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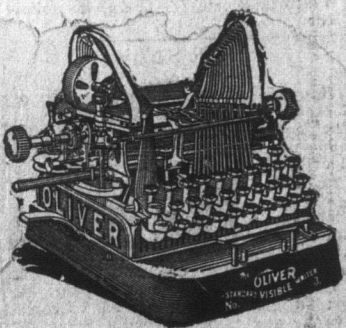
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### THIBETANS OBJECT.

Draft of Treaty Proposed by the British Expedition Presented.

Lhasa, Thibet, Aug. 18.—The Thibetans have the draft of the treaty proposed by the British and a formal reply concerning it is expected shortly. It is reported that the main objection to the proposed convention is the amount of indemnity to be paid by the Thibetans.

Cel. Yung-husband, the Civil Commissioner accompanying the expedition, has visited a large house and garden. The Dalai Lama is reported to be watching events in a monastery night marches away. He is preparing to go further in case the British advance. There are 1,000 Khams men east of Lhasa. It is believed that their object is to cover the retreat of the Dalai Lama if necessary.

Toronto, Aug. 18.—The members of the Ontario Railway Commission have returned after a seven weeks' tour of American States in quest of information, of which they have accumulated a vast quantity.

### AN ALL NIGHT BATTLE

Began on Monday on the East Side of Port Arthur.

Japanese Said to Have Made Advances From Petopus Mountain—Capture All Eastern Approaches After 60 Hours of Fighting—Gen. Stoessel Believed to Have Lost 60 Per Cent. of His Force.

Shanikwan, Aug. 18.—The Japanese began a night attack on Monday after dark from the east and west of Port Arthur. From their position north of the fortress they set fire to thousands of feet of lumber which had been carried down from Wolf's Hill, and the favoring wind sent mountains of rolling smoke southward against the trenches and inner forts of the fortress. Under cover of this Lieut. Gen. Nogai's army brought up howitzers to the slopes of the Etze Hills, digging trenches and otherwise making that important tableland tenable.

On the east side there was a tremendous all-night battle, no details of which can be obtained, but it is probable that the Japanese advanced from Petopus Mountain, which it is now known they captured on Saturday after having been repulsed on Thursday and Friday with great loss on both sides. Yesterday morning there was a violent storm of rain, but in the westerly headlands the Japanese siege guns, numbering more than forty, were in action. Companies of infantry could be seen winding up the Yachin road to take the place of those killed or wounded in the assault that must have taken place at dawn.

An Incessant Fire. From the sea directly southwest of White Wolf Mountain three of the largest Japanese cruisers were delivering an incessant high angle fire against forts Nos. 4 and 5 of the inner line. The land assault seen from Liaotung Gulf probably was on these forts, the capture of which would force Gen. Stoessel to retire to the east end of the fortress. More than 700 Japanese wounded were carried down to Louise Bay on Tuesday night and yesterday morning.

The lugger Shanshan, in here from Pigeon Bay for lumber, says that on Sunday all the eastern approaches had been captured by the Japanese after six hours of fighting. On the west they had been repulsed twice at the range of hills south of Table Mountain, but were again attempting to take them.

It is believed that Gen. Stoessel has lost 60 per cent. of his force in killed and wounded. The Japanese on Sunday gave safe escort to more than 100 men and women who are now in Dalny.

No Surrender. Tokio, Aug. 18.—It is reported that the Port Arthur garrison has refused to surrender, and is disinclined to send out non-combatants.

In Dire Straits. London, Aug. 18.—According to the correspondent of The Daily Telegraph at Chefoo, refugees arriving there bring news of the serious condition of affairs at Port Arthur. They say that Japanese shells have ignited lighters in the docks, which contained supplies of coal, resulting in a terrific conflagration. Many of the buildings have been demolished and the hospitals are crowded.

Tactics at Liaoyang. Liaoyang, Aug. 18.—A general Japanese flanking movement is developing to the east and parallel with the railway, involving all the troops from Dalin Pass to Diodinshan, on the Taitsu River, thirty-five miles southeast of Mukden. It is evident that these troops have combined to force the Russians out of Liaoyang without a fight, and thus secure advantageous winter quarters. It is reported that a large force has left Liaoyang and is retiring to Tatsienkiao.

Admiral Togo's Losses. Tokio, Aug. 18.—A supplementary report of Admiral Togo's casualties on August 10 increases the total of killed and wounded to two hundred and twenty-five.

