her own protective duties in favour of England.

**RUSSIANS OUTNUMBERED.**  
London, Feb. 28.—The fog enveloping the seat of war is again dense. It has not lifted at Posselt Bay, where a Japanese army corps has been reported as landing for the investment of Vladivostock, or at Pingyang, where the scouts of the two armies are described as skirmishing in advance of a big battle in Northern Korea, or at Daini, where a third army corps is expected to go ashore unless the mouth of the Hwang River, east of Pitsung, be preferred, as in 1894. It is thicker than ever at Nagasaki and other Japanese ports, where thirteen divisions have been mobilized for military operations, and it is even thicker at St. Petersburg, where General Kurapatkin is reported as hurrying to a plan for the withdrawal of the Russian army from Harbin to the Transbaikalian frontier—a proposition suggested at the present stage of hostilities. Two facts are indisputable—first, that the Japanese can land five army corps, or 250,000 soldiers, for simultaneous operations against Vladivostock, Port Arthur and the Yalu frontier; and second, that the Russian muster cannot reach this strength for several months, or be supplied by a single track railway.

**HORSE SHIPMENT STOPPED.**  
Lithuania, Feb. 28.—A shipment of 600 horses was about to be loaded into a steamer here when it was stopped by the authorities. The horses are to be taken to be bought by British agents for Japan.

**SOLDIERS NOT SUFFERING.**  
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 28.—Grave rumors concerning the sufferings of troops crossing Lake Balkha were communicated to the officer in charge, who is a possibility that the places are not identical.

**GENERAL PLUG GIVES CURRENCY TO REPORTS OF THREATENING MOVEMENTS OF CELESTIALS.**  
St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—An official despatch, dated today, from Major-General Plug, victory Alexieff's chief of staff, says: "The night of Feb. 27 passed quietly at Port Arthur. The enemy's squadron keeps in this vicinity. Reports are coming in of movements of Chinese troops west of the Liao River, and, according to rumors, about 10,000 Chinese troops, under Gen. Ma, are on the road between Tungku and Choojan. The military guard on the Simnani Railway has been reinforced, from 40 to 50 Chinese soldiers having been placed at each place. OUR MOUNTED TROOPS HAVE ENTERED KOREA, AND THE ATTITUDE OF THE POPULATION IS FRIENDLY TOWARD US."  
There has been no change in the situation here during the past two days. A gale blew from the north to-day, accompanied by thunder and lightning. The sea is very rough, rendering attempts to land impossible.

**STILL HOVERING ROUND.**  
Chefoo, Feb. 28.—While the Japanese report that their fleet is still concentrated in the neighborhood of Port Arthur, yet endeavors are being made to prevent definite information from becoming public.

**20,000 RUSSIANS THERE.**  
Peking, Feb. 28.—A despatch from St. Petersburg says that every day about 20,000 men are traveling toward Port Arthur. The garrison at that point is said now to number 30,000.

**CHINESE TROOPS MOVE.**  
Peking, Feb. 28.—Since Feb. 23, four troop trains have left Peking for the northwestern frontier. The last contingent leaves to day on two trains, completing the force of 10,000 men. The troops are regulars, and their equipment is excellent. They will be replaced by troops from Shaanxi Province.

**SEES JOSEPH PREMIER.**  
(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)  
London, Feb. 28.—A writer in the Fortnightly Review says that the break in the Tory ranks has only occurred among the leaders. Mr. Chamberlain's coalition will draw the Conservative and secure him the premiership. The colonial preference is doomed, but the action of the landowners, led by the Duke of Devonshire, colonial governments will never consent to let their budgets depend on the varying moods of the British electorate. Nor will the British people let their hands be having to consult half a dozen colonies whenever any fiscal changes have to be made.



MAP SHOWING WHERE JAPS AND COSSACKS CLASHED.

