

TREND OF NEWS FROM THE FAR EAST SEEMS LESS ALARMING

Reported Advance of Japanese Is Unconfirmed.

SITUATION IN JAPAN QUIET

Foreign Office in Berlin Views the Situation as Less Grave—Reassuring Telegrams.

London, Oct. 13.—The trend of today's early information regarding the far eastern situation is less alarming. The Frankfurter Zeitung, whose sensational announcement of the occupation of Ma San Pho by Japan yesterday, occasioned disquiet today, publishes a telegram from Shanghai, saying there is no confirmation of the reported occupation of that place, adding that the Russo-Japanese negotiations at Tokyo concerning the evacuation of Manchuria give the impression that the political situation in Japan is quiet.

The Koelnische Zeitung also prints a reassuring telegram from St. Petersburg, repeating a telegram from Port Arthur, stating that Viceroy Alexieff has issued a contradiction of the reported movements of Japanese troops to Korea. The telegram adds that the reports circulated on the subject are evidently intended to serve the purpose of speculation and provoke disquiet.

A special dispatch from Rome says that forty-five Japanese officers who have been studying at the military academy of Modena and Bologna have been called to Japan by telegram and immediately started for Brindisi to embark for Japan.

The meeting of the British admirals at Singapore has no connection with any special tension at present existing in the far east. The meeting was announced as far back as August 25 for the purpose of enabling the commanders of the East Indian, China and Australian squadrons to confer with reference to a general scheme whereby the three squadrons can be fused in the event of necessity, instead of being confined, as heretofore, to the sphere definitely assigned to its jurisdiction.

It has been arranged that a similar conference shall be held annually.

LESS GRAVE.

Berlin, Oct. 13.—The Foreign Office here now looks upon the situation in the far east as being less grave. Both Japan and Russia appear to be willing to arrange a "modus vivendi" concerning Korea, which could be a preliminary step to a general agreement respecting the convention of 1900 was fully published.

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Mice Stole the Jewels.

Chicago, Oct. 13.—Mrs. Alice Simpson, of Louisville, occupied room 110 of the Victoria Hotel, when she spent a week in Chicago nearly three years ago. Two rings disappeared from her room, whither they had been carried by mice. The rings, one a diamond, and the other a sapphire, were valued at \$200. They will be forwarded to Mrs. Simpson.

BAD WEATHER AT SEA

Incoming Steamers Report Rough Usage For Three Days.

New York, N. Y., Oct. 13.—Incoming steamers report extremely severe weather during the past three days. Captains report the worst weather experienced on the coast in many years.

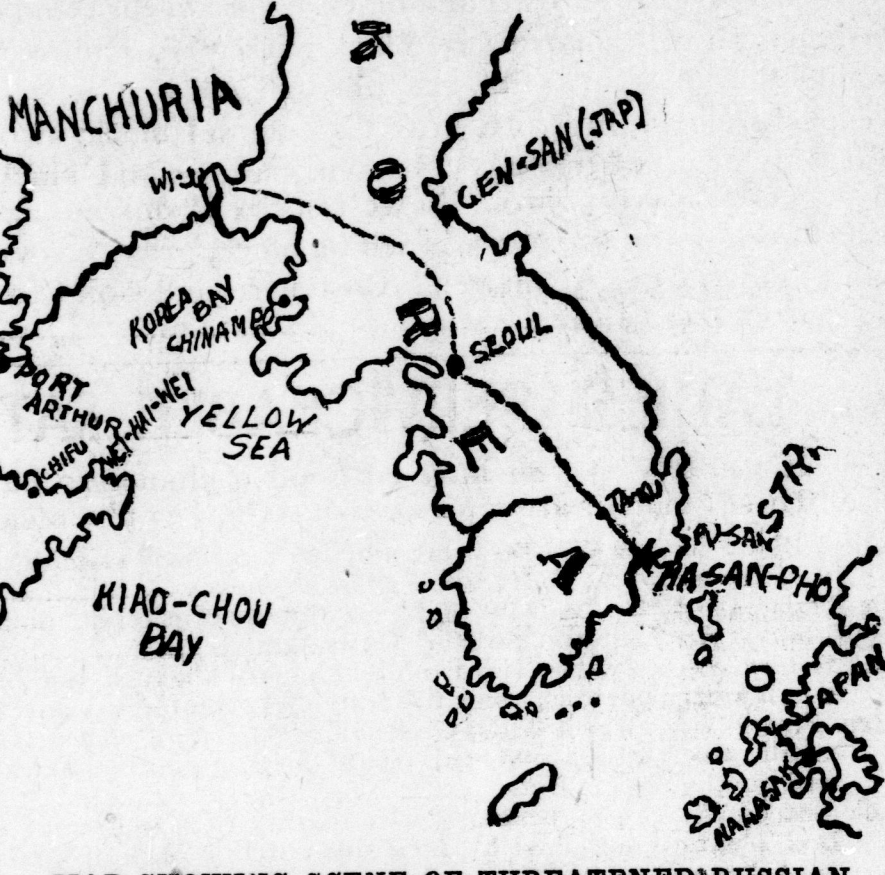
The City of Savannah came into port with a heavy list caused by her cargo shifting.

