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RUSS FLEET NOW IN STRAITS OF KOREA; RUMOR SAYS THAT BATTLE IS ALREADY ON

lieving Rojestvensky Will Whip Japs.

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Advices from various sources today point to the probability of an early battle between the Russian and Japanese fleets. The Tokio dispatches reporting the presence of Russian warships off Tsu Islands, in the Straits of Korea, indicate that the Russian admiral has divided his fleet, as authentic dispatches to the Associated Press, confirmed by advices received at Washington, show that some Russian vessels are still near Shanghai. It is probable that Rojestvensky has detached his auxiliaries, supply vessels, unarmored ships and others unfit for battle, and proceeded northward with his main (fighting forces. Whether it is his intention to force Togo to accept battle or whether his object is to reach Vladivostock, the dispatch does not make clear,

Tokio, May 27.-Noon-It is rumored here the Japanese and Russian fleets under Vice-Admiral Togo and Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky have engaged in the Korean Straits.

Tokio, May 27, 4:30 p.m.-Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet has been sighted off Tsushima Islands, in the Strait of Korea.

Saigon, Cochin-China, May 27, - Returning colliers report that Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet arrived off the Saddle Islands on May 24, and proceeded in the direction of the Straits of Korea.

Washington Hears It.

Washington, May 27. - Private advices received here of an entirely au-Russian vessels, including 3 battleships and 3 cruisers, off Saddle Islands, which are 60 or 70 miles so it st of Shanghai. Additional information reports that it is rumored a naval engagement has taken place.

Has Roiy Doubled Back?

St. Petersburg, May 27, 1:10 p.m. The tension in naval circles is very great. News of the meeting of the Russian and Japanese fleets is expected hourly. The dispatch from Tokio to the Associated Press saving it was rumored that the fleets have already engaged in the Straits of Korea aroused in-tense interest at the admiralty, but nothing confirmatory had been received there up to the time this dispatch was filed. The majority of the officers were inclined to doubt the accuracy of the Tokio report, believing that Rojestvensky with his fighting ships is heading northward. Others on the contrary considered it quite likely that Rojestvensky, after passing out into the Pacific, doubled back through the Luchu Islands and will take the straightest course for Vladivostock. Rojestvensky, they point out is a believer in strategy and mystification, and his cruise in the Pacific may have been not only to avoid the danger of mines and torpedo boat attacks in the shallow waters of the Straits of Formosa, but to deceive the Japanese into the belief that his objective was either the Tsugaru or La Perouse Straits, while in reality he changed his course and headed for the Straits of Korea. As a matter of fact Rojestvensky seems to have mystified his own admiralty as much as the Japanese. On one hand the appearance of Russian colliers and converted cruisers off Shanghai is taken as being confirmatory of the theory that Rojestvensky's fighting division headed back after circling the Island of Formosa, and on the other the presence of the colliers and converted cruisers off Shanghai is regarded as a blind to confuse the Japanese. The orders sent to Japanmerchant vessels at Che Foo await instructions before sailing are considered to strengthen the former view, indicating that Admiral Togo received information that Rojestvensky had altered his course and thereupon ordered all the Japanese merchantmen to remain in port.

St. Petersburg Feels Good.

St. Petersburg, May 27, 3:45 p.m. -There was great rejoicing here on refrom Tokio, announcing that Admiral Rojestvensky had been sighted off the Tsu Island Straits of Korea.

Many people believe Rojestvensky the strike. has already met and defeated Admiral Togo, while others hold that he has time when finances are a serious probeluded the Japanese admiral, and that lem. The response to the request for it will now be a stern chase for Vladi-large has, it is alleged, not been up vostock. The fact that today is a to expectations, and with a daily exgeneral holiday, the anniversary of the Emperor's coronation, is considered a will be wrecked. happy augury. The city, which is gaily decorated, is full of rumors of a Russian victory.

Rojy Spoiling for Fight.

New York, May 27 .- The St. Peters burg correspondent of the Times cables under date of Friday: As the result

sonal characteristics.

passing. He remembered nothing more until after the operation. He is recovering rapidly,

St. Petersburg Rejoices Be- the purchase of Argentine warships by by Lieut,-Gen. Mistchenko, compose Bulgaria for Russia.

