



Happy New Year!

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chase, but could not overtake the Monro. Signals were then set for the British vessel to stop, which she instantly did. The leading torpedo boat then approached and scrutinized her closely, after which the signal was set reading, "We beg to be excused." It is surmised that the squadron hoped to capture a Japanese vessel. The Russian fleet is believed to have a collier near the Red Sea Islands.

London, Feb. 26.—There is no further news of the attack on Port Arthur, in which engagement the Japanese attempted to sink vessels in such a manner as to block the harbor entrance. When the word reached London almost all the English newspapers in discussing Viceroy Alexieff's report incline to believe that Admiral Togo succeeded in so far as to make the channel impassable for large battleships even if still free for smaller craft and then presume that reports of second attack were devoted to attempt to sink further obstacles to navigation. A despatch from Tien Tsin says, according to native reports, the Russians took terrible revenge on the villagers near Sangari River. After attempting to wreck the railway bridge spanning that stream, the troops burned a large village, and massacred all the inhabitants, including women. The greatest indignation prevails against the Russians.

New Chung, Feb. 22.—A correspondent says that Rev. W. H. Gillespie, Missionary, has arrived at New Chung from Kwang Chum. He states that the Japanese have landed at Poeset Bay and advanced to Kinn-Chun. The Russian garrison fled. The Japanese are marching on to Kirin, from which place women and children are fleeing in panic. Poeset Bay is in the north of Korea about 100 miles southwest of Vladivostok. Kirin is in Manchuria, on the Sungari River, Lat. 44 deg. N. Long., 127 deg. E. It is about 100 miles from the coast, and is a central and strategic point. By occupying Kirin the Japanese will be in the rear of the Russian army and threaten their line of communication from Port Arthur. Kirin has a population of 120,000.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.—The Russian squadron commanded by Admiral Wierneke, which is now at Jubitul, French Somaliland, has been ordered to proceed immediately to Liban, a Russian port on the Baltic.

New York, Feb. 24.—Cabling from London to the Tribune: N. Ford says: The Japanese Admiral can complete the destruction of the main fleet at Port Arthur at his leisure by means of a torpedo flotilla, and can concentrate his forces against the Vladivostok squadron before the Russian reserve fleet can arrive. Russia's naval arm is already amputated, and the ships lost cannot be replaced during the war nor naval supremacy be repaired. The naval experts assert that her fatal lack of readiness doomed Russia to defeat from the moment of the first surprise, but that is an imperfect summary of the situation. The conditions of naval warfare have been revolutionized in the last ten days. The torpedo arm has become the most formidable branch of the service, and supremacy in sea power depends upon the efficiency rather than on the speed of armored and unarmored cruisers, or the tonnage, armor and concentrated gunfire of battleships. Naval defense is impracticable; initiative is everything, and a naval war is won or lost during the first week of a campaign. This is the frank confession of the Admiralty officials, whose construction programs will be speedily altered and enormous development of the torpedo service will be provided for without delay. A remarkable proof of the readiness of Japan has been the successful employment of the large and most destructive torpedo charges with which experiments are now conducted at the torpedo stations in the English Channel. The land operations can only be vaguely conjectured from the special despatches of the London Press, but the correspondents agree that the morale of the Japanese army is perfect, and that the Russians are discouraged and the transportation service completely broken down.

London, Feb. 27.—The most important news is that a large fleet of transports off Port Arthur is preparing to disembark an army to besiege that place.

An official telegram from St. Petersburg intimates that such a development is fully expected there.

Bennet Burleigh, the famous correspondent has gone from Japan to Shanghai, China, apparently to avoid Japanese censorship. He cables from thence that a large number of transports returned to Nagasaki where they are busy embarking more troops for vicinity of Dainy. Over forty transports have sailed since Feb. 10th. Still larger embarks are proceeding from Ujina near Hiroshima. The latter place and not Kiota was to be the army and navy headquarters during the war.

Over thirty big transports are now at Ujina, which is the principal station for embarkation of troops and an enormous mass of soldiers have detained there.

Delay being evaded, the Russians boast that they have mines at the Breakwater Docks and railways to prevent the Japanese from using them.

There are only five months supplies at Port Arthur. The Russians say they mean to defend Port Arthur, and fall back with the rest of their troops from Dainy to Yalu River, and if pressed, upon Harbin.

Of the reported Japanese landing at Poeset Bay there is no confirmation, but the rumor is revived. There are unfounded reports of the Japanese squadron blockading Vladivostok, and still another report says the Russian squadron there has again put to sea, destination unknown.

