

SHIPS OF RUSSIA AND JAPAN ARE PREPARED FOR TROUBLE

Japanese Squadron Maneu- vering Off Corea.

CZAR'S TROOPS MOVE FORWARD

Officials Say They Do Not Look For a Clash—News Discredited.

Port Arthur, Oct. 9.—A Japanese squadron is maneuvering off Corea. The Russian fleet is perfectly ready. It is lying with steam up and the vessels are painted as in war time.

It is denied here in the highest quarters that the Japanese are landing troops.

NO OFFICIAL NEWS.

London, Oct. 9.—The foreign office has heard nothing of the reported gathering of the Russian warships at Ma San Pho. The foreign office reiterates that Government advises give no indication of the possibility of a Russian-Japanese outbreak.

The dispatches of the British minister to Japan, Sir Claude M. MacDonald, while detailing many requests made by Russia in the present negotiations at Tokio in connection with concessions in Corea, relating chiefly to wharves, make no reference to possibility of an impending crisis.

"FANTASTICAL." The Japanese minister here, Baron Hayashi, described the announcement made by the London Daily Mail correspondent at Kobe, Japan, that Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister to Japan, had presented a note to the Japanese Government contending that Japan had no right to interfere in the question of the evacuation of Manchuria and proposing the partition of Corea between Russia and Japan, as being "fantastical and unworthy of consideration."

The news from Kobe, the minister says, "is about as unreliable as news from Shanghai." He reiterated that there was nothing in the situation in Corea to occasion uneasiness.

SKEPTICAL.

"I have not heard, and I do not believe," added the Japanese minister, "that Russia has intimated her refusal to evacuate Manchuria, and that she has refused to allow Japan to interfere with her occupation. I see nothing in the situation at the present moment that supports the reports of a warlike attitude on the part of either Russia or Japan."

The minister added that he had not received a word regarding any concentration of or alarming movement of the Russian fleet in the far east.

Regarding the report that the Russian fleet had arrived at Ma San Pho, Baron Hayashi remarked that Russia has only about thirty war vessels in the whole far east and it "would be a physical impossibility, on account of coal and other supplies, for the Russian fleet to maintain itself in the most unlikely place for them to go to even if Russia contemplated hostilities, as it is within easy striking distance of Japan's strong naval base at Tsu, in the straits of Corea."

So far as Baron Hayashi knew, it would be equally unreasonable for the Japanese fleet to go to Ma San Pho.

DESIRES WAR.

Paris, Oct. 9.—The Patrie, in a special dispatch from Darmstadt, gives an interview with Alexander Savinsky, the secretary of the Russian Minister Lamsdorf, who, it is claimed, is the authority of his chief upon Russo-Japanese relations. M. Savinsky is quoted as saying: "Our policy in Tokio have informed us that Japan desires war, and is prepared for it. We have enough troops in Siberia to resist all the Japanese forces."

Montreal, Oct. 9.—Japanese Consul Neeve was interviewed, in regard to the rumor of a Russian naval demonstration in Corea. He said he had no confirmation and did not believe it was true. But if it were true, he said, Japan was ready. They felt they would be ready for Russia alone, but in this case they would have China with them.

The Chinese troops would be offered by Japanese, and that was all that was needed to make a splendid line of communication by the Manchurian railway.

RUSSIAN STICK THERE.

Yokohama, Oct. 9.—According to all Chinese reports, the day fixed for the evacuation of parts of Manchuria by the Russian troops is without a Russian move toward the evacuation. The prospects are considered doubtful, unless Russia makes substantial concessions. The rumor of the Japanese rejection of the Russian's demands is officially denied. China is understood to be waiting for the result of Japan's negotiations before further treating with Russia for the evacuation of Manchuria.

LUNATIC'S DESPERATE LEAP

Plunged from a Train Going Fifty Miles an Hour—Still Lives.

Gravfordville, Ind., Oct. 8.—Wesley Graves, traveling on a Big Four train, accompanied by his wife and three children, en route from Jacksonville, Va., to La Harpe, Ill., suddenly became deranged. While the train was running 50 miles an hour Graves gave a wild scream, and seizing one of his children, plunged through the car window into the darkness. His wife grabbed the boy just as the man disappeared. The train was stopped, and Graves was picked up for dead and put in the baggage car. Shortly after arriving here he began to show signs of life. Left in the station unguarded, Graves again became violent and sprang out of the station and ran down the street, pursued by the police. With large stones which he picked up he kept his pursuers at bay. He was finally overpowered and taken to jail.

