

JAPANESE COLUMN SEEN NORTHEAST OF SINGHAI.

Movements of Rojestvensky's Fleet Depend Upon Getting an Abundant Supply of Coal.

Russian Proclamations Describing the Japanese Worse Than the Locusts of Egypt.

Russian Prelate Exhorting the Peasants to Rise Up Against the Educated Class.

St. Petersburg cable says: Another duel between the two opposing armies in Manchuria may be on the programme for the coming week. The Russians, according to a Harbin correspondent, are now strongly fortifying their positions at Sipinghai, against which the Japanese are reported to be gathering in force.

Equally important news is that a column of Japanese is moving against Kirin, perhaps with the intention of striking at the Vladivostok line of communication, with the double purpose of isolating the fortress and separating Gen. Liavitch's army from a valuable base of supplies, the Usuri district.

The number of Chinese bandits is constantly augmenting. Chinese continue to report that Field Marshal Oyama has issued proclamations fixing the date for the occupation of Harbin as April 10, but this prediction seems apparently improbable of fulfillment.

WAITING FOR COAL.

Rojestvensky's Fleet Will Go to Meet the Third Division if He Gets Fuel. A Paris cable despatch says: Admiral Rojestvensky, in the course of an authorized interview with a Matin correspondent at the Island of Nozi, near Madagascar, said that the future movements of the squadron depended on the arrival of coal and military developments.

The slow arrival of colliers becomes a serious question when a fleet consists of sixty warships. It is abundantly clear that the third division of the fleet is waiting for coal.

Admiral Rojestvensky received a telegraphic summary of the decision of the International Commission of inquiry into the North Sea incident, and said: "I am glad the admirals approved of my conduct, but owing to doubts concerning the incident I shall always retain a certain measure of moral responsibility."

RELIGIOUS UPRISING.

Press Condemns Fanatical Appeal of the Metropolitan of St. Petersburg. A St. Petersburg cable despatch says: In view of the peasant agitation throughout the country, some of the newspapers are seriously alarmed at the effect of the recent pastoral address of the Metropolitan of St. Petersburg, M. Antonius, as being a direct incitement to the peasants to begin a war of extermination against the entire educated class and the papers are demanding that the Metropolitan and the clergy be held responsible.

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The Emperor accordingly directs the Governor-General, while lawfully and firmly suppressing artificially supported disturbances, to proceed to the elaboration of the reforms necessary for the prosperity of Poland.

TALK OF PEACE.

Strong Party at Russian Court Working Energetically. A London cable: Peace talk continues to fill columns in the London morning newspapers, but no unassailable fact can be discovered in the multitude of reports.

PEACE CONGRESS.

Not Approved of—Russian Ministry Opposed to Peace Just Now. A New York reports: A cable from London says that the suggestion that an international congress might be called to arrange the Russian-Japanese terms of peace finds no favor at the Foreign Office, there where a full settlement between the belligerents without the interference of other powers, is much preferred.

A St. Petersburg cable despatch says: There was no further peace news to-day. All eyes are centered on Washington and Paris, where the movements are anticipated. The Washington despatches are scanned with especial eagerness. The reports of President Roosevelt's conversations with Minister Takahira and Ambassador Jusserand and Von Speck Sternburg, in spite of official denials are believed in diplomatic circles here to relate to the opening of negotiations.

Petersburg has issued the following: "Notwithstanding the general opinion in favor of the conclusion of the war, Russia has not proposed any peace conditions nor prepared any such conditions."

HOCKEY PLAYER ACQUITTED.

Allan Loney Found Not Guilty of Manslaughter. A Cornwall, Ont., report says: Allan Loney, the Maxville hockey player, was to-night acquitted of the charge of manslaughter, arising out of the killing of Alcide Laurin in a hockey match. Loney was given his liberty.

LOAN SNAPPED UP.

A London cable: The portion of the Japanese loan of \$150,000,000 allotted to London was well oversubscribed within an hour of the time of the opening of the banks to-day. For one hour before the doors opened throngs crowded the vicinity of the issuing houses, and throughout the morning a steady flood of applicants, among whom were many women, flocked to the banks.

