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STILL HAMMERING AT PORT ARTHUR

FIRING HEARD AT SEA AT MIDNIGHT ON FEB. 25

RIVAL TORPEDO BOATS IN CONFLICT

Japanese Making Repeated and Strenuous Efforts to do Damage to Fleet in Harbor.

ONE JAP TORPEDO BOAT LOST

London, Feb. 27.—Official Russian and other despatches show that there has been a succession of attacks or demonstrations by the Japanese at Port Arthur, probably undertaken with the intention of covering or preparing for a Japanese landing elsewhere, and possibly with the hope of inflicting further damage on the Russian warships and increasing the demoralization of the Russian forces. It would seem apparent that little damage was inflicted on either side, altho the despatches leave the exact situation at Port Arthur in some obscurity.

The reported landing of Japanese at Poslet Bay, near Vladivostock, has not yet been confirmed. This movement, however, is considered not improbable.

The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Telegraph has sent interesting news of Japan's military operations. HE ASSERTS THAT PORT DALNY IS BEING EVACUATED BY THE RUSSIANS who boast that they have mined the breakwater, wharves and railroad sidings there in order to prevent the Japanese from making use of these facilities. This correspondent repeats that the Russians have only supplies for five months at Port Arthur, and says a large number of Japanese transports have returned to Nagasaki, where they are busily engaged in embarking more troops to be taken to the vicinity of Port Dalny. Over forty transports have left Nagasaki since Feb. 10, and a still larger embarkation has been proceeding from Ujino, near Hiroshima, on the inland sea. Ujina and not Kiota, the correspondent concludes, will be the army and navy headquarters during th war.

The correspondent has recently been in Nagasaki, and is probably well informed. IN ANY EVENT IT IS TAKEN FOR GRANTED IN LONDON THAT ADMIRAL TOGO'S RECENT OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN DEVOTED TO FACILITATING JAPANESE DEBARKATION ON THE LIAOTUNG GULF, OR ELSEWHERE.

STILL HAMMERING.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—A Russian correspondent of the Associated Press telegraphs from Port Arthur under date of Feb. 26 as follows:

"Last night at about 10 o'clock Japanese torpedo boats again unsuccessfully attempted to approach Port Arthur. Firing was heard at sea after midnight and it is presumed that Russian torpedo boats or torpedo boat-destroyers had attacked the Japanese. No details of the result are at hand."

ALEXIEFF AGAIN REPORTS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—The following telegram from Viceroy Alexieff to the czar is published here. It is dated Feb. 26 and says:

"On Feb. 24 seventeen of the enemy's warships, with 12 torpedo boats and steamers, were cruising outside Port Arthur, but keeping out of range. On the same day the Russian cruisers Bayan, Askold and Novikm left the roadstead. Two Japanese cruisers advanced towards the Novik, which returned to Port Arthur, accompanied by our torpedo boats from Pigeon Bay. The enemy cruisers were left far behind. In the evening our cruisers returned to the roadstead.

"On the night of Feb. 25 our torpedo boats proceeded seawards. The same night the Japanese torpedo boats again appeared in the roads, and the battleship Retvizan and the fort batteries opened fire on them. Battery No. 18 reports HAVING SUNK ONE OF THE ENEMY'S TORPEDO BOATS.

"At 9 o'clock in the morning a squadron of 14 vessels was sighted in the distance.

"Maps of Port Arthur and Port Adams and a chart of the Yellow Sea were discovered oboard the enemy's vessels, which were sunk in the night attack of Feb. 24. Conducting wires and electric batteries were found on the vessel, which caught fire. The wires were cut by port miners. The fire has been extinguished."

RUSS BREAKS THE LINE.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—A despatch from Port Arthur says the Japanese torpedo boat attack of Feb. 25 resulted in a complete Russian success. The accurate shooting of the batteries inflicted losses on the enemy, and caused the boiler on one of the Japanese torpedo boats to explode.

