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## JAPS DESTROY OR CAPTURE VLADIVOSTOCK SQUADRON.

London, March 9.—(Bulletin)—The Daily Telegraph publishes a despatch from Tokio, dated March 7, and saying: "It is reported that the Japanese fleet engaged the Russian Vladivostock squadron at sea yesterday. The result is not announced, but it is believed the Russian ships were destroyed or captured."

### NO DETAILS OF FIGHT YET RECEIVED BUT BENNET BURLEIGH'S STORY LIKELY MARQUIS ITO PROTECTOR OF KOREA

Means that the Peninsula Will Become Japanese Military Base and Source of Supplies.

London, March 9.—Far eastern despatches make no further mention of the Russian Vladivostock squadron has been engaged, and the Tokio correspondent (Bennet Burleigh) of The Daily Telegraph, cabling on the night of Tuesday, March 8, says: "No details have yet been received of the fight at Vladivostock."

The whereabouts of the Vladivostock squadron is still unknown, and it would appear quite likely that a naval battle has occurred, as every one places great faith in The Daily Telegraph's correspondent, Bennett Burleigh. The sending of Marquis Ito on a mission to Korea is regarded here as the most significant news of the day, and it is believed to indicate a virtual protectorate over Korea, which will become the Japanese military base and source of supplies. Marquis Ito enjoys a great prestige in Korea.

It is reported from Shanghai that Marquis Ito is preparing to remove his headquarters to Harbin, after having in vain ordered the Tartar general to dislodge the Chinese garrison at Mukden.

Port Arthur, March 8.—Vice-Admiral Makarov, who takes command of the Russian Pacific fleet, arrived here today and hoisted his flag on the cruiser Askold. His arrival has aroused great expectations among the Russian sailors, and he was given a triumphant reception by the people. He has already inspected the four merchantmen which have been brought into Port Arthur.



CAPTAIN REITZENSTEIN, Commander of the Vladivostock Squadron.

RUSSIA FEARS CHINESE.

Berlin, March 9.—The Tagessblatt this morning published a statement regarding the motives of Russia in protesting against the concentration of Chinese troops on the Manchuria frontier, and intimates that it originated with the Russian Embassy in Berlin. The communication says that the assumption that Russia was influenced by political motives such as cherishing designs on Chinese territory, in making this protest, is erroneous. Her motives were purely military.

Russia is convinced that she soon will overcome the Japanese; nevertheless she cannot permit the operations of troops, nor can she be threatened by disturbances, in her rear. The presence of Chinese troops on the Manchuria frontier, and the reports of their movements, are of a most alarming nature. The St. Petersburg government is fully convinced that China honestly intends to maintain a strict neutrality, but this concentration of troops would endanger such neutrality.

The Pekin government is not sure of its troops. Yuanshikai, the Chinese commander-in-chief, would hardly disobey orders, but it is different when it comes to subordinate soldiers. It must be remembered that the Chinese soldiers, who are already beginning to make trouble in Manchuria, are for the most part ex-Chinese soldiers, who deserted, often in entire regiments, and taking modern weapons and even cannon with them, began to lead a roving life in Manchuria.

If Chinese troops are now stationed on the frontier, there exists a danger that at some favorable opportunity they will desert and join the Chinese. This would make it necessary to detach Russian troops from the front to fight the marauders in the rear, consequently, Russia protests against the concentration of troops.

JAPS TO SEIZE NEWCHANG.

London, March 9.—In Shanghai it is believed that the Japanese will attempt the seizure of Newchang as soon as the ice clears. A correspondent of The Daily Express at Shanghai asserts that the Russians are throwing up a continuous line of earthworks at Kaping to Liayang.



THE TIGER: I bet he's mad enough to want to jump onto me—just to get even.

### Premier Can't Say if Bill Will Be Down Liberals Said To Be Hopelessly Split Up Caucus Told Details of License Reform

Proposition Outlined by World the Middle Road Which Government May Take.

Premier Ross was unable to say whether a liquor bill would be brought down this session, when the question was put to him during the last meeting of last night's caucus of the legislature. This grave admission caused a broad and significant smile to pass over the faces of the whole opposition, and when the full import was flashed across their minds there was a vigorous round of applause. When this subject was discussed by the members of the caucus joined in the merriment.