The Ward liner Niagara was damaged.

The Anchor Line steamer Victoria, from Mediterranean ports, lost one lifeboat and received other damage.

Capt. Johnson, of the City of Savannah, said it was the worst he ever encountered.

The Clyde liner Arapahoe arrived 26 hours late. During the heaviest of the storm she was hit. Her officers report much wreckage, and a derelict three-master off Northeast End light-ship.



MAP SHOWING SCENE OF THREATENED RUSSIAN-JAPANESE WAR.

MR. LYTLETON INDORSES JOE

New Colonial Secretary States His Position Regarding the Fiscal Change.

London, Oct. 13.—Colonial Secretary Lytton, issued an election address to his constituents at Warwick and Leamington this morning, in which he says he is in entire agreement with the fiscal change which Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain together advocate.

Mr. Lytton holds that the Government should be enabled to mitigate the inequality of foreign competition and to negotiate effectively for a reduction of foreign tariffs on British goods by having the power to impose taxation on foreign manufactures. The Colonial Secretary is convinced the empire should be further knit together by its various parts by preferential tariffs.

To secure closer ties with the colonies, involved a readjustment of the taxes on food, pecuniarily affecting the poorer classes, who should therefore, be distinctly understood that there is no proposal to impose preferential duties for the colonies without further reference to the electorate.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY COMMISSIONERS

Another Secret Session Held, But No Decision Has Been Reached.

London, Oct. 13.—The Alaskan boundary tribunal held another secret session this morning. Nothing of a public nature developed, except that when Lord Chief Justice Alverstone came out of the conference room he asked Secretary Tower to ascertain whether the original treaty was signed both in French and English. No explanation was given of the reason for this question. The commission adjourned until tomorrow without reaching a decision.

Lord Alverstone has telegraphed to Premier Laurier a formal denial of a newspaper statement, mentioned in the London Parliament yesterday to the effect that he (Lord Alverstone) had said that the United States had the stronger case in the Alaskan boundary question. The Lord Chief Justice says the report is "a complete fabrication."

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

Windsor City Council has voted to pay the mayor a salary of \$250 per year.

Dr. J. E. Campbell, of Montreal, has been appointed house surgeon at the new civic isolation hospital.

Hon. R. W. Scott was seized with faintness while speaking in the senate, and was unable to finish his speech.

The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of London, under command of the Earl of Denbigh, have reached Montreal.

Seven persons were killed and thirty-three wounded during a conflict between Clericals and Socialists at Bilbao, Spain.

It is believed that the visit of the Italian King to Paris will result in a treaty for the arbitration of international questions.