## FOODSTUFFS CONTRABAND OF WAR ACCORDING TO RUSSIAN IDEAS SOME INTEREST TO GREAT BRITAIN

**Czar Stretches Accepted Meaning of "Occasional Contraband" in Law of Nations and May Be Making Trouble for Himself in the Future.**

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—By the official rules of war issued to-night Japanese subjects are allowed to remain in Russia during the war and Japanese merchant ships in Russian ports are allowed 48 hours to load and depart. With regard to neutral trade the following points must be observed:  
(a) The flag covers the cargo for a belligerent, excepting contraband of war.  
(b) Neutral goods under the enemy's flag, except contraband of war, are not subject to confiscation.  
(c) Blockades to be obligatory must be effective—that is, they must be sufficient force cut off approach to the enemy's territory.  
(d) According to article 6 of the following will be regarded as contraband of war:  
(1) Every kind of small arms or arms, complete or in separate parts or pieces.  
(2) Fire arms and ammunition, fuses, shells, cartridges, cartridge cases, powder, saltpetre, sulphur, explosives, dynamite, and all other substances used for war purposes.  
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**YOUNG GIRL KILLED.**  
Winnipeg, Feb. 28.—A sad and fatal accident occurred at Lake Charles today, by which Susan Spier, a young girl of 18 years, was killed. She was on a boat when it capsized, and she was the only one who was killed.

**COLLINGWOOD MILL BURNED.**  
Collingwood, Feb. 28.—The Nottawa flour and grist mill was burned to the ground last night at 12 o'clock. It was owned by John Brackenzie and contained 3,000 bushels of wheat and was valued at \$10,000.

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## MORE SURPRISES TO COME EVIDENCE RE CORPORATIONS EXPECTED IN CIVIC INQUIRY

**Mr. Riddell This Morning Will Take  
a Line That Will Prevent  
Tying Up of Matter.**

There will be some surprises in the civic investigation this morning. It will come in the nature of additional evidence of corporation domination of the city election. A number of witnesses will be in the box this morning to testify that they received money from at least two of the big corporations interested in Toronto legislation. Just as to who those new witnesses are Mr. Riddell would not supply information Sunday. He did intimate, however, that he would not give those who wish to squelch the investigation the opportunity they seek by putting Toll Clerk London in the box today.

According to the plan revealed Saturday, it is the intention of the legal representatives of George Maguire, the accused D.R.O., not to produce him before the court now, but to have London go into the box and, refusing to answer, secure a writ of habeas corpus, and in that manner tie up the trial for some time at least. Mr. Riddell, without indicating his plans, said to The World last night that he did not propose to permit anything of the kind to be done while there were other important witnesses ready to testify for whom the same claim of competency could be made.

**City Channel Opened Up.**  
The Daley story of receiving \$30 from William Moore of the Toronto Railway Company, just before election, and reports made to the corporation representative of the progress of Richardson's campaign exposed by the examination Saturday, has opened up a new channel for the civic probe. In fact, it is the only connection between the election and the corporation representative contributed this money to finance the election of a controller, but there is some valuable information yet to come out along this line. But at the present rate of progress there is enough material before the special prosecutor to keep the court busy three months.

Every day brings additional developments in the way of professions of impleaded persons to tell what they know of the corporation representative. For instance, CONTROLLER RICHARDSON HAS MADE TO MR. RIDDELL WHAT HE CLAIMS TO BE A FULL STATEMENT OF HIS RELATIONS WITH SCOTT, THOMPSON AND OTHERS IN THE CITY. THE STATEMENT IS A REPORT WAS MADE MORE THAN A WEEK AGO.

**Others on Anxious Seat.**  
But there are other clerks and D.R.O.'s who want to become crown witnesses. This is certain. At least one other official who has been brought over has repeated his story in detail to the prosecutor, but he has not yet been accepted as a crown witness. The prosecution will not accept a full and free confession of all wrongdoing, must be made, and that the officials in charge of the prosecution must be the judges of the truth of the stories submitted. For instance, Durand and Thompson will be prosecuted, for the truth of the story told. No effort will be made to use the evidence against the crown witness, but it is certain that the crown will use Thompson as a witness against Durand and Thompson.

**After Root of Evil.**  
Any implicated official who expects immunity because the merely relates what the authorities already know will be disappointed. On the general plan of every implicated election officer is prepared to tell his story, since the proof of corruption is so palpable, but it will not be permitted. The intention apparently is to force men out of the city who supplied the bodies and limbs of workers, since it is assumed that there is a general plan covering a number of the wards where the corporation favorites did not stand a chance of carrying a heavy vote. In this direction just now all the energy of the prosecution is directed.

