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ACTIVE PROGRESS OF THE CAMPAIGN

Number of Nominations Were Made Yesterday—Dates of the Conventions.

Yesterday's nominations — Liberal: Hamilton East, Ald. J. M. Eastwood; Hamilton West, Adam Zimmerman; Annapolis, N. S., S. W. Pickup. Conservative: North Toronto, Hon. G. E. Foster; South Perth, Dr. Steele; Quebec Center, Dr. Verge; Guysboro, N. S., John S. Wells; Soulanges, Que., Dr. Seguin.

The following dates for nominating conventions have been arranged:

North Toronto, Liberal, Oct. 7.
Norfolk, Liberal, Oct. 7.
West Middlesex, Liberal, Oct. 7.
North Renfrew, Liberal, Oct. 7.
South Waterloo, Conservative, Oct. 7.
Nipissing, Conservative, Oct. 7.
East Toronto, Conservative, Oct. 7.
North Simcoe, Coservative, Oct. 7.
North Essex, Conservative, Oct. 8.
Brantford, Liberal, Oct. 8.
North Oxford, Liberal, Oct. 8.
South Ontario, Liberal, Oct. 8.
Center Toronto, Conservative, Oct. 8.
East Lambton, Conservative, Oct. 8
Brant, Liberal, Oct. 10.
Glengarry, Liberal, Oct. 11.
Victoria, Liberal, Oct. 11.
West Middlesex, Conservative, Oct. 11.
Norfolk, Conservative, Oct. 11.
Carleton, Conservative, Oct. 11
East Grey, Liberal, Oct. 12.
Leeds, Liberal, Oct. 12.
Brandon, Liberal, Oct. 13
North Waterloo, Liberal, Oct. 13.
West Elgin, Liberal, Oct. 14.
North Simcoe, Liberal, Oct. 14.
Brant, Conservative, Oct. 15.

SOUTH HURON.

The Reform convention for South Huron has been fixed for Tuesday next Oct. 11, at Hensall. The Conservatives will meet on Thursday, the 13th, at the same place.

THE PREMIER AT MONTREAL.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was in Montreal for a brief period Thursday evening, and proceeded by the C. P. R. to Ottawa, where he will remain and dispose of pressing business before leaving on Sunday night for his Ontario tour. Lady Laurier accompanies Sir Wilfrid, and there were in the party Senator and Madame Choquette and Mr. Henri Laurier. As the train passed through the city of Quebec groups of admirers of the Premier at many of the street crossings gave him a parting cheer. En route to Montreal Sir Wilfrid was joined by the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, who had just been tendered the Liberal nomination in Nicolet in opposition to Mr. George Ball, one of the few Conservatives from Quebec Province who sat in the last Parliament. Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Minister of Inland Revenue, Senator Casgrain and Mr. Jacques Bureau, ex-M. P., also called on the Premier at Three Rivers.

SOUTH PERTH CONSERVATIVES.

Mitchell, Oct. 7. — South Perth Conservative convention met today. A full representation from every municipality was present, and the meeting was the most unanimous and enthusiastic ever held in the riding. The names of Dr. Steele and Mr. William Johnson were submitted as candidates for the Commons. The ballot showed a majority for Mr. Steele, when Mr. Johnson moved that his nomination be made unanimous, which was carried by a standing vote. Dr. Steele accepted. He paid a compliment to Mr. Johnson, and asked for a clean election, as he would not accept a position about which there was a semblance of fraud. The nomination of a candidate for the Local House was deferred until a later date.

MR. FOSTER IN THE FIELD.

Hon. George E. Foster will be the Conservative candidate in North Toronto. He was tendered the unanimous nomination Thursday night at a largely-attended convention in St. Paul's Hall. The ex-minister of finance accepted and spoke for an hour and a half.

NOTES.

At Joliette, Mr. A. Dubeau, a rising young lawyer, was nominated as the Liberal candidate.

It is probable Mr. Aylesworth will be sworn in as a member of the Cabinet tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux will attend the Liberal meeting at Woodstock on Saturday next, and will address other meetings in the Province on the 10th, 11th and 12th.