A strike is reported among the servant girls of the O. A. C. at Guelph, and it is said Chinese have taken the place of the strikers.

Four military prisoners at Alcatraz, Cal., have been released by the authorities on pardons which it is now discovered were forged.

Dr. W. P. Thickfield, corresponding secretary of the Methodist Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society, in delivering the opening address of the Evangelical Alliance, at Cincinnati, on Monday, charged that the outrages of negroes in the south were due to a chain gang prison system. The crimes for which negroes were lynched had no extension, but the law should take its course.

It is understood that Mr. Henry Atkinson, Quebec, has disposed of the Beauce and Chaudiere property to Messrs. H. R. Gooday & Co., for \$250,000. The property, which consists of about 225 miles, includes all mills, limits and private property.

Negotiations are stated to be in progress between the C. P. R. and the Algonquin Steamship Company looking to the reduction of the winter service from St. John, N. B., during the coming winter.

The lock on the Du Lieve River, Que., injured by the landslide of Sunday, was

DROPPED DEAD BY A COFFIN

Sudden Death of a New York Letter Carrier.

A WINDSOR GIRL POISONED

Two Sailors Drowned—An Attempted Suicide in Montreal—Other Casualties.

New York, Oct. 13.—The World today says: Johnson Chase Hull, the oldest letter carrier in New York, service, dropped dead while standing beside the coffin containing the body of his brother, William, in Brooklyn, yesterday. He died of a broken heart. Hull was 82 years old.

KILLED BY DYNAMITE.

Thierville, Pa., Oct. 13.—Adam Cupler, jun., president of the firm of A. Cupler, jun. & Co., manufacturers of nitro-glycerine and oil well supplies, was instantly killed in East Tiustville by the explosion of ten quarts of the explosive. The accident is supposed to have been caused by friction, due to leaking cans.

WINDSOR GIRL POISONED.

Windsor, Ont., Oct. 13.—Ida Patterson, the three year old daughter of Rev. Patterson, of Windsor, went to a convulsion, which lasted thirty minutes and died. She had opened a box of tablets which her mother had been taking during the past week, but how many she took is not known. Dr. Doyle was called, but the child was dead on his arrival. He examined the tablets and found that they contained strychnine, the child having taken a sufficient number to cause death.

KILLED BY CARS.

Georgetown, Ont., Oct. 13.—Miss M. Ferguson, about 24 years old, who was employed as a general servant for J. R. Lindsay, was struck and instantly killed last night by an eastbound express train while walking along the tracks west of here.

The body was taken this morning to Miss Ferguson's home at Shelburne for burial.

TWO SAILORS DROWNED.

Halifax, Oct. 13.—The Gloucester schooner, Bohemia, from The Banks, has arrived at North Sydney, and reported the loss of two of her crew, Charles Irving, and Donald Macdonald, of Burgeo, Nfld. They strayed from the vessel on Thursday while hauling trawls.

SUICIDE AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Oct. 13.—Daniel McDonald, aged 42, an employee of J. R. Booth, residing at 451 Rochester street, committed suicide Saturday by shooting himself while in his son's bedroom. Despondency is given as the cause of the act.

STREET CARS SMASHED.

Toronto, Oct. 12.—G. B. Smith, ex-M. P. of East York, while motoring on Yonge street, between the intersection of the street with the city hall, was miraculously escaped, but the motor car was badly crushed by the trolley.

Indemnity Has Run Out.

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—Yesterday was the last day covered by the members' indemnity. A member must be in attendance thirty days before he is entitled to have the \$1,200 indemnity placed to his credit. He can draw \$7 a day for every working day that he is in attendance, and for every day during which the House stands adjourned, but is charged \$10 for every day during which he is absent and the House is sitting. The \$1,500, at \$7 a day, and the \$1,200 indemnity have exhausted their indemnity, this being the 216th day of the session.

Confessed He Stole Milk.

