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All persons having claims against the estate of Arthur Robinson, who died on 16th February, 1904, are required, before the 12th June, 1904, to send to the undersigned administratrix full particulars of their claims, duly verified, and the nature of any securities held by them. After said 12th June, 1904, I will proceed to distribute the assets of said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which I shall then have notice, and I will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person notice of whose claim shall not have been received by me at the time of such distribution.

Dated 11th March, 1904.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 80 acres of hay meadow land, situated at Cheyacut and designated Lot 330, Group 1, Cariboo District.

Dated this 31st day of March, 1904.

F. C. COPELAND,
Alexis Creek, B. C.

NOTICE.

Notice is given hereby that 60 days after date I shall apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 40 acres of land, more or less, situate about three miles southeast of Hazelton, B. C., and described as follows: Commencing at a post on the northwest corner of the Indian Reserve No. 3 (Twitsk), thence north 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, following the meanderings of the Bulkley river, thence west 20 chains to point of commencement.

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DESPERATE VALOR OF JAP TROOPS

Compelled to Face Determined Sorties by the Russians, and Have Lost Several Hundred Men.

St. Petersburg, May 23.—It is reported that Foreign Minister Lamsdorff has received a message from the Russian consul at Chefoo saying that the Japanese had made a land attack on Port Arthur, and that in doing so they lost fifteen thousand men killed or wounded. The Russian loss is placed at 2,000 men. The ultimate outcome of the righting is not stated.

Change of Plans.

London, May 24.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Yinkow says: "A Japanese third army is mobilizing at Hiroshima. A change in the Japanese plans, arrived at from the naval disaster, involves the utilizing of the second army for the reduction of Port Arthur and, therefore, the first army is entrenching at Feng Huang Cheng."

The Morning Post's Shanghai correspondent says it is reported that the Russians are removing stores and provisions to Harbin and that 100 locomotives and 800 cars are collected at Liao Yang in readiness to convey passengers and goods. Therefore, he says, the conclusion is that the Russians are preparing to retreat.

A Rumor.

Paris, May 24.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Matin says: "It is persistently rumored that the Vladivostock squadron has captured three cruisers bought by the Japanese from Chili."

Natives as Targets.

Berlin, May 23.—A correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung writing from Harbin under date of April 15th gives striking illustrations of the conditions of the Russian army and the relations existing between the Russians and the Chinese. He says that two officers, Lieut.-Col. Korlinsky and Staff Captain Ignotowitch, are in Harbin prison waiting the carrying out of sentences of death imposed upon them for selling large supplies of gunpowder to the Chinese from the army depots. The officers charged the Chinese $25 per 36 pounds, but their supplies running low they filled the boxes partly with sand and placed a layer of gunpowder on top, at the same time they raised the price to $50. The Chinese merchants incensed at the swindle caused the matter to be made known in higher quarters, and a watch was set resulting in the detection of the officers in the act of selling gunpowder to Russian intermediaries.

By similar means the robber bands are well supplied with the most modern rifles and plenty of ammunition. Although it is proposed to sell arms to the Chinese, it is well known that every native village possess a regular arsenal containing the best repeating rifles, including many of the German model of 1900. The robber bands have grown bolder and more active than ever.

Within a few weeks of the date of this letter a band numbering as many as two thousand men attacked a well guarded railway station. The Russians asserted that they positively recognized Japanese officers in command of the assailants.

Continuing, the correspondent says that ferocious bitterness prevails throughout the Chinese population against the Russians. He then relates the following incidents in explanation thereof. After saying that the Russian settlers regarded the natives as being far lower than dogs, the correspondents says, Russian officers assured him that the peasant settlers tested their new rifles by taking a native as a target. "One engineer with whom I travelled," he asserts, "did not salute a well known officer because the latter had shot down eight of the engineer's best laborers in mere wantonness. His complaint remained unanswered."

As a consequence of such conditions, the correspondent asserts in conclusion, the entire laboring population are longing for the moment when they may dare to fall upon their tormentors.

London, May 24.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Shimonoseki, Japan, cabling under to-day's date asserts that active preparations are in progress for the reduction of Port Arthur, and that these preparations will be entrusted to a carefully chosen force of veterans forming part of the third army corps. Very heavy artillery, the correspondent says, is being landed on the Laio Tung peninsula.

