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Vladivostok Being Blockaded.

Nebogatoff Got Off at Last to Join Rojestvensky --- Russian Statement of Losses in the War---A Fatal Affray Between Chinese and Russians --- St. Petersburg Rumors.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 16.—A St. Petersburg despatch to the Herald says: Reports received here announce that Vladivostok is being closely blockaded by Admiral Hirt's fleet.

The Foo, Feb. 16.—A steamer with one hundred and seventeen non-combatants remain at that place. Convalescent soldiers totalling 2,500 will begin arriving at Che Foo Feb. 20.

A Russian Report. St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—4:20 a. m.—The departure of Admiral Nebogatoff's division of four battleships, one cruiser and two auxiliary cruisers from Lihau yesterday to reinforce Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron in the Far East is a source of gratification to the Admiralty in view of the difficulties caused by the strike.

A Fatal Affray. St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—A telegram from Szechuan reports that a fatal affray has occurred between Russians and Chinese at a village forty miles northwest of Szechuan where a party of Russians was foraging. Expedition the villagers seized the Chinese interpreter with

the Russians and a fight ensued during which a Chinaman was killed. The villagers killed the interpreter and fled.

May Be Changes. St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—Many rumors are current of Ministerial and military changes including a report that Minister Sakharov may be sent to relieve Gen. Kurapatkin and also one to the effect that M. Kouligin, Minister of the Interior, is not in sympathy with the situation and may retire in favor of Gen. Trepoff, governor general of St. Petersburg. The successor of M. Muraviev, former Minister of Justice, appointed Ambassador at Rome, has not yet been appointed. Almost anything is likely to happen, but nothing definite can be ascertained.

Russian Casualties. St. Petersburg, Feb. 15.—The official returns for the first year of the war, not including the Port Arthur statistics, show that 130,439 officers and men passed through the hospitals going north, of which 1,710 officers were wounded and 1,308 were sick. 53,890 men were wounded and 73,681 were sick; 4,007 subsequently died in hospitals; 6,474 wounded and 11,248 sick were invalids; 9,429 returned to Russia and 21,544 are still in hospitals. More than 77,000 convalescents, presumably, returned to the ranks.

The proportion dying in hospitals is very low, the total loss to the active army in wounded and sick being a little more than 50,000, of whom almost half have still a chance of recovery. The other half, however, will be invalided or returned to Russia.

The killed in battle are estimated to have numbered between 40,000 and 50,000.

HE WAS ON THE S. S. DAMARA. Montreal Man Tells of the Thrilling Experience.

Emilien Mayer, representative of the Sea Porters' Guild, of Montreal, is at the Dufferin. Mr. Mayer was one of the three passengers on the steamer Damara which was wrecked off Musquodouoi, N. S., a few days ago, and the particulars of which have already been published in The Times.

THIS MAY CAUSE WAR WITH THE UNITED STATES.

Paris, Feb. 16.—A semi-official despatch from Caracas, Venezuela, says that upon the pressure of President Castro, the court has ordered the sequestration of landed property of the American Asphalt Company. The despatch adds, however, that the court has also ordered the sequestration of the American colony at Caracas.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER TO AID CHAMBERLAIN. Ex-Premier Goes to Europe For His Health—Will Visit England in the Spring.

Montreal, Feb. 16.—(Special)—Sir Charles Tupper is leaving today on a route for Boston where he proposes to take ship for Naples. In an interview Sir Charles stated that he is taking the trip for his health, as he finds the Canadian winter too severe for his advanced age. He intends to spend the winter in Italy and Southern Europe and then go Northward to Great Britain in the spring. While in the British Islands the veteran statesman expects to assist Mr. Chamberlain in his campaign. Sir Charles is accompanied by Lady Tupper, his daughter, and his private secretary. Sir Charles will return to Canada next summer.

THE GREEK CASE UP IN SUPREME COURT TODAY.

The Greek case was resumed in chambers this morning, before Chief Justice Tuck, and the plaintiff, Anastasios Pappageorgiou gave testimony through an interpreter. The evidence showed that the plaintiff left Greece in July, 1903, as cook on a steamer. Upon reaching Montreal he received his discharge, which was produced in court, and landed in St. John in August of the same year. He had never been in Boston, whether he desired to go or not. The proper authorities in Montreal for permission to pass into the United States, was examined by a physician and informed that he would be obliged to remain here for a few days as his eyes required treatment, after which he would be allowed to proceed on his journey. The Montreal authorities never even permitted him to go to the United States. He could not say that the crying need of this town at present is a little more snow. The situation is becoming acute.

