

MOUKDEN NEXT.

Japanese Advancing with Clear Way and a Great Battle Expected Next Week.

Port Arthur Reported Fallen—Chinese Claim to Have Scored One Victory.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The Central News learns that the capture of Fong Fang Chen leaves the road to Moukden clear for the Japanese. Marshal Yamagata is expected to be within striking distance of Moukden on November 10. It is believed that the city is held by a very large but untrained and poorly equipped force.

The Japanese legation has this dispatch dated Tokyo to-day: The first army, under Commander Marshal Yamagata, has got possession of Fong Fang Chen and has defeated the Chinese, who are fleeing. The second army, under Marshal Oyama, is attacking Kinohow. Both Tullien and Port Arthur are in a critical condition.

YOKOHAMA, Nov. 2.—The Japanese have captured Port Arthur, where China's only great arsenal was located and the only place where the largest men-of-war could be docked. It was strongly fortified under the supervision of Col. Van Hammett, and was considered almost impregnable by land or sea, although it was said the land defenses had been neglected. For weeks past the Japanese had been making their way toward the fort, being greatly assisted by very careful surveys made by a Japanese expedition two years ago. The capture of Port Arthur is a tremendous blow to China, the seriousness of which cannot be over-estimated. China has practically only two harbors of refuge in the north, Port Arthur and Weihaiwei. At the former only had she a dock accommodating the largest men-of-war, for Weihaiwei is simply a harbor, and the only other dock is the small one at Taku. With Port Arthur in their possession the Japanese have a magnificent base for naval operations, and Weihaiwei, on the opposite promontory, being only five hours' steaming off, will be seriously threatened, while the chances of landing troops at Shanghai will be greatly increased. In every way, therefore, the capture of Port Arthur was of vital importance to China. It is stated that Port Arthur has been thoroughly investigated by the Japanese, who are now moving with all speed on Moukden. One force of Japanese, while another will attack Kinohow Aoy, while another will attack Fong Wang. Both places are held by strong forces of Chinese. The Japanese are confident of victory.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 2.—It is announced in the native papers that the Chinese troops have recaptured Kienlin Chang after desperate fighting. The Japanese are said to have been driven out of the place with the loss of 3,000 killed and wounded. Upon good authority it is reported that the Japanese are leaving Port Arthur and its vicinity.

Japanese warships were sighted off Weihaiwei Sunday, and the Chinese fleet went out in pursuit. Not finding the enemy, the Chinese fleet returned and left Weihaiwei again Wednesday, their destination being unknown.

Small bodies of Chinese have attacked several Russian frontier towns, and in one they seized a quantity of arms and ammunition. In another case the Chinese were repulsed with a loss of sixty men.

TIENTSIN, Nov. 2.—The Japanese have placed three bridges across the Yalu river, and 15,000 Japanese soldiers are reported to be in China.

CHANG POU, Nov. 2.—Admiral Fremantle, commanding the British fleet, has returned from Tientsin, where he paid a visit to Li Hong Chang. The victory greatly offered to buy the Contarion and three other warships of the British squadron. When the admiral explained that the sale of the vessels would be impossible, the victory persisted in his offer. The Chinese imagine that Admiral Fremantle is holding off for a higher price.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—A special to the World from Tokyo, Japan, says: Great Britain secretly asked the King of Korea to cede Port Hamilton in exchange for the assistance of the British government.

HONORE MERCIER'S AMBITION. MONTREAL, Nov. 2.—(Special)—Amidst the solemn tolling of the bells of all the Roman Catholic churches, the French-Canadian to-day buried with the remains of the late Honore Mercier whatever hope has been entertained of a French-Canadian republic in America, an idea which the dead leader has worked strenuously to keep alive. The funeral procession was so large as to have expected, but numbered between four and five thousand. Crowds on the sidewalks and eighteers in the windows and on the roofs watched the parade with passive interest. The pallbearers were: Sir Alexander Leacock, Hon. W. Laurier, Hon. H. C. G. Joly de Lotbiniere, Hon. F. G. Marchand, Mayor Desaulniers of St. Hyacinthe, Jas. McShane, Judge Bourgeois of Three Rivers, Robt. Mackay, L. O. David, Hon. P. Garneau.

DEATH IN THE QUEUE. NANAIMO, Nov. 2.—(Special)—A Chinaman engaged in brackling on flat cars on the E. & N. railway at Northfield met death in a peculiar manner this morning. Slipping from the end of the car near the engine he fell on the track and would have escaped but for his queue, for as he rolled away from the track his long braid of hair caught in the buckle and the Mongolian was dragged under the wheels, which passed over his body, derailling the car and killing the man instantly. No blame is attached to anyone.

