

BALTIC FLEET SEEN CRUISING

On the Horizon Off Kamranh Bay Yesterday.

Togo Ready for Rojestvensky in Any Event.

Schwab to Build Warships for Russia.

A Kamranh Bay, via Saigon cable:—Your correspondent went outside in a junk to-day and saw the Baltic fleet cruising on the horizon. Four converted cruisers and a torpedo-bomb destroyer are coaling inside the bay from German colliers. The French steamer Quanganam has arrived here with stores for the fleet. It is believed that she will proceed to Hong Kong or Singapore to replenish her supplies. It is reported that the Russians captured on Tuesday two German steamers that were carrying contraband to the Japanese.

TOGO IS PREPARED.

Ready to Deal With the Enemy When Proper Time Arrives.

A London cable: The Tokyo correspondent of the Telegraph says there is considerable uncertainty concerning the whereabouts of the Baltic fleet, but the Japanese preparations to receive it are complete. It will be found that Admiral Togo is in an excellent strategic position to deal with the enemy, whichever way he comes.

HAINAN CABLE CUT.

Great Britain May Enter a Protest to Russia.

A London cable: A despatch to the Daily Mail from Hong Kong says that the cable to the Island of Hainan has been cut. It is supposed by Russian agents. A high Government official at Hong Kong is of the opinion that Great Britain cannot afford to permit the Baltic fleet to longer violate the neutrality of Hainan.

IN THE GULF OF TONQUIN.

Where Rojestvensky Will Meet Third Squadron.

A St. Petersburg cable: It is intimated in naval circles that Admiral Rojestvensky is now in the Gulf of Tonquin, where, under the shelter of Hainan Island, and far outside territorial waters, he can await the arrival of the fourth division of his squadron, commanded by Admiral Nibogoff. No confirmation of this report is obtainable at the Admiralty, where it is maintained that the exact location of Rojestvensky's squadron is unknown.

A JAP DEFEAT.

Gen. Linevitch Sends Report of Russian Victory.

A St. Petersburg cable: Gen. Linevitch reports as follows: "Our outposts on April 22 forced the enemy to evacuate successfully. The Japanese and Nipponese, the Japanese occupied a fortified position south of Nemanpangomeng. "The appearance of a detachment of artillery opposite their left flank forced the Japanese to retire in haste upon Kaiyuanhsien. On April 23 we forced the enemy to retire from Kaiyuanhsien. Peating the enemy back, we approached Changtun, but as the town was found to be occupied in considerable force, we retired."

RUSSIA'S NEW WARSHIPS.

Will be of a Type Which Will Startle the World.

A St. Petersburg cable: Success has crowned the visit of Charles M. Schwab to St. Petersburg. Mr. Schwab's negotiations with the Russian Admiralty have resulted in the practical conclusion of an arrangement for the construction of a number of formidable line-of-battle ships of a type which probably will startle the world. Mr. Schwab will leave St. Petersburg to-morrow. The details of the construction of the vessels remain to be worked out, but in addition to those which will be built in the United States, it is quite likely that a yard will be constructed at a Baltic port to be manned by Russian workmen, but under American engineering and mechanical supervision. The Russian Admiralty being extremely anxious to utilize the rehabilitation of the navy for the encouragement of the shipbuilding industry at home, in order to eventually render the country independent of the foreign yards.

The Admiralty has accepted Mr. Schwab's proposition strictly on their merits, he having convinced the authorities that he can produce for Russia warships vastly superior to anything afloat or at present projected by any other Government. They will be monster 16,000-ton vessels of enormous horse-power, and of a peculiar type combining the projectile resisting power of the battleships with the speed and wide radius of action of cruisers. They will be delivered fully equipped as to armor and ordnance.

The remarkable advance in naval architecture and construction which the American built ships will mark is a well guarded secret, but it is believed it will involve the use of nickel steel of greater tensile strength, which in machinery, boilers, frames, etc., will give greater power with decreased weight. Mr. Schwab guarantees to create vessels with 20 per centum higher efficiency than any now existing. It is understood, however, that not all the ships will be built by the Bethlehem Company, as the time for delivery is a factor, Russia desiring that

the ships be turned over as early as possible. While the Bethlehem Company will supply the armor and ordnance, other American yards will profit in the construction of hulls. This is also in accordance with the wish of the Admiralty, the Russian authorities placing such a large contract having no desire to arouse hostility among the rival commercial interests in America. It is understood that no arrangements have as yet been concluded with French or German builders for the ships which will be constructed in those countries.

HAVE THEY JOINED?

Doubts as to the Joining of the Russian Fleet.

A St. Petersburg cable despatch says:—According to the calculations of the naval staff Vice Admiral Nibogoff, who left Jibuti, March 25th, if he has been making 200 knots per day should reach Singapore to-morrow and could not unite his division with Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's in Tonquin Bay until May 5th.

