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KUROKI DRIVING IN WEDGE; CUTTING RUSS FORCES IN TWO

Desperate Hand-to-Hand Fighting Along the Eastern Front of Czar's Army.

BOTH SIDES SUFFER HEAVILY, RUSSIANS LOSING 1,000

Liao Yang, Aug. 27.—Gen. Kuroki has joined forces with Gen. Oku in an attempt to cut the Russian line between Anshanshan and Liandian Sian.

The battle of Aug. 25 raged along the eastern front. A strong Japanese force attacked the Russian positions at Miao Pass, eleven miles east of Anshanshan. Nine batteries of six guns each bombarded the Russian outposts. At this point the combat repeatedly developed into hand to hand fights. The Russians stubbornly held the outposts the whole day, falling back on the main position at night. The chief artillery engagement was in front of Liandian Sian, the Japanese concentrating the fire of ten batteries and simultaneously advancing on Torintspu, four miles southwest of Liandian Sian. But they were arrested by Cossacks, who were afterwards reinforced by infantry and artillery.

The Japanese resumed the bombardment early Aug. 26, devoting most of their attention to Liandian Sian. The Russian field guns are mostly mountain pieces.

The casualties have not been ascertained.

Losses Were Heavy.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 27.—Russian casualties are placed at over a thousand in the report of Gen. Kuropatkin relative to the fighting around Liao Yang yesterday. The Japanese also sustained serious losses while twenty-four of their guns are reported to have been put out of gusiness.

Gen. Kuropatkin reports that the fighting of Aug. 26 was in all parts of the threater of operations, the heaviest being east and southeast of Liao Yang, in the vicinity of the Ian River at Diartia Nsian.

Russians Hold Positions.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 27. — The first battle of what may be regarded as a general advance of the Japanese on Liao Yang was fought on Aug. 26 with the result that the Russians at the close of the fighting still held the positions and had inflicted great losses on the Japanese, completely dismantling several batteries, which attempted to bombard the main position at Liandiansian. The Russian losses altogether were 1,450 killed or wounded.

A long official telegram has been received at the war office, but does not give a hint of what is transpiring today. The fighting occurred in the valley of the Lan, a small tributary of the Taitse, around Tsegow, a place between Anping and Liandiansian. Gen. Kuroki's army advanced in three strong columns, one northward along the valley of the Sindahia, a tributary of the Taitse, so far as Liaodintan, whence a portion of this force marched westward to Miao Pass, threatening Anshanshan, the other portion pushing up the stream to Tunsinpu, four miles southwest of Liandiansian, where it was stopped by Gen. Kuropatkin's Cossacks. The second column marched along the high road and occupied Erdahe, whence the Japanese batteries shelled Liandiansian a couple of miles northwest, until the fire of the Russian guns silenced them. Several Japanese batteries were completely dismantled and were abandoned by their gunners.

The fight at Tsegow was most desperate. The Japanese had the advantage of the mountainous country, advancing along the ridge extending from Tanziaputzy to Siaolindzy, ten miles southeast of Liao Yang. Possession of this point would render Liandiansian and Anping untenable. It is not improbable that Gen. Kuroki will, therefore, repeat his attack in this direction. The advance was characterized by the greatest boldness, and arouses the belief in military circles that either Gen. Kuroki has received considerable reinforcement or Gen. Kuropatkin has sent the greater portion of his army north, leaving only a couple of corps at Liao Yang.

Field headquarters of the second Japanese army, via Fusan, Aug. 25.—Part of General Kuroki's army advanced against the Russians beyond Yushi Pass early this morning. There was heavy artillery firing for several hours, which finally ceased before noon. It is believed that the Russian are retiring toward Anping.

Another Russ Army.

Berlin, Aug. 27.—A dispatch to the Tageblatt from St. Petersburg says the Russian Government is determined to assemble a second great army in Manchuria, consisting of three or four corps under the command of Gen. Baron Kaulbars or Gen. Soukhominoff. Its headquarters will be at Mukden. The object of this step is to meet any situation that will arise should Port Arthur's fall release besieging army for operations northwards. The Tageblatt correspondent names the various commands out of which the new army will be formed and says he believes that more rapid transportation of troops will be possible owing to the approaching completion of the railway around Lake Baikal.