Miss Lilla White, the young lady who was reported to have broken her neck by a fall from a veranda, proves not to have been seriously injured. Beyond a severe shock she escaped, and will be all right in a few days.

ALBERT BAY. ALBERT BAY, Oct. 31.—(Special)—News of the disaster at Shocastic bay, no doubt fully reported at the rest of the country on the coast here, where Kipling's remains arrived to-night on the Evangelina. Miss Beuching, our popular lady missionary, returned to-day from Fort Rupert, where she has been doing some good work. The schooner Lincoln, of Seattle, called here on her way to Alaska on Monday, with all well on board. A number of our people who have been laid up a few days with colds, are able to get around again.

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NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 2.—(Special)—Samuel Wilson, the freak journalist, is walking around the world as the representative of a syndicate of English and Australian papers, writes to the Free Press from Hawk Lake, Ont., under date of October 29, saying he is making good progress. He will lecture for charity here.

Fremont Davis, of British Columbia, passed through the city this evening en route to the coast.

Percy B. Neale, who was arrested in London, England, on several charges of defrauding the Canadian customs department was brought before Justice Richardson at Regina, and charged with theft from the government of sums amounting to \$6,976.50. The prisoner has also restored \$4,750 of this sum. Neale pleaded guilty and was sentenced to seven years imprisonment in Stony Mountain penitentiary.

Full returns of the balloting in West Calgary on Wednesday show that Critchley is elected by a majority of one.

Henry Krueger, a settler on the Calgary & Edmonton railway, has beaten all records by growing 204 bushels of oats from one acre.

The weather to-day throughout the Northwest and western section of Manitoba was cloudy and cool. A cold wave started from Prince Albert last night and will probably reach here during to-night or to-morrow.

The thermometer registered 29 degrees of frost at Prince Albert, this morning. The temperature was about the same at Regina.

The man Shadwick, who is charged with attempting to rape a two-year old child, came before Magistrate Peebles this morning for preliminary examination and was committed for trial.

The smallpox quarantine closed to-day, the patient having left for Morden.

Ex-Mayor McDonald is being urged to again contest the Winnipeg mayoralty.

CANADIAN NEWS. (Special to the Colonist.)

KINGSTON, Nov. 2.—The total amount secured in the Kingston mail robbery was nearly \$2,000. The local papers severely criticize the loose manner in which the postal service in this city is managed.

HAMILTON, Nov. 2.—Thomas O'Neill, a prominent member of the Leander's rowing club, discharged a load of shot into his left arm while shooting, rendering amputation necessary.

BARRIE, Nov. 2.—B. Nichol, during a row with his wife, threw a chair at her. She dodged it and it struck his son, breaking his skull. The boy cannot recover. Nichol was arrested to-day.

TORONTO, Nov. 2.—J. Vandusen, an alleged philanthropist, has for some time been selling tickets for a grand concert, announced for last evening, in aid of the children's hospital. He secured the assistance of several well known church ladies, who turned in the proceeds of their sales to him. On Wednesday Vandusen went to Detroit, and yesterday it transpired that no arrangements for a concert had been made. Vandusen is still away.

TORONTO, Nov. 3.—Last night the fusion of the Toronto Trades and Labor Council and the Patrons of Industry was consummated with great harmony.

ST. JOHN'S, Nov. 3.—Hon. L. H. Davies, who presided at a meeting of the Maritime Liberals to-night, said that he brought the general elections would be thought on in February as soon as the list of voters is made up.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—Robert Falford, the well known theatrical manager, arrived here yesterday bringing with him the urn containing the ashes of his wife, Annie Fitzroy, who died in England last winter.

NEW GLASGOW, Nov. 3.—James Hickey, the mill and turning shop were totally destroyed by fire last night. The loss is heavy.

WESTMINSTER NEWS. NEW WESTMINSTER, Nov. 2.—(Special)—A. C. Currie, who eloped with Mrs. Ross and her six children from Mission City, and stole a great many things on route, was given a hearing to-day. He said he was not ready and the case was adjourned. He is up on four counts.

The customs returns for October show imports of dutiable goods valued at \$29,300, saying \$6,800 duty, while of free goods the imports were \$5,100.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Nov. 3.—(Special)—The board of trade have requested the city council to have the word "New" dropped from the city's name by act of the legislature as unnecessary and inconvenient.

At Mission City, James Kipp, Charles Garner, Henry Garner and Samuel Conroy were fined \$25 each for hunting dogs.

A prisoner named Jones, undergoing sentence of eighteen months at Westminster jail, made a break for liberty to-day. Mr. Alexander Leacock hit him and gave chase. Not being able to catch up he fired his revolver, but missed. At the gas works the prisoner showed signs of fatigue, but struggled on for the dense woods directly in front of him. Morsely fired again, and again missed. At the edge of the woods the prisoner stumbled over some brush, and before he could rise was captured by Morsely and other officers who had joined in the pursuit.