The general opinion is that their junction is assured on the theory that Admiral Togo would not dare to risk sailing so far to meet Nibogoff as by so doing he would leave the way to Vladivostok open to Rojestvensky.

RUSSIAN TRANSPORTS.

Stretch From Cape Varella to the Head of Kamranh Peninsula.

A Kamranh Bay cable, via Saigon:—The only ships remaining in Kamranh Bay are four German transports. All the rest of the transports and the Russian hospital ship Orak left yesterday. This fleet is now assembled outside the bay and forms an extended line stretching from Cape Varella to the head of the Kamranh Peninsula. Torpedo boats are scouting in all directions. The ships seem to be awaiting Vice-Admiral Nibogoff's division. The French cruiser Descaartes with Admiral DeLongue, the French commander in these waters, returned to Nhatrang (near Kamranh Bay), after steaming round the Russian squadron and subsequently returned to Saigon. The two freight-laden steamers captured by Admiral Rojestvensky, were under the German flag. It is presumed that they are suspected of having contraband of war on board.

TO SLAUGHTER JEWS?

War of Extermination Being Preached in Russia.

Odessa, May 1.—There is evidence at hand that another slaughter of Jews is planned for the Russian Easter festival, beginning May 6.

Circulars are being openly distributed, signed by the Nationalist Committee, at Odessa, Kiev, Kishinev, and a dozen other places.

"We have been negligent long enough in the duty of extermination," says the circular; "let it be remembered in the approaching holy season, Russians, make an end of the Jews. The fall of France and of Poland was due to the Jews, and the Jews are now plotting to make an end of Russia. But that day shall never come."

The most prominent Jews of Odessa, scientists, teachers, and other people of worth, called upon the authorities to stop the distribution of this incendiary literature, but the otherwise almighty master of police replied that he had no authority. When the Jews asked promises of protection for women and children, at least, during the Russian Easter festival, the master of police replied he could not "bind himself in advance as he was subject to instruction from St. Petersburg."

The following "warning" has appeared in the Odessa Official Gazette: "It is high time that you stop your lies and calumnies."

"Those that are sending deputations to the authorities, praying for protection against alleged future attacks, must instantly desist from such disloyal practices, and they are admonished that they might employ their time better by advising their children and friends not to engage in strikes and other acts of public disorder. "Whoever in future dares open his mouth about projected excesses and preparations for attacks upon the Jews will be subject to heavy fines, imprisonment and corporal punishment."

Notwithstanding these veiled threats by the authorities, it is stated that 100,000 Jews are arming and preparing to defend themselves and their women, who, in former riots, were the victims of unspeakable brutalities of the mob, and also arming themselves with flasks of vitriol.

Realizing at last the seriousness of the situation, the authorities at Odessa, are bringing two regiments from Tiraspol, while the forces of the gendarmes and Cossacks have been increased.

SEEDING IN THE WEST.

C. P. R. Reports Show That the Greater Part of It is Done.

Winnipeg, Man., May 1.—The Canadian Pacific crop report shows that at many points along the line seeding has been almost finished. This applies more particularly on the Broadview section, where the majority of the stations report 90 per cent. of the work done. Taking the sections in detail, the average is high. On the Brandon section it is estimated that 40 per cent. of the seeding is finished. Of the total on the Broadview section 80 per cent. is done. The same percentage applies on Moose Jaw section, where there is an increase of about 4 per cent. in acreage. Caron, the only point on the Swift Current section, reports 90 per cent. done.

The Le-Riviere section reports 40 per cent. The Napinka section reports 75 per cent. The Souris section reports 80 per cent. The Estevan section, 80 per cent. The Emerson branch and Telford branch report seeding but nicely commenced. The Minnedosa section reports 75 per cent.; the Portal section, 68 per cent.; the Prince Albert branch, 82 per cent.; the Yorkton section, 75 per cent.; the Lenore branch, 50 per cent.; Rapid City section, 73 per cent.; the Minota branch, 78 per cent. done; Pleasant Hills branch, 70 per cent.; Arcola branch, 80 per cent.; Lyleton branch, 75 per cent.; Brookdale branch, 77 per cent. The general feeling throughout the country is most hopeful.

\$28,000 WORTH OF JEWELRY AND SECURITIES

Were Found in a Safe Which Had Been Knocked Down to the Highest Bidder.

The Owner of the Safe Had Forgotten About the Valuables When it Was Sold.

New York, May 1.—Carl Fraenkel, well known among old time bowlers as the proprietor for many years of alleys in the Bowery, in disposing of the fixtures of his establishment on Saturday, let a safe containing \$28,000 worth of jewelry and securities be knocked down to the highest bidder, and be carried away before he remembered the value of its contents, says the Herald.

