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ANOTHER NAVAL BATTLE ON AT PORT ARTHUR.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25—(Bulletin)—The Port Arthur correspondent of the Novosti telegraphs that at Port Arthur the Japanese lost steamers (number not stated) and one torpedo boat. "At the moment of writing," the correspondent continues, "twenty-three Japanese vessels were visible on the horizon and cross-firing had begun, in which the Russian cruisers Bayan, Novik and Askold are participating."

RETVIZAN SINKS TWO JAP "FIRE" SHIPS

AND DERANGE PLAN TO BLOCK PORT ARTHUR

SOME OF THE LITTLE FELLOWS GO DOWN

Alexieff Reports Early Morning Attack on Russians on February 24.

FALSE ALARM OF JAP DISASTER.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25, 2.45 a.m.—A telegram from Viceroy Alexieff to the czar says:

"At a quarter before three in the morning of Feb. 24 numerous Japanese torpedo boats attempted to attack the battleship Retvizan and sink large steamers loaded with inflammables.

"The Retvizan was the first to observe the torpedo boats and opened a strong fire on them. She was supported by the land batteries. She destroyed two steamers near the entrance of the harbor. They were coming directly towards her. One of them went on the rocks near the lighthouse on Tiger peninsula, and the other sank under Golden Hill.

"The Retvizan observed the steamers in a sinking condition and eight torpedo boats departing slowly to join the waiting Japanese warships. A portion of the crews of the Japanese vessels was drowned. The grounded steamer is still burning. The enemy is observed in the offing of Port Arthur in two lines.

"The Japanese saved themselves in boats, and it is possible that some of them were picked up by some of the enemy's torpedo boats.

"I am proceeding to examine the coast. The entrance to the harbor is open. I attribute the complete derangement of the enemy's plan to brilliant action and destructive fire of the Retvizan.

"Floating mines are still visible in the roadstead. I have recalled the three cruisers sent in pursuit of the enemy, in order in the first peace to clear the roadstead of floating mines.

"We had no losses."

This despatch modifies and explains earlier telegrams from St. Petersburg and Paris reporting an official announcement that four Japanese battleships and two transports had been sunk in a fresh attack on Port Arthus. These were disclaimed by later messages and were succeeded by various versions of the reported attack. The above despatch is probably nearer the truth than any of the others which preceded it.

4 STEAMERS WITH EXPLOSIVES.

London, Feb. 24.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from St. Petersburg, sent at 11 o'clock to-night, says that on Feb. 23 the Japanese attempted to send four steamers filled with explosives among the Russian fleet in Port Arthur harbor. These fireships did no damage, and were themselves destroyed, two being sunk and two going ashore. TWO JAPANESE BOATS ESCORTING THE FIRE-SHIPS WERE DESTROYED BY RUSSIAN SHIPS.

A despatch to the Central News from St. Petersburg gives another version of the Japanese defeat at Port Arthur, according to which the Japanese planned to sink some barges in the strait leading from the outer to the inner harbor of Port Arthur, thus blocking the exit. The Russian gunfire, however, sank the barges before they arrived at the intended spot.

TRIED TO BLOCK HE HARBOR.

Paris, Feb. 24.—The Russian embassy has received a communication to the effect that a Japanese squadron during the night of Feb. 24 tried to block the entrance of Port Arthur harbor, at the same time attacking Russian warships there with torpedo boats and trying to set them on fire. The battleship Retvizan, supported by the coast batteries, repelled this attack, forced the Japanese to retire, and succeeded in sinking four of their vessels. The news of this Russian victory was posted in the lobbies of the chamber of deputies and the senate during the sitting to-day, and caused great enthusiasm.

RUSSIANS JUBILATED TOO SOON.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.—Reports of a Russian victory at Port Arthur were current late yesterday, and about midnight they seemed to have been definitely confirmed, but, in the absence of the official announcements, the stories of the dimensions of the victory were most conflicting. Rumors were spread far and wide over the city during the early part of the evening, and the crowds which had gathered in the streets, in spite of the severe cold, to discuss the news, were greatly excited.

