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# Semi-Weekly

# Telegraph.

ST. JOHN, N. B. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1904.

### VOL. XLII. T. P. CHANGES NOW COMPLETED

### Wanter inishing Touch Thursday.

WANTED inet and Directors Both street, St. J. Ild to Be Satisfied --- Stocknses; Iders Will Meet March ing up show roads, and all h to Ratify the Contract-The I citish Warships to Rescue MEN WAR anadian Missionaries.

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### A Ib. ROOKLYN MAN SHOT DEAD IN HIS OFFICE

leorge B. Jennings Victim of Frank McNamara-Murderer Arrested.

dent of one of the departments of the 20 lb. h (1.) McNamara was arrested.
According to two of Jennings' clerks bo were in the office, Jennings and Me-amara were engaged in a heated dis-Jite, the subject of which is unknown, hen McNamara thrust a revolver against nnings' side and fired, the bullet pass-g through his heart, causing instant

Nearly a Coal Famine in Galt.

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Galt, Ont., Feb. 18 .- A serious coal fam ine faces the people of Galt. Its grip is today felt in at least 300 homes, with the esult that there is much suffering. Bakw have not enough coal for tonight's read. Twenty-six patients are lying ill the hospital, and the coal supply is not

# MONCTON THREATENED

Blockade of Railways Responsible for Shortage.

General Manager About Increase Wages--Another Dress Suit Case Stolen from I. C. R , Found at Oxford Junction.

rive. The country roads are blocked so that it is impossible for the country people to get in with wood and the fuel ald tomers until some of their sh

Considerable wood comes in on the M. & B. railway during the winter, but this wood is now snow blocked and thus another avenue for the supply of wood is closed. It is probable, however, that the I. C. R. will be able to move some of the congested freight today or tomorrow and thus relieve the situation.

I. C. R. Police Inspector Skeffington has a report from I. C. R. Officer Dunn to the effect that he has found at Oxford Junction a dress suit case that was stolen about a month ago from the I. C. R. The case was left at a boarding house at Oxford Junction by three young men to pay a board bill. The miscreants who disposed of the value are believed to be the same young men mixed up with other posed of the value are believed to be the same young men mixed up with other shady transactions and now awaiting sentence at Amherst on similar charges.

This suit case belongs to a young man named Munroe, a student at Antigonish College. This is the second stolen dress suit case found by the L. C. P. Antigonish suit case found by the I. C. R. police within the past few days.

### WILLIONS LOST BY SNOW BLOCKADE.

Frains in and Out of Montreal Still Uncertain, and Freight Traffic Generally Suspended.

Montreal, Feb. 18-Very few trains are arriving or leaving Montreal today, and those hat do get in are still many hours late. the weather has moderated some today and the storm has ceased, but the snow anks along the tracks are so high that he least wind drifts the snow in high alles upon the track. Freight traffic is impost entirely suspended by all railways hroughout Ontario and Quebec. The loss ew York, feb. 18—George B. Jeinster ilmost entirely suspended by all railways side Company, was shot and killed to business as a result of the suspension of traffic is difficult to estimate, although the some wholesale merchants estimate it as some wholesale merchants estimate it as port that very little money is coming in from retailers throughout the country, ow ing to absolute impossibility of doing any business. The effect this may have on business houses is looked upon as rather serious. Many small towns throughout Ontario and Quebec report that a coafamine is threatened. The winter has been so severe that the supply which was ample in an ordinary winter has already been exhausted and with the railways tied up an immediate renewal of supply is im possible; unless milder weather sets in very soon considerable suffering will result.

A local Grand Trunk train from Massena Springs (N. Y.), due here Tuesday afternoon, is still stalled near St. Isidore (Que.) The passengers and crew are unable to procure food, the train being blocked in smow drifts far from any habitation. Officials report at poon today the ifficient to last out tomorrow. At a special meeting held yesterday the city council appointed a special committee to purchase coat.

### SAY GOOD WORDS FOR US AND ORDER MORE PAPERS

Campbellton, Feb. 4, 1904. You may send me 10 copies extra of the Daily Telegraph Amherst, N. S., Jan. 28, 1904.

