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JAPAN LOST TWO TORPEDO BOATS IN FIRST ACTION AT PORT ARTHUR

Daily Mail Correspondent Sends First Uncensored Despatch of Naval Battle.

London, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The London Daily Mail received on Monday the following uncensored details of the first sea fight at Port Arthur from its correspondent, who got out of the Russian lines:

Yienhow (Newchang), Wednesday Morning, Feb. 10.—I have just reached here by special train from Port Arthur, and to save time have written my account while travelling on locomotive. There was no other method of getting out of Port Arthur or transmitting a message of this length, as since the bombardment on Tuesday no vessels have been permitted to leave the harbor, and the railway telegraph lines are reserved for the exclusive use of Russian officials.

There were only four special correspondents present at the bombardment, Reuter's representative, two foreign correspondents and myself. Unfortunately one of them was wounded.

Six Jap Torpedoes.

About midnight on Monday the town was roused by the firing of big guns. I hastened up the hill on which the main battery is situated. I saw that six Japanese torpedo boats had approached within half a mile of the Russian fleet and were showing lights, funnels and signals just like those of the Russians.

The Japanese torpedo boats crept quite close to the Russian ships. Before they were discovered each of the Japanese boats discharged torpedoes, three of which took effect, striking the battleships Cesarevitch, Retvizan and the cruiser Pallada. The three damaged ships returned to the harbor entrance in order to avoid sinking. Notwithstanding the continuous fire from ships and forts, four of the Japanese torpedo boats escaped. One, however, was sunk, and another in sinking condition was deserted by her crew and afterwards captured by Russians.

I saw several Japanese cruisers in the distance. The remainder of the fleet was still farther off, lying eastward, showing search lights. After the retirement of the Japanese torpedo boats the Russian cruiser squadron, under Admiral Prince Ktompaky, followed to investigate, and then returned. The action ceased at 3 a.m.

Russian Losses.

The loss on Russian ships was eight killed and twenty wounded, apart from the disablement of the three Russian ships. The damage done to the fleet and forts is not very great. Tho many Russian torpedo boats and destroyers were in the harbor they were not ready to resist an attack. The Japanese, in fact, created a great deal of surprise, not only by the unexpected onslaught, but by the promptness and bravery with which they acted.

On Tuesday morning news arrived from Dalny that the Japanese fleet was steering westward in attack formation. It came in sight about eleven o'clock. There were in all 15 ships in two lines of battle, six battleships, six first-class cruisers and three second-class cruisers. Russians had outside thirteen large vessels under Admiral Stark (Flagship Petrohavlossk) and Rear-Admiral Prince Ktompaky (Flagship Peresviet), excluding Pallada, Cesarevitch (Flagship Rear-Admiral Mollas), and Retvizan, which were lying aground across the inner harbor entrance, as it was low water. The action was commenced by the big guns of the land battery. The morning was dull, with light wind, and the heavy smoke rendered it difficult to observe the details of the action, but I witnessed all that was possible from the Beacon Hill opposite the entrance to the harbor in line of fire. Two shells fell near us and about twenty others fell in the old town and western harbor, where many steamers flying neutral flags were anchored.

Fled From Town.

After the commencement of the action all people fled towards the hill outside the town and got under its protection. A little while after the first shell a big 12-inch one exploded, smashing the office fronts of Guensberge Yalu Concessions Company and Russo-Chinese Bank. The streets were then entirely deserted, but the local police kept splendid order. There was no looting. The women and children were very brave. Regiments from the adjoining barracks and camps came pouring thru the town to take up a defensive position in the event of a Japanese landing.