> steamer Saint Kilda, which arrived here today from Kuchinotsu, Japan, squadrons of the vanguard reached the reports having sighted early in the morning of Wednesday, May 24, 45 stores depot and destroyed the tele-Russian vessels, including battleships, cruisers, torpedo-boat destroyers, col-liers, a hospital ship, and tugs. 140 partly annihilated and partly dispersed. miles southeast of the Saddle Islands. first sighted, and most of the colliers in a northwesterly direction,

The Saddle Islands are a group of 25 its officers and two machine guns. small islands situated about 60 miles southeast of Shanghai.

Cossacks Capture Transports.

St. Petersburg, May 26. - News of a successful cavalry raid by Lieut.-Gen. several prisoners and 100 horses, Mistchenko comes in the following dis- the return journey the Russians dispatch from Lieut.-Gen, Linevitch to the persed several bands of Chinese ban-Emperor dated May 25: A cavalry detachment commanded officers and 234 men.

of a portion of the South Caucasian brigade and Trans-Baikal Cossacks Hong Kong, May 27. - The British While engaged on May 17 in repulsing the enemy to the southward, approached Sinlouytcheun. On May 18 Fakoman road, where they burned a graph for a considerable distance. Large bands of Chinese bandits en-

On May 19 the main body arrived at the Fakoman-Shifudz road and found The Russians were stationary when the heights, south of Gakoman occupied by a large Japanese force, consist were half empty. Subsequently, the ing of guards and infantry with ma-Russian vessels steamed away, heading annihilated two Japanese companies chine guns. The Russians attacked and and captured another company with all The Russians seized a road on the

right, bank of the Liao River and dispersed, near Shifudza, a transport train seven versts (4 2-3 miles) long, with rice, tinned fcod and fruit, destroved the telegraph line and took dits. The prisoners taken number



Ruins of the Dyment-Baker mill and box factory, corner of Wellington and Bathurst streets. The loss of the firm will be in the neighborhood of thentic nature reports more than 21 \$56,000. There is a possibility that the Dyment-Baker Company will not re-

HOTEL PROJECT IS DRINKING CUP SHELVED FOR TIME

Was Made in the Sixteenth Question of Quarter-Million Dol-Century and Was Carved From Rock Crystal.

London, May 27.-A small sixteenth century drinking cup, carved out of ock crystal, mounted and enameled with gold was sold at auction here yesterday afternoon for \$81,375.

It is said that the cup was purchased for J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York. It belonged to John Gabbitas, of London, who placed the reserve price at \$25,000. There has been much discussion over its authenticity, but the Brit-

ish Museum has pronounced it genuine. The bidding was fast and furious from \$2,500 to \$50,000, but thence forward the duel was between two prominent London dealers. It is believed that \$81,375 is the highest price ever paid for a single object in an English auction room.

THE CHICAGO STRIKE

Lack of Funds May Bring Struggle to an End.

Chicago, May 27.-Attention of strikers and employers was centered largely today on the effect of the action of the Associated Building Trades, accounted the strongest labor body in Ontario Teachers in Convention Ob-Chicago, and representing in its membership upwards of 18,000 union workmen. This body having withdrawn both moral and financial support from the teamsters' cause, the first effect will be to cut off nearly \$1,000 a week from the strikers' funds. This subsequent effect is problematical, many thinking it means the first break in ceipt of the Associated Press dispatch | the struggle, the beginning of the end. In any event, it seems to check the peril to the whole building industry of the city-a situation which had be come one of the greatest problems of

> Further, this withdrawal of financial support is particularly trying at a

REGAINS HIS REASON

Unusual Experience of Grand Trunk Brakeman in Windsor Yards.

Windsor, May 27. - Five months ago Wm. Murphy, a Grand Trunk employe of information received at the admir- was found in an unconscious condition alty, a high naval official expresses near the coal chutes in the Grand ture for St. Lawrence division of this the belief that a naval battle is bound Trunk yard with a bad cut on the side to occur within three or four days. Of his head. He was removed to the been removed to the Royal Victoria.