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## LIFE BOATS SINK WITH 14 PASSENGERS OF STR. QUEEN LAUNCHED IN HEAVY SEAS

**Got Away From Burning Ship, But  
Those Who Remained Sub-  
merged Flames.**

Port Townsend, Feb. 28.—After suffering from fire and storm, the steamer Queen to-day put in here to report the loss of 14 lives. The dead:  
First-class passengers—Miss Steiner, Clellum, Wash, drowned; Mrs. Adams, died from exposure.  
Second-class passengers—D. Newsbury, Texas; S. Buckley, both drowned.  
Crew—A. Nelson, J. Nelson and H. Pretius, stewards; F. H. Eneaman, M. Somers, H. Douglas, A. Donnelly and J. — Raymond, engineering department; Peter Mullin and M. Flynn.  
**Fire in Saloon.**  
About 3:45 Sunday morning, while off the mouth of the Columbia River, fire broke out in the after saloon. The cause of the blaze is not known. The fire gained headway rapidly, and soon threatened to envelop the whole ship.

The heavy seas meant death to many passengers sent away in the life boats. The flames became more and more threatening until, when it seemed but a choice of death either by fire or drowning, Captain Cousins ordered the lifeboats launched. They were manned and a number of women and children were lowered into them. Hardly had the boats been cast loose than two of them were captured by huge waves. Those of the passengers and crew who remained on board continued their fight against the flames with increasing success until at 7:40 a.m. the blaze was brought under control. When it was seen that the danger from fire was past, Capt. Cousins recalled the lifeboats and their occupants were taken on board.

**Sighted a Steamer.**  
The Queen was headed for the mouth of the Columbia, and about 9 o'clock the steamer Santa Monica was sighted. The Queen signalled, and asked the vessel to stand by until temporary repairs could be made. When everything had been made safe, the Queen continued on to the mouth of the Columbia, only to find the seas too rough to allow passage in. The distressed craft was pointed toward Puget Sound, with difficulty she weathered the gale, when she rounded Cape Flattery she encountered a terrific electrical storm. With difficulty she weathered the gale, when she rounded Cape Flattery she encountered a terrific electrical storm. With difficulty she weathered the gale, when she rounded Cape Flattery she encountered a terrific electrical storm.

**Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong northerly and easterly winds; sleet or rain.**

**Men's Spring Hats.**  
Spring took a peep through the winter clouds yesterday, and though it may be only a peep yet it warns us of its first approach. If you need new spring hats, why not get one of the latest yet? Dineen Company has prepared the advance shipments of English and American derby, silk and alpaca hats, on sale to-day.

**BIRTHS.**  
ROBSON—On Sunday, Feb. 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Robson, 109 Manning-avenue, a daughter.

**DEATHS.**  
CARWELL—At Guelph, on Feb. 28th, Harry G. Carwell, in his 23rd year. Funeral from the residence of his brother-in-law, 186 Seaton-street, Tuesday, March 1st, at 2 p.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this in sympathy.

**GAMBLE.**—At the residence of her son-in-law, J. Brennan, 158 Manning-avenue, Mrs. Maria Gamble, widow of the late John Gamble, Loreto, Adj. Interment at St. James', Colgan, on Wednesday morning, March 2nd.

**KENNEDY.**—On Sunday, Feb. 28th, at 955 King-street, west, John Wilson Kennedy (Jack).

**ROBSON.**—On Sunday, Feb. 28th, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Robson. Funeral private, on Tuesday, at 2 p.m. SECOOR at the Institution Hospital, on Saturday, Feb. 27th, Helen, youngest daughter of Franklin and Cora E. Secor, aged 3 years. Funeral private.

**WOOD.**—On Feb. 28th, 1904, at her late residence, 440 Queen, Amelia Ann Wood, in her 62nd year, widow of the late Samuel F. Wood. Funeral Tuesday, March 1st, at 2 p.m., to St. George's Cemetery, Leiston.

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