Fraenkel had accumulated a little fortune, part of which was invested in stock of the Central Brewing Company. He determined to go out of business. Everything he had in the alleys he disposed of at auction. After a trying day it suddenly occurred to him that he had let the safe, containing his stock certificates, amounting to \$20,000, and jewelry worth \$8,000, which had belonged to his dead wife, go with the other appurtenances.

Aided by several friends, he sought vainly for trace of the name of the buyer of the safe. Clues of all sorts were followed up, but without result.

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IS SUN CLEAR IN CANADA?

No Sectarian Cloud Here, Says Senator Fulford.

London, May 1.—Referring to a despatch in yesterday's Chronicle describing the religious crisis, Senator Fulford writes to The Chronicle to-day saying that as a member of the Canadian Senate he had no hesitation in saying that there is no sectarian crisis in Canada. "In a population," he goes on to say, "where the Catholics number about 43 per cent. of the entire population, and where there is a very small but active minority of political Orangemen, it is not to be wondered at that occasionally there are sectarian extremists. "It is only by the efforts of people of this character that the political aspect of the Orange Order can be kept alive. A certain class of mediocre bigots can only secure political prominence through these means; therefore it is found necessary to have the Protestant banner every decade or two.

"Now, as heretofore, the agitation is confined almost altogether to Toronto, which is extremely Tory, and more widely Orange than any city in Ireland. The introduction of legislation in the Dominion Parliament by Sir Wilfrid Laurier creating two new Provinces in the Northwest furnished another wind outburst from these so-called enthusiastic Protestants, numbering, as I have said, but an extremely small proportion of the population of the Dominion, and confined almost altogether to Toronto. "Under this legislation Sir Wilfrid Laurier proposed that the rights conferred upon the Roman Catholic minority in the area comprising these two Provinces, which were deliberately conferred upon that part of the country 30 years ago, should be continued. That is the sum and substance of the offence by the Premier of the Dominion, which in the eyes of this small minority is being heralded by your correspondent as signifying the abandonment of Canada to the rule of the Roman Catholic hierarchy."

After giving some account of past legislation on the subject, Senator Fulford continues: "There is no proposal to establish sectarian schools in western Canada. The schools are in every particular, both as to standard, teachers and public inspection, similar to other schools with the exception that between 3:30 and 4 o'clock, where the majority come under this particular legislation, religious instruction can be given by the resident clergymen.

"The present population, Catholic as well as Protestant, has moved into that part of the country with the full knowledge that parliament had by legislation many years previously recognized the right of Roman Catholics to establish separate schools if they desired. "Senator Fulford also makes objection to the statement that most of the press is opposed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's policy. He ends his letter by extolling the character of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Senator Fulford is at present on a visit to London.

A GOODY-GOODY Y. M. C. A.

Bishop Carlisle's Ideas on Young Men's Bringing Up.

London, May 1.—"I want this association to be a broad-minded. Not a few young men have been called away through what has been called its 'goody-goodyness.'"

Thus spoke the Bishop of Carlisle in connection with the diamond jubilee at Carlisle yesterday of the Young Men's Christian Association. The bishop said he adored goodness, but he loathed "goodyness," and he was glad to see a broadening and a "common sensing" of the Y. M. C. A. going on.

Sinking might not be a very lofty or noble occupation, but there was nothing terrific about it. If young men could not smoke at the Y. M. C. A. they would go elsewhere.

He suggested that the association should be made more of as the training ground for civic, municipal and national life. He favored all sorts of debates, including political, and so long as they did not hit below the belt there was nothing hitting out in earnest.

As to athletics, he believed the association had got hold of the right end of the stick. Athletics could be overdone, but not when begun under moral and religious influences.

He warned them not to place too much reliance on lectures, for the lecture was the most deceptive thing in the world—except a sermon.

VILLAGE WIPED OUT.

St. Andre, Que., Practically Destroyed by Fire Yesterday.

Quebec, May 1.—Fire almost wiped the whole village of St. Andre, Kamouraska, out of existence this morning, and as a matter of fact did destroy the most important part of the place in burning to the ground the whole of the foundry, factories, etc., of the Desjardines Company. The Desjardines Company have been for some time one of the most important manufacturing concerns on the lower St. Lawrence. The plant at St. Andre consisted of a foundry for the manufacture of stoves, and other shops for the manufacture of carriages, agricultural implements, etc. The whole have been leveled to the ground, as well as a house which stood near by, and the loss is in the neighborhood of \$50,000, with very little insurance. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

POWDER MILLS BLOWN UP.

Windsor Mills and Sherbrooke Shaken.