Whence the information comes he are Whence the information comes, he can but Murphy did not recover his reason, Dr. Ashbough trephined Murphy's Naval circles generally are convinced that Rojestvensky will do his best to find Togo. The belief is based chiefly on knowledge of Rojestvensky's per-

lar Hostelry for London To Be Taken Up Later.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, May 26 .- The project of a new quarter-million-dollar notel for London brought to the attention of the public a couple of months ago, has been temporally shelved. It will be remembered that Mr. L. J. Walker, Bradstreet's representative in London, received a letter stating that if \$50,000 London capital could be found for investment in a hotel project, Toronto men would supply \$200,000, and a company would be organized. Mr. Walker's correspondent was Mr. W. S. Dinnick, vice-president and managing director of the Standard Loan Company, of Toronto. Mr. Dinnick was prepared to push the project at that time, but during the negotiations for absorbing the Birkbeck Loan Company, which he was conducting, he was taken ill with pneumonia and was confined to his nouse for more than a month. Since returning to duty, other matters have

Mr. Dinnick is to be married in June. and will be absent on a bridal tour for over a month, so it will probably be August before he will be able to touch the project again. Mr. Dinnick representing a Toronto syndicate, but he does not deem it advisable to make their names public at the present time.

WANT BETTER TRAINING

ject to Present System.

Ottawa, May 27.-The convention of school teachers, representing Carlton. Russell, Glengarry, Prescott and Stormont Counties and Perth, Brockville and Smith's Falls towns, has passed the following resolution to be sent to Hon. Dr. Pyne, Minister of Education: The present system of training the teachers of Ontario in three distinct and unrelated institutes, viz., Model School, Normal School, Normal College, is too inefficient, without parallel in the case of other professions, and in good part accountable for low salaries and arrested development in the ranks of our teachers. The interests of our schools required a teachers' college in Eastern Ontario in university affiliation, where all grades of teachers may receive their professional training in in most parts of Ontario and showers association with academic preparation have occurred generally today in Que-

for their B.A. degree.

The nature study curriculum was apto take steps to secure a permanent orto take steps to secure a permanent or66; Ottawa. 58-66; Montréal.

Cochrane Very III.

Montreal, May 26. - James Cochrane, member of the Quebec Legisla- Calgary city, an ex-mayor of Montreal, health. For a year or more past Mr. Cochrane has been forced to live in the country on account of his physical cendition, which is now alarming his

Japs Order Engines

Glasgow, May 27.—The Japanese Government has ordered another hun-dred powerful locomotives of the North British Locomotive Combine.

TORONTO MAY TAKE DYMENT-BAKER CONCERN FROM LONDON

Possibility That the Mill Will to remove the mill to Toronto, we will build a warehouse here and will still retain the present site in this city. We Not Be Rebuilt-Matter Soon To Be Settled.

It begins to look very much as if the Dyment-Baker Lumber Company will leave this city. In fact, the company has gone so far as to purchase a site for a factory in Toronto, and it is understood that Mr. Dyment is strongly favorable to the removal of the big planing mill to that city. Mr. Baker was interviewed on the matter today. "I am afraid it is al-most settled," he said, "that we will leave London. Mr. Dyment advises the removal, as he believes it would be in the best interests of the company. But can tell you frankly that I am the only person who is opposing the removal." I do not care to leave London, and I

"Is there any possible chance of the "Well, probably there is," was Mr. Baker's reply. "You see we have purchased a site in Toronto, but we will need that in any event-whether we decide to build in London or in Toronto. If we conclude to stay here, we will put up a mill which will increase our former capacity by at least 50 site purchased in Toronto for a warehouse which we need badly in that

ronto. Personally I desire to have i

"Why would it be more advantageous to the company to go to Toronto?'
"Well, you see we would have the
benefit of cheap freight rates by water, and we would also have more room. At present we have not nearly enough room, and the yard we have been using on the north side of Bathurst street will be no longer available to us, because the Grand Trunk will want to use it shortly.' "Will your company be looking for any inducements from the city to remain here?"

"No," Mr. Baker answered, decided-"we came here without assistance, and we will look for nothing. And, anyway, the city has nothing to give to anybody. It's purely a matter of business with us."

