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Assemble in Vast Japanese Crowds to Welcome U. S. War Vessels

STRIKING HARBOR SCENE

Used in Greeting Big Battleships

Yokohama, Oct. 17.—The United States battleship fleet dropped anchor in the harbor at 9:30 o'clock this

in the harbor at 9:30 o'clock this (Sunday) morning.

Owing to a fog that hung heavy over the bay, there was some delay in the fleet's arrival.

At 8:45 a. m., the guns from one of the sixteen Japanese battleships boomed a salute as the tender Yankton which was slightly in the lead of the transition.

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e Semi-Meekly Colonist,

TUESDAY

Toronto Firm Assigns Toronto, Oct. 17. —W. H. Goulding & Co., Indian and souvenir goods merchants, have assigned. The liabilities are heavy.

Sir Wilfrid's Tour Montreal, Oct. 17.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier addressed two meetings vesterday afternoon, one at St. Scholastique and the other at St. Therese. Over three thousand electors were present at each meeting.

Nominations in Quebec Montreal, Oct. 17.—The following nominations for the Commons were made yesterday: Three Rivers and St. Maurice, P. E. Panneton, Conservative; Missisquoi, G. E. Ford, Independent; Brome, W. U. Cotton, Independent; L'Assomption, T. Panguelo, Conservative.

Help for Missionary Movement.

Calgary, Oct. 17.—Calgary made a good record in the raising of funds for the Laymen's Missionary movement. The local committee decided to increase the amount for missionary purposes from \$15,507, as given last year, to \$40,000. There are 5,000 members of the denominations donating and this is an average of \$8 per member. The Baptist church is endorsing the report and has promised to raise an average of \$13 per member. Four meetings were held today at the various churches throughout the city, and over sixty delegates from outside places were in attendance.

RECKLESS SLANDER

Charges Made by Mr. Meinnes Are described in the present until the American addrained commanding the feet had paid an official call upon him. Every vernacular newspaper in Yokohama and Tokio printed special illustrated editions this morning, containing enthusiastic articles with references to the coming of the American fleet. The entire circulation of these newspapers probably will reach one million.

Heat Prostration in New York.

New York, Oct. 16.—A warm wave which followed the crisp weather earlier in the week sent the mercury up today to a point which has been exceeded only once on October 16 in the last thirty years. From 66 degrees above zero at eight o'clock this foremon, the temperature increased steadily until two this afternoon, when the weather bureau reported 88 degrees, Wm. Tell was overcome by heat in import Third avenue, and was taken to a hospital.

VIEWS CONTEST

Leading Papers See Small Hope of Liberal Government Success

CHARGES OF GRAFT PROVEN

Private Profit, Deplorably Common"

Montreal, Oct. 16.—A London special cable says: "A London Times editorial strikes the first authoritative note of doubt in English press regarding Sir Wilfrid Laurier's chances garding Sir Wilfrid Laurier's chances

their allegiance to Sir Wilfrid and the Liberal government.

"Sir Wilfrid's personality," the writer asserts, "is no longer the dominating factor."

The writer regards the Fraser incident at Ottawa as significant.

"The campaign literature of the opposition, alleging graft, seems certified by the official reports. Sir Wilfrid's services to Canada are cordially recognized. He is not personally incriminated, but even if the ministerialists can count on his great reputation to save them from defeat, their majority will be considerably reduced."

The Morning Post aditorially

Hanged Himself.

Whitby, Ont., Oct. 16.—W. Cawker, a butcher, committed sulcide last night by hanging himself. He had been drinking heavily for some time, and several times had threatened to kill himself. He was 50 years of age.

Three Months for Theift. Three Months for Theift.

New Westminster, Oct. 17.—Barney Johnson, a Norwegian sailor, was arrested by the city police yesterday afternoon on a charge of having sold a dozen chickens at the market yesterday morning, he having been mistaken for the owner of the birds by a purchaser. The monetary consideration involved was \$9, the ruling price for the birds. Johnson was sentenced to three months with hard labor.

VICTORIA B. C., -EDIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1908

Building V. V. & E. Road. Vancouver, Oct. 17.—Pat Weich, of Foley, Weich & Stewart, announced today that the Great Northern would rush work on the V. V. & E. Hallway from Hedley to the coast, so as to have trains running next year.

Second Death from Collision Toronto, Oct. 17.—Fireman Wm. Jarvis, injured in the railway collision at Mimico on October 1, died in the hospital yesterday. As a last resort, in the hope that it might save his life, his right leg was amputated, but he died soon after the operation. This is the second death as a result of the collision. Engineer Quinn being inthe second death as a result of the collision, Engineer Quina being matantly killed. The jury last night brought in a verdict holding Operator McTaggart responsible for the wreck for having left the switch open and having missed the danger signal. McTaggart has not been seen since the wreck

garding Sir Wilfrid Laurier's chances of success at the coming elections. It declares that the Canadian people are showing a disposition to reconsider their allegiance to Sir Wilfrid and the Liberal government.

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TO GENERAL NODZU

Death of Noted Japanese Field Marshal, Who Fought in

Tokio, Oct. 18.—General Count fichitsura Nodzu is dead.