The Japanese warships steamed slowly past in line of battle to westward and about four miles off, each vessel beginning fire when opposite Russian ships, which were two miles off shore. The action soon became general. There was no manoeuvring, simply heavy fast firing on both sides. I counted over 300 shells, few of which reached the mark. Others did not explode during action. Several merchant steamers outside the roads moved their position, but none were allowed to

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LONDON, Feb. 15.—Answering a question in the House of Commons today as to whether the British government was taking steps to secure an arrangement for the neutralization of Newchwang during the war, the Foreign Under Secretary, Earl Percy, replied that the government did not consider it to be practicable to neutralize any territory in the actual occupation of either of the belligerents.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Home Secretary Akers-Douglas, confirming the Associated Press despatches, announced in the House of Commons today that the British government not only had not been approached with a suggestion that it should consent to the Russian Black Sea fleet passing out thru the Dardanelles, but there was no reason whatever for supposing that Russia contemplated such a violation of her treaty obligations to the European powers.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—M. Jaures, leader of the Socialist party (which holds the balance of power in parliament), has made a declaration contemplating the immediate denunciation of the Franco-Russian alliance, which has attracted a great deal of attention in diplomatic circles. The declaration was made at St. Etienne, where the Socialist congress is sitting.

PARIS, Feb. 16.—A despatch to The Eclair from St. Petersburg says it is affirmed there that after the bombardment of Hakodate (which has not been officially corroborated) the four Russian cruisers which took part in the engagement were driven back to Vladivostock by a storm.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Information has reached here that nearly 20,000 Japanese troops were landed at Chemulpo yesterday, the first division of a large number which will be thrown into Corea, while the Russian fleet is bottled in Port Arthur. By one conversant with the Japanese plans, it is stated that the repeated attacks on Port Arthur are not for the purpose of seizing that place at present, unless an unexpected weakness in the fortifications there should develop. They are part of a plan to harass the Russian fleet until Corea can be occupied.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—In connection with the rumors of another bombardment at Port Arthur, the owners of the British steamer Foxton Hall, which was detained by the Russians at Port Arthur, have received news that she has been destroyed by fire.

NO GOOD SAMARITAN HE.

THE JEW: Not a kopeck, mine friendt, not if you vas as vealthy in securities as you are bankrupt in honor and humanity—not a kopeck.

By Vote 12 to 8 Kingston Council Decide to Ask Legislature to Amend Charter

Will Ask Penalty Clause and Power to Acquire Street Railway on Valuation.

Kingston, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—As was foretold by The World, the City Council by a vote of 12 to 8 adopted a resolution to send a deputation to the Ontario legislature, asking that the street railway charter be so altered that a penalty clause may be attached and that the company be compelled to run their cars thruout the year. The text of the resolution is as follows:

That, whereas Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraqui Railway company by notice published in the newspapers of Kingston on the 2nd and following days of February, 1904, notified the citizens of Kingston that they intended to discontinue the running of cars on and after the 8th of February, 1904, and

Whereas, on the 3rd day of February, 1904, the said company actually discontinued the running of their cars, and, whereas the said company have further signified their intention not to run their cars during the winter months, as it does not pay them to do so, and

WHEREAS the ceasing of the running of the said cars is a violation of the agreement of the company with the corporation of Kingston, and

WHEREAS an action in 1897 was commenced against the said company for the violation of their agreement in discontinuing the running of their said cars over a small portion of the road, but which action was dismissed by the court on the ground that the court could not decree specific performance of the said agreement, and

WHEREAS in other respects the working out of the said agreement has been found to be most unsatisfactory to the corporation:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Ontario legislature be requested to amend the act re the Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataraqui Electric Railway Company, 56 Vic. (O), Chap. 91, schedule:

(1) By adding to Section 16 of the said act a clause providing that the company shall forfeit and pay to the city corporation a penalty of $100 for each legal day on which their cars are not run, according to sub-section (c) of the said section:

(2) By striking out sub-section (B) of said section 16, which permits the said company to substitute sleighs for cars during the winter months.

(3) By providing that the corporation may at any time, on giving six months' notice, acquire the plant, stock, fixtures and property of the said company, the price, in the event of disagreement, to be fixed by arbitration, and that a committee consisting of Ald. Behan, Mowat and Tanapp be appointed to wait on the legislature with reference to the said amendments.