Cruisers Safe. London, Aug. 18.—A despatch to The Central News from Vladivostok, dated August 17, says the cruisers Russia and Gromoboi of the Vladivostok squadron have returned there.

Refugees at Mukden. St. Petersburg, Aug. 18.—A semi-official despatch from Mukden, dated yesterday, says: "Ninety-two civilians, with their families, have arrived here from Port Arthur. The spirit of the garrison is wonderful. Civilians are joining in the ranks with the soldiers."

A New Army. Paris, Aug. 18.—A despatch to The Echo de Paris from Lyons, France, announces that Victorry Alexioff is engaged in organizing a second Russian army, to be commanded by either Gen. Karabara or Gen. Gouk-homlinoff.

Awakening Decisive Battle. St. Petersburg, Aug. 18.—A despatch from General Kuropatkin, dated from Anshanshan and conveying the congratulations of the army to the Emperor on the birth of an heir to the throne, says: "We await a decisive battle with the Japanese army advancing upon us, gladly anticipating meeting the foe, and proving our ability to our Emperor and country."

### AN ULTIMATUM TO CHINA.

Japan's Demand Fails China in a Bad Flight and More "Cutting Out" May Follow.

London, Aug. 18.—The Associated Press learned yesterday afternoon that Japan has made a demand of China, practically in the nature of an ultimatum, that she immediately enforce her neutrality in reference to the protected cruiser Askold and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi, now at Shanghai. Japan pointed out that the time limit, 24 hours, permitted by international law had expired, and that Japan therefore was entitled to take such action as may seem to her expedient.

At the Japanese Legation here it was expressly stated that the Tokyo Government had no intention of remaining quiescent if Russia refused to compel China to give asylum to her men-of-war and authorize repairs at her ports, which would enable them to resume belligerent operations.

After Askold and Grozovoi.

Should China fail to comply immediately with Japan's demand, the division of Japanese warships now in the vicinity of Shanghai will, the Legation declares, be instructed to enter the port and capture the Askold and Grozovoi, as was done in the case of the Ryoshitelni. Japan has made no secret of her intention, but has not consulted the powers, believing that the matter is one which concerns herself alone. Japan is prepared, the Legation further asserts, to recognize Chinese neutrality only so long as it is respected by Russia. With regard to the Ryoshitelni, Japan, it is asserted, is determined to comply with the Chinese demand, submitted in compliance with the Russian note, that the vessel be returned to Chefoo. Japan insists that to all intents and purposes during the war, Chinese junks having been fitted out there and sent through the Japanese blockading vessels to Port Arthur.

No answer has yet been given by Japan to the Russian protest in the case of the Ryoshitelni, but when it is made it will be communicated to all the powers.

Disarmament of the Askold. St. Petersburg, Aug. 18.—Russia has agreed to the disarmament of the Russian cruiser Askold, now at Shanghai.

Won't Give Up the Ship.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 18.—Information received in St. Petersburg (today) shows that Japan will decline to restore the Ryoshitelni, or make any reparation, and that on the contrary she will contend that Russia in sending the destroyer to Chefoo on an important military mission, is responsible for the violation of Chinese neutrality, which Japan at the opening of the war promised to respect to the extent which Russia did.

Will She Apologize?

Nevertheless it is understood that Great Britain as the ally of Japan has advised her to apologize. It is believed that Japan realizes that this course will please the western powers, but that she will not follow it because it would mean a loss of prestige in China, where concession has always been translated to mean weakness.

### HON. MR. BLAIR ILL.

Railway Commissioners Abandon Their Visit to Edmonton.

Calgary, Aug. 18.—The Railway Commissioners arrived here yesterday morning, intending to go to Edmonton. Mr. Blair is ill, and the proposed visit is abandoned. The party will go to Banff instead.

A Sensational Arrest.

Hamilton, Aug. 18.—As he stood near the corner of James and King streets, with a traveling bag in his hand, Fred Myers, 270 North Wellington street, who has been a trusty clerk in Oak Hall for many years, was placed under arrest by Detective Bleakley. The warrant charged him simply with stealing \$2, but the firm says that it has been shy about \$2,000 during the last year. It is alleged that the system used was to make out a bill of \$3 for a \$9 suit and pocket the difference.

New Cruiser Coming.

