

Needs of The Navy

Lord Selborne Explains How Large Expenditure is Really Required.

Warmly Defends Outlay and Necessity of Having Large Ships.

Great Britain Ready to Join Other Nations in Curtailing Construction.

London, Aug. 9.—Replying to the criticism of the naval expenditure in the House of Commons today, Lord Selborne, First Lord of the Admiralty, warmly defended the outlay. He said it was more important than ever before that the British ships should be of the largest and best.

Referring to submarine boats, Lord Selborne said their value for defensive purposes had been abundantly proved. They were a great addition to the national armament.

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RUSSIAN AUXILIARY CRUISER. Lisbon, Portugal, Aug. 10.—The Russian auxiliary cruiser Ural, which was of this port yesterday, has proceeded. It is supposed that she is bound for the Mediterranean. Presumably the Ural is the vessel which recently held the British steamer Corcoran.

HIS MAJESTY FOR MARENBAUD. London, Aug. 10.—His Majesty's steamer Marenbaud, which was of this port yesterday, has proceeded. It is supposed that she is bound for the Mediterranean.

THE LAST SCENES OF RAILROAD WRECK

Pueblo Witnesses Long Lines of Mourning Corteges Wending Way to Cemeteries.

Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 10.—The beauty of the day was marred for thousands of Pueblo's citizens who witnessed the scene of friends and relatives whose bodies were conveyed to their final resting places. Early in the day all preparations had been completed for tomorrow's undertakers and livermen were severely taxed in supplying hearse and vehicles, but they were finally accommodated, and soon long lines wended their way to the various cemeteries. Many bodies were sent to other cities last night and the scene was so touching that the mother being borne to the grave followed by a group of children, the picture to be seen.

THE SUBLIME PORTE PROMISES. Constantinople, Aug. 10.—United States Minister Lethmann has received a message from the Porte promising a favorable communication in a day or two regarding the American representation in reference to the school question and other matters.

STATIONARY FIREMEN. Washington, Aug. 10.—At today's session of the convention of the International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen a resolution providing that they may next year meet in London was adopted by a large majority.

DROWNING ACCIDENT. Cloverville, N. Y., Aug. 9.—Cannal lake, a nearby summer resort, was the scene of another fatal drowning accident this afternoon when a boat containing Raymond South of this city, and Mrs. Parson of St. Johnsville, was capsized and both lost their lives.

CANTERBURY'S PROPOSED VISIT. London, Aug. 10.—The Rev. Randall Thomas Davidson, Archbishop of Canterbury, has issued a message to the clergy and laity announcing his forthcoming visit to the United States to attend the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal church.

TIPOGRAPHICAL UNION. St. Louis, Aug. 9.—The second day's session of the International Typographical Union convened today in convention hall. The report of the committee on laws was given out. The most important article on which the convention acted was that providing that in cities where a German union exists no members of the International Typographical Union shall be employed on a printing plant.

WHO HAS THE BUTTON?

Wilmington, Del., Aug. 10.—The United Button Company, a Delaware corporation with a capital of \$5,000,000, was declared insolvent yesterday in the United States court here today. The company has factories in the various sections of New England. Last year it did a business of over \$500,000.

ACCELERATED GULF STREAM. Record Trip by Windjammer Owing to Facility of Ocean Current.

New York, Aug. 10.—The Garballi, a three-masted schooner built at Shelburne, N. S., in 1802, reached the Empire state above the Brooklyn bridge on the Brooklyn side yesterday after an phenomenal passage of twelve days from Porto Cortes, Honduras. The schooner, 2,100 miles at the rate of 175 knots a day, says the World. The schooner went west and southerly, crossing the gulf along, making an accelerated Gulf stream faster than the normal, by one day and a half or two days at least.

Most Desperate Fighting of War

The Fiercest Struggle for Port Arthur Commenced Last Sunday.

Attempted Night Surprise of Garrison Meets With a Fearful Fusillade.

London, Aug. 10.—The Chefoo correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph, who is a reliable authority, under last night's date, states that two gunboats have arrived there from Port Arthur who bring an account of the most desperate fighting of the war, which is said to have occurred beginning on last Sunday and lasting for three days.

According to the correspondent, the Japanese, following their capture of Wolf Green mountain (Wolf hill) immediately began their preparation for an assault upon the chain of forts which line the limits of the town. Brigades after brigades were moved until finally three divisions of Japanese troops occupied a position stretching entirely across the city beyond Port Arthur.

At dawn the next day the Japanese, massed on the extreme right of the front, moved forward and the Russian guns opened fire on them. Little daunted for the time, they made desperate effort to capture the smaller of the forts, but the rifle and artillery fire of the Russians was so deadly that the attacking party was forced to retreat before more than half of the distance had been covered.

Soon after darkness had put an end to the conflict the Japanese attempted a night attack. Along the line, which would have proved extremely dangerous had been for the vigilance of the Russian sentries on the extreme left, who were closely scrutinizing the Japanese movements, discovered evidence that a movement of some character was being planned.

A LARGE MORTGAGE. Columbus, O., Aug. 10.—A \$25,000 mortgage on a building in the city of Columbus was filed for record here today.

SELF-JUSTIFICATION. Vladivostok, Aug. 9.—(Delayed in transmission)—The press court today condemned the German steamer Tien which was sunk by the Vladivostok squadron off the coast of Japan July 24th, and declared that the Russian cruisers were justified in sinking the vessel.

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VICTORIA SCENE OF DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

Blaze Which Broke Out in Albion Iron Works Burned For Blocks, Destroying Many Residences And Doing Great Damage.

MANY ARE RENDERED HOMELESS

Area Bounded by Government, Pembroke, Blanchard Streets And Queens Avenue The Stricken District-- Loss Probably \$100,000.