One newspaper printed an extra relating a victory, based on a meagre telegram from London, but, as the night wore on without official confirmation, the crowds disappeared, except from around the newspaper offices. These remained thronged with officers and others, who were resolved to await an official announcement. The news was accompanied by two stories, one that after the first decisive victory the emperor would offer peace, and the other that Japan had deposed the Emeperor of Corea and formally annexed that country. Both these reports are without confirmation, and they are given simply as examples of the stories which floated about the excited crowds.

Crowds Stayed Up All Night.

The crowds at the admiralty and newspaper and telegraph agency offices increased during the night, when it was known that the emperor had received a telegram giving more details and showing the Russian victory was less than at first reported. When the report was distributed at the admiralty at 2.50 o'clock this morning, a rush was made for the exits, and the assembled officers cheered wildly and repeatedly. The crowds showed no inclination to disperse, hoping that further news would be received.

It must be observed that in this despatch Viceroy Alexieff does not mention the number of steamers which the Japanese tried to sink or drive upon the Russian ships, and it is not known yet whether the four vessels the captain of the Retvizan observed going down, in addition to the two destroyed, were also laden with inflammables or whether they were warships.

The greatest praise is given to the commander of the Retvizan, and the splendid action of this boat places her name foremost on the roll of the Russian navy. Viceroy Alexieff's despatch was in amplification of a briefer telegram received by the emperor early, but which was not given out. Later it was said that Russia sustained no losses in the engagement. It is evident that Vice-Admiral Stark no longer commands the Russian Port Arthur naval forces. Viceroy Alexieff mentioned a temporary commander of the fleet, without giving any name. Stories to the effect that the Japanese signed an attempt at landing in Pigeon Bay at the same time an engagement occured not mentioned in the despatches, but it is assumed, these are without foundation.

KUROPAT. HURRIES AWAY.

aris, Feb. 25.—A despatch to The Figaro from St. etersburg says Gen. Kuropatkin has advanced his departure and will leave for the far east to-morrow. The Corean minister at St. Petersburg, the correspondent says, has subscribed $25 for the Russian fleet.

HASTENS TO LONDON.

Victoria, B.C., Feb. 24.—Baron Suyematsu of the Japanese diplomatic corps, charged with a special mission regarding the floating of a war loan in London, arrived here from Tokio on the steamer Lyo Maru. The baron declined to speak of his mission, but is hastening to London as quickly as possible.

Alexieff on Special Train.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.—Viceroy Alexieff, with a complete staff, now has his headquarters on a special train, which at present is about four miles from Mukden, fully equipped and ready to move from place to place as the necessities of the situation require.

Another Hobson's Choice.

Paris, Feb. 24.—The Habin correspondent of The Matin says that the Japanese in an attempt to repeat at Port Arthur the experiment of the Americans at Santiego, sent in three merchant ships to be sunk in the entrance to the harbor. The Russian battleship Retvizan, altho she was still stranded, perceived them and sunk them before this design could be carried out.

Without Being Molested.

Colombo, Feb. 24.—The Russian volunteer fleet steamer Voronez, from Port Arthur via Singapore, arrived here to-day without having been molested. She passed the Japanese cruisers Nisshin and Kasuga near Formosa.

GERMANY'S POSITION.

Paris, Feb. 24.—The Berlin correspondent of The Petit Parisien gives the subject of an interview which a distinguished Frenchman has had with Count von Buelow, the German Imperial Chancellor. In this interview the chancellor declared, acording to the correspondent, that friendly feelings toward Russia were a tradition in the policy of Germany, but that they did not imply hostility toward Great Britain or lack of appreciation of Japan's valor and efforts toward progress. He dendied emphatically that Germany had aggressive plans in the far east or in the near east. Germany was peaceful and sought commerce, not conquest. He dec ared also that the idea that Germany was seeking to supplant France with Russia to be entirely without foundation, and added:

"We are convinced that the Franco-Russian alliance, like the triple alliance, is an element in the preservation of the European status quo. We do not seek to destroy this alliance; on the contrary, we wish it to endure as long as it maintains its present character."