London, Aug. 18.—The fishery protection cruiser Canada, launched last June, left the Victoria-Maxima yard yesterday for Canada, having completed her trials to the entire satisfaction of the authorities here. Under fair conditions she is always able to maintain her contract speed of 16 knots. The Canada looks very smart, her ram bow and rakish masts and funnel giving the suggestion of strength with speed.

Report Against Canada.

London, Aug. 18.—(C. A. P.)—M. Combes, according to La Patrie, has just issued a circular to the maires of the communes of Brittany, calling attention to the emigration to Canada which has now set in for several years from Brittany, stating that letters from French people settled in the west represent the situation as unfavorable, and asking the maires what action they suggest.

Making Promises.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 18.—Hon. Raymond Prefontaine yesterday promised the City Council that he would use his influence with the Government to make a deep sea harbor for Vancouver and to build a big dredge for the city.

### POCKET BIBLE AND PISTOL

Rev. Mr. Brown Carries them in His Warfare Against Intemperance at Eau.

Visited the Summer Resort on Band Concert Night—Crown Attorney Takes Action and Government is Notified.

"Yes, men, while I seek to prove a worthy apostle of Peace—yet I believe in fighting when the fight is a just and righteous one. We should make no terms with evil. We are told to fight the good fight."

Such was the reported utterance of Rev. Mr. Brown, the vigorous and intrepid pastor of the Blenheim Baptist church, marshal of the temperance forces and Kent County constable, to a party of men at the Bungalow and piers of Rond Eau yesterday.

Mr. Brown visited the Eau as a result of information supplied to him concerning the alleged indiscriminate sale and disposition of intoxicating liquors at the popular summer resort on band concert nights. Rumor has it—whether true or not it has been impossible to ascertain—as tongues are apparently sealed—that the minister experienced a somewhat strenuous time on Tuesday night. He was surrounded by a somewhat motley crowd of men and lads who are said to have done some ugly talking. One young man says a "billy" was flashed and there were threats of mobbing. The story goes that the preacher faced them and gave them an earnest and forcible talking to, after which, as there were still signs of unrest, he removed from his pockets a Bible and a revolver, and told them he was now unarmed, that he did not want to fight but that no man could afford to show himself a coward in the cause of right, and if the purpose of the men was to punish him he was prepared to give them the opportunity, one by one, to administer the chastisement. "I am talking as a man to men," he is reported to have said, "and while I am engaged with one, I shall trust to the honor of the others to see I am not interfered with. You will agree that a blow from behind from an outsider would be the act of a coward."

There was no fight—and no mobbing—after that. The "fighting person" had made good. "He's game and he's a stickler," declared one of the men afterwards. "It's too bad he's so bloomin' prejudiced." The history of Rev. Mr. Brown's visit to the Eau, as told on the bar, is decidedly dramatic and interesting. It appears that the first steps were occasioned by the complaints of some Blenheim ladies, who had suffered annoyance from the carryings-on of several youths said to be semi-intoxicated one band concert night. Some investigation of the alleged nuisance was made by Alfred Youngs, a Blenheim councillor, on the band night following, but he was informed that no liquor was sold at the Eau and whatever had been embezzled had been bought at and brought down from Chatham surreptitiously on the excursion train.

On Tuesday night the official visit of Rev. Mr. Brown followed with all its dramatic details. Mr. Brown did not come down on the train, where he would doubtless have been recognized, but was rowed over the Eau bay after sunset by two colored men in a small skiff. He arrived at the Eau about half an hour later than the band train and immediately commenced his investigations. Those who claim to have seen him say he was cleverly disguised, that he wore a large handkerchief tied loosely around his neck, with coat collar turned up and slouch hat pulled well down over his face.

Half an hour's investigation satisfied him that intoxicants were being drunk, but he was unable to locate where it was being dispensed. Finally Mr. Brown threw off his disguise and walked into the pavilion, displayed his constable's badge and authority and asked to investigate the premises. This was declined and he was assured that nothing of an illegal nature was being done or liquor sold, but to satisfy himself and complete his duty in the matter, the pastor-constable secured a search warrant and returned yesterday when a careful inspection was instituted, but nothing was found to in any way incriminate the pavilion or its lessee.

Rev. Mr. Brown spent the whole of yesterday at the Eau. He held earnest talks with the men at the piers, the railroad workmen, the sailors and many of the cottagers. He is a forceful and, withal, an entertaining personality and his message was received with interest and evident attention.

