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LOOKS LIKE FIGHT IN NEUTRAL PORT

Jap Fleet Has Orders to Attack Refugee Russ Vessels

BESIEGERS CLOSE ON FORTRESS

Captured the Parade Grounds Beneath Walls of Port Arthur—St. Petersburg Expects Ito Fall.

Rome, Aug. 23. — A dispatch to Italia Militaire Marino from Shanghai says that the Japanese squadron, composed of the battleship Fuji, the cruiser Kasuga, and two others, anchored at Woosung, at the mouth of the river today. The squadron of destroyers entered the harbor at Shanghai, and the Japanese admiral has ordered them to bombard the Russian Askold and the destroyer Grozovoi in the port.

Japs Hold Parade Grounds.

Che Foo, Wednesday, Aug. 24, 9:30 a.m. — A junk which left Liao Ti promontory on the night of Aug. 21 has just arrived here. She reports that the Japanese have succeeded in occupying An Tse Shan fort, as well as another fort, probably Etschan, about a mile southwest of An Se Shan. They have driven the Russians from the parade grounds (which lie about two miles north of the harbor). They have destroyed two forts at Chao Chanko, which is within the eastern fortifications, and they have advanced to a point near Chao Chanko. This news confirms information received here previously, and which the local Japanese were not inclined to believe. The junk heard firing until midnight of Aug. 22. Scarcely a building in Port Arthur remains undamaged. The town hall, which was used as a magazine, has been destroyed. Four large warships, unable to fight are at Port Arthur. Only one ship, a vessel with two masts and two funnels, has guns on board. The fire of the forts not captured by the Japanese, together with the effect of land mines, is given as the reason why the Japanese have not yet conquered the Russian stronghold.

Gloom at St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Wednesday, Aug. 24 3 a.m. — With all Russia hanging breathlessly on the fate of Port Arthur, even such a national event as the christening of the Czarevitch is robbed of much of the prominence which would otherwise be accorded it, and St. Petersburg tonight is dim and silent, with no sign of festivity. The capital is filled with sinister rumors of Port Arthur's desperate straits. The superstitious are predicting the fall of the fortress on the day of the baptism of the Czarevitch, but this is easily traceable to the fact that several big Russian reverses have occurred on Rusian fete days. It is reported that a message was received from Lieut.-Gen. Stoessel during the night sent from Port Arthur, Aug. 22, by way of Che Foo, saying that a desperate assault by the Japanese had been in progress during the previous forty-eight hours. While the general staff does not conceal its anxiety, the best military authorities have not abandoned the hope that Gen. Stoessel will be able to hold out. This view is somewhat borne out by an unofficial dispatch from Liao Yang saying that in a two days' assault—on Aug. 19 and Aug. 20—the attackers were beaten off with heavy loss at Liao Yang, the improved weather presages the renewal of military activity. It is believed that if Gen. Kuropatkin is contemplating a diversion in favor of Port Arthur, it will not be long delayed. Conservative critics say the pace of the Japanese is too fast to last, and that every day General Stoessel holds out will render the Japanese position about Liao Yang more precarious. Even the most sanguine, however, admit the gravity of the situation from a Russian point of view, and the most serious news from the front would not be received with great surprise.

In a dispatch from Liao Yang, under date of Aug. 23, the correspondent of the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger says: "The indications are that the initiative is about to pass to the Russians. The Japanese plan of campaign, including the attack upon Liao Yang, has apparently been deranged by the unexpectedly stubborn resistance at Port Arthur. Gen. Kuroki's army has been withdrawn to the south of the Taitse River, and only outposts are near the river. Japanese troops, under Gen. Ukashima, are reported to be in the Liao River Valley. It is rumored that the Mikado has recalled Gen. Nori, and has ordered Field Marshal Marquis Yamagata (chief of the general staff at Tokio), to assume command of the besiegers at Port Arthur."