The Daily Telegraph's Newchwang correspondent declares that Gen. Kouropatkin is determined to check the Japanese advance at Liao Yang, where probably the greatest battle of the war will be fought. He adds that the Japanese land operations against Port Arthur are meeting with little success, and that Lt.-Gen. Stoessel and Major-Gen. Fock continue to make well directed but desperate sorties against the advance of the Japanese, who are fighting with stubborn determination almost unknown in history. Several hundred Japanese have been killed during the past few days. Japanese reinforcements are arriving daily from Pitsewo, according to this correspondent.

Included in a score of rumors is one sent by the Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post to the effect that the Russians have been defeated near Kinchou, abandoning fifty guns, and that Gen. Kouropatkin has been advised by Viceroy Alexieff to retreat to Harbin.

MASSING ANOTHER ARMY.

Part of Japanese Force Has Already Landed at Taku Shan—Cossacks in Korea.

Seoul, May 24.—4.30 p.m.—The Japanese authorities have stopped all traffic at Yongampho, and none but government craft are allowed to ascend the river, which, since the occupation of the Manchurian shore by Japan, has been open. The measures taken are similar to those adopted at Chinnampho prior to the landing of the second Japanese army on the Liao Tung peninsula. The Yalu river is now presumably the rendezvous of the third army or independent force, part of which has been already landed at Taku Shan.

A body of Cossacks, 1,000 strong, is now reported near the port of Song Cheng, 350 of whom separated at Kiiju, proceeding southwest through the mountains.

The Korean governor of the province of Ham Yang, always a Russophile, but now evidently intimidated by the constant appearance of Cossacks, has advised the prefect of Kyong to prepare supplies of wheat, fowls and eggs for 1,600 Cossacks, whose arrival is expected, and other coast magistrates are instructed to follow suit.

Thirty engineers have returned from the north, having completed the survey of the Wiju railroad from Seoul to Ping Yang.

The Emperor of Korea is so well pleased at the reported bravery of garrisons located throughout the north that he desires to send them 200,000 yen worth of military stores. They had been previously ordered to subsist upon the country, and this sudden outburst of generosity is probably due to the war ministry's desire to effect an enormous squeeze of the public purse.

AT NEWCHWANG.

Russian Force Holds the City, Where Everything Is Quiet.

Newchwang, May 24 (midnight).—A fair force is now patrolling the city with a field battery at the forts. It is unusually quiet here, with no exciting rumors of any nature. An efficient staff of native runners are unable to obtain any inkling of the Japanese movements, and the Russians positively will not discuss their plans since the situation at Mukden is apt to change them at any time.

Many vessels are arriving and departing for Shanghai, Hongkong and other southern ports, with bean cakes and other products, the Russians exercising no supervision over inward or outward cargoes.

NOT CONFIRMED.

Newchwang Says Jap Force Was Wiped Out By Russian Artillery.

Liao Yang, May 25.—Gen. Kouropatkin has just returned from a tour of inspection of the Russian camps with the general health of which he is greatly pleased.

A report has been received from Newchwang saying that on May 18th five battalions of Japanese troops reconnoitered to the south, almost as far as Kinchou, and ran into Major-Gen. Fock's artillery, which was strongly posted on the heights in a narrow section of the Liao Tung peninsula, and that the Japanese were entirely wiped out. The report lacks confirmation.

LANDING EVERY DAY.

Japanese Debarking at Taku Shan and It is Believed Fighting is in Progress.

Chefoo, May 25.—2 p.m.—Chinese arriving from Taku Shan, a port lying southwest of Antung, report the landing of 6,000 Japanese troops at Taku Shan on the 21st instant. Another junk from Pitsewo reports that the Japanese are landing a small number of troops there every day, and are building temporary barracks on Elliott island, where a hundred ships, including men-of-war and transports, have made a rendezvous.

Only small skirmishes are reported along the western shore of the Liao Tung peninsula on the 22nd inst.

Heavy firing was heard in the direction of Port Arthur yesterday, indicating that a land attack had commenced, as the Japanese fleet is not to be seen off Port Arthur.

Dalny refugees say that Gen. Stoessel has taken all the cash from the Port Arthur and Dalny banks, so that the depositors are unable to cash cheques.

There are two Taku Shans in the Liao Tung peninsula. One lies about 40 miles westward of Antung and the other is situated midway between Pitsewo and Talienwan bay. The latter is the point at which the Japanese have been landing their troops, and is evidently the one referred to above.

