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RUSSIAN STRATEGY.

The strategy of Kuropatkin, if he is responsible for the plan of operations in Manchuria, leaves something to be desired. At the beginning of the war Russia had a considerable army in Manchuria and Japan had no soldiers there.

The "pre-arranged plan" as he described it, was to fall back to the mountains. If that was the programme it is not easy to see why so many men were sacrificed at the Yalu and why Japan should have been allowed the moral advantage of a victory.

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strength. For three or four weeks this movement has been going on, and during the greater part of that time the way was open for Kuropatkin to fall back upon Mukden or some position farther to the rear. So far as can be learned he has not removed the greater part of his force, which is now surrounded and cut off from succor or supply. It would appear that destruction or surrender is the doom of all the Russians in the Manchurian army south of the point at which Kuroki has taken possession of the railway.

Kuropatkin cannot retire to Mukden because Kuroki is behind him. He cannot go east because all the roads are held by one or other of the Japanese columns. He cannot go west without meeting forces which will move from New Chwang. He cannot go south because another Japanese army is there. If he remains where he is he will soon be in the position of Cronje after the battle of Paardeberg.

It may be claimed that the trouble is but the result of bad strategy, inasmuch as the Russians had reasons to expect that they could stop the Japanese at the Yalu, or in the passes, or at the heights where their line was first out. This claim would mean that Russia had need of thought rather than of generalities. There would no doubt be something in such a contention, but Kuropatkin's despatches always contradict this explanation. If the commander would not so persistently declare that the thing which has happened is about what was expected he would get more credit as a strategist and perhaps lose none as a fighter.

MACKENZIE AND MANN.

In considering the outlook for the future of transportation in this part of the Dominion it is worth while to take some account of the plan filed by Mackenzie and Mann for a line through New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. These are practical railway men. They have built from Port Arthur to Winnipeg, a distance of 440 miles, and are vigorously operating that road. This line, called the Canadian Northern, continues through Manitoba with several branches, the whole amounting to over 900 miles. The company is now also the real owner and the operator of the Northern Pacific system in Manitoba, which includes over 300 miles. It is building through to Edmonton, with the intention of completing the system to the Pacific. Having reached the lakes at Port Arthur, there is no doubt that the company will by purchase or construction get a connection between the eastern end of the lake route and a St. Lawrence port, and will also obtain access to a winter port. It has been frequently suggested that Mackenzie and Mann would sell out to the Grand Trunk Pacific, but these men themselves say that they have no such intention. On the contrary, they are adding link after link to their system and steadily announce their intention to make it a transcontinental railway. They are the builders and owners of the South Shore or coast railway in Nova Scotia, now under construction, and have a road over 60 miles long from the Strait of Canso to the Broad Cove mine in Inverness, which mine is also their property. A firm or company which is carrying on such operations as these deserves to be taken seriously. If the owners of the Canadian Northern accept the right to build across this province, and to carry a line into St. John, and if they announce their intention of building by the route which they lay down, it is at least worth while to consider this project as within the range of possibility.

Five years ago a contingent of Canadian volunteers was organized for service in South Africa where British territory had been invaded. We all remember what happened at that time. Sir Wilfrid Laurier at first declared that he could not and would not allow the soldiers to be sent, and when at last he was forced to yield to the imperative demand of the people of Canada, including the soldiers themselves, he announced that the imperial government had been notified that this act would not be regarded as a precedent. The militia bill discussed last week in the commons provided that the militia could not be sent out of the country until parliament had been summoned and had given consent. Strong objection was taken to this limitation of the power of the militia to serve the empire. It was pointed out that the protection of the Dominion itself might require the advance of the defensive force beyond the frontier. It was urged that in this time of rapid movement the loss of twenty or even ten days might mean the loss of a campaign. But apart from this it was contended that the British empire is one, that an attack on one part is an attack on all, and the defence of one part the defence of all. As Canada expects Great Britain to fly to her support the moment that the Dominion is attacked so Canada stands ready to rush to the help of any part of the empire when the enemy is at the gate. The spectacle of a foreign army moving upon Canada from the south, and the Canadian militia waiting on the Canadian side of the border for the invaders to arrive, or for parliament to get together does not command itself to those who believe that the militia is intended for any useful purpose. Should a European or American foe fall upon Newfoundland

the Canadian people and the militia themselves would hardly like to be held off until parliament is summoned, the members of both houses got together after the usual notice, and the bill is passed through its various stages to give authority to go to the help of their fellow colonists a few miles away.

