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# JAPS SMASH RUSSIANS

## CRUISER ASKOLD SUNK

### TOPEPO BOAT LOST

## Armoured Cruiser Novik Badly Damaged and Battleship Retvizan Again Injured.

London, March 1.—A despatch to The Daily Telegraph from Yankov, dated Feb. 29, says: Fifteen Japanese warships furiously bombarded Port Arthur on 29th inst. from 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock this morning. The Russian cruisers Askold and Retvizan, accompanied by two torpedo boats, steamed out to meet the attack, they were however, forced to retreat. The Askold was in a sinking condition, the Novik was badly damaged and a torpedo boat was sunk. The Russian battleship Retvizan was again damaged. The Japanese withdrew in good order.

## NAVY A VITAL NECESSITY

### AS A KIND OF INSURANCE

Moment Great Britain's Maritime Supremacy is Gone She May Be Invaded.

London, Feb. 29.—In introducing the naval estimates in the house of commons today, Ernest G. Prestyman, secretary to the admiralty, justified the increase in the estimates on the ground that the two powers standard must be maintained. The Russian battleship program and that of other naval powers had been considered. Russia and France together had built or were building 64 battleships, and France and Germany were building, or had built, 61 battleships, while the British total was 63 battleships. In considering the cruiser program, the government was not governed by this standard, but by the immense preponderance of British submarine commerce. While regretting the increased expenditure, the admiralty regarded it as being insurance.

## MAY BE BLOCKED.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 29.—Direct communication of the reports from Vladivostok is blocked by Japanese vessels, cannot be obtained here. It is considered not improbable during the Japanese landing operations in Korea, the Russian warships to the north were a constant menace, and blocking them would be the most effective means of securing non-interference. Furthermore, it is worth of note that for more than one week no word has been allowed to come from Vladivostok, and this in itself seems strong presumptive evidence that important events are transpiring.

## ASKING A SAINT'S AID.

Nijni Novgorod, Russia, Feb. 29.—Reports from Saraff, Province of Tannoff, say that pilgrims from various parts of Russia are arriving there to solicit the intervention of St. Seraphim in behalf of their relatives. St. Seraphim was canonized by the church last summer on account of his fame as a miracle worker.

## CROSSING WELL ORGANIZED.

Myssowa, Siberia, Feb. 29.—Crossing over Lake Balkal for those not going by the ice railroad, is comfortably organized. At every seven or eight warm barracks with tea and hot food for the soldiers, who easily march over in one day, the baggage and food having been conveyed by trucks. In the middle of the lake are stands and refreshment rooms for officers and civilians driving across in sledges. Telephones connect the barracks with the shore stations. The weather is fine, but very cold.

## TO RUSSIAN FINES.

Moscow, Feb. 29.—The Nobles Club has voted \$50,000 for the navy fund and \$25,000 for the Red Cross Society. A laborer named Bostanoglia has given 2,000,000 cigarettes and a sugar refiner, M. Tetschenko, has donated a carload of sugar to the Red Cross Society. The Grand Duchess Alexandra is sending a field church to the front for the use of the army.

## FELL INTO THE SEA.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 29.—According to a story printed here, Count Nitrova (the middleman killed in the battle off Chemulpo) was standing in the fighting off the Vangar, calling off distances when the mast was struck and the count tumbled from his station into the sea.

## JAPS FORCE THE NAVY.

Chofoo, Feb. 29.—The twenty-third Japanese infantry occupying Pungyung, midway between Seoul and the Yalu River, on Sunday met a body of Russian cavalry scouts north of Pungyung and drove them back. It is estimated that 60,000 Japanese troops have landed at Chemulpo. The transports now are not escorted.

## RUSSIANS DESIRE CHINESE.

Laoyang, Feb. 29.—General Mishchenko, with a detachment of mounted Cossacks, has reached Kasajia, Korea, and is expected to arrive at Ichongyan today. His men and horses are in good condition, and he is well supplied with provisions. The Korean officials are fleeing from the places traversed and are informing the Japanese of the approach of the Russians. The Cossacks have seized the telegraph lines in North Korea. A Japanese major, Togo Tashiro, and five men, captured by Cossacks at Wiju, have been brought to Laoyang.

