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VOL. 35.

THE JAPANESE SCOUTS ARE ACTIVE

TRYING TO PIERCE THE RUSSIAN VANGUARD

An Interview With the Mikado's Minister in London on the Peace Rumors.

Harbin, March 30.—Japanese scouting parties are active in endeavoring to pierce the screen of the Russian vanguard posts and develop the disposition and strength of the positions, their attempts at times verging on the nature of reconnaissances in force.

A few Japanese batteries which have pushed forward occasionally drop shells in unprotected places.

Yesterday there was a small brush where Gen. Mischenko is stationed, the Japanese pressing forward in a determined endeavor to make the reconnaissance and learn the dispositions in this quarter. The Russians repelled the advance without uncovering their dispositions. There were insignificant losses.

Aside from these reconnaissances, affairs are generally quiet in the southern positions.

GEN. LINEVITCH'S ADDRESS TO TROOPS.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—General Linevitch has issued this address to his troops:

"The Emperor has been pleased to appoint me commander-in-chief of the Manchuria army. In my battles—those of the Shaukei and Hun rivers, at Potchikoff and Novgorod hills, at the front in Kandulisan and Gungu passes, and on the Mukien positions—you have most bravely repulsed most serious attacks by the enemy and dealt enormous losses. For every man accomplished his sacred duty to the Emperor and the Fatherland. The enemy cannot hold out before Russian valor, and reinforcements are coming incessantly from Russia. May God help you in the coming battle."

AN INTERVIEW WITH BARON HAYASHI.

London, March 30.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, declared to the Associated Press to-night that he had information in regard to the announcement contained in the St. Petersburg dispatch of the Associated Press that Russia had indirectly made known to the Japanese the negative conditions on which peace might be concluded, namely, no cession of territory and no indemnity, leaving Japan to determine whether peace negotiations could be begun upon that basis, but he said unreservedly that the terms mentioned could not be even considered, and added: "A cession of territory and indemnity are the only points negotiable, as Japan's anti-bellum demands have already been secured by Japan."

M. Takahashi, the Japanese special financial commissioner, in an interview today, said to the Associated Press: "The war cost between \$250,000,000 and \$300,000,000 the first year, and it is estimated that it will cost \$450,000,000 during the present year. It would be unprecedented in the history of great wars that no indemnity and no territory be given by the vanquished."

"While it is beyond my province to discuss terms of peace, it was forced upon Japan, it is not likely that she will waive the right to an indemnity and cession of territory when concluding peace. What indemnity will be demanded I can not say, but it is my private opinion that it will at least cover the expense of the war. If Russia assumes that a continuation of the war will hurt our finances before hers it is a mistake. We can maintain a sufficient army in Manchuria, but this will necessitate Japan remaining in Manchuria and administering the province on a war footing, which we do not desire. Manchuria is fertile and productive, and an army can be maintained there more economically than in the case of the opposing force in Siberia. If Russia is prepared for the term of a war, she has the more certain we will be that it will not be resumed."

REPORTED SELECTION OF A MEDIATOR.

St. Petersburg, March 31.—It is officially announced that Gen. Karkevitch has been appointed Gen. Linevitch's chief of staff in place of Gen. Sakharoff, who has been transferred to the Alexander committee for the care of the wounded. Gen. Stakelberg has also been appointed a member of the committee.

COMPLETE CHANGE IN SITUATION.

Paris, March 31.—1:55 p.m.—What ever hopes there were in peace at present may have had some days ago the situation has now completely changed and there is every prospect that the war will drag on. Consequently dispatches appearing in America saying that Foreign Minister Delcasse had seen the Japanese minister to France, have been con-

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VICTORIA, B. C., THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1905.

THE TERRORISTS Baffle Police

UNABLE TO DISCOVER HEAD OF ORGANIZATION

Fighting Section Has Thirty Condemned Persons on Its List—Prisoners Refuse to Talk.

The authorities continue to find evidence of terrorist activity in St. Petersburg, and in spite of the precautions of the police another tragedy may occur at any moment.

The fighting organization is known to have in its condemned list thirty persons, headed by the Grand Duke Alexis and Governor-General Trepoft, but the police, although they have arrested several persons with bombs in their possession and have taken many suspects into custody, have been completely baffled in their efforts to discover the invisible head which is directing the campaign of the terrorists.

The police theory continues to be that the central organizations of those engaged in the conspiracies are at Geneva and in Paris, and that the men arrested in Russia are agents selected to execute the sentences.

When arrested these agents invariably are true to their oaths and refuse to divulge anything, no matter to what creed they are subjected.

Yesterday the police by chance foiled what is believed to have been a plot to kill the Emperor and his family. The man who was observed during the morning loitering at the corner of Great Morskaya street, about a block away from the arsenal, was Gen. Trepoft's chamberlain. The man atragred no attention at first as he wore the red cap which is the distinctive mark of the employees of the messenger company whose messengers stand at every street corner.

