

I. PROULX DANGEROUSLY ILL.

Plantagenet, Ont., July 28.—Iddore Proulx, M. P. for Prescott, is dangerously ill at his home here with bowel trouble. His constitution was greatly weakened by an operation a few months ago in which his leg had to be amputated for gangrene and the outcome is doubtful.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Thelma Fractional, Imperial Fractional and Donbri Fractional mineral claims, situate in the Victoria Mining Division of Seymour and Sonoma Districts.

Where located: Mount Sicker in Seymour and Sonoma Districts.

Take notice that The Tye Copper Company, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. 85200, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificates of Improvement.

Dated this 11th day of July, A. D. 1904.

CLERMONT LIVINGSTON,

Attorney-in-Fact for The Tye Copper Company, Limited.

NOTICE.

Is hereby given that on days after date, the undersigned intends to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following tract of land situated in Renfrew District (containing about 100 acres) lying between the North and South Forks of the West 60 chains, thence South to shore line, thence following shore line to point of commencement.

July 19, 1904. CHARLES A. VERNON.

TAKE NOTICE THAT 60 days after date

I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands at Bella Coola: Commencing at a point marked 1. Simister's S. E. corner, thence north 11 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence South to shore line, thence following the shore east to point of commencement; containing 22 acres more or less.

J. SIMISTER.

Bella Coola, June 1, 1904.

WEAK MEN CURED.

Our Modern Treatment has completely revolutionized the old methods. We want every man to know that we can cure every man who is weak, no matter how long he has been so.

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Armed Refusal Against Russia

Reparation Must Be Made For the Affronts to British Flag.

All Manoeuvres and Leaves of Absence Have Been Cancelled.

London, July 28.—England may undertake armed reprisals against Russia if satisfactory reparation is not immediately made for the several affronts placed upon the British flag by the Russian and Japanese.

How thoroughly in earnest the government was shown when it became known last night that all manœuvres and leaves of absence had been cancelled.

Orders issued to the several squadrons had been withdrawn and that in their stead fleet commanders had been directed to retain their present stations pending orders.

Not only is this so, but orders have been issued cancelling all leaves of absence and it is stated in naval circles that officers and men on leave have been notified to report back to their stations forthwith.

Both the home and channel fleets are fitted for active service and could sail within twelve hours should the necessity arise.

The London Daily Express states that it has excellent reasons for stating that the latest note sent by Great Britain to Russia is not couched in the usual diplomatic language, but is a peremptory demand for immediate reparation for all slights placed upon the British flag by Russia.

It is also stated that Russia is warned that a repetition of the Knight Commander affair will be followed by immediate reprisals on the part of Great Britain.

The British government is sending instructions to Sir Chas. Hardinge, the British ambassador to Russia, today to energetically protest against the sinking of the Russian steamer Knight Commander by the Russian Vladivostok squadron.

Until the presentation of the note to the Russian government the greatest secrecy will be maintained and his colleagues have decided to demand that the fullest reparation shall be made by Russia or measures will be taken to follow up the diplomatic demands.

The British note Sir Chas. Hardinge will submit will not mention the amount of indemnity Russia must pay the owners of the ship and British subjects having goods on board the vessel, but all that will be sought will be the establishment of the principle of indemnity and apology. A salute of the British flag must also be conceded and the future protection of neutral shipping assured.

The attitude of the British government is the result of the thorough consideration given to the reports received from Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister at Tokyo, and the attention of international law authorities by legal experts. A despatch from Sir Claude MacDonald confirms the report that the Knight Commander had no contraband of war on board.

The government and all the British authorities, it is asserted, unite on the point that there was no justification for the sinking of the vessel.

It is felt in government circles that the Knight Commander incident overshadows the Red Sea seizures, which have failed to settle the question of the rights of neutral commerce.

AFFECTED BY WAR RUMORS.

American Dealings Show Influence of Reports From Front.

New York, July 28.—Today's stock market turned to a large extent on the Anglo-Russian relations and was a striking demonstration of how large an influence the same cause had in yesterday's market. Not only securities but also all other speculative markets responded promptly to the brighter outlook in the relations between the two powers.

Grain markets here relaxed in spite of the rumormongering of unfavorable news in the spring wheat region. Sterling exchange reacted decidedly from the gold market, and the pound rose.

York regained rather more than they lost yesterday. London bought back from her fully much as was sold yesterday and this buying was the main factor in holding the early advance, on which there was some retreating, and consequently half in the upward tendency.

But buying of all the prominent stocks was especially noticeable as the market advanced and the bears were routed and driven to cover.

Bear covering was especially in evidence in the Metropolitan Traction stocks. A standing argument of the bears in these stocks has been the assertion that heavy state holding had been liquidated to settle the estate of a recently deceased millionaire.

The publication of schedules of the estate revealed only nominal holdings in these stocks.

This was assigned as the cause of the reaction to the sinking of the Knight Commander. The States Steel preferred was not among the strongest stocks today, although it was one of the nearest sufferers yesterday.

It was strong, however, and was helped by reports of an improvement in demand for pig iron. Reports of a threatened further curtailment in the output of anthracite did not prevent the coalers from surging in the day's strength with Reading as one of the leaders of the advance.

The upward impulse of the market was renewed in the late trading in the expectation that the London market tomorrow would take stocks at the higher level. The trading became dull at the last, but the closing was firm, and only slightly below the best.

Bonds were firm. Total sales, par value, \$2,145,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

POWER OF MODERN GUNS.

One of the foremost authorities on gunnery, John F. Meigs, tells much that is of interest in the Iron and Steel Number of the Scientific American.

