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# RUSSIAN MAIN ADVANCE CROSSES THE YALU RIVER

## LAND BATTLE IS COMING

### Czar's Army Occupies a 40-Mile Base From Wiju to Changong.

London, March 17.—There is much interest manifested in the report that the Russian main advance is crossing the Yalu, but this is not yet confirmed, and according to the British correspondent, all the Russian troops have left North Korea, 20,000 of them being concentrated at Kuluhenh, north of the Yalu River, in Manchuria.

The Daily Telegraph's Sebastopol correspondent says it is semi-officially announced that Russia has abandoned as impracticable the idea of sending her Baltic squadron to the far east by the way of Behring Straits.

A Port Arthur despatch says that Admiral Witsoff has been appointed chief of the Russian naval staff and has gone to Mukden.

A correspondent of The Times at Tientsin says that the Russians are occupying an area having a forty-mile base from Wiju to Changong, and extending south to the Pakchong River.

**JAPS MOVING NORTH.**

Tinkow, March 16.—The only reliable reports at the present moment from the chief Manchurian cities show a quiet movement along the railway, and such cities as Mukden, which are off the main line, are undisturbed. The chief movement in the Fonghuangh military road is the despatch of riders to and from the Russian advance forces.

A credible native arrived here today, bringing a report as late as March 12 from Fonghuangh, to the effect that the main body of the concentrated Russian forces had crossed the Yalu, leaving small bodies of troops at Antung and other points to the west of the river. A fortnight ago a few spies visited Antung, but since then no Japanese have been seen west of the Yalu. The continued attacks of the Japanese have compelled the steady evacuation of the Liaoting Peninsula.

The last bombardment of Port Arthur reduced every part of the fortress unsafe. Residents assert that fragments of Japanese shells fell everywhere, and that some railway coaches and buildings were destroyed, the most of the damage on the shore was unimportant.

**NORTH OF THE YALU.**

Seoul, March 16.—Two thousand Korean troops now at Seoul will be sent to the north next week. The Japanese have ascertained definitely that a strong force of Russian field artillery is on the north bank of the Yalu River, and that earth works have been built up. Advice from Chongju, a town northwest of Antung, says that the people are in a state of panic, owing to the treatment of women and the seizing of grain by the Russians.

**TROOPS AT MAKDEN.**

Paris, March 16.—The Temps correspondent at St. Petersburg asserts that a Russian army corps is descending from Vladivostok toward the Yalu, and that Port Arthur has a garrison of 10,000 men and is provisioned for a year. The Russian correspondent further asserts that the Japanese losses since the opening of the war are estimated at 500,000 men and 15,000 tons of supplies. He concludes his despatch with the statement that the concentration of Russian troops at Mukden and Harbin is considered as terminating the danger from a Japanese landing in the northern part of the Bay of Korea.

**JAP HORSES WEAK.**

Port Arthur, March 16.—Another passenger of the Japanese steamer, captured by the Japanese off the coast of Korea, Feb. 1, and taken to Saeho, who had here declared that he saw two damaged Japanese warships, one of which was the Asama, and the other a heavy cruiser, said to be a flagship, having a heavy armament, were captured by the Japanese merchant vessels captured by the Japanese warships arrived here to-night from Japan. In the course of interview with him, these passengers claimed that they observed general drunkenness among the Japanese troops, and that the Japanese cavalry makes a pitiable appearance, the horses being small and weak looking.

**TOKIO IN DOUBT.**

Tokio, March 16.—Tokio is undecided regarding the naval plans and movements of the Russians, and is in doubt whether the remainder of the fleet is still at Port Arthur or en route to Vladivostok.

**BRITISH SHIP STOPPED.**

Alexandria, Egypt, March 16.—The British steamer, "Elwick," which arrived here to-day, reports having been stopped by a Russian warship which was cruising fifteen miles outside of Alexandria.

**REVEALER OF SECRETS SHOT.**

St. Petersburg, March 16.—Capt. Ixov of the Manchurian commissariat service has been summarily court-martialed and shot for acting as a spy in the pay of the Japanese. When arrested on suspicion of espionage, documents from Ixov's possession indicated no doubt of the truth of the charges that he had long been revealing military secrets to the Japanese. The tragic story became public thru a simple announcement in the army organ this morning. Capt. Ixov had been excluded from the service.