Consider China Hostile.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 24. — The Novosti today says: "Continued violation of neutrality laws if the Chinese ports by the Japanese will compel Russia to regard the Chinese Empire, or, at least, part thereof, as being within the sphere of active hostilities. China lacks either the power or the inclination to prevent Japanese incursions. The warships of neutral powers idly watch these violations. Therefore the agreement as to China's neutrality made at the beginning of the war becomes a dead-letter, and Russia must ignore it in self-defense."

U. S. Won't Interfere.

Washington, Aug. 23. — Under no conditions will American warships take a hand in any trouble at Shanghai or China, between Japan and Russia, or between either of the belligerents and China. They will not interfere to maintain integrity of China, nor even to protect American property or American colony, which is one of the largest of foreign settlements in Shanghai. The dock at which the Russian cruiser Askold is lying, adjoins American concessions, and attack on her would amount to bombarding of American colony. If attack is threatened Consul-General Goodnow will demand delay long enough to let all Americans withdraw to places of safety. He will do nothing further except file protests. The question of indemnity will be left to be disposed of after the war. The order that Admiral Stirling and Consul-General Goodnow keep hands off came directly from President Roosevelt.

TOO EXCLUSIVE

Lords on Purchase of the Chantrey Trust Pictures.

London, Aug. 24.—The report of the select committee of the House of Lords, which was appointed to inquire into the administration of the Chantrey trust fund by the Royal Academy, was issued last evening. The committee absolves the academy from the imputation of interested motives in its purchase of works of art, but it considers that "too exclusive preference has been given to pictures shown at the Academy," and that "an unduly narrow construction has been placed upon the terms of the will" of Sir Francis Chantrey, the sculptor, under which the trust was formed.

The committee suggests that greater flexibility be given to the method of selection in future, and recommends the appointment of a committee of three for the purchase of important works of art.

GREAT TENEMENT FIRE

Five Four-Story Buildings Destroyed at Brooklyn, N. Y.

New York, Aug. 24.—Fire today destroyed five four story brick tenement houses in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, and over five families narrowly escaped. Four alarms were sounded, and most of the Brooklyn fire fighting apparatus was called into service. Early reports of loss of life could not at once be confirmed, the flames being so hot as to drive back the rescuing parties. The blaze apparently started in the cellar of the front, and spread in both directions. The railways quickly were filled with smoke and many of the occupants had to escape over the buildings in the rear, which also soon caught fire, but it is believed al escaped. One fireman was slightly injured. The loss is estimated at $20,000.

25,000 MORE OUT

Many Additional Unions Join New York Building Strike.

New York, Aug. 24. — Nearly 25,000 added to the 30,000 strikers and locked-out workmen in the building trades alliance, when the union bodies supporting their leader, Philip Weinseimer, lay down their tools, as they have voted to do when called upon by the executive committee. Those affected by the latest move are the White Stone Association of Marble Polishers, 4,000 men; United Portable and Safety Engineers' Union, 1,800 men; United Derrickmen, Riggers' and Pointers' Union, 1,000; Journeymen Stonecutters' Union, 4,000; Riggers' Protective Union, 800; Amalmated Painters' Society, 3,300; Reliance Labor Club of Marblecutters, 4,000; Amalgamated Blue Stonecutters' Union, 3,000; Salamander Association, Pipe and Boiler Fitters, 1,500; and Housemovers' Union, 1,000. Total, 24,600.

OPIUM AND THE GIRL

Found in Hamilton Yard by Policeman and May Die.

Hamilton, Aug. 24.—An attempted suicide a day is the gait the young ladies of this city have struck this week.

Last evening an unfortunate young woman about 24 years of age was found just inside the gates of Dundurn Park. P. C. Reynolds stumbled across her at 10 o'clock. He tried to rouse her, but without success.

When he tried to lift her off the bench and stand her on her feet a bottle labeled "Opium" fell on the ground. The constable lost no time in calling for Dr. Davey, and hustling her off to the city hospital.

No one appears to know her name. The only clew the police have is a handkerchief bearing the initials "H. L." At midnight the whole staff of doctors at the hospital were working over her, but did not succeed in bringing her around so that she could tell her name.