Early in the morning a Japanese fleet consisting of six battleships and four cruisers appeared on the horizon. The Russian cruisers Askold, Bayan and Novik were then in the harbor, and the Japanese torpedo boats advanced to within thirty or thirty-five cable lengths to attack them. The Japanese battleships and cruisers separated and then advanced against two Russian torpedo boats cruising in Pigeon Bay. ONE OF THE LATTER BROKE THRU THE ENEMY'S LINE UNDER A HOT FIRE AND REACHED THE HARBOR.

At 10.45 o'clock a fierce artillery engagement began between the Japanese battleships and the Russian cruisers, supported by shore batteries. In view of the superiority of the enemy's six battleships over the three likht Russian cruisers the latter were withdrawn. The enemy ceased fire at 11.25 o'clock, and at 12 o'clock the Japanese cruisers, which was chasing the Russian torpedo boats, began to fire upon the forts, but the firing did not last long.

The Japanese manoeuvring was clumsy and, in turning their vessels, came so close to one another that Russian shells could be seen falling on them as they huddled together.

A Japanese torpedo boat, which was driven ashore near Fort Bielywi, is supposed to have belonged to the flotilla which was escorting the fire ships destroyed on the night of Feb. 23.

RUSSIA ENCROACHING.

Peshawar, British India, Feb. 26.—It is reported that the Ameer's boundary pillars on the Afghan-Turkistan border have been destroyed by Russian agencies.

SAILS SOUTH AGAIN.

Suez, Egypt, Feb. 26.—The Russian squadron from Jibuti is reported to be

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A DIVERSION.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—There is a difference of opinion among the naval and military authorities here in regard to the purpose of the Japanese at Port Arthur, but the prevailing opinion is that it is to effect a diversion to cover their operations elsewhere. It is understood that the battleship Retvizan alone remains anchored outside the mouth of the harbor, acting as a guardship. The remainder of the Russian squadron is inside, so as to avoid a torpedo attack. The idea that the Japanese seriously contemplate a bombardment of Port Arthur, involving the exposure of their ships to a plunging fire from the guns on Golden Hill, is considered by the military experts here to be absurd.

Drove Russians to Shelter

In Morning Fight at Port Arthur

Japanese Again Bombard It

Shell Torpedo Boats in Pigeon Bay, Causing Alexieff to Take Measures to Oppose Their Creeping Up by Sea, as Result of Action.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—(2 a.m.)—A copy of a telegram from the viceroy of the far east Admiral General Adjutant Alexieff, to his majesty the emperor has just been given out. It is dated Feb. 25. The place whence it is sent is not stated, but it is supposed to be Mukden. The message is as follows:

"A squadron of the enemy's vessels, numbering sixteen, approached the fortress at about 11 o'clock this morning and opened a bombardment on the cruisers Askold, Bayan and Novik, which were in the outer harbor, and also on the fortress. The firing continued for half an hour. Then our cruisers went into the harbor. The enemy fired for several minutes on one of our batteries and then began to leave. They stopped within sight of the fort, but out of range of fire.

"At this time four of the enemy's cruisers detached themselves from the squadron and proceeded to Pigeon Bay, where they quickly opened fire on our torpedo boats that were cruising there. They directed also a strong cannonade against the shore. The commandant consequently sent troops to Pigeon Bay. The firing there lasted for thirty minutes, but no landing was made. The Japanese cruisers then departed. Several measures have been taken to oppose a possible effort on the part of the enemy to creep up by sea.

"Our losses this day were one man wounded at the battery.

"I respectfully report the above to your imperial majesty.

"(Signed) Alexieff."

ONLY ONE MAN KILLED.

London, Feb. 26.—A despatch to a news agency from St. Petersburg says the official report of Major-General Pflug, chief of staff of Viceroy Alexieff, on the details of the attack on Port Arthur during the morning of Feb. 25, is as follows:

"The enemy's squadron of sixteen warships approached from the Dalny side toward the harbor of Port Arthur, about 11 a.m., on the 25th inst., and at once opened fire upon our three cruisers standing outside in the roadstead, namely, the Askold, Bayan and Novik, and also against the land forts. The bombardment lasted half an hour. At the conclusion the cruisers retired into the harbor. The enemy then bombarded one land battery for some minutes. Then the enemy also retreated, remaining out of the range of our guns.

