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JAPANESE FIRESHIPS AGAIN SUNK

TOGO FAILS TO BOTTLE UP PORT ARTHUR

REFUSES TO ENGAGE RUSSIAN FLEET

One Russian Torpedo Boat Stranded and 7 Killed and 13 Wounded Sunday Morning.

St. Petersburg, March 27.—Under cover of darkness early to-day, Vice-Admiral Togo made another desperate attempt to bottle up the Russian fleet in Port Arthur, but he failed again, and when after daylight Vice-Admiral Makaroff steamed out to give battle, the Japanese commander refused the challenge and sailed away.

The Japanese practically repeated the tactics of Feb. 24, by sending in four ships, preceded by a torpedo flotilla, with the exception that the fire ships this time were armed with Hotchkiss guns for the purpose of keeping off the Russian torpedo boat destroyers.

The enemy's attempt was discovered by means of the shore searchlights, and a heavy fire was opened from the batteries and from two gunboats, which were guarding the entrance to the harbor.

Scouting Stopped Effort.

The Russian torpedo boat destroyer Silni was outside on scouting duty, and to the dash and nerve of her commander, Lieut. Krinizki, is chiefly due the complete defeat of the plans of the Japanese. He at once made straight for the oncoming ships, under a hail of fire from the Hotchkiss guns and torpedoes. The leading ship, which sheered off, followed the others, three of them being piled on the shore under Golden Hill, and one under the lighthouse. The Silni engaged the entire six torpedo boats of the enemy, coming out from a terrific fight with seven men killed, and her commander and twelve others of her complement wounded. On the Japanese side only one boat's crew was saved. In addition, according to unofficial reports, it is believed that the Japanese lost two torpedo boats.

The Japanese cruisers, which supported the attack, exchanged shots with the batteries and drew off after Vice-Admiral Makaroff took a steam launch and examined the fireships.

An hour later the Japanese torpedo boat flotilla, followed by Vice-Admiral Togo's fleet, came up from a southern direction.

Russ Fleet Sailed Out.

Just at daybreak, Vice-Admiral Makaroff, with his fleet, sailed out to engage the enemy, but after the ships and batteries had fired a few long distance shots, Vice-Admiral Togo decided to decline the issue and disappeared to the southward.

The news of the repulse of Vice-Admiral Togo's second attempt to block the harbor of Port Arthur created much rejoicing in the Russian capital, and among all classes the gallantry of the Silni and her commander is given high praise, but above all, the moral effect of Vice-Admiral Makaroff's willingness to engage the enemy, showing that he considered himself strong enough to fight, produced a splendid impression.

In high official circles this new effort to bottle up the Russian fleet is looked upon as meaning one thing, namely, THAT THE JAPANESE ARE PREPARING FOR A HEAVY LANDING OF TROOPS IN THE GULF OF LIAO-LIANG, either at Newchwang or on the west coast of the Manchurian neutral zone, to effect which in safety the immobility of Vice-Admiral Makaroff's fleet is absolutely essential, while the transports are being convoyed around the southern end of the peninsula.

If Attempt Had Succeeded.

If the attempt to-day had succeeded it would have required several days at least to blow up the steamers and clear away the wreckage, during which time the Japanese would be assured of non-interference in the carrying out of their purpose. The failure of the Japanese this morning may seriously hamper their plans, as the ice in the Liao River is going out, and when the river is free from ice its mouth can easily be mined.

The conviction continues to grow here that the Japanese have concluded that it is impossible to make an indirect frontal attack on Manchuria from Korea against the whole Russian army, and that it would be necessary to land a flanking column in the Gulf of Liaotung to divide the attention of the Russians, and, if possible, to seize the railroad and cut off Port Arthur. The ground above Newchwang is perfectly familiar to the Japanese, who occupied it for a year during the Chino-Japanese war.

Tactics of Togo.