For Sailors' Families.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 27.—An imperial decree has been published directing that in commemoration of the Czarevitch's birth a sum of money shall be assigned from the imperial privy purse sufficient to found 100 scholarships. These are to be divided equally between naval and military educational establishments. The scholarships are to be named after the Emperor and Empress and awarded to children of deserving soldiers and sailors killed or wounded in the war.

The decree directs that the administration of the imperial estates shall devote the annual interests accruing from the sum of $1,000,000 for the support, in the name of the whole imperial family of families of soldiers and sailors. The money to be used preferably for the education of their children.

JAPS CLUTCH AT LAST DEFENSES

The Outskirts of Port Arthur Almost Within Grasp of the Besiegers.

Saigon, French Indo-China, Aug. 27.—The Russian cruiser Diana, which arrived here Aug. 20 with a shell hole below her water line, received in the naval battle off Port Arthur Aug. 10, has not received instructions from the government at St. Petersburg to dismantle or repair damage, which is slight. Another Japanese shell killed an officer of the Diana and three men and wounded 23 others. The cruiser tried to reach Shanghai but encountered some Japanese torpedo boats. The latter discharged nine torpedoes without effect at the Diana. The officers of the cruiser declare that Gen. Stoessel will never surrender Port Arthur. When the Diana left the harbor Gen. Stoessel had 40,000 men.

London, Aug. 27.—The Japanese legation up to 2 o'clock this afternoon had no information in regard to Port Arthur. It is, however, pointed out that the capture of Etishan fort by the Japanese, anounced several days ago, would enormously facilitate their further operations and possibly enable the besiegers to get within the cordon of outer forts and attack the last line of resistance along the outskirts of the town.

Fire at Staples.

Comber, Aug. 27.—The Staples Hotel, together with contents, barns and other outbuildings, were destroyed by fire last night between 11 and 12 o'clock. The hotel was occupied by Messrs. A. and D. Chauvin, who recently rented it from Mr. A. Gagnier. The loss will exceed $5,000. Insurance $2,000. Staples is about six miles from Comber, on the Leamington branch of the M. C. R. This is the second visit of fire it has had this week.

TIN ORE DEPOSIT IN MANITOBA

Discovered Close to the Ontario Boundary and Is Said To Be Rich.

Winnipeg, Aug. 27. — Messrs. D. H. Urquhart and A. McCall, of Rat Portage, who came to Winnipeg to register claims at the Dominion land office, report the discovery of a large deposit of tin-bearing ore in Eastern Manitoba, about three and a half miles from the Ontario boundary line and south of Cross Lake.

During July, 2,749 homesteads were entered for in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia, which represent 441,480 acres. This is but slightly less than the area of land taken up last year, which was the record year of homesteading in Western Canada. Entries at the respective agencies were as follows: Regina 743, Edmonton 308, Yorkton 537, Alameda 171, Brandon 33, Prince Albert 229, Dauphin 42, Calgary 191, Lethbridge 193, Battleford 277, New Westminster, B.C., 3, Kamloops, B. C., 22. Total, 2,749.

Dr. E. Benson, city coroner, and for many years prominent in municipal affairs, died yesterday afternoon, aged 65, the result of a paralytic stroke.

TREKKED FROM SEATTLE

Luck Against Them, They Start Back for Canada.

Windsor, Ont., Aug. 27. — Five years ago Hugh Stewart and his family went to Seattle from Owen Sound, Ont. Luck was against them and they decided to trek across the continent to their own home. They started the long journey in wagons last April, and have just arrived here on their way to Owen Sound. There are six wagons in the party. The Stewarts state that numerous farmers where they came from are leaving their land and going to Western Canada to take up farms.

Dean Hole Dead.

London, Aug. 27. — The Very Rev. Sir Reynolds Hole, Dean of Rochester since 1887, died of heart disease this morning at Rochester. He had been ill some time and passed away while asleep. The dean was born in December, 1819.

A PIECEWORK ROW

Alleged That M. C. R. Are Trying to Introduce It at St. Thomas.

St. Thomas, Aug. 27. — From present appearances it looks as if the trouble which arose two years ago out of an attempt to introduce the piecework system into the M. C. R. shops here will be revived. At that time the men and the company arrived at an understanding by which the piecework scheme was laid over. Now it appears that the company are again trying to introduce the system, and, in fact, have already succeded in getting several of the men to work on this plan. The majority of the men, however, are apposed to piecework, and it is said trouble will ensue unless some arrangement is arrived at. Mr. Jesse Wallis, foreman of the car department, has resigned owing to differences with Master Mechanic McCarthy over the matter.