A New Treaty.

Paris, Oct. 7.—Foreign Minister Delcasse and Senor Leon y Castilla, the Spanish ambassador today signed the Spanish-French agreement relative to Morocco. Under it Spain adhere to the Anglo-French agreement of April 8, 1904, agrees to support the integrity of the Moroccan Empire and recognizes the rights of France resulting from her Algerian possessions, while France recognizes the rights of Spain resulting from her possessions on the coast of Morocco.

NEW ERA FOR ALASKA

All Sections Now Connected With Seattle by Telegraph.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 7.—Telegraphic communication now has been reached between Seattle and all parts of Alaska. A message announcing the opening of the line has been received from Acting Governor Distin, of Alaska, at Sitka, saying: "The completion of the Government cable from Valdez to Sitka, making a complete connection by an all-American line with 46 stations in Alaska, is the beginning of a new era for Alaska. Wagon roads and railways will open up the greatest mining center of the world. Other industries will quickly follow and insure this country's future prosperity."

SHOULD FOLLOW CANADA'S LEAD

Just What Common Sense Would Dictate to the Colonies—"Financier's" View.

London, Oct. 7. — The Financier says common sense may well prompt the various colonies of the empire to follow Canada's lead in fostering British trade by preferential treatment, but to expect the British taxpayer in addition to paying for colonial defense, to pay more for the necessaries, would be too much.

The Birmingham Daily Post says whatever difference may be found between Balfour's policy of tariff reform by the process of negotiation, backed by retaliation, and the suggestions put forward by Mr. Chamberlain with the view of protecting British industries even at the risk of raising prices, there is substantially no difference between them on the wisdom of convening a great conference, with the object of establishing, if practicable, a scheme of preferential tariffs within the empire.

The Liverpool Daily Post, referring to Balfour's threat to resign, says Chamberlain ignores the warning and goes on his way as before, and his association, "Balfour and myself," does not cover up the divergence between their rival schemes.

The Liverpool Mercury, discussing the conditions under which a conference should be held, says Chamberlain's criticisms seem to be as premature as the audacious statement that colonial governments are pressing for an answer to their "offer" is groundless.

CARS BACKED DOWN

And George E. Parker Was Killed On M. C. R. Track in Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 7. — While crossing the Michigan Central tracks at Twenty-third street at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, Geo. E. Parker, a driver for Towar's Wayne County Creamery, was thrown from his wagon by a train and injured so badly that he died a few hours afterwards.

Parker was driving north of Twenty-third street, and, when he reached the crossing, he stopped to listen for an approaching train. He heard no noise and, as the gates were up, he started to cross. He had gone half-way when he saw a string of freight cars backing up. He whipped his horse and attempted to get out of the way, but it is said that the gatemen lowered the gates, and the horse reared on his hind legs. The cars crashed into the wagon, and Parker was thrown underneath the rig. He sustained a deep scalp wound, his right hip was lacerated, and he suffered internal injuries.

Parker was taken to Red Cross Hospital, and, from there to his home at 25 Henry street. He is survived by a widow and a daughter. He was 37 years of age and a member of the Maccabees.

Shot Himself.

Arden, Man., Oct. 7. — While drawing a loaded shotgun from a wagon yesterday, George Davidson, a young Englishman, was shot. The gun went off and the young man received the full charge in the stomach, with probably fatal results.

In the Death Chair.

Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 7. — "Dutch" Fisher, alias Albert Miller, was electrocuted a few minutes after midnight for the murder of Wm. Marshall, a bartender at Toledo, Ohio, in January last. He reiterated his confession that Walter Crosby, sentenced to life imprisonment for complicity in the crime, is innocent.

AUTO PITCHED INTO A TRAIN

Rolled Down Steep Embankment in New York.

MAN AND WOMAN WERE KILLED

Simcoe Man Struck by a Freight and Hurled Into the River—Other Casualties.

