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THIRD NIGHT AT PORT ARTHUR DARKNESS PREVENTS GENERAL ATTACK TWO MORE RUSSIAN BATTLESHIPS LOST

Japanese Torpedoes Close Up to the Enemy When Haze Lifted.

MANY JAPANESE WOUNDED ADMIRAL KILLS OFFICER

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Feb. 17.—The opinion of Japanese naval officers here is that a third night of the attack on Port Arthur, some of the Russian war vessels having been reported as leaving that harbor.

KOBE, Feb. 17.—On account of the darkness of the weather on Sunday, Feb. 14, the Japanese torpedo boats were allowed to approach the harbor before their presence was detected, and only then did they launch their torpedoes. It is determined to cripple effectively the Russian fleet, and nothing will be allowed to prevent the carrying out of this purpose.

ON THE FENCE



Japanese Employ Bandits To Blow Up the Railway

Government Warns Public to Wait Patiently for News of Russian Victories.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—A despatch has been received here from Major-General Pflug, chief of staff to Vice-roy Alexieff, saying that Yuan Shih Kai, commander-in-chief of the Chinese Army and Navy, has ordered 2500 men to be sent to the Manchurian front. The Chinese are reported to be waiting for news of Russian victories.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—The official news of the Russian front is that the Japanese are forming bands of Chuchus (bandits), to attack the railroad, is confirmed. It is reported that the Japanese are forming bands of Chuchus (bandits), to attack the railroad, is confirmed. It is reported that the Japanese are forming bands of Chuchus (bandits), to attack the railroad, is confirmed.

A WAR OF CONTINENTS AND EVEN MORE.

Are we about to witness the most stupendous drama that ever was enacted on the face of the globe in the way of a struggle of the races for supremacy? Are we to see the maps of Europe and of Asia blot out for a moment, then completely recast, and redrawn with much fever lines? Is there to be in the almost immediate future a gigantic struggle between the nations of the world?

No one who is watching the war now begun between Japan and Russia and who is a student of what is going on in other quarters will be surprised at almost anything happening. Let us present a few significant facts:

First of all, Great Britain is bound by treaty to assist Japan if two nations attack her, and by a somewhat similar treaty France is to come to the aid of Russia. So that a small war may involve our own empire and those of other nations, making four great powers in the struggle. And four being in, others must follow.

Germany would seize the opportunity. She has an autocratic emperor, a man with a policy and with an immense fighting machine, naval and military, and a full war chest behind him. William knows what he wants, and those about him have a similarly clear idea of what they would like to see as Germany's future. Germany is only waiting for a favorable moment to expand: to seize Holland and Denmark in the way of extension toward the west, and her desire to extend to the southeast implicates Austria and probably a portion of Turkey, bordering on the Black Sea.

The German people also have a dream in regard to the Holy Land, Syria, even reaching out in the direction of Persia. Let a world-war of races begin and Germany will try to emerge from it as a great belt of territory from the Atlantic to the Adriatic and Black Seas.

In Asia the situation is extremely critical. China could on the instant be put into a political ferment and Japan acquire such influence as to establish a Japanese dynasty and leadership of five hundred millions of yellow people. These five hundred millions turned against Russia to the north might substantially check that great empire's movement in the direction of the Pacific.

The yellow people in a bias might set the millions and millions of native subjects of Britain in India in a state of unrest and seriously question English power in the East.

Any of the possibilities that might take place out of a most surprising character, and some of them are probable events. Russia and Germany, for instance, could agree to tear down the map of Europe, dividing the Turkestan across the Dardanelles, and they might be assisted in this by France, China and Japan. Recognized under Japanese leadership might declare the doctrine of Asia for the Asiatics, and especially if aided by Russia, might drive all other European nations off that continent.

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ROSEBERY'S PREDICTION.
(Canadian Associated Press Cable)
London, Feb. 18.—Lord Rosebery, president of the City Liberal Club dinner last night, said the fortunes of the Liberal party were the same as when the highwater mark was reached in 1880. He believed that in the approaching general election the Liberals would sweep the country.

