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IS PORT ARTHUR TO BE NO PORT ARTHUR?

Russian Advance Has Begun From Liao-Yang Following a St. Petersburg Conference.
JAPANESE THREATEN A SEDAN.

Paris, June 2.—The correspondent of The Echo de Paris at St. Petersburg telegraphs:
"Victory Alexieff and Gen. Kurapatkin, having asked the emperor to settle the dispute, his majesty summoned a council of war, including Minister of War Sakharoff, Marine Minister Avellan and Minister of Interior Plehve. The council debated for several hours at Tsarskoye Selo.

"I have reason to believe that the necessity of preserving the naval base at Port Arthur, and the loss of prestige that the fall of Port Arthur would entail were the arguments which prevailed in the council.

"Gen. Kurapatkin has therefore been advised to attempt to relieve the fortress, but to act with the greatest prudence. A general whom I interviewed on the subject of the council said: 'If Kurapatkin is weak enough to advance, he will commit a serious blunder. The number of his troops is insufficient. The condition under which he acts are unfavorable. He might meet an almost irreparable reverse and Port Arthur be further from relief than ever. If we try to relieve Port Arthur, it will be done exactly what the Japanese desire.'"

REPORT IS CONFIRMED.
London, June 2.—Telegrams from different points seem to confirm the rumors that Gen. Kurapatkin is attempting a diversion in the direction of Port Arthur. Russian reinforcements, according to a despatch from Tientsin, are moving southward from Kaiping towards Wafangting under Gen. Stalkenberg. They comprise a battery of artillery, four Siberian regiments and a company of Cossacks, aggregating 12,000 men. Another brigade is following, the intention being to engage the Japanese now attacking Port Arthur in their rear.

"The Russian force in the engagement at Wafangting, May 30, is supposed to have been 14,000 men, including Siberian regiments which were reported to have left Tachikow May 28, by the first portion of a relieving column for Port Arthur. The railway is fairly intact from the north to Wafangting, but is completely cut between there and Puliantien. The Japanese are unconcerned over this demonstration, being convinced that it will be impracticable for the Russians to move a sufficient force to prove effective.

These reports are received with a certain measure of scepticism in London. The belief here is that Gen. Kurapatkin is undertaking such a desperate move, he can only be doing so in deference to the strongest political pressure and against his own better judgment. No further news of any kind has been received about the movements of the Japanese forces. Gen. Stalkenberg and his staff are working in the utmost secrecy.

The Daily Telegraph's well-informed Tokyo correspondent estimates the total defending force in Port Arthur at 30,000.

This is a most formidable army," he says, "and it will be a marvellous achievement to carry by assault such a place, with more than a score of miles landward and a narrow strip of distance of fifteen miles from the harbor. Still, the reduction of the place can be undoubtedly accomplished."

ADVANCE HAS BEGUN.
London, June 2.—The Daily Mail's Newchwang correspondent, cabling under date of June 2, says:
"Gen. Stalkenberg, with 14,000 Russians, made up of artillery, cavalry and infantry, has marched south of Liao-yang, in the direction of Wafangting."

"Large forces of Chinese bandits are collecting in the hills northeast of the river, and are preparing to cut the railway north of Mukden."

The correspondent of The Daily Echo at Nagasaki cables that transport ports loaded with the contents of the western Japanese ports daily for the theatre of war. A large proportion of these despatches during the past week, he says, were to reinforce Gen. Oku.

CAUGHT IN TORONTO, CONFESSED.
Extensive Fur Smuggling and Thieving Operations Revealed.
New York, June 2.—Samuel Flitarsky, who was arrested in Toronto and brought back to this city, charged with the smuggling of furs from Canada, has confessed, revealing the extent of the extensive operations of a big gang.

The headquarters of the men were, according to the story of the Flitarsky, in the place of the American Fur Company, of which Emanuel Sidman is president. Sidman will be tried next Monday. Flitarsky says the company sold the proceeds of burglaries in fur stores.

The detection of the gang was brought about by the fact that an American fur company was able to undersell the fur trade to a ridiculous extent, and its operations reached a total of \$100,000 or more.

G. H. WATSON, K.C., MENTIONED
As Most Likely Candidate to Succeed Judge Ferguson.
Ottawa, June 2.—(Special.)—It is not likely that the appointment to the post of chief justice of the new exchequer court will be made till after the summer holidays.

