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NO WORD RECEIVED OF THE RUSSIAN FLEET.

Result of Naval Battle is Still in Doubt—Kuropatkin's Position a Matter of Much Anxiety, and a General Engagement Seems Inevitable.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 12, 187 a. m.—Public anxiety regarding the fate of the Port Arthur squadron, which has reached the highest pitch, remained unrelieved when the people of St. Petersburg retired.

The reports from Tokio and Chefoo of the sea fight which followed the departure of the squadron are so conflicting and inconclusive that a strong hope exists that the Russian ships succeeded in breaking through the Japanese fleet. Indeed, it is rumored late tonight that the admiralty has received information that the squadron has passed beyond the Shantung promontory (which would bring the squadron at least 150 miles to the southeast of Port Arthur and into the Yellow Sea).

Some weeks ago it was told that several St. John people who visited the shrine at Ste. Anne de Beaupre had been cured of different ailments and many doubtful persons expressed the opinion that no cure had really been effected, but that the pilgrims to the shrine had only persuaded themselves that they were better. It appears that the improvement in conditions still exists. John Hayes of Westmorland Road, and Mrs. William Fitzpatrick of Waterloo street, were among those who received benefit at the shrine. Mr. Hayes had been troubled with a hip and knee disease for over three years and was in bed unable to move for ten months. About a week previous to his trip to Quebec he had sprained his knee and was only able to move around by means of crutches during the pilgrimage. He says that on the second visit to the shrine he felt better. On the third day his crutches joined company with the large number already there, eloquent testimonials to the cures imparted by the shrine. The excursion party arrived at Ste. Anne Wednesday and on the following Sunday Mr. Hayes was walking around without crutches. At present he is in the city pursuing his former business and is gradually and steadily progressing towards complete recovery. The swelling has gone down and he can notice the development of new, firm muscles in his thighs and hips. Two or three miles of a walk's no exertion today. Going up and down stairs is rather more difficult, but this is becoming easier every day. Mr. Hayes has yet to be careful, but all signs of disease seem to be absent and he says it is only a question of time when he will have his former vigor. Next year he plans to return to the shrine, and Mr. Hayes intends to go again. This time he will be able to enjoy the trip more thoroughly.

HOPEWELL HILL, Aug. 9.—A considerable quantity of upland hay has been housed in good condition, and operations on the Shepody marshes began this week. Grain and other crops are greatly in need of rain.

THE STEAMER PEAK arrived in the river yesterday with freight. Wm. A. Peak of Boston is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asael W. Peak, Riverside.

MISS ETHEL PECK has been visiting friends in St. John during the week.

Mrs. William Fitzpatrick of Waterloo street is another person who received marked benefit in this pilgrimage. Mrs. Fitzpatrick had suffered for the past twelve years with acute auditory trouble and was unable in consequence to carry on a conversation with any but the most intimate friends. On the first day of her arrival at Ste. Anne and after she had gone through the religious rites generally followed by visitors seeking cures, there was a vast improvement. Coming back to the shrine to the hotel at which they were stopping, Mrs. Fitzpatrick said to her companion that she could hear the piano playing at the isolation hospital and now that she is hearing her friend wondered at this sharpness of hearing for she herself could scarcely hear the music. Since that time Mrs. Fitzpatrick has noticed constant improvement and today can readily converse with the most casual acquaintance and in an ordinary tone of voice. Mrs. Fitzpatrick will make another visit next year to the shrine. Several who have been troubled in the same way are seriously thinking of testing its curative powers next summer.

RECENT ARRIVALS at the Albert house, Hopewell Cape, are: Walter J. Roberts, New York; H. E. Graves, Harvey Bank; G. W. Ford, G. N. Shelton, Sackville; W. B. Smith, Elgin; W. Smith, Toronto; C. Daley, Albert; W. Kinne, Waterford; M. G. Teed, Dorchester; Wm. Smith, Elgin; G. M. Edgett, Mrs. G. M. Edgett, Miss E. M. Edgett, H. W. Edgett, Russell Edgett, New York; Miss Mae I. Copp, Sackville; J. H. Barbour, Boston; Roy S. Dickson, Hillsboro; Capt. Splinke, Robt. Armstrong, Montreal; M. B. Dixon, Riverside; P. W. Colpitts, C. L. Carter, J. Evans Wright, Moncton; Steven Roseman, Mrs. A. McArthur, Harvey Bank; Mrs. M. McLaren, B. McLaren, Miss J. McLaren, Moncton; W. E. Reid, Riverside; F. H. Dingley, Moncton; W. C. Keating, J. H. Berry, Hillsboro; Clifford Smith, Moncton; Gorham Steeves, Miss Ward, Hillsboro; P. McDonald, Toronto; F. S. Burton, Albert; George Armstrong, Moncton; W. J. Croesman, Dorchester.