To the Legislature.

By this action the Council have now transferred the scene of further conflicts between themselves and the Street Railway Company to the legislature in Toronto. One of the sharpest debates that have ever been heard in Kingston in Council Chambers was indulged in before the measure was finally adopted.

The resolution passed was an amendment to one brought in by Ald. King in reply to a communication from the Street Railway stating that they would be willing to confer with a special committee appointed by the Council. Ald. King's resolution asked that the Council appoint a committee to meet the railway as suggested.

Then Ald. Behan moved the amendment which carried.

A noticeable feature of the voting was the fact that before the yeas and nays were taken, Mayor Bell abruptly retired and did not return until the vote had been taken. The amended resolution carried.

Interest in Debate.

Every available seat in the Council Chamber was filled, and even the aisles were crowded with an interested and attentive crowd of citizens. The employes of the Street Railway Company and their friends occupied one side of the room clapping loudly as each speaker finished his speech advocating a conference with the company, while facing them was an equally demonstrative crowd in favor of going straight to the legislature with the city's grievance.

Ald. McLeod and King were the spokesmen for the aldermen favoring a conference with the Street Railway, while Aldermen Mowat and Behan gave expression to the views of the Councilmen who wanted the matter taken to Toronto. The debate did not assume wide proportions. The point urged was that the Council, owing to the unwillingness of the company to talk

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Eleven Cities and Towns Have no "Stop" Agreement

Companies Are Permitted by Charter to Substitute Sleighs When Snow Blocks Rails.

The action of the Kingston Street Railway Company in suspending its winter service has been justified by the company and its friends on several grounds. It has been argued that a winter service does not pay, that the cost of keeping the right of way clear of snow is not compensated by the receipts. Furthermore, it has been stated that other street railway companies operating in Ontario cities have clauses in their charters which enable them to close down during the winter months. For these reasons friends of the Kingston Street Railway Company say the company's charter should not be revised by the legislature.

To find out how many Ontario towns and cities having a population less than that of Kingston are suffering as the citizens of Kingston are suffering, The World yesterday telegraphed the mayors of eleven municipalities. The replies received show that while the charters of some of the companies enable them to substitute sleighs for cars during the winter months, none of the municipalities are treated like the City of Kingston. The clause empowering certain companies to run sleighs during the winter months appears to be a relic of the old horse car system and clearly was never meant to apply to the operation of electric railways.

The towns and cities from which The World secured information as to the operation of their street railways are:

City or Town.	Population.
Belleville	9,117
Berlin	9,747
Brantford	16,619
Galt	7,866
Guelph	11,496
Peterboro	11,229
Niagara Falls	3,350
Dundas	4,000
Waterloo	3,000
Windsor	12,153
St. Catharines	9,946

The population of Kingston is 17,961.

The World's query addressed to the mayors of the above mentioned municipalities was as follows:

"Kindly wire at our expense if there is a clause in your street railway charter whereby the company may suspend service in winter, and is the service ever suspended as in the City of Kingston?"

"Editor of The Toronto World

These replies were received:

BELLEVILLE—Street cars not in operation now but company could suspend service in winter months by substituting a sleigh service, which they never did.

W. W. Chown, Mayor.

BERLIN—Company may not suspend

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LAWYERS TO GUARD POLLS IN MONTREAL BY-ELECTION

Among Scrutineers Will Be Two Privy Councillors and an Ex-Attorney-General.

Montreal, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Four very important elections will be held in this province to-morrow, and, altho the Conservatives may be disappointed, they expect to make a good showing when the ballots come to be counted. In the first place large majorities have to be overcome in three out of the four counties.

At the last election Hon. Jos. Bernier was elected in St. Hyacinthe over Dr. Cartier by 1111 votes. In Hochelaga Mr. Madore's majority over Dr. Lachappelle reached 665, and Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron was defeated in the St. James by-election by 720 votes. In Montmagny the Liberal candidate defeated his Conservative opponent by 213, so it will be seen that it required a good deal of back bone on the part of the Conservatives to put up such a splendid fight in all of these constituencies.