RUSSIANS IN POSSESSION.

Guns and Troops Removed to Forts at Newchwang.

Chefoo, May 25.—12.30 p.m.—Four Japanese cruisers and a fleet of torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers passed midway between Port Arthur and the Liao Tao Islands at 4 o'clock this morning, but no sound of firing have yet been heard.

The Russians again have removed their guns and troops to the forts at Newchwang.

DRIVEN BACK.

Japs Repulsed While Attempting to Turn the Russian Flank.

St Petersburg, May 25.—The following dispatch from Gen. Kouropatkin to the Emperor, dated May 23rd, has been received:

"Our cavalry outposts on May 22nd and 23rd observed a movement of a portion of the Japanese forces westwardly along the Hai Cheng road near the village of Dallandiaputse, six miles from Feng Huang Cheng.

"On May 21st, a Japanese detachment, consisting of six companies of infantry and three squadrons of cavalry, attacked some sotnias of Cossacks on the heights of the right bank of the Sedzi river near the village of Poouteikha. When the movement began the Japanese cavalry remained under cover, and the infantry, which declined to cross the valley, maintained at a distance a harmless fire without sparing ammunition. A small party, unsupported, tried to cross the river for the purpose of turning our left flank, but was driven back by the charge of half a sotnia of Cossacks and the fire of the sotnia occupying the heights. Towards evening, the Japanese retreated. Our losses were ten Cossacks wounded.

"Details of the engagement on May 20th and 21st at Sithoutchindza have not yet been ascertained."

JAPS ADVANCING.

Several Columns in Motion, But Bulk of Army is Near Feng Huang Cheng.

Mukden, May 25.—11 p.m.—According to information obtainable the Japanese have resumed their forward movement. Several columns are advancing, though the bulk of the invading army is still near Feng Huang Cheng.

There are persistent reports of a bloody battle having taken place between the Japanese army advancing along the railway from Paulantien and the Russians near Kinchou, Liao Tung peninsula, resulting in the defeat of the Japanese with great loss.

Small parties of Japanese scouts have been seen northeast of Mukden at a considerable distance, but no important body of the enemy has been located in this vicinity.

THE SINKING OF CRUISER.

Nearly Three Hundred Perished When the Yoshino Foundered After Collision.

Tokio, May 25.—Of the complement of the protected cruiser Yoshino, sunk recently in collision with the cruiser Kasuga, 63 non-commissioned officers and 220 bluejackets were drowned and 48 non-commissioned officers and men were rescued.

No details of the disaster have as yet been received. The navy department is awaiting a detailed report of the loss of the battleship Hatsuse, destroyed by coming in contact with a mine while cruising off Port Arthur on the morning of May 15th, which it expects hourly. A naval constructor has been dispatched by the department to question the survivors of the catastrophe, and make a thorough and technical investigation into the affair.

PREPARING FOR MOVE.

Important Events Are Believed to Be Imminent at the Front.

St. Petersburg, May 25.—2.25 p.m.—There are indications that Gen. Kouropatkin is preparing to make a very important movement against the enemy. One reason for this belief is the restrictions imposed on the war correspondents at the front.

The prevailing belief here is that Gen. Kuroki is in difficulties.

JAPANESE SHOT.

Were Making For Port Arthur With Intention of Dynamiting Docks.

Liao Yang, May 24.—The Chinese report the destruction of another Japanese battleship off Port Arthur, but the report is unconfirmed.

Several Japanese who landed from junks near Port Arthur and started toward the town with the intention of dynamiting the docks were captured and shot.

The Russian wounded are recovering rapidly.

JAPS AND DALNY.

Mine Fields, Which Prevent Extensive Naval Movements, Delayed Occupation.

London, May 25.—The correspondent of the Times on board the new steamer Raimun, under date of May 24th, says he understands that the restrictions of his movements will be removed May 30th. He says he hears that the delay in the Japanese occupation of Dalny arises from the intricate nature of the mine fields, which prevent adequate naval co-operation.

The trebling of the Japanese bases of invasion, the correspondent says, has necessitated the redistribution of the fleet.

RUSSIA'S REQUEST.

Seeks Intervention of France in Event of China Assuming Aggressive Attitude.

