

Killing Extraordinary

Wholesale Houses Use Ferrets to Scare the Pests.

Don't Smell Good to the Rats Able to Move.

has been a mighty scattering of the wholesale district during the past few weeks, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, all due to the importation of a pest, who work while others sleep. The pest is the rat, and they are not so easily scared as they are made out to be. The pest is the rat, and they are not so easily scared as they are made out to be. The pest is the rat, and they are not so easily scared as they are made out to be.

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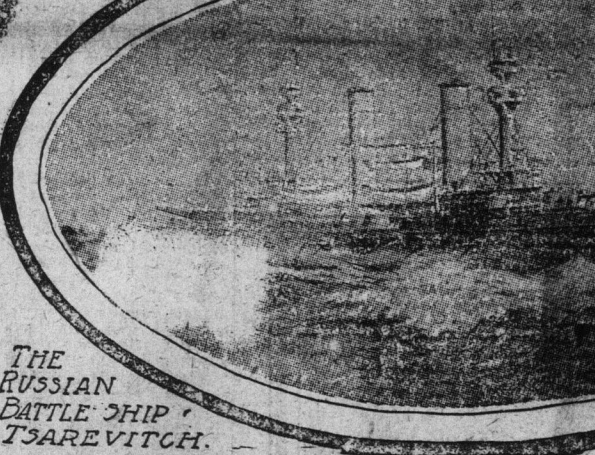
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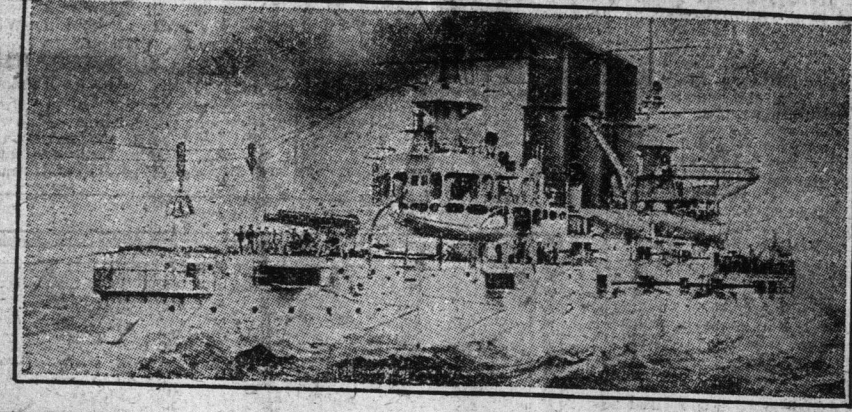
FORTY-FIFTH YEAR.



PANORAMIC VIEW OF PORT ARTHUR, SHOWING THE HARBOR ENTRANCE AND NAVAL BASIN



THE RUSSIAN BATTLE SHIP Tzarevitch.



FROM THE SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN. THE RUSSIAN BATTLE SHIP RETVIZAN.

British News By Cable

Premier Balfour's Health Continues Unsatisfactory and He May Go Abroad.

Admiral Vessey Well Known in the Dominion Dead at Good Old Age.

Duke of Devonshire Explains His Position on the Fiscal Question.

London, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Despite the fact that the Premier's health is not so good as reported, and it is doubtful if the Premier will appear at the present session of the House, as it is likely that he will find it necessary to seek recuperation in a mild climate.

Admiral Vessey is dead, aged 81. He conveyed the Prince of Wales between New South Wales and New Brunswick, and assisted in opening the navigation of the St. Lawrence river to Montreal.

In the House of Lords the Duke of Devonshire (Liberal-Unionist), made a long speech on the fiscal question. He explained his position and reasons for his resignation as lord president of the council, and said when he read Mr. Balfour's speech he found that it was in accordance with his own views.

Continuing the Duke said, "The only result of a retaliatory duty on the home market would be to reduce the home market, while the duty on the foreign market would be to reduce the foreign market."

RUSSIANS DISLIKE AMERICAN'S ACTION

Refusal of Vicksburg's Commander to Join Protest Causes Comment.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—The refusal of the commander of the United States battleship Vicksburg to unite with the commanders of other foreign warships at Chemulpo to protest against the fighting there on February 23, which resulted in the loss of the Russian warships Varang and Korietz, and the fact that the Vicksburg did not take on board any of the survivors, has created unfavorable public comment here.

WARSHIPS ORDERED BACK.

Russian Vessels En Route East Will Return to Europe.

Paris, Feb. 23.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Figaro writes that the Russian squadron at Jibuti, French Somaliland, on the Gulf of Aden, has been ordered to return to Europe.

Dundonald To Watch Events

His Trip to England Abandoned Owing to Fear of War Complications.

Speculation at Ottawa in Respect to Victoria Customs' Collectors.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—R. N. Vanling, of the fisheries department, who has had a special permit to visit the United States, is expected to return to Ottawa on the 23rd.

Yia Kow, Feb. 22.—By means of a special permit obtained from Major-General Fung, Viceroy Alexieff's chief of staff, the newspaper correspondent endeavored to pass the lines under official escort, and visited Port Arthur, which is closed to all civilians.

Only 20 per cent of the population remains at Port Arthur, and many of these are old people. The railway is in a state of complete paralysis.

Prof. Greg, who fills the chair of English literature at Ottawa University, is likely to get the position of Black Book, a position of honor in the University.

"SAINT SARAH" DEAD.

New York, Feb. 20.—A despatch to the Times from Salt Lake, Utah, says: "Mrs. Sarah C. Riggs, known to all Mormons as 'Saint Sarah,' is dead at the age of 98."