FIRST LAND ENGAGEMENT.

London, Feb. 29.—It is now ascertained that the first shots of the land campaign were fired in northern Korea near the gates of the Ping Yang, on Sunday morning. The Russians claim that the Japanese were defeated and the Japanese assert that the Russians retreated. It was a normal affair between the outposts.

The Japanese have great forces in northern Korea. Eighty thousand men from Seoul and forty thousand from other parts are reported as passing into Northern Korea within the past fortnight towards Ping Yang.

The Russian military position is that the Russian occupied a portion of the Seoul-Peking Road between Lia Yung on the Manchurian Railway and Yalu River. The Russian front and flanks are strongly supported. Its right flank is at Tatungian, near Bay of Korea, and its left near Wiju.

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The Russian volunteer cruiser fleet is cruising off the island of Criton. This covers everything to date.

30 New British Warships.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Great Britain will begin work this year on two new battleships, four armored cruisers, ten submarine vessels and fourteen torpedo-boat destroyers.

The naval estimates for 1904-05 put up \$184,445,000, an increase of \$12,160,000 over the estimates for 1903-04.

In submitting these estimates the Earl of Selborne, the first lord of the admiralty, informed the house of commons that the admiralty is aware that the estimates are large, but parliament must remember how great is the responsibility cast upon the board of admiralty in providing the country with a navy strong enough to sustain a struggle with the navies of any two powers, and to insure reasonable security for the country's vast seaborne trade and the food supply of the people.

More than half the increase is due to the decision to pay April 1 the balance due on the lately bought Chilean battleships and to provide them with ammunition for the next year.

The remainder of the increase arises from fleet expansion, increase in pay and material.

The estimates provide \$58,270,830 for new construction, including \$3,210,415 for beginning new ships.

The admiralty will expend \$9,500,000 on armor. It now has no difficulty in getting enough of the desired quality.

Orders have already been placed for nine submarine vessels, but the preparation of special designs for the tenth has delayed the placing of the contract.

Satisfactory progress has been made in experiments with oil fuel, and three oil gunboats have been converted into tank ships for the storing of oil in home ports. Extensive provision is being made to furnish oil fuel.

The admiralty is considering, for economy's sake, the possibilities of an internal combustion engine for torpedo boats and for torpedo-boat destroyers.

The newest type of torpedo boat is the submarine. This style of vessel runs on the surface until within a mile or two of the enemy then becomes practically or entirely submerged, and completely disappears from sight just before discharging a projectile. So long as its smokestack can be allowed to stick up out of water the boat is propelled by gasoline engines. When she dives the screws are driven by storage batteries and an electric motor. Even on the surface these boats run slowly, none yet built making more than ten or eleven knots, or travelling faster than six or eight miles when fully impressed. They are also much smaller than the average destroyer. Boats of this kind are provided with additional mechanism to maintain a level course under the surface, to take in and eject water rapidly and for making observations when the hull is completely out of sight. For this last purpose an optical instrument of peculiar construction is mounted at the very top of a tube which stands up like a tiny smokestack, and in which mirrors, or prisms, transmit the pictures to an observer inside the boat. The method of discharging a torpedo is the same with a submarine as with any other torpedo boat.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

MR. J. F. Whear assumed his new duties as Charlottetown Postmaster and Post Office Inspector yesterday. Mr. Whear will not be sworn in until his commission arrives from Ottawa.

The Soldier's Monument in the Garden was appropriately draped on Saturday morning in memory of the Island boys who sacrificed their lives in the capture of Cronje, Alfred Riggs and Roland Taylor.

THE boats made good crossings at the Cape Monday. Owing to the blockade on the Cape branch the mails were taken to Summerside by teams and come to the city by the regular at ten o'clock Monday night.

CAPT. John J. Murchison and crew of the schooner James W., of Ch. Town which was abandoned at sea on Feb. 15th, while on a voyage from Halifax to Trinidad with a cargo of pine lumber were passengers to Halifax from Boston by the steamer Harlaw Monday. They tell of awful hardships. They were in the rigging two days.

THE attendance in the city yesterday from the country was the largest that there has been for some time. There was a lot of hay, oats, and pork in the market. The prices being as follows: Hay per cwt. 60 to 65 cents; oats, 31 to 32 cents; potatoes, 23 to 25. The meat market was well attended and some fine meats shown. It sold by the quarter at 5 and 6 cents per lb., and retailed at 6 and 10 cents; pork, dressed, brought 6 and 6½; live hog, 5 cents; chickens sold at 9 and 10 cents each; lb. and ducks brought 70 and 80 cents each.