The board of trade met last night. Attention was called to the fact that the North arm, below Lulu Island bridge, is gradually filling up. A committee will report on the matter. A committee will report also on the refusal of the Minister of Fisheries to extend the sockery run and his manufacturing reply to the request that the sturgeon regulations be amended.

A letter from the secretary of Rear-Admiral Stephenson, in reply to inquiry, saying the Rear-Admiral declined to give any reason for not sending a vessel to Westminster, was filed.

A BOLD GOVERNMENT. ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Nov. 2.—The government published a declaration of policy to-day to the effect that they will remain in office until next June, even should a majority against them be returned at the polls. They then will hold a general election to take the rest of the country on the question at issue. This indicates a vigorous campaign throughout the winter. It is believed that the declaration is the result of instructions from Governor O'Brien, who returned from England yesterday.

Esley's Liver Laxative are not bringing the dead to life or performing unheard of miracles, but they are bringing health and sunshine to many a home previously clouded with troubles resulting from biliousness and torpid liver. 25 cts. a box at all drug stores.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Important Step for the Encouragement of Manufacture of Goods for Export.

Large Number of Tenders for Pacific Cable Received, But Not Yet Examined.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Nov. 2.—An important step was taken by the government to-day affecting the manufacturers of the country. The worthy Hon. Mr. Bowell promised that he would recommend liberal concessions regarding drawbacks of duties on articles entering into the construction of goods manufactured in this country for export. The Minister of Trade and Commerce has lost no time in redeeming his promise. An order-in-council was passed to-day authorizing a refund of 99 per cent. of the duty on articles entering into the manufacture of goods for export, instead of 80 per cent. as heretofore. The effect of the change will be to place the manufacturers of Canada in the most favorable position to compete with the manufactured products of adjacent and other countries in foreign markets.

The time for receiving tenders for the Pacific cable closed yesterday. A large number have been sent in. They will be opened in a few days.

OTTAWA, Nov. 3.—Correspondence has passed between the Dominion government and the Imperial authorities respecting the omission of Canadian herd and stud books from the lists of recognized herd and stud books contained in the orders issued by the United States treasury relative to the importation of pedigree stock. The acting secretary of the treasury at Washington explains that the omission is due to the fact that no registers of the American continent are recognized except those of associations located in the United States, unless such registers are for breeds of stock originating in the country where the record is established. There is no discrimination in this matter against Canada, as South American countries and Mexico are treated precisely the same.

Collector Milne wired Sir C. H. Tupper to-day that the total seal catch of the British Columbia fish is 95,043 skins.

Robert Grayson, manager of Huddart's line, left for the coast to-day. He sails on the Mowat.

ABERDEEN AT VANCOUVER. VANCOUVER, Nov. 2.—(Special)—The Governor-General, with Lady Aberdeen, Lady Marjorie and Hon. Archie Gordon visited the schools to-day. On their entry to the Central the children sang "The Maple Leaf Forever." They were presented with photographs of the first school in Vancouver, in 1886, and Lady Aberdeen received a bouquet from Miss Flora McDonald. His Excellency spoke at length to the children, giving them the most sound advice he could give by announcing that, on himself and Lady Aberdeen, a silver medal would be presented for competition in the different graded schools. He spoke of the little paper, "The Willie Winkles," edited by Lady Marjorie, and invited the children to contribute to the paper, as many of the letters appearing from Canadian children were very charming.

The party passed from the Central to the High school through an alleyway of bright, cheering children. At the High school Lady Aberdeen was presented with a bouquet by Miss Julia Eldridge. In his address Lord Aberdeen said that on that particular occasion they could not but think of the loyal regard of the children of the Empire and the widespread benevolence caused thereby, and their sympathy should go out to the Princess of Wales, sister of the late Empress. This evening, "he said, "is the cause of grief in the highest circles of the Empire and is a public calamity. We cannot count it otherwise when we think how the deceased Cesar labored for peace. His noble reputation as a peacemaker is one we can well remember."

The following guests were entertained at luncheon on the Empress of Japan this afternoon: Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, Lady Marjorie Gordon, Hon. Archie Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. H. Abbott, Captain Urquhart, & D. C. Mayor Anderson, Japanese consul Shimizu, and others.

VANCOUVER ITEMS. VANCOUVER, Nov. 2.—(Special)—The annual meeting of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Societies will take place on Friday, the 16th inst.