Besides these reasons it is altogether contrary to the spirit of the Canadian people to regard themselves as in any way apart from the British empire. The argument that the militia in Great Britain is intended entirely for home defence is not founded on fact and besides it ignores the circumstance that Great Britain keeps a standing army while we devote the most of our military expenditure to the militia.

It is interesting to notice how the moderate and temperate suggestions of opposition members in this direction are received by the organs of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his fellow ministers from Quebec province. Le Canada is the paper established in Montreal by the government after Mr. Tarte's Patrie became a critic of the government. It is the paper described in its own advertising posters as the organ of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Hear the language of Le Canada (leading editorial, August 4): "Our militarists, still heated with the harangues of Lord Dundonald, desire that by a simple requisition of the minister of war in London, the government should be able to call the militia to arms to take away from our industries, from our commerce, from our agriculture, the arms which support them and to send them away at our expense to fight in China, in Russia, in Africa, everywhere that it pleases England to conquer new territories."

Le Canada then accuses Mr. McKeown of Toronto of a desire "to place our militia at the disposal of England in all her wars." It asserts that Dr. Sproule, whom it takes care to describe as "a grand Orange chief," and a Tory chief as well, and various other Tory members have the same disposition, and adds that Mr. Borden, "chief of the party, has followed these partisans, as is his custom."

The "organ of Sir Wilfrid Laurier challenges anyone to deny that if the conservatives were in the majority, power would be given to the government to call under arms militia and send them to be killed to round off the English territory at Thibet, in the Transvaal, in Manchuria, or elsewhere."

"What will Canada get out of it? Nothing," says the self-catchings organ. "But what is it to our imperialists? Our militarists are nothing to them but food for cannon like the professional armies of Europe."

And then Le Canada plausibly closes: "God be thanked, the Tories are not in power, and the soldiers of the Canadian militia will be retained for the service of Canada."

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They do not ask to be detained at home until the enemy arrives in their door-yard. Sir Wilfrid will remember that the pressure upon him five years ago came largely from the militiamen themselves, and that if he had not yielded the men would have gone in spite of him. If there are any in Canada who join Le Canada in giving thanks that under the present government the militia will be restrained from going to the help of their fellow subjects in other parts of the world, these do not wear His Majesty's uniform. There are in Canada French speaking soldiers as well as English, and they will hardly be grateful for the concern which the government organ feels, or pretends to feel, for their personal safety. They will feel much more pride in the fine tribute paid to their courage, efficiency and loyalty by Lord Dundonald, who served with some of them in South Africa and who told them in their own tongue the other day what he thought of them.

SENATOR ELLIS IS AGAINST IT. The St. John Globe condemns the purchase of the Canada Eastern railway. As a result of this arrangement the Globe says all the other roads that touch the intercolonial "must as a matter of course be bought when the occasion arises." The Globe figures that the Canada Eastern will cost \$800,000 for the direct payment, and \$4,000,000 or over \$5,000,000 additional, to put the road in good condition. It is further suggested that the province will have a claim for a refund from the Dominion of \$404,000 which has been paid by New Brunswick in subsidies toward the line. It is true that the provincial government has given some assurance that no such claim would be presented, but the Globe very properly observes that the provincial government had no power or right to make such a binding promise without the approval of the legislature. As to the argument of Mr. Emmerson that it was necessary to take over the Canada Eastern to prevent that road from carrying freight across country from the north shore the Globe makes the obvious remark: "This means that the Canada Eastern will not get business which it now gets." In conclusion the Globe says:

"Naturally those persons in St. John who have given the matter close consideration do not look upon the action with favor. They will, of course, admit that it is of much advantage to have the road improved. But the carrying out of a scheme to divert trade from the St. John River to the Miramichi cannot be of any advantage to this report, and it seems incredible that anyone can assume that western freight can be profitably carried from Fredericton or its neighborhood to Chatham, thence to Quebec or Montreal, and will have to be sent to Boston, as appears to be contemplated."

This is not a very encouraging tribute to the policy of the minister of railways to come from a liberal journal and a liberal senator.