## THE CONCENTRATION OF CHINESE TROOPS WAS STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DISTRICT OF GUBUNTSA IS NOT RELISHED BY THE RUSSIANS.

War material is being brought up and the military posts are being strengthened. The people at several points refuse to sell produce to the Russians. Soldiers are being ragged here and the frost is intense.

First of the Year.  
Dutton, Feb. 29.—During the electric storm on Sunday morning, the beam belonging to William Marshman, who resides about four miles north of this place, was struck by lightning and burned. The total loss is \$1200. Marshman Fire Insurance Company.

## SOON PAPERS ARE SIGNED

### PLAN EFFECTIVE AT ONCE

Government Bill Will Be Brought Down in a Few Days, Guaranteeing Big Loan.

James Conmee, M.L.A., received a telephone message from Philadelphia last night that the documents covering the rehabilitation of the Soo enterprises had been signed and the organization plan goes into effect at once. In conversation with The World he said the plan provided for the raising of \$9,000,000 capital. The scheme first proposed was that the Moffet committee should raise \$8,000,000, but the Ontario government insisted that there should be at least \$10,000,000 of working capital. The completion of the Algoma Central to the C.P.R., a distance of about 35 miles, was not included in the original proposition, as it was merely intended to complete the graded portion to the Helen Mine. The additional million was secured by underwriting the Canadian Improvement committee, which is composed of Philadelphia and New York capitalists, undertaking to get the money.

## REAL TORONTO BLIZZARD

### GAVE TORONTO A ROUGH TIME

Street Railway Service Paralyzed by Storm That Happened Along Without Warning.

One of the worst blizzards that ever contributed to make life miserable for Toronto citizens swooped down on the city yesterday morning, filled the streets with snowdrifts, tied up business, and wrecked the street railway system. The worst of it was that it came so unexpectedly. On Sunday evening the poet had emerged from his lonely den, encouraged by the warm sun, and felt the spirit move within him to address "Sweet Gentle Spring" in her welcome corner. He wrote the poem, a realization of the difference just a few hours make.

## LIKE A LION.

### MONK TELLS WHY HE RESIGNED

#### NO PERSONAL WAR WITH TARTE.

#### BUT ORGANIZERS IGNORED HIM.

In a Speech to His Constituents at Lachine He Refers to a Campaign Instituted by Conservative Newspapers and Workers to Undermine His Leadership.

Montreal, Feb. 29.—(Special)—F. D. Monk's address at Lachine this evening was listened to by a large audience. "I do not think" began the speaker, "that the Conservative party in our province will ever again experience such a defeat as that inflicted upon it in November, 1903. However, the plan of campaign had been deplorable, it had been conceived in the minds of men not of politics; deviously ignorant of the special conditions in Quebec, filled with that presumptuous confidence which sports every counsel, they were not to be deterred by the cool and only four French-Canadians were left to answer to the roll call."

Monk then referred to the choice of R. L. Borden, as leader, adding that "my relations with our leader have always been of a most friendly nature." And then he alluded to his own selection as French-Canadian leader and his first difficulty when certain members of the party opposed the idea of bringing out a candidate against Mr. Prefontaine in Maisonneuve.

Worst Ever, Says Mr. Monk.  
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Shareholders Get.  
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Evening Meetings Postponed.  
So generally recognized was the incidence of the storm that several meetings called for were postponed.

Home Rule Resolution.  
London, Jan. 29.—(Special)—The House of Commons today passed a resolution in support of home rule for Ireland.

Wants Treaty Denounced.  
Belin, Feb. 29.—In the re-chastigating the socialists asked that the existing treaty of extradition between Germany and Russia be denounced.

Wants Shining Parlor, 100 Yongs.  
Start now advertising campaign in Ottawa early in March.

Historians to Resign.  
London, Feb. 29.—Sir William Vernon Harcourt, M.P. (Liberal leader), has announced his intention to resign his seat at the next general election on account of his age.

Five shine tickets for 25c. at Watta's.



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## ROSEBERY PREDICTS A SMASH

### SEES UNITY AMONG LIBERALS

Believes General Election is at Hand and Declares Himself an Imperialist.

