## No Word of The Elections

**Premier Laurier Admonishes His** Followers to Enjoy a Holiday.

Vouchsafes No Hint of Intention as to Appeal to the People.

Printing Bureau Still Works Overtime on the Voters Lists.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Aug. 11.—Government supporters have bade good-bye to the capital without receiving any definite hint whether there is to be a final season of the present parliament or an appeal to the electorate this fall. When Sir Wilfrid himself was asked what could be said to his following in the matter, he merely advised them to take a good holiday, adding he intended by this remark it is left to the members themselves to determine. Two months ago the common impression on all hands was that there would be a general election this fall and both parties alike were laying plans for a campaign. Since then uncertainty has gathered around the question till none would care to stake much either way. In the meantime the printing bureau is working overtime on woters lists The final cabinet meeting before the ministers disperse for the holidays will be held tomorrow.

Major Moodie of the Mounted Police, who spent last winter and spring in Hudson bay, asserts that there is nothing to prevent properly constructed vessels from navigating to ports thereon aften the early part of June to the middle of October.

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St. Louis, Aug. 11.—Light Opera and Doeskin were the winning favorites at the fair grounds today.

BALTIC FLEET PREPARING. Kronstadt, Aug. 11.—Admiral Birileff, in command of the naval forces here today ordered Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, commander of the Baltic fleet, and his staff to take up their headquarters on board the battleship Souvaroff and to be in readiness to sail August 14th.

THE JAPANESE ADVANCE.

Liaoyang, Aug. 9.—(Delayed in Transmission.)—A correspondent of the Associated Press who has just returned from Anping, 13 miles east of Liaoyang, says the Japanese are occupying Houtsiatze, about 14 miles west of Liaoyang. They are not advancing but are carefully reconnoitering within a mile of Anping. Two strong Japanese columns afe reported to be hurrying forward, one towards Mukden and the other in the direction of Yantai coal miles.

HIS GRACE OF LANCASTER. Marienbad, Aug. 11.—King Edward, whe is traveling incognito as the Duke of Lancaster, arrived at 5 o'clock this evening, accompanied by his suite. The reception at the railway station was purely informal, only Count Monsdorff, the Austrian ambassador to Great Britain; Sir R. F. Plunkett, the British ambassador to Austria, and the municipal officials being present. His Mapesty and Ambassador Plunkett drove in an automobile to the Hotel Weimer.

YOUNGHUSBAND'S COLUMN.

Lhassa, Thibet, Aug. 5.—(Delayed in Transmission.)—Colonel Younghusband, head of the British mission, today returned the ambab's ceremonial visit. He urged the appointment of delegates for peace, at the same time intimating that every day's delay would increase the indemnity by the British. No attempt has yet been made by the Thibetans to

WASH \$52 A DAY IN GOLD.

FIGHTING FOREST FIRES. Great Ravage Caused by Flames

St. John's, Nid., Aug. 11.—The ravages of forest fires along the outskirts of St. John's continues this evening and threaten the section in which the asylum, containing 800 patients, is situated. A force of police, with a detachment of bluejackets from the British craiser Charybdis and the French warship Trout, have gone to the scene in an endeavor to prevent the fire from destroying the asylum and other buildings. Railroad trains are unable to the pass the forests.

Russian Anxiety Is Unrelieved

Stuation of Port Arthur Squad ron Still an Unknown Quantity.

**Despatch Received From Officer** of Battleship Czarevitch Adds to Mystery.

# THE JAPANESE FOLLOW THE FLEEING RUSSIANS

Boarding Party Captures Escaped Torpedo Boat in Chefoo Harbor And Tow Their Prize Away In Spite of Protest.

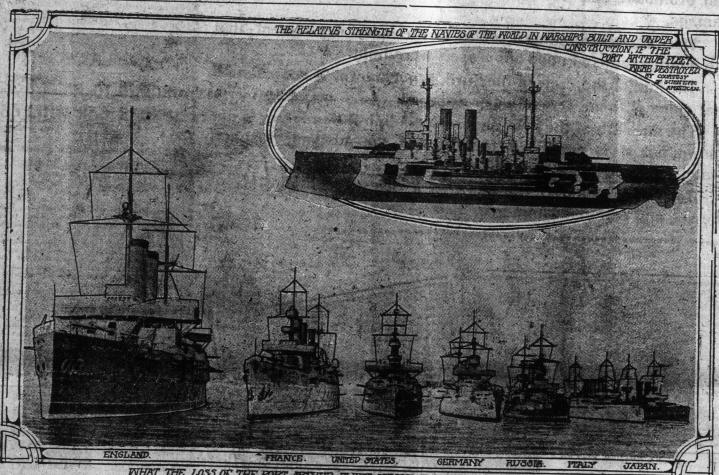
Chefoe, Aug. 12 (9.20 a.m.)—The Russian protected cruisers Askold and Novik and one torpedo boat destroyer entered the Klauchau bay last night (Thursday) and exchanged selutes with the German vessels.