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WILL EXPLAIN.
(Canadian Associated Press Cable)
London, Feb. 18.—The Duke of Devonshire will explain to the House of Commons the government in the House of Lords tomorrow.

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TO-DAY IN TORONTO.
Canadian Fair Association, City Hall, 10 a.m.
Civic Investigation, City Hall, 10 a.m.
Royal Templars of Temperance, St. George's Hall, 10 a.m.
Lenten Service, St. James' Cathedral, 12:30 p.m.
Empire Club, Cyrus Barge, on "Redwood" and "Aurora," 2 p.m.
West York Liberal's annual meeting, Weston, 1 p.m.
W. C. T. U. missions meeting, 56 Elm-street, 2 p.m.
Children's Aid Society annual meeting, Erskine Presbyterian Church, 3:30 p.m.
Toronto Humane Society, 4 p.m.
Executive Harness, Hunter and Saddle Horse Society, King Edward, 8 p.m.
Old Nassau L.R. at home, Victoria Hall, 8 p.m.
J. C. O. P. L. at home, Victoria Hall, 8 p.m.
Cowanavue Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m.
The Clark on "The Holy Grail," St. James' Cathedral, Sunday school, 8 p.m.
J. F. Junkin lectures on the Far East, St. Paul's Church, Bloor-street, 8 p.m.
I. C. O. P. L. debate, Carleton students' Union, at St. Clement's Church, 8 p.m.
George Grosvenor, recital at Massey Hall, 8 p.m.
Progress "Du Barry," 8 o'clock Massey Hall, 8 p.m.
Grand "Man of the World," 8 p.m.
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SECRET OF BALLOT BOX STEERING OUT POLL CLERK DURANCE TURNS KING'S EVIDENCE REVEALS CROOKEDNESS IN '03, '04

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Kingston Was Browbeaten When Railway Got Charter

Ex-Mayor Polson Tells How Company's Lobby Carried Every Thing Before It in 1893.

The Kingston street railway fight continues with unabated interest. The only difference now is that the scene of operations is transferred from Kingston to Toronto, by the decision of the City Council to appeal to the Ontario legislature. The company will not meet the deputation from the City Council for at least two weeks, both sides to the fight have men on the spot at the present time looking after their interests.

E. J. B. Pense, M.L.A., for that city, has assumed an active part and has already done a great deal in the House of Commons. He has introduced a bill to facilitate the deputation meeting the Private Bills Committee at an early date. The petition would be presented to the House yesterday, but it would be for the neglect to properly word it. It will be brought in today, however, by the member. The Standing Committee has, at its request, waived the ordinary necessity of a week's notice, in lieu of which notice will be published in the Ontario Gazette, in the Kingston papers three times a week and in The Canadian Freeman twice a week. A hundred posters will also be put up in the City of Kingston, advertising the intention to ask the government to change the old charter.

The Globe of yesterday, in an editorial dealing with the Kingston street railway tie-up, pointed out, or predicted, to point out, that the Act of the legislature in 1893, dealing with the Kingston railway, embodied an agreement between both the city and the company, and that the legislature merely ratified it; therefore there was no contract to which the city had willingly been a party.

City An Unwilling Party.
The World queried by wire N. C. Polson, Mayor of Kingston at the time, if this were a true statement of the case. Here is his reply:

Kingston, Feb. 17.—The city and street railway could not agree, and the company carried the matter to the provincial assembly. The company lobbied so successfully that the city's representatives were practically treated as intruders, and its action imposed the monstrous injustice upon this municipality which the World has made so thoroughly known to the province. In the STRONGEST possible terms I wish to state that THE CITY WAS AN UNWILLING PARTY TO THE CONTRACT MADE IN 1893.

Neither the Council nor the citizens would have submitted to the contract if they had not been compelled by the attitude of the legislative committee to make the best terms possible.

As Mayor of the City of Kingston, in 1893, and being head of the Corporation that appeared before the Legislature in the city's interest, I can speak authoritatively both in regard to the treatment that Mr. Blake advised us to accept, and the attitude of the City Council and people at that time.