NEW YORK GETS GOOD DRENCHING

Twenty-Four Hours of Down- pour, Followed by Floods.

STREETS TURNED INTO RIVERS

Thousands Unable to Reach Their Places of Business—Railways Suffer Severely.

New York, Oct. 9.—After 24 hours of heavy rain New York City and vicinity suffered today from severe floods. Six and 24-100 inches of rain had fallen in 24 hours with rain still falling. Trolley lines and railroads were either crippled or delayed and in New York City a conduit containing seventy telegraph wires was so flooded as to displace all the wires.

A heavy flood in the Bronx damaged several packing houses and a portion of the freight yard of the New York Central Railroad was covered by 12 feet of water. A watchman who had sought refuge on the top of a car was rescued. From all parts of the city came reports of flooded cellars, flooded sewers and impassable gutters.

Along the north river front cellars were also flooded and in some instances a heavy loss on goods is reported. It is impossible to estimate the amount of the damage until the cellars have been pumped out.

STREETS FLOODED.

West street in front of the Jersey City and Hoboken ferries was flooded, and passengers were carried across it in drays and grocer wagons.

Trolley traffic at St. George, Staten Island, was completely tied up by a rush of water over the tracks between Stapleton and St. George.

The water was two feet deep in south street at the New York side of the Fulton street, Brooklyn, ferry. Passengers arriving by the ferry boats waded through the water up to their knees until the dealers in the Fulton market used large boxes to build a bridge across the street. The bridge blocked the street for truck traffic, but a section of the bridge had to be removed every minute to admit the passage of street cars.

Nassau street, between Wall and Pine streets, was closed on account of a wash-out in the middle of the street. Pedestrians waded through a foot of water. The sidewalk at the corner of the sub-treasury building was undermined.

Thousands were unable to reach their places of business, owing to the wash-outs and land slides on the railroads. The New York, New Jersey, Long Island and West Chester County. Passengers were forced to remain in stalled trains for many hours, the overflowing streams making roads impassable for vehicles.

A heavy wind accompanied the storm and telegraph wires were blown down.

Local Forecasts Officer Emery said that he believed this was a record rainfall. The highest previous record he could discover occurred on Sept. 25, 1882, when six and 17-100 inches of rain fell in 24 hours.

Baiton, N. Y., Oct. 9.—Three and a half inches of rain fell in 18 hours. The rain was general throughout Saratoga county. Kayaderosseras and other streams in this vicinity are at flood height.

A WARNING.

New York, Oct. 9.—A local U. S. weather bureau received the following message from Washington today:

"Severe storms off Virginia coast, with move east of north. Considered dangerous for vessels to leave ports."

Tarrytown, N. Y., Oct. 9.—All north-bound traffic on the New York Central Railroad was stopped today by a wash-out at Hastings, 6 miles from here. The Empire State Express is among the trains held up. The tracks at several other places are in a dangerous condition from the flood.

Essex County Counterfeiters.

Windsor, Oct. 9.—United States Consul Morris was visited by a man from Oregon, who claimed to be a Canadian, and who was Hamilton Plummer, and that he wished to draw the attention of the consul to the fact that a gang of counterfeiters were operating in the Essex county, and promising to give a large number of American silver dollars and 20 and 25 cent pieces. The coins are made of lead, glass and a small amount of silver, said Plummer. "The men use crude molds." Plummer says the gang also turns out Canadian coins.

WEATHER BULLETIN

London, Friday, Oct. 9.
Sun rises, 5:24 a.m. Moon rises, 7:38 p.m.
Sun sets, 5:41 p.m. Moon sets, 9:25 a.m.

Tomorrow—Cooler and Showery.

Rain has fallen today in Northern and Eastern Ontario and in Western Quebec. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair, but a disturbance has developed since morning off the middle Atlantic coast, and promises stormy weather in the Maritime Provinces.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 20-40; Victoria, 44-54; Calgary, 34-50; Winnipeg, 34-50; Port Arthur, 26-38; Sault Ste. Marie, 26-38; Toronto, 26-38; Ottawa, 48-58; Montreal, 50-60; Quebec, 52-62; Halifax, 36-50.

FORECASTS.

Friday, Oct. 9-8 a.m.
Strong winds and gales from north and northwest; cooler; showers.