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General Count Nodzu, whos death is reported from Toklo, was suffering from a blockade of the pylorus, and his life was practically despaired of when R. M. S. Empress of China, which arrived yesterday morning, left Japan. Surgeon-General, Sato, who had been called, decided that an operation would be too dangerous, and the patient was not operated upon.

General Nodau was a field marshal of the Japaness camy, and during the war with Russia, he commanded the Pourth arms, which landed at Takushas and fought its say through the valley toward Liaoyang, effecting a juncture between Kurodis army and Okuis army and Okuis army and Okuis army and Juneture between Kurodie army and Chu's army use before the position was taken up by the combined armies which fought at Liaoyang. He was a thorough soldier, and it was generally expected that he would have been promoted to the post vacated by the late General Kodama as chief of start of the Japanese army instead of General Oku.

against China, and after the war was made Inspector-General of Education. When the war began with Russia he wa sappointed Commander of the Fourth army.

Representatives of the Emperor visited his residence several times during his illness, a messenger being sent with a present of fish from the Emperor a few days before he died.

McNivin's boarding house, which was situated about twenty yards from the powder house, was blown to match-wood, the inmates fortunately escaping serious injury. Plate glass on Dunsmuir avenue, in the business section of the town, was all demolished. The powder house was a shed a short distance from the boarding house, and was used as a powder house by the boarders, who stored their powder there. It is thought one of the men dropped a match, and this being stepped upon ignited the loose powder, causing the explosion.

Grayson Suspended.

London, Oct. 16.—Albert V. Grayson, the Socialist member of the House
of Commons from Yorkshire, who
created a scene in the House yesterday by denouncing the members for
not succoring the starving thousends
of the streets of London, after which
he was obliged to leave the House
amid the cries of disapproval from his
colleagues, was today suspended for
the rest of the session.

Schooner's Deck House Washed on the Rocks Between Tsusiat and Nitinat

MAY INDICATE DISASTER

Believed to Have Come From Small Fishing Vessel-Victoria Boats Safe

Part of a small deck-house, whitepainted with brown top having three windows at either side, looking as though it might have come from a small fishing schooner found on the beach on the Vancouver Island coast between Tsusiat and Nitinat, indicates disaster or serious demonstrates. between Tsusiat and Nitinat, indicates disaster, or serious damage, to some of the Seattle fishing fieet engaged in fishing for halibut off Cape Flattery. A fleet of small vessels, many of which have deck-houses similar to that washed on to the rocks off the island coast following the recent gale, is engaged off the entrance to the Straits and probably one of the number has suffered during the severe blow of a few days ago in the gale from the southeast blowing at the rate of 51 miles an hour.

Lightkeeper W. P. Daykin, the veteran of Carmanah, sent the news of the wreckage. David Logan, the lineman whose work in connection, with the Vaiencia wreck will be remembered, made the discovery while patrolling between Cloose and Tsusiat and telephoned the news to Mr. Daykin, who telegraphed it to Victoria yesterday afternoon. The message said: "Part of a small vessel's deck-house, painted white with brown top, and with three windows on each side, has come ashore between Tsusiat and Nitinat. It looks as if it came from some fishing schooner. There are no marks to identify it."

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halled as a victory by one side or another.

The Greek minister here has expressed his satisfaction with the document, but the Servian diplomatic representative does not conceal his discontent. The Austro-Hungarian ambassador has declared that article 7 is unaccontable to his government.

POWDER EXPLOSION

SHAKES CUMBERLAND

Four Men Injured And Much
Damage Done to Town
Property

Nanaimo, Oct. 16.—The explosion of a powder house at Cumberland occurred at 6:45 this moraing while several men were getting their powder preparatory te going on shift in the mines.

Four men were injured, and two of them, Alex Armstrong and John Baird, are now in the hospital.

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Montenegrin Mission.

Cettinje, Montenegro, Oct. 16.—General Vakotics, former Minister of city with leave here tomorrew for Belgrade on a special mission to the Servian government.

Germany Supports Austria.

Budapest, Oct. 16.—The emperor will am expressings his approvation of the annexation of Bosnia and Herzelovian, and assuring the Austrian the present situation. It is stated that the German Emperor has promised for not only diplomatic but military assistance to Austria-Hungary, if it is needed.

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Bridge Blown Up.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 16.—A despatch to the Novoe Vremya today received from Beigrade says that the railway bridge over the Bosnia river at Vramduk, Bosnia, has been blown up and destreyed, thus cutting off communication with Berayevo, the capital of Bosnia.

Run Down by Bicyclist Toronte, Oct. 17.—Mrs. Paterson, wife of J. A. Paterson, a well known King's counsel, is in the general hospital suffering from concussion of the brain and is in a very dangerous condition as a result of being run down by a bicyclist last night as she alighted from a street car.

Typhoon's Ravages.