Fire, which originated in the pattern room of the Albion Iron Works, yesterday afternoon, destroyed the eastern section of the building and about thirty-five houses situated east of Douglas street, from Pembroke street to Queen's avenue.

The fire in the residential quarter rendered homeless a number of families, and in addition to the loss of the houses a considerable amount of furniture and personal effects was destroyed.

The total loss is estimated at about \$100,000. The efforts of the fire department prevented the flames from spreading to the lumber yards of the Shawinigan Lake Company, adjoining the Albion Iron Works, but little could be done to save the houses above Douglas street.

The question of relief to those of the sufferers who can least afford their losses is under consideration by the city authorities.

One of the most destructive fires in the history of Victoria occurred yesterday, resulting in a total loss estimated at approximately \$100,000 and rendering homeless some thirty-five families.

The conflagration started at about 4 o'clock in the pattern room of the Albion Iron Works on Store street. A general alarm was sounded at 4:15, and the fire department, which was on the scene in quick time, but the strong south-westerly wind prevented the firemen from doing much to check the flames which were spreading rapidly in all directions. The building east of the company was seen to be doomed. The flames and smoke poured through the roof and were carried across the vacant ground towards the big brick factory on the other side of Government street. That building, however, resisted the attack.

While those in the houses adjoining the fire area took such measures as they could to save their property, the furniture and household effects in the houses were hurriedly removed by the residents and a large number of volunteers. These included a big company of marines and blue-jackets from Esquimaux who answered the call for help in double quick time and a number of the soldiers from Wood Point, who also arrived at a run.

Meanwhile the fire department, having got the blaze at the iron works under control, came up in force to Douglas street, but the water pressure, which had been poor on Store street, practically gave out on the higher level, and little or nothing could be done with the hose. The remarkable feature of the conflagration was the manner in which the flames "jumped" from one place to another and the strong wind which aided in their progress. The fire spread to the south and east, and in a very short time had reached the corner of Douglas and Queen's streets.

Mr. Bullen was in a position to speak of the amount of insurance, but that most of those who had been burned out had been insured.

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DROUGHT IN AUSTRIA.

Vienna, Aug. 10.—On account of the drought the government has issued an ordinance prohibiting the exportation of barley, maize and all kinds of dry fodder until further notice.

STRENUOUS AMERICAN LIFE.

Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 10.—J. P. Miller, former smelter, today shot and killed his wife, attempted to murder his youngest daughter and then killed himself. His daughter escaped death by running out of the house. No motive for Miller's act is known.

WINDSTORM STRIKES FAIR.

Indianapolis, Aug. 10.—A severe windstorm struck the state today afternoon. At large crowd gathered for the harness race. Chairs were overturned in the grandstands, but no one was injured there. One man was killed by the overturning of the gateman's house at the entrance to the grounds.

CHINESE ATTACK RUSSIANS.

London, Aug. 11.—The Tientsin correspondent of the Standard says that 2,000 Chinese sailors attacked the Russian camp in the Tiel pass on August 10. The Russians were taken unawares and many killed. They also lost a quantity of ammunition and supplies.

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THE SEA QUEEN'S LATEST.

London, Aug. 10.—The admiralty has invited the Clyde shipbuilders to tender for the two battleships of 16,500 tons and high speed. It is a heavy order in the matter of armament and armored protection will equip anything yet attempted.

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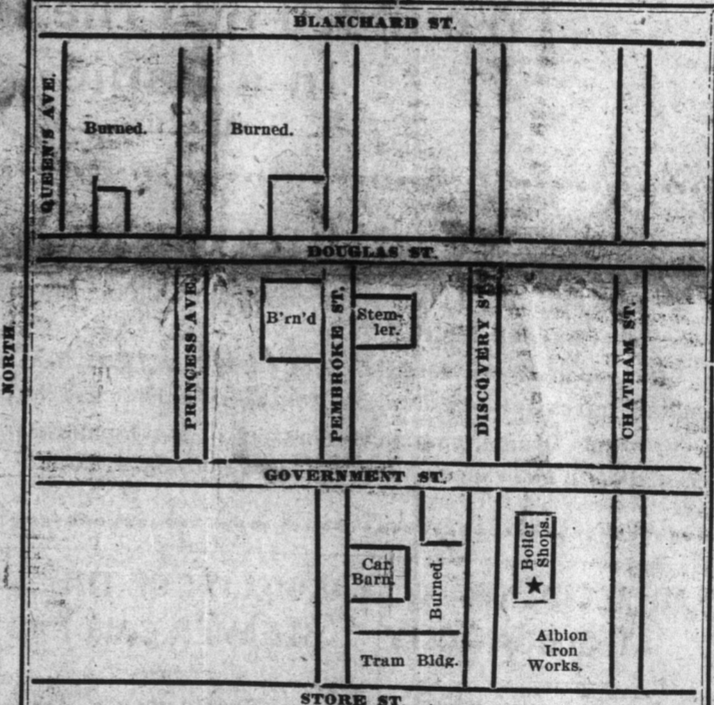
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Plan of Streets Indicating Locality of Burned Area. Star indicates where fire originated.

city's intentions in this respect may be expected today.

The fire had burnt itself out by half-past seven in the evening, but was smouldering all night, necessitating a supply of water from the Albion Iron Works. Naturally, said Mr. Ray, all the engines pumping at the Albion Iron Works, naturally, said Mr. Ray, all the engines pumping at the Albion Iron Works, naturally, said Mr. Ray, all the engines pumping at the Albion Iron Works.

LOSS AT ALBION. Interviewed yesterday evening Mr. W. B. Bullen, of Bullen Bros., who have leased the Albion Iron Works, said the loss at the latter institution was a very serious one, as his firm would be seriously hampered in the execution of several important contracts which they have in hand.

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