Montreal, May 1.—A despatch from Sherbrooke says: A terrific explosion occurred at the Hamilton Powder Mills at Windsor Mills, about 2 o'clock this morning. The mixing mill and wheel building were blown up. Nightwatchmen Joseph Moreau happened to be out on the building at the time, about 300 feet away. He was thrown down, but not seriously injured. He fled to the town without waiting to examine the wreck. The whole town was rudely shaken, windows were blown in and slumbers awakened. Hundreds of people flocked to the scene. The cause of the explosion cannot be explained. Several hundred pounds of powder went up. Several explosions have occurred at Windsor, but the mixing mill had never before been wrecked. Buildings in Sherbrooke, about fifteen miles distant, were shaken. The loss will not be great.

PLUCKY TELLER SHOT BURGLAR.

Attacked by Several in Room in Lancaster Bank.

Desperate Fight With Four Men in His Bedroom.

Daring Attempt to Rob Merchants' Bank, Lancaster.

A Lancaster, Ont., report: Burglars broke into the Merchants' Bank here last night and made a murderous assault on the teller, H. Von Metzke, who slept in a room at the rear. Von Metzke killed one of the gang, and the burglars decamped without any booty. The affair took place about half-past one o'clock this morning.

Von Metzke was sleeping alone in his room, when he was awakened by the glare of a torch held near his face. Four or five men were standing around his head. When he attempted to rise he was struck on the head by the butt of a revolver, and two of the gang pounced upon him. He squirmed around and got hold of his revolver from under the pillow. This he pressed against the body of one of his assailants under the end of the short ribs and fired. The whole gang then attacked him, and although he fired again, the bullet went wild and lodged in the wall. They showered blows on his head, and wrenched the revolver from him and kicked over the lamp, which went out as he fell unconscious on the floor.

When he regained his senses he was alone in a pool of blood from nine wounds on the head and forehead. Weak and almost speechless, he staggered to Dr. Harkness' house, nearby, and gave the alarm before collapsing. Several villagers, who were at once aroused by the doctor's family rushed to the bank and found that a torch had set fire to the bedding and bed clothing. This was quickly extinguished. Half an hour later the body of the dead burglar was found a few yards west of the G. T. R. depot, whither it had been dragged by the rest of the gang and left on the platform, after all the pockets had been emptied so as to leave no clue to their identity.

From the nature of the wound the burglar was evidently shot dead. The dead man is about thirty years of age, and had been staying at the Leduc House, Lancaster, since last Saturday, having registered as J. Dickson, St. John's, N. B. On Monday night he was joined by another man, who came from Valleyfield, and registered as S. R. Tully. Needless to remark, Tully is missing to-day. The deceased was fairly well dressed in dark clothes. He had small, soft hands, and his teeth were heavy and filled with gold. He was clean-shaven, and had dark brown hair.

The burglars carried off von Metzke's revolver, a heavy 32-calibre gun, but they left a huge 44-calibre Colt's revolver, nearly 18 inches long, also dull chisels, a sledge-hammer, and an electric pocket bull's-eye. The door of von Metzke's room was smashed in with a railroad tie, the gang probably rushing in at once to overpower him.

Dr. C. J. Hamilton, of Cornwall, opened an inquest on the dead man this morning and adjourned it till Monday next.

Mr. von Metzke, the teller, although badly injured about the head, and suffering severely from the shock, will recover. He hails from Yarmouth, N. S., and is 25 years of age. He has been teller at Lancaster for the past year. His escape from being killed is probably due to the fact that as the light went out the burglars thought that he was dead and they were panic-stricken at the death of one of their number.

One young man found walking on the G. T. R. above Lancaster has been detained, but it is believed that he is not in any way connected with the gang.

Provincial Detective McLaughlin arrived here this morning from Montreal, with instructions to make a thorough investigation, with a view to determining whether or not the men belong to the same gang that operated in that city a few weeks ago. McLaughlin says that he does not know the dead man, and there is every reason to believe that he is a stranger in these parts. So far clues point to the fact that the men went west after the shooting, but a close watch is being kept at every point along the line both east and west.

WORLD'S Y. M. C. A. MEETING.

Semi-Centennial Was Opened in Paris Yesterday.

Paris, May 1.—The World's Conference of the Young Men's Christian Association, which is celebrating the semi-centennial of the international alliance of the association, was opened to-day in the Charity Bazaar building. Over a thousand delegates, representing twenty nations, were present. The Japanese delegates held credentials from their Government. The American delegation represents various cities in the United States and Canada. Dean Hall, of Christiania, Norway, called the conference to order.

The following officers were elected: President, Count Jacques de Portales; Vice-President, Prince Bernadotte, second son of King Oscar of Sweden and Norway; and Count Bernstorff, of Germany, Lord Kinnaird, of England, and James Stoen, of the United States.

The opening address was made by President Bernadotte, who is President of the Scandinavian associations. A striking feature of the meeting was the audience rising unanimously and reaffirming the constitutional basis adopted 50 years ago for the extension of the Christian work of the organization. The conference will continue in session four days.

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