DEAD ON SPOT MARKED

Mysterious Circumstances in Death of Railroad Man.

Plainfield, N.D., Aug. 24.—On the spot in which the apparition of a dead man had appeared in three consecutive nights, Harry J. Fagan, a New Jersey Central brakeman, was killed in this city early this morning. A sudden jolt of the train on which he was standing threw him beneath the car wheels.

Three nights ago the police here were informed by telephone from the Central officials in Jersey City that the body of a man was on the tracks near Richmond street. They went to the spot indicated, but could find nothing. The next night similar word was sent, and after another unsuccessful search the police were mystified. When the message came a third time they asked for an explanation. They were informed locomotive drivers had seen the mangled body of a man from their cab windows.

When a hurry call was sent for the patrol wagon today to take Fagan's body to the morgue, the police went reluctantly, but on arriving at Richmond street they found Fagan's mangled form in exactly the spot indicated by the engineers.

CHRISTENING OF NICK, JUNIOR

Brilliant Religious Ceremony at Naming of Heir to Russian Throne.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 24.—The christening of the heir to the Russian throne occurred this morning at the Church of the Peterhoff Palace with imposing ceremony. A procession of gilded coaches accompanied the infant prince from the Alexandria villa to the church. After the metropolitan of St. Petersburg had administered the sacrament to the heir the Emperor invested the latter with the insignia of the order of St. Andrew. Immediately after the ringing of church bells and the firing of a salute of 101 guns announced the completion of the ceremony.

Both Peterhof and St. Petersburg are lavishly decorated. There will be illuminations tonight.

The Empress left her bed yesterday for the first time since the birth of her son. Both she and the infant are in excellent health. The heir weighs about ten and one-half pounds.

VICTIM OF THE "BLACK HAND"

Young Italian Shot to Death in New York Restaurant.

MURDERER WAS FROM TORONTO

Latter Captured by the Police and Narrowly Escapes Lynching at Hands of Infuriated Mob.

New York, Aug. 24. — Salvador Bossoti, 18 years old, was shot to death in his father's restaurant on Park street, by Carl Rossati, 35 years old, early today, because he had disclosed to the police secrets of the alleged "Black Hand."

The father was knocked down and choked into insensibility by the slayer, who then ran down the street, followed by a great mob. Italians to the number of 1,000 later attacked the Elizabeth street police station, hurled missiles at the police, and prisoner, injuring two detectives and one policeman.

They would have killed Rossati had not the reserve police from two stations arrived and used clubs and fists on the mob and threatened to shoot.

According to the police the murder was deliberately planned by an organized gang, and this gang is alleged to have sent to Toronto for Rossati, who arrived here last night. After his arrival he was seen about Mulberry Bend with Italians, and because of his immense stature attracted attention.

Bossoti is an enemy of these organized gangs, and his son inherited the enmity. When not studying music, young Bossoti helped about the restaurant. Several weeks ago he learned that the murderous gang about Mulberry Bend had planned to rob a number of miners, who were coming through New York, and who had engaged board in the lodging-house over the Bossoti restaurant.

Young Bossoti went to the police and asked protection for the men, and soon an Italian detective had arrested twelve suspicious characters, who were held until the miners had taken a ship for their homes.

Once out of jail, it is said, the gang determined upon Bossoti's death. Early today Rossati entered the restaurant, and when approached by the older Bossoti said he wanted nothing. As Bossoti was about to close the place he asked Rossati to leave. The latter became insolent and refused.

Young Bossoti, who was in the kitchen, heard his father and the man in an argument. He came out, and up to this time the man had made no demonstration of violence, but the instant he saw young Bossoti, Rossati drew a pistol from his pocket and shot the youth.

The bullet struck the boy between the eyes, and he fell, dying instantly. Rossati then, according to the police, struck the elder Bossoti with his fist, knocking him down, and started to run, but was captured before he had gone two blocks.