In St. James' Mr. Bergeron will be represented to-morrow by a lawyer in every one of the 78 polls, as they are determined that the disgraceful tactics of two years ago shall not be re-enacted. Amongst those 78 will be two Privy Councillors in the persons of Hon. L. O. Taillon and Hon. A. Desjardins. An ex-Attorney-General in the person of Hon. Thomas Chase Casgrain will also be one of Bergeron's representatives.

BANISHED FROM HOME.

John Wilson Did Not Return, Even The Wealth Awaited Him.

Detroit, Feb. 15.—The body of John Wilson, who died at the Red Cross Hospital, has been sent to Peterboro, Ont., his birthplace, for burial. It is said Wilson was ordered away from his home about seven years ago, and that after that incident he became a wanderer, careless of himself or his future. Even when he learned of the death of his father and mother and of the fact that he had fallen heir to ten thousand dollars, he did not return, nor did he claim his heritage. He was finally sent from Allen's Mission to the county house, where one of his relatives found him a few weeks ago.

MAYOR AVERTED A PANIC.

Draperies Caught Fire at New York Performance.

New York, Feb. 15.—A panic was averted at the annual entertainment of the Anawanda Club in Terrace Garden to-night by the presence of mind of Mayor McClellan and Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany leader. While a vaudeville performance was in progress some evergreen decorations in front of Mr. Murphy's box caught fire from a defective electric wire. Mr. Murphy reached out and tore down some draperies that were threatened, but the audience had already risen and a rush had begun for the doors. Mayor McClellan, in the opposite box, implored the audience to remain seated, as all danger was over, and in a few moments order was restored. During the excitement many women fainted.

LORD ROBERTS RETIRES,

But He Will Give His Services to Imperial Defence Committee.

London, Feb. 16.—It is officially announced that Lord Roberts has retired from the War Office, but that at the special request of Premier Balfour he has consented to place his services at the disposal of the Committee for Imperial Defence.

The Duke of Connaught has been appointed Inspector-General under the new army reform scheme.

CITY TO BUY FERRY CO.?

At the meeting of the Legislation Committee to-day, Ald. Jones will make a resolution, asking the Ontario legislature to grant the city power to take over and purchase the plant of the Toronto Ferry Company. The contention is that the city should own and control the service to the Island.

MAYOR PARENT ENDORSED.

Quebec, Feb. 15.—After a very hot campaign the municipal elections ended to-day in a complete victory for Mayor Parent's administration, the reform party electing but two candidates out of thirty seats.

Alaska Sable Ruffs.

We're willing to wager that next year you'll pay 50 per cent. more than now for your fur ruffs. The call for Alaska sable this season has been particularly heavy, and therefore the trappers have found a market for their fur skins. The Dineen Company have some real Alaska sable ruffs, starting at $7.20 and right up to $15. Every one of these is worth anywhere from 15 to 20 per cent. more than this figure.

COLD.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Feb. 15.—(8 p.m.)—A snowstorm, accompanied by high winds, prevails to-night in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, while elsewhere it is fair. A pronounced cold wave, which was over the Territories yesterday, has since spread rapidly eastward, and is now affecting Ontario. The outlook is decidedly cold in Ontario and Quebec.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 14 below—4 below; Victoria, 40—46; Calgary, 18 below—4; Qu'Appelle, 30 below—8 below; Winnipeg, 28 below—10 below; Port Arthur, 20 below—zero; Parry Sound, 5 below—16; Toronto, 5 below—10; Ottawa, 10—16; Montreal, 4—20; Quebec, 12—20; Halifax, 6—20.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Northwesterly winds; fair and decidedly cold.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Strong westerly and northwesterly winds; fine and decidedly cold.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Strong winds and gales from northward; fair and cold; local snowfalls.