Chefoo, Aug. 12.—Two large Japanese torpedo boat destroyers, which have been hovering outside the harbor, entered under cover of darkness last night, showing no lights, and anchored a quarter of a mile from the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Rieshitelni, which had been moved to a permanent anchorage. The Japanese officers said they would depart at daylight. It is understood that the Chinese admiral discovered the presence of the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers and presented the same demands that he had earlier given to the Russian destroyer

A boarding party from the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers boarded the dismantled Russian torpedo boa A boarding party from the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers boarded the dismantied Russian torpedo boat Reishitelni this morning at 3:30 o'clock. The Japanese discharged their small arms and during the fighting a Russian was wounded in one of his legs. Daybreak showed a third Japanese destroyer towing the Rieshitelni out of the harbor and all disappeared. The Japanese consul claims that the Japanese ships were ignorant of the dismantling of the Reishitelni. An Associated Press correspondent, however, informed the Japanese naval officers of the fact when he visited the two Japanese destroyers at 2:30 o'clock.

Wednesday is said to have been chosen for the escape of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur because the Japan-fleet was then exhausted by the constant bombardment of the two previous fights.

Taku mountain, near Port Arthur, which was taken by the Japanese Monday night, was recaptured by the



Fort Worth, Texas, Aug. 10.—The state Populist convention met here to-day. Dr. Pat. Clark was nominated for

AGAIN MUCH FIRING. Chefoo, Aug. 10.—Admiral Sah, of the Chinese imperial navy, arrived here tonight from the Miaotao islands. He says the firing on Monday night was at Port Arthur and was heavy all night long. Further firing, according to the admiral, was heard this afternoon.

Stockyard Strike As Far Off Adjustment as on the First Day.

RUSSIANS AT MUKDEN.

London, Aug. 11.—A correspondent of the Daily Mail who visited Sinmintin, which is on neutral Chinese territory about thirty miles west of Mukden, cables the following under date of Aug. 10: "There is an enormous garrison at Mukden, reinforcements having arrived rapidly. There are no Japanese north of the city. A force of some strength lies twenty-five miles south and there is another Japanese army five miles east of Liaoyang. I learn from a reliable source that the main Russian army has fallen back on Chiutsu."

## Forest Fires Rage In the Kootenays

he Unusualy Long Dry Spell Causes Great Losses in the Interior.

Flumes and Trams Burnt and Prospectors Driven in By Flames.

Nelson, B. C., Aug. 11.—Forest fire are playing havoc all over the Kootenays. Six hundred feet of waterworks flume, convering water from White Water creek, has been burned and the fires are rating over other sections of it and the fires are rating over other sections of it and the fires are rating over other sections of it and the fires are rating over other sections of it and the fires are rating over other sections of it and the fires are rating over other sections of it is an interior of the fire of the fires in the mountains, which, they declare, prevail in a number of sections. Reports from Camborne say that large reported that the tramway of the John linch has been destroyed and also the upper portion of the tramway of the John linch has been destroyed. The old and the new bunk houses at the Eva mine have been destroyed, inflicting about \$1,500 damage. The provincial subscrites are are caused by the unusually long dry spell.

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No Nearer A Settlement

Efforts at Concillation By Some Retail Dealers Falls of Results.

Strikers Will Now Invoke the Law Against Unlawful Combinations.

Chicago, Aug. 11.-The stockyards

strike seems no nearer a settlement than it did the day it began. The efforts of

a committee composed of retail butchers and grocers to bring about a confernce between the packers and the strike eaders was of no avail today. At the end of the meeting the following statement was given out by the committee of business men: "We were informed that considering all that had passed and present conditions no good reason existed why any further conferences with the

## The Northern Salmon P

Approximate Returns Bro By the Danube-Seaso Nearly Over.

Rescued Lone Man in a **Boat Near Chatham Pol** -Relic of Lamorna.

(From Thursday's Daaily.)

The C. P. R. steamer Danube ed from Northern British Colports at 1 o'clock yesterday mo in addition to a number of passe the Danube brought 2,360 cases empty cans from the Inverness nery for the Beaver cannery or Fraser river.

The Danube sails tonight for Coola, Surf inlet and other Britis lumbia ports. The Danube sails tonight for Coola, Surf inlet and other Britis lumbia ports.

The Northern Trader brought q budget of news. First, she has of the pack of the canneries upcoast. The returns are not combut the following figures are apmately correct:

Rivers inlet — Wadham's, 28 Brunswick, 13,000; Rivers inlet nery, 20,000 Good Hope, 19,000. Skeena river—Oceanic, 16,000; ton, 15,000; Cunnigham's, 12,000 verness, 12,000; Balmoral, 23,000.