Red Cross at the War

One of the features of the war between Japan and Russia will be the attention which the wounded will receive from the Red Cross societies, by whom great preparations have been made. The sign of the red cross on the battlefield will be hailed with gladness by the soldiers—just as the sign of the red cross on a package of smoking tobacco gladdens the eyes of Canadians, because it brings solace and comfort. Red Cross cut smoking tobacco is sold by all tobacconists, in 5c packages, with coupons, which are valuable for premiums.

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Six Miners Killed by Snowslide

Crested Butte, Colo., Feb. 24.—Six miners have been killed by a snowslide near the Augusta mine, nine miles from Crested Butte.

Russian Fleet Bottled Up

By Admiral Togo's Daring Attack

Now Relief in London

Report of Viceroy Alexieff Taken With Much Salt and it is Considered Probable That the Japanese Admiral is Satisfied With His Work.

London, Feb. 25.—Viceroy Alexieff's despatch to the czar concerning the last Port Arthur affair confirms the opinion that Admiral Togo made a daring attempt to bottle up the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, and altho Viceroy Alexieff asserts that the entrance to the harbor of Port arthur is still free, yet the fact that Admiral Togo's fleet, minus the vessels injured in the courageous exploit, was seen steaming at full speed in a southeast course from Weihaiwei, is interpteted as an indication of THE JAPANESE ADMIRAL'S SATISFACTION WITH THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF HIS DESIGN.

Couldn't See in Dark.

It is pointed out here that it would be difficult for the Russians at night to ascertain just what had happened to the Japanese vessels. As two injured vessels were observed steaming slowly away from Port Arthur, and as the Japanese fleet was going at full speed off Weihaiwei, it is presumed that the two injured vessels might have gone elsewhere to repair. Another explanation of the incompleteness of Admiral Togo's squadron as seen off Weihaiwei is that he possibly left some vessels at watch off Port Arthur. The reports that the Japanese battleships or transports were sunk are taken here with some allowance.

Bad Weather Stops War.

A despatch received here from Tokio this morning explains the recent suspension of Japanese naval operations to have been due chiefly to bad weather in the Gulf of Pechili. The general opinion is that Admiral Togo, after possibly turning to Japan to effect repairs, will devote his attention to the Russian Vladivostock squadron. It is officially announced from St. Petersburg that the Russian government has expressed its warmest thanks to Great Britain for help given the crews of the Variag and Korietz by the British cruiser Talbot at Chemulpo.

The Chefoo correspondent of The Daily Mail says 5000 Russian troops have moved from Mukden to Tsinting and that skirmishes are reported between Chinese regulars and Russians near Shanhaikwan.

Gunboat Will Not Leave.

It is announced from Pekin, this correspondent continues, that Paul Lessar, Russian minister to China, has offered written assurance that the Russian gunboat Mandjur shall not leave Shanghai until the conclusion of hostilities, but Japan insisted that the vessel be disabled.

A Tokio correspondent to The Times says the Russian movements on the Yalu are not considered serious in Japan, where the town of plugyang, Corea, is considered safe.

It is reported that the constant exodus of Chinese coolies from Manchuria, The Times correspondent continues, is causing great inconveniences to the Russians.

JAPS FAVOR GUERILLA WARFARE PUSHING ON TOWARD YALU RIVER

CHEFOO, Feb. 25.—The bombardment of Port Arthur last midnight was ineffective, but details are still wanting. Regarding the land operations the Japanese military experts are inclined to countenance an extensive guerilla warfare with the object of wrecking the Russian lines of communication and impeding their transportation service. It is freely predicted here that there will be an important land battle in the vicinity of the Yalu River within a week.

JAPS MOVE TOWARD THE YALU.

WEIHAIHEI, Feb. 25.—(Bulletin)—The Japanese force, which landed at Chemulpo and occupied Seoul, is now moving towards the Yalu River, and the advance is in full swing. Should the Russians resolve to hold the line of the Yalu River an engagement cannot be long delayed. The Japanese suffered terribly during the march on Seoul, but are now eager to encounter the enemy.