Some experts even go so far as to express the belief that Vice-Admiral Togo was covering the movement of transports in the Gulf of Liaotung this morning, and that therefore he was compelled to exercise great caution and to decline the Russian offer of an engagement. Another view of the Japanese vice-admiral's purpose, which is less entertained, is, he believes that bombardments from Pigeon Bay would be disastrous to the Russian fleet if it were compelled to remain in the harbor, he having ascertained from observation that the Russian ships always pass out during the high angle bombardments, and that a big shell dropped on a battleship could easily pierce the deck, and, exploding, might completely destroy it.

MARKOFF'S REPORT.

St. Petersburg, March 27.—(4 p.m.)—Vice-Admiral Makaroff, commanding the Russian naval forces at Port Arthur, has sent the following telegram to the emperor:

"I beg most humbly to report that at 2 o'clock this morning the enemy made a second attempt to block the entrance to the inner roadstead. For this purpose they despatched four large merchant steamers, convoyed by six torpedo boats, to the entrance.

"The enemy's ships were promptly discovered by the searchlights, and were bombarded by the batteries and by the guardships Bohr and Otvajny. Fearing the enemy's ships might break thru, Lieut. Krinizki, commanding the guard torpedo boat Stilni, attacked the enemy and destroyed the bow of the foremost Japanese steamer with a torpedo.

"This steamer turned to the right and was followed by two others, with the result that the three were stranded to the right of the entrance. A fourth steamer went to the right of the enemy's ships, and likewise sank to the side of the Fairway. The Stilni then battled with the enemy's six torpedo boats. Engineer Artificer Swyereff and six seamen were killed and the commander and twelve seamen were wounded.

"At daybreak the enemy's battleship and cruiser squadrons appeared, and I proceeded with the fleet under my charge to meet the enemy.

"The second attempt of the Japanese

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ANOTHER "BOTTLING UP" ATTEMPT.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—The following official despatch has been received from Gen. Smyrnoff:

"Port Arthur, March 27.—Last night after moonrise the Japanese attempted to block the entrance to the harbor.

"Four fire ships were sent toward the port, convoyed by a torpedo flotilla. Toward 2.15 the approach of the enemy's ships was perceived by the guardships and batteries, which simultaneously opened upon them heavily.

"The fire ships were preceded by torpedo boats, and were followed at a considerable distance by larger ships, which opened on the forts supporting the action of the fire ships and torpedo boats.

"Owing to the heaviness of our artillery fire, and the boldness of our torpedo boats, the fire ships did not reach the entrance to the harbor. Two of them grounded on a reef under Golden Hill, another sank behind the first turn of the channel, struck by a torpedo from our boats, and the fourth sank, its bows touching a Japanese steamer sunk in the previous attempt off Majschnaja Goroda.

"The entrance to the harbor remains clear.

"A hotchkiss one-inch calibre quick-firer was found aboard one of the sunken steamers, from which a fire had been kept up on torpedo boats.

"A boat left each of the sunken ships carrying their crews. One of these is believed to have been picked up.

"Towards 4 a.m. the enemy's torpedo boats retired, and the bombardment ceased.

"Vice-Admiral Makaroff at once proceeded in a steam launch to inspect the enemy's sunken steamers.

"The enemy's torpedo boats reappeared at 5 o'clock this morning. They were sighted south of Port Arthur, and the batteries re-opened on them. Towards 6 o'clock the enemy's squadron appeared on the horizon, and ours steamed out to meet it. At 6.30, the batteries opened fire. Our ships' batteries soon ceased, the Japanese drawing off to the southeast, evidently declining an engagement. At 10 o'clock they disappeared below the horizon."

It is stated that one Russian torpedo boat was sunk in the engagement at Port Arthur this morning, but it is thought the vessel can be refloated.

SPIRITUALISTS LEND AID TO RECOVER BOY'S BODY

First Attempt Partially a Success—Now Say No Hope for Three Weeks.

