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GREAT BATTLE NOW RAGING; THE SUPREME TEST AT HAND

200,000 of Mikado's Men Are Attacking the Muscovites' Main Force Massed at Liao Yang.

FATE OF CAMPAIGN MAY BE SETTLED IN FEW HOURS

St. Petersburg, Aug. 30, 2:32 p.m.—The long-expected battle at Liao Yang has begun, and the two armies are now fighting what probably will prove to be the decisive battle of the campaign. The Japanese armies are attacking General Kuropatkin's forces, and his friends and admirers are confident that having accepted a general engagement he will defeat the Japanese.

In a brief telegram received this morning he says the general advance of the Japanese began yesterday at noon, the Russian outposts falling back upon the main lines. The heaviest fighting was taking place when his dispatch was sent from a point ten miles southeast of Liao Yang, where the Japanese seemed to be concentrating for their main blow. The Russian suffered principally from the shrapnel fire of the Japanese artillery.

The Japanese selected the Mikado's birthday for the decisive battle and it will not be surprising if today is also signalized by a grand assault on Port Arthur.

The Russian forces are disposed at Liao Yang to meet the onslaught of the three Japanese armies previously described in these dispatches. The telegram from Kuropatkin which gives this information, together with the details of the retirement of the Russian troops upon Liao Yang, have not been given out, for strategic reasons.

The combined armies of General Kuroki, Oku and Nodzu probably exceed 200,000 men. Their forces are considerable superior in numbers to General Kurpatkin's, but the Russian commander-in-chief probably relies upon the strength and character of his position to overcome the disparity in numbers.

The war office is waiting with breathless anxiety for news of the progress and issue of the battle on which so much depends.

Half Million Engaged.

Berlin, Aug. 30.—A dispatch from Liao Yang to the Lokal Anzeiger, timed 9:25 a.m. today, says: "What appears to be the deciding battle began at 4 a.m. Since then the artillery has been thundering and rifle fire has been rolling incessantly. The encircling heights resemble fire emitting mountains. The Japanese began the attack east of Liao Yang, along the Taitse River, but were repulsed.

"The firing is now specially heavy south and southwest of Liao Yang.

The Wiborg regiment, of which Emperor William II. is honorary chief, is deploying upon the battle field. The Russian army is full of confidence.

"The total strength of the combatants engaged is estimated at over half a million men. The battle probably will continue several days."

Hand to Hand Fights.

Liao Yag, Aug. 30.—The battle of growing in intensity. The Japanese fire is chiefly directed on the Russian southern contingent. The Japanese advance was pressed with such vigor that it developed into a hand to hand fights, the Twenty-third regiment repelling an attack at the point of the bayonet. One Japanese battery was dismantled. Wounded men have been pouring into Liao Yang since 8 o'clock this morning, mostly by shrapnel shells and some by rifle bullets. The heights of Maetung near the railroad have been showered with projectiles.

A Hail of Shells.

Liao Yang, Aug. 30, 10 a.m.—From 5 o'clock this morning up to 9 o'clock there has been an incessant shower of shrapnel. The heaviest cannonading is coming from the southeast, where the Japanese evidently have numerous guns. Deadly shells are bursting everywhere, their white smoke being distinctly traceable against the dark foliage on the mountain sides. The Japanese are searching the whole country side with their fire, selecting certain squares of territory on which for a few moments they mass a hail of shot and shell from all their guns and then pass to another square, thus working the whole field, with mathematical precision from right to left. In this way the entire Russian front has been systematically searched in the first four hours of the cannonading. Then commenced the general Japanese advance along the whole line. At this hour, 10 a.m., the Japanese artillery fire has somewhat slackened, but their infantry is steadily pushing forward.

The Russians have been holding their ground gallantly and their losses are small considering the terrible nature of the fire.

The Center Attacked.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 30. — A dispatch from Gen. Sakahroff, dated Liao Yang, at 10 a.m. today, says:

"The main Japanese attack is being directed against the Russian center and right, where the Russian lossee have been the heaviest.

"The Japanese posted numerous artillery guns within range of all the Russian positions during the night. A hot fire was opened at 5 a.m., and 9 o'clock the Japanese were close to the Russian positions.'

May Last for Days.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 30. — The latest reports received by the war office that the battle at Liao Yang will probably extend for several days. The Japanese are directing their energy to bombarding segments of the circle of defensive positions occupied by the Russians. The latter already have suffered heavily from the hail of shells.