**CAR INSPECTED SHIPS.**

St. Petersburg, March 16.—The emperor and his brother, the Grand Duke Michael (heir-presumptive to the throne), wearing naval uniforms, visited the fleet in the afternoon and inspected the battleships Borodino, Orel and St. Andrew.

# SIXTY-THREE MILLIONS ASKED FROM PARLIAMENT

## Salaries in Toronto Postoffice Increased by \$14,332—Trent Valley Canal Remembered.

### EDWARD NEALON OF TORONTO SUICIDES IN NEW YORK CITY

#### Fell in Love With Inmate of Ursuline Convent Who Resisted His Pleadings.

Ottawa, March 16.—(Staff Special.)—Sixty-three million dollars in round figures is the amount that the government asks parliament to grant this year. This represents an increase of \$6,255,441 over the estimates of last year.

For the national transcontinental railway surveys and other expenses, half a million is asked.

A new car for the governor-general will cost \$18,000.

Trent Valley Canal gets \$22,500. These appropriations chargeable to public works, go to Toronto.

Dominion public buildings improvements, renewals, etc., \$5000.

Drill hall, additional accommodation for new corps, revote \$20,000.

Addition to examining warehouse receipts \$20,000.

Military buildings, magazine, revote \$3000.

Postoffice, additional storey over rear of one-storey part of building, furniture, etc., revote \$20,000.

Postoffice land, building, pneumatic plant and machinery, \$18,000.

Toronto Junction public building gets \$18,000.

Guelph gets \$20,000 for armory.

London drill hall and armory, \$30,000.

Toronto harbor works at eastern end of the city gets \$28,000.

Fifty thousand is appropriated for a steamship service between Canada and Mexico.

The appropriation for salaries on Toronto postoffice is \$220,328, an increase of \$14,332.

**THE LEAP YEAR BABIES.**

The time limit for receiving certificates entitling babies born on Feb. 29 to a silver mug will expire at The World office on Friday, March 18. The hundred estimate has almost been reached, and over 50 mugs so far forwarded by Eric Brod, on the order of The Toronto World.

Two more were recorded yesterday, one a girl from Algoma, and the other a boy from Renfrew, making a total of 57 heard from.

**TO THE FAITHFUL.**

When Patrick pulled the shamrock leaf, the world was only half created, Great Britain hadn't run to beef, Ontario wasn't occupied, George Washington had told no lies, George Ross had signed no liquor pledges, St. Andrew jouked behind the hedger, Then Patrick pulled the shamrock leaf, And all creation took to growing, Australia rose upon a reef, America began her blowing, But Ireland, that was brave and true, Just started fighting like the devil, Her sons, all yellow, red and blue, Can hardly treat each other civil.

**LIBERAL IN GUYSBORO.**

Guyssboro, N. S., March 16.—The election in Gaysboro County to-day resulted in a victory for John H. Sinclair, ex-M.P., the Liberal candidate, who defeated S. R. Giffin, Conservative, by a majority of 268 votes. The total vote polled was 1072, being 804 for Giffin, an increase of 137 over the total of the last general election. Sinclair polled 292 votes and Giffin 1623. At the last general election the present Justice Fraser had a majority of 328. The vote standing: Fraser, Liberal, 1928; Gregory, Conservative, 1659. In previous contests, however, Mr. Fraser's majority had not exceeded the hundred mark, being 78 in 1896 and 88 in 1891.

**GUELPH CHURCH BURNED.**

Guelph, March 16.—To-night about 7 o'clock Knox's Presbyterian Church was discovered on fire, and is now a total loss. Fire is supposed to have been caused by an explosion of gas from the furnace. The windows in the basement were blown out. It was one of the largest churches in the city and the loss is a heavy one. The church had extensive alterations made in the interior at an expense of some \$8000.

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**TO-DAY IN TORONTO.**

St. Patrick's Day.

A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge, Temple Building, 10 a.m.

Bishop McMillan at St. James', 2:30 p.m.

Principal Gordon at Empire Club, Webb's, 1 p.m.

C. M. A. executive, 2 p.m.

24 Westminster Presbyterian, 8 p.m.

4th North American Memorial Committee, city hall, 4:30.

I. P. B. S. Banquet, McCoskey's, 7:30.

St. A. C. U. concert, St. Andrew's, 8 p.m.