The spiritualists of Toronto held four public meetings last night, and among the audience at one of them The World found the lady medium who assisted on Friday in the search for the body of little Stanley Moffatt.

By the aid of mediumship and visions, it was stated that the body had been located, caught in a stump, some distance below the Gerrard-street bridge. This stump or post was found and released, but it is claimed by the medium that sufficient precautions were not taken to prevent the current carrying away the body, which, she declared, was borne under the ice to a narrow passage near the mouth of the river, where it enters the bay.

As the result of a later seance she stated that the body would not now be recovered for three weeks.

These statements were made with a faith and confidence amazing to the outsider.

A STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER METHODIST EXPERIENCE.

Coldwater Gets There.

The following is an exact copy of a letter on fyle at the head office of the Siche Gas Co., 81 York-street, Toronto. It speaks for itself.

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"The Church Official Board, as well as congregation, most cordially and heartily endorse my statements.

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(Signed) "A. T. Ingram,
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RESOLUTION NOT CARRIED.

East Toronto, March 27.—The statement that a resolution was carried in favor of the annexation of the Town of East Toronto to the city, which appeared in to-day's World, was a mistake. The resolution was presented, but not voted upon, but will be further debated at the adjourned meeting which will be held this week, probably on Thursday evening.

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THE NEWEST FAD.

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A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

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REV. DR. POTTS IN ATHENS PREACHED AS DID ST. PAUL

On the Hill of Mars on Sunday He Addressed the S.S. Convention Delegates.

Athens, March 27.—Rev. Dr. John Potts of Toronto preached on the Hill of Mars to-day to the delegates of the World's Sunday School Convention. The ministers and delegates repeated St. Paul's address to the Athenians. All the members of the party are well and will proceed to Jerusalem where the meeting of the convention will be held.

Westward from the famous Acropolis, or Citadel, of Athens, and separated from it only by a depression of the ground, rises the Areopagus—Greek "hareios pagos"—the Martial Hill or Hill of Mars (Ares). It received this name from the tradition that here Ares was put on trial for the slaying of Halirrhotius and became famous in Athenian history as the spot where the celebrated council or court of the same name held its sittings. This court was pre-eminent among the judicial bodies of Greece for its great antiquity and high character. Originally it possessed supreme authority in all matters, and under the later Athenian constitution exercised jurisdiction over all classes of crime, the general morals of society, religion and political affairs—indeed, all matters that affected the public welfare.

On the south side, near the top, there is a flight of fifteen rock cut steps and portions of the summit are hewn smooth to form platforms, doubtless for the altars, with which it was freely studded. From the slope of the Areopagus the great apostle of the Gentiles delivered his memorable discourse to the crowd assembled on the Agora, or market-place below. His exordium was admirably adapted to arrest the attention of the Athenians, who, as Luke narrates in chapter xvii of the Book of Acts, spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or hear some new thing. The evangelist tells us that Paul stood in the midst of Mars Hill and said: "Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are very religious. For as I passed by and beheld your devotions I found an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown God.' Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you."

At the base of the steep rock on the northeast side there is a deep and gloomy cleft at the bottom of which lies a dark pool of water. This was the famed shrine of the Furies, Eumenides. The Agora itself formed a square surrounded by colonnades, temples and public buildings, decorated with statues and paintings.

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ALASKA BOUNDARY.

Ottawa, March 27.—(Staff Special.)—W. F. King, joint commissioner with Mr. Titman of Washington, to delimit the Alaska boundary, has just returned from the United States capital. The commissioners arranged to have a joint survey party proceed to the north as soon as spring opens up to lay off the boundary according to the London award. Messrs. King and Titman will not go to the boundary until late in the summer.

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WHEN THE WAR IS OVER

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Western Ontario in Grip of Floods

But Worst Is Said to Be Over

Railway Communication Menaced

One Life Lost at London—Washouts on the Line Are Not the Chief Danger.