Please add two copies to my order for Daily Telegraphs and three copies extra on Saturday.

GOOD WORDS COME FROM ABROAD.

A daily reader of The Telegraph, resident in Milford (Mass.), who is a former John man, wrote of The Daily Telegraph in the course of a letter to a friend re the west wasterness.

While it was always regarded as the leading St. John journal, it strikes me as having very much stronger claims to that distinction new. I consider it an up to date publication in every way, brimful of enterprise and good business taste in all of its arrangements, and serving (it is not too much to say) more solid and diversified reading matter to its readers than most of the American sheets of much to say.

### JAPAN MAKES OFFICIAL DENIAL

### OF LOSSES OF WARSHIPS AND ANNOUNCES FLEET INTACT

It is Now Believed Russians Will BELGIANS OUI Abandon Port Arthur.

The Whole of Southern Manchuria to be Left to the Japs--United States Closes Discussion of Restricting War Area Without Hearing from the Czar and the Bear Construes This as Unfriendly--Tokio Government Denies Losses of Men in Attempting to Land.

point where they could come in contact with the Russians, and that consequently all reports of land actions and Japanese

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18-A telegram deived here from Port Arthur says the Japanese have captured the Okhotsk-Kamchatka Company's steamers Kolik and Bobrik.

Believe Russians Will Abandon Port Arthur. London, Feb. 19-Little far east news appears in the press this morning, with the exception of official despatches and appears in the press this morning, what the exception of official despatches and the comment is made that the official reports of Viceroy Alexieff and others are remarkable mostly for what they leave unsaid. These reports attract far less attention than does the significantly frank Russian proclamation asking the people to be patient until the aimy is ready to strike blows worthy of the dignity and might of Russia. The threats in this document are commented upon by the British press in tones of considerable irony. It is now believed both in London and on the continent that Viceroy Alexieff has decided to fall back on Harbin, practically abandoning Port Arthur, Vladivostok and the whole of Southern Manchuria to the Japanese, and that he is perhaps hoping that the reduction of Port Arthur and Vladivostock will occupy the enemy while he is concentrating his forces at Harbin.

The papers this morning comment upon ivity which is seen at Woolwich and elsewhere in refitting the navy in pre-paration for any emergency. Especial in-terest attaches to the equipment of sixty battleships with the new twelve-inch wire

Tung peninsula.
"It surprises me," this expert continues,

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battleships with the new twelve-inch wire steel guns, 450 of which were ordered by the admiralty four years ago at an expense of \$22,000,000. These are said to be the most modern and most powerful guns in existence in any navy, and they are capable of throwing an aimed shot accurately a distance of 13,000 yards.

Similar reports of military activity are received from other countries. Even Spain is preparing for possibilities. The spanish minister of war informed a newspaper man yesterday that he was mobilizing the militairy forces at his disposal, and said:—

"Though the Russo-Japanese dispute does not concern us, we must be prepared for all eventualities. Patriotism, however, demands that we keep silent regarding the

demands that we keep shell regarding the points Spain must fortify."

According to the Tokio correspondent of the Daily Mail, the emperor of Japan has declared his intention of giving the treasures of the palace to the Bank of Japan for the purpose of the war fund.
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The correspondents of the Times and the Daily Telegraph at Tokio, unite in announcing the resumption of the Japanese coasting trade and confirm previous recoasting trade and confirm previous representations.

ports that the Russian cruiser Boyarin was sunk during the attack on Port Ar-thur of Feb. 14. Some correspondents thur of Feb. 14. Some correspondents say the warship in question was the cruiser Bayan and not the Boyarin.

Full accounts of the firing by Russian ships on the British steamer Hsi-Ping at Port Arthur show that the Russians ordered the Hsi-Ping, together with the British steamer Pronto, to extinguish their lights and fires. Russian warships then arrived and finding three vessels in the roadstead without lights, they began firing at them. The Pronto received most of the slots. The forts then began firing and the utmost confusion prevailed.

