



Happy New Year!

Time says, "Move on old 1903, for 1904 stands waiting at the door." Let it be so—for a year, at best, is but a twinkle on the Calendar of Time.

Welcome to 1904

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ed in thousands or millions of dollars? The Premier and other ministers have failed to inform the public. But it is not high time that the people took a hand in and by their determined opposition put an end to agreements between promoters and the government, by which the country's credit is to be swapped off for votes? The Liberal party was at one time the sworn enemy of corporations, but their deal with the Grand Trunk shows their insincerity in this as in other matters.

MR. FIELDING—PAST AND PRESENT
In 1887 long before Hon. W. S. Fielding was thought of as Minister of Finance, he led the Nova Scotia Liberals during the Federal election of that year. His personal organ, the Halifax Chronicle, of which Mr. Fielding was editor, waged war on the Canadian confederation, the people of Upper Canada and the west, and devoted much space to decrying the extravagance of Sir Charles Tupper, then High Commissioner. It printed three columns of items of expenditure in connection with the furnishings for the High Commissioner's home, of which the following are good examples:—

Marble Top Washstand	21 15 0
Kidderminster Carpets	17 10 0
3 Iron Bedsteads	3 3 9
1 Gravy Strainer	1 1
1 Mining Knife	7 0
2 Wood Spoons	8

Mr. Fielding has since been called to the finance department and is responsible for the expenditure of the High Commissioner. He seems to have lost interest in the bedsteads, wood spoons, etc., however, and the Auditor General's report shows, that whereas in 1886 and 1887 Sir Charles Tupper spent \$13,609 and \$12,748 respectively, in 1902 and 1903, Lord Strathcona, under Mr. Fielding's patronage, disbursed \$31,198 and \$38,491 respectively. The money has without doubt been expended wisely, and the Conservative party has not gone into Lord Strathcona's kitchen parlors and bedrooms to secure evidence to the contrary.

But Mr. Fielding, who was so solicitous in 1887 as to the number of spoons and bedsteads Sir Charles Tupper purchased for himself and his successors, has also failed to enquire further into the matter. Probably this is to be accounted for by the fact that Mr. Fielding has been engaged in providing \$6,678,000 for the Premier Parent's Quebec Bridge Company, \$151,000,000 for the Cox G. T. P. deal; \$57,000 for Mr. Lovell's private wharf at Grande Vallée; thousands of dollars for useless public works in his own constituency, etc. His present reckless waste of money and his anxiety concerning Sir Charles Tupper's wood spoons show the calibre of the man who aspires to the Liberal leadership.

The schooner Britannia, which has taken cargoes of produce from this province, in recent years, is ashore at Costa Rica and is a total loss. She was built at Noel, N.S., and was commanded by Captain Nickerson of Port La Tour. During the revolutions in Central America she was riddled with bullets on one occasion.

DIED
In this city, on the 4th inst., Gabriel Macdonald, aged 79 years. May his soul rest in peace.
Suddenly, Friday afternoon, from heart failure, William T. Down, aged 50 years.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS
Mrs. Margaret Hopkins an aged woman, perished in a fire near Port Midway Halifax.
MALCOLM McKinnon was honourably discharged by the Chief Justice at St. John, N. B. Monday.
The worst blizzard of the winter prevailed in Toronto on Monday night. All traffic blocked.
SIMILAR reports come from Montreal, Berlin, Rome, Schenectady, Utica and other points in New York and Ontario.
THERE was a small attendance at the market Thursday. The top price for dressed hogs was 64 and for live hogs 6 cents.

AS A RESULT of a fire which broke out early last Saturday morning in an isolated farm house at Black River, five miles from Baudoche, Moncton, two persons lost their lives while another was seriously injured.
The dead are William Savoy aged 22 years and Juddus Savoy, aged 14 years. Joseph Savoy aged 12 years who jumped from a window is seriously injured but is expected to recover.

