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JAPANESE TAKE THE KARAKORUM PASS SOIL

Attack and Take Possession of the Island of Saghalien After a Mild Bombardment—Russians Destroy Guns.

May Have a Depressing Effect on Peace Negotiations —Is a Clever Move of Japanese Diplomacy at a Critical Juncture.

St. Petersburg, July 8.—A landing of Japanese troops on the island of Sakhalien was officially reported last night, and started military circles in St. Petersburg, though it had been realized since the defeat of Admiral Rojestvensky, that the Japanese were able to take possession of the island so soon as they thought fit.

A despatch, dated July 7, from Gen. Liapouff, commanding the Russian troops on the island of Sakhalien, says: "On 3 o'clock on the morning of July 7 a Japanese squadron approached the village of Shepavan, about seven miles southwest of Karakorsk, and opened fire on the shore."

Another despatch of the same date says: "At 3 p.m. Japanese torpedo boats approached Karakorsk, and the Russian batteries opened fire on them and compelled the boats to retire. During the bombardment four of the inhabitants of Karakorsk were killed. The bombardment had ordered the withdrawal of the defenders northward."

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With the Japanese flag hoisted for the first time on Russian soil after eighteen months of war, the Japanese landing on the island of Sakhalien is generally admitted both in newspaper comment and in official circles. Complete occupation of the island is regarded as a foregone conclusion.

The Novorossiysk, which has a special sentiment in holding that control of Sakhalien puts a powerful lever in the hands of the Japanese, is naturally inclined to have something tangible in its hands to throw upon the scales with the sword in the coming conference. There is a divergence of opinion as to the effect it will have upon the negotiations.

The attack on the island certainly dispels one of the hopes of the peace advocates who have been suggesting that its voluntary evacuation by the Japanese, with Port Arthur and the Chinese Siberian Railroad against the payment of a large part of all of a monetary indemnity.

No further report of the landing operation has been received. The Russian ambassador at Rome, and one of the peace plenipotentiaries, has arrived in St. Petersburg and called upon Foreign Minister Lamortoff yesterday.

The Novorossiysk, which in the press chorus against M. Muraviev, saying it is hard to tell how good a diplomat he will prove, as he certainly was not a success at the Hague.

CHINA'S POSITION.

Washington, July 8.—China's request to be represented in the Washington conference, on the ground that she is vitally interested in its proceedings, has been received by President Roosevelt and informally transmitted to the plenipotentiaries. It is believed that the suggestion, Japan will not consent to it. Japan has already made a formal declaration that Manchuria is to be returned to China. That is one of the principles for which she says she has been fighting.

STREET CAR ACCIDENTS.

Two Ladies Hurt—Sunday Traffic Was Very Heavy.

The traffic on the street cars yesterday was very heavy, and it was probably a record Sunday. There were several minor accidents. Last night Mrs. Nicholson, an elderly lady, who resides on Lang-street, stepped off a car the wrong way on East Queen-street, near the corner of Lewis-street. She fell heavily upon her head and was only partly conscious when she was carried into Wood's drug store and given medical attendance. Mrs. Nichol was driven to her home by representatives of the Street Railway Co., and her injury is not considered very serious.

George Rogers, grocer, 810 College-street, was driving a party of ladies last night on College-street shortly before 8 o'clock when the horse became uncontrollable, and in the confusion the horse was under control.

There was a rear end collision at Bathurst and King-street yesterday afternoon. Passengers were shaken up considerably, and a baby carriage hanging on the back of the front car was wrecked. No one was injured.

Bowling in High Park last night a College and Yonge car jumped the track and shook up passengers. Traffic was delayed for nearly half an hour.

EARL GREY A LUCKY FISHERMAN.

Had Good Sport With Salmon—Got to Anticosti.

Quebec, July 8.—His Excellency Earl Grey returned to the city from his excursion down the river after salmon fishing. His excellent party had a season of great sport and brought a number of beautiful fish back.

He spoke enthusiastically of his trip and the wonders of the beautiful scenery of the Lower St. Lawrence. Immediately after the season, Earl Grey will accompany by Hon. Mr. Prefontaine a trip to Anticosti in the schooner, to be the guest of Mr. Menier.

MAP SHOWING SAGHALIEN ISLAND



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BOATWOMAN IS RETURNED EVERYTHING IN DISORDER

Quiver Tales Are Told of How Engineers Navigated Battleship With Revolvers at Their Heads.