New York, Oct. 7.—While speeding along in the Bronx early this morning an automobile, containing nine persons, fell off an embankment at One Hundred and Sixty-first street and Jerome avenue, and a woman and a man were killed. The machine fell on to the New York Central tracks, and the wreckage was struck by a southbound train. In the automobile when the accident occurred were five women and four men. The automobile was in charge of Albert Noyes. At Jerome and One Hundred and Sixty-first the roadway is between 20 and 30 feet above the railroad tracks. When the big machine plunged forward it struck the southbound tracks, and the nine persons and the automobile were caught by an incoming train known as the Cotom local. Besides two persons killed all the others in the automobile were injured. They were taken to a hospital, where it was reported at 1:30 o'clock this morning that at least one of those hurt is in a serious condition. Among the injured are: Emma Perez, New York; Jeannette Davis, address not known; Moses Spies, New York; Charles Doran, New York. The names of the persons who were killed could not be learned.

A RAILWAY COLLISION.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 7. — A head-on collision occurred Wednesday on the Vancouver, Western and Yukon Railway, a branch connecting Vancouver with the Great Northern Railway at South Westminster. The engineer of one train was badly scalded, and considerable damage was done to rolling stock, but none of the passengers were injured.

STRUCK BY TRAIN.

Simcoe, Ont., Oct. 7.—A north-bound freight train on the Port Dover branch struck an elderly man named Charles Wilder, about 2 o'clock, yesterday afternoon. Wilder was walking in the same direction, and evidently did not hear the train approaching. He was on a bridge when the train struck him, and was thrown some distance in the water. He was taken out of the water by the train crew and does not appear to be badly hurt beyond a sprained back and the result of his plunge into the cold water.

New York, Oct. 7. — Patrick Harrington, 40 years old, and Joseph Zanieri, 34 years old, were killed, and Capt. Oren Gartman was dangerously burned in a fire on the coal barge Tampa, anchored in Erie Basin, early yesterday. Capt. Gartman, 50 years old, the skipper of the barge, and the other two men, were the only persons on board the Tampa at the time.

THIEVES' SYNDICATE

Beliboys of Hotels in Leading Cities Have Organization.

New York, Oct. 7. -- The police have unearthed what they believe to be a syndicate of bellboy thieves extending among the big hotels of New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis, in the arrest of Arthur Fraser, an employe of the Metropole.

Fraser was arrested on suspicion of having a hand in the many robberies of jewelry and clothing that have occurred at the hotel in the last month. A detective captured him after living for three days at the hotel in the guise of a man with plenty of money.

In Fraser's pockets were found letters from bellboys from Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis. From these letters the police think the gang work together sending loot to each other to be disposed of. In a letter signed "Vernon Lobard, Washington Hotel, St. Louis," and dated Sept. 22, the writer informed Fraser that he was sending him jewelry from which he should realize $1,000 at pawn shops.

MR. AYLESWORTH'S CANDIDATURE

Durham Electors Welcome the New Member of the Laurier Cabinet.

Bowmanville, Oct. 6.—The executive committee of Durham county Liberals met at Beaconsfield, the home of Mr. Robert Beith, M. P., this afternoon. Every municipality was represented except the township of Manvers. Dr. L. B. Powers presided. After a full explanation of the matter from Mr. Beith and several members had expressed their views on the political situation in Durham county, it was moved by Mr. A. A. Powers, vice-president for Clarke, seconded by Mr. Henry Elson, vice-president for Cavan, and resolved, "That we, the members of the executive committe of the Liberal Association for Durham county, having heard the explanation offered by Mr. Robert Beith for desiring to withdraw as a candidate for the House of Commons for this county in the pending contest, in favor of Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, K. C., of Toronto, and while sincerely regretting the cause that makes it necessary for Mr. Beith to retire owing to the present critical condition of his health, are in fullest accord with the proposal made by him to Hon. Mr. Aylesworth, and shall consider it a very great honor and satisfaction to have a cabinet minister representing this historic county, and especially a gentleman of such prominent ability as a statesman and a jurist."

The resolution was unanimously adopted. The Liberal convention for the county has been called for Monday afternoon next to meet in the music hall at Newcastle, at 1:30 o'clock, when Mr. Aylesworth is expected to be present to deliver his initial speech of the campaign.

