

FOURTEEN FACTORY GIRLS KILLED BY AN EXPLOSION

Terrible Catastrophe in a Squib Manufactory Near Scranton, Pa.—Six Bodies Recovered.

ACCIDENT CAUSED BY THROWING SQUIBS INTO STOVE

Scranton, Pa., March 31.—Through an accident in a squib factory at Priceburg, a few miles from Scranton today, fourteen girls were instantly killed, the majority of them being so badly mangled that it was with a great difficulty that they were identified. Six bodies have already been taken from the building. The explosion it is said, was caused by one of the girls throwing squibs into a stove.

WASHED OLD MEN'S FEET JAMES BAY ROAD BONDS

Emperor Francis Joseph Observes Ancient Austrian Ceremony. Government Will Guarantee Them on Toronto-Sudbury Line.

Vienna, March 31.—Emperor Francis Joseph this morning observed the ancient ceremony of washing the feet of twelve old men in the Crystal Hall of the Hofburg. The hall was filled with distinguished personages, including members of the diplomatic corps, the cabinet ministers, military officials and court functionaries. The Emperor, assisted by eight archdukes, personally waited on the old men, placing before them food and drink, which, however, they did not consume then, the refreshments being immediately removed and later sent to the Emperor's apartments. The ceremony concluded with his majesty hanging around the neck of each old man a silk purse containing the traditional 30 pieces of silver.

TOGO TO TRY AGAIN

Japan Determined to Retain U. S. Admiral Makarov.

London, Thursday, March 31.—The Japanese government is determined to succeed in blocking Port Arthur. It holds 28 old steamers ready for Admiral Togo's orders. They are stripped of everything except the machinery necessary for their navigation. They will be dispatched six at a time. The dispatch adds that the censorship is becoming ludicrous. The correspondents are watched by detectives night and day. The above dispatch was sent by way of Shanghai.

THE IDEAL EDITOR

Offered Writer \$25,000 for Novel but Was Stark Crazy.

London, March 31.—This curious story is being told at the clubs of the experience of a writer with an ideal editor. The writer carried to the editor his first story, a formulaic manuscript. The editor said that he would accept it without reading and asked his terms. As a modest beginner he suggested \$50 per 1,000 words. "We never pay less than \$75," was the reply. "What is the length?" "The novel is 100,000 words," "Three hundred thousand words," "I am sorry it is not longer," was the answer. "When would you like to be paid?" "Oh, in a month's time will do," said the writer. "We prefer prompt payments," replied the editor. "Come here tomorrow morning at 11:30 and you shall have your check." The writer called the next day at the time appointed, but was told that the ideal editor had been removed to a lunatic asylum.

IT'S UP TO UNCLE SAM

French Court Decides Company Has Right to Sell to United States.

Paris, March 31.—At 1:45 p.m. — The first civil tribunal of the Seine today decided the case of the Republic of Colombia against the Panama Canal Company in favor of the defendant. The decision holds that the complaint of Colombia is not receivable as it concerns the plaintiffs' property. The decision has the effect of removing the legal obstacles in the way of the transfer of the canal concession from the company to the United States.

NAPIER BOY MISSING

Feared Young George McIntyre Has Been Drowned.

Strathroy, Ont., March 31.—Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock George, the 5-year-old son of Mr. McIntyre, blacksmith, of Napier, suddenly disappeared from his home. Nothing was thought of the occurrence at the time, as it was believed he had gone to the residence of his uncle. When 4 o'clock arrived and he did not return, the parents became alarmed and a search was instituted. He has not since been found. About 100 or more of the neighbors are searching the woods and dragging the river. About 10 o'clock last night his toy wagon was found in the river, and it is supposed that he has been drowned.

Liberal Caucus Discusses Temperance Legislation

Some Members Against Introducing License Bill This Session.

Toronto, March 31.—Temperance legislation was the chief topic under discussion at a caucus of the Liberal members of the Legislature yesterday afternoon. A number of the representatives advised strongly against the introduction at this session of a license bill, but the meeting adjourned without coming to a decision. A deputation of temperance men waited upon the Opposition leader yesterday morning. Mr. Whitney afterwards stated that it was a purely informal affair, the deputation being desirous of getting his opinion on the probability of a temperance bill being introduced by the Government. On this deputation were James Hanes, J. A. Austin, A. J. Keeler, Rev. Mr. Walsh, of Brampton, Rev. Mr. Dunlop and several others. A deputation representing the liquor interests waited upon the Provincial Secretary yesterday to protest against the alleged practice of one or two of the leading brewers obtaining leases of properties over the heads of the present occupants of the premises and forcing them to purchase their manufacture.