CHINESE ARMY EAGER TO BUTT IN TO TAKE FIELD IN AID OF JAPAN

SHANGHAI, Feb. 25.—(Bulletin)—China is becoming more difficult to restrain, and it is feared it will be impossible to prevent the Chinese army from engaging in active hostilities against the Russian forces. The first clash has indeed already occurred, and the Chinese soldiers want openly to take the field in support of Japan. A settlement has been arrived at with regard to the Russian gunboat Manjur, and she will cease to be actively participant in the war.

TELLING ON HIM.

BULLY RUSSIA: Please, he hithoff me first before I was ready to smashski him.

KENEDY MAY MISS ROPE THO CASE SEEMS STRONG

Evidence for Crown All in and Sentiment of Public is Divided as to Guilt.

Brantford, Feb. 24.—(From Our Own Man.)—The crown's case against Joseph Kennedy, charged with having outraged and murdered little Irene Cole last fall, was practically closed to-night. Two days were consumed and some thirty witnesses have been examined. To-morrow the defence will begin the introduction of about the same number of witnesses. The prisoner hopes to escape by a partial alibi and the casting of suspicion upon the two tramps—Leonard and Jennings—who were in "the willows" where the victim's body was found; about the time the appalling crime was committed.

Strong Case for Crown.

A strong case has been presented against the accused, but almost wholly circumstantial. Sentiment is divided as to the man's guilt, and probability of conviction. Mystery attaches to some phases of the case, and this veil may prove too strong to permit the return of a verdict that would mean death. The very enormity of the offence charged, therefore, may prove the salvation of the accused. If Joseph Kennedy is not guilty the tragedy in the Brantford willows will go down in criminal history as quite on a parallel with that which involved little Glory Whalen at Collingwood a year ago. It is scarcely possible that the police will look for the murderer if Kennedy is discharged.

Gruesome Similarity.

There is a gruesome similarity between these two revolting crimes. The two victims were about the same age —thirteen. Each was slain in a dense bush a few rods from friends who heard the screams of the dying children. Tramps were credited with both crimes—for Kennedy is a tramp, living the life of these nomads and wandering over the world. If the fears of the police are well grounded, the Brantford horror will be scheduled in the same book of mystery with the affair which thrilled the Collingwood people. In fact, Mayor Halloran received an anonymous letter from Michigan suggesting that the same degenerate was the author of both crimes, which the provincial authorities gave much attention to. But while Irene Cole was strangled, Glory Whalen was shot to death. In the infliction of death only does the similarity fail.

Chief Says "Guilty."

The conflicting circumstances surrounding the tragedy have not shaken

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COAL OIL SUSPENDED LAMP BURSTS.

Wrecks a Church Choir and Burns Clergyman and Choristers.

Last Sabbath, in the Stonewall Presbyterian Church, during the evening service, a lamp suspended over the pulpit and choir platform exploded, setting fire to the furnishings and the clothing of some of the choir members. Rev. Mr. McLean, the pastor, had one hand and his face rather badly burned, and at first it looked as if very serious consequences would follow. The congregation, however, maintained its presence of mind as a whole, and hence the fire, owing to so many willing hands, was extinguished after some $50 damage only had been done. Had the accident occurred when so much prompt assistance was not available, the church property would probably have been destroyed. A similar accident occurred in a Methodist church in Ontario recently, and it would seem that it is time the management of country churches looked about for some safer means of illumination than the hanging kerosene lamp.

The Siche Gas Company, 81 Yorkstreet, Toronto, has been preaching this evangel for some time, and we understand has a score or two of churches lit, throughout Ontario, and it would appear to be wisdom on the part of all church people to look into the claim of that company, that they have a perfectly safe method of lighting church premises, free from all the dangers attending the use of acetylene, kerosene, electroline or any other "thasbeen."

Jesse Joseph Dead.

Montreal, Feb. 24.—Jesse Joseph, one of Montreal's millionaires and best known citizens, died suddenly this morning, aged 87.