HUTTON WAS INSOLENT

Unpleasant Charges Made By the Australian Minister of Defense.

London, Aug. 27.—Minister of Defense Dawson, a member of ex-Premier Watson's Labor Cabinet of Australia, answering General Hutton, charges the general with gross insolence when interviewing a minister on official questions. According to Mr. Dawson, General Hutton refused to take his word concerning the authorship of official minutes, endeavored to spend three times the parliamentary amount sanctioned, and retained in barracks documents required by the minister's office.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY

A Windsor Inventor Arrested at Detroit Will Fight Extradition.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 27. — W. G. McLaughlin, air-brake promoter and inventor, of Windsor, is under arrest here by the Canadian authorities, charged with the forgery of a promissory note for $600 drawn in favor of Hugh C. Morris, former United States consul at Windsor, and bearing the indorsement of Hugh R. Whaley, Leamington, Ont. McLaughlin has refused to return to Windsor and will fight extradition.

An Earthquake Shock.

Mexico City, Aug. 27. — A violent earthquake is reported from San Martin in the State of Oaxco. The shock was emphasized by deafening subterranean rumbling. There was great alarm for a time, but no serious damage was done.

A DISTINGUISHED LIST

Mr. Spurgeon and Parliamentarians Aboard the Campania.

Liverpool, Aug. 27. — The Cunard Line steamer Campania, which sails from here for New York today, takes among her passengers Count Albert Apponyi, Rev. Thomas Spurgeon and a score of members of Parliament, including Sir Charles Howard Vincent, who will attend the international parliamentary congress at St. Louis.

WAGERS HIS LIFE

Against Five Dollars That Roosevelt Will Be Elected.

St. Louis, Aug. 27. — A wager, with death as ts stake, has been laid by two colored politicians of this city, one betting $5 on the election of Parker, the other pledging himself to commit suicide by jumping off the Eads bridge in case Roosevelt is defeated. The Roosevelt man, Amerie Pates, has singed the following:

"To all who shall see these presents, greeting. Know ye that I, Armerie Pates, being in good health and in my right mind, do hereby solemnly promise with God as my witness, to end my earthly existence, by leaping from the middle span of Eads bridge into the Mississippi River below, one week (7 days), after the presidential election in November, A. D., 1904, if Theodore Roosevelt Republican nominee, is not elected to fill the office of President of the United States of America for the ensuing four years."

This document with the $5 wagered by the Parker adherent, has been placed in the hands of a "stakeholder."

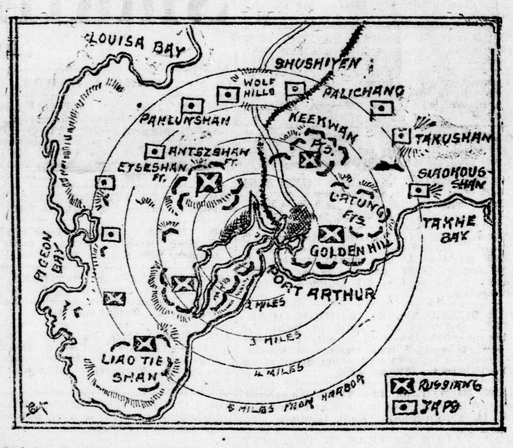
Canada's Trade Returns.

Ottawa, Aug. 25. — Complete trade returns for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, have just been completed. They show that Canadian trade last year was $472,733,000, against $467,064,000 the previous year and $239,025,000 in 1896.

Sale Approved.

Toronto, Aug. 27.—The master-in-ordinary has aproved of the sale of the machinery and plant of the Enterprise Hosiery Company to Joseph Simpson & Sons, Toronto, at 40 cent on the dollar. No tenders have been received for the factory at Toronto Junction and none for the stock.

OPERATIONS AT PORT ARTHUR.



Driving home their terrific assaults upon the Russian center at Port Arthur, the Japanese were reported to have captured the Esteshan forts, close to the fortress. At the same time the Russian right, comprising the strong Golden Hill forts, is being subjected to a furious attacks. Apparently, from the meager reports received, the Japanese are practically duplicating the tactics used when the fortress was captured from the Chinese, and are proceeding along the same general lines.