In a message received by Dr. Powers from Mr. Aylesworth he says: "If the Liberals of Durham honored me with a unanimous nomination, I would accept it with gratification and great pride."

Belching Balls of Fire.

Kingston, St. Vincent, Oct. 7.—The captain of the British steamer Sibun, which arrived here yesterday, reports that when the steamer passed the Island of Martinique on Sept. 30, Mount Pelee was in full eruption.

The spectacle was witnessed by those on board the Sibun at 2 o'clock in the morning of the day mentioned, the volcano emitting stupendous black clouds and balls of fire.

This accounts for the dust clouds reported to have been seen throughout the Windward Islands.

WAS MURDERED IN COLD BLOOD

The Brutal Affair Took Place in Detroit—Two Suspects at Once Arrested.

Detroit, Oct. 7.—Early yesterday morning the mutilated body of William Herrman, or Thomas Coonen, as he is also known, was found lying in the cellar of Gustav Rosenberger's saloon, 140 Gratiot avenue, and in less than twelve hours two men against whom the evidences of crime are said to be almost convincing, were locked up in the cells at police headquarters.

The suspects are John Condon, alias Jake Dusold, and John Walker, Condon's friend and confidant. Condon was arrested during the morning, as he was known as a bad character, and later in the day, when an examination of the prisoner's clothing was made it was found to be spotted with blood. The man also had a fresh cut in his left thumb.

Walker was arrested upon order of Chief of Detectives McDonnell, and because he was known as a "pal" of the other man. Hermann's watch and $36 40 were found upon his person. In addition, a blood-stained overcoat was discovered in his room, 348 Randolph street. The watch was identified by a picture of the dead man's betrothed, which is pasted in the case, and also by the man who sold the timepiece. Though neither suspect has confessed, the police are satisfied with the results of their work.

CONCERN IS FELT FOR THE KAISER

His Throat Gives Him Trouble—Stated That He Will Go Into Retirement.

Berlin, Oct. 7. -- Emperor William's health is the subject of constant rumors. One report in particular was that the Emperor, after opening the Institute of Technology at Dantzig today would go into retirement at Hubertustock, his hunting lodge, near Berlin, and that about Oct. 15 he would undergo another operation on his throat similar to that of a year ago.

His majesty's speech at Dantzig on the importance of technical instruction fills nearly a column in the newspapers. He spoke in a loud, clear voice, which by those who heard him was regarded as a practical refutation of the report of a fresh growth in the vocal cords, and especially as before the operation of 1903 his majesty's voice was noticeably impaired.

The Emperor, as he had previously announced he would, went to Hubertustock this evening.

The foreign office denies the current report that the Emperor will meet King Victor Emmanuel at some Italian port in November. The Emperor certainly is not going to Italy this winter, and whether he goes there next spring remains to be decided.

Lady Curzon Not So Well.

London, Oct. 7.—This morning's bulletin referring to the condition of Lady Curzon is not regarded as being so favorable. Dr. Champneys has again been summoned to Walmer Castle, and left London on special train.

British Trade Returns.

London, Oct. 7.—The September statement of the board of trade shows a decrease of $11,886,000 in imports, and an increase of $13,064,500 in exports.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Tomorrow—Showery.

London, Friday, Oct. 7.

Sun rises..6:22 a.m. Moon rises..4:11 p.m.
Sun sets...5:49 p.m. Moon sets...5:08 a.m.

Toronto, Oct. 6—8 p.m.

The weather continues unseasonably cool in nearly all parts of the Dominion. Severe frosts occurred last night in Manitoba and the Territories, and are now probable in Ontario and Quebec. Showers have occurred today in the Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 48—58; Calgary, 30—36; Edmonton, 36—40; Minnedosa, 16—48; Winnipeg, 22—48; Port Arthur, 26—40; Toronto, 32—48; Ottawa, 34—38; Montreal, 36—46; Quebec, 36—44; Halifax, 44—66; St. John, 50—56.

