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LINEVITCH MAY BE FORCED TO WITHDRAW

Report That Admiral Togo's Fleet Has Been Sighted Off the Philippine Islands.

London, April 7.-The correspondent at St. Petersburg of the Times tele-

"The latest official information leads to the belief that the Japanese are advancing in crescent formation, Oku on the left, Noku on the centre and Kuroki and Kamamura on the right, with a total strength of 475,000. It is feared Linevitch will be compelled to with-

REPORTED SIGHTING OF JAPANESE SHIPS.

Chicago, April 6 .- A special to the Daily News from Batavia, Java, says: "Togo's fleet was sighted this afternoon south of the island of Mindanao, the southermost of the Philippine group.

THE MOVEMENTS OF JAPANESE TROOPS.

St. Petersburg. April 6.-A dispatch to the war office from Chief of Staff Karkevitch, dated to-day, says that a Russian-Korean detachment attacked a Japanese force of infantry about five miles from Gilchjiou (Kiljup), and that the Japanese were dislodged from two positions and routed by the Russian force and Cossack attack.

The dispatch adds that the Japanes detachments have appeared on the Man-darin road, between Shangtafu and Maimaikaii, on the Russian front, ---

RETURNED RUSSIANS

Invalided Russians who left Mukdey on March '26th report that Hun river bridge had not been restored. The Jap-anese, in removing Russian wounded from Mukden, carried them as far as the river in bamboo litters and entrained them on the farther side.

The returned soldiers describe the confusion in the evacuation of Mukden and the fighting on narrow streets and at the gates, where Japanese and Chiness ambushed the last detachments and where General Galenfeldt was

not being considered one of the heaviest sufferers. The greatest losses were in the troops operating against General Linevitch, where the struggle than elsewhere.

The Japanese placed the number of guns captured during the retreat at 26, and also captured thousands of rifles and immense quantities of boxed rifle

According to Chinese, the Japanese are now rearming their reserves with Rus-The Japanese army is healthy, excellently clothed and well shod, and its

morale is excellent, according to these Japanese officers admitted that they serves into the line, leaving their rear- | was steering toward Singapore rear, their position would have been evidently a Japanese scouting squadron, critical, but they counted rightly on There is much excitement here and in

Russian inertia and we confident of

RETREATED AFTER FIGHT.

Tokio, April 7 .- 3 p. m .- The main force of the Russians which was recently defeated in the neighborhood of Chinchiatun, has deviated toward Shunien Cheng, and a part of it has retreated

along the Fenghua road.
On the evening of April 5th no Russians were to be seen south of Hsinlitun, eight miles north of Chinchiatun. A small force of Russians is occupying Talisiyo, 26 miles east of Weyuanpao

Naval Programme.

St. Petersburg, April 6.-The com nittee appointed to investigate the capacfor carrying out Russia's new naval pro-gramme has reported, showing that the pore, and the first-class battleship Ocean present Baltic yards and machine snops, expanded to their full capacity, could deliver in three years eight of the twentyfive hig battleships and cruisers and eight of the twenty-four smaller cruisers conemplated. Given five years, seventyfour big ships and seventeen small craft could be completed, while the whole programme can easily be executed under ten years if haste is not urgent.

Details of the programme have not been officially published, but it is reported that it consists of ten battleships, fifteen 15,000-ton armored cruisers of the Rossia type, twelve cruisers of the 5,000ton type, exclusive of torpedo-boat destroyers, submarine and mine ships. Russian works are capable of supplying armor for only two and a half ships yearly, and the committee has not com sidered armament.

Engaged the Japs. St. Petersburg, April 7.—Chief of Staff Karkevitch, in a dispatch to the general staff dated to-day says: "Yesterday our sharpshooters forced the Japanese cavalry to retire from Erdaheze to Tsulus n.

"One of our detachments on arriving in the morning of April 4th at Tsinsatun engaged the enemy, who had 6,000 Chi nese bandits with them. "I have not received a report of the results of the battle."

London, April 8 .- The sudden shifting of interest in the war from the land to the sea and the apparently imminent prospects of a fearful battle between the Russian and the Japanese squadrons in TELL OF BATTLE, the China see have revived all the inter-It is taken for granted Admiral Togo's

of Singapore in the middle of March are still in that vicinity, and the report from Penang that twelve Japanese ships were seen steaming ahead of the Russian war ships is interpreted to mean that the former were scouts sent out by Togo to get in touch with the Russians, and when their object is accomplished to retire on the main body of the Japanese

the northeasterly course they were steer-ing that after reaching Singapore the Russian ships are trying to reach the Manitoba delegates, or their acceptance, was much longer and more intense French port of Saigon, Cochin-China. However, it is pointed out that a Japanese squadron of twenty-two ships is still off Horsburg light, where it was in the security of the security of the government. The authorities minimas the security of the government. The names of promptional that he had not authorities minimas the security of the government. The names of promptional that he had not authorities minimas the security of the government. The names of promptional that he had not authorities minimas the security of the government. The two naval forces were this after

noon only about thirty miles apart, and may be in touch at any moment.