Heavy Cannonading.

Liao Yang, Aug. 30.—Rifle firing is distinctly audible here, it having commenced at the south at 5 o'clock this morning. A steady cannonade is in progress, and it is believed a great battle has commenced.

A body of Japanese troops reached a point five miles west of the railway station yesterday evening, but were dispersed.

Today is the anniversary of the birth of the Japanese Emperor and the Russian army expect a general advance on its position around Liao Yang.

From early morning until noon yesterday in Liao Yang could be heard the dull rumble of distant guns. Then a lull of four hours ensued when, suddenly firing reopened to the southeast heavier and nearer than before and continued with but little intermission until darkness fell.

A Masterly Retreat.

Liao Yang, Aug. 30.—(Delayed.)—Throughout Aug. 29 and 28 the Russian eastern divisions continued to fall back in good order on Liao Yang, but the movement was slow on account of bad roads and difficulty of transportation and the Japanese pressed closely several times with light batteries, dragging guns to the hills and shelling the troops whose retirement was covered by Russian guns, consequently there were frequent duels.

Gen. Morson was wounded and their were other losses of about 250 men. The Japanese scouts are extremely active today (Monday). Rain is falling, but the rumble of artillery can still be heard on the eastward.

The Russian retreat from Anshanshan was ordered for strategic reasons, practically no resistance being offered. A light screen of batteries facing theenemy's guns beautifullydisposed on a chain of hills masked the withdrawal of the main forces. When night fell the batteries also took up the retreat, their rear guard lighting bivouac fires to conceal the movement. But the Japanese soon discovered this ruse and pressed forward, coming up with the Russian rear guard Sunday morning. For an hour the light batteries were hotly engaged.

To the lot of the Omsk, Tobolsk and Kranovarsk regiments fell the duty of covering the retreat of Gen. Zeaoubajeff's force. The task was difficult as the Japanese continued to advance and deployed light mountain guns against the Russian rear and left flanks and it was imperative that the Japanese should be held back to permit the removal of the baggage and artillery trains. The roads were washed out and heavy with mud produced by the deluge of rain the preceding Friday. Many guns were mired. Cossacks and infantrymen were harnessed to the guns and managed to haul them along. It was slow work, but was successfully completed: The greatest difficulty of the retirement on the east front was experienced before Vanbantai Pass, where it was necessary to hold the Japanese in check until the artillery pressed through and also to keep in touch with the Tenth Army Corps, commanded by Gen. Herschelmann, to the north, as well as with the southern division, to prevent a turning movement.

From dawn until dark the eastern troops, although fatigued by four days fighting, sustained a rear guard action.

Lost Two Thousand.

Tokio, Aug. 30.—The Japanese lost 2,000 men killed or wounded at the battle of Anping. The Russian losses have not been estimated, but are said to have been heavy.

The Japanese captured eight guns at Anping and eight at Anshanshan.

Askold Disarmed.

Shanghai, Aug. 30.—The Russian cruiser Askold and torpedo boat destroyer Gromovoi finished disarming today.

A Rear Guard Action.

Hsiaotung (eleven miles east of Liao Yang), Aug. 29.—The Russian army from Anping this afternoon debouched upon the Liao Yang plain, after fighting a rear guard action for nearly ten miles from Anping, bringing its wounded and burying its dead on the way. Six guns are reported to have been lost, but a number of Japanese were captured, showing signs of great fatigue and hardships. The enormous army, the last of which passed out on the Lan Valley at 5 o'clock this afternoon, seems to fill the entire plain from the foothills to the ancient walls

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Rightful Sultan of Turkey Dies in a Palace Prison

Constantinople, Aug. 30.—Ex-Sultan Murad died here today.

Murad V. was born in 1840, and ascended the throne after the murder of Sultan Abulab Aziz, May, 1876. In July of that year Murad was placed under the regency of his brother, the present Sultan, Abdul Mahomet, and on Aug. 31 he was dethroned. Outwardly this act was performed legally by the council of ministers, on the ground that he was insane. The real facts in the case, however, will probably never be known, but it has been claimed that Murad was a good deal more sane than his brother, and one of the greatest terrors of Abdul Hamid's existence was the fear that this Turkish "Man with the Iron Mask," as he has been termed, might escape from his place of confinement in the Cheragin Palace, and some six years ago he was removed to the Malta kiosk in the grounds of Yildiz Palace, occupied by Abdul Hamid, which is surrounded by lofty walls.