Woodstock, Oct. 13.—At the police court here Fred Foster, a milk-draw and farmer of East Oxford, was charged with stealing milk from George Stephenson and Patrick Foster, two of the cheese factory patrons on Foster's route. Foster was watched as he drove up and took the cans, and seen to take milk out of those that he lifted on his wagon, and put it into his own cans. He entered a plea of guilty and sentence was reserved.

WEATHER BULLETIN

London, Tuesday, Oct. 13. Sun rises, 6:28 a.m. Moon rises, 11:27 p.m. Sun sets, 5:41 p.m. Moon sets, 1:18 p.m.

Toronto, Oct. 13.—Sun rises, 6:30 a.m. Moon rises, 11:29 p.m. Sun sets, 5:43 p.m. Moon sets, 1:20 p.m.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Kamloops, 40-50; Qu'Appelle, 38-56; Winnipeg, 44-58; Parry Sound, 36-50; Toronto, 46-60; Ottawa, 49-62; Montreal, 44-56; Quebec, 44-52; Halifax, 52-60.

Tomorrow—Fine and Warm.

Tuesday, Oct. 13.—5 a.m. Temperatures. Fair.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Fair.

Calgary. 34 34 Clear.

Winnipeg. 36 36 Clear.

Parry Sound. 30 36 Clear.

Ottawa. 46 42 Clear.

Montreal. 48 40 Clear.

Quebec. 48 40 Clear.

Port Arthur. 38 30 Cloudy.

Today and Wednesday—Moderate variable winds; fine and warm.

WEATHER NOTES.

The Atlantic storm is deepening south of Nova Scotia. The weather is fine in Ontario and Quebec, and also in Manitoba and the Territories. Prospects are favorable for fine weather throughout the Northwest.

Local temperatures: Monday—Highest, 67°; lowest, 31°.

ILLNESS OF SENATOR SCOTT

Was Overcome by Faintness While Addressing the Senate.

Ottawa, Oct. 13.—The debate on the Grand Trunk Pacific bill, which was commenced in the Senate last night, came to an abrupt conclusion owing to the indisposition of the Government leader, Hon. R. W. Scott. Mr. Scott had been speaking vigorously for an hour and a quarter, and considerable interruption, in support of the motion for the second reading of the bill, when he was obliged to desist and sit down.

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MR. CHAMBERLAIN PROSTRATED BY HIS OLD ENEMY, THE GOUT

But Hopes To Be Around for a Newcastle Engagement.

RITCHIE REPLIES TO CRITICS

Parnell Forgotten—Procession to the Glasnevin Cemetery Was Not a Success.

London, Oct. 13.—Joseph Chamberlain is confined to his bed at Highbury, his residence at Highbury, by a sharp attack of his old enemy, gout. He hopes, however, to have sufficiently recovered to keep his Newcastle engagement, Oct. 20.

RITCHIE REPLIES.

Mr. Ritchie, late Chancellor of the Exchequer, has written a letter in explanation of his recent speech. He says: "Mr. Chamberlain proposed the retention of the shilling grain tax in order that it might be remitted in favor of Canada. It was not to the retention of the tax that I objected, but to the introduction of a fundamental change of our fiscal policy involved by preferential treatment. May I add that when I spoke of possible difficulties between the U. S. and Canada, I was proceeding to say that the U. S. might punish Canada by refusing free entrance to her harbors of Canadian wheat for shipment to Great Britain if Canadian wheat enjoyed preference in our markets, but there was so much interruption that I was unable to complete my sentence. Doubtless it would have been better to use the word penalties, than punishment, but I think, had my sentence been completed, it would not have been open to objections which have been made to that portion of my speech."

PAARNELL FORGOTTEN.

The annual procession to Glasnevin cemetery yesterday in memory of the death of Charles Stewart Parnell was not a success. It consisted of two or three bands, three or four dozen "National Foresters" and less than 100 little boys and girls. No members of parliament nor of the Dublin corporation were present. Apparently the memory of Parnell has ceased to be honored by the Dublin Nationalists.