A successor to the late Justice Ferguson will be appointed at an early date.
George H. Watson, K.C., is believed to be the strongest candidate for the latter position.

BUYING RIGHT OF WAY.
Montreal, June 2.—(Special.)—The C.P.R. are buying the right of way, preparatory to building a line from the E. R. bridge down the south side of the canal to Cote St. Paul.

GAMEY AT TOWN SOUND

George M. Boyd Renominated to Contest North Grey for Legislature.
Owen Sound, June 2.—(Special.)—The scene that was presented in the auditorium of the municipal building tonight was an inspiration. Owen Sound, the home of political demonstrations and conflicts, outdid herself in the reception accorded Robert Gamey, M.L.A., and unless he has been spoiled by a series of ovations through the province, he will never forget the welcome he received as he entered the crowded hall to-night.

A convention of the North Grey Liberal-Conservative Association was held here this afternoon at which George M. Boyd was again chosen standard bearer in the prospective fight for the seat in the provincial parliament. The speaker was Mr. Boyd and Andrew Miscampbell followed, after which the usual cheers were given and the doors were thrown open for the public meeting.

The hall was filled to the doors at the afternoon meeting with farmers from the surrounding townships, who listened to Mr. Gamey for two hours, the greatest interest being manifested in his narrative. To-night the hall was crowded to the doors, and hundreds could not gain admission. The people were packed in the hall and on the floor, and many probably a hundred people, who could not see or hear the speaker, tried to listen to what he had to say from this point of view.

Mayor W. A. Grier occupied the chair. Speeches were delivered by G. M. Boyd, W. S. Middlebro and Andrew Miscampbell. But every one was waiting for Gamey, and as the member from Macoulin stepped forward, a scene of unrestrained enthusiasm was enacted that defies description. When the little daughter of Col. N. F. Woodhouse, Dr. J. G. O'Brien, James Maclellan, Hon. J. T. Garwood, Hon. W. P. R. Street, Hon. R. M. Britton, Judge Thomas Hodgins, Hon. F. A. Anglin, Messrs. William Laidlaw, K. C.; A. H. Marsh, J. S. Fuller, C. C.; J. A. Jones, James Maclellan, Hon. J. T. Garwood, Hon. W. P. R. Street, Hon. R. M. Britton, Judge Thomas Hodgins, Hon. F. A. Anglin, Messrs. William Laidlaw, K. C.; A. H. Marsh, J. S. Fuller, C. C.; J. A. Jones, Walter Cassels, Christopher Robinson, K. M. O'Brien, K. C.; J. A. Jones, R. D. Fraser, W. H. Blake, W. M. Lash, Charles Duff, Rev. D. Parker, Thos. Roy, Dr. J. H. Cameron, Sheriff Mowat, Frank Arnold, Hugh Ross, and others, took place in St. James' Cemetery.

FUNERAL OF J. C. COPP.
The remains of the late John C. Copp were laid at rest in St. James' Cemetery yesterday afternoon. At 10 o'clock the funeral was conducted in the Northern Congregational Church by Rev. T. B. Hyde, the pastor of the church, of which Mr. Copp was a member for over 40 years. Mr. Hyde was assisted by Rev. J. H. Cameron, Rev. Marmaduke Hare and Rev. H. S. Thomas.

The chief mourners were: Dr. C. J. Wilkison, Dr. C. J. Wilkison, Geo. Keit, R. R. Cockburn, Rev. Bernard Bryan, Rev. Jesse Gibson, W. J. Robertson, Rev. C. T. Tibb, Rev. Charles Duff, Rev. D. Parker, Mortimer, Dr. Ryerson, C. A. Massey and Rev. J. W. Pedley.

EEL PULLS BOY TO DEATH.
Francis Bergeron Found Drowned in Cornwall Canal.
Cornwall, June 2.—(Special.)—A peculiar drowning accident took place here last night. Francis Bergeron, the 14-year-old son of Francis Bergeron, went fishing after school and failed to return.