NOT SENTENCED YET

Fate of Von Plehve's Murderer Not Yet Decided Upon.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 30.—The statement that Sanonoff, the assassin of Minister of Interior Plehve, had been sentenced to death proves to be incorrect. Whether the assassin will be tried by court martial or by a civil court is one of the questions that the next minister of the interior will have to pass upon. It is expected that the Emperor will appoint a new minister of the interior as soon as he returns from the Don.

CONSOLED BY POPE

Bishop of Laval Cause of Split With France at Vatican.

Rome, Aug. 30.—The Pope received today in private audience Mgr.Geay, Bishop of Laval, France, who said that now that France has severed her diplomatic relations with the Vatican, he had no more reason to abide by Premier Combes' instructions not to obey his summons to Rome, and had hurried to the Vatican, wishing to demonstrate that he is a victim of calumnies, and that he can prove his innocence of charges brought against him. The Pope consoled and encouraged him, saying that if the charges are false he will have all the assistance necessary to prove himself innocent.

HAMILTON ASKED FOR HIS ARREST

Organizer McCauley, of Bankrupt Mercantile Agency, Is Charged With Larceny.

New York, Aug. 30.—Thomas N. McCauley, organizer and former president of the alleged bankrupt International Mercantile Agency of this city, which is now in the hands of a receiver, was arrested here today upon request of Hamilton, Ont., authorities, who informed the local officials that McCauley was wanted there on the charge of larceny of $4,500 made by C. S. Wilcox, of that city, a former stockholder in the mercantile agency. McCauley says that his arrest is the result of spite on the part of a present official of the company, because of McCauley's action in bringing suit against the agency for $54,000, which he claims to have loaned to the company. McCauley's suit followed a suit by the directors of the agency seeking to compel him to make an accounting for them for the alleged misappropriation of $750,000 by selling his personal stock instead of the company's.

SINGLE-HANDED KILLED TWENTY

How Brave Russian Officers Beat Off Desperate Assault of the Japanese.

Che Foo, Aug. 30. — The last issue received here of the Novikrai, the official organ at Port Arthur, contains an article warmly praising the conduct of Captain Lebedieff, commanding the marines at Zeardoutni, who stood on top of a wall, his revolver in one hand and his sword in the other and killed or wounded twenty odd Japanese, who, mounting on the shoulders of their comrades, attempted to scale the wall. When the Japanese were repulsed Captain Lebedieff sat down and was wiping the perspiration away from his face when a shell tore his body to pieces.

NOT USING DUMDUMS

Doctor Says Bullets in Far East War Do Little Damage.

San Francisco, Aug. 30. — Dr. F. E. Freemantle, a county health officer of England, who is traveling around the world investigating sanitary and hospital conditions in the various countries he visits, has arrived here from the Orient. After visiting the scene of warfare in Korea and Manchuria, he spent considerable time visiting the big hospitals for the wounded sailors and soldiers at Tokio. Dr. Freemantle says there are no dumdum bullets used, and the wounds, even when shot through what is generally regarded as a vital spot, heal quickly, and there is but little maiming for life. The Russian bullets are a little larger than the Japanese, but both make a clear-cut wound,and blood-poisoning from wounds properly treated is very rare.One reason for this fact is that the bullets are sterilized by the heat which is engendered by their passing so swiftly through the bore of a rifle and the friction while flying through the air.

FOUND DEAD IN BED

Sudden Death of Young Man After Playing Football.

Guelph, Aug. 30.—A sudden and unexpected death occurred on the third line of Erin township between Saturday night and Sunday morning. Geo. Watson, stonemason, who had been building a flume at Mr. Henry Hortop's mill at Everton, went to his parents' home on Saturday evening to spend Sunday. He partook of a hearty supper and retired in apparently excellent health and spirits after taking part in a football match. Sunday morning he was found dead in bed. The deceased was 25 or 27 years of age, unmarried, and a great favorite in the locality. The cause of death has not been ascertained.

Banquet at Halifax

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 30.—Sir Frederick Borden will be banqueted at the Halifax Hotel this evening by the city militia officers. Invitations are being sent to the Governor-General, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and other distinguished people. Sir Frederick and family, who are now at home at Canning, will join Hon. Mr. Emmerson and daughter in a tour through Cape Breton this week.