Amoy, Oct. 16.—A typhoon yester-day demolished all the buildings erected for the reception to the officers and men of the American fleet, with the exception of the main reception hall. Many stores in the town were badly damaged, and the electric lighting plant is under six feet of water.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Oct. 17.—Toni Makaie, the Finn convicted of man-slaughter in connection with the death of Isaac Saari, was sentenced to five years in penitentiary.

Baptist Union Proposal

Toronto, Oct. 17.—The congregationof Jarvis Street Baptist church at a
meeting last night, decided to oppose
the proposed Baptist union of Canada,
on the ground chiefly that it would be
impossible.

President's Tour London, Oct. 18.—With reference to the proposed visit of President Roose-veit, the Sunday Observer says that the President will make an automobile tour of England and Ireland.

New York, Oct. 17.—A cheque for \$10,000, the contribution of the Tammany society to the Democratic national campaign fund was received by Herman Ridder, treasurer of the national Democratic committee, today. This is the largest contribution yet received by the national committee.

Montreal, Oct. 17.—Elicion Degeon, an Austrian, 46 years old, fell down stairs in his boarding house. West Craig street, last night, and broke his neck. He died afterwards. He had been drinking, and when going upstairs he missed his footing and fell over backwards, striking his head.

CAUGHT IN TYPHOON

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Calgary Libel Suit

Calgary, Oct. 17.—The court was browded yesterday at the Mccilliouddy trial. E. Taylor and Colonel Walker were the justices. J. A. Nolan appeared for Edwards, and Clifford Jenes for the defendant. Three linotype operators testified that they set up the letter signed "Nemesis," written in a hand they would swear was Mccilliouddy's. News Editer Quayle said the correspondence didn't go through his hands, McCilliouddy handled that. He saw the manuscript in the hands of the printers and it resembled McCilliouddy. Business Manager Hammend said a thousand papers had been sent to a man named Campbell, at Edmonton, and the same number to Fisher of Brandon, but he didn't know by whose orders. The justices bound over accused to appear for trial for criminal libel at the supreme court on November 3. The ball was fixed at \$5,000.

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Milton, Ont., Oct. 17-Inspector Par-Mitton, Ort., Oct. 17—Inspector Par-kinson of the Dominion Secret Service, with Crown Attorney Dick and Chief Constable Chapman made an examina-tion of the premises recently ewned by Thomas W. Crozier, who is now in the Milton Jail, charged with uttering counterfelt bank bills. After digging in conteagues, was today suspended for the rest of the session.

Smallpox in New Brunswick.

Fredericton N.B., Oct. 16.—There has been a serious outbreak of small pox at Edmunston, on the upper St. John river, In all there are about forty cases. There has been no deaths.

Many stores in the town were badly damaged, and the electric lighting on a lod barn, the searchers found two cans labelled "Lipton," and a small lard pail, all containing bills, amounting to \$7,510. The bills consisted of those of the Quebec, Standard, Farm perior of Llanthony Abbey, Abergavenny, died this morning after a lingering illness. He was born in forty cases. There has been no deaths.

WILL BE LONG

FIFTIETH YEAR

Growing Horror of Forest Fire Ravages in Northern Michigan

VAIN FLIGHT FROM PERIL

Women And Children Caught in Train Wreck And Were Burned to Death

Alpena, Mich., Oct. 16.—Fifteen people lost their lives last night in the burning of the Detroit and Mackinsw railway train which was carrying the linhabitants of the little village of Metz, 23 miles north of here, to safety from the forest fires which were sweeping away their homes. The ill-fated train was ditched by spreading rails at Nowicke siding, a few miles south of Metz, and the terrified refugees were forced to abandon the cars and rush for safety down the track with burning forests on either side.

side.

The victims were women and children who were unable to escape quickly enough from the gondols car which they were occupying. Their charred bodies were found there today when rescuers reached the scene. Two of the victims were members of the train

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Detroit, Mich., Oct. 17.—Dispatches from Alpena, Mich., indicate tonight that the number of deaths in the forest fires of Presque Isle and Alpena counties will exceed fifty, and run well up towards one hundred. In the vicinity of Mets, Bolton and Posen the fires have burned out sufficiently to leave several hundred women and children camping with comparative eafety in the open fields, but near the city of Alpena tonight the fires were so threatening that Mayor McKnight called out a volunteer service of several hundred people in the Mets relief train is steadily growing. Presque Isle and Cheboygan counties are all ablaze, and the 75 miles between this city and the city of Cheboygan is reported to be an almost solid mass of tire. Alpena county is ablaze in every direction. Reports of fixed papers and many places, but it has been impossible to compile anything like an authentic list of the victims.

Calgary Libel Suit

Calgary, Oct. 17.—The court was

statements from them as to the loss of life in the wreck, or as to whether there had been any people left behind at Mets.

Death List Grows.

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With improved communication to-morrow it is feared that the death list and the amount of property loss will be materially greater.

Night of Terror.

Sixty to seare are a southbound.

Sixty passengers on a southbound Detroit & Mackinaw railway train, which left Cheboygan last night for this city spent a night of horror at Laroque. Flames surrounded the train, and it was impossible to proceed or retreat from it. Huddled in their cars, the terrified passengers spent the night in momentary amacks.