Paris, May 25.—The Soir claims that it has learned from a trustworthy source that Lieut.-Gen. Baron Fredericks and another member of the Russian court, who recently visited Paris, came on a commission which had for its purpose the seeking of the intervention and effective support of the French government in the event of China adopting an aggressive attitude towards the Russians in Manchuria. The paper alleges that the government gave a formal promise of compliance with Russia's request.

ARTIFICIAL LIMBS

Will Be Given, If Necessary, to Wounded Russians.

Seattle, May 25.—The Nagasaki press of April 24th, just received here, says in connection with the announcement by Her Majesty the Empress, that the wounded Russians should be given, if needed, artificial limbs, it is reported that a set of artificial arms and four feet have been received by the Matsuiyama Red Cross hospital, in which the wounded Russians are receiving treatment.

LETTER FROM DOCTOR.

Dr. Anita McGee Writes From Tokio—Ready For the Front.

Seattle, May 25.—Dr. Anita Newcombe McGee, who took a party of nurses to Japan for war service, writes from Tokio, under date of April 28th, giving enthusiastic accounts of the courtesies and attentions showered upon her party by the Japanese officials and private citizens. She says the future movement of her party is uncertain, owing to extreme secrecy in official circles, but adds: "We may leave any day after the expected great battle is fought."

Dr. McGee quotes Minister of the Navy Yamamoto as saying at the time of writing there had been eight engagements with the Russian navy as a result of which the Russians had lost fifteen ships, not counting those that may be repaired, and 1,200 men, while the Japanese had lost not a single ship and only 20 men killed and 80 wounded.

MOROCCO.

Former Premier of Spain Denies Germany Is Trying to Make Mischief.

Paris, May 25.—The correspondent of the Figaro at Madrid has had an interview with former Premier Silvela, who positively denied that Germany was trying to make mischief between Spain and France on the subject of Morocco. Signor Silvela said he had reason to believe that Germany would hardly welcome an alliance between the two countries. Spain, he said, had not the slightest reason for complaint regarding the Anglo-French entente.

KING AND PRESIDENT.

Alfonso, of Spain, Will Pay a Visit to France.

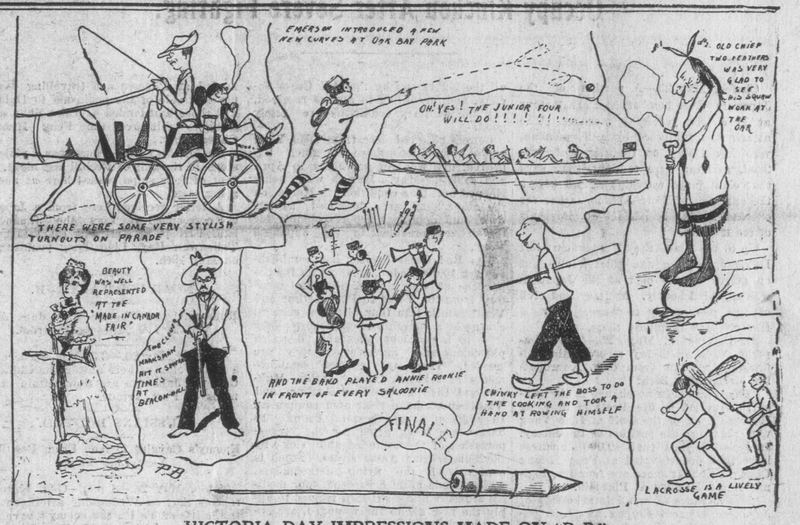
Paris, May 25.—The Madrid correspondent of the Figaro says that the rumors to the effect that King Alfonso intends to abandon his proposed visit to President Loubet in order to avoid friction with the Pope are unfounded.

The visit has been officially decided upon, and will certainly take place. All Spanish statesmen, the correspondent says, desire that His Majesty shall visit France, as they are anxious for a rapprochement with that country.

TROUBLE BREWING.

Chinese Warships Will Enforce Demand for Extradition of Fugitives From Portuguese Settlement.

Hongkong, May 25.—Four Chinese gunboats and two torpedo boat destroyers have arrived at Macao, the Portuguese settlement in Yang Tung province, to support the demand of the Viceroy of Canton for the extradition of a fugitive from Chinese justice. The government of the Portuguese settlement is preparing to resist a landing by the Chinese.



