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## JAPANESE LAND IN MANCHURIA.

Force Reported to be Near New Chwang.

Grand Duke Cyril Reaches St. Petersburg and Tells of His Marvellous Escape.

LONDON, April 20.—202 p. m.—A despatch to the Central News from St. Petersburg says it is reported that a Japanese force has landed near New Chwang.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Grand Duke Cyril has arrived here on his way to St. Petersburg, says a Harbin despatch to the World. His injuries are not severe, although he is suffering from burns on the neck and ears, caused by the tremendous explosion of the Petrovskaya and the body caused subsequently by the beating of the turbulent waves. The grand duke gives the following story of his escape, which was almost miraculous:

At the moment of the explosion the grand duke was on the bridge at the other end of which was Admiral Makarov. It seemed as if the world, the skies and the waters were hurrying with a deafening roar and suffocating fumes. Scattered, blinded, choked, stunned, Cyril recovered consciousness sufficiently to recognize that the Petrovskaya was settling down by the head. The bodies of the dead sailors were floating from the force.

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## TORONTO FIRE SWEEP; BUSINESS PART GONE.

Loss Between \$10,000,000 and \$17,000,000—One Hundred and Twenty-Three Buildings Destroyed—One Life Lost.

TORONTO, Ont., April 20.—The fire which originated last night in the premises of E. & S. Currie, Wellington street, has almost wiped out the entire business section and is by far the worst in the history of the city.

With great rapidity it spread east to Bay street, north on Bay street, west to the National Club, and on the east side to the office of the Specialty Co., the adjoining Telegram building being saved with difficulty. From Currie's the fire swept across to Wellington street to Front street and the Esplanade, devouring Warwick Bros. and Rutter's, but sparing Queen's Hotel, which was threatened at one time.

By half-past seven this morning, the fire was under control, its progress being stopped on Front street, and on the north side by the Bank of Montreal building, and on the south side by the Customs House, both of which had a very narrow escape.

In all it is estimated that 123 buildings were destroyed, and the loss is estimated between \$10,000,000 and \$17,000,000. An insurance broker estimates the loss at \$7,000,000 on buildings and \$4,000,000 on stock. Fortunately, with the exception of an accident to Fire Chief Thompson, who jumped from the roof of a burning building and broke his ankle, only a few minor casualties are reported.

In the early stages of the fire, Fire Chief Thompson, in order to effect his escape from the devouring flames leaped from the roof of the Anley Co.'s building, sustaining a fracture of his right leg. At the time the chief made his leap for life a traveller from Montreal was on the roof of the building and no trace of him has since been seen. It is just possible that he perished in the flames.

The fire started in the elevator hoist in the rear of the Currie building, quickly on the scene, men, who were playing on the fire at early stages, found it impossible to stay the advance of the flames before they reached the street. Incipient flames on the north side of Wellington street and the east side of Bay street, above Wellington street, distracted the attention of the firemen, and the result was that the fire spread in all directions.

At 4.45 a. m. the west wall of MacMahon, Broadfield & Co.'s premises fell with a crash and six firemen who were playing on the Customs House, express warehouses, had a narrow escape. Fireman Sweetman, of the chemical engine, was, however, hurt, he receiving a fractured leg when he was struck by the falling wall. The fall of the wall hampered the fire somewhat and increased the chances of saving the Customs House.

**FIGHTING THE FIRE.**

The fire broke out about eight o'clock last night and spread to Anley & Co.'s, the street to Brown Bros. and from there along south and east its progress southward being only checked when it reached the bay. Within thirty minutes from the time that the firemen were called, the fire was beyond all effort to control. Valiantly the firemen struggled. They had to retreat from building to building and from street to street. For the first time in the history of the department, aid was asked from other cities, and even Buffalo responded to a message from the mayor, who spent two hours in the long distance telephone office. At 10 o'clock a special train left that city with two engines and twenty men. A detachment from the Hamilton fire department responded, and shortly after midnight London also sent an engine and two companies of men. Brantford sent an engine and a company and Peterborough was also called for. Subsequently, the firemen rushed in all the men that could be spared. Despite the crashing of the fire, the confusion attending such a widespread conflagration, only one serious accident has been reported, though fears are felt as to the safety of a commercial man.