Stations. S. a.m. M. n. Weather.
Calgary..... 28 28 Fair
Winnipeg..... 35 35 Fair
Toronto..... 35 35 Fair
Port Arthur..... 35 35 Fair
Ottawa..... 48 48 Clear
Montreal..... 50 50 Rain
Quebec..... 52 50 Cloudy
Father Point..... 50 Cloudy

The storm which was north of Ontario yesterday has completely dispersed, but another of much greater importance, apparently of West Indian origin, has appeared near the middle Atlantic coast, and is likely to cause gales on the Great Lakes and also in the Gulf and Maritime Provinces. Calm and storm signals are played at lake ports and storm signals east.

Local temperatures: Thursday—Highest, 61; lowest, 46.

PROPOSALS OF CHAMBERLAIN MEET WITH KEEN DISCUSSION

English Farmers in Africa.

Liberals Have Not Yet Started Counter Campaign.

JAMES BRYCE IS OUTSPOKEN

Says Ex-Colonial Secretary's State- ments Are Grotesquely Untrue and Worthless.

London, Oct. 9.—The discussion of Mr. Chamberlain's proposals continues keen, but so far the Liberals have made no organized attempts at a counter campaign. Mr. Asquith, the Liberal leader, at Conderford, an iron and coal center in Gloucestershire, yesterday contended that it was impossible to retaliate upon the protected countries, without taxing food or raw material, and experience proved that retaliation did more harm to the retaliators than the retaliated. The adoption of Mr. Chamberlain's proposals would foment quarrels with the colonies. It was a calumny on the colonies to say that the unity of the empire was impossible without preferential tariffs.

A HAIRD HIT.

James Bryce, M. P., speaking at Lancaster, expressed similar opinions, and characterized Mr. Chamberlain's statements as "grotesquely untrue and worthless."

Gerald Balfour, president of the board of trade, addressing a meeting at Leeds, reaffirmed that the Government was pledged not to give effect to the fiscal reform proposals until after an appeal to the country had been made, and he intimated the possibility that after Mr. Chamberlain had concluded his mission it might be found that the taxation of food was within the range of practical politics.

Sir Charles Tupper, the Canadian ex-premier, presiding at a meeting in London, expressed his complete approval of Mr. Chamberlain's policy. The newspapers are industriously collecting prominent colonial opinion on the fiscal question, which so far is:

NOT UNDULY ENTHUSIASTIC.

Although largely favorable to Mr. Chamberlain.

A POOR SUBSTITUTE.

Australian public opinion as expressed in the leading papers of the country is by no means wholly favorable to Mr. Chamberlain's proposals.

Mr. Alfred Lyttleton, Colonial Secretary in succession to Mr. Chamberlain, the Adelaide Advertiser says, "Mr. Lyttleton contrasts only with Mr. Chamberlain. The Register says the appointment of Mr. Lyttleton after Mr. Chamberlain is a poor substitute for Mr. Chamberlain."

GLASGOW APPROVES.

Mr. Dunlop, of the Glasgow line, in an interview said that Glasgow expressed itself as being heartily in favor of Chamberlain's scheme. It was even prepared to go further and comment on Mr. Chamberlain's speech at Greenock, the Liverpool Mercury says: "Premier Seddon, of New Zealand, and other colonial ministers, are the only colonial statesmen who have intimated that their loyalty is dependent on a cash basis."

Arrangements have been made for holding a colonial products exhibition in St. George's Hall, Glasgow, during the second week of January.

One of the largest meat importers here says his company is free to buy where they liked, and it became unprofitable to buy United States meat and more profitable to use colonial, he would give up his business, but in the position, would not only have to pay duty, but would be giving a distinct advantage to Canada and New Zealand.

FOR THE FOURTH TIME

Mrs. Sternman is suing for the Insurance On Husband's Life.

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 9.—For the fourth time Mrs. Olive A. Sternman's suit against the Metropolitan Insurance Company to recover \$1,000 on a policy on her late husband, George N. Sternman, is on trial in the supreme court here.

The company has refused to pay on the policy. Mrs. Sternman, who was poisoned her husband, was tried on the charge of murdering him by the Canadian courts, and after being convicted and sentenced to death, secured a new trial, which resulted in her acquittal.