SIGHTED RUSSIAN AND JAP WARSHIPS.

Penang, West Coast Malay Peninsula, April 8.—Two steamers which have arrived at Penang report the sighting of a concentrated every last effort to win large Russian fleet in the Straits of the battle, and threw their entire re- Malacca. It included 25 transports, and The steamer Kumsang reports having

Singapore over the prospects engagement. RUSSIAN FLEET HAS PASSED SINGAPORE

Singapore, April 8.-The Russian fleet (reported by the British steamer Tara) has been sighted, headed apparently for Durian Straits, 37 miles southwest of Singapore. Later.—The Russian fleet is passing,

WARSHIPS PREPARING TO PUT TO SEA.

Hongkong, April 8.-In consequen of the appearance of the fleet in the Straits of Malacca, the China squadron

RUSSIA STAKES HOPES ON FIGHT.

steering northeastward.

St. Petersburg, April 8.—Intense interest was aroused here to-day by the anouncement that Admiral Rojestvensky's quadron was passing Singapore, but the admiralty does not admit that it has re-ceived official confirmation of the report. In fact, the officials have exercised unusual reticence for some time about the movements and intentions of the squadositive knowledge that Admiral Rojestensky was leaving Admiral Nebogatoff commander of a division of the second Pacific squadron) behind and was bound

Admiral Togo.
All Russian hopes of changing the forune of war are staked upon the issue and for some time the admiralty has declared that only peace could intervene to prevent a final trial for the mastery of

for the Far East to try conclusions with

the sea.
Unofficial information also indicated that Rojestvensky intended to pass through the Straits of Malacca.

SIR WILFRED LAURIER'S REPLATO R. L. BORDEN

At Request of C. P. R. the E. & N. Bill Has Been Held Over

being called in the House to-day, R. L. Borden referred to Mgr. Sbarretti's com-The total losses of the Japanese, according to the foreigners accompanying them, was nearly 100,000, the eighth division, for instance, losing over 7,000, it not being considered and captured.

The reports about the number of the Russian ships vary, but over thirty-five battleships, cruisers, colliers and torped boats have passed the Straits of Singapore.

The total losses of the Japanese, accompanying them, was nearly 100,000, the eighth division, for instance, losing over 7,000, it not being considered and captured. munication. He said that Mgr. Sharretsay that if any member of the Deminion | women that he would appoint a commis government had given any authority to

extended the usual courtesy of saying that he was to bring up the matter. As M. Pobedo for the leader of a great party to be engaged in this work at this time with a view to showing something hidden, they had seen it for the first time. The Dominion government was responsible tected. Had the Russians thrown a sighted twelve cruisers, presumably to the people. He had met such charges heavy force, even of cavalry, in the Japanese, steaming some distance ahead, as the Conservatives were now making as the Conservatives were now making for 30 years, and was not afraid to meet them again. He accepted the challenge of the leader of the opposition, and was prepared to discuss it in this House and

lsewhere. (Great cheering.) The Premier showed how, the statement of the Papal delegate confirmed all that he had said, and showed that Hon. Mr. Rogers did not even see Mgr. Sbar-

E. & N. Bill.

At the railway committee to-day the bill for the sale of the Esquimalt & Members Protest Against the Election Nanaimo railway to the C. P. R. was held over indefinitely. This was done at the request of the C. P. R. Will Go North.

Arrangements are being made to send a relief boat to Hudson's Bay. Supplies and fuel are to be taken up to the steamship Arctic and the mounted police detachment. It is probable a Newfoundland sealer will be chartered for the

THE WATER CURE. Havre, April 7.-Serious fighting occurred yesterday between 700 Bulgarians and 400 Greek emigrants on board the Campangais Generale Trans-Atlantique test against sustaining such offi steamer Olinde Rodriguen, which is to leave this port on April 9th for New Among the apostles sustaine York. The police were called in, and the seamen finally quelled the rioting by use of the fire hose. Strict measures will be taken to prevent a recurrence of the trouble during the voyage.

CZAR ABSENT FROM HORSE GUARDS' PARADE

Owing to Terrorist Activity, Extraordinard Precautions Have Been Taken.