TRIED TO LAND AT NEW CHWANG

Seoul Dispatch Says Japs Made Determined Effort.

DETAILS OF ATTACK NOT GIVEN

Russians Evacuating Positions in Korea—Mikado May Take the Field in Person.

New York, March 31.—A special from Seoul says the Japanese have made their first determined attempt to land at New Chwang. No details of the attack are given. The dispatch adds that 45 Japanese transports yesterday landed a large number of troops, 60 guns and enormous quantities of supplies at Chemulpo, Korea. They are now 125,000 Japanese troops on Korean soil. JAPS REACH HAIJU.

RUSSIAN RETREATING

London, Thursday, March 31.—A correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Seoul reports that the Russians are evacuating the positions they occupy in Korea. Special dispatches from Shanghai repeat the rumor that the Mikado will shortly lead his army to the headquarters staff. The Seoul correspondent of the Daily Mail describes Korea, outside the districts occupied by the Japanese, as being in a state of anarchy and in readiness for rebellion. The correspondent asserts that the censorship prevents any reference to local disturbances.

FLAGS AGAIN FLYING

A correspondent of the Times at New Chwang, cabling yesterday, says: The Russian police have apologized after having rebuffed the United States flag over the correspondents' mess.

MORGAN TO LEAVE U. S.

New York Paper Says He Will Settle Down in England.

New York, March 31.—The American today says: J. Pierpont Morgan leaves next Wednesday for London, where he will probably remain the rest of his life. J. Pierpont Morgan, Jun., will take up his father's work. The above dispatch was sent by way of Shanghai.

THE NATIONAL PORT

Montreal Chamber de Commerce Want Metropolis Made Free Port.

Montreal, Que., March 31.—The Chamber de Commerce favors the creation of Montreal as a free port under federal government. The motion, now in the hands of a special committee, will be discussed at the next meeting. "That to secure the immediate construction of the most urgent improvements of the harbor of Montreal, as well as all the advantages of a free port, the Federal Government be requested to assume its financial and executive responsibilities, thus permitting that our national port be placed under the immediate direction of the Minister of Marine to compete on equal terms with the most favored American ports of the Atlantic."

AN APPENDICITIS CURE

Walk On All Fours, Says a German Scientist.

Berlin, March 31.—A learned professor has invented a novel cure of dyspepsia and appendicitis. The main thing is to hold one's knees stiff, not to bend them. I practice walking on all fours four times a day for twenty minutes at a time. "Not at all," she answered. "The main thing is to hold one's knees stiff, not to bend them. I practice walking on all fours four times a day for twenty minutes at a time."

THE FIRST SHOT

St. Petersburg, March 31.—According to a letter received from an officer of the Russian gunboat Korietz, which was destroyed by the Japanese at Chemulpo, his ship technically fired the first shot of the war, but this shot was not fired until after Japan had fired three torpedoes in an effort to sink the Korietz. The officer writes that he had been ever rupture of diplomatic relations. The Korietz left Chemulpo for Port Arthur, with dispatches from M. Pavlov, the Russian Minister to Korea, and met the Japanese cruiser and torpedo squadron while still in neutral waters. Being unsuspecting, the Korietz steamed between the two divisions of the squadron with the tarpaulins still covering her guns, when it was noticed that the Japanese were training their guns on the Russian vessel, but it was not until the torpedo boats began to maneuver preparatory to torpedoing that the Russian vessel fired.

THE WAR NEWS.

It is reported by way of Seoul that the Japanese attempted a landing at New Chwang in force. The result is not known. Russia is believed to be evacuating her various positions in Korea and retreating before the Jap advance. Nothing new is known as to Port Arthur and the rival fleets, but as the Mikado's Government is determined to battle Makarov, any hour may tell of another attempt on Togo's part to do the trick. The Jap press censorship is more rigid than ever, very little news of any consequence leaking out. This very secrecy may be due to an important coup planned by the Japs.