12 BURNED TO DEATH.  
Rebval, Que., Feb. 29.—During a fire, which took place here last night, a woman and eleven children were burned to death.

MINER CRUSHED.  
Glise Bay, N.S., Feb. 29.—Stephen McShubba, a hand-pick miner, was killed in the accident at this afternoon by a fall of stone and coal.

BIRTHS.  
SHAW—On Monday, Feb. 29th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shaw, 364 Bathurst-st., twin boys.

MARRIAGES.  
AGNEW—WARD—In Owen Sound, Wed. morning, Feb. 24th, 1904, Wm. Agnew, of Church-st., Toronto, to Robert Agnew, of Owen Sound, Rev. J. Ardill officiating.

DEATHS.  
BEVAN—At the residence of her parents, 292 Queen-st. east, on Monday, Feb. 29th, 1904, Miss Bevan, beloved daughter of Arthur E. and Agatha Bevan, in her 10th year.

Ready for Every Event.  
Paris, Feb. 29.—Premier Combes today intervened in the chamber of deputies to postpone a discussion on the Russo-Japanese war. He said the navy was ready for every requirement.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.  
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## PATENTS

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## SEVEN LEAP YEAR BABIES

### WITH TWIN BOYS INCLUDED

Four Girls and Three Boys Result of Stork's Visits to Six Toronto Homes.

GRESS—At 928 Eastern-avenue, on Feb. 29, the wife of Max Gress of a son.

SHAW—At 304 Bathurst-st., on Feb. 29, the wife of W. H. Shaw of two boys.

CONNACILLER—At 48 Davenport-road, the son of Benjamin Connaciller of a daughter.

ASHBY—At 108 Smith-st., on Feb. 29, the wife of Wm. Ashby of a daughter.

MILLER—At 310 Niagara-st., on Feb. 29, the wife of E. Miller of a daughter.

McKOWN—At 108 Richmond-st., on Feb. 29, the wife of Robert A. McKown, of a daughter.

Wonder how many little lives were yesterday added to the population of this young, but great and ever growing nation? Of course, it may be nobody's business, but that of those most deeply concerned in the revival of a woe-stricken race, the more, and it is so every day.

Benjamin Connaciller, 48 Davenport-road; Robert McKown, 108 Richmond-st.; E. Miller, 310 Niagara-st.; Wm. Ashby, 108 Smith-st., have little girl stragglers to care for.

Max Gress, 928 Eastern-avenue, says "It's a boy!" There will be other counts heard from to-day.

Some Out of Celebration.  
A Bradford mother declares whether her eight-year-old daughter Mae, who, the 12 years ago, hasn't had a birthday for eight of them, isn't eligible for one of the presents. Norma Essington of Hamilton, born Feb. 29th, 1896, entered into the list of her first birthday yesterday.

J. C. McKeggle's 14th.  
The new year's joyful gathering of the members of the grain section of the Board of Trade in the rounds at 1 p.m. yesterday, J. C. McKeggle, president of the board, presided at the assembly being the purpose of the assembly being the celebration of McKeggle's 14th birthday.

FAVORS NAVAL CO-OPERATION.  
(Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, Feb. 29.—Mr. Wyatt made a speech at Wellington, New Zealand, yesterday at the meeting amid great enthusiasm, passed a resolution approving of increased naval co-operation, Premier Sedmore has also refused to support the resolution.

Hough Weather for Spring Opening.  
The whole province assigned Monday to the fashionable dresser and the early searcher after new fashions, particularly in hats. That the day was unseasonable will not deny, but yet there were many who braved the storm and prospered thereby. Indeed, "the early bird catches the worm." The Duesen Company's opening is continuing to-day. Nothing but New York and Paris ladies' spring hats on sale.

Nothing but the best at Thom's.  
FAIR AND MILD.  
Lakes—Northwest and west winds; partly fair and a little mild.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.  
Feb. 29. At. From. Nipponian.....New York.....Glasgow  
Lak Erie.....St. John.....Liverpool  
Ontarian.....Glasgow.....Portland  
Ivernia.....Liverpool.....New York