The officer returned to Chatham on the afternoon train and spent a couple of hours in investigation in this city, returning to Blenheim last evening. What further action he purposes taking and what possible developments are in store can only be conjectured. Everyone's mouth seems sealed.

### ACTION TAKEN.

This morning Crown Attorney Smith informed The Planet that an informant had been preferred against the lessee of the pavilion for refusing Rev. Mr. Brown permission to search and inspect his premises on Tuesday evening.

"This is distinctly contrary to the law and there is a heavy penalty attached," said Mr. Smith. "The moment Mr. Brown shows his badge and demands the inspection the proprietor must acquiesce or suffer the consequences." The case will be tried at the Blenheim Police Court to-morrow morning.

"I may say," added the Crown Attorney, "that if Rev. Mr. Brown stops the illegal dispensing of liquor at the Eau on these excursion nights he is deserving of the gratitude of the entire community. For some days past I have received repeated complaints from ladies as well as other citizens concerning the conduct there. I am told that mere lads have been seen in shameful condition. The Government has been notified and has sent special instructions to the inspector regarding the matter. "Rev. Mr. Brown said nothing definite to me about the reported threatened mobbing of him. He merely said that at first he feared there would be some trouble as the result of his visit."

"I can only say," concluded the Crown Attorney vigorously, "that we purpose doing everything in our power to have this nuisance and illegality effectually put a stop to." Rev. Mr. Brown, of Blenheim, was seen at the station this morning just as he was leaving for his home in Blenheim.

"Yes," he remarked in response to a query of The Planet representative "the crusade for the cause of temperance still continues. I had been away for two weeks and during that time the liquor traffic made some headway. I have been busy and several cases will come up for trial at Blenheim to-morrow. I don't care to say anything about the cases yet but you can get all the facts if you attend the trial."

"I drove down to Shrewsbury last Tuesday night and got a colored man to row me across to Erieau and I reached there about the same time as the band concert train. I asked permission to search but was refused. Under the statute a constable on showing his badge has a right to search. On this account, a charge has been laid. When the boatman was rowing me back, he lost his way and we were for over an hour lost on the Eau."

"Yesterday I went back with a search warrant but I found nothing. I didn't expect to. There had been threats made and mobbing was talked of, so I went prepared for trouble. Three different men were invited to go with me but all refused, so I went alone. I was ready for hard usage but nothing happened. "While at the Eau, I interviewed the men at the coal hoist and warned them not to work on Sunday. I told them that if they ever attempted to labor on Sunday, legal proceedings would be taken at once. I wrote to Mr. Woollett some time ago and complained about boats being unloaded on Sunday and received a courteous reply to the effect that it wouldn't occur again."

Just then Conductor Sam Pierce called "All Aboard" and the train pulled out bearing Mr. Brown back to Blenheim.

Rev. Mr. Brown is a large powerful-looking man. He has a kindly twinkle about his eyes that attracts a stranger. His face has strong lines, showing force and determination.

### ELECT OFFICERS

J. F. Scott Chosen Grand Commander of the Colored Masons at Annual Convention.

Windsor, Aug. 18.—The annual convention of the grand lodge of colored Masons of Ontario was brought to a close in Windsor last evening. The reports from the different organizations showed that the order enjoyed a prosperous year both financially and by the addition of a number of new members. Last evening the uniformed Knights Templar of Chatham and Windsor paraded the street headed by the Detroit City Band, and afterwards at the curling rink there was an exhibition of drilling given by the Chatham and Windsor commanderies. A banquet followed the drill. The following officers have been elected by the different organizations: Provincial Commandery of Knights Templar—Eminent grand commander, J. L. Scott, Chatham; generalissimo, William Bloxton, Windsor; captain-general, J. L. Lightfoot, Hamilton; deputy grand commander, George Smith, Windsor; recorder, J. C. Richards, Chatham; treasurer, H. Weaver, Chatham.

Royal Arch Manassah—Grand high priest, J. L. Lightfoot, Hamilton; deputy grand, C. M. Cooper, Chatham; recorder, J. C. Richards, Chatham; treasurer, H. Weaver, Chatham. Blue lodge—Grand master, J. C. Richards, Chatham; deputy grand, G. B. Stewart, Windsor; secretary, D. B. Davis, Amherstburg; treasurer, Geo. Smith, Windsor; senior warden, Wm. Bloxton, Windsor; junior warden, J. Lightfoot, Hamilton; chaplain, Rev. R. Brady, Windsor; lecturer, J. F. Scott, Chatham.

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