Mr. Baker also stated that the mat-

ter will be settled one way or the other within a few days. The company had in the past employed about 50 Today's Toronto Globe says: "The

Dyment-Baker Lumber Company has purchased a large piece of ground fronting on Perth avenue and backing on the railroad, on which they propos house which we need badly in that mill and box factory and to carry city. If on the other hand we decide well-assorted stock of lumber."

A Liberal Rally

Liberals, attention. Every Liberal in South London is invited to attend the oig rally which will be held in the club noms, corner of Craig street and the Wortley road, tonight.

Hon. Mr. Hyman will be present and address the gathering. All who desire to help the Liberal candidate and the Liberal cause should not fail to be or

It will be an old-time Liberal rally one of the old Hyman kind, Everybody is invited. Everybody is welcome.

Has 14,000 People and Will Issue Bond Just Like Real City.

sioner Black says the assessable value of Windsor property this year is approximately \$9,000,000. The population is a little over 14,000. The city will at once issue bonds to the amount of \$140,000, as authorized by the Ontario egislature, to pay for improvements, mostly paving. In addition, bonds for \$20,000 will be issued, as authorized by the bylaw carried on the 12th inst.

McGraw Punished.

New York, May 27, - Manager Mc-Graw, of the New York Baseball Club, has been fined \$150 and suspended for 15 days for using offensive language to President Dreyfus, of the Pittsburg

Could'nt Stand Shock.

Detroit, Mich., May 27. - David Mitchell the Canadian whose back was broken by a fall from the third-story window of a Mount Clemens hotel, where he was undergoing treatment for alcoholism, and upon whom a rare operation, the first of its kind in Michgan, was performed, ten days ago in Detroit Hospital, in hope of saving his life, is dead. The operation appeared to be successful, but Mitchell had not strength to stand the shock. Mitchell is said to be of a wealthy family in a town northwest of Toronto.

FOOT GUARDS MAY NORWEGIAN CRISIS:

Colonel Gordon, of Kingston, Ministry Resigns Over Con-Investigating Trouble of Ottawa Corps.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, May 27 .- Col. Gordon, Kingston, has been investigating the trouble among the Governor-General's Foot Guards. It is likely that the regiment will be disbanded and reorganized. Some days ago a dispatch from Ottawa stated that the regiment was practically in a state of mutiny, because of the commanding officer's intention to reduce the number of offi-It was also stated that many of the officers and men had refused to

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow -Fine and Warmer

Toronto, May 26-8 p.m. Rain fell heavily during last night have occurred generally today in Quebec and more locally in Manitoba. The nature study curriculum was approved, as also the introduction of school gardens, for which larger grants were urged. A committee was formed to take steps to secure a permanent or
to take steps to secure a permanent or-Quebec, 56-62; St. John, 42-54; Hali-fax, 40-72.

TEMPERATURES. Sa.m. Min. Stations. Weather.

FORECASTS. Light to moderate variable winds: fine and a little warmer today and on a cost of nearly a million dollars. This Sunday.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

ST. PIERRE FOLK BITTER

Object to Presence on Island of British Consul.

St. Johns, Nrd., May 27.—The French fisher folk of St. Plerre Miquelon bitterly resent the presence there of the new British consul, and are already agitating for his removal, regarding the presence of such an official as the last step towards the utter ruin of the prosperity of the place.

THE WARSAW DISORDERS

Governor-General Tells Soldiers to Use Arms Without Hesitation.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, May 27 .lovernor-General Maximovitch during WINDSOR WORTH \$9,000,000 the night issued a proclamation orderuse their arms without hesitation to this end, and giving notice that all persons arrested in connection with disturbances will be tried by court Strong patrols of cavalry and in-

THE OCEAN YACHT RACE

German Flyer in the Lead With Several Others Close Up.

New York, May 27.-The German yacht Hamburg was leading the Ailsa by thirteen miles with the Atlantic, Fleur De Lys and the English clipper- All are Sarnia men. ship Valhalla strung out in that order How It Happened. far astern when these yachts were sighted on May 23 and 24 by the St. Paul. The Endymion also was sighted the north of that taken by the Ham-

burg and the Ailsa.