Simultaneously with their onslaughts on the center right, the Japanese are said to be operating against the Liao Tie Shan promontory on the left. Their efforts in this direction are not so determined, however, and at last reports they were not in position to assault these defenses.

UNDER HYPNOTISM

Mother of Mrs. Edwin Booth Dies Under Peculiar Circumstances.

Chicago, Aug. 27.—Following the receipt of news of the death of Mrs. J. H. McVicar, wife of the famous theatrical manager, mother of Mrs. Edwin Booth and owner of property which is valued at from $350,000 to $500,000, Horace McVicker, her step-son, has started an investigation which may lead to serious charges being brought at Pasadena, California, where Mrs. McVicar died.

Horace McVicker is sole survivor of the family. He said: "I am firmly of the opinion that my mother was under a hypnotic influence. I will not venture to state now who created the spell over her or who was responsible for her death, but thorough investigation will be made. I have telegraphed to H. C. Wyatt, in Los Angeles, to look into the matter. J. W. W. Condee, the attorney of state, admitted that there was room for suspicion and that an investigation would be made.

TOO LAZY TO WALK

Was the Mother's Charge Against Her Son in Court.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 27. — The curious spectacle of a mother endeavoring to have her son convicted of vagrancy was presented in police court in the case of Mrs. Augusta Campen, who appeared against Edmund Campen, 28 years old.

"He just won't work, nor go into the army, nor split kindling, nor anything. Why, judge, he's just too lazy to walk straght," sad the mother.

On consideration Campen agreed to split kindling if relieved from other labers, and the mother and son went out affectionately, arm in arm.

Was Given Death Penalty.

Washington, Aug. 26.—John Burley, a negro, 40 years of age, was hanged here today for an assault on a 4-year-old negro girl. It was the first time the death penalty has been inflicted here for this offense. An appeal to President Roosevelt for clemency resulted not only in a refusal, but he coupled with it a scathing arraignment of the prisoner and the crime for which he was convicted.

FILIPINOS BURIED ALIVE

Capt. Barrett of the Constabulary Killed In Fanatic Uprising.

Manila, Aug. 27.—Capt. Barrett, of the constabulary, has been killed in an engagement with a superior force of fanatics on the island of Leyte.

The fanatics at Misamis, Mindanao, have been looting towns there and acting in a high-handed manner. Pablo Mercardo and his family, who were supposed to be friendly with the Americans, were abducted, Chinese stores were burned and four natives were killed, three of whom were buried alive. The mob has so far defied the native officials. Col. Harboard, of the constabulary is now pursuing them.

Lieut. Thornell, of the constabulary, has been drowned at Dagupan.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Tomorrow—Fair and Warm.

Saturday, Aug. 27.

Sun rises 5:35 a.m., sets 7:03 p.m.

Moon rises 7:51 p.m., sets 7:02 a.m.

Toronto, Aug. 26.—8 p.m.—The gales in eastern Canada have gradually decreased during today. With the exception of light scattered showers in Nova Scotia the weather throughout Canada has been fine, and in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba quite warm. Minnimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 54—68; Kamloops, 50—84; Calgary, 46—74; Que'Appelle, 48—84; Winnipeg, 48—84; Port Arthur, 42—76; Parry Sound, 44—66; Toronto, 48—68; Ottawa, 50—68; Montreal, 52—64; Quebec, 52—66; St. John, 56—74; Halifax, 54—68.

FORECASTS.

Moderate to fresh southwest winds, fine and a little warmer.

Sunday—Fresh south to west winds, fair and warm, a few scattered showers not unlikely.

	Saturday, Aug 27—8 a.m.		
Calgary	48	44	Cloudy
Winnipeg	58	54	Clear
Parry Sound	58	48	Clear
Toronto	58	50	Clear
Ottawa	58	50	Clear
Montreal	52	54	Clear
Quebec	54	48	Fair
Father Point	56	52	Fair

Showers have occurred during the night in the northern part of Alberta and Saskatchewan, elsewhere in Canada the weather has been generally fine.

Local temperatures—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the Observatory on Friday, Aug. 26, 1904, were: Highest, 69 above; lowest, 46 above.

"I'LL PARDON MYSELF"

Phoned the Governor When Threatened With Arrest.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 27. — Chief of Sparrow Cops, Joe Goldsoll, called up Governor Herrick.