"In the meanwhile four Japanese cruisers separated from the enemy's main squadron and went into Golubinsja Bay, where they opened a heavy fire upon one of our torpedo boats stationed in the bay, and also upon the coast batteries. Consequently the commander of the fort sent troops to this point, but no landing took place. The bombardment there lasted 22 minutes, at the expiration of which time the Japanese cruisers retreated. The loss on our side this day was one man wounded in one of the land batteries.

"THE OFFICER COMMANDING AT VLADIVOSTOCK REPORTS THAT ON FEB. 24, EARLY IN THE MORNING, TEN OF THE ENEMY'S SHIPS WERE SEEN SOUTH OF THE ISLAND. THEY DISAPPEARED ON THE HORIZON IN THE EVENING."

LANDING EXPECTED SOON.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—A despatch received here from Port Arthur, dated Feb. 26, says: "At 1 o'clock this morning several Japanese torpedo boats were sighted from here with their sails set for the purpose of disguising their character. The battleship Retvizan and the shore batteries opened fire on them, and continued firing until daybreak without any visible results. After daybreak a Japanese squadron, apparently convoying transports, were sighted at 11.15. This squadron came nearer, and an engagement which lasted forty minutes ensued. There was no damage; few shells fell in Port Arthur. It is expected here that the Japanese will attempt a landing soon."

17000 Coreans to Join Japs

By Order of the Government

To Fight Against Russia

Peninsular Troops Are Drilled in European Methods and Will Be a Great Adjunct to the Forces of the Mikado in the Field.

Seoul, Feb. 26.—The Corean government has decided to order the Corean troops to join the Japanese forces in the field. The port of Wiju was opened to foreign trade last night. The limitations to be placed on trade and other matters will be passed later. The action necessitates a harbor. Yongampho has been decided upon.

The Army of Corea.

In all the discussions about Japan and Russia in the far east which are occupying the attention of the world, one hears no mention of the Corean army. Yet the Corean soldier is by no means a bad-looking type. There are 20,000 of them in the standing army, 8000 of them in Seoul, 5000 on the northern frontier, and the rest are scattered thruout the country. They are clothed and equipped after the Japanese fashion, in blue uniforms, boots, and canvas leggings, but have in addition large padded cotton overcoats and sheepskin collars. They are well armed with 10,000 of the latest pattern Japanese rifles, 10,000 Gras rifles, and an equal number of an older pattern Russian rifle. With the exception of constant parades and guard work, they have had little training, however, and the officers are without military knowledge or experience.

In 1896 it was taken in hand by a Russian colonel with three commissioned and ten non-commissioned officers, who retired, however, in 1898. A royal bodyguard of 1000 men was formed and has been well drilled, and periodically a draft of well-trained men is transferred from it to the other regiments of the standing army. A police force of about 2000 men has also been formed, and is under the police department.

The main object of the army, which is purely voluntary, is to keep order in the country. It is, therefore, organized on the company system, each under a captain. The generals are all civilians, who are given rank thru political influence, and who not only are entirely ignorant of military matters themselves, but keep down any of the junior officers who display zeal or professional knowledge.

A Queer Little Kingdom.

As may be imagined, the army is a half-hearted sort of concern, without any real discipline. There are only 200 cavalry altogether, mounted on the diminutive the hardy ponies of the country, and the guns recently purchased in England have not yet been issued by the English commissioner of customs, in whose possession they still are.

The rumor recently circulated in Japan that an arrangement had been made with the Russians to officer and reorganize the Corean army is absolutely without foundation.

The management of the army, like that of the country, in general, is in a most hopeless way. No one else in the world but the mild and placid Corean could stand for a day the way things are done. The emperor is the government, and nothing can be done without him, but as he is continually busy attending to trifles there is no government.

It is one vast system of "squeeze," those temporarily in power making the most of their fleeting opportunities.

The residents of the capital appear to escape better than the fortunate inhabitants of the rest of the country, who are very heavily taxed indeed, the land tax alone being 40 per cent. At the present time, on account of increasing war scares, the price of rice, the national food, has gone up very much, and the poor people are even worse off than usual.