FORECASTS.

Friday, Oct. 7—8 a.m.

Today—Easterly winds; fair.
Saturday—Southeasterly winds; showery.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	36	28	Cloudy
Winnipeg	36	36	Fair
Parry Sound	30	22	Fair
Toronto	32	28	Clear
Ottawa	34	26	Fair
Montreal	34	28	Clear
Quebec	32	26	Clear
Father Point	34	32	Clear

WEATHER NOTES.

Sharp frosts occurred this morning throughout Ontario and Quebec. The weather continues cold and unsettled in the Northwest Territories, and rain is now probable in Manitoba. A storm of considerable energy now centered in the Western States is likely to move to the great lakes.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Thursday were; Highest, 47°; lowest, 35.5°.

BOURSE GAZETTE GROWS BOMBASTIC

Declares That Japan Will Be Overwhelmed.

FATE OF GENGHIS KHAN HERS

Russia Has No Cause To Be Anxious Regarding the Attitude of European Powers.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 7.—The Bourse Gazette today expresses gratification that "President Roosevelt's idea of calling a peace conference to an accompaniment of the thunder of cannon has apparently been shipwrecked." "We hope," the Gazette says, "that this will induce the American journals to give up the discussion of unsolicited intervention in the Russo-Japanese war in any shape or form. It is a mistake to supose that we are longer in the same position as in 1877, when we had the open enmity of Austria, and could not rely upon the friendship of Germany. The attitude of Austria, Germany, France and Italy is no longer cause of anxiety. No one knows when the war will end. There will come a time when Japan will be confronted with the might of the whole Russian nation; then she will meet the fate of Genghis Khan."

The question of sending the Baltic Sea fleet to the far east by way of Cape Horn is advocated by a strong party at the admiralty, on the ground that after passing the Straits of Magellan their progress could not be dogged and reported by cable. The selection of this route would be tantamount to a decision not to reach Vladivostock in the spring, a long voyage requiring economical speed for at least four months.

At Tie Pass.

The Russian cavalry seems to be pressing reconnaissances southward, towards Yentai. The activity along the outposts is considered to confirm the general belief that the bulk of Gen. Kuropatkin's army is at Tie Pass. Preparations for winter quarters are being made, semi-subterranean huts are being constructed for the men stationed about Mukden. These are described as warm and comfortable. The same report says the Japanese are suffering from privations, cold and hunger.

Russian officers at Tsingtau are responsible for the statement that ammunition and guns from the protected cruiser Diana have reached Port Arthur from Saigon. The Russians are in constant communication with Port Arthur, it is believed, by wireless messages sent to Che Foo, though it is claimed that junks carry the messages. It is claimed that the expected dash of the Port Arthur fleet has been frustrated by the terrific storms which have prevailed this week.

The Force in Korea.

Tokio, Oct. 7. — 3 p.m. — Lieut.-Gen. Hasegawa, late commander-in-chief of the imperial guards division, will depart for Korea today to assume command of the Japanese forces there. It is probable that the Korean army will be dispersed or brought under Japanese command. Gen. Hasegawa is expected to effect this change at an early date. It is probable that this Japanese move is made in order to expel the bands of Cossacks now operating in Western and Northwestern Korea.

LATTER DAY SAINTS

In Conference at Salt Lake City—The Church Prosperous.

Salt Lake City, Oct. 7.—The seventy-fifth semi-annual conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints began in the tabernacle here yesterday. Representatives are present from Canada, Mexico, England and the Pacific Islands.

In his address President Smith told of the general prosperity of the Mormon Church. Twenty organized missions are maintained throughout the world, with over 1,500 active workers in the mission field which embraces nearly every country of both continents and the Pacific Islands. Missions are maintained in New Zealand, Australia and also in Palestine.

TO BE HANGED ON DECEMBER 22

Edward Slaughter Sentenced—He Took the Matter Very Calmly.

Windsor, Ont., Oct. 7.—The date of the execution of Edward Slaughter, convicted at Sandwich yesterday of the murder of John Ruddin, was today fixed for Thursday, Dec. 22. The prisoner took his sentence calmly.