"Governor," said Joe, "my patrolmen tell me you have violated the speed ordinance in the city parks."

"Have I?" said the governor. "I'm awfully sorry."

"Well," said the tender-hearted candidate for sheriff, "since you are sorry I will let you off this time. But next time, governor, I'll have to do my duty and put you in the lockup."

"Always do your duty, Joe," said the governor. "But," he added, "if you jail me I'll pardon myself.'

The governor promised to be more careful in the future.

WILL PUSH THE WORK

Surveys for Eastern Section G. T. R. To Be Pushed Forward.

Ottawa, Aug. 27. — The inaugural meeting of the commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway will be held Monday morning next in the House of Commons, probably in room 7½, which at the last session of Parliament was occupied by Hon. Charles S. Hyman, Mr. F. B. Wade, the chairman, arrived yesterday afternoon, accompanied by the chief engineer of the commission, Mr. Hugh Lumsden. The three gentlemen met at Montreal and came on to Ottawa together. Mr. Wade said he could not state what the commission's programme would be until they had deliberated together. This much could be stated, however, that the surveys would be pushed with all possible speed. The appointment of Mr. P. E. Ryan as secretary of the construction commission will shortly go into effect.

BEER CASKS WANTED

England Good Market For This Industry, Says Agent.

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—P. B. MacNamara, Canadian commercial agent in Manchester, writes to the trade and commerce department that there is a very large market in England for beer barrels and casks, and that the Canadian manufacturer should investigate it. In the last year 35,370,000 barrels of beer passed through the British inland revenue department. Mevrel oak is the kind at present mostly used, but the agent believes that the Candian oak would be just as acceptable. Some brewers admitted ignorance of the quality of Canadian oak, and would like to have sample submitted, Mevrel oak is from a port on the Baltic. Mr. MacNamara writes, the United States exploits the English market for canned goods. The Canadian goods are looked upon with favor in Manchester, where apples, pears, peaches and tomatoes command the greatest sale.

GOT AWAY WITH $1,400

Safecrackers Make Haul From Contrator of Quebec Bridge.

Quebec, Que., Aug. 27. — The safe in the office of Mr. M. P. Davis, the contractor for the Quebec bridge, at the Chaudiere, was blown open on Thursday night and the sum of $900 in bank bills and unsigned checks on the Quebec Bank for $500, and a number of papers were carried off by the burglars, who were expert safe crackers, and who left but small trace of their movements for the police to go upon.

SEIZED TRAIN OF STORES

Insurgents Expect Reinforcements From Argentina.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 27.—It is now confirmed that the Paraguayan revolutionists have seized a train containing stores, and which had a number of Government officials on board.

A delegation headed by Former Minister Moreno, accompanied by two representatives of the Paraguayan Government, arrived at Formosa, Argentina. The delegation is now on the way to Buenos Ayres, under the protection of an Argentine gunboat, to confer with the Argentine Government and with the Paraguayan minister, Manuel Viera.

Two hundred and fifty citizens of the Argentine Republic are returning from Paraguay, under diplomatic protection.

The Paraguayan deputy, Senor Soler, who is seeking the recognition of the revolutionists as belligerents, is acquiring a stock of arms and other munitions of war from manufacturers in this republic. It has been announced that when Deputy Soler has completed the object of his present mission it was his intention to return to Paraguay with reinforcements for the revolutionists.

DROWNED THE GOOSE

Bird Pet Taken By Police for Infernal Machine.

New York, Aug. 27.—Though Secretary Loeb, with his characteristic generosity, today declared that he was willing to take the blame for the drowning of a pet goose shipped to the President for use as a campaign mascot by two Syosett farmers, he has been fully exonerated by the President, and instead the secret service men in Oyster Bay are being severely censured.

When the President returned to Oyster Bay, William and Louis Crane, vaudeville artists in winter and farmers in summer, crated up the largest goose on their farm and expressed it to the President, with a note wishing him success, and offering their pet as a mascot for the campaign.

The box was wrapped up in paper, and they forgot to leave a breathing hole for the goose. The stationmaster at Syosett did not know what the package contained and sent a warning telegram to Secretary Loeb. When the mysterious box arrived Secretary Loeb gave it to the secret service men, who, while hundreds of villagers looked on from the shore, submerged it in the bay to kill its supposed explosive qualities.