THE STEEL RAIL DUTIES PLEASE

Prompt Action of Government Gives Great Satisfaction.

SHAUGHNESSY FAVORS POLICY

New Soo Company Will Be Able to Supply 1,000 Tons a Day When a Demand Is Made.

Montreal, Aug. 29. — Discussing the imposition by the Government of a duty on steel rails, Mr. T. J. Drummond, a director of the reorganized Consolidated Lake Superior Companies, said today: "The Government's action has been extremely prompt and satisfactory. It was stated in the rail duty resolution that the duty should be applied as soon as it was shown that Canadian mills could produce rails of proper quality and in substantial quantity. The Soo mill has been demonstrating that this could be done since Tuesday, the 16th, and, of course, we had notified the Government, and asked them to inspect the output and act accordingly. I knew that Government inspectors were reporting on the Soo rail output, but I did not know that the result would be made known so early.

"The conditions under which rails already ordered may escape the duty are quite satisfactory to us, and should, I imagine, be entirely fair to all parties concerned. It is, of course, impossible to expect anything like the full capacity of over 500 tons a day, when the mill has only just been started up, and it will take some time to get it in perfect running shape. They are already working on contract orders. The capacity of the mill can easily be raised to 1,000 tons when we get going."

"Are you importing foreign ore for these rails?"

"Yes, a considerable proportion of the ore used is Mesaba. There has been no demand for this class of ore in Canada heretofore, and consequently no development, but it does not follow that we shall always have to import. We have offers of ore properties from a number of people who claim to possess in Canada the kind of deposits that we need.

"The placing of the duty, of course, brings the anti-dumping clause into effect in the matter of steel rails, and this will be of the utmost importance to the Canadian rail industry. The limit being 50 per cent of the duty, there is scope for a good range of special protection, which should secure us against improper low quotations."

It is difficult to get the expression of opinion of the new steel duty from an official of the Grand Trunk Railway, who has authority to speak, and who is conversant with the situation. Mr. Hays, the general manager, is with the party of Grand Trunk Pacific directors and officials in the west, and Mr. Butze, the chief purchasing agent, is out of the city.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific, expressed his opinion tonight. He said: "I am and have always been in favor of protecting our own industries, provided they are able to meet the demands of the market. I am in favor of protecting the manufacturers of steel rails, even should it cost the railways a reasonable amount more for their supplies. But before we give protection we should be sure that the Canadian mills can fill contracts on time and produce rails of necessary standard quality. If the Canadian mills are not able to do that, then the tariff is for revenue only, and as such it is an unjust burden on the railways."

IMMENSE BOER TREASURE FOUND

Over One Million Dollars Discovered Hidden Away in Northern Transvaal.

Johannesburg, Aug. 30.—Mr. Kemp, a cousin of Gen. Kemp, the Boer commander, has discovered, beyond Spelonken, in the northern Transvaal, the treasure removed from Pretoria before the entry of Fied Marshal Lord Roberts. The value of the treasure is estimated at $1,250,000, of which the Government will receive half.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Tomorrow--Fair and Cool.

Sun rises, 5:38 a.m.; sun sets, 6:58 p.m.
Moon rises 9:16 p.m.; moon sets 9:56 a.m.

Toronto, Aug. 29.—8 p.m.—The cool wave which has prevailed over the Northwest Territories for the past two days, is going towards the great lakes and St. Lawrence valley. The reported temperatures have in no instance been as low as the freezing point, but slight ground frosts may have occurred in parts of Manitoba and are probably in Northern Ontario and Quebec. The weather today has been showery in Manitoba and fine in other parts of the Dominion.

Minimum and maximum temperatures—Dawson, 40—60; Victoria, 52—58; Kamloops, 58—76; Edmonton, 28—68; Calgary, 42—68; Prince Albert, 42—66; Qu'Appelle, 48—50; Winnipeg, 36—60; Parry Sound, 50—66; Toronto, 56—69; Ottawa, 58—66; Quebec, 52—62; St. John, 54—72; Halifax, 52—70.

Tuesday, Aug. 30.

FORECASTS.

Moderate, variable winds; fair and quite cool.

Wednesday—Moderate and variable winds; fair and cool.

TEMPERATURES.