London, March 27.—(Special.)—The flood in London West is practically over. The water commenced to go down on Saturday evening and fell rapidly during the night. Sunday morning saw the river fully eight feet below what it was twelve hours previous. Altho considerable ice is running, no further damage is anticipated. The loss thru damage to property is roughly estimated in the neighborhood of $25,000.

Sunday afternoon crowds visited the scene of the flood and walked down streets which a few hours before had been accessible only to boats. The water mark on fences and houses shows that in many places a depth of four feet was reached. The water is still lying where it has collected in many low places. And in several sections gangs are at work drawing it off. Numerous cellars are still flooded and will require to be pumped out.

Wade Turns Up O.K.

Mr. Wade, the grocer, who was reported to have been swept from his perch and was drowned, has turned up and is safe and well. His escape is little short of miraculous, for the water in front of his store was several feet deep, and a swift current was running. He was saved only by the sturdy efforts of several onlookers.

The body of McMartin, the medical student, who lost his life at Blackfriars dam, has not been found.

Communication by the Grand Trunk between here and Detroit is cut off owing to the heavy washouts on the line. Unless several days of warm weather are again followed by rain, there is small danger of further trouble.

With Sullen Roar.

All day Friday the river rose and surged along with a sullen roar. The warm rain sent the water of the entire district from the County of Perth into its bed, and with each hour the gauge at Springbank recorded a rise in the flood. The the ice had been pretty well cleared out of the south branch on Thursday, Friday at 4.30 the ice which had been jammed in the north branch north of St. Mary's gave way and came down the river at racehorse speed, scuffling and crashing in the foam at the forks before it found its way into the current proper and resumed its journey westward toward the lake. By 6 o'clock all the low banks along the south branch had been covered with water. These included the old Moore distillery property, the flats in the rear of the London Rolling Mills Company, as well as those across the river to the south; Winnet's Island, behind Victoria Hospital, disappeared from view, and the water began to make its way up Front-street, and over at West London the flood was but four or five feet from the top of the breakwater in the lower places. Hunt's mills were compelled to close down, and the local electric power houses also felt shaky.

Duncan McMartin's Death.

Duncan McMartin was drowned in the Thames between 10 and 11 o'clock Saturday morning. He and Frederick Adams were fond of boating and other out-door sports, and on learning the condition of affairs in West London, they decided to go to the suburb in a canoe and help, if possible, to remove some of the many families who were hemmed in their homes by the high water.

On nearing the Blackfriars bridge, on the west side of the river, a number of persons who were watching the stream called to Adams and McMartin to watch for the Sammy dam, a short distance farther south, and the occupants of the canoe, who had intended landing there and carrying the canoe to a point south of the dam, turned the nose of the canoe shoreward. At the same moment Adams took hold of a branch of a willow tree, in order to pull the canoe to the shore, and as he did so the craft upset. Adams is a good swimmer, and he managed to reach land, a short distance farther on from where he had been turned into the water.

McMartin was not as adept at the art of swimming, and he clung to the overturned canoe, and called for help. He succeeded in keeping the canoe close to the shore until he was within a few yards of the crest of the dam, where he grasped a limb of a tree, intending, apparently, to cling to this until help could reach him. The current, however, was strong at that place, and it swept McMartin out into the stream and beyond the reach of those who were hurrying along the river bank to rescue him, if possible.

As the unfortunate young man was swept into the waters at the dam he was heard to cry: "Hurry up." In another instant his feet appeared above the water. That was the last seen of him.

McMartin was over 20 years of age, and lived near Thorndale. The be-

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WORST IS OVER.

Floods have been a constant menace to the residents of Western Ontario for the past three days, and a crisis was reached on Saturday. Saturday night in most places the rising waters subsided, and reports received from the afflicted districts on Sunday indicate that the worst is over. Only one life was lost. A student at London was swept to death while trying to take aid to others. At Brantford a party of muskrat hunters had a close call.