One of the saddest accidents in connection with Friday morning's fire in Halifax was the death of Patrick Shelly, the well known hardware clerk at H. H. Fuller & Co's. Mr. Shelly was an enthusiastic fireman for years, and he has been fighting fires from his boyhood, being one of the brigade which battled with the great conflagration on Grandville Street in 1859. Of late years he has been connected with the Volunteer Fireman's Association, and when the alarm sounded this morning he arose from his bed and turned out. He hastily dressed and proceeded to the fire. Just as he reached the corner of Hollis and Duke Streets he fell dead. Police officers John Nickerson and Sprain picked him up, but they at once seen that he had breathed his last, and they carried his lifeless body to the Police Station. Dr. Finn the Medical Examiner, was called, and after examining the body, he stated that death resulted from a weakness of the heart, brought on by excitement. He was recognized as one of the best fire fighters of his day, and through over sixty years of age he was still smart and active.

HO FOR SUMMER CLIMES!
The Grand Trunk Railway System have issued a handsome publication entitled "Winter Tours to Colorado and California," and which are now in their City Ticket Office for free distribution. The publications deals with the attractions of the State of Colorado and California and winter resorts for Eastern people and as the present season is the time to visit these Western resorts for pleasure, and the invalid for health, the publication is issued at an opportune time. It is handsomely illustrated with views of Manitou Springs, Pike's Peak, Gateway to the Garden of the Gods, Grand Canyon of Arizona, views in the Yosemite Valley, and the Big Trees of California; also of interesting points on the line of Grand Trunk. There is also a fund of information regarding Personally Conducted Excursions to these Western Points, time tables of trains, maps, etc. Copies may be had on application to J. Quinlan, District Passenger Agent, Bonaventure Station, Montreal.

If a child eats ravenously, grinds the teeth at night and picks its nose, you may almost be certain it has worms and should administer without delay Dr. Low's Pleasant Worm Syrup, this remedy contains its own cathartic.

News of the War.

St. Petersburg, March 1.—Emperor Nicholas has decided to go to the front. London, March 1.—A despatch from Yung Lo states that fifteen Japanese warships appeared before Port Arthur at ten o'clock Monday morning and opened a furious bombardment.
The Russian cruisers Novik, Askold and Bayan and four torpedo boats steamed out to meet the attack but were forced to retire.
The Askold was in a sinking condition and the Novik was badly damaged when the fight ceased. One torpedo boat was sunk. The cruiser Reivizan, which was torpedoed in the first attack on Port Arthur, was further damaged in Monday's attack.

LASTED TWO HOURS.
The bombardment lasted two hours. The Japanese troops withdrew in perfect order. It is presumed that the attack was made in bad weather. Previous to telegraphic advice it is reported that a severe gale was raging at Port Arthur. As usual the Japanese did not remain long enough off the harbor to enable the gunners at the fort to get their range.

NOT ABLE TO STAND LONG DEFENSE.
The Tsin Tsin correspondent says: Repeated attacks on Port Arthur have created a condition approaching demoralization among the troops. There is little hope that the place will be able to stand a long defense.
Rations are already exceedingly short and it is expected that when the town has been invested hunger will soon complete its capitulation. There are not many civilians left in town.
ANOTHER CLASH EXPECTED SOON.
There is no information regarding the landing of troops on Lia Tung peninsula. There has been no further fighting so far as known following the little outburst at Ping Yang. But it is the virtual consensus of opinion that the rival forces may clash in that neighborhood at any moment.

The Russian cruiser Askold, carrying a displacement of 7300 tons displacement, carrying an armament of two 8 inch, eight 6 inch, twenty 8 inch, and seven smaller guns. Her speed on her trial trip was 22 knots. The Askold is a protected cruiser of 6100 tons displacement, carrying twelve 6 inch, twelve 3 inch, and 29 smaller guns. Her speed is twenty-three knots. The Novik is also a protected cruiser, her tonnage is 3200. Her armament consists of six 47 inch and 13 smaller guns, and her speed is 23 knots.

JAPS HAVE STRONG POSITS IN KOREA.
An exchange thus sums up the situation in Korea:—
The Times' despatch from Chemulpo partially lifts the veil. We are in possession of one solid fact, that a large Japanese force, probably three divisions, is established on the Seoul-Chemulpo line.
A Japanese division consists of twelve battalions, grouped in regiments of three battalions, and brigades of two regiments. In peace time a division is about 8,000 strong. When mobilized the number of the ranks are filled by reservists until the division is from 14,000 to 19,000 strong. The force reported by the Times' correspondents amounts to at least 40,000, and probably 50,000 men. The Japanese battalions will be very strong.
We know definitely that this considerable force is in Central Korea. We are told that it is advancing towards the Yalu.