VICTORIA DAY IMPRESSIONS MADE ON "P. B."

TWO LINES TO MEXICAN PORTS

TENDERS FOR SERVICE ARE BEING INVITED

Steamers Will Run on Atlantic and Pacific Oceans—Some of the Conditions.

Ottawa, May 25.—The department of trade and commerce is advertising for tenders for a monthly steamship service for a period of five years, between Canada and Mexico. Tenders will be received up to August 1st. The conditions for sailings are:

First—Between Montreal in summer and Halifax in winter, and the Mexican ports of Progreso, Coatzacoalcos, Vera Cruz and Tampico, touching at Nassau, Bahamas islands and Havana, Cuba.

Second—Between Vancouver, B. C., and Mexican ports of Mazatlan, San Bas, Manzanillo, Acapulco, Pureto Angel, Salina Cruz, Tonala and San Benito.

Tenders may be made for either or both services. Vessels employed are to class A1, to run under the British flag and to have a capacity of not less than 3,000 tons, with adequate passenger accommodation, and to maintain between ports a minimum speed of 10 knots per hour.

The Mexican government has agreed to give $100,000 in their currency for the Pacific service and $20,000 for the Atlantic service. The Mexican dollar is worth about 50 cents of the Canadian dollar.

It is the intention of the Canadian government to supplement these figures if a reasonable tender can be had.

THE DIVORCE QUESTION.

Report of Committee Submitted to Assembly of Presbyterian Church of the United States.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 23.—By a vote of 263 to 244 the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States in America this afternoon wiped out that part of the report of the special committee on marriage and divorce which advised Presbyterian ministers to refuse to marry any person whose marriage is forbidden by the church in which the person is a member.

The committee had put in this provision to help promote the work of the inter-church conference on marriage and divorce, which takes in 13 denominations, and this action of the assembly it was declared to-night might prove a setback to the conference. This action by the assembly was not taken until after a heated debate. There was some talk to-night of an effort being made to have this action reconsidered by the assembly.

The remainder of the report was adopted. It enjoins again all ministers under the assembly's authority to refuse to marry divorced persons, save those who have been divorced on grounds recognized as scriptural; indorses the appeal of the inter-church conference; instructs the stated clerk to call the special attention of the Presbyterian to the action of the assembly on this subject and continues the special committee.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

Camden, N. J., May 23.—One man and two boys were killed and six men seriously injured by an explosion which occurred to-day in the fireworks factory of Jose Solone, on the outskirts of this city.

ALLEGED DOUBLE MURDER.

Indian in Everett Jail Accused of Killing His Son and Daughter-in-Law.

Everett, May 23.—John Price, an Indian, was brought to the county jail this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Stanyar, charged with the double murder of his son and daughter-in-law, committed near Arlington, yesterday. With him was Jackson Harvey, a witness.

The crime was committed at an Indian camp early this morning. The local officers reached the scene after having been notified of the affair by one of the Indians at 6.30 this morning. They found Andrew Price, son of John, and the former's wife Louisa lying outside the tent. The man was dead, but the woman lived for two hours, although she did not regain consciousness. Both had been shot.

According to the story of Jackson Harvey, John and his son quarrelled over money matters during the night. He saw the elder Price get a gun, and saw the flash of the first shot. He was frightened and ran away, first stopping at a nearby house and then going on to Arlington to notify the officers.

At the inquest held late this afternoon at Arlington the jury found Price guilty of the shooting. He denied it, however. He maintained that he heard two shots outside the tent, but did not go out to investigate, and that when he found his son and wife dead in the morning outside the tent he was sorry. He denied that he had been drunk, and said he had not owned a gun for four years. He said that Harvey had been in the tent all the time. Another witness testified to having sold him cartridges a short time ago.

TWO WERE DROWNED.

Messrs. Thomson and Foster Lost Their Lives While Fishing—E. P. Stewart's Condition.

St. John, May 24.—The bodies of Messrs. John H. Thomson and R. P. Foster, drowned while trout fishing on Sunday at the south branch of Oromocto lake, were recovered by a diver this morning and brought to the city. E. P. Stavert, inspector of the Bank of New Brunswick, the third member of the party, lies in a farm house near the lake, and will live, although he was near death from exhaustion and exposure. The others warned him that he could not swim ashore through the high seas, but he did it, only to fall unconscious on the bank and lie there for hours. He wandered for a long time in the woods, and finally crawled for half a mile on his hands and knees through swampy undergrowth, stopping at times to bury his face in the moss to escape the mosquitoes and gnats which stung him incessantly. He was wandering mentally when at length he stumbled upon a clearing more than 24 hours after the accident.

