

SAIL ON FINAL STAGE OF JOURNEY

The Russian Warships Are Proceeding North After Taking on Coal in a French Port.

A Large Number of Colliers Have Been Captured by the Japanese—Part of Oyama's Army Reported to Be Moving on Kirin.

Washington, April 15.—Information has reached Washington, through European sources, that the Japanese navy has within the last few days commissioned 10 new torpedo boat destroyers, built in Japanese shipyards. It is believed that within six weeks 25 additional destroyers under such orders will be put in commission.

PEACE PARTY IS IN THE BACKGROUND.

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of the Russian squadron has reached a bay in Chinese waters northward of Hongkong.

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS STEAMING NORTHWARD.

London, April 17.—A special dispatch from Hongkong says that a portion of the Russian squadron was seen Sunday at Turan bay, about 350 miles north of Kamranh bay.

Turan bay is between latitude 16 and latitude 17 north. According to advices from Haifong to a Paris newspaper, forty Russian vessels were recently sighted in that latitude steaming north.

JAPANESE FORCE HEADING FOR KIRIN.

New York, April 17.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Times says that a private telegram has been received from Gansuh pass saying positive information has been received that a large Japanese force is heading toward Kirin beyond the reach of the Russian outposts, and that another large force of Chunchunuss is proceeding north beyond the range of the Russian right.

FREQUENT COLLISIONS BETWEEN CAVALRY.

Tokio, April 17.—2:30 p.m.—The following official report was issued today from the headquarters of the Japanese armies in Manchuria.

FRENCH ADMIRAL HAS REJOINED CRUISER.

Saigon, April 16.—Admiral Dejoncieres has rejoined the French cruiser Descaartes in Kamranh bay, Cochinchina, about 200 miles northeast of Saigon.

THE MANCHURIA HAS HEAVY CARGO FOR JAPAN.

San Francisco, April 17.—The steamship Manchuria sailed from the Orient today with a cargo of 10,000 tons of freight, mostly for Japan.

APPEAL IN CASE OF BRITISH STEAMER REJECTED.

Nagasaki, April 17.—The appeal in the case of the British steamer Nargenta, seized by the Japanese off the coast of Korea and condemned as a prize, has been rejected.

"JAP MORE USEFUL THAN WALKING DELEGATE"

London Paper, in Commenting on Anti-Japanese Legislation, Scores the Socialist Party.

London, April 17.—The Outlook, referring to the British Columbia legislation restricting Japanese immigration, says: "In many respects British Columbia well deserves its epithet, but of late years a Socialist labor party, with its headquarters in the American west, has used the political devices of a bipartite minority in order to obtain power without responsibilities."

ADMIRALTY DECLINES TO GIVE OUT NEWS.

St. Petersburg, April 17, 11:55 a.m.—The news that vessels of the Russian squadron have put into Kamranh bay, south of Cape Padaran, off the east coast of Cochinchina, bears out statements contained in these dispatches a week ago to the effect that Admiral Rojestvensky probably would seek shelter off that part of the Cochinchina coast and there coal and make final preparations before embarking on the final stage of his journey.

GERMAN STEAMER STOPPED BY CRUISERS.

Hongkong, April 17.—The German steamer Brundille arrived here today from Singapore and reported that she was stopped for two hours by Russian cruisers on April 14th, thirty miles north of Cape Padaran.

GET INSTANT RELIEF FROM PILES.

This most irritating disease is relieved in minutes by using Dr. Assew's Ointment, and a cure in from three to six nights. Thousands testify of its goodness. Good for Eczema, Salt Rheum, and all skin diseases. If you are without faith, one application will convince. 35 cents.—127.

TRYING HARD TO AROUSE OPPOSITION TO ELECTION OF NEW MINISTER OF INTERIOR

Edmonton Conservatives Support Hon. F. Oliver, But Section in Toronto is Working Against Him.

Ottawa, April 17.—The Toronto section of the Conservative party is meeting with poor success in its efforts to get up opposition to Hon. Frank Oliver in Edmonton. Some Conservatives were asked to subscribe to a campaign fund here, and they refused to do so on the ground that they had no desire to coöperate with the people of the Northwest into doing that to which they were opposed.

RETAIL COAL DEALERS Will Make Effort to Obtain Better Treatment From Owners and Distributors.

New York, April 17.—A meeting of retail coal dealers throughout the country has been called for this city on May 10th to form a defensive alliance against the mine owners and coal distributors. The avowed purpose of the movement is to devise methods for the quicker delivery of coal by the operators and its better preparation for shipment.

CONSUL APPOINTED.

A British consul has been appointed for St. Pierre. For years Canada has been asking for this, but the French authorities would not allow it. The appointment has been made under the Anglo-French agreement of 1904. G. S. Hamilton is the name of the new appointee. He has been instructed by the home government to assist Canada in every way he can.

Will Report Favorably.

Rider Haggard left here today for England by way of New York. He sails on Wednesday on the Majestic. He will report favorably on his visit to the Salvation Army settlements in the United States and his subsequent negotiations with the Dominion government.