Railway communication was cut off. London was last night isolated from the west. The Pere Marquette bridge at Wallaceburg was declared to be unsafe, while washouts reported, and visible, made the running of trains dangerous. Gangs of workmen were repairing the lines on Sunday, and it is thought everything will be as before to-day.

The low lying lands in Kent and Essex were the prey of the overflowing streams. In Raleigh Township the farmers are boating. Thamesville churches were flooded, and no services were held yesterday. There is three feet of water on the principal streets of the town. Factories in a dozen towns were forced to shut down on Saturday.

The greatest danger now is from washouts.

What Will the Premier Do "Soo" Bill Perplexes Him

More Than One Liberal Won't Follow and Proposition May Fail.

This will be a short week in the legislature, but those who are watching the course of events in Queen's Park believe that something will develop to cause considerable embarrassment to the powers that be. To-day the long deferred debate on Mr. Pettypiece's railway taxation bill will be on the card, and it will be pushed far enough to prove the sincerity of the author of the measure. It is probable that Mr. Pettypiece will receive strong support from the opposition, and he may be able to carry it if equal encouragement is forthcoming from the friends of the government. The program for Tuesday and Wednesday will be the attorney-general's taxation bill, and an adjournment till Tuesday after Easter is expected Wednesday night.

Soo Guarantee Bill.

The Soo guarantee bill will probably be the main question when the members come back after the recess if the government does not in the meantime abandon the proposition, which is now considered one of the possibilities or even one of the probabilities. The more the proposition is considered the more likely it seems that the government will not attempt to force it thru the house. Mr. Hanna, who is giving the bill much attention, is receiving encouragement not only from Conservatives, but from many Liberals, who have written him endorsing his course in laying bare every feature of the suspicious transaction. It is also asserted that many of the government's supporters are being pressed by their constituents of both political stripes to withdraw from a course of action that cannot be regarded in a favorable light by the great body of the electors. More than one Liberal member have openly expressed their dislike of the proposition and on this account, it is being remarked on all sides, the government will not be hasty in committing its followers to a distasteful and ruinous course. The Globe on Saturday hinted at the withdrawal of the bill. It roundly scolded Mr. Hanna for persisting in his actions in regard to the right of Messrs. Conmee and Bowman to vote on the guarantee bill before it was known whether the bill would go to a division or not; and the premier, on Friday, gave the house to understand that the government was not absolutely committed to the guarantee. These significant statements are taken to mean that the premier intends to leave a means of escape should he suddenly discover that he has not the support adequate to the third and final reading of the bill.

More Behind it.

It was stated last night that only the fringe of the question touching the connection of Messrs. Conmee and Bowman has been touched, and that the Conservatives are not revealing their hand more than is absolutely necessary. For this reason the two members are not showing any undue haste in advancing the enquiry. The absence of both gentlemen from their seats on Friday afternoon when Mr. Hanna desired an answer to a series of questions, notwithstanding Mr. Bowman's hat was on his desk during the whole session, amused the whole opposition as much as it annoyed Mr. Hanna, but he says he can afford to wait, and that when his questions are answered he may have some more. He is armed with affidavits and copies of documents that show clearly just what he is anxious to hear from the lips of the two members themselves.

If the right of Messrs. Conmee and Bowman to vote on the Soo bill comes

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MOST TEMPERATE.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, March 28.—The Daily Chronicle says the Barr colony's requests for the exclusion of the liquor traffic affords evidence that there is something in the atmosphere of Canada opposed to alcoholic indulgence. Canada is the most temperate portion of the empire and her influence extends even into Maine.

CAPT. CASSEY DEAD.

Winnipeg, March 27.—Captain Cassey, for eighteen years connected with the Northwest Mounted Police, latterly at Lethbridge, died last night at the residence of his brother at Butte, Montana, where he had gone on government business. He came west about twenty years ago from Colborne, Ont.

DOWIE INSULTS THE KING.