MR. TWEEDIE MUST CLIMB DOWN Mr. Tweedie was told when he was increasing the mileage and stampage on lumber, that the time was not opportune for adding to the burdens of the lumber industry, but he knew better and went on with his scheme of increased taxation. And now, when the anticipated slump in the lumber market has come, he is face to face with the necessity of climbing down from his lofty perch and reducing the tax. This is the probable result of the action of the organized lumbermen. Mr. Tweedie must see that he blundered, and will have to come to grips with conceding all or part of what the lumbermen demand—Chatham World.

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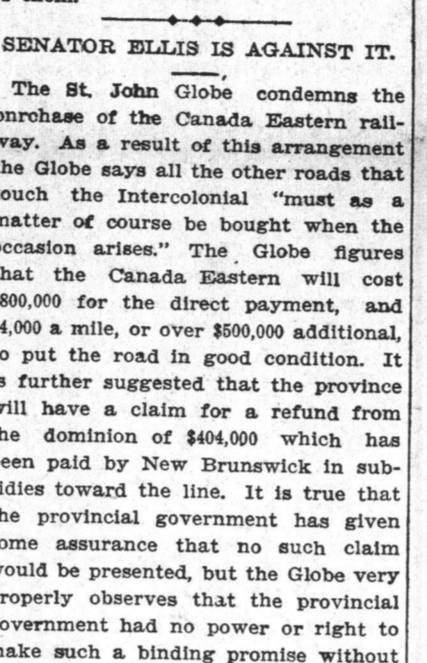
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Use Levers' Dry Soap wash woollens and flannels.

William McLeod on joint committee of St. John's Exchange.

GOOD DIGESTION. If you keep your digestive organs in good condition the fear of disease by reneues, liver and bowels, Kidney-Liver Pills of condition of the organs and for this reason as a family medicine.

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He was an engineer employed around a big air compressor, which had been stopped for a few minutes to effect minor repairs. While in the act of reaching through the spokes of a wheel to secure a pin, which had slipped from the valve stem, some one accidentally started the engine, causing the wheel to make a half turn. Murdoch was not quick enough to escape from his position and his head was crushed in and his left arm pinned off by being caught between the spokes of the fly wheel and the frame of the compressor. Death was instantaneous. He came here from Ferrona, Penna. Co., three years ago and has worked at the steel plant ever since. He leaves a wife and family of four.

Miss Kate Girdwood arrived on the Aurora from Grand Manan yesterday afternoon and will rusticate with friends near the city.

OLD FASHIONED but Still in the Fashion.

It is an ever new and interesting story to hear how one can be entirely made over by change of food.

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"Well, I ate some for breakfast and pretty soon the lady called to see how 'patient' as she called me, and asked if I had tried her advice.

"Glad you did, child, do you feel some better?"

"No," I said, "I do not know as I do, the only difference I can see is I have no sour stomach, and, come to think of it, I haven't spit up your four teaspoons of Grape-Nuts yet."

"Nor did I ever have any trouble with Grape-Nuts then or any other time, for this food always stays down and my stomach digests it perfectly. I soon got strong and well again and bless that old lady every time I see her."

"Once an invalid of 35 pounds, I now weigh 126 pounds and feel strong and well and it is due entirely and only to having found the proper food in Grape-Nuts." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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William McLeod on joint committee of St. John's Exchange.

GOOD DIGESTION. If you keep your digestive organs in good condition the fear of disease by reneues, liver and bowels, Kidney-Liver Pills of condition of the organs and for this reason as a family medicine.

JACKSONVILLE. Lindsay, son of Mayor, guest at the Methodist church. In a few weeks Chicago to attend the servatory of Music.

Miss Anna Prescott, in a letter from 216 South Seventh street, Minneapolis, Minn., writes: "I was completely used up last fall, my appetite had failed and I felt weak and tired all the time. I took Peruna for five weeks, and am glad to say I am completely restored to health."

Mrs. Leone Dolohan, in a letter from the Commercial Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn., writes: "I suffered so long with indigestion and dyspepsia, and tried many things to cure me, without relief. I finally bought a bottle of Peruna and in just six weeks I am entirely rid of my cold which settled in my stomach, causing inflammation and catarrh. I have now been well for six months, and I give all the credit to Peruna."

Mrs. Louise Matt, 1230 Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill., writes: "Peruna is a most wonderful medicine for catarrh and stomach troubles. I suffered so long with indigestion and dyspepsia, and tried many things to cure me, without relief. I finally bought a bottle of Peruna and in just six weeks I am entirely rid of my stomach trouble."

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS Will Have a Big Time in Moncton on Tuesday and Wednesday.