On Sunday the Bossotis found on their door, "The Bridge of Death," a cabalistic sign of the Sicilians, which is said to be a threat of death. The elder Bossoti looked upon this as a joke at the time. At the police station Rossati said little beyond declaring he shot in self-defense.

Toronto, Aug. 24. — Carlo Rossetti, arrested in New York in connection with the Black Hand Society, is said to have made efforts to form a branch of the society here. Leading Italians remember him well.

SEIZED AMERICAN BOATS

Two United States Crafts in Trouble for Violating Customs Rules.

Halifax, Aug. 24.—The American fishing schooner Two Forty was seized at Westport Monday by Sub-Custom Collector Wm. Pugh, acting under instructions of Custom Inspector Fred L. Jones, for having landed a sewing machine and other goods at Woods harbor in November last. She is held pending decision of the Minister of Customs. The extreme penalty is $400. This vessel has changed captains since the goods were landed.

The American schooner S. T. Willard was also seized Monday at Pubnico for violation of customs regulations, and is held pending the necessary deposit. Both seizures were made under instructions of Customs Inspector Jones.

The Kaiser's Cup.

Berlin, Aug. 24.—Emperor William before formally renewing his offer of a cup to be competed for in a trans-Atlantic yacht race, awaits the conclusion of the correspondence now proceeding between his representative and the New York Yacht Club respecting the rules that shall governor the contest. Some points of difference remain to be settled, but it seems likely that a full agreement will be reached by Sept. 20.

JAPANESE SHIPS SILENCE FORTS

Golden Hill Batteries Are Rendered Harmless—Extension of Time for Askold.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The state department has advised that the Chinese foreign office has extended the time for repairs on the Russian ships in Shanghai to noon of Aug. 28.

Silenced the Forts.

Che Foo, Aug. 24. — 2:30 p.m. — Information of undoubted authenticity states that the Japanese armored cruisers Nisshin and Kasuga have bombarded and silenced the Russian forts east of Golden Hill, at the entrance of Port Arthur.

The forts referred to are probably the same two forts—Taingptze and Chao Chanko—mentioned in these dispatches yesterday and today.

WAS HIS SON.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—A young man about 23 years of age was killed by a train at One Hundred and First street tonight and a patrol wagon in charge of Police Sergeant Patrick Reilly was sent to convey the remains to the morgue. The body was literally cut in pieces and the police were forced to gather it up bit by bit. For some time the head could not be found, but it was finally picked up by Sergt. Reilly, who, on bringing it to the light of a lantern, found that it was the head of own son, Patrick J. Reilly.

CHOOSE LESSER OF TWO EVILS

Russia Likely to End by Disarming Refugee Warships

AND SO ESCAPE ENEMY'S HANDS

The Diana To Be Dismantled and Remain at Saigon Until Completion of the War.

Paris, Aug. 24. — There is reason to believe that a decision is about to be taken providing for the voluntary disarmament of the Russian cruiser Askold and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi, now at Shanghai, and the Russian cruiser Diana, at Saigon. This will be done primarily to avoid international complications, and will have the effect of reducing the Russian strength by three strong units, but the Russian authorities consider that this will be offset by the avoidance of possible capture named by the Japanese.

Advices received here from Saigon show, contrary to previous announcement, that the Diana is in a very bad condition. She has one large hole in her hull below the water line. Her injuries will take weeks to repair. This has permitted an extension of her sojourn in a neutral port beyond the 24 hours, which expired yesterday, but it is foreseen that the repairs would entail such a stay at Saigon that it is possible that questions affecting the neutrality of the port would be likely to arise, and therefore Russia is disposed to disarm the Diana, which might thereafter remain at Saigon during the war.

The final determination in the matter has not yet been taken, but the tendencies are strongly as indicated. It is expected that the action to be taken at Shanghai and Saigon will relieve the case of international significance and practically closes the incidents.

THE SEBASTOPOL HITS A MINE

Was Engaged Bombarding the Japanese Land Positions Outside Port Arthur.