ST. ANDREWS, Aug. 9.—H. A. Austin of St. John, general manager of the New York Life Insurance Co., registered at Kennedy's today.

Rev. Samuel Hodgkins of Wilkesville, Me., is a guest of W. Holt.

Mrs. F. J. Halpin of Cambridge, Mass., left today by steamer for St. John to visit friends and relatives there.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 11.—The wrecking str. Somerset, Captain R. T. Porter, and crew of six men, from Fall River, for Delaware Breakwater, unladen, went ashore this afternoon at Little Egg Harbor Inlet. The crew of the life saving station went to the steamer's assistance, and landed the crew at Little Egg Harbor tonight. An effort will be made to float the vessel on tomorrow's high tide.

GREEN PAINT CAUSED SUICIDE. FALL RIVER, Mass., Aug. 11.—Pelag Borden, 67 years old, janitor of the B. M. C. Durfee High School since it was presented to this city in 1887 by Mrs. Mary Fording, shot himself through the head in the basement of the school building today. Several weeks ago some of the school pupils daubed the building with green paint. Borden was shocked at this vandalism, and since that time had been despondent.

STILL CURED. ABOUT DOGFISH.

Visitors to the Shrine of St. Anne Continue to Show Improvement.

John Hayes is Walking About Almost as Briskly as Ever and Mrs. Fitzpatrick is Fast Regaining Her Hearing.

Information given out at Ottawa sets forth that the government has decided upon a method of exterminating the dogfish. Reduction works are to be established by the minister of marine at certain points, and the fishermen are to be paid a sufficient sum to induce them to capture the dogfish and convey them to these establishments. It is intimated that the oil and other products may be sufficient to pay the costs of operation, and that the dogfish may thus be exterminated without expense. The official announcement says that three of these reduction works will be established, one at the Margaree Islands, one in Gloucester county, and one on the Atlantic coast of Cape Breton.

It is thought here that these establishments are not well distributed. Dogfish are particularly destructive in the Bay of Fundy, and the fisheries of these waters are valuable and important. The people of Charlotte and St. John counties in New Brunswick, Digby and Yarmouth in Nova Scotia are greatly interested. The slaughter of dogfish in the Baie des Chaleurs, or the Gulf of St. Lawrence, will not reduce the Bay of Fundy fishing population of the past. St. John people interested in fishing are rather surprised that Colonel Tucker should not have represented this case to the minister, or that, if he did, no notice was taken of him. The matter was brought to the attention of the Board of Trade and a despatch was sent yesterday asking whether the Bay of Fundy fishermen were not to be considered in this matter. No answer had been received last evening.

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escapes convict, who was captured an early hour this morning had a tragic and almost fatal experience, as described in the evening papers. Having been driven from one train and pursued by officers of the prison staff, he made a circuit of a mile, more or less, and again approached the railroad, and succeeded in boarding the train that came near being his death-trap. Having succeeded in grasping the iron bar on the side of a car, he was in a moment swept from his position by striking a fence near a crossing. The train travelling at a reduced speed made it possible for his cries to be heard by the trainmen, who immediately held up, and he was picked up in a sadly mangled condition. Medical aid was specially summoned, and he was soon under the care of Dr. Doherty, the prison surgeon. By consultation with Dr. F. Teed, a town physician, this afternoon, it was found necessary to amputate the arm near the shoulder. He is a thankful fellow that he is alive, and told your reporter that his own folly was the sole cause of his sad predicament.

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HIS BACK BROKEN. Accident to Workman at New Glasgow.

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looked very pretty in a gown of crepe de chene over white taffeta, with veil and a shower bouquet of bridal roses. Her travelling suit was of brown broadcloth, with hat to match. The bride was the recipient of numbers of valuable presents. The groom's gift to her was a sunburst of gold and pearls; to maid of honor, a pearl and emerald ring, and to the flower girl, a ruby ring. After lunch Mr. and Mrs. Lea left for a trip through Prince Edward Island.