Adelaide, Australia, March 27.—In consequence of a speech insulting King Edward, the government has refused the use of public buildings to John Alexander Dowie. The Mayor of Adelaide wrote to Dowie, telling him he was a disgrace to his nationality.

FOR LORD CURZON.

London, March 27.—It is officially announced that Baron Curzon of Keddleston, Viceroy of India, has been appointed lord warden of the cinque ports, in succession to the late Marquis of Salisbury.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Col. Ponton on "Newfoundland," Canadian Club, McConkey's, 1 p.m.
Camera club exhibition, Forum building, private view, 2-6.
City council, 3.
The legislature, 3.
Hamilton Old Boys, ex-Principal Dickson on "School Reminiscences," Webb's, 6.30.
Unitarian Club, Rabbi Jacobs on "Judaism," Webb's, 6.30.
Rainbow Mandolin Club concert, Guild Hall, 8.
Rev. Sol Cleaver on "Jean Valjean," Berkeley-street Methodist Church, 8.
Rev. Mr. Grant on "Japan and the War," College-street Presbyterian Church, 8.
Lenten service and oratorio, Church of the Messiah, 8.
Prof. Cochrane on "Swimming," Association Hall, 8.
North Toronto Liberals, Simpson's Hall, Yonge-street, 8.
Theatres—See public amusements.

DEATHS.

CHALLONER—Suddenly, at the residence of G. W. Dunn, Esq., 22 St. Joseph-street, Toronto, on Saturday, the 26th March, 1904, Agnes Audley Challoner, formerly of London, Ont., in her 52nd year.
Funeral from above address on Tuesday, the 29th, at 3 o'clock, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

GUEST—At his father's residence, Shaw-street, on Friday, March 26th, John Frederick, infant son of John and Ada Guest.
Funeral Monday afternoon, at 2.30, to Humberdale Cemetery.

HALL—At St. Clair-avenue, Bracondale, on March 25th, 1904, Sarah Bonar, dearly beloved wife of William Hall, and eldest daughter of Alex. Bonar, aged 20 years.
Funeral on Monday, March 28th, at 2.30 p.m., to Prospect Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

KEOWN—At her residence, 96 Charles-street, on March 26th, Margaret, daughter of the late Robert Keown, and sister of R. J. Keown of Tacoma, Wash., formerly of Toronto.
Funeral Monday, private.

ROSAR—On Thursday evening, March 24, at his late residence, 240 King-street east, Frantz (Frank) Rosar, funeral director, aged 65 years.
Funeral Monday, March 28, at 8.30 a.m., to St. Paul's Church, thence to St. Michael's Cemetery.

WOOD—Rebecca Wood, wife of Elias Wood, Scarboro, on March 27th, aged 86 years.
Funeral Wednesday, 30th, at 1 p.m., to the English Church Cemetery, York Mills.

13 MEN ASLEEP IN CABOOSE CAR WRECKED, NONE HURT

C.P.R. Express Crashed Into Submerged Snowplow and Three Engines Were Derailed.

Portage la Prairie, March 26.—The C. P. R. express, which was stalled at Rosser since Thursday, started last night for the west, but only got as far as a point between Bagot and McGregor, when it ran into a submerged snow plow and was wrecked.

A fireman was injured, but none of the passengers. Three engines were sent off the track. The caboose at the rear of the snow plow train was lifted clear off the track and smashed into kindling wood. The second engine of the express and three tenders were thrown completely off the track and two baggage cars derailed.

That there were no lives lost is nothing short of miraculous. There were thirteen men asleep in the caboose of the front train, which was smashed into pieces, and it passes imagination how they escaped injury. As it was, they came out unscathed, except that one man was a little bruised.

THE SEASON.

