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THE WAR

The energy with which Japan is pressing the Russians is the admiration of the world. The later despatches indicate that the dash on Port Arthur was far more successful than in the first reports indicated. Some nine ships were placed hors de combat. Those returned as "injured below the water-line" were probably torpedoed but not effectively enough to cause them to sink. The despatches last night also state that seven Russian vessels were captured by the Japanese fleet—probably merchant vessels.

The statement is now made on Japanese authority that the Russians commenced hostilities by firing on Japanese torpedo boats which were cruising outside the Port Arthur roadstead on the evening before the dash into Port Arthur.

If this is proved to be correct it completely disposes of the charge that the Japs took an unfair advantage of the Russian fleet by attacking it before a formal declaration of war. The cost of firing on the Japanese boats was in itself a commencement of hostilities and the Russians had every reason to apprehend retaliation. They probably thought that their fleet was safe under the guns of their fortresses and, underrating the daring and enterprise of the Japs, failed to keep a proper lookout and take precautions against torpedo boat attack. How punctilious were the Japs in observing the military properties illustrated by their action in releasing three or four Russian steamers which the fleet seized on its way to Chemulpo, probably to prevent them carrying the news to Port Arthur.

At the rate at which the Japs are pushing on naval operations they will probably have the Russian marine in the far east either captured, disabled or effectually bottled up in Port Arthur before the week is out. The two warships purchased at Genoa are supposed to be lying in wait for Russian transports with troops, escorted by the cruiser Dimitri Donskoi, which are somewhere between Aden and Singapore.

AGAIN, THE TARIFF QUARREL

In the speech of Finance Minister Fielding at Westmount we get another chapter of the unfortunate tariff quarrel in which the Ottawa Ministers are engaged. It seems that two of Mr. Fielding's colleagues announced from Montreal platforms a few days ago that the tariff was to undergo revision with the view of giving to industry the degree of defence they admitted that it needed. Mr. Prefontaine was particularly strong on this point. He asserted that the Government was really a protectionist Government, and that as it had agreed to protection in the past, so it would see to it that a sufficient amount was allowed. Mr. Brodeur, the new Minister, took the same ground and predicted that next session would see a lift in the tariff all round.

These statements have aggravated the trouble at Ottawa. The Western Minister, Mr. Sifton, has been active, and has called to his assistance Mr. Greenwood, who has resigned from the Manitoba Legislature, to open a free trade campaign, and to contest a seat for the Federal House. Mr. Fisher has also been on the stump, repudiating the assertions of his fellow-Ministers. He asserts that no reform of the tariff in the interests of industry shall be permitted. The conflict of opinion has become so marked that Mr. Fielding has been called in to say something authoritative. His Westmount declaration is a straight repudiation of Messrs. Prefontaine and Brodeur, and a pledge not to reform the tariff under any circumstances. The Minister says the Government has not time to touch the question even if so disposed. But it is not disposed to act, even if it had time, for it is satisfied that our industries are doing well enough. Therefore, apart from some trifling changes, there will be nothing done. On the general principle Mr. Fielding is explicit. He lays down the doctrine that the Western people do not wish the interests of the Eastern workman to be considered. They are, he says, a growing force, and their alleged opposition to the growth of industry must be respected. Mr. Fielding is of the opinion that the West wishes to trade as little as possible with the Canadians of Eastern Canada, and as much as possible with the producers of the Western States, and to this desire he agrees. There can be no doubt that the Minister does injustice to

the West. There can be no question that he is merely the mouthpiece of Mr. Sifton, Mr. Greenwood, and the other anti-Canadian fossils who are laboring to direct Western opinion against a policy of United Canada, and to throw the trade of the great territories to their Yankee friends in Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Paul. If Messrs. Prefontaine and Brodeur were speaking their honest opinions when they promised that industry should have the measure of defence which Mr. B. E. Walker declared in his recent annual statement to be necessary, they will show their sincerity by withdrawing at once from the Administration. Openly flouted and repudiated by Mr. Fielding, their continuance in the Government will be determined upon only at the expense of self-respect. While they remain in the cabinet we have the extraordinary spectacle of a Ministry divided against itself, and publicly airing its dissensions. Whether they go or stay, the one great fact stands out for the people to consider, and that is that we cannot get a rational Canadian policy from the bickering Ministers. A strong program is needed, and it is in vain that Canada looks to the disputants at Ottawa to inaugurate it—Mail and Empire.

THE GREEDY BEAR

Hamilton Spectator.
Japan—Give me the Corea!
Russia—There ain't goin' to be no Corea.

TEMPORARILY ECLIPSED

Toronto Telegram.
Baltimore, Md., has moved Ottawa out of its place as Capital of the Conflagration Belt.

A DELICATE OPERATION

London Advertiser.
Some heads have been cut off in the British war office in order to put brains into it.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE

Toronto Star.
Even Dan Burke, of New Ontario, when he looks at the war news from the east, will admit that Port Arthur is getting enough advertising.

