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ALEXIEFF GIVEN FREE HAND

Viceroy Alexieff Given a Free Hand to Declare War if Necessary.

Should Japan Reject Russia's Terms, the Latter Will Declare War—Looks Threatening.

London, Feb. 3, 8.05 p. m.—A despatch from St. Petersburg to Reuters' Telegram Company, dated yesterday, and forwarded by way of the frontier, says the Russian general staff has given Viceroy Alexieff authority to do as he sees fit, and open hostilities on his own responsibility, if circumstances render it necessary. The despatch adds that in an imperial manifesto declaring war is expected at the Japanese government does not accept the conditions proposed in Russia's response, which is asserted, will be Russia's last word.

"NONE WHATEVER." Just before the adjournment of the night session of the House of Commons, a member asked the government whether it had any information concerning the rumor that Russia had declared war. To this question Home Secretary Asquith replied: "None whatever."

VERY THREATENING. Baron Hayashi, Japanese minister to Great Britain, describing the situation in the far East to-night, said the situation was "certainly very threatening," but said that everything depended upon Russia's reply. "It is highly probable," the minister continued, "that Russia will make any aggressive move before the Japanese government has received and considered Russia's reply. What Russia wishes is to throw the responsibility of taking the initiative upon Japan." The foregoing utterances were provoked on being shown the threatening press despatches from St. Petersburg.

BRITAIN WILL HOLD JAPAN BACK. The Paris Matin quotes what it terms a "high English authority," for the following statement:—"If Japan seeks to begin war by rejecting Russia's forthcoming response, Great Britain will use all her influence to hold her back."

LIBRARY BOARD

Routine business was alone dealt with at the meeting of the Public Library Board last evening, held in the Board room. There were present Chairman Albert Sheldrick and Messrs. Davis, Humphrey, Smith, Charteris, Stone, Thibodeau, Twombly, and the new member, Wm. Anderson. Mr. Anderson was duly welcomed to the Board by Chairman Sheldrick. Dunn & Charteris wrote regarding insurance on the building and plate glass. The matter was referred to the building committee.

Communication from Wm. Briggs, Toronto, was referred.

The Library Bureau wrote stating that they were putting the balance of their work on the interior in the hands of Robertson & McKie to complete.

GEO. STEPHENS, M. P.'s donation of Parkman was acknowledged.

Secretary Davis, who had resigned was asked to retain his position until April 1st. Mr. Anderson will act on the committee Mr. Davis has been on.

Dr. Charteris was appointed to see what the cost of photos of the interior and exterior of the building would cost and report.

The matter of the sale of old papers was referred.

The secretary reported that the auditors had found the books O. K.

The Library Committee was empowered to have the books of reference in the circulating library re-arranged.

The Finance Committee was instructed to meet the Finance Committee of the City Council re the \$900 floating debt of the Library.

The chairman of the City Finance Committee will be invited to the next meeting of the Board.

An order was issued on the City Treasurer for \$100.

The salaries were ordered paid. Librarian's Report—New borrowers 58. Books taken out, 1308. Received for funds \$3.22. Received for fines \$2.90.

The following accounts were ordered paid: Planet 30c. J. G. Steen \$33.75. Gas account, \$13.75. W. Anderson, 30c. Freight, \$1.85. Western Bros. \$1.00. The account of Robertson & McKie for \$11.92, was referred to Building Committee with power.

GAMEY RETURNS THE CHARGE

Makes a Severe Arraignment of the Government—Will Repeat His Charges.

Manitoulin Man Gives a Pointer on Piracy—Frequently Interrupted by the Speaker—Decision To-Night.

Toronto, Feb. 3.—In a speech of two hours duration Mr. R. B. Gamey, the member for Manitoulin, severely arraigned the Government for corrupt practices, and intimated his intention of repeating upon the floor of the House and whenever he had opportunity his charge against the Provincial Secretary and other members of the administration until public opinion shall eventually drive the Government from power because of its misdeeds. Mr. Gamey was frequently interrupted during the course of his remarks by the Speaker who strictly applied his authority whenever the member for Manitoulin indulged in personalities. The credit which the public give to Mr. Gamey's tale of political corruption was shown by the great crowd which thronged the galleries and listened attentively to all he had to say.

Mr. Gamey opened by referring to charges made in New Ontario. "It had been charged that the Opposition could not talk on anything but scandal, but he would remind them that he had been elected for Manitoulin, not by the discussion of scandal, but by the exposure of the Government maladministration in New Ontario, where there were officials who were trying to be masters of the province."

"I will give a little free advice to the Minister of Crown Lands," said Mr. Gamey, in dealing with the timber question. "They complain that I charged them three or four thousand dollars the last time for the advice I gave them, and they say it was too high. As a matter of fact, the Government has not paid me all they agreed, they owe it to me yet."

"I am going to give the hon. Minister of Crown Lands a little free advice. I do not care what they paid on the old account at all." Mr. Gamey then said he wanted to talk about the scandals. He objected to the Globe's criticisms of his language as the language of the bar-room. Judges heard not all the same idea with regard to sitting on commissions. Only recently Judge Winchester had refused to preside at an enquiry into the Toronto assessment office because his son was engaged in the assessment department. A judge who sat on the commission last year, did not hesitate to do so, although he had three sons in the employ of the Government. Hon. Geo. Brown many years ago had called Sir Adam Wilson a "pot-house politician," when he brought a judgment against him. Had he (Mr. Gamey) uttered worse language than that? Even last year the Globe, speaking of Lord Alverston, practically accused him of prostituting his office.