ANXIOUS FOR PEACE.

But Preparations for War Go On—Commissioner at Work. A St. Petersburg cable: Russia's attitude was described to-day by a prominent diplomat as follows: "The government is now for peace, but continues to prepare for war."

CANADIAN SOCIETY OFFICERS.

Annual Meeting is Held at the Hotel Astor in New York. New York, April 3.—The annual meeting of the Canadian Society of New York, which was held at the Hotel Astor, brought together a large number of members. There was considerable friendly rivalry among the candidate and their supporters for the various offices, and the result of the balloting was not decided until a late hour.

BILLIARDS IN LIONS' DEN.

The Wise Beasts Roared When a Weak Stroke Was Made. London, April 3.—The Daily Chronicle publishes the following: Lions may legally be kept in captivity, they may be made to go through various antics for the entertainment of music hall audiences, but it is a refinement of cruelty to make them sit out an amateur billiard match at close quarters, as two of them were compelled to do at the Euston Theatre Varieties.

HANDS OFF NIAGARA RIVER.

No More Diversion of Water Should Be Permitted. New York, April 3.—The executive committee of the Merchants' Association, which has been investigating bills now pending before the Legislature to permit the diversion by corporations of the Niagara River, to-day passed the following resolution: "Resolved, that in the opinion of the Merchants' Association no further present diversion of the waters of the Niagara River should be permitted; that an amendment to the constitution of this State limiting such further diversion be at once prepared and submitted to the Legislature for action, and that there be also submitted to the Legislature a committee of the United States move for a treaty with Great Britain for international limitation of the further diversion of the waters of the Niagara River."

ELMIRA REFORMATORY ON FIRE.

Patients in the Hospital Removed to Place of Safety. Elmira, N. Y., April 3.—A disastrous fire of unknown origin broke out in the Elmira reformatory at 12:30 o'clock this morning, and in an hour's time the flames, fanned by a brisk east wind, had entirely enveloped this building and an adjoining building to the east. The hospital, tailor shop, shoe shop and chief engineers' office were burning.

ATTEMPTED MURDER IN ORFORD.

Percy McIntyre, Who is Probably Insane, Tried to Kill George M. Eastlake. A Ridgeway report: What might have ended in a tragedy was narrowly averted yesterday just after dinner on the farm of George M. Eastlake, a well-known Orford farmer. An Englishman named Percy McIntyre, about thirty years of age, had been employed by Mr. Eastlake last summer, walked in and proceeded towards the barn, but was stopped by Mr. Eastlake, who ordered him off the place.

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THE SACRED HORSE HAIR.

Shall the Judicial Wig be Abolished?

The Question Agitates B. C. Legal Circles.

Justice Martin Opposed to its Abolition.

Victoria, B. C., April 3.—One of the show features of life in the British Columbia capital, which never fails to interest while it excites the satirical comment of American visitors, is threatened with its death blow in an amendment of the Supreme Court Act, which have been given notice by Stuart Henderson, himself a lawyer and representing the constituency of Yale in the Provincial Legislature. This amendment proposes harshly, rudely and unqualifiedly that the wearing of wigs by Judges, barristers or Registrars should be prohibited.

OATH IS DISREGARDED.

Atheism in West Responsible for Perjury in Courts. Winnipeg, April 3.—Considerable alarm has been created in judicial circles over the number of instances in which it has been suspected that perjury has been committed by witnesses in cases before the courts recently.

CHAMPION OF THE WIG.

Mr. Justice Martin (a former Hamiltonian) is violently opposed to the amendment, and his written to the Attorney-General, setting forth that the amendment is ultra vires. In his letter to the Attorney-General he professes to personally eliminate the wig from the profession of the Bench and a reflection upon the proposer.

ARCTIC EXPLORERS' END.

The Baron Toll Expedition is Given Up as Lost. London, April 3.—The final meeting publishes the following from St. Petersburg: The North Pole Commission has officially declared that the expedition under Baron Toll to the new Siberian Islands in the Arctic Ocean has ended with the death of all the members of the party.