A. O. U. W. concert, Masser Hall, 8 p.m.

Board of education, city hall, 8 p.m.

University Woman's Association, 8 p.m.

Royal Grenadiers, recruit classes and band concert, armory, 8 p.m.

Princess-A Country Girl, 8 p.m.

Grand-The Burgomaster, 8 p.m.

Majestic—"Only a Shop Girl," 2-8.

Star-Vanderbilt, 2-8.

Star-Burlesque, 2-8.

# A YELLOW PERIL.



Or what may happen to the Bear.

# BLAIR'S DUBIOUS POSITION REQUIRES AN EXPLANATION WITH N.B. PHONE COMPANY

## Delegates from Fort William and Port Arthur in Unison, Favoring a Determined Fight Against Decision of the Railway Commission.

There was an animated discussion of the railway commission's decision on the Bell Telephone monopoly among the delegates from Fort Arthur and Port Arthur yesterday. Among other things the King Edward interested in the situation are: George Clavet, mayor of Port Arthur; C. H. Jackson, mayor of Fort William; W. F. Langworthy, solicitor for Port Arthur; ex-Mayor Dyke, Col. Ray and E. S. Rutledge, president of the board of trade of Fort William. These gentlemen have been pushing the fight of their municipal telephone system for the past two years.

An informal meeting was held in the afternoon. The committee will hold another session this afternoon. At that time a definite rule of action will be laid out. The committee is in favor of a determined fight. All members of the delegation insist that the resolution introduced by Mr. Maclean, looking to an amendment of the Railway Act abolishing the clause touching compensation shall receive the vigorous support of Port Arthur and Fort William. They will adopt a resolution defining anew the position of the two towns.

**WHAT IS MORE TO THE POINT AND CALCULATED TO REQUIRE AN EXPLANATION FROM CHAIRMAN BLAIR IS THE DETERMINATION OF THE OPONENTS OF THE COMMISSION TO MAKE CLEAR THE DUBIOUS POSITION OCCUPIED BY THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE RAILWAY COMMISSION WHO HAS AUTHORITY TO DECIDE THIS VITAL QUESTION. MR. BLAIR IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN HEAVILY INTERESTED IN AND A DIRECTING SPIRIT OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK TELEPHONE COMPANY, A BRANCH OF THE BELL. HE HAS OFFICIALLY DENIED THAT HIS COMPANY IS CONNECTED WITH THE BELL, THOUGH ADMITTING THAT PRESIDENT OF THE BELL IS INTERESTED IN THE NEW BRUNSWICK COMPANY. THIS END OF THE CASE IS TO BE CAREFULLY INVESTIGATED. THE DELEGATES ASSERT THAT THE NEW BRUNSWICK COMPANY IS JUST ANOTHER NAME FOR THE BELL, AND THAT THE FACT CAN BE ESTABLISHED. THEREFORE CHAIRMAN BLAIR IS IN THE POSITION OF A MAN REPRISING A DECISION FOR HIS OWN COMPANY WHEN HE FAVORS THIS BELL.**

The World Mayor Clavet said that the fight had been carried too far to be dropped now. "But what chance had we for any other decision?" he observed. "Our only hope is for an appeal to the courts or a change in the law. Blair is supreme where he stands, and being a holder of stock in the telephone monopoly we are seeking to break he might be expected to favor his own interest. We accept it as a deplorable situation, but we will make the best of it."

**Unsuccessful in Canada.**

"Our municipal telephone system is the strongest of its kind in the Dominion," said Mr. Clavet.

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# PROBLEMS IN BRANTFORD KEENLY GRAPPLED WITH

## AIM TO STIMULATE TRADE

### Final Arrangements With the Grand Trunk Railway Being Pushed in Spite of Difficulties.

Brantford, March 16.—(Staff Special.)—Acquisition of cheap power from Niagara Falls, consummation of the deal by which the Grand Trunk will operate all thru trains via this city, and the piping of the natural gas from the Adair field, are the live problems Brantford hopes to see realized before the close of the year. The contracts for the two latter propositions have been signed, sealed and delivered. Altogether the solution of these questions promises to become a powerful stimulant to the trade energy of this section.