After being taken to his cell yesterday he partook heartily of the midday meal and all through the afternoon was cheerful and made no reference whatever to his position. His father and mother, who were in the court room when the verdict was announced, almost collapsed and the two old people presented a pitiable appearance as they left the building after their son had been led away to his cell.

On Oct. 26, 1903, Edward Slaughter, whose home was in Indianapolis, Ind., was a visitor at Wade Hill's hotel, near Windsor, in Sandwich West, and John Rudden, a Maidstone farmer, who had been drinking, called at the hotel and got into a quarrel with Slaughter. The latter resented being called a "nigger" by Rudden, and struck him on the head with a billiard cue. He escaped to the United States, and Rudden was sent home the next day by Wade Hill, who made no attempt to secure medical assistance or inform Rudden's wife of the cause of his illness. On Nov. 27, Rudden was operated on at Hotel Dieu, Windsor, for fracture of the skull, and died on Nov. 29. Last February, Slaughter was arrested in Cincinnati, O., and, after fighting extradition, he was brought to Windsor for trial.

60,000,000 BUSHELS

Mr. Castle's Estimate of the Whea Crop in the West.

Winnipeg, Oct. 6. — Sixty million bushels of wheat for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories is the estimate of this year's production made by Mr. G. S. Castle, warehouse commissioner. Mr. Castle has just returned from a trip over an extensive territory, and from his observations he states as estimate, as above, is a conservative one. The yield for Manitoba is put at 39,750,000 bushels, being an average yield of fifteen bushels on an acreage of 2,650,000 acres, as compared with a yield last year of 40,116,878 on an acreage of 2,442,873, and an average yield of seventeen bushels.

In the Territories this year the total yield, as estimated by Mr. Castle, will be 19,950,000 bushels. The acreage is 1,050,000 acres, and the average yield nineteen bushels.

RAILWAY WRECKS WORSE THAN WAR

Inter-State Commission's Report—Nearly 10,000 Killed Last Year—78,247 Hurt.

New York, Oct. 7. — A dispatch to the World from Washington says: Official bulletins prepared by the interstate commerce commission shows that in the last year 9,984 persons were killed in railroad wrecks, and 78,247 injured.

An officer of the commission stated that the "increase of fatalities annually is regular, growing with the extension of the railroad and population.

"We have received reports from England, which are as remarkable as the killings here. Approximately, the English average less than 50,000 miles of track to our 200,000, yet they do greater per mile business than we do. They haul more passengers than we do, yet there was not one passenger killed last year."

The records of the commission show that in the last 10 years 78,152 persons have lost their lives in railroad accidents. These deaths are distributed yearly as follows: 1895, 6,136; 1896, 5,845; 1897, 6,437; 1898, 6,859; 1899, 7,123; 1900, 7,865; 1901, 8,455; 1902, 8,588; 1903, 9,840; 1904, 9,984.

A comparatively small proportion of the killed and injured referred to in the bulletin was of the passenger class.

A BRAVE WOMAN

Fought Off a Maniac While Her Husband Was Dying.

West Brookfield, Mass., Oct. 7. — For three hours with a shotgun Mrs. Frank Martin kept a raving maniac out of her farm house, while her husband was dying. When help at last arrived she returned to his bedside just as death came, hastened by the excitement, and fear for his wife's safety. While at the bedside of her husband, Mrs. Martin was disturbed by the frantic efforts of somebody trying to get in the front door.

Looking out of a window she saw what looked like a wild being, a man with a heavy growth of beard and almost stark naked. Although thoroughly frightened, the woman's first thought was of her husband and the possible effect of the excitement upon him. Going quickly to the kitchen she took down a loaded shotgun and with it went to the front door. Commands were useless, so she opened the door, and pointed the gun at the wild man. At sight of it he fled to the woods, only to return several times. After three hours Mrs. Martin's nephew, Albert Deroiser, arrived, and the insane man did not return.

ROAD HOUSES SCORED

Old Man Accused of Murder Acquitted at Essex Assizes.