London, Aug. 24. — A telegram from Tokio to the Japanese legation says the Russian battleship Sebastopol was bombarding the Japanese land position yesterday from outside the harbor at Port Arthur, when she struck a mine (as previously reported from Tokio by the Associated Press). Beside a list to starboard, the battleship's bows were submerged.

New Paris Ambassador.

London, Aug. 24.—King Edward has aproved the appointment of Sir Francis Leveson Bertie, assistant under secretary of state for foreign affairs, as British ambassador at Paris, to succeed Sir Edmund J. Monson, who retires at the end of the year.

Over the Falls.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 23. — A body recovered in the Niagara River below the falls and supposed to be that of the woman who went over the falls last Wednesday, has been identified as that of Mrs. William Brownell, wife of a bookkeeper employed at the plant of the Lakawanna Steel and Iron Company, this city.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Tomorrow—Some Showers.

London, Wednesday, Aug. 24.

Sun rises..5:32 a.m. Moon rises..6:39 p.m.
Sun sets...7:08 p.m. Moon sets...4:11 a.m.

Toronto, Aug. 23—8 p.m.

With the exception of some light local showers in Nova Scotia and Alberta, fine weather has prevailed throughout Canada, with moderate temperatures everywhere.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 44—62; Port Simpson, 44—60; Victoria, 50—60; Edmonton, 36—66; Calgary, 52—56; Swift Current, 48—68; Winnipeg, 52—72; Port Arthur, 44—78; Parry Sound, 48—72; Toronto, 52—72; Ottawa, 48—72; Montreal, 52—62; Quebec, 46—64; St. John, 56—70; Halifax, 50—62.

FORECASTS.

Wednesday, Aug. 24—8 a.m.

Today—Moderate southerly and southwesterly winds; fair and warm.

Thursday — Moderate southwesterly winds; mostly fair, but some local showers or thunderstorms.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	40	40	Fair
Winnipeg	50	48	Fair
Parry Sound	64	54	Fair
Toronto	56	50	Clear
Ottawa	58	54	Clear
Montreal	60	50	Fair
Quebec	54	48	Clear
Father Point	62	50	Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

Light showers have occurred during the night in Alberta, Assiniboia and also locally in Nova Scotia. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fine.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 73°; lowest, 42°.

AMNESTY FOR MANY OFFENDERS

Announced in the Czar's Christening Manifesto.

FINNS SPECIALLY REMEMBERED

Funds Set Aside for Benefit of the Landless Findlanders—Corporal Punishment Abandoned.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 24. — The Czar today issued a lengthy manifesto on the occasion of the christening of the heir to the throne. It is introduced by the following message to the people:

"By the will of God, we, the Czar and autocrat, of all the Russias, Czar of Poland, Grand Duke of Finland, etc., announce to our faithful subjects that on this, the day of the christening of our son and heir, the Grand Duke Alexis Nicholaevitch, following the promptings of heart, we turn to our great family of the empire, and, with deepest and most heartfelt pleasure, even amidst these times of national struggle and difficulties, bestow upon them some gifts of our royal favor for their greater enjoyment in their daily lives."

The various benefits bestowed on many classes are then enumerated at length. One of the most important provisions relative to the entire abolition of corporal punishment among the rural classes and its curtailment in the army and the navy. The manifesto remits land purchase arrears, which affects one of the largest classes of the population throughout the empire, and its benefits are also extended to estates in Poland.

The general provisions of the manifesto include an all-round reduction in sentences for common law offenders, a general amnesty for 600 offenses, except in cases of murder, and the education of the children of officers and soldiers who have been victims of the war as well as assistance for such families as need it, whose bread-winners who have fallen in the service of their country. The sum $100,000 is set apart from the state fund for the benefit of landless people of Finland. All Finns imposed on villages, towns, or communities of Finland for failure to elect representatives or service in the military recruiting boards during the years 1902 and 1903 are remitted. Permission is granted to Finns who have left their country without the sanction of the authorities to return within a year. Those returning, who are liable to military service, must immediately present themselves for service, but Finns who have evaded military service, will not be punished, provided they present themselves within three months of the birth of the heir of the throne.