BLAMING JUBE

Hamilton Herald.
Professor Wiggins, of Ottawa, blames this winter's weather on the proximity of Jupiter to the earth. Heretofore Jupiter has been used to swear by; now it is a planet to swear at.

A POLITICAL CURIOSITY

Toronto News.
The new national museum at Ottawa will not be complete if it does not contain in the curiosity department the portrait of some statesman who never got a Government job for a relative.

THE LAND OF BARMAIDS

Rochester Diocesan Chronicle.
In no country are barmaids so numerous as in England. Public opinion entirely forbids their employment in Canada and the United States; and the law in the Transvaal and Bengal. Barmaids are not common on the continent, nor till lately in Scotland, and are almost unknown in Ireland.

MODERN MANNERS

Ladies Field.
It is the custom to-day to deplore the decadence of modern manners, and every woman who has failed to dislodge a man from the last seat in an omnibus or railway carriage comes home and angrily asserts that the age of chivalry is dead. I am quite sure there never was a time when every man was unfailingly courteous and every woman scrupulously polite, nor do I think that England is very much worse off in the respect of manners to-day than it was fifty or a hundred years ago.

KEPPEL'S NERVE

New York Tribune.
The English papers tell the following story, which illustrates the integrity of the late Admiral Keppel and the discipline he maintained aboard ship: His ship, the Raleigh, was in danger of sinking, and he had to run her into a French port. As she entered the harbor a French vessel fired a salute. The Raleigh was fast sinking, but Sir Henry literally stuck to his guns and returned the salute with the water rushing in at the portholes, the sailors manning their guns and firing till the ammunition above water was exhausted.

CORRUPT EITHER WAY

Peterborough Review.
When the ministers thought they had bought Mr. Gamey, the commissioner of public works, promised him to spend about \$7,000 for needed improvements in Manitoulin. When it was found that Mr. Gamey, instead of being bought was exposing them, not one of these expenditures was placed in the estimate. If the expenditures in question were not justified the minister has agreed to rob the public treasury of that amount to bribe a member. If they were proper then the minister robbed the people of Manitoulin because their member voted Conservative. Either way the minister proved himself a dishonest and corrupt steward.

A Chatham Man Says Iron-ox Tablets are all right.

January 12, 1903.
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THE OLD SWEET SONG

Toronto Telegram.
The whole editorial life of Ye Globe is budding into one grand sweet song of Darling You Are Growing Old, to Hon. J. R. Stratton.

REMINISCENCES

The recent theft of six cannon from the rotunda at Woolwich, England, has made known the existence of that establishment to thousands of Londoners who wondered why they had never heard of the museum of artillery that is open to the public all the year round without charge for admission.

On boxing day people repaired thither by road and rail from all parts of the metropolis to see the gaps made by the robbers among the outdoor guns and to inspect the exhibits inside.

Lieut.-Col. Roebuck, who has charge of the institution, was proud of one suit of armor which was in value anything of the sort to be seen anywhere in London. This is the armor of a knight in cap-a-pie plate armor of the early sixteenth century, engraved, rusted and partially gilt. The suit is attributed to the famous Chevalier Bayard and is said to have been brought from Chateau St. Germain.

It is valued at \$50,000 by the authorities at Woolwich, and the custodian of the Rotunda says he believes the French Government would give a million francs to gain possession of it.

Probably the exhibit which impresses the public mind more than any other is Napoleon Bonaparte's travelling oven, in which the meals of the great campaigner had been cooked on many a battlefield before Wellington cooked Napoleon's goose at Waterloo.

There are about 20,000 exhibits in the rotunda catalogue. Hundreds of guns lie around the building in the grounds. It was thus that the thieves were easily able to carry off six.

The following is a typical selection of inscriptions on the cannon in the rotunda:

"British—Break, tear every wall and rampart, am I called; across mountain and valley pieces my ball; by me stricken."

"Germany—I am forsooth a clumsy boor; who eats my eggs he'll find them sour."

"French—The spy and the final argument of kings."

"Indian—For the vanquishment of the unbelievers, who have entered certain harbors of India."

"Chinese—The martial and ever-vanquishing generalissimo."

The Rotunda, of course, contains more than guns. Particularly everything pertaining to the ancient and modern warfare of all nations, civilized and savage, has been brought together.—London Express.



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A FLOATING LIGHT.

How to Make a Night Lamp Out of a Horse Chestnut.

Boys and girls make many uses of the handsome, big eyed, brown horse chestnut, which falls from its shell at frost time, but it has never occurred to them, perhaps, that it may be turned into a really good night light. Or, if that seems too serious a purpose for them to have in mind in following the directions here given, let them call it a floating lamp and show it to their friends as a curiosity.

Here is the way to make it: Select a nut that is not perfectly round, for you want it to float steadily, and a perfectly round nut cannot be depended on to do that. Having found one of some what uneven shape, make holes all over it with the point of a needle and then lay it in lamp oil and let it remain there soaking for ten or twelve hours.

