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BALTIMORE FIRE AT LAST UNDER CONTROL.

Business Section in Ashes; Loss More Than \$150,000,000.

At Least 50,000 People Out of Employment--Legislature Declares Ten Legal Holidays to Enable Business Men to Straighten Out Their Affairs--United States Soldiers On Guard in the Stricken City--Effective Work of New York Firemen.

Baltimore, Feb. 8--When darkness fell tonight the people of this stricken city saw the worst ever and turned toward the streets...

John E. Hurst, dry goods, \$1,500,000; The Daniel Miller Company, dry goods, \$1,500,000; carry more than \$1,000,000 insurance on contents...

at a life lost. Not a single life has been lost, and not human being has been even dangerously injured.

Some of the Heavy Losers. Baltimore, Feb. 8--The following is the latest list of the largest business places destroyed, with a rough estimate of the losses where obtainable.

TWO NOVA SCOTIA FATALITIES

David Byers of New Annan Found Dead With Log on His Neck.

Thomas Lynds of North River Dropped Dead While Calling on Neighbor--T. S. Pattillo & Co. Will Combine With Another Company.

Truro, N. S., Feb. 8--(Special)--Thos. Lynds, of North River, called at a neighbor's house Sunday afternoon, took off his coat, and, while hanging it up, fell forward dead, from heart disease.

White Bert Kent, from Lower Truro, was driving through town today his horse dropped dead in the shafts.

A telegram from Springfield announces the death there of Miss Martha Delaney, daughter of the late Thos. S. Delaney, of Folly Village, and a sister of the late Dr. Wm. Delaney, of Halifax.

T. S. Pattillo & Co., one of the largest wholesale houses in the province, are closed up. T. S. Pattillo has purchased the business, A. C. Schumann retiring.

At present the headquarters are in Halifax, but they will likely move to Truro, as they own a \$120,000 property here and are renting in Halifax.

CANADIAN INSURANCE COMPANIES BADLY HIT IN BALTIMORE FIRE.

Western Assurance Loses \$350,000 and the British American \$210,000.

Toronto, Feb. 8--(Special)--Both the Western Assurance and British American Assurance Co's which have been doing a profitable business in Baltimore for many years, find themselves heavily involved by the great fire.

GERMANY WANTS SURTAX LIFTED.

Willing to Negotiate a Trade Treaty With Canada Now.

CIVIL SERVICE KICK.

More Than 150 Employes Haven't Been Paid for Months Because No Provision Was Made by Last Parliament for Their Salary--New Zealand Preference Good for the Dominion.

Ottawa, Feb. 8--(Special)--It is understood that the dominion government has received a cable from London in regard to the desire of Germany to re-open the question of trade relations with Canada.

It is a cold day says an evening paper, when civil servants cannot find a grievance. The latest kick is made by the clerks, 180 or so in number, who were transferred from the temporary to the permanent list by the civil service bill passed at the last session.

The auditor refuses to pay the amounts under the legislation of last session.

New Zealand Preferential Tariff. The Canadian commercial agent in Australia, J. S. Larke, sends to the department a copy of the preferential tariff schedule of New Zealand.

Pneumonia Prevalent in Sussex. Sussex, N. B., Feb. 8--Pneumonia has become almost epidemic in Sussex this winter.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN'S TROOPS ON THE MOVE.

Mikado's Forces Land in Different Parts of Korea.

Russian Vessels Reported to Have Been Captured, But Story Is Not Confirmed--Chinese Court Preparing to Flee from Peking--Czar Negotiating a \$200,000,000 Loan--Powers to Land Troops in China.

Montreal, Feb. 8--(Special)--Mr. Tarte declared that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a poor business man.

London, Feb. 9--In a despatch from Nagasaki dated Monday, February 8, a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "It is assumed that the Russian fleet will fight. The Russian long ago decided upon war, and their delay was due to lack of preparation and uncertainty whether certain powers would intervene or not."