ALEXANDRA AT GIBRALTAR.

First Visit of British Queen to Famous Rock. Gibraltar, April 3.—The British royal yacht Victoria and Albert, with Queen Alexandra and party on board, entered the bay here to-day, amid the thunder of salutes from the Atlantic fleet, all the vessels of which were dressed with flags and manned with cheering blue-jackets. This is the first time a Queen of Great Britain has visited Gibraltar in the history of the famous rock.

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went to Higgate and got a constable, who brought him here and locked him up. When asked what his intentions were he said he was going to burn the barn, but thought it was a shame to burn all the cattle. Then when Eastlake ordered him from the place he made up his mind he would kill him instead. He was given a hearing before G. A. Watson, J. P., here this afternoon, who sent him up for trial.

The general opinion is that McIntyre is insane. He claimed he did not know either Eastlake or Speares to-day. He has been in Windsor and Chatham of late, and has caused considerable trouble in both places. He was taken to Chatham to-night.

HIS DONKEY KOUROPATKIN.

It is Declared to be a Danger to the State. London, April 3.—The Daily Chronicle publishes the following from Berlin: A learned donkey in a circus at Warsaw has been declared to be a danger to the State. The clown in the circus puts this animal through certain military exercises. When the clown cries "Forward!" the donkey proceeds backwards, and the more energetically the clown insists on the donkey advancing the more persistently are the donkey's movements towards the rear.

WHEAT FIELDS FAILING.

United States Farmers Must Change Their Methods. Washington, April 3.—"Our great wheat fields along the northern border are refusing to grow wheat," said James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, to-day, "and unless the American farmers change their method of growing this product there will be a large increase in the price of breadstuffs. The evil day cannot long be postponed, notwithstanding the farmers grow thirty. Last year the American wheat crop was sickly and this indicates that the land refuses to grow wheat any longer on a profitable basis. In order to save the wheat fields of the United States we have sent an expert to the northern legumes which will grow in cold climates."

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BLAME THE GERMAN CAPTAIN.

Inquiry Into the Albanian-Parisian Collision.

Capt. Johnson's Evidence Corroborated by Others.

Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick Blamed the Albanian.

Halifax, April 3.—After Agent Parsons, of the marine department had overruled the objection taken by counsel acting for the owners of the German steamer Albano, that Captain Kudenholtz, being foreign and holding a foreign certificate, the court had no jurisdiction in his case, the inquiry into the collision of the Parisian and Albano was resumed this afternoon.

Captain Johnston, of the Parisian, testified that he obtained a captain's certificate in 1874, and had held the position of captain for thirty-one years. This was his first voyage on the Parisian. He had been to sea for forty years in the employ of the Albano Line.

When off Halifax harbor, near the automatic buoy, on Saturday afternoon last, he saw a pilot boat. The steamer slowed down to take the pilot aboard. The pilot boat had come alongside near the starboard bow. Just about that time a steamer steamed past, which later on proved to be the Albano. As the line was about to be passed to the pilot the Albano came steaming up very close to the ship. He saw that there was danger and telegraphed orders to the engineer to send the Parisian full speed ahead.

Shortly before this the Albano had given three blasts from her whistle, which signified that she was going full speed astern. Soon after the Albano struck the Parisian on the starboard quarter, cutting a hole twenty feet deep by three feet across, the opening being near the jigger-mast.

Nothing further throwing light on the accident was elicited. The captain's evidence was corroborated in the same terms by the first and third officers, who were on duty at the time of the collision. The most interesting witness of the day was Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick, Cambridge professor, who positively asserted that the German steamer was to blame for the collision. He had offered to give evidence because he wanted justice done. He created some amusement by stating that Captain Johnston shouted from the bridge to the approaching Albano, "Where are you going?" adding that the captain used in addition language that was very strong, which Dr. Kirkpatrick would charitably characterize as nautical language, but the captain of the Albano did not make a reply. Dr. Kirkpatrick was pressed to repeat the "nautical language" used by Captain Johnston, but firmly declined, and the court sustained him. The inquiry will be resumed to-morrow.

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