SERIOUS FLOODS IN ENGLAND.

London, Oct. 13.—The rain and flood situation in England shows no prospect of becoming more serious. There has been abatement of the down-pour in London, but the total rainfall is rapid and pouring rain. The rain is the highest since the meteorological office was established in 1866. Rivers are high everywhere and in many places have broken their banks, causing much trouble and interference with and great inconvenience has been caused in several towns by inundations. Acres of grain are under water in Yorkshire, and reports of general floods come from the north of England.

STIFLING SAND SHOWER

Peculiar Phenomena Seen at Sea by Officers of a Ship.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 13.—The officers of the British ship "Hesperus," arrived, report having witnessed a phenomenon while the vessel was about 300 miles off the African coast. One of the officers, Mr. J. H. G. Smith, a company were on deck, a light shower of sand began to fall. Within half an hour the air became so laden with the particles that it was difficult to distinguish objects a ship's length distant.

The sand was generally of a light composition, much of it drifting in the air currents. Some of it was heavy and fell upon the deck. So great was the quantity that the deck was covered about half an inch deep.

The shower continued for three days, and the atmosphere was so dense that the officers could not see the sea. One of the officers, Mr. J. H. G. Smith, said one of the "officers" had fallen on his back, and was unable to get up. He said about our own weather, "it was the most plausible explanation of the showers of sand came from the Sahara Desert, and was blown from the south by the trade winds. It is not the first time one ever came under my observation. Scientists state that these sand storms occur once in every three years, but why they occur at stated periods is not clear."

WAS WORTH \$750,000

Lost His Fortune in a Day and Died in Poorhouse.

Lockport, N. Y., Oct. 13.—With not a penny left of his once great fortune, and not one relative or friend to care for him at his death, Samuel Ostrander died at the Nassau County poorhouse yesterday.

He was one of the best known boatmen who traveled the Erie Canal in its palmy days, and at one time his wealth was rated at \$750,000. He made his fortune following the canal, and lost it in the same way. Thirty years ago he had the largest fleet of canal boats then owned by a single individual.

His reverses came about twenty years ago. His entire fleet was tied up in what is known as the Basin Ship, East River, New York. A drunken sailor set fire to the boats and he lost every one of them. Then he started drinking, became a mule driver instead of a captain, gradually losing all his money in one way or another. He had spent some of his money in every alcohol in New York State. The few relatives he had died years ago, and he will be buried in the potter's field.

HARCOURT AND THE MAIL

Hon. Richard Harcourt Denies Charges of the Tory Organ.

Toronto, Oct. 13.—Hon. Richard Harcourt, who had been at his home in Welland over Sunday, somewhat ill from a gripe, was seen by a reporter in regard to the sensational article in Saturday's Mail and Empire concerning private bill legislation and Niagara Falls. In effect, the Mail said that Mr. Harcourt had, upon the occasion of the third reading of a bill, moved the House into committee, and under cover of a seemingly clerical alteration in the wording of the bill, made changes which were alleged to have enabled the Canadian Niagara Falls Power Company to save a large sum in annual taxation.

"The statements in Saturday's Mail and Empire," said Mr. Harcourt, "are false and misleading in every important particular. As a rule, and I am always glad to acknowledge it, I have been very fairly and courteously treated by newspapers of all shades of politics. In this instance, the Mail has allowed some over-zealous member of its staff to disregard all well-recognized rules of fair and honest journalism."

Mr. Harcourt is supported by the solicitor of Stamford township in the statement that the township was interested in a suit which he brought against the administrators of the estate of the Trusts and Guarantee Company, Toronto.

\$5,000 FOR PAIR OF SOCKS

Judgment in the George W. Todd Case at Hamilton.

Hamilton, Oct. 13.—The first court case in connection with the estate of the old miser, George W. Todd, who died in the