AGED COUPLE DIE TOGETHER.

Found in Bed Dead—Result of Escaping Coal Gas.

Whitby, Feb. 24.—An aged couple, Mr. and Mrs. Arch. Balmer, were found dead in bed this morning, in their house in the east end of the town, as the result of escaping coal gas. They were last seen by neighbors on Monday night. Tuesday it was remarked that, for the first time this winter the snow had not been removed from the sidewalk in front of their house. When it was in the same condition this morning, enquiries bega nto be made, and an entrance was effected into the house thru a window. The old people were discovered dead. It is thought they must have died Monday night. There was no evidence of a struggle on their part. Mr. Balmer was a retired farmer in comfortable circumstances, and both he and his wife were highly respected.

BONES GREW ON THIS MAN.

Rochester, Feb. 24.—The death of Calvin Snyder, which took place at Clyde yesterday, was caused by one of the most peculiar diseases ever brought to the notice of the medical profession here. About four years ago, bonelike protuberances began to appear upon various parts of his body. These at the time of his death had increased to more than 50 in number, varying in size from a walnut to a large cup.

While ordinarily insensible to external touch, these protuberances were sometimes the seat of excruciating pain. A post mortem examination of his body it to be made.

THE CAMPBELL HOUSE, NAPANEE.

This fine hotel has been taken over by Messrs. Walsh Bros, brothers of Mr. J. J. Walsh, the well known real estate broker here.

They are exhibiting the business ability and energy for which the Walsh family is noted, in remodelling the popular and well known "Campbell House," and when they are thru with the present and projected improvements Napanee will boast one of the finest hostelries in the east of our province. On account of the recent terrible record of electric fires in Montreal ($15,000 lost daily, including Sundays for the last three months), and the fact that city gas asphyxiations and explosions are increasing rather than diminishing the Messrs. Walsh have had the Napanee town gas and electric installations removed from their hotel, and have substituted the light once dubbed "the light of the future," but which, from the way it has come to the front, in both the Americas, Europe, Asia, etc., should more properly be called the light of the present and future, Siche Gas.

This gas will not asphyxiate a sleeper in the smallest room, even if blown out and left running full blast, unlit; nor was the peculiar explosion under similar circumstances is reduced to a minimum, owing to the fact that only half a cubic foot passes thru the unlit burner, where seven feet pass thru an ordinary gas burner. This accounts also for the cheapness of the gas.

The Siche system is so well known that it is unnecessary to speak of the wonderful "captive sunlight" of course no electric or other artificial illuminant is in it with Siche for the soft powerful white illumination. The Messrs. Walsh declare that the Campbell House as, illuminated with Siche is a revelation of the capabilities of a modern lighting plant. It would appear that this young Jap of a lighting company is destined speedily to revolutionize old fogy "Russian" ideas of the paramount position of electricity and coal gas in the lighting field. Toronto is proud of being the first home of Siche gas.

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ANOTHER BRAKEMAN KILLED.

Strathroy, Feb. 24.—B. H. Mudge, G.T.R. brakeman, fell off the top of a car to-day, was caught by the wheels and dragged 200 yards. When the train was stopped he was dead. He was 25 and lived at Sarnia.

"Not a 10c cigarette." The Cafe Noir sells in Turkey, Egypt, United States and Canada at 10c.

KINGSTON PROPERTY OWNERS WANT TO ACT AS D.R.O.S

To Get Honest Vote on Bylaw Which Council Sends to Electors on March 21.

Kingston, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—In accordance with te popular wish of the citizens, the city council, at a special meeting to-night, gave the bylaw, authorizing the municipality to raise the required amount of money to take over the Light, Heat and Power plant, its second reading, and it will be presented to the people on March 21, so that if favorably voted upon the plant may be taken over by April 1, and the city be thus saved paying another quarter's rental.