A search was instituted, and this morning his father saw the end of a fishing rod sticking up in the old canal under the lower locks. When he pulled it up the body of his son came to the surface. The line was wrapped several times around one hand, and attached to the hook was a big eel. It is thought that the lad, while fishing, had hooked the eel, and in the struggle to land it, was pulled into the water and held down by the line till he drowned.

INVESTIGATORS
\$1000 buys pair semi detached five room houses adjoining Canada Foundry, terms only \$200 cash, well tenanted.
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SIX KILLED IN COLLISION.
Norwalk, Ohio, June 2.—In an accident on the Lake Shore Electric Railway six persons were killed and a dozen others badly hurt, late to-day, as the result of a collision between a eastbound fast electric passenger train and a westbound "package freight" car at Well's Corners, a few miles east of this city.

ADDRESSING CONVENTIVES.
Montreal, June 2.—(Special.)—Dr. Daniels, M. P. for St. John, and Messrs. Smith of Wentworth and Henderson of Halifax addressed the Junior Conservative Club this evening, and received a fine welcome.

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TRY THE DEACON AT THOMAS.
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ROBINSON CRUSOE CORPORATIONS: I don't like them there footprints, William.

WHERE IS HOS. BIRKETT, M.P., WHEN OTTAWA, STRAGGLING, NEEDS HIM?

His Absence From Fight Against Electric Monopoly Is Cause for Anxious Comment.
Ottawa, June 2.—(Special.)—Information supplied to members of the house in a circular letter from Mayor Ellis shows conclusively that the franchise for the private bills committee, it is pointed out in the circular that, in 1898, the city granted a franchise to the Metropolitan Electric Company of Ottawa, Limited, authorizing that company to erect poles and wires for the purpose of supplying electric light and power. Maximum rates for electric light and power were fixed in that franchise, and the following clause was inserted: "That the said company shall not at any time during the said period amalgamate or combine with any other company or companies for carrying on or which may hereafter at any time during the said period, carry on, in the said City of Ottawa the business of supplying electricity for the purposes of power, light or heat, nor shall the said company enter into any contract, agreement or arrangement with any such company for such purpose, or that shall have the effect of creating a monopoly for the purposes aforesaid in the City of Ottawa, within the jurisdiction of the council of the corporation of the City of Ottawa, to be expressed by by-law."

For a Purpose.
It will be seen, Mayor Ellis points out, that the purpose of this provision was to prevent the company obtaining the franchise by amalgamating with or selling out to any other electric light company. The term of the franchise was for twenty-one years from 1898. The Metropolitan Company, not having been able to secure competition in supplying electric light, heat and power, the City of Ottawa, in 1901, gave a twenty-three year franchise to the Consumers' Electric Company Limited. In that franchise, the maximum rates for commercial lighting and power were also fixed, and the same provision to that in the Metropolitan Company's franchise was inserted in the Consumers' franchise, providing that the company should not amalgamate or sell out to any other electric light company.

Shows Company's Hand.
When the bill in question was before the private bills committee an amendment was moved, that the purchase stock in other companies should not apply to the stock of the Metropolitan or the Consumers' Company. This amendment was lost by 19 to 14. The refusal of the Ottawa Electric Company to accept this amendment indicates clearly that the real purpose of the bill is to enable the Ottawa Company to buy out the Metropolitan and the Consumers' companies, or one of them.

The City of Ottawa submits that persons should not enact legislation which will have the effect of taking away from the city the guarantee which it now has that there will be competition in the supply of electric light, heat and power, and also submits that the amendment proposed in the Metropolitan and the Consumers' bill, which was inserted in the bill, is an amalgamate.

Want to Amalgamate.
The evident intention of the bill is to enable the Metropolitan and the Consumers' companies to get rid of the provisions against amalgamating or selling out to any other electric light company, which were inserted in these companies' franchises by the city for express purpose of securing competition in the supply of electricity for electric lighting. The only companies at present in existence in Ottawa whose stock can be purchased by the Ottawa Electric Co., in the event of the legislation now asked for.

Call at Bruner's new shaving parlor, 17 Colborne St. Shaving after June 6-10c.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.
Decorations of monuments by school children, Queen's Park, 2 p.m.
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KERR ASKS FULL DISCUSSION

Senator Beique Declares Three-Fold Object Sought Which Company May Accept.