AN INTERESTING CASE. Chinamen Will Not be Allowed in Either Canada or U. S.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Aug. 10.—Wong Bing, a Chinaman, arrested on a New York Central train for boundary jumping, when arraigned before the U. S. clerk today alleged he was a naturalized British citizen, and had been living at Brockville for five years. As such he claimed the right to enter the United States, but the commissioner ordered his deportation.

The question was raised whether he could be deported to Canada or to China. Canada makes no provision for Chinese citizens and will not allow him to return.

John Williams, who brought the Chinaman across the border, was held for the U. S. grand jury.

HUMPHREY CONCERN REORGANIZED. MONCTON, Aug. 10.—The John A. Humphrey Co., Ltd., with a capital of a half million, was organized today for the purpose of taking over the woollen mill and business of J. A. Humphrey & Son, and extending operations of same. W. F. Humphrey was elected president and general manager; C. G. Moore, secretary-treasurer. Other directors are Senator Wood, P. S. Archibald, J. P. Sherry and J. H. Harris.

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FLORENCEVILLE. FLORENCEVILLE, Aug. 8.—E. E. Cheney of Portland, Me., who is visiting various points of Carleton Co., spent Sunday at Florenceville, the home of his wife. He with Richard Wheeler went to the headquarters of the Miramichi today.

Viola McCain, who has spent the last six months in Brooklyn, N. Y., was welcomed home on Saturday.

Allie Peters of Boston, is visiting his parents.

Helen Charlton of Port Fairfield, and Gladys Estey of Wicklow, are visiting their grandparents, B. Gallupe and D. N. Estey respectively.

THE DESTROYER CAPTURED. CHEFOO, Aug. 12, 6 a. m.—(Bulletin)—A boarding party from Japanese torpedo boat destroyers boarded the dismantled torpedo boat destroyer Ryeshtoln this morning at 3.30 o'clock. The Japanese discharged their small arms, and during the firing a Russian was wounded in one leg. Daybreak showed a third Japanese destroyer towing the Ryeshtoln out of the harbor, and all disappeared. The Japanese consul claims that the Japanese were ignorant of the dismantling of the Ryeshtoln. An Associated Press representative, however, informed the Japanese naval officers of the fact when he visited the two Japanese destroyers at 2.30 o'clock this morning.

GETTING THERE SLOWLY. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 11, 5.45 p. m.—Delayed advice from Amshanshan say the Japanese opposite General Mitchenko's forces withdrew eastward and when the despatch was filed were moving up on the other side of the front range. Two divisions strong toward the Taitse river, which the Japanese were reported to be bridging at Benituz, 23 miles northeast of Liao Yang.

NOTHING DOING. LIAO YANG, Aug. 9.—(Delayed in transmission)—It is officially stated that no important fighting has occurred in the vicinity of Mukden. The newest Japanese outposts are forty miles away and only skirmishes have occurred there.

GETTING READY FOR WORK. CRONSTADT, Aug. 11.—Admiral Birelef, in command of the naval forces here, today ordered Vice-Admiral Rojstvensky, commander of the Baltic fleet, and his staff to take up their quarters on board the battleship Souvaroff, and to be in readiness to sail on August 14.

WARSHIPS PASSED THE DARDANELLES. LONDON, Aug. 12.—The Brussels correspondent of the Daily Telegraph declares that two vessels of the Russian Black Sea fleet have already passed the Dardanelles without the intervention of any difficulty on the part of the Turkish government.

LOOKING BEFORE THEY LEAP. LIAO YANG, Aug. 9.—(delayed) A correspondent of the Associated Press who has just returned from Amshanshan, 13 miles east of Liao Yang, says the Japanese are occupying Houtsabo, about 14 miles west of Liao Yang. They are not advancing, but are carefully reconnoitering with a view of striking. Two strong Japanese columns are reported to be hurriedly pressing forward, one towards Mukden and the other in the direction of the Tantai coal mines.

The roads are in very bad condition owing to the rain of the past few days.

BATTLE MUST COME. "Speaking from a purely military point of view, I do not see how a combat can be avoided at this stage. Personally, I am not inclined to attach credence to the reports that our army is already moving northward. The withdrawal of a large force in the face of a superior foe closely pressing our position to the east and south, would involve the risk of an immediate attack which would find us in a position of still greater inferiority.

There are two other considerations remaining. First, there is at Liao Yang an enormous accumulation of

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