As the house was about to adjourn, Mr. Whitney reminded the premier that during the last week he had intimated that the liquor bill might be brought down towards the end of this week.

Could the premier say what day he expected to bring down his bill? The premier found the most vigorous opposition to anything of a radical nature being brought down. The premier was supported by only a small fraction of the caucus. His scheme was to abolish the bar and place the sale of liquor in stores under government control. This was the most drastic proposal of all, and there was much opposition to it.

Moved by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Gibson, the house do respectfully memorialize the government to grant a subsidy to the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway to the same extent as subsidies have been granted to other railways in the different provinces of Canada, and that the honorable the speaker of the assembly be authorized to transmit this memorial to the Right Honourable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of the Dominion government, for his early consideration.

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### AN OPPOSITION DAY.

The Conservatives showed fight in the legislature yesterday and took advantage of the rift in the government ranks to harass the premier whenever a favorable opportunity presented itself. When he tried to add the Algoma Central Railway, which means to rehabilitate the defunct Soo industries, was introduced, Mr. Whitney gave notice of intention to oppose the proposition with all the force at his command.

As the session closed Mr. Whitney drew from the premier the statement that he did not know whether the promised liquor bill would be introduced or not. The government caucus on this question seems to have been anything but a harmonious affair.

### LAST DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO RE-ENFORCE FORTUNES

How Mr. Whitney Describes Premier Ross' Bill to Aid Collapsed Soo Industries.

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### CITIZENS' MASS MEETING BACKS MOVE OF COUNCIL FOR A PENALTY CLAUSE

Ratepayers of Kingston Strongly Favor Passing of Bylaw to Buy Light Company.

### KEEN FOR MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

Average Cost to the Consumer Will Be Reduced From \$26 to \$6, It is Contended.

Kingston, March 8.—(Special)—An immense gathering of ratepayers assembled in the city hall tonight at a mass meeting called by Ald. Tor, chairman of the civic fire and light committee, to discuss the question of the acquisition of the plant of the Light, Heat and Power Company by the city. A majority of those present were property owners, who are primarily interested in the passage of the proposed bylaw.

From the feeling of the meeting, the passage of the bylaw is assured. Interest was intense all thru the meeting and each point brought out by the different speakers in favor of the municipalization of the plant was warmly applauded. Mayor Bell presided, and in a few words pointed out the necessity of the city acquiring the lighting plant, and expressed the hope that every property owner would support the bylaw. Senator Sullivan followed along the same line, showing how the municipalization of the waterworks plant had proved profitable to the citizens. He strongly endorsed the bylaw and counselled all present to support it.

City Could Make Money. Ex-Mayor Polson, who spoke, and strongly advocated acquiring the plant. He quoted figures to bear out his contention that the city would make money by taking over the plant. Ex-Mayor Gieskin spoke in much the same way, quoting figures to show that the company had made large profits out of the plant, and that the plant, under municipal control, could be a profitable investment for consumers.

Ex-Mayor Thompson pointed out that the new service would prove more profitable than had the acquisition of the waterworks plant. BY WHICH THE AVERAGE COST PER CONSUMER WAS REDUCED FROM \$26 TO \$6. Continued on Page 4.

### Paris Hats for Ladies.

Paris holds the whip in fashion's drive for world's patronage. Particularly in this regard, the ladies' spring wear. The Dineen Company has realized this and have specially imported for this spring an absolutely unique collection of new fashions which can only be seen in Paris, New York or London. If you desire a smart walking hat do not purchase Dineen Company.

### FIND AND COLDER.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 38-48; Calgary, 14-30; Qu'Appelle, 8-10; Winnipeg, 8 below-10; Port Arthur, 10-24; Parry Sound, 22-40; Toronto, 34-40; Ottawa, 24-30; Montreal, 36-38; Quebec, 28-32; Halifax, 30-42.

### DEATHS.

OLIVER—On March 8, 1904, William Oliver, in his 60th year. Funeral from his late residence, Agincourt, Thursday, the 10th inst., at 2 p.m., to St. Andrew's cemetery, Scarborough.