Fire on the Majestic. Liverpool, May 27 .- Fire from an unin the second cabin section of the White Star line steamer Majestic White Star line steamer Majestic (which arrived at Liverpool May 25, from New York) while bring the cars and putting the cars ed into kindling, the accident was not a very costly one, and as one of the officials remarked, the company would care little from New York), while lying at her ahead of the engine to London. dock here. Considerable damage was done to the cabins before the flames

BE DISBANDED WAR MAY FOLLOW

sular Trouble—Secret Preparations for War.

Christiania, Norway, May 27-King eil of ministers declined to sign the tem for Norway. The ministers immediately tendered their resignations but the king refused to accept them.

The Christiania converse accept them. The Christiania correspondent of the Will Be Placed on Front Between London Daily Express sends a sensa-tional story of alleged secret warlike preparations at strategic points on the Norwegian frontier for the purpose of meeting possibilities relative to the dispute between Norway and Sweden on the question of separate consular rep- mayor that the postoffice department throwing a bomb at his carriage, has

A QUEBEC MURDER

London, Saturday, May 27. Sun rises. 4:42 a.m. Moon rises. 4:42 a.m. Sun sets. 7:47 p.m. Moon sets. 1:24 p.m. Disclosed by Finding Body of a Young Frenchman.

Montreal, May 27.—A special dispatch from St. Theophile, Quebec, states that the finding of the body of Sydney Laurson, who disappeared six months ago, has disclosed that Laurson was murdered. Two doctors testified at the inquest that death was due to foul play and a verdict of murder by persons unknown was rendered. A man named Anderson, formerly of the parish but now living across the border in Maine, is suspected of the crime, and is being held by the Maine authorities.

New Agricultural College.

Montreal, Que., May 27. - The Province of Quebec is to establish an agricultural college in the near future at announcement was made in this city by O. Dallaire, who has been engaged The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Friday were: Highest, 61; lowest, 42:5 the apathy existing in the schools to-

PERE MARQUETTE TO FIGHT; MAY GO TO PRIVY COUNCIL

tirely, but it is a question whether we will have the mill in London or in To-Then Carry Case to the Courts.

The Pere Marquette Railway Com- , yards of space to the American side of pany has decided to fight the deportation of its officials, and one of the test

ases will be made in London Yester-

day District Passenger Agent Britton left London, making the announcement that in future his headquarters would be in Detroit. Today he is back in this crty, having been ordered by his com-

ies shall be compelled to lay hands

on him to compel him to leave. And he is doing business at the old

It is understood that the Michigan

All Will Fight.

A dispatch from St. Thomas says: The Pere Marquette men ordered for deportation say this morning they have been instructed not to leave until escorted out of the country. tendent Pyeatt is expected back from Ottawa this afternoon. It is the purpose of the company to allow an ar-rest to be made and then to carry the matter into the courts. They have engaged counsel here and say they will carry the case to the Privy Council if necessary. They base their determina-tion on the contention that the alien law does not apply to the class of

me employed here. St. Thomas, Ont., May 27.-The Pere Marquette men ordered for deportation say this morning they have been instructed not to leave until escorted out of the country. Superintendent Pyeatt is expected back from Ottawa this afternoon. It is the purpose of the company to allow an arrest to be made and then to carry the matter into the They have engaged counsel here and say they will carry the case to the Privy Council if necessary. They once at Washington. The evening pa- base their determination on the conpers of Detroit have worked themselves tention that the alien law does not apply to the class of men employed up into a great flurry, and are devoting here

"All right," Shannon answered, and

Suddenly Johnston, standing on

the boxcar on the second train, saw

the rear light of the van of the first

approaching him, and he shouted a

warning and leaped for his life. Shan-

non could not see the lantern of the

was standing at the cupola when the trains met. Though moving slowly the

The boxcar was crushed into kindling,

At the same time the two flat cars

pushed ahead were doubled up, while

Engineer Daniels said after the ac-

cident that the shock was so slight that

he did not know anything was wrong

until he saw Conductor Van Horne

signaling him with a lantern to stop.

In a moment he brought his train to a

standstill, and the engineer of 586 also

assistance of Shannon, but when he was extricated from the wreck life was

extinct. An undertaker was at once

summoned and the body was ordered

prepared for burial. Relatives of the

The crews immediately went to the

the train continued to back slowly into

Trains Collide in a Fog, Brakeman Instantly Killed

the siding.