Fines imposed upon the Jewish communes in the cases of Jews avoiding military service are remitted.

Certain classes of offenses except those of violent robbery and embezzlement, are pardoned, and the Governor-General of Finland is directed to consider what steps can be taken to alleviate the lot of those forbidden to reside in Finland.

Persons arrested for offenses punishable by fines, imprisonment or confinement in a fortress without loss of civil rights, and who were still awaiting sentence at the time of the heir to the throne are pardoned.

Political prisoners who have distinguished themselves by good conduct, may, on the interposition of the Minister of Justice, obtain the restitution of their civil rights at the expiration of their sentence. Persons, guilty of political offenses, committed within the last fifteen years, who have remained unidentified, will no longer be subject to prosecution, while political offenders who are now fugitives abroad may apply to the Minister of the Interior for permission to return to Russia.

The manifesto concludes:

"Given at Peterhoff on this, the 11th day of August, 1904. (Signed) "Nicholas."

WORKING TO END WAR

Socialists Will Appeal to Roosevelt to Cause Intervention.

Paris, Aug. 24.—The Matins correspondent at Amsterdam, Holland, has interviewed M. Katayama, the Japanese delegate to the International Socialist Congress, who is quoted as saying that the Socialist party are seeking to end the Russo-Japanese war and recently sent a representative to the United States to make an appeal to President Roosevelt and the American people to intervene with the powers toward intervention.

NORTH PERTH CROSS PETITION

Names of Conservative Leaders on List of Those Charged With Corruption.

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 24.—Particulars in support of the cross petition in the North Perth election case were filed at Osgoode Hall today. The Liberal member, John Brown, sets up that E. B. Osler, M.P., J. W. Flavelle, W. R. Brock, M.P., J. J. Foy, M.P.P., A. E. Kemp, M.P., E. B. Ryckman and others collected a large fund to defeat the Ross Government, and expended the money in purchasing persons to become candidates in paying the expenses of these persons and in corrupt practices. A. W. Wright, Fred Corrie, J. J. Hagarty, Jas. Heaman, Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, A. H. Monteith, E. Sydney Smith, K.C., Chas. Casson, J. R. Gillis, Alex. McLaren, M.P., are mentioned in the forty charges as guilty of corrupt practices. Jos. Wilson, Listowel; Robt. Woods, J. W. F. Bowling, Simon Welford, Christopher Riley, Wm. Swalwell, jun., are mentioned as having received bribes.

WHOLE FAMILY MARRIED

Montreal Widow and Two Daughters Go to Altar Together.

Montreal, Aug. 24. — A very unique marriage ceremony took place at the Church of St. Eusebe, in this city, today, when a mother and her two daughters were married at the same service. The mother was Mrs. J. Charron, who is 47 years of age, and has been a widow for a few years, while the two daughters were aged 21 and 19 respectively. The three composed the entire household.

HELD UP PAYMASTER

Three Italians and an American Get Away With $5,000.

Paterson, N. J., Aug. 24. — Four masked men held up Paymaster White, of the O'Rourke Construction Company, on the Ridge road, near here, early today, and robbed him of $5,000.

The paymaster, accompanied by two other men, was on his way to the office of the company, driving in a buggy, when an American, masked completely, and three Italians, wearing blue goggles, came out of the woods. The American then shot the horse. The robbers covered the three occupants of the buggy with guns, and got away with the bag of money, which was in the bottom of the buggy.

ASKED FOR HUSH MONEY

Club Secretary Lays Charge Agains Ottawa Policeman.

Ottawa, Aug. 23. — Police Constable Hal Walters, the Rough Riders' football player, is charged by Chas. Kelly, secretary of the Chaudiere club, corner of Bank and Wellington streets, with attempting to extort money. This is an additional complication arising out of the charges brought by Constable Walters that a gaming place was being run at the home of the club, and that with the knowledge of the chief of police. At the time Walters' charge was being investigated by Judge MacTavish and Mayor Ellis, Kelly was summoned as a witness, but was not called to testify. It is said that during that hearing he intimated that Walters had made threats against him that he would prosecute Kelly for running a common gaming house unless the said Kelly "put up." The investigation of the charge and counter-charge promises spicy developments.