Just at present the city is interested in concluding the final arrangements with the Grand Trunk. The situation is shaping itself in a very satisfactory manner. Mayor M. K. Halloran, in conversation with The World, declared that conditions are satisfactory for the success of all these deals. An increase in concluding the final arrangements with the Grand Trunk. The situation is shaping itself in a very satisfactory manner. Mayor M. K. Halloran, in conversation with The World, declared that conditions are satisfactory for the success of all these deals. An increase in concluding the final arrangements with the Grand Trunk. The situation is shaping itself in a very satisfactory manner. Mayor M. K. Halloran, in conversation with The World, declared that conditions are satisfactory for the success of all these deals.

**Bridge the One Obstacle.**

To The World, Mayor Halloran said the negotiations with the Grand Trunk are progressing favorably. An increased service has been secured in the form of direct passenger trains to and from Toronto. The strengthening of the Paris bridge to accommodate the heavy traffic incident to the change of route via Brantford is the one obstacle in the way of putting the city on the main line just now. This is expected to be accomplished before fall. The steel structure over the Grand River was constructed originally for local service purely. The material to replace the light work on the bridge was ordered last year. The impression prevailed, Mayor Halloran said, that the great difficulties presented by the snow and ice to the company this winter were practically responsible for the delayed action.

But all the negotiations have not been completed with the city. Mayor Halloran said that arrangements for the entrance of the company on the right of way east of Market-street have been completed. The company exhibited a spirit of fairness that enabled the council to meet the officials half way. But since then the council's completion has changed some. The mayor did not anticipate much trouble. He said no committee had been appointed to take up the subject of the west from Market-street to the city limits. That was because the company had not indicated a desire to enter the discussion. When he was communicated with he would lay the proposition before the council and a committee would then be formed.

East of Market-street the city abandoned one road and the company bought another and constructed a subway. Mayor Halloran thought the

**March 16.**

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**Probabilities.**

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fine, with a little higher temperature.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fine, slightly higher temperature.

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# Jessop's Gas Resolution Carries After Amendment

## Before Export is Stopped Royal Commission Will See How Various Interests Are Affected.

A division was taken in the legislature yesterday on Dr. Jessop's resolution re the exportation of natural gas. The government had a majority of three. There were four absentees, Dr. Fyfe and Mr. Kribs on the Conservative side and John Smith and Valentine Stock on the government side. Mr. Kribs has a standing arrangement with Mr. Smith to abstain from voting unless both are in the house. There was a delay of half an hour while the government whip was locating Mr. Cameron of Fort William, who had gone to the depot to meet his wife, and in the meantime the members created considerable diversion by peppering one another with papers. There were loud calls for a song from Mr. Coomes, but he failed to respond. Both Messrs. Gross and Auld, who represent natural gas counties, voted with the government amid Conservative applause.

As the resolution was amended the Dominion government will be memorialized to prohibit the exportation of gas or place an export duty on it, and the existing licenses will not be terminated until a full enquiry be made by a committee of the house or a royal commission into all the circumstances of the case.

Mr. Whitney offered an amendment to the amendment, adding to Mr. Hamilton's amendment the words "to the United States."

**Cost of Pipe Line.**

Dr. Nesbitt said something had been said that the cost of laying a pipe line to Buffalo was \$300,000, but he figured that the cost was about \$700,000. This was the cost of laying a pipe line to Buffalo and financially interested in the company entered in piping gas to Buffalo, and no one answering he said he might presume that there was. If he had been asked the question he would answer "Yes" or "No."

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**Resolution as Amended.**

That in the opinion of this house, the government of Ontario should at once memorialize the government of the United States to prohibit the exportation of natural gas from Ontario into the United States of America, or failing that, to place an equitable export duty upon all natural gas exported; and that in no case should any duty be taken by the house in the way of terminating the license or discontinuing the pipes without due enquiry into all the circumstances relating to the matter either by a committee of the house or a royal commission, so that due regard may be had to the best interests of the people of the province, whose interests would be probably affected.

**Essex fields a year or so ago, especially as the supply of gas in the Essex wells at that time was much larger than the Welland supply now. He asked if any minister of the crown was financially interested in the company entered in piping gas to Buffalo, and no one answering he said he might presume that there was. If he had been asked the question he would answer "Yes" or "No."**

**Mr. Whitney Resumes Debate.**

Mr. Whitney in resuming the debate said if it was wrong to terminate the licenses for the Welland, he it was wrong to terminate the licenses for the

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