Thrice Mrs. Sternman sued and lost, and then secured a new trial. The last time she won, but Justice White, who presided at the trial, allowed the defendant an order for a new trial on errors made by the court. An appeal will be taken no matter which side wins the present trial.

Damages for Loss of Husband.

Hamilton, Ont., Oct. 9.—At the Hamilton assizes in the suit of Mrs. Bradwood against the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway Company for \$20,000 damages for loss of her husband, who was killed in a collision on the railway, a settlement was reached. Mrs. Bradwood receiving \$1,900 and her solicitors \$500. Harry Branton and Harry Entwistle, two conductors on the railway who were injured in the same accident, and sued for damages, received \$500 and \$400 and costs respectively. Bradwood was a motorman.

Haultain Favors Protection.

Calgary, N. W. T., Oct. 8.—Hon. F. G. Haultain, the Territorial Premier, made a speech here last night at a meeting of local Conservatives. He declared strongly in favor of a protective tariff for the whole Dominion. The people of the West, he said, should be Canadians first, Westerners second and economists third.

Gunboat Sunk by Explosion.

Montevideo, Uruguay, Oct. 8.—The Uruguayan gunboat General Rivera, of 300 tons, has been sunk at Santa Barbara as the result of an explosion. The commander was burned to death, and many of her crew were killed.

THIS BRINGS THE END NEARER

Government Drops the Fielding Bill Limiting Power of Attorney-General.

Another Session.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 9.—The Government this morning dropped the Fielding bill to limit the powers of the Auditor-General by amending the audit account. This brings the end nearer.

ANOTHER SESSION.

Ottawa, Oct. 8.—Special to the Globe.—The impression is gaining ground that there will be another session before an election. It will be a very brief one, and only legislation of the most urgent character will be passed. Then the Government will dissolve Parliament and go to the country.

It is understood that the majority of ministerial members, certainly those from Quebec, favor another session rather than an immediate appeal to the electorate. At the same time, if the Government choose to have the elections this winter, they have good reasons for doing so in the redistribution of constituencies and the Grand Trunk Pacific policy.

A PREFERENTIAL TARIFF FAVORED

Result of Engineering Firms' Plebiscite—Miners Oppose Chamberlain's Scheme.

London, Oct. 9.—An interesting return is published by the Engineering Times of the result of the plebiscite of the British engineering firms, showing their attitude toward the pending fiscal proposals, as follows:

For preferential tariffs with the colonies, 66 per cent; against, 20; doubtful, 14. For taxation of imported foreign goods, 43; against, 23; doubtful, 34. For taxation of imports of manufactured machinery and articles of foreign origin, 63; against, 23; doubtful, 14.

The miners' federation of Great Britain, at a meeting in Glasgow, after a heated discussion, passed a resolution of 89 to 5 votes, opposing the views of Premier Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain, and protesting against any alteration of the free trade policy. It was announced that the majority represented 34,900 miners.

THE NEW CABINET.

The new cabinet ministers have assumed their duties, the seats of office having been exchanged at a Privy Council meeting held by King Edward at Buckingham Palace this morning. All the retiring officials and their successors were present, with the exception of the new minister of the interior, Mr. Arnold Forster, the new war secretary. The latter was indisposed and the former was subsequently received in private audience by the King.

SUBBURY NICKEL DEPOSITS

In Quantity They Surpass Any Other in the World.

Toronto, Oct. 8.—Prof. Coleman, of the University of Toronto and party, who have spent the summer in the Sudbury nickel district investigating the ore deposits for the Ontario Government, have returned to Toronto. The party went over the northern nickel range pretty thoroughly. Prof. Coleman says he found it practically a continuation of the southern range, the whole forming a great oval, 40 miles long and 20 broad. In quantity the Sudbury deposits far surpass any other nickel deposits in the world. In the percentage of nickel in the ore, however, they are hardly up to the standard of the Canadian ore. The average percentage of nickel is about 2 1/2, though some deposits run as high as 5 per cent. There is more copper and sulphur in the ore than in the New Caledonia ores.

Population of Ottawa.

Ottawa, Oct. 8.—The provincial census is \$2,244,235, an increase of \$3,201,840 over last year. The population is 61,257, an increase of 46. The small increase is attributed to the big fire in May last, after which many families burned out had to go to the suburbs to secure houses. In every ward except that swept by fire there was an augmentation both in assessment values and population.

Opera House Burned.