WANT SOFT COAL DUTY REMOVED

Movement on at Ottawa to Have It Done Away With—The Customs Returns.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Ont., March 31.—There is a movement on here for the removal of the duty on soft coal imported from the United States. The duty is 53 cents a ton. The Ottawa Board of Trade has adopted a resolution unanimously in favor of the removal of the duty. All the railway companies and manufacturers are in favor of the duty being removed.

VICKSBURG DIDN'T HELP

Had No Orders to Rescue Drowning Russians.

Odessa, March 31.—The Russian steamer Malaya has been quarantined at Constantinople. Consequently the survivors of the Variaz and Korietz, who are on board that vessel, will not arrive here until early tomorrow. A letter from Chemulpo, Korea, is printed here, describing the fight. It contains the following regarding the rescue of the crews of the Variaz and Korietz: "Before destroying their ships, the Russians signaled to the foreign warships to take the crews and wounded survivors of the Variaz and Korietz. All the ships sent boats to the Variaz and Korietz to transport the crews excepting the American cruiser Vicksburg, which did not send a surgeon to dress the wound, she did not take one member of crews on board, explaining that no permission to do so had been received from the American Government."

BOER WAR EXHIBIT

General Delarey Opposes War Scenes for St. Louis Exposition.

Krugerstadt, March 30.—Gen. Delarey, the former Boer commander, addressing a congress of farmers today, said he regretted the forthcoming exhibition of the Boer war at the St. Louis exposition, which he said would be a shameful production. Delarey said he wished to bring to the notice of the world the fact that the Boers had abandoned all thoughts of war, and that it was now their privilege to work in peace. NEW SOUTH WALES CROP. Sydney, N. S. W., March 31.—The work of harvesting this year's wheat crop is nearly completed, and the Government estimates place the yield at 11,000,000 bushels, the best in years. No present indications of a change to any colder.

KING AT COPENHAGEN.

Copenhagen, March 31.—King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra arrived here yesterday to attend a family gathering on the occasion of King Christian's birthday. The royal party then proceeded to the station by the members of the royal family and many officials and diplomats. The royal party then proceeded to the station by the members of the royal family and many officials and diplomats.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

TOMORROW—MILD AND SHOWERY.

London, Thursday, March 31. Sun rises: 6:01 a.m. Moon sets: 7:08 p.m. Sun sets: 6:43 p.m. Moon rises: 5:08 a.m.

FORECASTS.

Thursday, March 31—8 a.m. Unsettled, mild and showery until noon on Friday.

TEMPERATURE.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary 34 34 Snow. Winnipeg 34 34 Fair. Toronto 36 34 Fair. Montreal 36 34 Fair. Ottawa 36 34 Fair. Quebec 36 34 Fair. Father Point 36 34 Clear.

WEATHER NOTES.

Showery weather prevails over the lake region and over the St. Lawrence valley. The outlook being generally unsettled. Mild conditions everywhere exist, with no present indications of any cold. The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Wednesday, were: Highest, 48°; lowest, 32.5°.

A BONANZA FOR THE RUSS CREWS

\$75,000 Prize Money for the Vladivostok Squadron.

CHINA'S NEUTRALITY SUSPECTED

Russia Thinks the Celestials Will Presently Be Involved in Far East War.

St. Petersburg, March 31.—For sinking Japanese merchantmen in Sungari Straits at the opening of the war \$75,000 has been distributed in prize money to the crews of the four cruisers of the Vladivostok squadron. The invalid Russ, the army organ, concludes from Gen. Mischenko's reports that the Japanese are continuing their concentration and gradually advancing on their way to Wulu, their advance guard is at Kanan and the Vladivostok on miles further north. In connection with the activity of the Chinese along the Shan Hai Kwan Railroad the Bourne Gazette warns the powers of the unreliability of Chinese neutrality and says it believes they are making a serious mistake, declaring that the celestials are going to strengthen the pressure at Pekin in order to compel the non-participation of China in the war and concludes: "Russia cannot forever play the solitary watch dog of civilization in the Far East."

SOME SPENCERISMS

Philosopher Says Ruskin Was Absurd—He Couldn't Read Homer.