As the box filled with water a hissing sound issued from it, and the blood of the secret service men ran cold. They stuck bravely to the task until the hissing subsided, then opened the box, only to find within a drowned goose.

The Crane brothers were in town today and heard of the fate of their pet. They immediately annexed the blame to the burden Loeb already carries, but the President, it is said, feels that the secretary did only his duty, and that the secret service men should be taught to distinguish geese from high explosives.

CLERIC MISSING; OWES MUCH MONEY

Had Operated Heavily in Real Estate at Montreal.

LIABILITIES APPROACH $500,000

Borrowed Money at High Interest From Poor People, and Kept No Record.

Montreal, Aug. 26. — Leaving behind him a financial muddle that grows worse the more it is investigated, with hundreds of people bemoaning the loss of the savings of years, Rev. F. A. Charest, bursar of the Institution des Sourds Muets, under the direction of the Clerics of St. Viateura, a Roman Catholic order, has disappeared. His liabilities and those he has attached to the institution with which he was connected are estimated at $200,000 to $500,000.

For the last twenty years Brother Charest, as he was generaly known, has been operating largely in real estate in the northern part of the city. In order to secure funds, he accepted money from whomsoever was pleased to lend it to him, paying a better rate of interest than could be obtained elsewhere.

In some instances the loans were made to the institution, and in others he gave notes, practically deposit receipts, to which he signed his own name. No clear record of the transactions is said to exist.

As long as money came in freely and the withdrawals were few, Brother Charest had no difficulty in meeting the interest payments, but lately the deposits fell off greatly, and land in the section of the city in which he had invested sold slowly, owing to the fact that the growth of the city had not taken the direction which he expected it would. Matters finally became so pressing that he evidently sought refuge in flight.

No charge of dishonesty is made against the missing man. The assets consist of several hundred acres of land valued in the books at city lot prices, but worth only farm prices. The creditors are widows, orphans and people who cannot afford to lose their money.

M. P. P. ON A HAND CAR

Mr. Pettypiece's Experience—Railways Will Be Heard.

Toronto, Aug. 27.—H. J. Pettypicee, M.P.P., arrived in the city this morning to attend the meeting of the Railway Commission, of which he is chairman. He has been up in the Temiskaming district on a holiday, and in order to get back in time did 72 miles of the journey, from the Temagami to North Bay, on a handcar.

Prof. Shortt and Judge Bell were also present at this morning's meeting After discussing systems of taxation to be treated in their report they adjourned to meet again on Sept. 16, at 9:30 in the reception room, in order to hear the arguments of the railways on the subject. Other interests will have an opportunity of being heard later.

BODIES FOUND TOGETHER

Corpses of the Drowned Soo Bank Clerks Have Been Recovered.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Aug. 27.—The bodies of the young bankers, Patterson and Hill, who were drowned on Thursday afternoon were recovered this morning. All yesterday boats were patrolling in the vicinity of the accident and in the afternoon a diver was sent down, but with no result. This morning, a boy in one of the boats saw the bodies close together, near one of the islands, in shallow water. From the position of the bodies it was judged that the men were swimming to reach the island, but, taken by cramps or being exhausted, gave up the struggle. It is probable the funeral will be held tomorrow and the remains taken to the men's respective homes. The parents of the unfortunate young men are expected here today.

Commissioners Gazetted.

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—The commissioners of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway are gazetted today as follows: F. K. Wade, chairman; Robt. Reid, London; Alfred Brunet, Montreal; Charles Young, Winnipeg. Hon. S. N. Parent, is gazetted a member of the board of directors, and Hugh Lumsden, chief engineer for the construction of the eastern division.

DUTY IMPOSED ON STEEL RAILS

Act of 1903 Brought Into Force Now That Soo Mills Can Furnish the Goods.

(Special to the Advertiser.)

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—A proclamation was issued today bringing into force the act of 1903, imposing a duty of $7 per ton on steel rails. This duty was to take effect when satisfactory evidences was furnished to the Government that rails of the best quality were being made in Canada in sufficient quantity to satisfy the ordinary demand. A rail mill is now in successful operation at Sault St. Marie and this part of the tariff act of 1903 is now in operation. The duty is subject to the deduction under the British preferential tariff. The duty will not apply to any rails actually contracted for abroad prior to this date, but such rails must be imported into Canada not later than November 30, 1904, and must be laid on the track not later that February 25, 1905.