As he approached the police, they saw that all the powers are likely to be drawn in, and that there might be another congress of Berlin. He pointed out that all the powers interested commercially in China were vitally concerned in safe-guarding the open door policy to which they were pledged, and must be consulted as to the future status of Manchuria and collateral questions, such as the possible internationalization of the Eastern Chinese railroad, etc. He described it as being understood, however, that he did not mean that the powers would attempt to rob Japan of the fruits of victory. Such a congress might be held after Russia and Japan had concluded peace.

MEMBERS OF "BOMB" SECTION TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

London, March 31.—Dispatches from St. Petersburg to the Daily Mail and the Standard report several arrests of prominent terrorists belonging to the inner or "bomb" section.

According to the Daily Mail's dispatch, one of the persons arrested is a wealthy man named Zavitsev and two are women. One of these latter, named Ivanovskaya, an anarchist, had been vainly sought by the police since the assassination of Emperor Alexander II, and the other is a beautiful girl named Leonieva, belonging to a prominent official family.

It is also stated that these and the man arrested in Great Morskaya street Thursday had been watching the movements of Governor-General Trepoft, Grand Duke Alexis and Minister of the Interior Boulgair.

WAS ELIGIBLE.

New York, March 31.—By a vote of 25 to 7, the amateur athletic union board of governors has decided that John B. Dewitt was eligible to represent the New York Athletic Club at the Olympic games, St. Louis, last August. This decision gives the New York Athletic Club the Spalding trophy for the championship of the world.

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THE KAISER AT TANGIER

GOT FIFTEEN YEARS. SENTENCE ON MAN WHO STOLE DIAMOND BROOCH VALUED AT \$6,000.

New York, March 31.—John Murphy, who held up Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cornish in front of their home in the Bronx about a month ago, and robbed Mrs. Cornish of a \$6,000 diamond brooch, to-day was sentenced to prison for a term of fifteen years.

RECORDED GOFF DECLARED MURPHY TO BE AN HABITUAL CRIMINAL, WHICH MEANS THAT IF HE EVER LEAVES PRISON ALIVE THE POLICE MAY ARREST HIM ANYWHERE OR ANY TIME THEY PLEASE WHETHER THEY KNOW HE HAS COMMITTED A CRIME OR NOT.

LORD KELVIN'S CONDITION.

London, March 31.—The bulletin issued to-day by the physicians in attendance upon Lord Kelvin, the distinguished scientist, who is in a critical condition as the result of an operation, says he passed a restless night, and that his condition is not at all satisfactory.

DOWAGER DUCHESS DEAD.

London, March 31.—The Dowager Duchess of Abercorn, who was Louisa Jane Russell, daughter of the sixth duke of Bedford, died to-day of gastritis at Coates Castle, Sussex.

CHANGES IN YUKON MINING LAWS

NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY THE GOVERNMENT

Proposed Remission of Gold Royalty on Quartz for Ten Years—Reducing Miners' Licenses.

Ottawa, April 1.—There are a number of proposals before the government to further the mining interests in the Yukon. There is to be a reduction on free miners' licenses and ten years' remission will be given to the royalty on copper and gold from quartz. There is also a view of encouraging quartz mining. Discovery claims will be enlarged from 500 to 1,000 feet, and placer claims from 250 to 500. It has also been decided to make a hydrographic survey of the Klondike and Indian rivers this season.

Outposts of Customs.

Phoenix and Osoyoos have been established outposts of customs.

Ask Extension of Time.

Application will be made at the present session of parliament for an act to extend the time for the completion of the railway of the Intercolonial and Lardo-Duncan Railway Company.

Will Seek Divorce.

Geo. William Hadley, Brandon, Man., hotel keeper, will apply next session for a bill of divorce from his wife, Isabella Clarke Hadley, of Winnipeg.

NOTES FROM WINNIPEG.

Canadian Pacific Railway Extension—Seizure of Lumber—The Australian Cricketers.

Winnipeg, March 31.—The Australian cricket team, on its way to England, left Fiji Islands this morning, and will reach Vancouver on April 12th, Winnipeg 15th, sailing from New York on the 10th. The first match in England is set for May 4th.

Railway Extension.

The Canadian Pacific announces that the Winnipeg beach line will be extended this year sixteen miles, and completed to Tealndale river and Gimli, 35 miles, next season.

Lumber Seized.

Forest Ranger Young has seized a million feet of lumber cut in Swan River district by portable mills.

Conferred Degree.

The degree of D. D. was conferred on John Hogg at the closing exercises of Manitoba College last night.

Winnipeg, April 1.—Fifty-three applications were made for the position of librarian at the new Carnegie library. No selection was made by the committee yesterday.

