

Delegation representing the people of this city, have addressed to the members of the legislature...

Nicola, B. C., Jan. 28, 1904. Sir—We respectfully beg to submit consideration facts with reference to the Nicola coal fields...

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RUSSIAN REPLY DIES NOT MEET DEMANDS

Note Has Been Delivered at Tokio--Japanese Minister Makes Preparations for Leaving St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—The feeling here is that Russia will offer substantial concessions, but that she cannot meet the demands regarding Manchuria or South Korea...

St. Petersburg, Feb. 5.—The Russian reply to Japan was forwarded to Vice-roy Alexieff yesterday. If he approves it, it will finally reach the Tokio government on Monday.

Port Arthur, Feb. 4.—The Russian fleet returned here at 4 o'clock this afternoon. It was maneuvering in the waters of the bay...

London, Feb. 4.—A dispatch to the Reuter's Telegraph Company from Tokio says: "The general impression here is that all hope of peace is gone."

London, Feb. 5.—The news that Russia has already dispatched her reply to Japan has not yet reached the newspapers...

London, Feb. 5.—A dispatch to the Central News Agency from Tokio, says that the newspapers there publish telegrams saying that 200,000 Russian troops have been concentrated in the Yalu valley...

generally believed, he continues, that the council of the elder statesmen, held February 3rd and 4th, decided upon the final measure to be taken in the event of an unfavorable reply from Russia.

The voluntary subscriptions to the war fund exceed 3,000,000 yen. The statement is published here that the draft of the Russian reply, originally submitted to Russia contained seven articles, the first of which provided for the mutual recognition of the integrity and independence of China and Korea.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 5.—"The Japanese are flying panic-stricken from Vladivostok," cables the correspondent of the Novoe Vremya, "and Japanese storekeepers are sacrificing all they possess in their haste to escape to Japan."

London, Feb. 5.—Yuan Shi Kai, the commander of the Chinese Imperial army and navy, and the vice-president of the war board, have memorialized the Emperor urging him to insist upon an offensive and defensive alliance with Japan to regain Manchuria.

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WERE SUFFOCATED WHILE ASLEEP THREE LIVES LOST IN FIRE AT MONTREAL

Man Attacked by a Pack of Wolves—Proposed to Send Dr. Wilkie to India.

Winnipeg, Feb. 5.—Owing to the change in the game laws, sportsmen of Manitoba will in future only be able to take out of the province the heads and skins of two male deer, 50 geese and 25 ducks...

St. Thomas, Ont. Jos. Wardner, C. P. R. fireman, was fatally injured by a fall from the third story of the Union Bank building at Moose Jaw yesterday.

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GOVERNMENT OPTION ON E. & N. RAILWAY

The Line and Lands, Excepting Coal Areas, Offered to the Government---A Caucus on Subject.

The reward offered by the government for a railway policy has been withdrawn. A policy has been found. Whether or not it will be accepted remains to be seen, and depends first upon the government supporters and second upon the legislature.

The one ripe policy is that offered by James Dunsmeuir. This is understood to be an option on the E. & N. railway line and the lands of the railway belt for a sum approximately \$3,500,000.

The government has approached its supporters on the subject, and an official statement of its position will give an assurance of what its position will be on the question. The scheme is not unopposed in the party caucus, many members demanding that the particular scheme which they may represent for railway construction shall receive a place along with this before consenting to it.

The E. & N. land grant embraced about 1,900,000 acres including rivers, lakes and broken land. Since it was first made considerable has been disposed of to settlers and timber men, but there yet remains probably 1,000,000 acres of land.

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