INFANT WAS BURNED.

Bracebridge, Feb. 26.—The home of E. A. Pelletier, the oldest building in town, was burned to-day. Three children were in the house. Two were saved, but an infant, two months' old, was burned to death. The loss is placed at $2000.

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WIARTON IN BAD WAY.

Wiarton, Feb. 26.—The citizens of Wiarton were much relieved to-day when the mail clerk received permission to hitch up a team and drive 15 miles to Parkhead Junction after the mail, which was deposited there by the trains running to Owen Sound.

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TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Prof. Coleman on "Winning of Canadian Wilds," University, 3 p.m.

Prof. Mavor on "Greater Municipalities of the United States," Trinity College, 3.30 p.m.

Toronto Driving Club, Queen's Park, 3.30 p.m.

Ward 1 Conservatives, public meeting, in Dingman's Hall, 8 p.m.

Canadian Institute, J. A. Tyrrell and James Bain on "Hudson Bay," 8 p.m.

Massey Hall, Grossmith's farewell recital, 8 p.m.

"Pop" concert, Association Hall, 8 p.m.

"Pop" concert, West End Y.M.C.A., 8 p.m.

Princess—"A Country Girl," 2 and 8 p.m.

Grand—"Lover's Lane," 2 and 8 p.m.

Majestic—"On the Bridge at Midnight," 2 and 8 p.m.

Shea's—Vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.

Star—Burlesque, 2 and 8 p.m.

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DID NOT KILL IRENE COLE JOS. KENNEDY GOES FREE

Brantford Jury Acquits Him After Being Out Nearly Four Hours —Judge's Fair Charge.

Brantford, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Joseph Kennedy, charged with the murder of Irene Cole, and who has been on trial for his life since Tuesday last, was to-night found not guilty by the jury at 10.15 o'clock.

Mr. Justice Street had finished his charge to the jury at 6.15. The jury retired shortly afterwards. A little after 10 o'clock Kennedy entered the courtroom, walking directly to the prisoner's box. The nerve-racking trial of the week had begun to tell on him. His face was pale and careworn, yet he steped briskly and with the usual erect military bearing. His lips were tightly drawn and he appeared ready for any emergency.

Mr. Justice Street entered shortly afterwards, the jury being already in the box. The silence was intense. Every person present realized that the end of a dramatic trial was near. The preliminary proceedings were quickly dispensed with.

"Gentlemen of the jury, have you arrived at a verdict?" asked the clerk.

"Not guilty," returned the foreman.

All eyes immediately turned toward the prisoner. A faint trace of contentment spread over his face, but he otherwise remained cool and collected.

His Lordship then addressed a few words to Kennedy, telling him that he was now a free man. He warned him against the evil of drink, saying that the present trouble ought to be a lesson to him in future.

Such was the culmination of a murder trial which has held the interest of the people thruout the province for a week. The verdict was not altogether unexpected. The admirable address delivered by Louis F. Heyd, K.C., to-day went far to convert those who maintained that Kennedy was the guilty man. He presented the case clearly and emphati-

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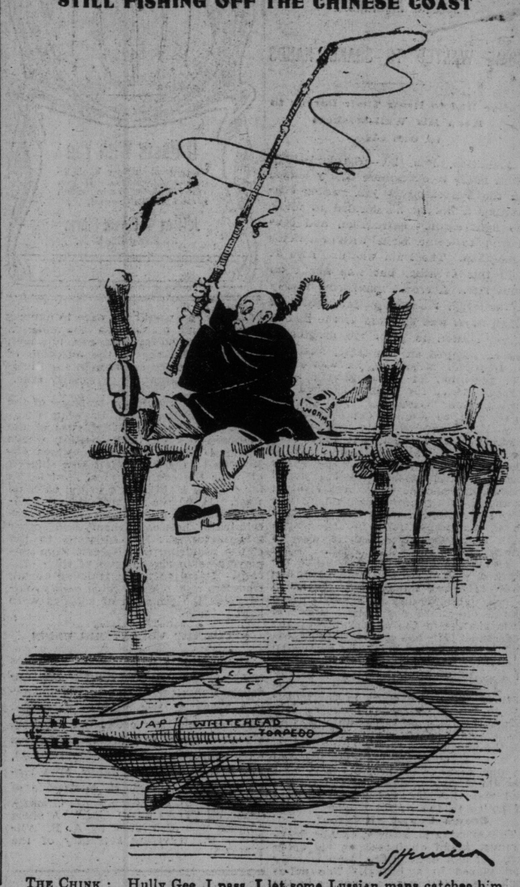
STILL FISHING OFF THE CHINESE COAST