London, March 31.—The Times this morning publishes advance extracts from the autobiography of Herbert Spencer, which give interesting and curious remarks made by the philosopher. For example, he says: "After reading six books of the Iliad I felt that I could not read the end, and after a perusal of Ruskin's 'Stones of Venice' I have just left it in Ruskin's judgment; doubtless he has a fine and eloquent style, but he has uttered multitudinous absurdities." The philosopher also expresses admiration for George Eliot, both physically and intellectually, but says the report which was current that he was in love with her was a mistake. He said he was not interested in her.

A TOTTERING INVALID

Serious Condition of the "Sick Man" of Turkey.

Constantinople, March 31.—A diplomat tells a correspondent that "the Sultan's ill-health cannot be much longer concealed, though the authorities move heaven and earth to keep the facts out of the newspapers. I dare say London knows the Sultan's serious condition as well as his own sovereign has advised our Government of the state of affairs. The Sultan is becoming so indolent or so incapacitated for work that he even refuses to sign the list of decorations and honors to be conferred on the occasion of the Balkan festival. As a matter of fact, he seems to be interested in the safety of his person alone. Every little while we hear of the appointment of new officials doing guard duty at the palace, or watching those already appointed to protect the Sultan's precious life."

SUNDAY LABOR IN BERLIN

Magistrate Reserves Decision in the Beef Sugar Factory Case.

Berlin, Ont., March 31.—Counsel in the action brought by the Provincial Lord's Day Alliance against the Ontario Sugar Company for operating its works on Sunday presented their arguments to Magistrate Weir, who reserved a decision on the ground that commercial necessity cannot be shown for a conviction on the ground that labor is permissible. It must be viewed from the rest day standpoint. For the sugar company Mr. Miller holds that the statute on which the action is based is obsolete: (2) that the statute does not apply to corporations such as the defendant company, and (3) that on the evidence given the Sunday work is a necessity.

RESTED COMFORTABLY

No Serious Consequences of Accident to Lady Minto.

Ottawa, March 31.—Lady Minto was reported later to be resting comfortably and no complications were feared. The break is of a very painful character, and account of the force of the fall one of the bones protruded through the flesh. The countess, however, is of robust constitution, and it is thought that she will be able to withstand the severe nervous shock incidental to the accident. Her excellency received many messages from all parts of Canada, the United States and Great Britain, expressing sympathy.

Gamey Breaks Out Afresh; Clashes With the Speaker

Is Compelled to Withdraw Unparliamentary Remarks.

County Councils, Special Trains, Errant Tresses Discussed.

Mr. Pettipiece's Railway Taxation Bill Up Again—Legislature Adjourns for Easter.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, March 30.—After sitting till nearly midnight, the Legislature tonight took a recess until Tuesday next, thus enabling members to spend Easter at their homes. Among the incidents of the afternoon was the calling-down of Mr. Gamey by the Speaker for some unparliamentary remarks in which he questioned the truthfulness of statements made by members of the Government. Mr. Gamey, not content with aspersing the Government, made a stirring rejoinder to the Speaker, which he had to withdraw.

GAMEY TOOK IT BACK.

Subsequently, the Attorney-General asked Mr. Gamey to withdraw his remark with regard to the Speaker, when that gentleman called him to order.

Mr. Gamey said that for the benefit of the Attorney-General he would explain that he was perfectly satisfied with the Speaker's ruling, and did not mean to cast any reflection upon him. What he meant to say was that he knew the predilections of the Government with regard to himself.

But the Attorney-General was not satisfied with this statement. Mr. Whitney—I have never hesitated to uphold the dignity of the Speaker and of the House, but I know of honorable gentlemen who have not done so. When any member says he said so and so, and means said so, the rules provide that the House must accept his explanation. Mr. Gamey has made his explanation and a proper one it is, too. Mr. Fox-Tucker Mr. Gamey's statement literally it was not a proper one, but he was addressing his remarks to the Government, and not to the Speaker.

The Speaker accepted the explanation, and took the occasion to say that he had no objection to the Speaker's treatment of the Premier. Mr. Whitney inquired when the Soo bill would be given its second reading. "I cannot say," the Premier answered.

Mr. Whitney—When will the documents in connection with the measure be brought down? The Premier—They will come down some time for the discussion.

A SPECIAL TRAIN.

The special train which was chartered to convey Valentine Stock from his home in Perth county to the city on the 18th inst., it was definitely stated that no application had been received from the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. The letters referred to plainly showed such application had been made. How could these two statements be reconciled? he asked.

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