St. Petersburg, April 7.-The annual parade of the Horse Guards, heretofore ne of the most spectacular military cere nonies as well as social functions of the year, was chiefly notable to-day by the absence of Emperor Nicholas and the

imperial family.
The Horse Guards is the Emperor's own regiment, and never before has he failed to attend its annual parade. With the Sault Ste. Marie mills for the Interthe Empress, Dowager Empress and the entire court, the Emperor remained at

The only grand dukes who ventured Have Taken the Places of Natives at ron, but, as stated several times in these out of their palaces were Nicholas, Boris dispatches, the Associated Press had and Alexander Michaelovitch, the first named representing His Majesty. Even the Grand Duke Vladimir, commander of the military district, was not present. have replaced those of the Ameer of The explanation given is that he was Bokhara at all posts on the upper Oxas detained at the palace on account of si, that 4,000 men have been detached

The danger to the imperial family was regarded as especially great to-day as it happened that this was the festival of the Immaculate Conception, one of the strictest religious holidays, and the fear of an untoward incident in view of the activity of the terrorists, and extraordinary precautions were taken. All busiess was suspended.

The entire population was in the

Searching Cemeteries. St. Petersburg, April 7.-12.35 p.m.-The efforts of the police to smother the political agitation have led them even to invade the cemeteries in their search or evidence of treason. It has become the practice of students to place on the graves of comrades who were active, or who suffered in the cause of freedom, wreaths bound with ribbons on which political sentiments are inscribed. The police now make nocturnal visits to the cometeries in search of these mottoes,

which are promptly confiscated.

But being ignorant the policemen make curious mistakes. The other day a harmless inscription in Greek, simply expressive of sympathy, was seized, and Wednesday a red ribbon attached to a wreath, although upon the grave of a well-known official, being interpreted by the police as a revolutionary emblem was not only cut off but created so much alarm that a general order was sent out

to all vendors of mortuary wreaths pro-Mgr. Sbarretti extending the offer to this purpose are entirely exhausted, and Manitoba delegates, or their acceptance, the provincial papers are filled with pabut there was no direct statement in the | thetic columns of starving mothers and He was not concerned whether Mr. Sbarretti was recalled or not, but he would for bread. The governor informed the in connection with searches which the sion to investigate the situation. His deal with Manitoba, he should be dismissed.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied with some reply aroused the ire of the local press.

The Viedomosti said: "Always the eternal commission. While it is making warmth, showing that Mr. Borden never an investigation the women and children

M. Pobedonsteff's position, that of procurator-General of the Holy Synod, will be absolved after the patriarchate is re-established and Antonius, the metropolitan of St. Petersburg, as the highest archbishop, will become patriarch. Under the new press regulations the

The Imperial chancery has formally requested the Kobeko commission which ment in concealing the discordant elerevising the press regulations to include this restriction, and such a re- elder brother of General Heracic Vasequivalent of an order.

MORMON CHURCH.

of Apostles.

Smith was to-day sustained as prophet eer and revelator of the Mormon church by unanimous vote of the members at e opening session of the seventy-fifth annual conference. When a vote was taken to sustain the twelve apostles, two the dissenters rose to explain his vote. but was not permitted to speak. President Smith merely said that he could present his objections to the proper authorities. This incident created excite-ment. The members who dissented afterwards said that they desired to protest against sustaining such officers of Among the apostles sustained were apostles Taylor and Cowley. In his tes-

aspirations of all competitors." CANAL BUILDING fic to Leadstone, Idaho. Salt Lake, Utah, April 6 .- Joseph F

a deed conveying, under title to the governhands were raised in dissent. One of the last obstacles to the construction of the the work.

stone, Idaho.

gence Department to Assist War

London, April 7 .- The Daily Expres orm a "Legion of Frontiersmen" to o Statement of Revenue and Expenditures gent on a volunteer basis, to act as in Ottawa, April 7 .- A statement of evenue and expenditures of the Dominn, to be issued to-morrow, shows the revenue was \$51,430,768, nearly \$10,-

ESTABLISH A BOYCOTT. or about \$6,000,000 greater than the same time the previous year. The revenue is about \$5,000,000 over all