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SOO REORGANIZATION IS COMPLETE

Province Guarantees Loan of $2,000,000

STARTS WITH 9 MILLIONS CAPITAL

After Lifting Speyer Debt Company Will Have Ample Capital to Work On.

By an arrangement with the Ontario government, the Consolidated Lake Superior Company will emerge from its financial troubles within a very few days, and by the opening of navigation the rehabilitation of the vast industrial enterprises at Sault Ste. Marie will be an accomplished fact. This eminently satisfactory statement was made last night by the gentlemen connected with the re-organization.

The government has decided to guarantee a loan of $2,000,000 for two years, and to this end Premier Ross will introduce a bill in the legislature on Monday or Tuesday "to aid the Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Railway." Notice of the bill was given by the premier in the legislature on Friday.

Have $9,000,000.

This will give the re-organized company $9,000,000 to put the concern on its feet again, including the amounts underwritten and contributed by the shareholders, along with the co-operation of the creditors. In order to lift the Speyer loan about $3,500,000 will be required. This provides for the original $5,050,000 and the accrued interest.

The Mortiy committee, which is the designation of the committee having in charge the whole work of re-organization, feel secure in making the announcement that the plan is practically complete. They authorize the statement that it will come into effect on Monday, and that shortly after the Speyer indebtedness will be paid off. In the re-organization plan benefits will be participated in by a large majority of the old shareholders.

Capital of the Company.

The capitalization of the rehabilitated organization will be as follows:

Capital stock, $40,000,000.

Exchange for Consolidated stock in the proportion of one share new stock for two of preferred and four of the common stock of Consolidated.

Income bonds, $3,000,000.

Each shareholder participating must pay a contribution of $3 a share for each share exchanged; but for the cash thus paid in, the shareholder receives in addition to his stock an equivalent amount in income bonds.

First mortgage 5 per cent. bonds, $10,000,000 (sold to the underwriters and shareholders at 70, with a stock bonus of 30 per cent.).

The company will start afresh with a cash working capital of $1,000,000; materials on hand $1,000,000; first mortgage bonds in the treasury $2,000,000.

All debts will be funded with fixed charges of about, annually, $600,000.

Feeling of Relief.

There was a feeling of relief last night at the prospect of an almost immediate resumption of the works. C. N. Smith, M.L.A., informed The World that the company would start operations in its steel and other iron working industries on the opening of navigation when the materials for the furnaces would be brought down from the mines. The rail mill is complete, and orders sufficient to keep it going for a considerable length of time are assured. He recalled that before the collapse President Shields had made the prediction that within two years the company would pay 7 per cent. on the actual capital expended of $40,000,000, and Mr. Smith said there was no doubt at all that the reorganized concern would prove a complete success. He naturally expressed satisfaction that the end of the depression under which the Soo district had existed for some months past was in sight at last.

Report Was False.

One of the prominent men interested in the Soo properties when told of the report that the Canadian Improvement Company had broken off negotiations with the Consolidated Companies, declared: "That's not true. I think you can rely upon it that report is not correct."

"Do you know of any incident that could be construed into a justification for it?"

"Well, there are always a lot of rumors about the Soo for which there is no foundation. I am quite sure that report has no truth in it. The reorganization is practically complete. Some little action on the part of the government is all that is needed."

"Have any documents been signed yet?"

"Yes, there have been."

"And when do you expect the final settlement?"

"Within the next five or six days there will be a definite announcement."