THE EVENING TIMES.

AN UNPARALLELED SERIES OF STORMS.

The I. C. R. East of Moncton Again Blocked---Record Breaking Storm at Sydney --- Trains Cancelled --- Fuel Famine in Moncton --- Western Ontario Hard Hit --- Perished in the Storm---Halifax Isolated.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 16.—(Special)—Not in thirty years have the streets of Halifax been in the condition they are at present. Last night's storm added three feet more snow to the already large banks, and today street traffic is almost at a standstill. In many places the drifts are 15 feet high. The tram service is badly crippled, the west and line having been abandoned entirely, as well as the main line running part of the way. Not a train went out of the city today, and none arrived. It is still blowing and drifting badly.

Big Storm in Sydney. Sydney, N. S., Feb. 16.—(Special)—A record breaking snow storm prevails here today. All local trains and the I. C. R. services are cancelled, roads and the streets in every place are blocked with snow in places impassable. It is much heavier than the storm of two weeks ago, and was the worst in twenty-five years.

Moncton Needs Coal. Moncton, Feb. 16.—(Special)—The shortage of coal on the I. C. R. has been a serious matter for some time, but the Dominion cotton mills have been unable to get sufficient coal for down Monday. Yesterday the I. C. R. was able to bring in a few carloads and will resume operations yesterday. A severe north-east storm set in early this morning and threatens to completely block the I. C. R. between Moncton and Halifax. Train out of Halifax have been cancelled and this morning's train from St.

Bois Blanc, Mich., Feb. 16.—Albert Fleury walked on the ice from Bois Blanc Island to the city, Saturday night, to get medicine for his sick child. The mercury was 16 below zero and a wild snow storm was raging, but he bravely set out on a return trip about midnight with his lantern and compass to guide him. That was the last seen of him and there is fear that he perished and that his body was covered over by drifting snow. His wife came to this city to look for him and large searching parties were organized both here and on the Island to search for his body. He was 31 years old.

Perished in the Storm. The funeral of the late Helen M. Crawford, took place this afternoon from the residence of Allan Crawford, 43 Hilyard St. Rev. D. Long officiated.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—(Special)—The cruise Canada left Bermuda for Nassau yesterday.

Police Reports. The following persons have been reported for driving vehicles in the city without licenses: Henry London, John Boyce, Wm. J. Southern, Jas. Miller, Dunmore Hayes, George Gilbreath, John Hogan.

The matter will come up Saturday morning. Ernest Holland has been reported for doing business in the city without a license.

A glove found on Sydney street awaits an owner at the central police station.

The funeral of the late James Irwin, took place this afternoon at 2:30, from his late residence, 188 Paradise Row. Rev. Dr. Wilson conducted the services at the home of deceased.

It is rumored that the civic reformers may call a smoky zabor to consider the situation in St. John.

The street department is making a new distribution of the men shoveling snow on the streets. In order to get twenty-six shovellers around one little sled it is necessary to have a row of tall men on the outside, to throw the contents of their shovels over the heads of the shorter men next to the receptacle on runners.

The proposition to get a donkey engine to haul the chemical engine has been dropped. The safety board has decided that it would be very little better than the present donkey system.

John was cancelled here. An effort will be made to get the Maritime Express arriving here two hours late, through to Halifax. Two engines and a plow were put on here. It is difficult at this stage, to judge the full extent of the storm but if it continues at the present rate the line east of Moncton will be blocked solid by night. Freight trains which were moved yesterday, are all cancelled.

Western Ontario Snowbound. Windsor, Ont., Feb. 16.—(Special)—Never in the history of western Ontario railways have passenger trains suffered the delays to which they have been subjected this week. Snow drifts so heavy and impenetrable as to defy the most vigorous efforts to restore traffic have obtained. Both east and west bound trains on the Michigan Central and Wabash roads, are hours behind their schedules while much delay is occasioned in crossing the Detroit river. On Tuesday morning the Grand Trunk car-ferry Lismore left her slip at the Windsor side with a load of cars destined for the west. Yesterday at noon she returned having consumed twenty-six hours in covering a distance of about four miles.

Thomas J. McPherson. Mr. McPherson said he would favor a civic league. There was no doubt the council made mistakes, but business men sometimes make mistakes too, only they did not let anyone know. He considered there was need for improvements. He was in favor of the present system of election where the men are responsible to the citizens at large and not to their own ward only.

H. W. deForest. I have not had time to consider the matter, and am therefore not in a position to express an opinion.

Thomas Kichham. Mr. Kichham said he was in favor of the district system of election as he thought it would be cheaper for the city. He said he did not understand fully what the objects of the league were, but would approve anything that would tend to improve civic affairs. He was in favor of party politics in civic affairs if properly carried out, as he thought the citizens would then take more interest in them.