OTTAWA NOTES.

Meeting of Transportation Commission—The Grand Trunk Pacific Surveyors.

Ottawa, May 25.—Hon. Clifford Sifton in reply to T. C. Casgrain in the House said that 607 acres of land were sold to Hewitt Bostock from within the railway belt. There was 123 acres which cost $2.50 per acre and the balance was $5 per acre. Particulars of this sale were published in the Canada Gazette some time ago and given in this correspondence.

Sir William Mulock announced in the House to-day that Mr. Winchester, Toronto, was appointed to investigate the charge of the Grand Trunk Pacific employing Americans in connection with the surveys of the line in violation of the Alien Labor Act.

The transportation commission is sitting here to-day taking evidence as to the navigability of Hudson Bay Straits. Mr. Bell, geological surveyor, was examined, but nothing new was brought out.

FOR TRANSVAAL MINES.

More Than One Thousand Coolies Have Sailed From Hongkong.

Hongkong, May 25.—The British steamer Tweeddale sailed from here to-day for Durban, Natal, with 1,055 coolies. This is the first batch of coolies going to South Africa to work in the Transvaal mines.

SERIES OF FATALITIES IN EASTERN CANADA

Two Students Drowned at Guelph—Three Citizens of St. John Believed to Have Perished.

St. John, N. B., May 23.—J. H. Thomson, of William Thomson & Son, the well-known shipping firm; R. H. Foster, manager of the local branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, and E. P. Stavert, inspector of the Bank of New Brunswick, were fishing on Saturday afternoon on Lake Oromocto. This morning their boat was found floating bottom side upwards on the lake, and no trace has since been found of the occupants. It is supposed all three were drowned. The affair has caused a sensation in this city owing to the prominence of all the three victims.

Students Drowned.

Toronto, May 23.—At Guelph this afternoon, Hector Cooper, of Oshawa, and Eugene Gagnon, of Baie Ste. Paul, Quebec, two students of the Ontario Agricultural College, went out for a canoe trip on the River Speed. Shortly after the canoe was found upside down and the bodies of the young men were later discovered in shallow water, where the weeds grow thick. They were both fair swimmers.

Drowned While Fishing.

Toronto, May 23.—At Tilsonburg today Clara Roedding, the 14-year-old daughter of J. H. Roedding, slipped off a beam, where she was sitting fishing, into the mill race and was drowned.

Mail Robbery Case.

Regina, N. W. T., May 23.—Wilcox was arraigned before Mr. Justice Newlands to-day for mail robbery. The accused pleaded not guilty. Owing to His Lordship having to be absent until the next regular sittings of the court, the case will not be tried until June 14th, and the accused was accordingly remanded until that date. The prosecution expect to call about 30 witnesses, covering territory from Winnipeg and Carman to Vancouver and Seattle.

To Conquer Rockies.

Montreal, May 23.—Among the visitors to town to-day was Miss Benham, of London, England. Miss Benham is an experienced mountaineer, and has climbed all the most difficult ascents of the Alpines. She is now in search of harder game, and is on her way to the Rockies, where she will make Banff her headquarters and attempt the ascent, during the coming summer, of some of the most famous peaks. She will remain in the Rockies until October, and then intends going to New Zealand to try the mountains there.

Montreal Strikes.

Montreal, May 23.—The labor situation here continues unchanged. The striking bookbinders have refused to go back to work in spite of the warning given by the employers that unless they do so at once their places will be filled by men from elsewhere, whom, it is said, are not difficult to obtain at the present time. Some of the plumbers have opened co-operative shops, but a great many of the men who went out on strike are still without work. Master plumbers are making good progress with the jobs on hand. The stonecutters' strike is very quiet.

ON PRIVATE TRIP.

No Truth in Report That Korean Minister Will Not Return to St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, May 25.—Chin Pom Yix, the Korean minister, has gone to Berlin. His departure led to rumors that he will not return and that his post will remain vacant until the end of the war. The secretary of the legation states, however, that the minister is on a private business trip and will return to St. Petersburg on May 27th.