Calgary	48	48	Cloudy
Winnipeg	48	46	Fair
Toronto	56	48	Clear
Ottawa	56	46	Fair
Montreal	60	56	Clear
Quebec	52	44	Clear
Father Point	48	44	Clear

WEATHER NOTES.

All danger of frost in Manitoba is over for the present. The weather is fine and cool throughout the Dominion, with no indication of much change.

Local temperatures — The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory on Monday, Aug. 29, 1904, were: Highest, 7,15 above; lowest, 57 above.

FINNISH HOME RULE?

New Governor-General Says It Will Not Be Taken From Finland.

Heisingfors, Finland, Aug. 30. — The Finnish press received with great satisfaction the imperial decree convoking the Diet of Finland, and is also placing great stress on the utterances of Prince John Obliensky, Governor-General of Finland, during his tour of inspection, especially his repeated statements that: "It is not the intention of the Emperor's Government to deprive Finland of her right of home rule."

DON'T WANT MARLBOROUGH

Objection to a Governor-General With an American Wife.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 30.—Even the suggestion that the Duke of Marlborough will succeed Lord Minto as Governor-General of Canada is opposed. The Montreal Sun says today:

"The appointment might be popular with some in Canada because the nobleman is married to an American lady of wealth, but the fact that his grace has married a wife from the neighboring republic will make him a less satisfactory person to occupy Rideau Hall than if he were a perfect stranger."

HAMILTON MAN SHOOTS BROTHER

Edment Behm Wounds Half-Brother for Unknown Reason—Will Recover.

Hamilton, Aug. 29. — Edment Behm, 157 Hannah street east, was arrested at 5:50 this evening on the charge of shooting with intent to kill. Behm went to the tailor shop of his half-brother, Frederick Behm, at 99 Tisdale street, armed with a shotgun. He fired point blank at his half-brother, and the charge entered his right shoulder. Word of the shooting was sent to police headquarters, and Detective Coulter and P. C. Smith went down for Behm in the patrol wagon. While they were on King William street near Tisdale Behm came along with the gun under his arm and said: "I guess you want me; here I am." The injured man was removed to the city hospital, where Dr. Coleman is attending him. The doctors are trying now to locate the shot. It is not thought that it will be fatal. The wounded man lives at 140 Emerald street north. Behm, who did the shooting, gave no reason for his deed, and it is said that he even expressed regret that the shot did not kill.

BIG LAND COMPANY DOGGING MR. HAYS

Want to Ascertain the G. T. P. Terminal Before It Is Publicly Announced.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 30.—It transpires that the movements of General Manager Hays and the party of Grand Trunk Pacific officials, who are going up coast for the purpose of looking into the question of a terminal site for the transcontinental railway, will be closely watched by representatives of a land company composed of Victorian and American capitalists, who look forward to speculation in connection with it.

A tug boat is at present being overhauled here and outfitted for the accommodation of these representatives. Considerable mystery surrounds the outfitting and little information is given out. Work is being pushed forward night and day, and ample supplies are being taken on for a long voyage.

Other land companies have representatives at points up coast who will watch carefully the railway party and duly report its movements to their principals. Speculators are systematically preparing to make an immense profit if the location of the terminus is ascertained before publicly announced.

HARVESTING STANDS

Cool and Wet in the West Cause a Delay.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 29. — The clear moonlight and the extreme coolness last night caused great apprehension of frost. Meteorological reports today showed no trace of frost in Manitoba or the territories. The C. P. R. and the C. N. R. have no records of frost. Many of the grain dealers wired their special agents and no frosts are reported from grain-growing centers. Some of the market gardeners report white frost in the suburbs, but it will do no injury to the tenderest plant. The weather today is cool and wet, rendering harvest operations impossible.

Temperatures at 10 p.m.: Winnipeg, clear, 47; Portage la Prairie, cloudy, 48 degrees.

A CANADIAN MOTOR CO.

First of Its Kind in Dominion Established in Windsor.

Windsor, Ont., Aug. 30. — The Ford Motor Company, of Canada, Limited, held its organization meeting here last night. The company, which is capitalized at $125,000, under the laws of Canada, will immediately commence the manufacture of automobiles at the old plant in Walkerville of the Walker-Milner Wagon Company. The machines made at the Canadian factory will be ready for the market by the first of next year. The company will employ about sixty hands and will be the first auto manufacturing plant in Canada.

Boy Suffocated.