Mr. Tarte held up the statements made by the prime minister on the tariff question to ridicule and claimed that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was away off both in his facts and conclusions regarding the premier's claim that Canada had more trade than the United States proportionately to its population.

Mr. Tarte pointed out that the premier had dealt only with exports and had omitted altogether the international trade of the United States, which was greater than any other trade in the world, and beside which the export trade was a trifle.

Mr. Tarte showed how the balance of trade had been against Canada some \$400,000,000 since confederation.

He declared higher protection was essential to the welfare and prosperity of the dominion and in the interests not only of the maritime coast but the agriculturists and the working classes.

Beckport, Me., Feb. 8--The ice conditions on the river and bay continue worse than for thirty years.

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Washington, Feb. 8--Secretary Moody has received a telegram from Lieut. Commander Marsh, of the American naval attaché at Tokio, announcing the departure of a naval division from Japanese waters for Chemulpo, Korea.

London, Feb. 8--The British foreign office does not regard the Japanese note presented Feb. 5 to the Russian foreign office by M. Kurino as establishing a state of war, though it holds it would justify a hostile act without any further notification on the part of Japan, which the

foreign office here also understands will not be given. The course taken by the United States embassy at St. Petersburg in undertaking to look after the interests of Japanese subjects in Russia was adopted because the British government regarded itself as being too intimately concerned in the dispute to accept such a responsibility.

Two other Russian vessels were seized and escorted to Szabo, Japan. The Daily Telegraph says the foregoing seizures occurred at Masampo but the censor suppressed the location.

Japan Would Decline Intervention. No information has been received here of any steps toward peaceful intervention.

Rumor of Russian Ships Captured. The rumor that some Russian merchant ships have been captured by Japanese warships has reached the Japanese legation in Peking.

No Agreement Between Britain and United States. Washington, Feb. 8--State department officials deny that any agreement has been made to the effect that the United States and Great Britain would intervene after Russia has crushed Japan and China.

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territory where conflict will rage. The map shows the Yellow Sea, Japan Sea, and the Korean peninsula.

800 CHILDREN ESCAPE FROM BURNING TORONTO SCHOOL.

Everyone of Them Got Out Safely in Perfect Order Within Five Minutes from the Time the Alarm Gong Sounded--Weather Very Cold--Eight Rooms Badly Gutted.

Toronto, Feb. 8--(Special)--Shortly before noon today Principal Henry of Jesse Ketchum school, one of the largest public school buildings in the city, discovered smoke issuing from the cellar immediately under the kindergarten room.

He hastily informed all the teachers who instructed the scholars to dress immediately and the first alarm gong then sounded.

Within five minutes 800 scholars formed into a fire drill line and marched into the yards and were dismissed, not one being injured in the slightest degree, showing the efficacy of a fire drill.

A number of children, however, rushed back to their rooms and in a blinding smoke carried out cadet corps' guns, uniforms, typewriters, books, etc.

The fire proved to be a stubborn one and the firemen were at a great disadvantage, the water freezing as it fell. Interior of western wing of the building containing eight rooms, is completely gutted, while the eastern wing with a similar number of rooms, is little damaged.

Losses estimated at \$150,000; insured for \$60,000.

MONTREAL NEWSPAPER MEN ARRESTED FOR LIBEL.