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St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—The information contained in press despatches from Washington that Secretary Hay had announced the negotiations in connection with his note to the powers on the subject of the integrity of China to be closed without awaiting Russia's formal response, came as a surprise to official circles here. An official of the foreign office with whom the representative of the Arsociated Press ta ked on this matter appeared to be rather nonplussed at this unexpected conclusion to the American proposition, but he displayed no irritation and said:

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Men Claim They Were Promised Big Money to Come

ONLY GOT \$1.50 PER DAY

to Canada.

Twenty-four of Them Now at Moncton En Route to Sydney to Try Their Luck-Others Will Come to St. John and Depart to Their Homes in Belgium.

Moncton, Feb. 18-(Special)-A party of

as it is not impossible that the military authorities will soon request all foreigners to leave there."

The Russian reply to Secretary Hay's note is practically ready and will be handed to Ambassador McCommick in a day of two and possibly tomorrow. It will be along the lines already indicate in these departures.

In diplomatic circles here Secretary In diplomatic circles here Secretary About fifty men altogether were at work authorities will soon request all foreigners were to'd by the steamship agents they would get from \$3 to \$4 per day but they have worked nearly a month at \$1.50 but have now demanded more pay. The Imperial Coal ployed persons, particularly mechanics, are flocking from other points to this city by the hundreds and indications are that the volume will steadily increase from About fifty men altogether were at work

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Hay's action is considered a fine stroke of
diplomacy as it is believed that the note
has brought out general acquiescence to
the principle involved.

Owing to existing conditions in the field
and the difficulties in the war of providing suitable accommodations, Viceroy

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return home Some of the Belgians are so dissatisfied with the condition of things compared with what they were told that they will

# and the difficulties in the war of providing sufitable accommodations, Viceroy Alexieff has recommended that the foreign military attaches should not join the Russian army until about March 4 and the viceroy's views on this matter will be communicated to the governments which

Port Arthur Feb. 16 was repulsed after heavy firing on both sides. According to the story this attack was intended as a feint to cover a landing at Talien Wan Bay, but it failed because the Russian guns were placed, with great foresight, to command that shore.

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Party alignment on the proposition immediately followed, Mr. Williams (Miss.) the minority leader, taking up the fight for amendment. He said the dominan "that the Japanese should have made such a foolhardy attempt to face the Russians, as they must know from their spies how strongly the peninsula is mined and defended." power had not yet declared itself as to the

might rule another people.

Mesers. Payne (N. Y.) and Smith (Iowa) communique of this morning of Russia's unpreparedness owing to Japan's sudden precipitation of hostilities, and warning ublican side, seconded Mr. Lit bill, in opposition to the amendment, de-claring that it was the duty of this gov-ernment to afford protection to the peo-ple of the Philippine islands. By a strict party vote of 80 to 82, the Smith amendate victories, confirms the opinion which has existed here that Russia will act upon

has existed here that Russia will act upon the defensive until her army is fully mo-bilized and the equipment of the com-missary is in perfect working order. There are already more than 300,000 men in the field, but this number will be largely aug-mented. About 50,000 more are required party vote of 30 to 25, the countermissary is in perfect working order. There are already more than 300,000 men in the ield, but this number will be largely augmented. About 50,000 more are required to guard the railroad.

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"Let them have it; we w.ll compete with Japan elsewhere," he said.

Drift Ice Heaviest of the Winter--Schooner Beaver Rescued by a

## ST. JOHN MAY BE THE TERMINUS

### INO OUTSIDERS NEED APPLY AT BALTIMORE

There is Only Enough Work for Their Own People.

