

ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE TIMES YIELD RESULTS.

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THE WEATHER. S. W. winds, milder and shower tomorrow.

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MAY NOT ENGAGE FOR SOME DAYS.

Doubt Expressed as to Whether the Rival Fleets Will Meet Before Three Weeks--Comment of St. Petersburg and Tokio.

NEW YORK, April 10.—A St. Petersburg despatch to the Times says that naval experts consider that Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet must forthwith proceed toward Vladivostok, as any stoppage, even within territorial waters, would greatly increase the danger of torpedo attacks, and that it is thought that Admiral Togo will probably not choose to give battle until near the coast of Japan, and a great engagement is therefore not likely to take place for three weeks.

theory that the whole squadron has reached the China Sea. The Novoe Vremya highly commends the admiral for having safely accomplished the difficult task of bringing the squadron through, declaring the die is now cast. The House Gazette manifests undisguised pleasure at the scare in British shipping circles, and the flurry in insurance rates, produced by the sudden appearance of the Russian squadron of Singapore, after the British had convinced themselves that the squadron would never go to the Far East.

A Foolish Boast. "Japan" says the House Gazette, "now stands to lose the mastery of the sea, together with the fruits of her successes on land."

Tokio, April 10.—Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's second Pacific squadron has not been reported here since it passed Singapore. Its whereabouts and the plans of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky are subjects of the keenest general speculation. It is generally assumed that Vice Admiral Rojestvensky does not desire an immediate battle, and that he will attempt to reach Vladivostok, where there are docks and shops, or some base.

Sighted at Anchor. Singapore, Straits Settlements, April 10.—The latest information in regard to the Russian squadron, commanded by Rear Admiral Enquistok, which passed here Saturday afternoon, was brought here today by the British steamer Gregory Apar. The latter yesterday sighted the Russians twenty miles northeast of Manki, one of the Anambas group, about 150 miles northeast of Singapore. The Russians were at anchor when the Gregory Apar passed.

St. Petersburg Comment. St. Petersburg, April 10.—The outbreak of enthusiasm aroused in military and naval circles at the prospect of a sea fight, which may change the whole complexion of the war, finds no echo in the liberal press, which views with something akin to alarm, even the remote possibility of a turn of fortune, which would strengthen the government at home. The Chauvinistic organs, however, are filled with long articles discussing Admiral Rojestvensky's chances, but they are all based on the

HUMORS OF HISTORY---8.



Hadrian's Wall. A.D. 120. "Irritated and inconvenienced by the repeated ravages of the Picts and Scots, the Roman general Hadrian built his celebrated wall from the Solway to the North Sea, as a means for checking their forages."

THE CITY'S CLAIM SET FORTH.

Ald. Macrae Replies to the Contention of H. H. McLean, Relative to the Question of Street Railway Exemption, and Declares that the Company Claims More Than the Legislature Intended to Grant.

In a letter to the Sun this morning, H. H. McLean, stating "the street railway company's objections to the bill set up by the city claimed— (1) That it would take away from the company a valuable asset without compensation. (2) It would put on the company the Kniaz Souvaroff and that the division which passed Singapore Saturday, is in command of a rear admiral.

only be exempted from taxation in respect of its property used exclusively for railway purposes." "A decision of the supreme court of New Brunswick, had decided that the property of the street railway was exempt from taxes under the act of 1870, relieving the European and north American Railway Company and the property used in the running of trains, of all railway companies.

professed to be for the protection of the city against the street railway, and not for the benefit of the street railway. "The act of 1887 provided that the company should make, establish, alter and amend, with the sanction of the common council, rules and regulations for the good government of the railway and the cars and trains running thereon."

A Cordial Welcome. St. Petersburg, April 10.—12.40 a. m.—Mr. Meyer, the new American Ambassador to St. Petersburg made his first call yesterday on Foreign Minister Lamsdorf who extended an unusually cordial greeting.

A Quiet Sunday. Warsaw, April 9.—11 p. m.—The AMSTERDAM, Holland, April 10.—A despatch to the Handelsblad from Batavia, island of Java, says that a Russian squadron is near Muntok and that it is expected to arrive at Batavia today.

In a Bad Fix. St. Petersburg, April 10.—12.40 a. m.—Despatches from the caucuses paint the railway situation there in alarming colors. The authorities, it is reported, are afraid to run trains at night, lest they be wrecked. Striking section hands seize trains throughout the day.

News From Harbin. Harbin, Manchuria, April 10.—Information received at the Russian headquarters seems to definitely establish the fact that only Chinese bands, under the lead of Japanese officers, together with some Japanese cavalry, are operating westward toward Peking, their object evidently being to raid the railroad communications. There is however, a real turning movement eastward of

the river rising. Ice at Fredericton rapidly going to pieces. Fredericton, April 10.—(Special)—Harold McLennan, son of Wm. McLennan, janitor of the York Street school, has been appointed to a clerkship in the Fredericton Post Office, and went on duty this morning.