Company Had Great Influence.
The Hon. S. H. Blake was retained to appear before the committee in behalf of the city. So business was the prospect of receiving it, consideration of the attitude of that committee which Mr. Blake advised us to accept, if it were possible, any further conflict with the company would have been the committee so disregarded of any other interest than the interest of the company, that however unreasonable its demands might be they would surely be granted.

"The representatives of the city accepting the situation were compelled to make the best terms that they could negotiate with Mr. Polger, who acted for the company. The result was the long and short of it was a contract so much unfavorable to the city that it was never intended to be carried out, and which, in fact, is so much so that it is impossible to carry it out, as it falls to protect individual rights, as the stoppage of the street cars, for instance, is a violation of the rights of the citizens of Kingston."

"N. C. Polson."
Has Political Aspect.
One of the chief features that have

Points to the Presence of Corrupt Fund and Pluggers Who Dispensed It.

PRESSED TO KEEP QUIET EVEN RECEIVED MONEY

The inside details of ballot box stuffing has finally been related by one of those who participated in the work. It is the first genuine, tangible thing the civic investigation has revealed upon which may be based the lower that threatens to overturn the whole fabric of corruption. The detailed story of young John Durance following the flight of Samuel Thompson is the first positive evidence supplied that sweeps away the veil of mystery with which the crooked workers have surrounded their deals in the past. A warrant is out for the fugitive and there are well-defined rumors that other implicated election officers have intimated a desire to accept crown clemency in return for their confessions. These developments coming with the hint that several warrants will be issued charging perjury connected with the latest phase of the case have injected an element into the affair that even the most energetic officials scarcely anticipated until yesterday.

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BALTIC FLEET SETS SAIL PASSED GOTHLAND FEB. 15

Six Russian Warships Observed Going South to Join the Far East Squadron.

Copenhagen, Feb. 17.—A despatch has been received here from Wisby, island of Gothland, saying that six Russian warships passed the island on Feb. 15, going south. No doubt these vessels are part of the Russian Baltic fleet about which there have been a series of conflicting telegrams. Wisby is on the west side of Gothland, an island in the Baltic belonging to Sweden. It is reported today that the German government has given permission for these vessels, in the event of the weather being unfavorable, to pass through the Kiel canal today, thus saving the long and dangerous journey thru the Kattegat and Skager Rack round the north of Denmark. This course will, however, have to be taken if weather conditions permit. In any event the action of the German government must be regarded as an act of benevolent neutrality.

GIVES \$5000 FOR EAST CRUISE.

Moscow, Feb. 17.—Prince Galitzin has donated \$5000 toward the construction of a fast cruiser. Count Orloff Dazoroff has contributed \$1000 and a private concern has given the sum of \$2500 for the successor of the ship and wounded.

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TOO BIG A HANDICAP.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable)
London, Feb. 18.—The Times, referring to the conference in Australia on immigration, says the distance which Australia lies from England will always handicap her against Canada. British workmen have noticed the shut-out of six British immigrants, where Canada receives immigrants with open arms.

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TROOPS EMBARK FOR COREA FROM ALL JAPANESE PORTS

Combined Movement Between Army and Fleet From Nagasaki is Now Going on.

London, Feb. 18.—Despatches published in the London newspapers this morning continue to give alleged descriptions of the embarking of the Japanese troops. Instead of this embarking occurring secretly from Ulsan, as was the case during the Chinese-Japanese war, the transports, according to despatches, are openly embarking troops from Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe and elsewhere.

A cablegram from the Daily Telegraph from Nagasaki says transports are clearing every night from these ports for Korea, and 10 large steamers were embarking troops at Nagasaki last Monday. All arms of the service were represented, but the cavalry mores were such sorry and scrubby pointers that they hardly seemed worth transporting.

In conclusion, this correspondent says the harbor of Nagasaki has been mined.

Cabling from Shanghai, Feb. 17, a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph declares that a combined movement between a Japanese fleet and a large landing force from Nagasaki is now proceeding. The reports that the Japanese have captured the East Asiatic Company's steamer Manchuria, as well as the Siberian Railway's steamer Manchuria, are confirmed.

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