SAM OFFERED $25,000

By Millionaire Who Remembered Evangelist's First Song.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 24. — Twenty-five thousand dollars for singing the hymn, "He Heard My Cry of Distress!"

When the Rev. Sam Small, the well-known exangelist, as a mere youth, faced the Masonic convention at Houston, Texas, his powers as a speaker were as great, if not as mature, as they are today.

Theodore Noel, now one of Chicago's best-known manufacturers, was one of the auditors. After "Young Sammy Small," as the evangelist was then called, had finished his address, Noel asked a bystander the name of the youth, and has since been one of his most ardent admirers. Deploring the fact that the Rev. Mr. Small is drifting into political stump speaking, Mr. Noel made the preacher a proposition while in his company on a trip to Mackinac last week.

"I will give you a check for $25,000 for your own use in doing good for mine and your fellow men, Sam," said Mr. Noel. "I have made up my mind to hear everyone's cry of distress, just as you sang forty years ago, Sam."

"CITY OF TORONTO" MATCH

Captured by an Ottawa Man, Graham, of Toronto, Being Second.

Long Branch Rifle Ranges, Aug. 24.—Fine warm weather with a light southerly breeze favored the second day's meeting of the Ontario Rifle Association. The light was splendid and some excellent scores were made this morning in the second and final stage of the City of Toronto match at 800 yards Corp. R. McGregor of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, Ottawa, with a score of 116 points, wins the first prize, a gold medal and $25. Staff-Sergt. Graham, Forty-Eighth Highlanders, Toronto (116 points), wins second prize, $25, and Lieut. Geo. Durand, Ninetieth, Winnipeg Rifles, 114 points, takes third prize, $20.

The other features today are the Macdonald and Osler matches at 500 yards and the Duke of Cornwall at 600 and 800 yards.

Mr. E. B. Osler, M.P., president of the O. R. A., tendered the officers, executive committee, and council of the 1:30 this afternoon.

MOODIE TO SAIL FOR HUDSON'S BAY

The Arctic Leaves Quebec on September First to Meet the Neptune.

Ottawa, Aug. 23.—Major Moodie, of the Northwest Mounted Police, is busy these days with the comptroller, Lieut.-Col. Fred White, arranging the details of his Hudson's Bay organization. The steamer 'Arctic, which is to convey Major Moodie and an additional force of ten men of the Northwest Mounted Police over the first stage of their journey, is scheduled to sail from Quebec on Sept. 1 for Cape Chidley, where she will meet the Neptune, the steamer which is on special Hudson's Bay service, and on which the party will be taken to their Winter quarters in the bay. Owing to the lateness of the season it is not likely that Major Moodie will be able to establish more than one additional police post before winter sets in. When the plans and equipment for the fall expedition have been made ready the Mounted Police reinforcements will be brought from Regina, and Major Moodie and his little force will proceed to Quebec to take ship for the Northern waters.

WHERE'S NAVY MR. JOHN BULL?

British People Again Aroused by Russia's Action.

PRESS WANTS GOVT. TO ACT

Activity of Russian Cruiser Smolensk Around Cape of Good Hope Cause of Indignation.

London, Aug. 24.—The London papers yesterday contained a large amount of literature bearing on the great damage to British commercial shipping interests caused in one way or another by Russian cruisers. Numerous letters are published in which industrial concerns and companies which are suffering from interruption to their business with the far east demand that the British Government can give them relief. They want the Government to compel Russia to come quickly to a sensible agreement in regard to contraband and other vexatious questions, or, that being impossible, they want the Government to take a stand for itself, on some proposition, and maintain it with the guns of the British navy, if necessary. Editorial comment is expressed in more guarded terms, but the general tone apparently sympathizes with this demand.