Sandwich, Ont., Oct. 7.—Jonathan George, the aged colored man who was accused of murdering Mrs. Eliza Williams, who was found dead in her little home on April 5 last, is a free man. He was liberated last night, because the court held that the prosecution had failed to establish a case against him.

In making their presentment the grand jury took occasion severely to score the road houses which are licensed in Essex County.

Justice Teetzel agreed with the jury, and said that houses licensed merely for the purpose of selling liquor are a menace to society.

COUNT OKUMA'S WARNING TO JAPAN

Advises the People to Prepare for Prolonged War at Tremendous Cost.

Tokio, Oct. 7.—In addressing the members of the United Clearing House, of Tokio, Count Okuma, leader of the Progressive party, warned the people to prepare for a long war, the date of the termination of which it was now impossible to foretell. He predicted that the cost to Japan for a two-years' war, including the loans which had been already placed, and the expenses consequent upon the war at its termination, would total one billion dollars, which would make the per capita share amount to $20.

Count Okuma said that corruption appeared to pervade the military, political and financial departments of the Russian Government, and that this corruption had almost reached a climax which threatened a revolution. It was even reported that Lieut.-Gen. Stoessel, now defending Port Arthur, and upon whose shoulders rested the responsibility for the loss of a large share of Russia's prestige in East Asia, was guilty of dissipation during the siege. The speaker declared that the weakness of the Russians gave the Japanese army victories. He pointed out that despite her defeats Russia continued to hold a prominent and commanding position in Europe, and said that even Emperor William was "courting the favor of the Russian autocrat."

Despite her weakness, Count Okuma said Russia possessed immense resources and had tremendous advantage in the size of her population and the greatness of her wealth, and it would be necessary for the Japanese to make heavy sacrifices in order to attain success. He predicted that the war would cost Russia from one and a half to two billion dollars, and said it would be probably impossible to raise loans or to increase the taxes in Russia, because the limit had been reached.

The count predicted that it would be necessary for the Japanese Government to borrow $250,000,000 next year, and added that if $75,000,000 were secured abroad the country must face a depreciation in the value of its securities. Count Okuma urged the nation to carefully husband its strength and resources, and expressed the fullest confidence in the ultimate victory of Japanese arms.

The prefectural governors are now meeting in Tokio, and are conferring with members of the cabinet. The prefectural expenses have been reduced 10,000,000 yen since the beginning of hostilities, and other retrenchments are planned for the purpose of strengthening the national finances.

Former President Yamamoto, of the Bank of Japan, today issued a statement concerning the funds of the Imperial Relief Society, in refutation of intimations of fraud. The delay in distributing the funds is due to the fact that the Government and local societies are successfully caring for the destitute.

HORRORS OF WAR

Terrible Scenes Presented During the Attack on Liao Yang.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 7. — Mail letters describing incidents at the battle of Liao Yang are beginning to reach the newspapers here. An eye-witness who was present in the town during the fearful bombardment of Aug. 30 and Aug. 31 compares the scene to a seething caldron, veterans of the Turkish war declaring that nothing approaching the intensity of the shell fire had been experienced at Plevna. The hollow in which Liao Yang is situated is described as being an awful mass of death and destruction.

REFORM THE ARMY

British Secretary for War Speaks of the Country's Needs.

Lindon, Oct. 7. — At Sheffield, last night, Mr. Arnold-Forster, the secretary for war, made a strong speech on the country's military needs. He said his experience in the war office had convinced him that the lessons of the Boer war had not yet been learned, and that dangers existed requiring immediate treatment.

"We do not want an army," he said, "for sport, for social opportunities or for recreation, but an army which is ready to face a foreign army and defeat it."

Under the peculiar circumstances of this country, Mr. Forster thought, "we should not gain from conscription those benefits which advocates expected, while we should impose upon ourselves unnecessary burdens."

The City of Vladivostock Being Heavily Fortified

The Harbor Mined, and Damaged Warships Being Repaired—Russians Depressed.