NAN PATTERSON'S TRIAL Sensational Evidence Promised by Prosecution and Defence—Suits May Not Be Called.

New York, April 17.—With the last known objection to the beginning of the trial removed, it was expected that Nan Patterson would appear in court for the third time today. The first trial was interrupted by the illness of a juror when it was about half finished.

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SEVERELY CENSURED.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—The Grand Duke Alexis, high admiral of the Russian navy, has issued an order severely censuring Captain Clado, formerly chief of the staff, Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky, for his criticisms of the navy, and at the same time to give him an opportunity to repair his faults, appointed Captain Clado to "special service in connection with the improvement of conditions of service and the rights of employees, in accordance with a petition by workmen."

Question of Reform.

A convention of mining engineers in session here devoted the majority of its attention to questions of political reform. The Reformers and Conservatives have now become so wide as to involve bitter attacks against newspapers supposed to especially favor either side of the line in the engineers' convention who proposed to boycott the Novo Vremya was thunderously applauded, while reactionaries are said to be spreading reports among the people that some papers are subsidized by the Japanese. A petition signed by many Liberals has been presented to the Stavropol public asking for the removal of the files of the Novo Vremya and the Moscow Gazette.

MAY GO TO ROME.

Rome, April 15.—While in Sicily Emperor William actively continues to deal with state affairs, keeping his representatives at the Quirinal and at the Vatican constantly engaged. It is rumored that the Emperor may pay a short visit to Rome, make the personal acquaintance of the Pope and agree with him on several difficult questions, briefly the sectarianism of the curies raised by Right Rev. Wilbrod Benzer, Archbishop of Metz, who has refused to permit the burial of Catholics in Catholic cemeteries in which Protestants have been buried. This, it is understood, annoys the Emperor, and he would like to have the archbishop removed, but the Vatican resists his demand, Archbishop Benzer having been appointed on Emperor William's recommendation. Another serious question is that the Catholic Poles are supported by the Pope in their struggle against the Prussian government, which is trying to destroy their nationality.

DEMANDS INDEMNITY.

Mexican Government Will Be Asked to Pay \$250,000 For Murders and Outrages by Yaquis.

Chicago, April 15.—The Mexican government will be asked to pay \$250,000 as indemnity for the murder of J. J. McKenzie and Dr. Robert McCoy, of Chicago; Walter Stuppinger, of Kewanee, and M. A. Call, of Toledo, Ohio, and for the suffering inflicted on C. F. Torrington, of Salem, Ohio, and H. E. Miller, of Los Angeles, Cal., by Yaqui Indians on January 19th last.

COUNCIL BUSINESS.

Acquisition of Gas Works Will Come Up For Consideration This Evening.

At this evening's meeting of the city council Ald. Hall is going to move in favor of the appointment of a special committee to interview C. W. R. Thomson, managing director of the Gas Company, and to ascertain at what figure the works can be obtained by the municipality.

This step is doubtless taken in consequence of the announced reading of the Gas Company to sell and the offer made by the Electric Light Company. It is said that the controlling interest in the Gas Company refused to sell out its shares unless the whole of the capital securities for the amount. The Gas Company, however, would accept nothing but cash in return for its interests.

INDICATIONS POINT TO BETTER FEELING BETWEEN FRANCE AND GERMANY.

Paris, April 15.—Although details are carefully guarded, there is the best of reason to believe that conversations have actually begun between representatives of France and Germany with a view to removing misunderstandings relative to Morocco. It is certain diplomatic means have been found to bring about a mutual exchange of views in place of the mutual recriminations which heretofore have been going on. This favorable turn of affairs appears to be the direct result of the more moderate attitude Germany has shown in communicating with Washington and London, Rome, Madrid and St. Petersburg and Vienna.

LINEER DELAYED.

Dover, Eng., April 14.—The Hamburg-American line steamer Pretoria, which arrived here today from New York, April 14, and proceeded, was delayed by heavy weather. During one day of the voyage, the Pretoria only travelled 139 miles.

STILL HELD BY ICE.

Quebec, April 15.—The ice-breaker Montcalm remains in the same condition in the ice at Cape Rouge as yesterday. The ice still holds on both sides of the vessel.

ROCK

A third car for the field for scholastic success. The latest aspirant is Jones.

The charms of the dental city have decided to leave the home Bay avenue, where he will be effected by yers.

The date of the didates for the rendered vacant Dr. Bolton, will April 25th. The 25th. Two cars W. McKay are.

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Other business which is on the order paper for this evening is a proposal made by Ald. Oddy for the laying of cement sidewalks on both sides of Douglas street from Yates to Johnston streets.

Ald. Goodacre will move for a reconsideration of the resolution passed upon on the 3rd instant, in a report of the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

An amusing connection with the Bequimalt this week appears in another speculators was entertained an other day of astuteness to Auctioneer H. when these were came offensive. I told him to get o his local scholastic some fun at his erid themselves of.