Stubble Field of Difficulties.

Another gentleman connected with the Soo interests who also declined to permit his name to be used, confirmed the above statements.

"There has been a whole stubble-field of difficulties from the very beginning, and there are some who would be glad to raise obstacles, but within a week the matter should be settled. There is no truth in that report."

AGAINST TWO POWER IDEA.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Feb. 27.—Lord Brassey has protested at the Liberal Federal Association against the admiralty continuing the two-power standard on the ground of the destruction of the Russian navy.

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Two Fast-Growing Cities.

Between Winnipeg and Ottawa there is a race for supremacy in population, Ottawa last year had over 76,000, and with its immediate suburbs, including the City of Hull, it had over 100,000 people within three miles of the city hall. The Ottawa Free Press and The Winnipeg Free Press are the leading newspapers in their respective cities, and the former paper asserts that Ottawa will still be the third city in size in the Dominion at the next census.

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RECEIVES APPROVAL.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Feb. 27.—Edgar Wallace, war correspondent of The Daily Mail, who has been appealing for the erection in every board school of a memorial tablet to former scholars who had fallen in the service of the empire or who had died to save the lives of their fellows, has received hundreds of approving letters, which poured in from Lords Roberts and Wolseley, Field Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, General Redvers Buller, Lord Charles Beresford, Lord Methuen, Major-General Plumer, Major-General Baden-Powell and many others.

HENDRIE A VICE-PRESIDENT.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—Major Hendrie of Hamilton was elected a vice-president of the D.A.A. to-day.

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MARRIAGES.

McDONALD—KARBERY—On Feb. 24th, Margaret Karbery to James McDonald of Fairbank.

DEATHS.

HOWARD—On Thursday, Feb. 25th, at her residence, Yonge and Gerrard streets, Elizabeth, wife of Alfred Howard, in the 53rd year of her age.
Funeral Monday, at 2.30 p.m.

MACDONALD—At Richmond Hill, on Friday, Feb. 26, 1904, Benjamin Macdonald, aged 75 years, 11 months.
Funeral will take place Monday, Feb. 29, leaving his late residence at 2 p.m. for the Presbyterian Cemetery. Friends will please accept this intimation. No flowers.

TINLINE—At her late residence, 131 Roncesvalles avenue, Toronto, Wednesday, Feb. 24th, Margaret Brunskill, beloved wife of Jas. Tinline, sister of the late Thomas Brunskill of Toronto.
Funeral from the family residence Saturday, the 27th, at 2.30 p.m., to Prospect Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

THRELKELD—Suddenly, on Feb. 26th, in his 52nd year, Wm. Threlkeld.
Funeral private, on Monday, 2 p.m.

WOOLLATT—Peacefully, in Walkerville, on Feb. 25th, at the residence of her father-in-law, Wm. Woollatt, Florence Mabel, beloved wife of W. H. Woollatt and youngest daughter of the late W. H. Tyson, in her 22nd year.
Interment at Brantford.

BIRTHDAYS ONCE IN FOUR YEARS.

MUGS FOR EVERY ONTARIO BABY BORN ON FEB. 29th.

Any Baby born on Monday, Feb. 29th next, will have a birthday only once in four years, in leap year, to wit.

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SAMUEL THOMPSON'S STORY GEO. MAGUIRE NOT IN CITY

Writ of Certiorari Served on Col. Denison for Commitment of Latter D.R.O.

The confession of Samuel Thompson of ballot stuffing in sub-division 9, Ward 4, for Controller Richardson, Ald. S. A. Jones and S. W. Burns, in the last elections, and of similar practices in the interests of C. C. Robinson, Ald. Hubbard and S. W. Burns, the year previous; the sudden termination of the investigation in the afternoon thru the absence out of town of George Maguire and a notice of motion to serve a certiorari on Col. Denison, by counsel for Maguire and his poll clerk, W. Loudon, were the developments yesterday in the election frauds investigation. As was foretold, Samuel Thompson was the first witness called at the opening of the court. Before one of the largest crowds that have yet attended, and in a clear voice and with every appearance of candor, Thompson told the story of his crime in the interests of friends. He admitted having stuffed the ballot boxes for two years, but clung to his former statement, that it was not the result of an understanding with any of the candidates, but merely the result of "an insane idea which got into his head." No one had ever given him anything for doing it, nor did he ever expect to get any remuneration for his acts.