Among other things Mr. Meigs says: "Six-inch guns, which used to weigh 12,000 pounds, now weigh 35,000 to 20,000 pounds. The weight of the projectile of these guns has not increased and has remained always 100 pounds, but the velocity at which the projectile leaves the gun has increased from about 2,500 feet per second to from 3,000 to 3,500 feet per second, in consequence of a three or four fold increase in the charge of powder. It may be argued that this change—that is, the constantly increasing weight of guns of a given caliber—is not a wise one. The great care and attention bestowed upon the convenient and accurate moving of the gun, however, can be nothing but an improvement. The growth and progress of change in artillery construction sometimes seems arbitrary—seems somewhat like the arbitrary change of fashions in dress. The guns of the future will be larger, heavier, and more powerful. We are now re-shaping, or perhaps more correctly, re-fashioning in artillery of three hundred years ago. There are, of course, many respects in which the modern weapon has a great advantage over the earlier suc-

It is made of stronger steel, and concentric hoops are surmounted together, whereby the power of the gun to resist internal pressure is materially increased. But perhaps in no place is the advantage more marked than in the better mount or carriage of the present time. These are far better adapted to the use they are to be made, and the consequence is that the guns may be much more rapidly and safely fired."

THE DOMINION FAIR.

Winnipeg, July 27.—It is estimated that 10,000 visitors are in the city for the Dominion exhibition, which is now in full swing. Today about 15,000 people attended. At 1:30 the stockmen's luncheon took place and the stockmen attended in great numbers. They were addressed by Hon. Sydney Fisher.

TARIFF TINKERING.

The president of a leading cotton company today received a letter from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, stating that in view of the gravity of the situation affected by the cotton industry, the government had decided that the question of further tariff tinkering should only be decided by a commission and that it had been decided to appoint one at the close of the present session of parliament.

The remains of the late Mrs. Nossie, wife of Consul General Nossie, of Java, arrived in England yesterday.

At 11:30, this morning, and were taken to Mount Royal cemetery, where they were buried.

Woodstock, Ont., July 27.—His Honor Judge Pinel, of Oxford county, has been appointed chairman of the arbitration commission to deal with the dispute between the Great Northern Railway Company and the telegraphers.

OFFICE FACTORY BURNS.

Three Rivers, Que., July 28.—Girard & Gobe's office factory was completely destroyed by fire last night. The loss is between \$20,000 and \$40,000 with little insurance.

UNDER JAPANESE CONTROL.

New Chwang, July 28.—Takayama, the Japanese administrator of New Chwang, has arrived here and has issued a notification to the population that New Chwang and Yinkow are now under Japanese control and that lives and property will be protected.

THE BRITISH P. & O. STEAMSHIP MALACCA.

FROM NEW ZEALAND.

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A General Attack On Port Arthur

The Latest Despatches From Shanghai and Yokohama State That An Assault Is Now In Progress.

London, July 29.—Special despatches from Shanghai and Yokohama report that a general attack upon Port Arthur has begun.

A report that Gen. Kuropatkin is wounded, seems to have originated at Tientsin, but is not confirmed.

SHERIFF REFUSES TO ACT.

Raid on Chicago Bookmakers Ordered by Jury Does Not Take Place.

Chicago, July 28.—Relying on the advice of his attorneys, Sheriff Barrett will take no action against the race tracks in Cook county. The claim was made by Sheriff Barrett should be made on the tracks at the instigation of the jurors, and if later it should be found that they had overstepped their powers, his bondsmen would be liable for any damages that might be brought by the owners of the tracks. In the opinion of Sheriff Barrett's attorneys, the Russian minister's council, on the legal effect that would be a similar request by one or more individuals.

RUSSIAN SHIPS SLIP OUT.

Chefoo, July 28, 7 p. m.—Chinese refugees who left Port Arthur 36 hours ago say that three large warships have left that port. The Chinese cannot have the name or type of vessels. It is impossible to confirm this story.

A Well Planned Midnight Assault.

Oku Shelled Russians All Day and Delivered Attack at Night.

One Position After the Other Quickly Taken at Bayonets Point.

Tokio, July 27, 3 p. m.—In a daring night attack against a Russian force estimated at five divisions, with one hundred guns, General Oku drove the enemy from their line of defence south of Tachekiao.

Advancing on Sunday, General Oku found a superior force confronting him and that a heavy artillery was on the enemy's side. He checked his men. He then decided to attack at night. This was successful. The Japanese troops pushed the Russians into retreat. The Japanese had eight hundred casualties.

The Japanese army fought and won a separate action on Friday, July 22nd, at Hanking, losing 31 men. The Russians lost fourteen dead.

The Japanese began the advance against the Russian positions south of Tachekiao on Saturday, July 23rd. On this date the vanguard occupied positions in the vicinity of Chichikiao, to the southeast of Tachekiao, developing the positions and strength of the enemy. The Russian line was through the line south of Tachekiao, extending almost the east and west of the line. The position of the army was fortified. The strongest points were at Taping mountain, to the southeast of Tachekiao, and here the heaviest force had assembled. The Russians had two battalions of artillery posted near Chichikiao, due south of Tachekiao and ahead of the main line.

The Japanese deployed to the westward from Chichikiao, and, confronting the Russian line east of the road, advanced early Sunday morning, reached a bluff less than two miles from Taping mountain. In the afternoon the Russian batteries on the heights shelled the advancing line. The strength of the Russians gradually developed. General Oku decided on a five divisions and one hundred guns, night assault. Two divisions of Russian troops were sent to the assault. General Oku took the precaution to engage this force with artillery. The Russians replied similarly, the fire on Thursday it gave way before an ocean

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office.

July 30 to 31, 1904.

The atmosphere was generally clear, with a few clouds in the morning.