First Steel Bounty. Ottawa, Feb. 16.—(Special)—The first payment of a bounty on steel rails has been made by the department of trade and commerce. A cheque for \$80,000 was sent to the Consolidated Lake Superior company. The claim was for 20,000 tons of rails which have been turned out.

Price and Smith to Race. Arrangements for a race between Jimmy Price of St. John, the one-mile champion of America, and Charles Smith, the local skating champion, have been definitely made. The two will skate a one-mile race in the Victoria rink here on Tuesday evening, February 21st.

A couple of charters for the C. P. R. to build from Georgian Bay near Severn to Frontenac and Lanark and from London to Sarnia was passed by the railway commission at Ottawa today.

London, Feb. 16.—The Prince and Princess of Wales have presented five pictures by Constable and Corot to the new Irish Art Gallery.

The skis of the St. Andrew's curling club who are playing the Truro curlers this afternoon are W. S. Barker, J. U. Thomas and George Kimball. The Truro will also play the Thistles tonight. D. E. Wilkie, J. P. Shaw and John S. Malcolm will be the skis.

Point Lepreau, Feb. 16.—9 a. m.—Wind north west; strong; cloudy. Therm. 15.

Ned McBeath, of Moncton is at the Victoria.

The case was resumed this afternoon. He met Serdak here, in August, 1903, but did not know whether or not he was a Greek. Serdak told the plaintiff that he was a merchant in Montreal, and knew Turner. He also informed Pappageorgiou that he was sure who would let him go through to Boston. Serdak advised him to go to Boston, and application was made to Mr. Leonard, who would not let him go to the United States, and wanted \$50, which the plaintiff refused to pay. Serdak said that a friend of his was going to Eastport. He could go with him, but he would see that he was rescued Boston. It was arranged that Pappageorgiou pay \$15 which would cover all expenses of the journey. The money was paid to Serdak, who then went to Eastport. Witness then described what occurred after he had been rescued Boston. It was arranged that Pappageorgiou pay \$15 which would cover all expenses of the journey. The money was paid to Serdak, who then went to Eastport. Witness then described what occurred after he had been rescued Boston. It was arranged that Pappageorgiou pay \$15 which would cover all expenses of the journey. The money was paid to Serdak, who then went to Eastport. Witness then described what occurred after he had been rescued Boston.

THE WEATHER. Strong westerly winds, fair and cold.

STILL THEY ASK CIVIC REFORM.

Citizens Not Averse to Expressing Their Dissatisfaction With Present Civic Management---Run the City's Affairs on Strict Business Principles---The Ward System.

J. E. Secord, said: "I am heartily in sympathy with any movement which would tend to improve civic matters. I would favor a return to the ward system of electing representatives to the council. I think there is great need for improvement in the present council."

J. Willard Smith. I have not given the matter much consideration, but I believe there is ample room for civic reform. A radical change should be made in the manner in which civic affairs are carried on.

J. M. Robertson. I have not given the matter much thought. However, I think there is room for much improvement, but what lines I am not in a position to say.

Geo. A. Horton. I am in sympathy with the civic reform league, and I think the time has come when some steps should be made to reduce the taxation. The great question today is to decrease the taxes as much as possible. For the time being, owing to the recent appointment of the assessment committee, I think one should wait, and if the proposed bill passes the legislature, then we should elect representatives who will see that the bill is carried out to the letter.

W. F. Starr, W. Alex. Porter, and A. W. Adams, said that not having given the matter any consideration, could not express an opinion.

E. A. Goodwin. "There's no doubt there is room for improvement in the present council. I think a civic reform league if properly carried out, would be a good thing, that is, provided they would give their attention to it, and not drop it as soon as they started."

New York Town HAS A BAD FIRE. New York, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Fire which broke out early today in the drug store, of J. H. Mericles, at Brocton, communicated to the store of W. N. Clark, grocer, Furman & Company, dry goods; E. G. Edmunds, hardware, and the State Bank of Brocton, all of which were destroyed. The Brocton Opera House was in the Mericles building. Total loss, \$75,000; insurance, \$50,000. The buildings burned were of brick and three stories. The upper floors were occupied as lodge rooms, and offices. The Citizens' Home company of this place went to Brocton, just before the fire was under control.

Police Court. The men arrested in Labatt's store last night, were in the police court this morning and were re-arrested. The case of Wm. Johnson, arrested on a warrant, stands for further hearing.

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