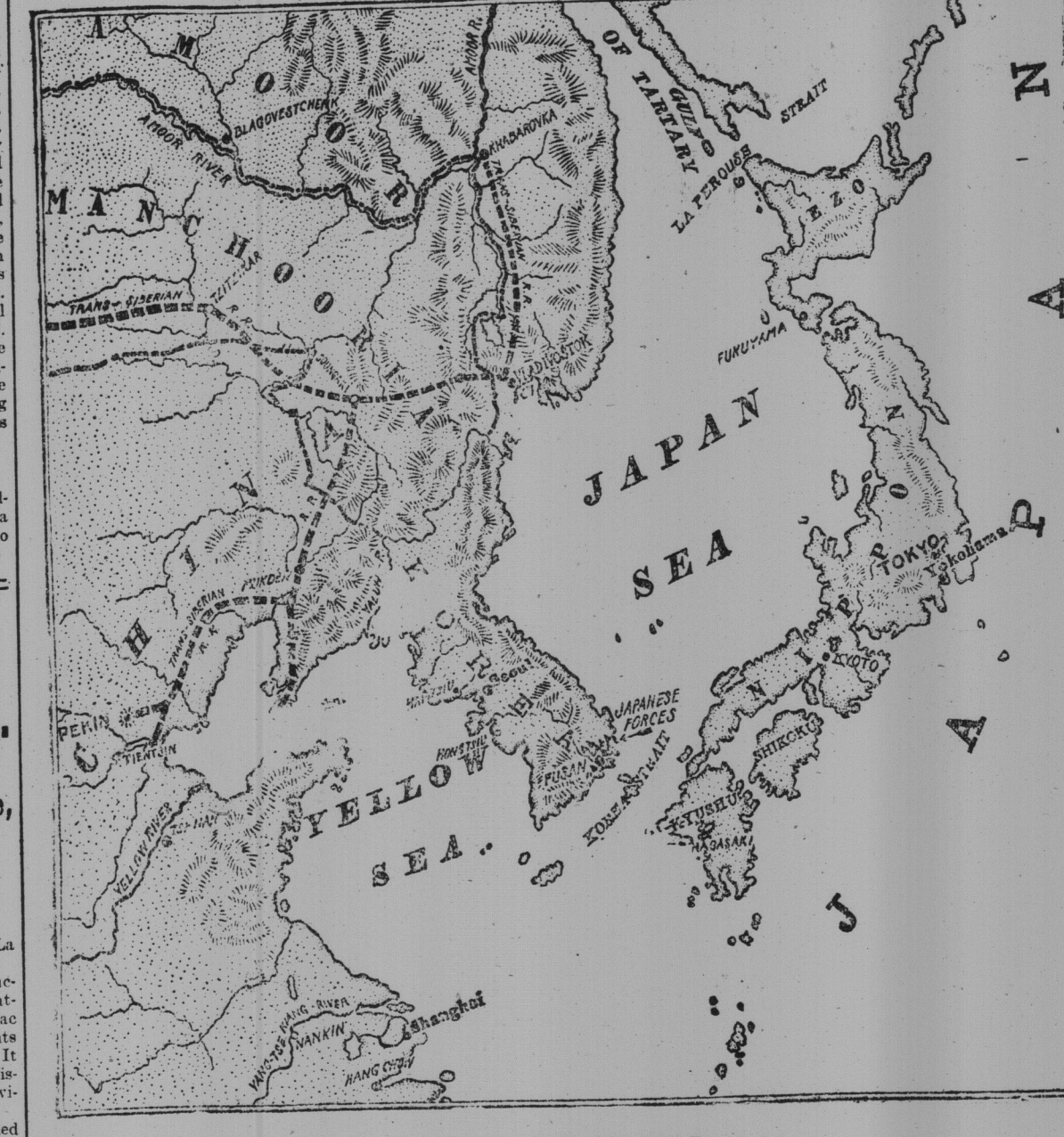
Hugh Graham of the Star, and L. J. Tarte of La Patrie, Accused by Hon. Mr. Prefontaine of Criminal Libel--Civil Actions, Against Them, Also.

Montreal, Feb. 8--(Special)--As a result of articles published in the Star and La Patrie, of Saturday, warrants were taken out today by Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries, for the arrest of Hugh Graham, proprietor of the Montreal Star, and L. J. Tarte, managing director of La Patrie.

In addition to the criminal action, Mr. Prefontaine entered a civil action against the Star for \$10,000, and against La Patrie for \$5,000.

The article on account of which the action was taken appeared in the Star Saturday, where there was published a fac simile of a form sent out to applicants for positions, under the government. It was alleged that thousands had been distributed in St. James and Hochelaga divisions.

Messrs. Graham and Tarte both pleaded not guilty to the charges of criminal libel and were released on personal recognizance.



Territory Where Conflict Will Rage.