RATCLIFF—Entered into rest at the residence of his son, F. L. Ratcliff, 117 Main street, on Tuesday, March 8th, 1904, Rev. Frederick Ratcliff, in his 74th year. Funeral private, Thursday, March 10th, at 10 a.m., to Mount Pleasant cemetery, Peterboro and Dundas papers please copy.

TORRANS—On March 8, 1904, at 307 Sackville street, Jane Torrann, wife of John Torrann. Funeral from above address at 2:30 p.m., Friday, to the Necropolis. Buffalo papers please copy.

25c Briar Pipes for 10c. Alive Bolland. STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

### Mattress Factory Wrecked by Flames Employees Jumped to Save their Lives

One Man May Die as Result of \$100,000 Fire on Buchanan St. Yesterday Afternoon.

Flames, which spread rapidly, utterly destroyed the four-story factory building of D. W. Thompson & Co., cabinet, mattress and mattress manufacturers, on Buchanan street, yesterday afternoon, endangering the safety of employees, some of whom jumped for their lives, resulting in serious injuries to one, and later impelling the flames from one building to another. The factory includes two buildings, one of which is the office, the other three. In the former are the offices, show rooms and flagging rooms, with what is called the wire room in the basement. An explosion of the boiler there is said to have caused the fire, and the slight delay on the part of employees in trying to extinguish the blaze with and before calling for the fire department gave the flames a start. When the men met gave the flames a start. When the men met gave the flames a start.

Rescue of Tossell. W. A. Irwin was employed in the office on the main floor, and it was he who pulled the box at Haver and Toronto streets.

Fire Down Hotel Rope. By this time, most of the fire employees had safely made their escape, and when the flames and smoke were pouring from the windows of the top story, the fire department arrived. The store of their adventures.

J. B. McLeod Appointed. At a meeting of the Ontario cabinet yesterday afternoon, J. B. McLeod, formerly of Georgetown but now of Toronto, was appointed to the office of solicitor to the treasury, made vacant by the resignation of Frank Ford, who will resume the practice of law. The salary will be \$2,000, the same as Mr. Ford received. Mr. McLeod will take up his duties at once. He is a nephew of John B. Barber, M.L.A. for Hallowell. J. B. McLeod is about 34 years of age.

Edwards, Morgan & Co., 26 Wellington Street, East, Toronto. Edwards & Morgan, 48 Ontario Life Building, Winnipeg, Chartered Accountants.

CONFEDERATION LIFE. The association issues a contract called the Guaranteed Dividend Policy, which is issued at ordinary rates, but contains guaranteed results at the end of the period. Write for particulars.

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Nothing but the best at Thomas'. Verdict for Defendant. Woodstock, March 8.—In the case of Coventry v. Butler, the jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

### Plighting the Flames.

A general alarm was sounded in the engine works at the fire station. The fire was tremendous, and the fence on the north side of the street was ignited several times. A 30-foot extension ladder of the fire department was used to reach the top of the building.

### Loss About \$100,000.

Manager F. J. Smyth places the loss to building and contents at about \$100,000, upon which there is \$50,000 insurance. Continued on Page 4.

### PERTH CASE POSTPONED.

The motion of the Canadian Electric and Water Power Company of Perth, scheduled to come up at Osgoode Hall this morning, will probably not be heard, because the interested parties had not had time to prepare their case. This is the suit wherein it is charged that the attempt is being made to block municipalization of a competing electric company at Perth.

### AS NAVAL RESERVES.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, March 8.—Lord Brassey, speaking in the house of lords on the naval reserves, urged the importance of training the reserve men in the Maritime Provinces. In Canada, Newfoundland and even in Australia, a good number of recruits to any extent.

### The ISLE OF SPICE

Practical Successful Business Men See Siche.

### THE IMPERIAL LIFE.

An Imperial partnership policy enables a firm to protect itself against financial loss through the death of a partner, and when the policy matures it increases its capital by the full value of the policy.

### A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The Confederation Life Association's annual report for 1903, just published, shows that the association had a most successful year.

### Radnor at night.

Frederick James Radnor, president of the Knox Church, 630 St. James' Cathedral, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

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