Grant to Hospital.

The city council has granted \$10,000 towards the new maternity hospital of the Salvation Army.

To Protect Game.

A provincial association was formed here last night to protect game. It has a large membership. Dr. McInnes Brandon, M.P.P., is president.

Hockey Championship.

The rowing club won the final game of hockey last night for the city championship, defeating the Victorias by 7 to 3.

Dinner.

Sir Donald Milligan gave a dinner last night to fifty officers in honor of Earl's River anniversary.

Customs Duties.

Customs duties for March total \$223,067, an increase of over \$12,000.

NO. 102.

THE OXFORD CREW WON BOAT RACE

DEFEATED CAMBRIDGE BY THREE LENGTHS

Secures Lead at Start, and Opponents Were Unable to Close the Gap—Previous Results.

London, April 1.—Oxford to-day won the sixty-second annual boat race between the University of Oxford and Cambridge, defeating the latter by three lengths.

The race was rowed in beautiful weather. Cambridge won the toss-up and selected the Surrey side of the river. The boats got away to a splendid start at 11:34 a.m., but Buckham set the dark blues (Oxford) a slashing stroke of 88 to the minute, and almost immediately established a lead which was never lost.

When Crawen steps were reached the Oxford crew were almost a length ahead, and the cheering of their supporters along the banks was something to long be remembered. Both crews were still rowing strongly, but the dark blues continued to come ahead, and soon had two lengths advantage. Passing the Saccharine works, Taylor (Cambridge) called on the light blues (Oxford), who made a gallant response and closed the gap by half a length. But the dark blues' stroke soon shook off their rivals, Oxford quickly regained the lost advantage and added to their lead. Off Owsheick it was evident that the race had already been decided. Some of the Cambridge crew showed signs that they were weakening, but Taylor made another effort with a stroke somewhat faster than that of Oxford. It was not well pulled, however, and a lack of rhythm was manifested.

Thereafter the leaders were never pressed and passed the finishing line the closest of winners by three lengths. Time, 20 minutes 35 seconds.

Results of some of the previous races follow:

Year.	Date.	Winner.	Time.
1876	April 8	Cambridge	24.32
1877	March 27	Dead heat	24.02
1878	April 13	Oxford	22.13
1879	April 5	Cambridge	21.18
1880	March 22	Oxford	21.23
1881	April 8	Oxford	21.51
1882	April 1	Oxford	22.15
1883	March 15	Oxford	21.18
1884	April 7	Cambridge	21.39
1885	March 28	Oxford	21.36
1886	April 3	Cambridge	22.29
1887	March 26	Cambridge	20.52
1888	March 24	Cambridge	20.48
1889	March 30	Cambridge	20.14
1890	March 20	Oxford	22.03
1891	March 21	Oxford	22.09
1892	April 9	Oxford	19.21
1893	March 22	Oxford	22.15
1894	March 17	Oxford	21.39
1895	March 30	Oxford	20.50
1896	March 28	Oxford	20.01
1897	April 3	Oxford	19.13
1898	March 29	Oxford	22.11
1899	March 20	Cambridge	21.04
1900	March 31	Cambridge	18.47
1901	March 30	Oxford	22.51
1902	March 22	Cambridge	19.09
1903	April 2	Cambridge	19.55
1904	March 26	Cambridge	21.34
1905	April 1	Oxford	20.35

JUMPED THE TRACK.

Utica, N.Y., April 1.—Train No. 8, on West Shore, was derailed at Diogeneston hill, three miles west of Utica, shortly after 8 o'clock this morning. The locomotive broke its coupling with the tender and jumped into the canal about forty feet below the track. The engine, Geo. Wilkins, of Utica, and the fireman, W. J. Wright, of Little Falls, were carried down with the engine and are under the machine in about five feet of water. The tender of the engine, passenger coach and the baggage and express car were pulled from the track, but the empty coach ploughed into the earth and held the others back, so they went but half way down the embankment. The two passenger coaches were not derailed from the rails, and so no passengers were injured in any manner. The express messenger, John Hines, has a serious scalp wound and has been taken to Fort Plain. It is not thought his injury will prove fatal.

In the opinion of the railroad men a landslide occurred just as the locomotive took the track at that point, for a watchman had been over the spot less than a half hour before, and saw nothing wrong.

CHANGE OF NAME.

Republic, Wn., April 1.—The Republic & Kettle Valley Railway Company has changed its name to the Spokane & British Columbia Railway Company, and has increased its capital from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000. The increase is made to provide for the extension from Republic to Spokane. The road is owned by Canadian capitalists, and runs from Grand Forks, B. C., to Republic.

ATLANTIC RATES.

Liverpool, March 31.—The rumor of the probability of a renewal of the rate war between the Atlantic steamship companies is officially denied.