When you take it out of the oil put it in a tumbler nearly full of water and note what part of it remains above the water. Make a mark with a pin on the highest point and, taking it out of the water, bore a hole at that point about one-eighth of an inch in diameter and well down into the nut, but be careful that you do not go entirely through. Twist some cotton thread to make a wick and insert it in the hole, and then you are ready to light your little lamp.

Having placed the nut back in the water, touch a lighted match to the wick and you will get a flame that will burn for eight or ten hours. It may be used as a night light because it makes a comparatively weak illumination, as a night light is intended to do, and yet it will give light enough to answer all practical purposes.

A Quaint Little Maid.

This picture shows how the baby girls of long ago were dressed. Can you imagine this small, dignified person running or jumping or indulging



PRINCESS ISABELLA

In any childish games? She was a royal baby, being the Princess Isabella, daughter of Philip IV, of Spain. Are you not glad that the little girls at today are not dressed up in that funny, stiff old style?

A Soap Bubble Party.
Did you ever give a soap bubble party for your little friends? It is very amusing, and this is how you set about it:

Have five rings, made of cardboard and wound round with tissue paper of bright colors, in a doorway, suspended in a row by strings.

Each ring should measure about seven to nine inches across, but they need not all be the same size.

Have ready some bowls of strong soapuds in which a teaspoonful of glycerin has been dissolved and as many clay pipes as will be needed for yourself and your guests.

The players take turns in blowing their bubbles through the rings, and the one who succeeds in getting the most through without breaking them is declared the winner and gains a prize.

How to Spell Hat.

Richardson is in the primary department this year, having graduated himself from the kindergarten—which he thought "all nonsense"—and convulses us with his learning. The very first day he announced that he had learned to spell hat. When asked to do so he said, "I-c-a." "Oh, no!" I exclaimed. "H-a-t," but he shook his head gravely. "They don't spell it that way now. Perhaps they did when you were a little girl. Why, didn't teacher draw a picture of a hat and tell the class to say, 'I see a hat?'"

A Game of Skill.

Did you ever try throwing cards in a hat? It is great fun. Take an old high hat, place it on the floor, then let the players in turn stand at a distance from it—say ten or twelve feet. Use an ordinary pack of cards and toss them one by one in the hat as far as possible. A prize to him who gets in the greatest number adds to the interest.

After a little practice it is remarkable how skillful one may become.

Good and Bad Children.
Children, you are very little, And your bones are very brittle; If you would grow great and stately You must try to walk sedately.

You must still be bright and quiet And content with simple diet And remain through all bewild'ring Innocent and honest children.

Happy hearts and happy faces, Happy play in grassy places— That was how in ancient ages Children grew to kings and ages.

But the unkind and ungrateful They must never hope for glory; They will never win fame, surely; There is quite a different story.

Cruel children, crying babies, All grow up as greedy and greedy, Hated as their age increases By their nephews and their aunts.

—Robert Louis Stevenson



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ASK FOR THE OCTAGON BAR.

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HUMAN FLESH SOLD

One hundred dollars per pound is the market price of human flesh in Sanark, Ill. On this basis the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Co., a few days ago, settled with W. A. Giles, of Savanna, who was recently injured in a railroad accident on that road.

Mr. Giles was riding in a caboose attached to a Burlington freight train near Lanark when a collision threw him to the floor. He sustained serious injuries to the spine, and as a result of the illness following he claimed he lost 25 pounds in weight. Mr. Giles demanded \$100 for each pound of flesh lost, and the railway company's representatives presented him with a check for \$2,500.

YOU MAY HAVE KIDNEY TROUBLE.

If your back aches and you suffer from dragging pains it is an evidence of diseased kidneys. Get Ferrozone at once and take it regularly. Ferrozone makes kidney sufferers feel better at once. "I was bothered a great deal with my kidneys last year," writes S. G. Denton, of Everett, "but got quick relief from Ferrozone. My trouble manifested itself by pain in the back, dull, heavy feeling and constant headache. I quite recovered after using a few boxes of Ferrozone, which has given me more strength and better health than I ever had before. I can recommend Ferrozone as a positive cure." Price 50c. at all druggists.

MIDNIGHT

The moonshine rests in the boughs of the trees
And silvers all the glads,
While the cooling breath of the mid-
night breeze
Is soft as the cheek of a maid.

In the liquid lustre of sparkling light
The stars shine in the sky,
As on the bosom of this argent night,
Like jewels bright they lie.

The budding flowers and the bushes trim,
Throw shadows quaint and tall,
And like the grotesque shapes of goblins grim
In the moonlight soft they fall.

The sombre clouds creep o'er the moon's pure light
Like dark forebodings dread,
Or as o'er the soul steals a deening blight,
When hope in the heart is dead.

But, anon, they pass and the silver sheen
Of Diaz's purest ray,
Like lustrous hope brightens all the scene
With light more fair than day.

The odorous scent of the sweet woodbine
Is wafted on the air,
And the fragrant smell of the red rose vine
To me the breezes bear.

Rest subtly steals into my inmost soul,
Hope whispers unto me,
Peace holds me sweetly in its soft control,
My thoughts turn, Love, to thee.

—William Hillyer.

WHY DO WOMEN SUFFER

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