Punch has a cartoon entitled "The Mistress of the Sea." It represents Britannia with her trident, sitting on the steps of a quay, mournfully contemplating bales of British goods which await shipment. Neptune, in a barge, labeled, "Neptune & Co., Ocean Carriers," and laden with the best German goods, is just starting for the far east. He says: "You are not sending your goods to the far east just now, ma'am. How's that?"

Britannia meekly answers: "I'm not allowed to."

Father Neptune rejoins: "Not allowed? Why, I thought you had a navy."

The report that the Smolensk is interfering with British commerce off the Cape of Good Hope has caused great indignation in view of the understanding that she would not again be allowed to engage in such operations.

There is considerable anxiety for several British steamers now sailing to Japan by the Cape route, carrying actual contraband of war.

The Times' insurance correspondent today says one or two steamers with very valuable cargoes are proceeding to the far east via the Cape. It is impossible today to get insurance quotations for anything contraband going by the Cape route.

The Times, editorially discusing the Comedian incident, says that if the Smolensk really was the cruiser which stopped the British steamer the British people will recall the emphatic promise given in the King's speech that the Government will energetically support them in the exercise of their lawful rights as neutrals, and will inquire whether it is not time the navy should be instructed to protect these rights, and, if necessary, vindicate them. "We are loth," says the Times, "to even suggest that such measures may be required, but it is absolutely essential to the interests of peace itself that Russia understand on this subject that neither the British Government nor the British people will tolerate further equivocation."

A HEAD-ON COLLISION

Motorman Tried to "Steal a Switch" With Disastrous Results.

Rochester N. Y., Aug. 24. — A head-on collision occurred this morning on the Rochester and Eastern New York Railway, at a gravel bank two miles east of Pittsford. So far as can be learned 35 were injured badly, but not fatally. Three were brought to the city and are now at the hospital. Details of the accident are very meager, owing to the fact that the telephone lines are down and communication is shut off. The facts as they are given out by the wounded have been brougnt to the city indicate that the accident is a repetition of that which occurred on the Manitou line a few weeks ago.

It is said that the conductor and motorman of the westbound disobeyed orders and attempted to steal a switch, with disastrous results. The collision happened at a curve in the road, while both cars were going at a high rate of speed.

Pere Marquette Sued.

Windsor, Ont., Aug. 24. — Mrs. Bertha Hutchison, widow of James Hutchison, killed on the Pere Marquette Railway at Chatham on Feb. 21, last, has issued a writ against the company for $10,000 damages. The case will come up for trial at the coming fall assizes, which open at Sandwich, on Oct. 1. Hutchison, was a brakeman in the employ of the company at the time of his death.

Satolli at Naples.

Naples, Aug. 24.—Cardinal Satolli and his suite arrived here safely today on the steamer Sardegna, from New York Aug. 9. He celebrated mass on board ship during the voyage, and all the passengers, including non-Catholics attended. Cardinal Brisco, archbishop of Naples, and several other distinguished clergymen and laymen received the cardinal here.

The C. M. B. A. Convention.

Toronto, Aug. 24. — The delegates to the C. M. B. A. triennial-convention attended high mass this morning, and were later formally welcomed to the city by Acting Mayor Fleming, Ald. Ramsden and representatives of other Catholic orders. President Hon. M. F. Hackett was in the chair. The business sessions begin this afternoon.

Drops Into Skeeters' Lair.

New York, Aug. 24.—Leo Stevens, the aeronaut, had a narrow escape from death yesterday while performing at the Plattdeutsche Volksfest, Union Hill. The balloon was not filled properly, and when up a thousand feet started to descend. Stevens was over the Hackensack Meadows, and was compelled to cut the rope and drop with the parachute. He landed in the marshes and sank over his waist in the mud. He became entangled in the huge canvas, and all he could do was to shout. Mosquitoes swarmed on him in his defenseless state. A searching party found him after three hours. He had been badly bitten by the insects, and had given up all hopes of being found.