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THE WEATHER. Fine tomorrow; not much frost.

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RUSSIAN BOMBAST

A Remarkable Manifesto Issued by the Government.

TO THE PEOPLE

The Czar Says He is Thinking Unceasingly of the Welfare of His People—The War "A Sacred Task."

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The outrage on the Grand Duke Sergius, who ardently loved the fraternal capital of the empire and who met his end amidst the sacred monuments of the Kremlin, deeply shocks the national feeling of everyone to whom the honor of the Russian name is dear, and his home, his dear, we humbly bear the trials sent us by Providence and derive strength and consolation from the firm trust in the grace which God has always shown to the Russian power and from the immense confidence which we know our loyal people entertain for the throne.

"With the help of the prayers of the Holy Orthodox church and under the banner of the autocratic might of the Emperors, Russia has bravely and unflinchingly met the trials of the past, and she will meet the trials of the future with the same firmness and courage. Nevertheless, the recent internal disorders and the instability of thought which they have favored, spread of the revolts and disturbances, make it our duty to remind all those in the government, institutions of their service oath, and to call upon them to display increased solicitude in the safeguarding of the law, order and security, in the conscientiousness of their moral responsibility as servants of the throne and of the fatherland."

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GREATEST BATTLE OF WAR.

General Oku's headquarters, February 23.—(Delayed in transmission.) The Russians have been very active for several days evidently expecting the Japanese to move. That portion of the Japanese force lying west of the railway, has been continuously bombarded night and day, with heavy guns, as well as field guns. The left wing, following the example of the extreme right, moved forward, driving in the outposts and occupying a line running from Shou-kun to Kalama, on the east bank of the Liao River, 12 miles north of the Shakhe River. This completely blocked any attempt the Russians to turn the Japanese left. It is probable that the commencement of a general battle is only a matter of hours. The Russians are spending the days heavily bombarding the Japanese lines and at night making small attacks on many points, sending out detachments of one or two companies. All the attacks are easily repulsed by the Japanese, who are suffering no serious loss.

**A Night Attack.** The most serious attack occurred last night when five companies of Russian infantry desperately assaulted Lamutai, which has been attacked a score of times since the battle on the Shakhe River. In a desperate fight, lasting one hour and a half, the Russians were repulsed. They left behind sixty dead and some prisoners.

A severe bombardment is continuing today, the Russians using machine guns and heavy guns with great effect. The Japanese replying lightly. The Japanese are preparing for a battle, likely to prove the battle of the war. Probably fully a million men will be engaged when the battle is joined.

The battle must be fought before the winter comes, making the roads impracticable for several weeks.

**Jap Troops Healthy.** The Japanese troops are in excellent health and spirits, despite the long winter of unaccustomed cold. The number being largely increased the last few days.

General Oku's Headquarters, March 3, 10 a. m., via Fusan, (delayed in transmission.)—The Japanese are swinging north, taking position. The main force with the troops this morning on the east bank of the river Hun, advancing under the cover of a heavy fire from Onchutan and neighboring villages, reaching a point one hundred metres from the Russian trenches. They are now holding the position awaiting a favorable opportunity to attack it.

**A Terrific Bombardment.** General Oku's Headquarters, via Fusan, March 3.—The Japanese this morning opened a terrific bombardment, along the entire line using enormous guns, the heaviest yet employed. The Japanese fire was directed against the Russian defences of the villages on both sides of the river and great damage was done. One hundred guns of all sizes took part in the bombardment. The Russian guns were quiet for the first time in months. Evidently they were unable to respond.

**Japs Make Great Gains.** General Kuruki's Headquarters, via Fusan, March 3.—The Japanese are progressing favorably for the Japanese.

Although a snowstorm is swirling over the hill tops, the gunners get glimpses of their targets only when the clouds lift a few moments.

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WILL FRAME NEW CLAUSE. Western Members Still Opposed to Educational Provisions in Autonomy Bill.