The packs are not complete yethe bulk of the business in the appears to be over for the year. On her trip up the coast the Davertook a sailboat with a man oname of Sullivan in her. The boar sighted off Chatham point. A sbreeze was blowing and as the steapproached the ballast in the shifted and her stern went a water. Sullivan was thrown out, supported himself in the water rescued by a boat hastily put out the Danube. The sailboat was in tow and beached at a nearby is where Sullivan also was landed. was very grateful for the assist rendered him and offered a rewhich was, however, declined thanks.

thanks.

The Danube brought down a rel the lost Lamorna in the shape of a stan spar belonging to her. It picked up at the entrance to M kahtla harbor about three weeks having drifted hundreds of miles the supposed scene of the wreck. spar was turned over to Capt. Gar Among the passengers for this were: F. Hall and wife, C. W. ford, M. P. P., A. Whiteside an Flewin

THE ISLANDER WRECK. Salvage People Think They Will

According to the Vancouver p there are fairly good prospects of Islander being raised to the surf Islander being raised to the surf Some passengers on the steamer ture, which has reached the Term City, talked with the people wor on this undertaking. The Islander in 52 fathoms of water and the psure on the diving apparatus is at 126 pounds to the square inch. Sh five miles from the spot where sh believed to have foundered, and is a rocky bottom. The method of rai the vessel to be employed contempl the use of two barges to which ship will be attached by divers at water, and as the water rises the bar and the Islander, will be towed cle to the shore. The operation will repeated until the submerged vesse brought up near the shore on a sa beach. So far the work has been of siderably hampered and delayed stormy weather.

COLLIDED WITH WHALE, Tacoma Tug Mixed Up With a Black Body.

The crew of the Tacoma Tug & B Company's tug Favorite believe whale, which has been an object of terest along the water front for wee has a sick feeling in the pit of his st ach as the result of a collision in wh the Favorite and the whale figured the chief performers. The Favorite at full speed into the whale at 1 o'cl Friday morning, just west of Brow point, across the bay. The big m ster was caught "amidships," so speak, and the Favorite's crew belie that if the animal is ever captured the mark will be found on his side. I collision was not premeditated. If favorite was towing the schooner Ire into the harbor, having picked her just east of Dash point, to which po she had sailed clear from the Strai. The tug and her tow were skippialong at the rate of about eight mian hour toward the dock, and had jurounded Brown's point, when the gineer heard three bells in frantic secsion. Before he could reverse the engine the tug had plunged, headinto the whale, which had risen out the water just in front of the vess The big, black hulk disappeared beneat the surface immediately after the clision. The iron on the stem of the vavorite was slightly bent by the mi lompany's tug Favorite whale, which has been an the olg, black hulk disappeared benea the surface immediately after the clision. The iron on the stem of the arorite was slightly bent by the minup, showing the force with which to two came together, and those on boa believe the whale must be injured.—T coma News.

TO SAVE THE PENELOPE.

Capt. Grant, of Victoria, spent sor time here the first of the week, returning from a trip to East Clallam, sa the Port Angeles Times. Capt. Grants manager of the company owning the feet of sealing vessels to which the longed the schooner Penelope, which was put high and dry on the bean near East Clallam by one of he winter's storms. After a careful inspection of the schooner where she sits the rocks, Capt. Grant decided the she could be saved, and accordingly a coutract for putting her into the water to J. Q. Winthrow, of East Clam. Mr. Winthrow thinks he can put the vessel into the water with but litt if any, damage.

The Ryde Regatta.

Ryde, Isle of Wight, Aug. 11.—T American schooner-yacht Ingomar, though she crossed the finish line fir the race for the Ryde town cup at t Royal Victoria Yacht Club Regat failed to save her handicap and t prize was awarded to the Terese, whi came in sixth. SOLACE AIDS BRITISH SHIP

Sights Brodnick Castle in Distress

olulu, Aug. 11 .- The United State Honolula, Aug. 11.—The United Star steamship Solace arrived here toda from Manila. She reports having me the British steamship Brodnick Cast from Iquique for Honolula, in latitu 20 degrees 38 minutes, longitude 178 degrees, in distress. She was short of previsions and her chronometer was broke The Solace gave the British ship in reckonings and supplied her with a chronometer and provisions.

A MYSTERIOUS CASE.

Nice, Aug. 11.—The body of an American seaman was found in the harbor Villefranche today. There were wound on the scalp and four stabs in the eye The autopsy showed it was a case murder. The corpse had been five day in the water. The American vice co sul has not yet been able to identify it victim. The squadron consisting of the Olympia. Cleveland and Baltimore saile from Villefranche August 7th for Smy na.