The first objective naturally is the line of the Tai-dong River. The famous Ping-Yang position, out of which the Japanese stormed the Chinese in September, 1894, is about seventy-five miles up the river, which is parallel with the Yalu. The port of Chinnampo is at the mouth of the Tai-dong. Gen. Maerz, a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, asserts that three separate Japanese armies have landed in Korea, and the Paris edition of the New York Herald published a report from Che Fo that to the effect that six Japanese cruisers, scattering ten transports, have been seen steaming in the direction of the Gulf of Liao Tung.

Nothing in any of these reports is improbable, but it is evident that Japan is maintaining strict secrecy as to her plans.
Cabling from Che Fo under date of March 3, a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that although Japan has just a small cruiser and that the machinery of two of her warships has been damaged, these probably have been fully repaired, and in any event Japan has complete command of the sea and will effectually isolate Port Arthur. He anticipates the early renewal of naval movements, the landing of Japanese troops at the best strategic positions and the occupation of territory near Port Dalny as soon as the winter moderates. He predicts that having secured the Yalu River the Japanese will threaten Lirin, cutting the railroad and menacing Vladivostok, while a second force deals with the Liao Tung peninsula.

According to the correspondent of the Morning Post at Che Fo a Japanese battleship has run aground near Chemulpo.
Refugees from Port Arthur, the Nagasaki correspondent of the Times cables under date of March 3rd, believe there were 30,000 troops there the middle of February. The report that the 10,000 Russian troops who were despatched to Korea the beginning of February were so ill equipped with transports and supplies that it was thought they would be compelled to return.
London, March 7.—A despatch from St. Petersburg says that a telegram from Vladivostok, states that at 1.05 o'clock Sunday afternoon a squadron of five Japanese warships began bombarding that town firing at long range. After continuing the bombardment for some time the Japanese squadron withdrew. The shells which fell ashore were mostly harmless owing to the precision of the shots. The shells did not fire a single shot but were ready to open fire if the Japanese approached nearer. It is reported that there were a few Chinese in the town. It is believed that the Russian squadron did not suffer. There is no word yet from Japan concerning the bombardment. The Russian fleet was effectively blockaded at Vladivostok as at Port Arthur. Through the latter place has not been attacked for some days the ships there have not shown the slightest sign of going out of the town. This also suggests corroboration of the report that the outlet is considerably hampered by the vessels that the Japanese sank there. Besides attending to the bombardment of Vladivostok is considered to have various objects in view; first the hope of compelling the Russians to alter their determination to fight until the death for faith, the Czar and the country.

The Casaria today inspected with much interest a hospital train of thirteen cars, with a capacity of 160 men and officers, besides attending to which is ready to be sent in the front. The cars are going out under the auspices of the Grand Duchess Tatiana Nicolaevna.
London, March 8.—Up to a late hour last night the Japanese legion received no official information regarding the bombardment of Vladivostok. It is believed that the Japanese are now between the Russian cruiser squadron and Vladivostok, and there is reason to believe the Russian squadron is in the vicinity of Possiet Bay. The Russian official despatches do not mention this squadron, and this fact lends color to the belief that the Japanese warships shut it out of Vladivostok, if this is true the Russian vessels are in a critical position since they must run the gauntlet of the Japanese squadron off Vladivostok or the Japanese squadron off Port Arthur before re-entering Russian ports.

LANDING OF JAPS CONFIRMED.
The reported landing of 2,500 Japanese at Song Chai, Plakon Bay, on the east coast of Korea, has been confirmed.
Paris, March 7.—Telegraphing from Harbin, a correspondent of the Marcin says a special staff of Russian officers has started for Lake Baikal to meet General Kuropatkin.
The concentration of Chinese forces west of Mukden arouses suspicion, in spite of the repeated declarations of China's neutrality.
Cossacks are advancing into Korea, where the attitude of the natives toward them is very variable.
The people here believe that Port Arthur was mined a long time ago by the Japanese, who are now trying to send there a few men who know the place well to blow it up.

WELCOMING THE CHANNEL.
According to the Sebastopol correspondent of the London Daily Graphic, Admiral Svydloff has learned privately from Port Arthur that the Russian battleship Reivizan lies in such a position as to block effectually the exit of battleships from the harbor, the passage being practicable only for cruisers. The correspondent adds that Russia's new battleships now building on the Baltic, will not be ready for active commission before the end of August.

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