The Premier, in his speech, had spoken of pirates, and this remark, he thought, was meant for him (Mr. Gamey). The Premier had also taken the credit for a poem in a book entitled "Readings and Recitations," when the poem was in reality written by J. G. Holland. Was this not piracy?

The Speaker interrupted to say that Mr. Gamey was transgressing the rules of the House by his offensive remarks.

Mr. Gamey replied that the Premier had spoken of pirates.

Mr. Whitney came to the rescue of his follower to say that Mr. Gamey had decided to whom he referred, while the Premier had not.

Mr. Gamey, continuing, said words were not allowed him to express the idea in his mind, but he thought the majority of the members understood him. He would certainly avail himself of the opportunity of moving an amendment when the amendment to the amendment now before the House was disposed of. He would then have an opportunity of saying what he had been prevented from saying to-day.

Mr. Gamey was followed by Messrs. McCart, Duff and Graham.

Mr. Hanna moved adjournment at 10.30, and he will wind up the debate to-morrow.

TORONTO'S WATER SUPPLY.

Toronto, Feb. 3.—The inadequate condition of the waterworks plant was considered at a special meeting of the Board of Trade Council this afternoon, with a view to recommending the expenditure at once of a large sum of money on improvements. The waterworks estimates, prepared by the City Engineer, ask for an appropriation of \$1,000,000.

FIGHTING IN S.-W. AFRICA

Besieged German Garrisons Relieved—Natives Take to The Hills.

Scores of Settlers Killed Since the Outbreak of the Rebellion—Bodies Mutilated.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—A cablegram has been received from Swakopmund, German South-west Africa, from the commander of the German garrison Hahicht, saying:

"The garrisons at Windhoek and Okahandja have been relieved by Franks's company, with two guns. The relief of Okahandja occurred Jan. 27, Emperor William's birthday, and was without losses."

"On Jan. 28 there occurred a terrific battle between the gallant little German force and the enemy, who numbered thousands. The engagement lasted for six hours, and ended with the storming of the main camp of the enemy, situated on Kaiser Wilhelm mountain. Four Germans were wounded."

"After this defeat the enemy withdrew to the Otjikangati hills. The enemy devastated all the farms and railroad stations in the Windhoek and Okahandja district, a portion of Karibib, and the barracks of mountain battlers at Johann Albrecht's heights."

"The losses so far are known to be 44 settlers, including women and children, killed, and in most cases the bodies were mutilated. The military losses amount to 26, and there have been 60 other fatalities."

"It is probable that Gobabis has been besieged since January 16. The march on Omaruru will begin to-morrow. Col. Leutwein, Governor of German South-west Africa, is expected here by steamer on February 5. Lieut. Winkler has arrived here with supports from the steamer Ernst Woermann."

ANNUAL MEETING

The L. O. L. County Lodge of South Kent met in the Orange Hall, King street, Chatham, on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd, the Worshipful County Master Bro. A. Longmore in the chair. There being a large attendance, all Lodges in the County being represented, W. C. Master gave a brief address of the progress of the various Lodges in the County, also having organized an Orange Lodge at Chatham, to be known as Camp Hill, L. O. L., No. 283, on June 6th, with a good membership, which was duly received. Received invitations to celebrate the coming 12th of July from Windsor, London, Ridgeway, Thamesville, Chatham and Blenheim, but was decided to celebrate at home in Blenheim. An invitation was extended to the Brethren of Essex, North Kent, Lambton and London, and all fraternal societies to celebrate with South Kent at Blenheim. Hospital committee reports having visited the County Orange room in the Public General Hospital and found it a first class furnished room in every respect, which was duly received.

After much important business of mostly routine, the following officers were duly elected and installed for the ensuing year by Past County Master Bro. Wm. Simpson, Ridgeway:

Past County W. M.—Bro. Alex. Longmore, Dover Centre.
County W. M.—Bro. Wesley Sussex, Bothwell.
County D. M.—Bro. Wm. Burroughs, Kent Centre.
County Chap.—Bro. Wm. Simpson, Ridgeway.
County Rec. Sec.—Bro. Wesley Shaw, Fletcher.
County Fin. Sec.—Bro. Allen James, Blenheim.
County Treas.—Bro. B. Boothroyd, Thamesville.
County D. of C.—Bro. Herman Blum, Blenheim.
County Lect.—Bro. Howard Bicum, Blenheim.
County Dep. Lect.—Bro. A. Longmore, Dover Centre.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Chatham.

THE REVIVAL

"Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" was the text from which Evangelist Moorehouse preached a very searching and effective sermon last night in the Park street S. S. Hall. The attendance is increasing and the interest in the meetings evidently deepening. Several requested prayer and the service of last night will not soon be forgotten. Rev. Mr. Cobbedick is associated with the evangelist throughout the service, conducting the song services and part of the after service. A noticeable feature of the audience is the attendance of those of all churches in the city, showing the wide interest being taken in the work. Rev. Mr. Moorehouse will speak again this evening. The song service opens at a quarter to eight. Notwithstanding the vigorous weather the S. S. Hall is always well warmed and cheery.

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