Lad Blew His Head Off.

Lima, Ohio, Aug. 26. — A telephone message from Hume, eleven miles southwest of here, says:

Angered because his father refused to let him use a conveyance to go to Buckland, Osborn Bowsher, 19 years of age, took a shotgun to his room and committed suicide by blowing his head completely off.

THE NEW ISSUE OF C. P. R. STOCK

Capital of Big Road To Be Increased $25,000,000.

WILL BE USED FOR EXTENSIONS

Total Common Stock of the Company Will Now Be $110,000,000.

Montreal, Aug. 26. — The shareholders of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, at the annual meting, on Oct. 5, will be asked to authorize the issue of $25,500,000 new common stock. The directors of the company have already decided upon the issue, but before it can become effective it must first be authorized by the shareholders and the Governor-in-Council.

Of course, this is largely a formality, and there is no question that the necessary authorization will be obtained. Notices making the announcement were sent out to the shareholders this afternoon. The new issue, it is understood, is intended to carry out a number of important improvements in view of the great extension of the company's business in the west. The present common stock of the company amounts to $84,000,000, and, with the new issue, the total common stock of the company will be $110,000,000.

The whole of the new issue will be used for extensions in Ontario and the west. It is surmised that the building of the G. T. P. has had some influence in causing this increased activity, especially in Ontario. Among the projected extensions upon which the money will be used are the completion of several important branch lines through Manitoba and the Territories, the C. P. R. irrigation scheme, the Bobcaygeon and Pontypool branch, the Winnipeg station and hotel, and a number of improvements on the British Columbia division.

FAMOUS BAND ARRIVES

The Black Watch on Board the New Steamer Canada.

Quebec, Aug. 26.—The steamer Canada, Captain R. O. Jones, from Liverpool, Aug. 18, with 143 first, 260 second, and 335 third-class passengers and a general cargo arrived in port at 1:30 o'clock this morning, thus completing a fast passage. Among her passengers are the members of the famous Black Watch, Sixty-second Highlanders Regiment, which will make a tour of Canada.

HAS PORT ARTHUR FALLEN?

Rumored That the Japs Are Into the Fortress at Last.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 27, 6:46 p.m.—The rumor that the Japanese had effected an entrance into Port Arthur does not obtain credence at the admiralty, though it is admitted that no news has been received from General Stoessel since Aug. 21. Possibly a telegram reached the Emperor just before he started for the Don this afternoon. It is pointed out that if rumor is true it would signify the capture of the fortress, which would be unable to hold out against the besieger if any portions of permanent defenses is lost.

OVER 500 ENTRIES

Dominion Rifle Association Matches Will Have Large Attendance.

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—There will be over five hundred entries for the D. R. A. year. That number of applications has already been received, and if the usual conditions are any indication, there will be about twenty more. Lieut. Hallett and four ment from H. M. S. Ariadne will represent the North Atlantic squadron of His Majesty's navy. Capt. Guy Seckham will be in charge of the Royal Garrison Regiment men from Halifax. Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick show the largest increase in the number of their representatives. Toronto will send about the same number as usual.

SAW BABY CAST INTO THE LAKE

Witness Declares He Watched Commission of Coatsworth Cut Crime.

Toronto, Aug. 27.—A man was actually seen in commission of the murder of the infant found dead at Coatsworth's Cut!

Such has apparently been determined by the evidence given last night in the adjourned inquest on the body of the murdered child. Richard Taylor, fisherman, residing at Ward's Island, with his wife and Ernest J. Jones and wife, started out for a sail from the island on Wednesday, Aug. 3. At 1:30 he saw a boat containing a man and woman come out from Munro Park and go out into the lake in a southeasterly direction. When well out into the lake he saw the man stand up, make a motion as if he was throwing something and sit down again.

Being three-quarters of a mile away he could not see what the object was. Soon afterwards the boat turned in the other direction, and made off towards Ward's Island. Mr. Jones had a presentiment that something was wrong in the rowboat and proposed going over to see what it was, but the wind died away and they never went.

Mrs. Ward, of Ward's Island, also repeated her story of having seen the couple on that island some time before 6 that Wednesday afternoon.

With this the inquest was adjourned till Sept. 16.