At the Liberal convention at Cardigan Friday afternoon there were thirty five delegates present. The convention was called to choose a man to contest the district against Mr. Patrick Kelly, of Montague, the popular Conservative candidate, for the seat in the Local Legislature vacated by the late James E. MacDonald.

Mr. John Ryan, of Cardigan was proposed by H. D. Mooney, of Pask's, and seconded by Donald Sigsworth, of Cardigan.

Mr. P. D. Bowlan, of Cardigan was proposed by P. M. Brothers and seconded by Charles Fay of Dundas.

Mr. Bowlan stated that he would run if tendered a unanimous nomination. If not he would retire.

So no ballot was taken and the nomination was offered to Mr. Ryan. But Mr. Ryan knowing what lay before him, took time consider before accepting the heavy responsibility.

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THERE was crossing each way at the Cape Saturday. The mails reached the city at 3.15 p.m.

THE children of Notre Dame convent gave an enjoyable concert at the Convent Monday night.

THE Wisconsin State capital was destroyed by fire on Saturday Feb. 29th, with a loss estimated at 800,000.

CAPT. H. C. Thacker of the Royal Artillery, Quebec, will be sent to represent Canada as an attaché of the Japanese army.

PREPARATIONS are under way, by the immigration officials to receive three thousand European immigrants next week.

STONEY, Feb. 27.—Inland Revenue has refused the application of the Cape Breton Brewery Company for a license to operate a brewery in that city.

THE Minto reached Pictou Saturday morning at nine o'clock and the Stanley left at 9.30 for Georgetown. She was out all day however and did not manage to reach Georgetown.

WILCOX, the mail clerk at Regina on trial for stealing ten thousand dollars from the mail on Saturday while in the dock was handed a letter announcing the death of his mother.

A shocking fatality occurred on board the Allan liner Bavarian, at Halifax early Sunday morning, while the steamer was tied up to the deep water terminus. Miss T. J. Martin, one of the passengers, fell from the second deck to the lower hold, a distance of thirty feet and was instantly killed.

At a convention of the Liberals of Charlottetown and Royalty held last Friday night, Dr. James Warburton was nominated as candidate for the representation of the franchise vote in the Legislative Assembly—the seat vacated by Mr. J. F. Whear.

AN elevator carrying 13 men dropped five stories in the Manufacturers' Building on Sabine street, Province, R. I. Frank L. Prince, a foreman of the Martin Cape Land Jewelry Co., sustained a fractured ankle, but the other passengers escaped with nothing more serious than bruises.

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THE parishioners of St. Andrew's parish intend celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the building of their first church on the 13th of July next. Preparations are already being made for a big demonstration. His Lordship Bishop McDonald being a native of the parish will officiate on the occasion.

THE Newfoundland Legislature opened on Feb. 25th Governor Boyle in his speech, urged the renewal of the French Modus Vivendi, and said that negotiations are now pending between the Colonial and Imperial ministers for the settlement of the entire French shore problem which will render the present measure needless. After these the governor announced a reduction in taxes on food stuffs equal to 180,000 a year.

THREE thousand persons saw the Wanderers Hockey Team vanquished by the Amherst Bulldogs in Empire Bowl, Halifax last Wednesday night by a narrow margin, one goal to nothing. Never before in Halifax was such a gathering assembled to witness a hockey match. The spectators were lined along the rail five deep. Scores of people in this gathering did not get a glimpse of the ice but seemed contented to be occasionally informed of the progress of the game. The Ramblers take the trophy.

THE snow fighting on the P. E. I. R. Monday was as hard as any during the winter. The trains on both the eastern and the western lines were greatly delayed. The morning train left Tignish at six a.m. and had only reached Port Hill at ten p.m. but expected to get through to the City early Tuesday morning. The morning train from Charlottetown left at 7 a.m. and crossed the Tignish train Monday night at Port Hill. The afternoon western train went as far as Summerside and returned Monday night at ten. The morning train from Cape Traverse reached Emerald at midnight. The Souris train which left in the morning only got as far as St. Peter's at seven Monday night where she laid up. The Georgetown line was open and the trains ran on time. Yesterday all these trains got through.

THE weather during the past three days has been the coldest of the winter even exceeding that of part of January. The thermometer registered 18 degrees below zero early Sunday morning and on Saturday morning at three o'clock it was 17 below.

Aching Joints

In the fingers, toes, arms, and other parts of the body, are joints that are inflamed and swollen by rheumatism—that acid condition of the blood which affects the muscles also.

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