THE DREYFUS CASE.

Paris, Feb. 20.—M. Boyer, reporter of the court of Cassation, submitted his report on the Dreyfus case today. The court will take it up next week and it is expected will complete its examination early in March.

FRENCH SHIPS FOR FAR EAST.

Brest, France, Feb. 20.—The torpedo boat Vaucluse and the gunboat Vaucluse will leave for Algiers on Wednesday to join the destroyers Monseigneur and Franche Comte and the cruiser D'Assas. All the warships will then proceed to the Far East.

THE FROZEN EAST SHORT OF FUEL

Coal and Wood Famine on Branch Lines of Grand Trunk System.

Montreal, Feb. 20.—Improved conditions in the railway situation are reported. Generally the reports tell of the weather being mild and cloudy. The Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk of Canada are more hopeful and feel that the worst is over.

SIEGE OF PORT ARTHUR

Military Authorities Commander All Food Supplies and Non-Combatants Rushing from Endangered City.—Can Stand Two Years Blockade

provided by the state with arms, rationed and necessary clothing. It is thought, the despatch adds, that the Japanese foodstuffs consigned to Port Arthur are also commandeered, and that the will undertake to compel the population of Port Arthur by a blockade to accept the Japanese terms.

It is reported that the Japanese military authorities have taken possession of all food supplies in the stores which were destroyed by Chinese and other troops. They are providing for a siege by sending wheat milling machinery to the city. It is believed that there is a sufficient food supply there to last for two years.

WAR NEWS.

The Colonist announces to its readers that it has now completed arrangements by which it will print the unfiltered war news of the London Times. The new service will start tomorrow.

known kindness of heart cause him to feel that the loss of his position is a small matter. He is a brave, bold and cunning man, and he is a man of great energy.

Although the Japanese seem to be making Port Arthur one of their main bases, they are not able to effect any landing there. That entire country is held by a detachment of Cossacks, and some time ago, other Cossack regiments are under orders to join their comrades in the city.

RUSHING TROOPS EAST.

Crossing of Men and Material at Lake Baikal Being Hastened.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—Count Kutaisov, was governor of Lithuania, has returned to his post to hasten the crossing of men and war material across Lake Baikal. The Russian Mediterranean fleet has been ordered to return and the Baltic fleet is being ordered to defend the fortress. The men will be sent to the fortress.

British News By Cable

New Zealand Urged to Make Further Provisions for Naval Protection.

Organization to Oppose All Candidates on Fiscal Reform Platform.

London, Eng., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—At the Naval League meeting last night in London, N. Z. Mr. W. G. Brown, president of the League, spoke on a resolution urging the government of New Zealand to consider further measures of naval protection.

It is understood that the Russian navy is being reorganized, and that the Russian navy is being reorganized, and that the Russian navy is being reorganized.

NO JAPANESE SUNK.

Washington Legation Denies Report of Sinking of Cruiser and Torpedo Boat.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Commander Takashita, naval attaché at the Japanese Legation, states that the report published this morning that a Japanese cruiser and torpedo boat were sunk in the engagement of Chemulpo is entirely unfounded.

TO ARREST POLICEMEN.

Warrants Issued for Madison Chief and Two Members of Force.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 20.—Warrants were issued by State Attorney Brown today for the arrest of Chief of Police William Street and John Meenan and twelve other men, charging participation in the Madison pool room riots yesterday. William Coyle, a son of Mayor Coyle of Madison and St. Paul, is among those for whom warrants were issued.

QUEBEC LEADER RESIGNS OFFICE

Conservative Provincial Organizer Decides to Revert to the Ranks.

Montreal, Feb. 19.—The following letter, handed by Mr. Monk to R. L. Borden, was made public tonight:

Paris, Feb. 20.—The officials here profess not to know the cause of Spain's mobilization of troops, but the official information shows that mobilization is going on with the utmost energy. Large forces of infantry, cavalry and engineers have already been assigned to cooperate with the navy in the defence of the islands and coast of the mainland of Spain.

Ask Aid Fr Missionaries

Lord Strathcona Interviews Admiralty on Behalf of Canadians in Far East.

Mr. Bell's Condition Remains Critical and Doctors Are in Doubt.

The Canadian Club Telegraphs Congratulations to Senator Wark.

London, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The condition of Mr. Bell is not improved. It can be said that his chances of recovery are still in a doubtful state.

At the request of relatives of some Canadian missionaries residing in Korea, Lord Strathcona, a cable message to the Admiralty, asking that the British warships be sent to the Korean coast to protect the missionaries.

There was a \$100,000 fire in Ottawa this morning, due to the fact that dirty Dominion gas that amount went in smoke.

Encouragement of the Japanese Means Aid to Antagonistic Civilization.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—The Viedomosti publishes an editorial article on the pride shown by Great Britain and the United States in their pro-Japanese sympathies, and asks what these will ultimately cost the "civilized" West.

MINE WAS SALTED.

English Corporation Sued to Recover Money from Millionaire's Estate.

Denver, Feb. 20.—In the United States District court Judge Fisher has granted a motion of the defendants in the six million dollar suit of the Strattons Independence Company, Limited, of England, against the estate of the late Winfield Scott Stratton to strike from the files of the court the application to the answer of defendants, and also granted judgment on the pleading for the trustees and executor of the estate. The English corporation sought to recover from the estate of the late Winfield Scott Stratton the sum of six million dollars, charging that prior to the sale of the Independence mine at Critch Creek to the English corporation the property was "salted." The case will be appealed to the United States Court of Appeals.

F. D. MONK.