New Move By Polish Workmen and Revolutionists to Embarrass the

L. G. McCarthy took up the debate on the Autonomy Bill, taking the same a new way by trying to embarrass the course as the late Dalton McCarthy, his government by organizing a boycott on government by organizing a boycott on vodka and tobacco for the purpose of saving the money of the poor and redu-

from the staff of the conservatory on ac-count of his attitude during the students' strike is evoking a storm of adverse criticism. He was dismissed by the business management of the conserva-tory committee which did not consult the advisory committee of the academy of imperial musical society, the members of crushed to death through the collapse of which are resigning in protest. It is a stone barracks building. But it is addcomputed that the stoppage of work in | ed that 71 are missing. In addition to

om the Merv garrison as a permanent addition to the Kushk and Muraghad river force, and that the deficiency at Merv has been replaced from Orenburg. tionists had planned an armed attack on the military for yesterday, and that the inhabitants were warned that if they did not show their sympathy with the revo-Wives of Russian Soldiers Carry Away intionists by hanging out red flags when the fighting began, they would share the fate of the troops. Consequently the peonothing happened.

Vienna April 6 .- A dispatch from Vilna states that all of the able-bodied General Strike Fearcd. men in the district having been sent to the war by the Czar, the women and Astrakhan, European Russia, April 8. children invaded the imperial forests and began to cut the dead timber, arguing -The workmen in the large shipyard here have struck. The shipwrights that as their protectors were away, in the throughout the Volga region are disconservice of the Emperor, there could be tented, and a general strike is almost no harm in securing fuel to warm them-selves from the deadfalls of the woods. certain when navigation opens.

The foresters drove them away and beat a number of them cruelly.

The next day the women, armed with clubs and axes, returned and attacked the foresters. They burned the house of the chief forester, and so badly injured him and three of his assistants that all are expected to die.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

wives since the manifesto, and that if

vote to sustain Taylor and Cowley, Sen-

ator Smoot was not present to-day, nor

DOMINION FINANCES

-Autonomy Bill Debate.

000,000 more than for the same time last year. The expenditure was \$38,720,305,

Autonomy Bill.

The Dominion government has given a

RUSSIAN TROOPS

Ports on the Upper Oxus.

Bombay, April 6 .- The Times authen-

tically to-day states that Russian troops

in the districts of Shignan and Roshan-

INVADED CZAR'S FOREST.

Firewood-Fight With

Foresters.

contract for 10,000 tons of steel rails to

kinds of expenditures.

colonial railway.

ere apostles Taylor or Cowley.

Ex-Captain of the French Army Is in Custody-Mystery Surrounds the Affair.

Paris, April 7.—Much mystery surrounds the arrest of an ex-captain of the army on the charge of conspiracy The underwriters here presume from the northeasterly course they were steering that after reaching Singapore the control of the policy demands government add for the public demands government season of the public demands government add for the sufferers. Charities are no longer able to cope with the situation, and the public demands government add for the sufferers. Charities are no longer able to cope with the situation, and the public demands government add for the sufferers. Charities are no longer able to cope with the situation, and the public demands government add for the sufferers. Charities are no longer able to cope with the situation, and the public demands government add for the sufferers. Charities are no longer able to cope with the situation, and the public demands government add for the sufferers. Charities are no longer able to cope with the situation, and the public demands government add for the sufferers. Charities are no longer able to cope with the situation, and the public demands government add for the sufferers. Charities are no longer able to cope with the situation, and the public demands government add for the sufferers. Charities are no longer able to cope with the situation, and the public demands government add for the sufferers. Charities are no longer able to cope with the situation, and the public demands government add for the sufferers. Charities are no longer able to cope with the situation, and the public demands government add for the sufferers. Charities are no longer able to cope with the situation, and the public demands government add for the sufferers. Charities are no longer able to cope with the situation, and the public demands government add for the sufferers. Charities are no longer able to cope with the situation, and the public demands government add for the sufferers. Charities are not cope with the sufference of the s mission to the ivory coast, but the activity of the secret police leads to reports of a plot against the security of the government. The authorities minisecret police are still pursuing.

NEW MINISTER

Appointed by President Morales of Santo Domingo.

New York, April 7 .- A Santo Domingo dispatch to the merald, dated Thursday

general at New York, has been appointed minister of public works here. Senor Fabio Fiallo, director of the Campana,

papers are not permitted to publish aty-thing affecting the Emperor and the Im-Vork. Senor Tulio Cestero, an editor of perial family without the consent of the the same paper, has been appointed con sul at Grimsby, England. The appointments strengthen the Morales governments. Senor Leonte Vasquez is an quest the commission regards as the quez, who was a short time president of the route via Brisbane to Auckland. the Dominican republic before the growing power of Morales swept aside the

Waterway Will Be Constructed From Paci-

Portland, Ore., April 7 .- The state of Ore gon has delivered to Major W. C. Langfitta ment, the entire right of way for the Dalles-Celllo canal. This action removes canal, and insures the early beginning of

This great undertaking is a canal and locks around an obstruction in the Columbia river, about 100 miles east of Portland. The construction of this canal will admit entire wheat crop of eastern Oregon, east-ern Washington and Idaho, which last year amounted to about 45,000,000 bushels, to the Pacific ocean.