Ottawa, Ont., Mar. 3.—(Special.)—The northwest members were conferring together today on the educational clause of the autonomy bill. The more the subject is discussed by the western members the more firmly they are convinced that the original position they took was the best to pursue. They notified the government in the first instance that the present conditions in the Northwest in regard to education were the only ones which they could accept, but the bill goes very much farther. To settle all disputes upon this point the Northwest members will frame a clause and submit it to the government. It will embody what they will support and can defend. It will contain all that is now in existence in the Northwest territories and nothing more. This ought as far as the school system is concerned to be satisfactory. If there are those in the east who want to go very much farther, although maintaining that the clause as now framed merely gives what the people now have, the men from the west say at point at issue they will have nothing less. Until this is settled the crisis still hangs over the parliament buildings at Ottawa.

Some rays of hope are seen through the clouds at Ottawa.

The expansive smile on the countenance of our popular fellow citizen Mr. Jamieson Jones, this morning, was not due to the fact that he got a fifteen cent doll for six dollars at a tea fight, but is entirely the result of a proud consciousness of the blow he struck last night in the cause of better city government.

"Rents are going up," said a citizen this morning, "and taxes are going up. In fact it's all up with us." But just then he stepped on a hog's back on the sidewalk and he was all down.

Out in Chicago they are crediting an unusual display of Aurora Borealis to the spots on the sun. This is another Yankee outrage. The credit for the auroral display is entirely due to the reduction in the northern heavens of the streets of St. John. The Natural History Society and the Hen Club should have this matter set right at once.

A man who was found digging around a catch basin on Gormain street this morning was arrested and locked up.

Gen. Stoesel doubtless wishes himself back in Port Arthur, on a diet of biscuit and vodka. St. Petersburg society is giving him dinners.

It is not true that Wun Lung is detained in Rodney Hospital by an attack of influenza. The Quanguoy has the grip.

The ferry committee will send a party of exploration down to examine the foundations of the east side ferry building, if any of them re-appear.

A deputation from the Citizen's League waited upon the street department this morning, and enquired what steps were being taken to meet the effects of a thaw. The officials replied that they would wait and see. From present appearances, they said, winter might last all summer.

The farmers in Alberta are busy ploughing. No are the citizens of St. John.

The atmosphere at Ottawa, this week, was said to be "charged with electricity." Was it generated in Sparks street?

THE SPORTSMAN'S SHOW. W. L. Crighton Talks of the I. C. R. Exhibit at New York.

Among the passengers on the Boston express, to-day was W. L. Crighton, the advertising agent of the I. C. R. Mr. Crighton, who is always given the glad hand of welcome here, is on his return from the Sportsman's Show at New York.

While in the city, Mr. Crighton was interviewed by a Times reporter, and asked as to the showing made.

He says that the Canadian railways, the Intercolonial, Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific, make a brave showing. They occupy one entire end of the Madison Square Garden. This is the first experience of the Intercolonial Ry., at such a show, but judging from the amount of interest its exhibit has created, it should not be the last.

When asked the nature of the exhibit, Mr. Crighton remarked that it was the rule of the Gardens' directorate that the exhibit should be of a rustic nature as possible, and that the entire wall space of fifty by twenty feet, has a background of evergreens, on which are displayed large bromides of hunting and fishing scenes, heads of moose, caribou and deer, and the famous mounted salmon and trout, which won the gold medal at the St. Louis Exposition.

Perhaps the most interesting portion of the display is the live sea trout carried from the Barthelemy river, and carried successfully to New York.

D. G. Smith, the fishery commissioner for New Brunswick, also had a most artistic arrangement of parrot-bark casting.

The attendance at the Gardens have largely exceeded those of other years, and the class of people is just the kind the Intercolonial Ry. desire to reach.

D. A. R. steamer Yarmouth, arrived from Yarmouth N. S., She took the mails from Digby to the above place yesterday. The railway between Digby and Yarmouth is not opened yet. The steamer will go to Digby tomorrow.

**THE DEATH ROLL.** Chicago, March 3.—Dr. Walter S. Christopher, known widely as a specialist in children's diseases, is dead of heart failure at his home here, aged 46 years. He was a member of many medical societies and author of numerous pamphlets on medicine.

**FIRE AT SYDNEY.** Sydney, N. S., March 3.—(Special.)—The Sydney Mines cooperative store was totally destroyed by fire last night. The cause was traced to a lamp partially covered by insurance.