Ottawa, June 2.—(Special.)—Senator Kerr of Toronto moved the second reading of his bill to amend the insurance Act in the upper house to-day. He explained the object of his assessment had been empowered to assess business in Canada. One company had done a very large assessment business in Canada, which was now decreasing, matters thus becoming worse and worse for those having life policies. He explained that the increase in assessments, there was a reduction of the insured to a class who either were too old to insure or who were too poor to insure. The present bill was to relieve these. There were three lines open to them under the bill. The first was to secure a level premium assessment policy for a level premium policy of like amount, and continue to pay the same premium as previously, the difference being added to the policy against maturity; thirdly, to exchange the assessment policy for a policy of like amount, and continue to pay the same premium as previously, the difference being added to the policy against maturity; thirdly, to exchange the assessment policy for a policy of like amount, and continue to pay the same premium as previously, the difference being added to the policy against maturity.

In order that there might be full discussion and representatives of all interests be consulted, he proposed that the bill be considered in committee of the whole house, the present measure should be referred to the committee on banking and commerce. This appeared to him to be the only way to secure the views of all policyholders. The only alternative he saw for them was to continue paying ever-increasing assessments.

Senator Beique said that if the company being sought relief, he did not think it was necessary to give them, but the policyholders were entitled to relief. The object of the senate had in view was to secure a level premium policy, to revive as far as possible policies sacrificed because of the increased amount of the assessments to level premium policies. He thought they could do this, and that the company could be induced to accept the provisions. In its present shape, he was opposed to the bill, because it would give no relief to those who had policies. He thought another bill should be introduced, which would be passed this session to amend the insurance Act so as to prevent the recurrence of such practices and affect all companies, but this would have to be a separate bill.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell declared that the enforcement of the insurance Act was in the hands of the government. He thought the government should allow an individual to introduce a measure of this kind, he could not introduce a bill. He thought the government should allow an individual to introduce a measure of this kind, he could not introduce a bill. He thought the government should allow an individual to introduce a measure of this kind, he could not introduce a bill.

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THE RACES.
The races are in full swing at the track, and the chief attraction as ever is the audience of well-dressed men and women. The Dineen Co. had the pleasure of supplying most of the men's hats. If you haven't secured your hat, why now's an opportunity.

SHOWERY.
Metropolitan Office, Toronto, June 2, 9 a.m.—Local showers, but no rain to-day. The lower lake region to the Maritime Provinces and rain has fallen generally over the Northwest Territories.

FOR HEARST.
Cheyenne, Wyo., June 2.—The Democratic State Convention to-day selected delegates to the national convention and instructed them to vote for William R. Hearst as candidate for the presidency.

CELEBRATED DOWNS ALE ON DRAUGHT GIBSON HOUSE, 140 QUEEN WEST.
WILL FOLLOW IT UP.
Ottawa, June 2.—(Special.)—Later on in the session Mr. Maclean of East York followed up Mr. Blair's speech in favor of increased protection for the market gardeners and fruit growers of Canada.

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MARRIAGES.
BICKFORD-DAVIDSON—On Wednesday, June 1, 1904, at St. Andrew's Church, by the Rev. Dr. Armstrong Black, Capt. Harold Child Bickford of the Sixth Dragoon Guards (Cameron's Own) and Mary Davidson, eldest daughter of Lieut.-Col. John I. Davidson of Toronto.

BAYLER-HANDS—On Wednesday, June 2, by the Rev. J. L. Gordon, James H. Bayler of London, England, to Miss Gertrude Hands of Shelburne, Ont.

DEATHS.
DEFRIES—On June 1st, 1904, at her late residence, 266 Gerrard-street East, Sophia Ernest, dearly beloved wife of Samuel H. Defries, in her 65th year.

FUGHER at 3 p.m. Friday, 3rd inst., to St. James' Cemetery.

McLAUGHLIN at 185 Berkeley-street, on Thursday, June 2nd, 1904, Capt. M. McLaughlin, aged 80 years.

FUGHER at 3 o'clock on Saturday, 4th inst., to St. James' Cemetery.

WADDELL—At the residence of his mother, 105 Hurlstone-street, Hamilton, on June 2nd, inst., James Norris Waddell, barrister-at-law, aged 48 years. Funeral on Saturday at 3 o'clock.

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