J. Barrett's small restaurant, near the tram office, was broken into last night; a quantity of provisions being taken.

Doctors Newcombe and Haell are at the Hotel Vancouver. With Supr. Hensley they have been making a thorough inspection of the New Westminster asylum as provincial inspectors.

Sam. Thompson gave a complimentary supper to his patrons last evening. A large number of guests were present.

The Charity ball at the Hotel Vancouver, in aid of the Alexander Hospital, proved to be the social event of the season. The absence of the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen and the Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Dewdney, occasioned by the death of the Cesar, was greatly regretted. There were four hundred guests present.

The U. S. cutter Colombine will be in port for a few days.

An order nisi with a view to quashing the electric light by-law has been applied for before Mr. Justice Cress. Decision has been reserved.

A very good docket was disposed of yesterday by Mr. Justice Cress. The case of Gordon vs. Cotton et al. was settled out of court.

THE MEXICAN FUSS. CITY OF MEXICO, Nov. 3.—General Topete leaves here on Monday to take command of the Mexican troops on the Guatemalan frontier. There are already eight thousand more on the way there. Volunteer troops of the frontier states and Mexico will have fully twenty thousand disciplined troops on the border. Guatemala has only undisciplined and imperfectly armed troops, ignorantly officered. She has some good cannon, but no expert gunners. The mass of the people in Guatemala are not likely to sustain President Barrios in a war with Mexico, as he is suspected of having gone into the timber cutting deal to enrich himself. The Mexican people are wholly on the side of the government, without distinction of parties.

NAKUSP AND SLOCAN.

This Important Railway Practically Completed—The First Through and Its Passengers.

Much Freight Already in the Yards and No Limit to the Traffic in Sight.

(From the Nakusp Ledger.)

Sunday evening the track layers reached Three Forks, the interior terminus of the Nakusp & Slocan railway, and to all intents and purposes the road is now practically completed. The first through train from the Forks arrived in at midnight the same day, without any demonstration to mark the event, bearing as passengers, among others, Jno. A. Mara, Capt. Troup, C. J. Loewen and Dr. McGillivray. Finishing touches are now being put on the road at the Forks, particularly sidings. There are yet two weeks work to be done on the bridge and in ballasting the road bed. Still freight and passengers may be handled from end to end without difficulty. An idea of the immense amount of work accomplished by the gang of 100 men may be taken from the fact that close to three miles of track were laid, one mile of bridges constructed, and 1,250,000 feet of lumber handled in 10 days. This record will be held to be very good for men and under similar circumstances anywhere, if indeed it is equalled. Contractor Clements is now at the Forks, erecting the terminal buildings, and by the time these are finished the road will be taken over by the C.P.R.

The amount of traffic in sight is considerable. Twelve carloads of freight were in the yards Sunday waiting to be taken to the Forks, and there are many, many more on the way. Hundreds of tons of ore are waiting to come out, there are 300 tons from the Slocan Star at the Forks now while as much more can be taken out of that mine in 30 days. But now, after battling with difficulties innumerable, delays from various causes, but few frequent, and despite the jabs and jocs of zealous opponents, the Nakusp & Slocan railway is an accomplished fact, redounding in credit to the government which fostered the scheme and to the plucky men who undertook the hazardous task.

Messrs. Abbott, Marpole and other C.P.R. officials returned to Revelstoke Thursday after inspecting the railway. The result of their visit has been given out to the effect that the C.P.R. will take the road over in two weeks, or so soon as the upper end has been put in proper shape. The taking over of the road is to a certain extent dependent upon the verdict of the government engineers. This step will insure the operation of the road during the winter months, as also the river route of the highway. Contracts have been made with the various mine owners for their ore, and the shipping of the same. This will afford traffic sufficient for the season. Little difficulty is anticipated from the snow, the worst place being probably Summit City, but this will be attended to.

SLOCAN FOLK HAPPY. (From the Nakusp Ledger.)

J. A. Mara, M.P., and Capt. Troup, manager of the C. & K.S.N. Co., made a trip in the Slocan Train, returning Sunday night. Besides seeing the business prospects of the camp, they visited a number of the leading mines, including the Alama, Idaho and Slocan Star. Mr. Mara was astonished at the big displays of ore at the various properties. He thinks that at a conservative estimate 10,000 tons of ore will be shipped from the Slocan this winter. The mining community are hopeful, and the whole country appears to be in a prosperous condition. Mr. Mara opines there will be no difficulty in keeping open the Revelstoke branch during the winter. The fall has been an open one, with plenty of water to cover the sand bars. Should the river freeze up, the C. P. R. has made arrangements to operate a sleigh road from the Forks to Slocan, and vice versa. Little mail and express matter will continue to be handled via Nakusp. When the C. P. R. takes over the N. & S. 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