**100 MINERS BURIED ALIVE.**

**Awful Result of Avalanch in Italy**

—More Avalanches Threatened

—Efforts to Save.

TURIN, Italy, April 20.—About one hundred miners have been buried by an immense avalanche near the village of Fragaletto. A violent storm is sweeping over that locality and it is feared that other avalanches may fall, but the whole population of the village, hoping to save some of the buried miners.

**SIXTY YEARS IN JAIL.**

NEW YORK, April 20.—Julius Eckel, who was convicted last week in Jersey city, of killing his wife, Alice, whom he shot last winter, at the same time killing Mrs. McDermott, was sentenced to thirty years at hard labor in New Jersey state prison for each crime. The two terms to run concurrently. Eckel received the sentence coolly.

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## HALIFAX AHEAD OF ST. JOHN.

A Comparison Between Fire Equipment of Two Cities.

Prominent Insurance Man Compares the Systems to the Great Disadvantage of St. John.

R. W. W. Frink, the well known insurance man and for many years captain of No. 1 Salvage Corps, recently spent several days in Halifax, during which time he made a careful inspection of the fire department apparatus and system of the sister city. To a Star reporter, who asked him his opinion of the Halifax brigade, he unhesitatingly replied that they were never more surprised in his life that he was at finding their equipment so up-to-date. Not only, says Mr. Frink, are they provided with the best fire fighting machines of the day, but they have good men and a chief who not only is a practical fireman and knows his business, but loves his men and his work and devotes his whole time to it. In reply to a further question, Mr. Frink said that the Halifax department was superior to ours inasmuch as it is equipped with chemical engines. Last year these engines stopped 128 fires. In case of a fire being discovered, a telephone message brings out the chemical. They are the latest standard machine, drawn by two horses, and carry a ladder and two hundred and fifty feet of hose and material for two charges in addition to the one ready for use. It takes less than five minutes to charge the engines. If, when the men arrive with the chemical, they find the fire apt to be too much for them, the hook is pulled and the rest of the apparatus responds. The fact that these engines stopped over one hundred fires last year shows what a great saving there is on the heavy apparatus, which in St. John is called out on the slightest provocation.

The military authorities have recently been equipped with two Merryweather engines. They are English steamers with powerful pumps and are built for service, not for show. The military people have also added five thousand feet of hose. There is a perfect understanding between the two departments and the chief of the city department has permission to enter upon any military ground he wishes to upon the occasion of a fire, the authorities in every way facilitating his work.

In the case of the erection of new buildings and the re-modelling of old structures, the chief takes his men to these structures and they are made perfectly acquainted with the internal arrangements. In the large hotels he has an arrangement whereby the hose can be taken up in the elevators. This is accomplished by means of a small hole in the elevator floor. When the elevator is in ordinary use a lid fits tightly over this opening.

Mr. Frink says that while they have not any buildings such as Nos. 3 and 5 in this city, they have secured a site near the Customs House and intend erecting a modern fire station.

**PORT OF ST. JOHN.**

Arrived.

Coastwise—St. Centerville, Graham, from Sandy Cove; sch. Loring B. Haskell, snow, from fishing cruise; Samuel R. Crane, Glasgow, from fishing cruise; Earl D. Greaves, from French Cove; Rowena, Meriam, from Port Greville; Shamrock, Lawrence, from St. John; Nellie Waters, Bishop, from St. John; May Bell, Remia, from Alma; R. P. B. Fulmore, from Five Islands; air. Pushing, from Port Greville; Bessie N. Merriam, from Port Greville; Helen M. Mills, from Advocate Harbor; barge No. 3, McNamara, from Parrsboro.

Cleared.

Coastwise—St. Centerville, Graham, for Sandy Cove; sch. On Time, for Sandy Cove; barge No. 2, McNamara, for Parrsboro; sch. Lary Aberdeen, Brown, for St. Andrews.

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## THE WEATHER.

Forecast—Strong easterly winds, unsettled, with occasional rain or sleet; Thursday, westerly winds and becoming colder.

Synopsis—A storm of decided energy is centered near the Maine coast, and very unsettled conditions are probable in the Maritime Provinces during the next few days. To Ban, easterly winds. To American ports strong easterly today, westerly tomorrow. Weather at Bermuda is cloudy with southwest wind twelve miles an hour.

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