The Fatal Crash.

killing him instantly.

Albert Shannon Meets Death, in East End Yards of the Grand Trunk.

In the fog which overspread the city in the early hours this morning, Albert Shannon, aged 26 years, unmarried, and whose home is at Arkona, other brakeman in the thick fog, and met his death in a collision on the there were no other lights on the end Grand Trunk Railway a few yards of the freight car. Consequently he east of Egerton street.

Shannon was killed instantly, his life being crushed out between a the cars together with terrific force. the public buildings are guarded by freight car and the cupola of the van and as the floor of it was driven upon which he was standing when the wards it crushed the unfortunate smashup took place, shortly after 6 brakeman into the end of the cupola,

o'clock The trains which figured in the colli- of the second train which were being sion left Toronto for Sarnia Tunnel last night. The first was in charge of the van of the first freight was also Conductor M. Van Horne, with engine smashed. As the locomotives did not No. 586, and Engineer Galloway at the meet in the collision neither of them. throttle. The second train was in bore a scratch. charge of Conductor Glendon, with Engine No. 789, and Engineer Daniels.

When the first train reached London, Conductor Van Horne had it backed by the St. Paul on a course well to into the siding for the purpose of taking on coal before proceeding to the In the meantime, the second train had reached London and was pulling

into the yard. At Patten's Siding, a few miles west of Ingersoll, Conductor known origin broke out this morning Glendon had picked up three cars, two flats and a box car. Instead of pulling his train apart and putting the cars ed into kindling, the accident was not a ahead of the engine to London.

When the lights of the local yards became visible, Glendon's train s'owed up to between four and five miles an hour, and he attempted to make his way on to the south siding. There he intended to dispose of the three cars he was one. Mr. Gillen men, and by noon the siding intended to dispose of the three cars he was one. Mr. Gillen men, and by noon the siding. intended to dispose of the three cars he picked up at Patten's Siding, and also to take on coal. The fog was dense at the time, and a switch lamp a hundred feet ahead appeared to be half a mile away On the front car of his train a later than the fourth was unobstructed, and all trains were kept moving both ways

W. Johnston, a brakemen, was stationed with a lantern as a lookout.

Meanwhile, the first train was proceeding easterly at a slow rate in the fog, the engine not having reached the coal shute. On the top of the van stood Yardmaster O'Leary, at Egerton street, have an eye out for the other train.

deceased were also notified, and they arrived in this city this morning.

reversed his engine.

coal shute. On the top of the van stood The dead brakeman was a warm favor-Albert Shannon. As he passed Night ite with a large number of the employes Yardmaster O'Leary, at Egerton street, of the road, and his death is deeply de-O'Leary shouted to him to go easy and plored by them. He is said to have been "I heard her whistle a moment ago." For some time he had been running out Christiania, Norway, May 27-King the yard master warned him. "Be of Sarnia, and he was looked upon as a Oscar at today's sitting of the councarful that he doesn't enter the sid-Continued on page 4.

ing from the east end."

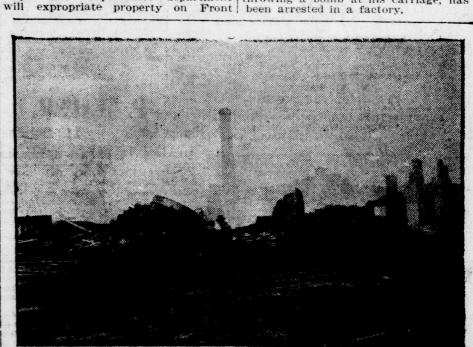
Bay and Yonge.

Toronto, May 27. - Sir Wm. Mulcck,

which will be connected by pneumatic tubes with the outlying postoffices.

Assassin Captured.

Baku, Caucasia, May 27.-The man who assassinated Prince Nakachidze, Postmaster-General, has notified the governor of Baku, Wednesday, by



THURSDAY'S DISASTROUS FIRE. All that remained of three Michigan Central cars that were loaded with harvesting machinery for a London agency. The cars and their contents alone entailed a loss of \$10,000.