The bylaw as presented was accepted by the council almost without debate. It had been revised by A. B. Aylesworth, K.C., of Toronto, who made several changes in its provisions. While the award of the arbitrators is $170,375, the bylaw provides for the raising, by way of debentures, of $182,000, the overplus being required to pay the city's portion of the costs of the arbitration, costs of submitting the bylaw, etc. This debt of $182,000 is made payable in annual instalments in 30 years, the debentures to bear interest at 4 per cent. In order to meet the debit and interest, it will be necessary to raise $10,520 annually for 30 years.

To Get An Honest Vote.

In connection with the submission of the bylaw, a communication from the Real Estate Owners' Association was presented to the council, asking that only property owners be appointed to act as deputy returning officers. The council complied with this request as far as qualified property owners were available to perform the work, but in those wards where they could not be obtained trained officials will be appointed. The aldermen agreed to man the polls on polling day, and use their best efforts to secure the passage of the bylaw.

Mr. Pense's Correction.

Mr. Pense wishes to correct the statement that he was one of those who objected to th echarter at the time it was issued. He mae no expression of opinion one way or the other, but merely remembers the dissatisfaction expressed by the aldermen on their return from Toronto. In regard to the penalty clause, he wishes to be understood as saying that is was an accident omission at the time. As member, he will see that the city's act for amendment receives every advantage for progress, that the contention may be fought out at the earliest possible moment, with the hope of the immediate reopening of the service.

Make Room fr Stallion Show.

The regular auction sale at "The Repository," corner of Simcoe and Nelson-streets, at 11 o'clock to-morrow (Friday), will include the balance of several consignments and a carload of excellent workers, consigned by Mr. James Kenny, Napanee. All horses offered tomorrow will positively be sold without reserve, as every stall must be vacated by Saturday for the annual heavy-draught stallion show, which will be held at "The Repository" on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. The usual sale will be held on Tuesday next, but horses will not be provided with stalls.

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GIBSON—On Tuesday afternoon, at four o'clock, at his parents' residence, 182 Jameson-avenue, Webster, second and dearly beloved son of Ralph E. and Carrie M. Gibson, aged 13 years and 7 months.

Funeral from above address Thursday, Feb. 25th, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers gratefully declined. Buffalo papers please copy.

GRANT—Suddenly, at his late residence, 372 Markham-street, on Thursday morning, Feb. 25, William Grant, of the Jarvis-street Collegiate Institute staff.

Funeral notice later.

GRACE—At Lindsay, Ont., Feb. 24th, 1904, in his 77th year, William Grace, fourth son of the late John Sheffield Grace of Shanaglastown Co., Kilkenny, Ireland.

HUTCHINSON—At her late residence, Township King (Eversley), on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, Elizabeth Gray, relic of the late Martin Hutchinson, in her 68th year.

Funeral on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 1 p.m., to Aurora Cemetery. Friends will please accept this intimation.

RIDDELL—At his residence, Cobourg, on Monday, 22nd February, Walter Riddell, in the 91st year of his age.

Funeral to-day at 1 p.m., from the Presbyterian Church, Cobourg.

SLEMIN—At Western Hospital, on Wednesday, Feb. 24th, 1904, Robt. Slemin, ex-R.C. Toronto force, aged 53 years 6 months.

Funeral from his sister's residence (Mrs. Cook), 173 St. Patrick-street, Friday, at 2 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this notice.

FUTURE GREATNESS MAY LIE WHERE WILDERNESS NOW IS

Sir Sandford Fleming and W.F. Maclean, M.P., Address Canadian Club on National Issues.

At last night's monthly banquet of the Canadian Club the guests of the evening were Sir Sandford Fleming and W. F. Maclean, M.P. There was a large attendance of members who displayed a keen and appreciative interest thruout the addresses which were delivered by the speakers respectively on "Build up Canada" and on "Canada and the Canadian Sea."

Sir Sandford, who was first called upon, said that "Build up Canada" was closely related to "Build up the Empire." The Dominion could not exist without the mother country. He recalled an address he had delivered as a young man in Port Hope in 1858. At that time there was not a single trans-continental railway on the continent. The great cities of the west did not exist, and there was only a sparse population in the northwest. There were pioneers tho at that time who had projected the canal systems—the railway era had commenced and hey looked thru the pine forests to the vast prairie lands beyond. They did not think Canada would stop at Georgian Bay and Lake Simcoe. This was the inception of the C.P.R., an enterprise that in his opinion surpassed all other works under the sun.