The season is coming on apace. There were country roads yesterday that were dry and blowing dust. This was unusual, but it was the fact. The Don was free of ice. Ducks were flying up the Don Valley and wild geese were seen going north. Fall wheat is reported from a number of points, where the snow has cleared, as wintering well. A few more days of good weather and plowing will be under way near Toronto. Quite a lot of birds are to be heard singing and calling in the woods. Robins are numerous. So far little or no sap is running in the maple trees—good judges say that it will not be much of a sugar year. Where the snow has disappeared you may see green strawberry leaves and the first beginnings of the mullen plant. The thrifty farmer is busy at nights with his new-come calves and lambs, and in the day time letting the water off his fields. And men in the country who work by the day and have done little during the winter are out now at their first job, whether it is to get out timber for a frame, or mix the colors for a coat of paint.

ON LIBERAL LINES.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, March 28.—That the next government will be a national one on Liberal lines, whose primary object will be to defend free trade, is the thesis supported by this week's Sunday Sun. It continues by pointing out that the Unionist free trade group have decided to support Major Seeley, who will not support the government. The Liberals are thoroly in accord with the movement. Major Seeley was nominated for the re-election on Saturday at the Isle of Wight, the proposed Liberal candidate, Mr. Baring, having resigned.

MILNER FOR THE PEOPLE.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, March 28.—Lord Milner, speaking at a Johannesburg dinner, said he did not care two-pence for the opinion of home critics so long as he received the confidence of the people on the spot.

LIGHT FOR THE WHEAT BELT.

The Siche Gas Company of this city, which, at the close of the year, concluded arrangements with the Siche Light Co., Limited, of Montreal, Que., to take over their eastern business, has now secured Mr. G. Vernon Gzowski as representative for Manitoba and the Northwest. Mr. Gzowski leaves for Winnipeg this week, and is taking out a large consignment of Siche machines of various sizes, which he will instal at various points in the Canadian wheat belt, preparatory to covering the territory fully by agents. The Siche Company will make a complete exhibit of its system of slow, low temperature generation as opposed to the old system of rapid, high temperature generation known as the acetylene method at the coming Dominion Exhibition at Winnipeg, July next. Meantime anyone interested can write the head office Siche, 81 York-street, Toronto, for details.

Sensibly Adopted.

A raincoat is the thing. Properly made it may be worn in anticipation of the rain and still be suitable for wear as a cloak for warmth. Plenty of style may be put into the making of a raincoat without spoiling its waterproof qualities. The most popular style is a military effect, a form which realizes all the beauty and utility of a raincoat. These styles are importations brought in by the W. & D. Dineen Company, corner Yonge and Temperance-streets.

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FINE.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, March 27.—(8 p.m.)—The weather has been generally fine to-day in all portions of Canada; mild in Alberta and elsewhere cold.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 40—48; Calgary, 22—40; Qu'Appelle, 4 below—32; Winnipeg, 8 below—20; Port Arthur, 6 below—20; Parry Sound, 12—28; Toronto, 20—28; Ottawa, 12—26; Montreal, 12—20; Quebec, 4—22; Halifax, 26—36.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fine; a little higher temperature to-day and still milder on Tuesday.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fine; stationary or a little higher temperature to-day. Tuesday milder.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Fine and moderately cold.

Maritime—Generally fair; moderately cold.

Lake Superior—Mostly fair; a few snow flurries; a little higher temperature to-day. Tuesday milder.

Manitoba—Fine and milder.

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STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

March 26.	At.	From.
Laurentian	New York	Glasgow
St. Louis	New York	Southampton
Minnetonka	New York	London
Cambrian	Boston	London
La Bretagne	Havre	New York
Umbria	Queenstown	New York
St. Paul	Plymouth	New York
Montfort	Bristol	St. John, N.B.
Ionian	Halifax	Liverpool
Buenos Ayres	Halifax	Glasgow
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Etruria	New York	Liverpool
Moltke	New York	Hamburg
Patria	New York	Marseilles
Citta diMilano	New York	Genoa
La Gascogne	New York	Havre
Cretic	Boston	Liverpool
Bovic	Liverpool	New York
Umbria	Liverpool	New York
Canopic	Naples	Boston