Montreal, Que., Aug. 30. — Albert Sicard, 12 years of age, was suffocated yesterday afternoon by a cart load of dry cement falling on him and burying his head and a portion of his body. The boy was unconscious when pulled out of the cement, and died in an ambulance on the way to the hospital.

STOESSEL WIRES THE CZAR CAN FIGHT SIX MORE WEEKS

Tells of Repeated Repulses Handed the Japs, But Says His Men Suffer Greatly.

STENCH OF THE DEAD HAS BECOME INTOLERALE

St. Petersburg, Aug. 30.—Direct news from Lieut.-Gen. Stoessel at Port Arthur up to Aug. 25 and of a favorable character, has been received here. He says that the Japanese attacks were repulsed till Aug. 25, with heavy loss to the attackers. He gives no details of the positions held or of the Russian losses, but says the officers suffered severely, especially the younger ones. Some of the larger Russian guns were put out of business by the Japanese batteries and were replaced by field pieces.

The general describes the stench from the decaying bodies between the lines as being horrible. He reported that the morale of the garrison is excellent.

Finally the general recommends Gens. Fock, Kondratenko, Smirnoff, and others for bravery and devotion.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 29. — It is reported from a reliable source that Lieut.-Gen. Stoessel has telegraphed to the Emperor saying that the defenders of the fortress are ready and willing to lay down their lives, but adding that the garrison has already suffered severely, and intimating that is is hardly possible to hold out for more than a month or six weeks.

Togo Lands Guns.

The report that the Japanese forces before Port Arthur have received heavy reinforcements via Dalny has been confirmed.

The steamer Chinhua, which has arrived here from New Chwang, reports that there was heavy firing at Port Arthur from 9 o'clock last night until 2 a.m.

Rome, Aug. 29.—A telegram from Che Foo reports that Togo has landed 50 heavy guns from the fleet off Port Arthur to be used in the bombardment of the city by the land forces.

Che Foo Aug. 29, 7 p.m.—Severe fighting was resumed at Port Arthur on Aug. 27. Between Aug. 22 and 26 there was some fighting, but it was less severe than on the 27th. A Chinese refugee was compelled to carry the dead from the battlefield of Paichuang, which the Japanese attempted to capture on Aug. 28. Thirty carts were used to carry the dead, numbering 400. Efficient soldiers at Port Arthur are said to number over 10,000. A Chinaman from Rihlungshan says he saw the Russians occupying this fort from which previous reports stated that they had been driven. Probably both reports were correct, as many position about the fortress change hands repeatedly. The fighting which began on the 27th soon became general. While the Chinese were at sea, Aug. 28, the heavy firing was resumed. Two junks, containing contraband of war, were sunk by a Japanese torpedo boat. Fort No. 5 has changed hands four times, and is now unoccupied. The Japanese filled the moat with sandbags. Thousands of Chinese coolies are digging trenches, building earthworks and dragging cannon about.

Information received here confirms the belief that the great Japanese assault upon Port Arthur, which began Aug. 22, was by no means as successful as anticipated. Although the Japanese succeeded in pushing their lines forward, they were unable to occupy positions from which they drove the Russians. They succeeded only in weakening the Russian lines.

SS. VIKING ASHORE

Was Bound for Hamilton Inlet and Will kikely Be Lost.

St. Johns, Nfld., Aug. 30.—The Canadian cable repair steamer Tyrian, which has arrived here from Belle Isle Strait, reports that the steamer Viking, from Halifax for Hamilton Inlet, Labrador, went ashore Friday last near Belle Isle during a fog and is likely to prove a total loss.

A CABINET MEETING

Case of Condemned Nova Scotian Murderer To Be Considered.

Ottawa, Aug. 30. — A meeting of the Cabinet will be held this week to consider the case of Robinson, the Nova Scotia wife-murderer, whose execution is fixed for Sept. 12. Another question to be dealt with is the appointment of a secretary to the N. T. Railway commission, which will probably go to P. E. Ryan, Toronto.

EDITOR STANDS WHIP

Son of Dartmouth Chief of Police Wields It.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 30.—J.M. Weeks, editor Dartmouth (N. S.) Patriot, was horsewhipped at Dartmouth today by George McKenzie, son of the chief of police. For some years past Weeks has been publishing articles holding the chief up to ridicule. This annoyed the chief's son exceedingly, and yesterday afternoon he left his work to find Weeks. He found him on the principal street, and requested him to apologize. Weeks refused and McKenzie snatched a whip from a nearby team and trounced the editor severly.