The completion of that railway had accomplished wonderful commercial results—it had increased imperial advantages and possibilities, furthered the expansion of Canada, opened up the country to British merchants, and brought the mother country nearer her eastern empire. Canadians then had faith in the future of their country, which he rejoiced to believe their descendants had not lost. The advancement of Canada should be and is the first consideration with every true Canadian—to build up Canada and give her a permanent place among the nations is our legitimate ambition. And if much has been accomplished much remains to be done.

A Dangerous Area.

Prudent empire builders endeavored to secure the elements of strength in the foundations, and in the framework. Canadians had made a beginning and they must carry the structure on to completion. Sir Sandford then exhibited railway maps he had prepared to illustrate the general position of the country. While the eastern districts were provided with a net work of railways and the regions about Manitoba were indicative of rapid settlement there was little east of Manitoba to Lake Huron to indicate progress. Two great groups were being formed separated by a vast unpopulated wilderness constituting a dangerous area of clearance. It was impossible to forecast the outcome of this separation of the Canadian people, and there was a grave danger of gradual alienation. This is the vital problem for Canada. The unity of the Dominion hangs on a thread, and if that is left insecure the integrity of the empire is equally imperilled. A solution can only be found in the watchword "Build up Canada."

A tract 20 degrees east of Manitoba and north of Lake Superior was little more than a woodland wilderness, the natural home of pulpwood, but with a great abundance of splendid agricultural land. There were vast peat deposits awaiting methods of utilization, copious water power, and the Dominion might possess in the hinterland a new sea port on the south coast of Hudson Bay, which in some respects resembled Archangel. Mr. Chamberlain had recently quoted Alexander Hamilton's advice to the people of the United States, "Le arn to think continentally," and had advised Britons to "Learn to think imperially." Canadians must learn to do both, and all citizens of the Dominion were interested. What

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TWELVE DEAD IN A YEAR.

St. Catharines, Feb. 24.—Louis A. Merritt, son of the late J. P. Merritt, died this morning of typhoid fever. He leaves a wife, who is a daughter of Lieut.-Col. Gregary of the Second Dragoons, and two small children. During the past year death has claimed twelve relatives of the deceased.

Close of Season.

To close this prosperous fur season of 1903-4, the Dineen Company are making special offers in Persian lamb jackets. Twenty plain Persian lamb jackets were $100, for $85. On sale until Saturday only.

FAIR AND COLD.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Feb. 24, 4 p.m.—Extremely cold weather continues in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, and it is moderately cold in Ontario and Quebec. Light snowfalls have occurred today in Ontario and the Maritime Provinces, whilst in other districts the weather has been for the most part fair.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 30 below, 20 below; Victoria, 36—44; Kamloops, 10—30; Calgary, 12 below, 8; Qu'Appelle, 20 below, 2 below; Winnipeg, 20 below, 6 below; Port Arthur, 6 below, 2; Parry Sound, 2—12; Toronto, 14—22; Ottawa, 4—18; Montreal, 2—14; Quebec, 6—12; Halifax, 22—36.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh to strong westerly winds; fair and cold.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Fresh to strong northwest and west winds; fair and cold; snow flurries.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Strong winds and moderate gales, easterly to northerly; cold with light snowfalls.

Maritime Provinces—Strong winds and moderate gales from westward; light snowfalls at first, followed by clearing, colder weather.

Lake Superior—Fair and quite cold.

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STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Feb. 24	At	From
Carpathia	New York	Naples
Vaderland	Antwerp	New York
Archoria	Moville	New York
Aug. Victoria	Malta	New York
Bleucher	Hamburg	New York
Switzerland	Philadelphia	Antwerp
Republic	Algiers	Boston
Dominion	Portland	Liverpool
Celtic	Queenstown	New York