The length of the waterway that will be open to traffic will be over 500 miles and will reach from the Pacific ocean to Lead"LEGION OF FRONTIERSMEN." | SOLDERS BURED Office.

nnounces that a movement is on foot to ganize Englishmen throughout the Em pire into an auxiliary intelligence departwar office. The inaugural meeting wil e held next Monday at Lord Lonstelle's

workmen and revolutionists have found | hundred and seventy men of Gurkha cing the revenue of the state.

The dismissal of Romsky Korsokoff

the universities has cost the government the Europeans already reported killed at \$750,000 in tuition fees, which otherwise goes toward paying the salaries of the peans are said to have met their deaths.

faculties.

just recovered from a great fright.
Stories were circulated that the revoluple remained indoors all day long, but is wrecked.

RUSHING FLOUR TO JAPAN. Shippers Anxious to Have It Landed Before War Tax Takes Effect.

ment that after July Japan would levy a war tax on flour, large quantities have been rushed to Seattle in an effort to assure its reaching the Orient in time to avoid the war tax. When the Minnesota sails from here or April 2014. sota sails from here on April 29th, she will have between 65,000 and 70,000 barrels, and will leave behind some 30,000 barrels for lack of room. The Kana-

NOT ALARMING. Commissioner's Report on Epidemic Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis in New York.

New York, April 8.—Dr. Herman Biggs, medical adviser of the commission appointed to deal with the epidemic of erebro-spinal meningitis, said last night that he did not consider the situation as is past. The natives, however, everyalarming, the percentage of deaths from where are still apprehensive and are meningitis when compared with those of other diseases not being large. The deaths from meningitis for the past six The latest dispatches from various towns days were 96, against 131 deaths in the report damage to houses but no further

previous week. AUSTRALIAN MAIL,

Service Via Vancouver Extended For regal lodge suffered slightly. Three Months Pending Consideration of New Route.

Melhourne April 8-The Commonealth government has extended the Vancouver mail service contract for Russia, which was in session yesterday, three months, pending the consideration was to dispatch a telegram of sympathy of proposals which involve a change in to Maxim Gorky as follows: "A valiant

FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY ARE ENTOMBED

As Result of the Earthquake at Hill Station-Men Cannot Be

Lahore, Punjab, India, April 7 .- Four regiments were buried alive as a result of the earthquake at the Hill station of Dharmsala (95 miles northeast of Simla) according to the latest information from that place.

The report adds that it is impossible

to rescue the entombed men. Another Report. Calcutta, April 7 .- According to the reports received here only 140 soldiers, ostly Gurkhas, were killed at the

The greatest difficulty is experienced Remain in Homes.

Reval, Russia, April 8.—The city has in procuring news from Dharmsala. The telegraph staff at the station there was office has been opened 13 miles from the town, but the facilities are most scant.

The Kangra valley is believed to have been devastated, and it is reported the town of Kangra was reduced to ruins with great loss of life. No confirmation of the report is obtain-

able as the telegraph station at Kangra Kangra, known in ancient times as Nabarko, is a town in the Punjaub, 90 miles east, northeast of Amritsar. Kangra was formerly the capital of Matoch, a state of considerable size. It is situated on both sides of a hill overlooking the Banganga torrent. The population of Kangra numbers about 5,500 souls, mostly Hindoos.

Town Reported Destroyed. Lahore, April 7 .- A private telegram received here says the whole town of Palampur has been leveled to the ground, and not a single building is left

Plampur is a town of the Punjab, and valley. London, April 6 .- Mr. Brodrick, secthis dispatch from Lord Curzon of Ked-

Lahore: several large buildings damaged; twenty-five deaths reported so far in the city of Dharmsala. The cantonment and civil station are reported to have been practically destroyed; houses and bazaars are levelled to the ground. The loss of life is not yet known accurately, but at least nine Europeans are killed. Relief party has been dispatched by the local government.

Natives.
Calcutta, April 6.—No further shocks of earthquake have been reported to day, and it is believed that the danger only slowly regaining sufficient confifatalities. It is evident that the worst is known. In Madras the shocks were felt lightly. In Simla the damage was con-

SYMPATHY WITH GORKY.

Moscow, April 6.-The last act of the congress of doctors from all points of defender of the rights of man."

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