UNGRATEFUL RUSSIANS

Released From Jail by Manifesto They Attack Police.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 30. — The disturbance at Riga on the Baltic yesterday was caused by a crowd of prisoners released under the terms of the imperial manifesto issued the day of the christening of the Heik. The men armed themselves with revolvers, knives and paving stones, and attacked the police. Assistant Chief of Police Lishin, who was severely wounded while dispersing the rioters yesterday, has not recovered consciousness. He received three pistol shot wounds in the head, ear and arm.

Insurgents Winning.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 30.—The Paraguayan insurrectionists are actively preparing for a land attack by foot and mounted forces. Serious resistance is not expected. Government troops at Asuncion are freely deserting. Their rations are now reduced to three biscuiits daily. The country is almost entirely dominated by the insurgents.

NEW POLICY FOR IRELAND

Reform Association Wants a Measure of Self-Government.

London, Aug. 30. — The Irish Reform Association has adopted a platform for the association which while firmly maintaining that the parliamentary union of Great Britain and Ireland is essential to the political stability of the Empire and the prosperity of the island, expresses the belief that such a union is compatible with the devolution to Ireland of a larger measure of local government. It considers that such a devolution, while avoiding matters of imperial concern and subjects of common interests to the United Kingdom, will be beneficial to Ireland and would relieve the imperial parliament of a mass of business occupying its time to the detriment of more important concerns. The association also considers that the present financial administration of Ireland is wasteful, that it ought to be revised and that the time has arrived to extend to Ireland the system of private bill legislation, which has been so successful in Scotland. It advocates urgently, high education and expresses the desire to do all in its power to further the policy of land purchase in the spirit and on the general lines laid down by the land conference reports.

MUNICIPAL LIGHTING

Brantford Makes Change Making Pathway Clearer.

Brantford, Aug. 29.—Another change was effected at the city council this evening which may clear the way for a municipal lighting system in this city. Some time ago an agreement was entered into between the city and the Gas Company, by which the company reduced their price to 90c. The aldermen don't think the price is low enough and have repealed the agreement, which, they claim, was never signed by the company. They further claim the company never paid the $900 interest on stock held by the city. The Gas Company's agreement was a hindrance to municipal lighting in this city, and now some of the aldermen think the way is without much further obstacle.

A bylaw to elect the aldermen by general vote, and reducing the number of aldermen, was also introduced and received its first reading.

The Ship Brake.

Montreal, Que., Aug. 30. — Mr. Louis Lacoste, who has returned from England, states that he interviewed Lloyds regarding his ship brake, and that the company have taken the invention into serious consideration. The inventor says that following a largely attended meeting of shipowners, underwriters and engineers, presided over by Sir John Glover, the latter told him that the members had no doubt that once adopted the system would cause an immediate reduction in the number of accidents particularly in the St. Lawrence.

Oil in Moore Township; Excitement at Fever Heat

Petrolea, Aug. 29.—The excitement prevailing among oil men in this vicinity during the past few weeks, owing to the valuable territory opened up in Moore Township, reached fever heat on Saturday, when it became known that the well just finished on Thomas Holmes' farm, west half of lot 2, con. 9, was pumping about 125 barrels per day. This is the best since the 100-barrel well struck by the Petrolea Torpedo Company, a few weeks ago. In the meantime, a number of small wells have been opened up, but the new well, known as the Colter well, is now absorbing all interest. On Sunday hundreds from Petrolea and the surrounding country visited the well, and, as if to gratify their curiosity, it started flowing. The roar of the gas could be heard for about a quarter of a mile, and before a tank could be procured many barrels of petroleum had been wasted on the surrounding land. On Monday morning an attempt was made to case it, but, owing to the heavy head of gas and oil, this was given up after several hours' hard labor. Many spectators from outside places visited the well today, and all were delighted with the excellent strike. The owners of the Colter well are Messrs. William Bradley, James Faulkner, William Rauson, Dr. C. F. Colter and Thomas Holmes. While your correspondent was visiting the well this afternoon, pure oil was pumping in a steady stream from an inch and a quarter pipe, and at the same time another small stream was flowing from the three-inch gas pipe. This, old oil men say, means, at a conservative estimate, 125 barrels per day.