Binghamton, N. Y., Oct. 9, 2 a.m.—Fire which started at 1 a.m. in the Stone Opera House, gutted the structure. It was one of the finest appointed theaters in the state.

At 5 o'clock the fire was practically under control, without having injured the front of the building, in which are contained Stone Hall, several business offices, the lobby and theater offices. All the scenery of Paul Gilmore's company, in "The Mummy and the Humming Bird" which appeared at the house last evening, had been removed before the fire began.

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Columbus Dispatch.

The Bear "Please, sir, may I stay a little while longer?"

LIPTON SAILS FOR ENGLAND

Not Feeling As Well As He Looks —Custody of Cup For Ocean Race.

New York, Oct. 9.—Sir Thomas Lipton sailed for England today on the steamer Cedric. Sir Thomas said he was not feeling as well as he looked, but that he expected to gain strength on the way to England.

Sir Thomas had good-byes to H. H. Davies, his agent in this country, and Capt. Webster, who were the only persons at the dock to see him off. He would not talk about the possibility of his challenging again for the cup.

CUP FOR OCEAN RACE.

The Herald says: It was definitely decided last night that the Atlantic Yacht Club will be the custodian of the \$25,000 cup which Sir Thomas Lipton has offered for an ocean race from Sandy Hook lightship to The Needles in May next. The conditions of the contest will be published at an early day.

In addition to the honor of having the winning yacht's name inscribed upon the cup, it is announced that the club will give three additional cups, one of the value of \$500, to go to the first yacht finishing; one of \$300 to go to the second yacht, and still another of \$200 to go to the third boat.

The restrictions of the race will be few. Each yacht will take its own time at the finish and an allowance will be awarded.

NO WORD OF PRAISE

County Police Criticised For Their
Actions at Thorndale.

Only one arrest was made at the Thorndale fair yesterday, and the county constables who figured in their conduct. The story told by several indignant citizens who attended the exhibition was to the effect that a young man named W. J. Mahoney, of St. Thomas, who had been selling peanuts at the grounds, became suddenly ill, and fell down in the road. Several of the vigilant county police were immediately on the scene and the young fellow was conveyed to the sitting room of a hotel, where he complained of his leg. A doctor was sent for and he was ordered to be put to bed. The constables took him upstairs, and instead of following the doctor's orders, had a warrant made out by the local magistrate, and Mahoney was brought to the county jail on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. He was remanded till the 15th. Several reputable citizens told the same story of the affair.

OPENING OF THE LIBERAL CLUB

To Take Place On Tuesday Even- ing—Prominent Liberals to Attend.

The formal opening of the new Liberal club, corner of Park and Queen's avenues, will take place on Tuesday evening next.

No printed invitations are to be sent out, but every Liberal is invited to be present to share in the evening's enjoyment and also to inspect the comfortable home of the organization. All will be cordially welcomed.

Music will be provided, and light refreshments will be served.

Mr. Charles S. Hyman, M. P., Mr. George C. Gibbons, K.C., and a number of other leading Liberals will be present.

WAYWARD MISS WALTERS

London Girl Arrested in Detroit—Left Here Few Nights Ago.

Lizzie Walters, whose home is in this city, left here Monday night with another girl, taking the limited to Detroit. The girls were accompanied when they left here.

Lizzie Walters is very young, and yet she is known to the police here. Her chief escapade was when she had two young men arrested while she was employed as a domestic in South London. They were committed to jail for luring her away in a buggy on the pretense that they were going to take her to see her mother, who, they said, was ill, and for attempting to assault her.

Later she came before the magistrate for misbehavior, and was warned to be good. Lizzie's proclivities, evidently, are not that way, for her recent trip to Detroit landed her in jail.

Wednesday night in a Jefferson avenue larder, kept by Ernest J. McDowell, and was at the time in company with a girl, said to be Jessie Johnson, of Detroit, who is a cigar vendor.

Lizzie's story to the police of that city was that she had only a few dollars when she left home, and on the night she was found had been lured into the saloon by a young man. She had been drinking against her will, she claimed. Last night she was turned over to the Salvation Army authorities, who will look after her until her relatives in this city bring her back.

WITH THE THORNDALE CHURCH

A thanksgiving dinner will be given on Thursday evening next by St. George's Church, Thorndale, and it will be followed by a high class concert. Next Sunday Rev. O. H. Rhodes, Hyde Park, will preach in Thorndale and Grace Church, West Nissouri.