Early in the Box.

The judge took the bench at 10 o'clock, and Mr. Riddell at once called Samuel Thompson to the witness stand. In a weak voice he replied to the questions of the counsel for the city. Thompson first told of the ballot stuffing that was done in Ward 4 in his division this year and then recounted the part he had played in a similar election in the same division the previous year. The idea of stuffing the ballot box occurred to him last year for the first time. No one had ever told him how it was done. It was an invention of his own, so far as he knew. Neither did he know of anyone else who had ever done a similar thing. He first thought of marking ballots this year about 10 o'clock on the day of the elections. He did not tell Durance of his scheme, and did not think that Durance knew what was going on. In an effort to clear his brother Thomas, Sam declared that what he had done at the previous election was not known to his brother, who acted as his poll clerk. He cast the ballots when his brother was out of the room. In answer to a question he admitted having told Thomas to add the names of the ones for whom he had voted, saying to his brother that they had voted while he had been absent from the room.

Six Years a D.R.O.

Sam became a D.R.O. for the first time six years ago. A civil servant named Milligan was about to retire, and he got his place. He made his application to City Clerk Blevins, and also discussed the getting of the appointment with Ald. Crane. The first person who approached him to get him to work for Controller Richardson was F. Drake, whom he knew well. He did not know William Moore of the street railway, nor did he know whether Drake had anything to do with the street railway. His story of how he came to work for Controller Richardson followed next. He told of receiving a letter from Richardson, and of going to his office and finding him out. He met a man by the name of Purvis, who said that he was working for Richardson and requested him to go down to Richardson's office again to see him. He did not discuss terms with Purvis, but he did with Richardson. He admitted that Purvis was secretary of Ward 2 Conservative Association. He then arranged with Controller Richardson to work for him for $2.50 a day. His duties ceased on December 24. In all he said he received $119.75 from Controller Richardson, and expended $40 for scrutineers.

How He Spent the Money.

To explain how he expended this money he drew forth a book and said

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ELECTION IN SIX WEEKS.

London, Feb. 26.—The Associated Press is in a position to declare that there will bea dissolution of parliament within six weeks, and if, as it is expected, the Liberals areretURNED to power, King Edward will summon Lord Spencer (Liberal leader in the house of lords) to form a cabinet.

Get a New Spring Hat.

Everything new in men's spring hats is now in the show cases of the W. & D. Dineen Co., Limited. Of course the stock is not yet complete, but the advance shipments, though not large, are very complete in assortment. It would pay you, therefore, if you need a hat to buy a new style. Such Dineen Co. have on sale to-day. Store open till 10 o'clock to-night.

Smoke Cafe-Noir Egyptian Cigarettes.

A LITTLE MILDER.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Feb. 26.—(8 p.m.)—A change to milder conditions is now occurring in the Northwest Territories and maximum temperatures of 40 degrees are reported from Southern Alberta. From Manitoba to the Maritime Provinces the weather has been fair and cold and snow flurries are reported from Southwestern Ontario. The outlook is for a gradual moderation of the cold weather.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 20 below—8 below; Victoria, 30—44; Kamloops, 24—38; Calgary, 10 below—40; Qu'Appelle, 10 below—14; Winnipeg, 8 below—10; Port Arthur, 4 below—16; Parry Sound, 16 below—18; Toronto, 3 below—19; Ottawa, 6 below—14; Montreal, zero—10; Quebec, 2 below—6; Halifax, 6—18.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Easterly and southerly winds; fair and a little milder.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Fair and a little higher temperature.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Variable winds; fair and cold.

Maritime—Moderate, variable winds; fair and cold.

Lake Superior—Fresh to strong southeasterly winds; fair and somewhat higher temperature; light local snowfalls.

Manitoba—Milder, with light local snowfalls.

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