Tsingtau, Oct. 7—Noon.—The German steamer Progress, chartered by a local German, and which left here 26 days ago with a general cargo, consigned to Vladivostock, returned from that port today and reported that she found it easy to elude the Japanese ships in that vicinity. She reported that a number of large ships have been there recently with stores of coal and ammunition.

The city of Vladivostock is quiet and the Russians seem depressed over their land and sea reverses. Vladivostock is being heavily fortified, the harbor is being mined, and repairing of the damaged ships is going on. It is believed that it will be impossible to put the armored cruiser Rossia in a seaworthy condition.

It is stated in Vladivostock that Gen. Kuropatkin has been very ill and unable to personally command his army since the battle of Liao Yang.

Significant Orders

St. Petersburg, Oct. 7.—Significant orders have been issued to time-expired members of all the guards regiments stationed in and around St. Petersburg to be with the colors till March, 1905. Orders were issued today to all seamen belonging to the battleship Orel and the cruisers Oleg, Zomtchug and Izumrud to rejoin their vessels at Cronstadt immediately. It is believed that this presages the sailing of these vessels tomorrow for Reval, where Emperor Nicholas will review the whole Pacific squadron.

The visit of Emperor Nicholas to Reval to inspect the vessels of the Baltic fleet, it is now stated, will occur next week.

It is reported that the Armstrongs, the English gun manufacturers, have bought a large tract of land in Russia, with the intention of erecting upon it extensive gun works.

A Che Foo special declares the Japanese squadron must have been damaged during the great storm which has been raging in the Yellow Sea.

Naching in it

London, Oct. 7—The latest Che Foo dispatch to the Daily Telegraph, dated 10 o'clock on the night on which the fighting off Port Arthur is reported to have occurred (Wednesday), says: "Port Arthur is quiet. The Russians are busy repairing forts. The municipality has undertaken to control the flour trade, and as a result the price is enormously reduced, merchants having previously sold it at exorbitant figures. The band still plays twice weekly."

Four Russian Warships Damaged at Port Arthur

Japanese Land Batteries Very Effective—Preparing for Winter Campaign.

Tokio, Oct. 7—7:30 p.m.—It is reported here that the fire of the Japanese land batteries severely damaged four Russian warships in the harbor of Port Arthur. It is stated that one of the vessels was completely wrecked. The names of the ships were given.

Supplies for Winter.

Field Headquarters of the Second Japanese Army, Oct. 5. — 2 p.m. — Via Fusan, Oct. 6. — The Japanese are bringing up enormous quantities of supplies and ammunition for the winter campaign, using the reconstructed railway, carts and junks of the Liao and Taitse Rivers. The railroad traffic is uninterrupted, and additional soldiers continue to arrive. Outpost skirmishes are confined to the first and fourth armies. The troops are standing the climate splendidly, few being reported sick. Cold weather is just beginning.

No Sea Fight.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 7. — 8:11 a.m. — The only reference to the reported sea fight off Port Arthur is contained in a delayed special dispatch from Che Foo, which says that on the night of Oct. 5 the sound of firing was heard in the direction of Port Arthur, and that searchlights were seen to be working in that vicinity. It is thought there may have been a battle, but no confirmation of the report has been received.

Blockade Running.

The dispatch further states that, in spite of the tightening of the Japanese blockade, junks are still arriving from the fortress bearing refugees, who say that all the attacks of the Japanese have been repulsed, and that it will be necessary to institute a long siege, and a complete blockade, in order to reduce the fortress. The blockade, according to the refugees, is not completely effective, junks continually arriving with food supplies and munitions for the garrison. The Japanese have instituted a close patrol over the entire Yellow Sea, stopping every vessel sighted.

The captain of the British steamer Chenan, which was stopped by a Japanese cruiser, while on her way to Che Fo from Taku, but was allowed to proceed after her cargo had been examined, made protests against the way he was boarded and searched on the high seas.

Four Children Drowned.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 7. — Word has been brought here that during a heavy fog on Wednesday night, the steamer Boscowise struck a reef on Harble Down Island. Four children were drowned. The crew and 185 passengers were saved.