**ROOSEVELT'S DAY.** Washington, March 3.—Washington today is in readiness for tomorrow's inauguration of President Roosevelt. Thousands of people from almost every state in the union are pouring into Washington and the streets and hotels are crowded with strangers. All the plans of a small army of committees are complete, and the city is in holiday attire and all that is now needed is propitious weather.

**THE LIBERAL WON.** London, March 3.—The by-election yesterday in the Appley, or north division of Westmorland, due to the resignation of Richard Rigg, who seceded from the liberals on the fiscal question resulted in the return of Mr. Jones, the liberal, by a majority of 220.

Iron was the first metal to be discovered in America by white men, at the falls of Virginia in 1715.

SUSPECT SERVANT Of Having Given the Poison to Mrs. Stanford.

San Francisco, Mar. 3.—The "Call" publishes a despatch from Honolulu which says that Miss Bertha Bernice Stanford's California street home and her place at Palo Alto. As both they have found a one-pound can of imported bicarbonate of soda.

The can at the Palo Alto home had not been opened, but from the one discovered at the California street mansion there had been taken a small portion, presumably the amount needed to fill the small bottle that Mrs. Stanford carried with her to Honolulu.

Both of these cans have been analyzed by a local chemist, who has pronounced their contents absolutely free from any kind of poison. The detectives are now eager to discover who refilled the small bottle, and possibly mixed the bicarbonate of soda with strychnine.

**Bridge Is Not Down.** St. Petersburg, March 3.—According to semi-official notes, the manager of the Chinese Western Railway denies that the bridge between the Pass and Kalypas had been destroyed. The manager declares that traffic is uninterrupted.

**Almost at Mukden.** New Chung, March 2.—Noon, via Tien Tsai—Chinese from Mukden report that the Japanese have advanced almost to Mukden. The Russians having been reinforced have recaptured several positions out of which they had been driven. The battle is still raging.

**Will Fight It Out.** The Morrell and Sutherland Case Taken Up in Equity Court This Morning.

The Morrell & Sutherland case came before Judge Barker this morning on application by Gault, Brothers Co. for the appointment of a receiver and for directions as to the disposal of the assets.

John B. M. Baxter and J. Klug Kelly for Morrell & Sutherland and some general creditors reviewed the proceedings of Tuesday last, at the meeting of creditors when the chairman declared that the meeting for today of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Minnie Lint, formerly of this city. The remains are to be brought here for burial.

Charles Skidsa a well-known character of Lakeville Ormeo, Sunbury county, who acquired some local fame as a picker, fisherman, died yesterday, aged seventy.

Managers of branch banks will meet a committee from the city council this evening, to discuss the petition of the Peoples' Bank, asking for a reduction of taxation.

Ald. D. J. Stockford has filed his nomination papers as a candidate for Wellington ward.

The Sackville hockey team is to play the All-Preston Team in the Arctic rink, on March 10th.

R. Chestnut and Sons have established a factory here for the manufacture of canvas sashes. They have established agencies in Halifax, Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto. Already they have booked a large number of orders, including one from the Grand Trunk Pacific for twelve. It is claimed to be the only factory of the kind in Canada.

**HE IS RESPONSIBLE.** Coroner's Jury Decides That Loney Was Cause of Hockey Player's Death.

Alexandria, Ont. March 3.—(Special.)—The coroner's jury this morning brought in a verdict to hold Allan Loney responsible for the death of Alvin Laurin, in a hockey game at Maxville. The jury said the fatal blow was inflicted deliberately, and not in self defence. Loney is now under arrest.

**THE COUNTRY MARKET.** The meat and vegetable supply in the country markets, today was limited owing to the bad roads. The retail prices are as follows—turkey, 22c-24c; duck, \$1.50-2.00; chickens, 50c-51.50; geese, \$1.40-1.75; mutton, 20c; venison, 16c; pork, 14c-15c; western beef, 36c; lamb and mutton, 7c-14c; pork, 12c; dried beef, 10c; hams and bacon, 10c-12c; carrots, beets and parsnips, 30c; cabbage, 6c-15c; squash, 8c; potatoes, 20c; tomatoes, 30c; cucumbers, 20c; mushrooms, 48c per can; tub butter, 35c-20c; henry eggs, 35c.

The coal steamer Casca arrived this afternoon from Louisburg, N.S. She has on board a large number of tons of coal.

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