Revolutionists Active. New York, April 10.—A St. Petersburg despatch to the Herald says—"One of the women recently arrested on suspicion of being connected with the revolutionary movement, formerly inhabited a villa at the (Baskov) Zelo, and there lived a luxurious life, keeping several horses and carriages. A quantity of explosives were found in her house. Among them was a bomb which, according to documents discovered by the police, was to be thrown at the Dowager Empress when she went to the hospital, which she constantly visits. This bomb was to be thrown from a carriage. A resident of Warsaw, who is visiting St. Petersburg, says vigorous preparations are being made in that city for the revolution."

TO ENCOURAGE N. B. ORCHARDS.

Hon. Mr. Farris Outlines Government Policy and Secretary Peters Makes a Statement—Hon. Mr. Labilloy Urges Progressive Wheat Policy.

Fredericton, N. B., April 10.—The Agricultural Committee met this morning and discussed apple growing pretty thoroughly. The matter was introduced by Hon. Mr. Farris, who spoke of the illustration orchards. These orchards comprise two acres in some instances in others two orchards of one acre each are planted in a county. Last year orchards were started at Bouchette, Sussex, Jubilee, St. John, Waverly, Florenceville, New Jerusalem and Upper Sheffield. This spring it is the intention to set out orchards at Clair Station, St. Leonard's and New Denmark, Queensbury, North Yetaquoche, Chatham, Doaktown, Golden Grove and Chipman.

in setting out the orchards and caring for them afterwards. The owner of the ground enters into an agreement with the department for ten years and at the end of that time the orchard becomes his property, and he had whatever fruit is raised meantime. Hon. Mr. Farris also read a letter from John Doherty, proprietor of the Campbellton grist mill, in which Mr. Doherty stated that the statements made about his not catering to the public and not serving his customers right were not true.

A LIQUOR CASE.

Leo Smith Reported by Inspector Jones For Selling Without a License. Information has been laid against Leo Smith of Duke street, for selling liquor without a license.

IN SECRET SESSION

The City Council Met This Morning to Consider Water Extension Matters. A special and private meeting of the common council was held this morning.

POLICE REPORTS

A boy found on Mill street awaits an order for police headquarters. A bicycle wreck found on Charlotte street has been left at the central police station. The police report a dangerous hole in the sidewalk on Duke street, between Charlotte and German.

ST. JOHN BILLS AGAIN.

Civic Election Bill Recommended by Municipalities Committee—Telephone Bill Stands Over—Other Bills. Fredericton, April 10.—(Special)—The committee on Municipalities met this morning and dealt with a number of bills.

MINISTERS IN SESSION.

Methodist, Baptists and Presbyterians Held Their Weekly Meetings This Morning--The Work of the Week.

At the Methodist ministers' meeting this morning, Rev. C. W. Hamilton presided. Rev. T. Marshall conducted the devotional exercises. There was a good attendance and routine business was transacted. Interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Shaver, who is conducting evangelistic services at the Portland Methodist church, and Rev. A. J. Hickey Bell, who is conducting meetings in Carleton. They spoke encouragingly of the work and expressed their pleasure at being present at the meeting this morning. Rev. Dr. Wilson was at the meeting after an absence of two or three weeks' illness. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Chawer.

A discussion on young people's work was led by Rev. Mr. Colpitts. Reports from the Tabernacle and Brunswick St. churches showed that the meetings were largely attended and was expected much good would be done.

The Baptists. The Baptist ministers met in weekly session this morning. There was a good attendance and reports were read from the different churches.

The Presbyterians. The regular meeting of the St. John Presbyterian ministers was held in St. Andrew's church this morning. There were present, Revs. J. W. A. Nicholson, chairman, Dr. Potheringham, A. M. Hill, H. R. Read, A. A. Graham, A. H. Foster, W. S. Pritchard, and D. Lang.

The Times New Reporter.

VILLAINY EXPOSED. For some time past suspicious looking characters have been seen lurking around the street railway offices at the foot of Union street. They wore masks, and were only abroad at night. The street railway officials had their suspicions aroused, and have been on their guard. They also notified the police, and asked that an additional force be placed on that beat.

Chief Clark assured them that he would do the best he could, but on careful consideration of the number of beats and the number of men available for patrol duty, he found he could not spare more than half of an additional officer for the beat in question. Last evening three men were seen slouching along Smythe street, and lurking in dark places, and they were pounced upon by two street railway

watchmen and a policeman and a half until tomorrow. It is expected that an example will be made of these miscreants, who keep law-abiding citizens in a state of terror. It is said that the director of the street railway company have not enjoyed a night's rest for weeks past, being in constant dread that during the darkness the railway plant would be seized by masked aldermen and thrown into the harbor. It is even hinted that leading citizens are being taken out and thrown into a swamp. The directors of the street railway company are public benefactors, and if the city is saved from the ravages of unscrupulous aldermen and other persons it will be entirely due to the fact that there are in it a few noble and philanthropic street railway souls, who cheerfully lay aside their masks and bonds and rush to its defence.