

Miscellaneous.

The Czar of Russia has failed to realize the hopes of some of his subjects. He refuses to grant them a constitution and local self-government. Evidently he has not studied the subject sufficiently, and fancies that elections often lead to the rule of professional politicians.

Wei-Hai-Wei, the only navy-yard of any importance that the Chinese retained after the loss of Port Arthur, has been captured by the Japanese. The Chinese are said to have lost very heavily, but their fleet escaped. Deeming discretion the better part of valor, its commanders departed from the place while the attack was in progress.

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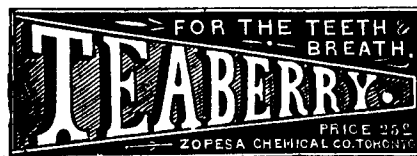
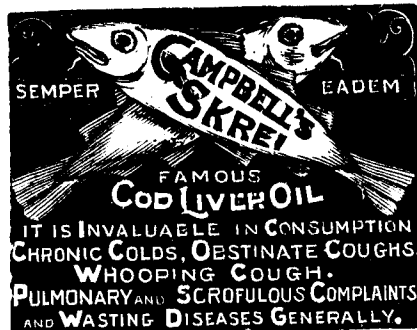
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