Maritime—Strong winds and gales from north and west; colder; snow at first in eastern districts, then clearing generally.

Superior and Manitoba—Fine and decidedly cold.

Tremont Hotel Lunch counter to-day. Roast Chicken, Stuffed, Bread Sauce etc., 25c.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Feb. 15.	At.	From.
Corean	New York	Glasgow
Canadian	Liverpool	Boston
Canada	Liverpool	Portland
Carthaginian	Glasgow	Portland
Hibernian	Glasgow	Portland
Frankfurt	Bremen	New York
P. Victoria Louise	Port de France	New York
Augusta Victoria	Malaga	New York
Kaiser. W. der G.	Plymouth	New York
Graf Waldersee	Hamburg	New York

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Japan Has 300,000 Ready to Take Field Merchant Steamers Being Converted

Movements Surrounded in Secrecy So That Successes May Come as Surprise.

Nagasaki, Feb. 12.—(via Shanghai, Feb. 16.)—The mobilization of the Japanese army has been carried out methodically. It is estimated that 300,000 troops are now ready to be placed in the field without impairing the national defence. The movements of the troops are surrounded in secrecy. They are being moved at night towards their basin at Sasebo, Kurel, Moji and Yokusuka and the lights of ordinary trains are extinguished when in the neighborhood of troop trains.

Members of the reserve force immediately step into the places of the outgoing regulars. Their organization is perfect and a full equipment is ready for each of the reserves.

All the steamers of Japanese merchant lines are being rapidly converted into auxiliary cruisers, armed with quick-firing guns and fitted with torpedo tubes.

May Lead to a Clash.

The government officials refuse to give out any information regarding their military intentions. They expect to profit by dissentions in the Russian council of state. It is believed that the extraordinary powers conferred on Viceroy Alexieff will lead to a clash between Foreign Minister Lamsdorff and General Kuropatkin, especially as the latter is unfriendly to Alexieff. The result of a disagreement between these two Russian leaders here would end in a military muddle.

The Japanese are convinced that the Russians will be unable to concentrate and maintain 50,000 troops at any important point of military operations.

Dynamiting the Railway.

There is much talk current in regard to the possible dynamiting of the Russian railroad in Manchuria. Thousands of Japanese, who are practically undistinguishable from Chinese, are working in Manchuria, and would willingly risk their lives to aid their country's cause. A large body of troops is due in Nagasaki on Saturday to embark on transports for Corea.

Nagasaki and Yokohama harbors are protected by mines.

Several Russian merchant vessels, which have been captured, have been taken to Sasebo as prizes. Nine transports for horses are at Moji.

Intense War Feeling.

Absolute reticence is maintained by the government. An intense war feeling prevails among all classes, altho there is an apparent absence of excitement. Among the striking features of the situation are the strict censorship which is exercised over all cablegrams, and the close concealment of military and naval manoeuvres. It has been the government's policy to have the news of naval conflicts come as a complete surprise. The Japanese themselves did not know the destination of the warships. The news of the Japanese success has caused suppressed exultation. The only demonstrations have been made by newsboys wearing bells, who are constantly scurrying their way thru the city with "extras," which are issued frequently by the papers. These are eagerly read and occasional shouts of "bansai," the Japanese hurrah, are heard on the street. A torchlight procession in honor of the Japanese triumps was called for Wednesday evening at Nagasaki, where there is a large colony of Russians. When the Japanese began to assemble with lanterns, the police intervened and dispersed the crowd without the occurrence of disorder. The Russians in Japan are not terrified by the situation, but nevertheless, acting on the advice of their consuls, they have begun a general exodus.

JAPAN ACCEPTS NO HELP THO MANY WANT TO FIGHT

Bankers and Commercial Men Unite to Support Government, Irrespective of Party.

Tokio, Feb. 15.—The Japanese Minister at Washington has officially advised his government that he is receiving numerous offers of large contributions to the war fund from Americans, and requests instructions. It is considered probable that Japan will refuse to accept this aid.