Hundreds of Mechanics Coming in From Other Places-Insurance Men Think Thei

half dozen streets in the heart of the business section of Baltimore will be widened before rebuilding on them is al-They lowed. The only likely obstacle

> day to day.
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> The authorities have requested the Ass The authorities have requested the Associated Press to send out a warning that there is only enough work here to give employment to Baltimore workmen, and that the home workers will be awarded the preference in every instance.
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> In the state legislature today a joint resolution was introduced calling upon the United States senators from Maryland to secure from congress an abatement of the secure from congress an abatement of the tariff on all building materials imported to the United States and used in rebuilding the United States and used in resulting the fire swept section of Baltimore. The continued cold weather has intensi-fied bad conditions on Chesapeake Bay. The harbor is frozen over, and a great

### TURKISH TROOPS ROUT ALBANIANS WITH GREAT SLAUGHTER

Salonica, Feb. 18.—The Albanians who were besieging Shemsi Pasha (who, with 2500 Turkish troops and three guns, were yesterday reported to be besieged by 20,000 Albanians at Babajhosi, between Diakova and Ipek) have been routed, losing 800 men killed and wounded. The Turkish losses are said to be heavy. Five additional battalions of troops have been or

serious.

It is declared that Austria has 30,000 men ready to invade Albania, but if such a move were made Italy would consider it as disturbing the balance of power on the Adriatic and most detrimental to her interests there.

Maine Jail Damaged \$6,000 by Fire. Auburn, Me., Feb. 18-The jail work-000, covered by insurance. The blaze caught around the boiler.

### Moncton Notion Abandoned.

Such is the Opinion in Montreal Railway Circles of the G. T. P. Modifications-Grand Trunk Shareholders to Meet in London and Discuss Changes in Contract.

Montreal, Feb. 18-(Special)-The Herof the Grand Trunk railway will hold a neeting in London soon to consider the

## UP IN SUPREME COURT

Two Cases Argued Thursday, and Travers vs. Casey Next on the

Ottawa, Feb. 18-(Special)-In the suoreme court today argument in the case of Wood vs. Leblanc was concluded and

of Wood vs. Leblane was concluded and judgment reserved.

Miller vs. Robentson was the next heard. In that case the respondent, Miller, brought suit in equity for a declaration as to the title to a shore lot in Bathurst. The equity court sent the case to be tried by a jury, which resulted in a verdict for respondent and the full court refused a new trial. The defendant appealed from the decree against him in the equity court pursuant to the verdict. The argument was not concluded today. Gormully, K. C., for appellant; Teed, K. C., for respondent.

Travers vs. Casey, concerning the will of the late Roman Catholic Bishop of St. John, will be argued next.

### INO AMERICAN SLAVE TRADERS IN PHILIPPINES

Secretary Tafe Stamps the Report False, But Admits the Moros Are Doing Something in That Line.

Washington, Feb. 18—In answer to a communication from William C. Dodge, inquiring into the reported existence of slavery in the Jolo Islands and enclosing newspaper chippings alleging that Americans were the slave dealers, Secretary Taft has written the following letter:—

BAIKAN SITUATION

CONSIDERED SERIOUS

Rome, Feb. 18—The situation in the Balkans, especially since the revolt of the Albanians in the district of Diakova, province of Ipek, is considered here to be serious.

It is declared that Austria has 30 000

### TELEPHONE LINEMEN TO WEAR SNOWSHOES.

London, Ont., Feb. 18.—The local manager of the Bell Telephone Company has eent to Montreal for snow-hoes for line-Auburn, Me., Feb. 18—The jail work shop and contents were partially consumed by fire tonight. The loss on the building by fire tonight. The loss on the building is estimated at \$6,000; on the stock, \$2, send men out with horses and cutters to country places, only to find the roads impassable; hence the unusual request.

### AT VINEYARD HAVEN KING EDWARD'S WARM TRIBUTE TO ROBERTS.

His Majesty Expressed Deep Regard in Bidding Farewell to His Field Marshal, and He Asked All Ranks to Profit By the Example of His Illustrious Career.

London, Feb. 18—A special army order was issued this afternoon in which King be filled. I am unable to part with my Edward takes leave of Lord Roberts as

Edward takes leave of Lord Roberts as commander-in-chief without returning to him publicly my thanks, and those of the der is dated Buckingham Palace, and in army he commanded, for the invaluable

der is dated Buckingham Falace, and in it the King says:

"I desire, on behalf of my army, to express my deep regret in bidding farewell to Field Marshal Earl Roberts, K. G.,
V. C., who retired from active employ-