Kustelnj, Roumania, July 8.—Admiral Kruger this afternoon boarded and took possession of the Russian battleship Kniaz Potemkin, King Charles of Roumania having sent instructions to the commander of Roumanian squadron that the vessel be delivered to the Roumanians without raising difficulties.

The formal surrender of the mutinous crew Saturday afternoon, after a series of discussions and negotiations between the Roumanian authorities and the leaders of the mutiny, took place. The Roumanians were permitted to take off the treasure which was on board the Kniaz Potemkin.

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The Board of Health are blamed for the shortage of ice, and they notified the ice men that they would be permitted to cut ice at places where their ice houses stood, and where they were to be built.

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Appalling Accident on Ilflated Section of Penna. R.R.—Fragments of Flesh Scattered 200 Yards.

Harrisburg, Pa., July 8.—Eight men were blown to pieces and two others were injured by the premature explosion of a big blast of rock powder on the Pennsylvania Railroad improvements near New Cumberland, at 7.30 o'clock this morning. The accident occurred directly across the Susquehanna River, near the scene of the Pennsylvania wreck of May 11, when twenty-three persons were killed and many others injured. All the victims were employees of A. S. Keenan & Co., contractors.

The bodies of the men were scattered about 200 yards from the scene of the explosion. Not a trace of two colored men who were killed can be found, and it is supposed that they were blown into the water. An inquest was held today. The jury rendered a verdict of premature explosion, and the men were awarded no blame attached to the contractors.

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ROOMER IN APARTMENT HOUSE DIED SUDDENLY MONDAY LAST BODY DISCOVERED YESTERDAY

Thomas C. Paton, a Retired Commercial Traveller, Expired of Heart Disease After Eating Lunch—Body Found Residing at His Flat at the Table.

It does not seem possible that a man could be dead for six days in a room in an apartment house, where the body was found yesterday. The case is the case. It happened in the Walnut Hill, 106 Shuter-street, presided over by Capt. D. S. Burk, a retired lake captain.

The dead man is Thomas C. Paton, a retired commercial traveller, who had not been seen by any of the inmates for some days, but not long ago he had been seen by the landlady. He had not been seen by any of the inmates for some days, but not long ago he had been seen by the landlady.

Deceased at one time lived in Ingersoll, but had been "on the road" for some years. He was a well-known man in the community. He had not been seen by any of the inmates for some days, but not long ago he had been seen by the landlady.

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BALROOM BATTLESHIP THAT WILL VISIT CANADA

Prince Lewis of Battenburg is Going to Entertain Handsomely at Ports of Call.

London, July 8.—A unique addition to a battleship is a magnificent ballroom accommodating 600 people, which the admiral has constructed on the flagship of Prince Louis of Battenburg, the Drake. Prince Louis, with his squadron, consisting of six of the latest cruisers of the British navy, is soon to begin a cruise which embraces a visit to New York, Canada, Africa and South America, with the object of giving to the British subjects of these places a chance to see at least twice a year the ensign of Britannia.

The ballroom has been put in the Drake in order that the Hospitality which will be received by Prince Louis and his officers may be fittingly returned. The ballroom will be rendered bright and attractive by flowers and painted in a huge main-deck, for the striped roof and walls of the ballroom are of canvas supported by an hydraulic system.

The squadron leaves Gibraltar Aug. 1 for Canada, and the program as thus far arranged includes a visit to Quebec, Montreal, Halifax, New York and Bermuda.

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SOVIETS BRING RESIGNS, GIVES FIGURES TO PROVE ANNUITY DUE

Auditor-General Cites Authorities and Circumstances Entitling Him to \$2800 a Year.

Ottawa, July 8.—(Special.)—John McDougall, C.M.G., has resigned the office of auditor-general of Canada. His letter of resignation, which was sent to the government on Saturday, reads: "To his excellency the governor-general-in-council: I beg herewith to tender my resignation as auditor-general of Canada, to take effect from the 1st of August next. I also apply for superannuation, to run from that date. My salary has been \$4000 a year during the last three years, and therefore that amount will be the basis of the superannuation allowance. Under the audit act (sub-section 21), the superannuation act applies to me. I am 60 years of age, and therefore the governor-in-council may grant to me superannuation for the term of service on which the maximum superannuation which may be granted to any employee on 30 years' service, having begun my duties on August 1, 1878. 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