The cabinet will consider the question and formally instruct the minister shortly. Many applications for permission to enlist in the Japanese army and navy are coming from various parts of the world. All these applications have been refused, and no foreigners will be allowed to participate in the military or naval operations of Japan, except as spectators.

At a meeting of the bankers, newspaper proprietors and commercial men to day, it was resolved to support the government, irrespective of party lines. Those present at the meeting approved the proposed plan of curtailing the domestic administrative expenses and applying the amount thus saved to the war fund. A plan will be devised for the relief of disabled soldiers and sailors. The meeting also agreed to send a letter of congratulation to Vice-Admiral Togo.

A detailed report of his battle at Port Arthur has not been received from Vice-Admiral Togo by the Navy Department, and the public is as yet without the full particulars of the engagement. A letter from one of the men who participated in the naval fight says that the torpedo attack succeeded thru a clever feint. The majority of the torpedo vessels manoeuvred in front of the Russian line and held its attention, while the rest worked around to the rear and got close to the enemy before being discovered. Then they fired their destructive missiles and scurried out of range.

No further news of the Russian Vladivostock squadron has been received here. It is thought to have returned to the port of Vladivostock, in preference to risking a fight or exhausting its fuel.

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CANADA MAY TAKE PART.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Major Winter of the Militia Department, who writes the weekly military letter for The Evening Journal, expresses the opinion that if Great Britain becomes embroiled in the Far Eastern trouble, Canada may have to send military contingents to her aid.

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WHEN THE LIGHTS ARE LOW.

Owen Sound, Feb. 15.—Owing to lack of fuel the lighting plant of the town has been shut down. Freight being snow blockaded there is no coal oil. Thus Wiarton is in darkness after sunset. Those who can dig up their rusty candle moulds consider themselves fortunate.

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BALFOUR HAS 51 MAJORITY ON MORLEY'S AMENDMENT

Irish Members Voted Against Government Solely to Advance Home Rule.

London, Feb. 15.—By a vote of 327 to 276 the House of Commons to-night defeated John Morley's amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne censuring the government's fiscal policy.

The division took the form of a vote of want of confidence in the government, which impelled many Unionists who totally disagree with the idea of protection to vote to keep Premier Balfour in power. While Mr. Balfour's absence was keenly felt, it was perhaps a source of strength to his party, as without any defined fiscal declaration from the Premier, many of his supporters felt justified in upholding the government. Joseph Chamberlain also was absent. A general election is expected in the autumn.

John Redmond, the Irish leader, said the Irish party voted against the government solely to forward the cause of home rule. He added the same action would be taken against every government until home rule is secured.

Neither the speeches to-night nor the division can be taken as accurate indication of the probable trend of British opinion on the fiscal question. In the lobbies of the House of Commons it was frankly admitted that votes were given to the government which may be counted on the opposition side, when a general election on the basis of free trade versus protection occurs.

A large crowd heard the debate.

Scarcely a member of the house who voted with the government to-night but frankly admit that his ignorance of the degree of fiscal reform to which the cabinet is really committed. The hopeless division of opinion among members has been a feature of the discussion.

SHEFFIELD PROGRAM.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Feb. 16.—The fiscal debate in the

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DYNAMITED BRIDGE.

Salonica, Feb. 15.—A band of Bulgarians on Feb. 13 dynamited a bridge between Demirhissar and Djumbala. Seven workmen and two soldiers were killed.

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PRINCESS, MAJESTIC, STAR MUST REARRANGE THINGS

Recommendations Suggested by Chief Thompson and Mr. McCallum to Prevent Fire Horrors.

City Architect McCallum and Fire Chief Thompson have completed their joint report on the Princess, Majestic and Star Theatres.

The following alterations are recommended for the Majestic: The gallery exits should be increased 2 1-2 feet, door leading from balcony to gallery closed, separate outside stairs from the gallery. The aisles in the auditorium are too narrow, and another cross aisle is necessary; all should be 5 ft. in width. The stairways, which connect upper balcony and gallery stairs to be done away with entirely; gallery seating capacity to be reduced until gallery stairs are widened. An additional exit for stage employes. Ceiling of boiler room to be made of brick or concrete. Cross aisle 5 ft. wide in balcony. Sprinkler system should be extended. There are also a number of other suggestions regarding water tanks and pipes.

At the Princess.

The Princess Theatre seating should be re-arranged, so that there are not six seats between any seat and an aisle. Cross aisles 5 ft. wide between every 15 rows of seats, every side aisle to lead direct to an exit. An emergency door 6 ft. wide from both balcony and gallery. Door connecting balcony with gallery stairway closed. Proscenium wall taken down to the wood boom, and rebuilt with brick. A thoro system of automatic sprinklers, tanks, pipes, buckets and clasks to be installed, and a fireproof curtain. Boiler to be moved outside of building if possible.

At the Star.

For the Star there is recommended: That the main entrance leading to the gallery be widened, an exit on the outside from the gallery with iron stairs, an exit from the balcony over the east side. Main entrance on the ground floor widened. Another exit for stage people. There are also a number of suggestions regarding water pipes, tanks, etc.

For all three theatres the same suggestions, which have already been published, regarding marking of exits, firemen on duty, etc., are recommended.

Smoked by the Elite "Cafe-Noir" pure Egyptian Cigarettes 15c.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Royal Templars of Temperance Convention, Richmond Hall, 9 a.m.

Dr. Orr on "Bacteriology in the Home," C.H.E.A., Normal School, 3 p.m.

House of Industry Board, 4 p.m.

Templars elocution contest, Elm-street Methodist Church, 8 p.m.

School of Science dance, 8 p.m.

Theatres—See "Public Amusements."

MARCUS A. HANNA IS DEAD PROMINENT FIGURE GONE

Was Ill Two Weeks and During All of Yesterday Was Unconscious.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Marcus A. Hanna, Senator from Ohio, and one of the foremost figures in American public life, died this evening at his apartments in the Arlington Hotel, at 6.40, of typhoid fever, after an illness of two weeks. He passed away peacefully and without pain after being unconscious since 3 a.m., at which time the first of a series of sinking spells came on, from the last of which he never rallied.

All the members of the families, with one or two exceptions, were at the bedside when the end came. During the last hours life was kept in his body only by the use of most powerful stimulants.

Senator Hanna's death followed a sinking spell that lasted 10 minutes, beginning at 6.30.

Senator Hanna will be given a public funeral in the Senate Chamber at noon Wednesday, and probably lie in state at the capitol. Funeral services will also be held in Cleveland, Friday.

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A Successful Year.

The Confederation Life Association's annual report for 1903, just published, shows that the association had a most successful year. 236

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BIRTHS.

BARRON—February 12, 1904, at 208 Euclid-avenue, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barron, a son.

MUNNS—At Toronto, Friday, Feb. 12, to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Munns, Victoria-avenue, Eglinton, a son.

MARRIAGES.

BARLOW—CRAWFORD—At St. Helen's Church, Toronto, on Monday, 15th inst., by Rev. Father McGrand, Mr. J. W. Barlow to Kathleen, eldest daughter of Mr. T. J. Crawford of Collingwood.

DEATHS.

CONSTABLE—At the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. W. B. Rogers, 420 Markham-street, Toronto, on Monday, 15th of Feb., 1904, Margaret, widow of the late Thos. Constable, in her 94th year.

Funeral from above address on Wednesday, 17th, at 2.30 o'clock. Interment in Necropolis.

THOMPSON—At the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. John Sherridan, 177 George-street, Toronto, on Sunday, the 14th Feb., 1904, Ann Jane, widow of the late William George Thompson, in her 80th year.

Funeral private, on Tuesday, the 16th, at 3 o'clock. Interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends please omit flowers.