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PETERSBURG EXPECTS PEACE; GRAND DUKE SAYS FIGHT ON

Imperial Commission Reports There Is No Reason Why Russia Should Not Continue the War.

REPORTED THAT THE CZAR ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

St. Petersburg, March 30, 6:05 p.m.—There was no further peace news today. All eyes are centered on Washington and Paris, where developments are anticipated. The Washington dispatches are awaited with especial eagerness. The reports of President Roosevelt's conference with Minister Takahira and Ambassador Jusserand and Von Speck Sternburg, in spite of official denials, are believed in diplomatic circles here to relate to the opening of negotiations. The foreign office continues to maintain that Russia has taken no official step, which certainly is literally true. There is an important admission, however, that Ambassador Jusserand upon his own responsibility may have given President Roosevelt the French idea of Russia's position. The French embassy also insists that it has no knowledge of what move, if any, has been made.

Continue the War.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—It is understood that the Imperial commission under the presidency of Grand Duke Nicholas, which has been considering the question of prosecuting the war, has completed its preliminary report, which favors a continuation of the war, finding nothing in the present situation, either financial or military to prevent its prosecution.

Conditions Only Negative.

St. Petersburg, March 30, 1 a.m.—An official news agency says: "In spite of the general inclination in favor of conclusion of the war, Russia has not proposed any peace conditions nor prepared any such conditions." Officially the officials continue to deny stoutly that Russia has made any proposals to Japan. This is literally true, as Russia has only made known the negative conditions, leaving the intermediary to convey its conditions on its own responsibility to Japan. Diplomats in St. Petersburg are convinced that something is in progress, but none of them is in a position to know what has actually been or is being done. The Novoe Vremya, for the first time, admitting the possibility of negotiations for peace, commenting on the efforts of the British and French press to prove that peace is advisable both for Russia and Japan. The Novoe Vremya declares that the payment of indemnity by Russia is utterly out of the question, as it would be a contribution tending to build up the strength of Japan, and that Japan is not in a position to claim indemnity. The paper adds whether diplomats are tending to build up the strength of Japan, and that Japan is not in a position to claim indemnity. The paper adds whether diplomats are tending to build up the strength of Japan, and that Japan is not in a position to claim indemnity.

ROJESTVENSKY SAVED FLAGSHIP

Russian Admiral Comments on His Majesty's Agent Arranges Decision in the North Sea Case.

Paris, March 30, 1:20 p.m.—Admiral Rojestvensky, in the course of an authorized interview with a Matin correspondent at the Island of Nossebe, near Madagascar, March 4, said the future movements of the squadron depended on the arrival of coal and military developments. "The slow arrival of coal becomes a serious question when a fleet consists of 60 warships, if coal is abundant, I may go to meet the third division." Admiral Rojestvensky received a telegraphic summary of the decision of the international commission inquiry to the North Sea incident, and said: "I am glad the admirals approved of my conduct, but owing to doubts concerning the incident, I shall always hold a certain measure of moral responsibility. However, torpedo boats were certainly there, my ships were endangered, I was obliged to save the flagship and I succeeded."

Commercial Travelers State Case Against B. C.

Ask the Government to Disallow Measure Imposing a Tax.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, March 30.—A delegation representing the commercial travelers of Canada waited on Sir Richard Cartwright today to protest against a bill passed by the British Columbia Legislature imposing a tax on non-resident commercial travelers. The bill has passed at the present session and has not yet been approved by the Governor. The delegation comprised the Dominion Commercial Travelers' Association, with headquarters in Montreal, it was represented by J. S. Dougall, J. Egan, F. L. Cairn and W. Wadsworth. The Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada, with headquarters in

PROVINCIAL BIRTHDAY

Regina Preparing for Great Celebration on Dominion Day.

Regina, N. W. T., March 30.—Regina is preparing for the greatest celebration ever held in Western Canada to take place on Dominion Day, when the new provinces will enter Canadian Confederation. An invitation on behalf of the city has been extended to Earl and Countess Grey and Sir Wilfrid Laurier to come to Regina and participate in the ceremonies. The Nineteenth Regiment of Winnipeg, also will take part in the celebration.

SS. PARISIAN IS LIBELED

German Steamer Takes Action in Connection With Collision.

Halifax, N.S., March 29.—The owners of the Albano, that collided with the steamer Parisian on Saturday, have libeled the Parisian for \$50,000. They also are asking for an appraisal of the Albano, alleging that in libeling her for \$50,000 the Albano Line have asked for a far more than the value of the ship. The pumps in the Parisian's engine room have reduced the water in that part of the ship by one foot. It is said that the Parisian is "hogged" that she lies on a reef on the bottom of the ship by the keel has become bent by the strain. The investigation into the cause of the collision ordered by the Dominion Government today. Capt. Johnston, Chief Officer Collins, and Third Officer Griffiths, of the Parisian, were examined, and also Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick, a passenger. The gist of their evidence was that the Parisian was at a standstill, and that for reasons unknown to them the Albano ran down. The investigation will resume at 3 o'clock tomorrow, when it is likely the German side of the story will be heard.

NEW ROAD TO THE MINES

Another Concern Anxious to Tap Northern Ontario Riches.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, March 30.—The Algoma Copper Range Company's bill was before the railway committee today. The company asked power to build a railway from Batchewana Bay to the Superior copper mines and thence to connect with the C. P. at Biscotasing. The Algoma Central opposed the proposition as it covered part of its territory. The bill was finally reported.

CONCESSIONS TO FINLAND

Czar Will Let Conscript Question S' and Over Until 1908.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—The Emperor has given an answer to the petition of the Finnish Diet, asking that all imperial decrees since the one of 1890, which it issued in connection with the organic law of Finland, be withdrawn or submitted for the approval of the Diet. These included the military conscription act of 1899 providing for the use of the Russian language in the principal departments, the irremovability of judges, the employment of Russian in the departments, the restriction upon the Senate's part in the administration, and the restriction upon the executive power in the hands of the government. The Emperor in his decision concurred in postponing the suspension of the conscription act until 1908, when the whole question will be submitted to the Diet, and in lieu of military service Finland will have to pay a contribution of \$2,000,000, in the same way as the Muslims in the Caucasus pay for exemption from military service. The matter the Emperor went beyond the recommendations of the Russian Senate, to which the question was submitted, and acted on his own initiative. Prince John Obolensky, the governor-general of Finland, who favored a conscription of Russian origin, said the Emperor also conceded the point of the irremovability of judges.

PERISHED IN THE ARCTIC

The Baron Toll Expedition Has Been Given Up as Lost.

London, March 29.—The Daily Chronicle publishes the following from St. Petersburg: "The North Pole commission has officially declared that the expedition under Baron Toll to the Arctic Ocean has ended with the death of all the members of the party." Lieut. Kotchak, one of the party organized to search for the baron, found last July, on Benet Island, a letter written by Baron Toll. The letter was wrapped in a piece of cloth, and said that the party had continued on their expedition, though having only eight or ten days' provisions left. It was therefore considered certain that Baron Toll and his companions had perished of hunger. Lieut. Kotchak subsequently went to Port Arthur, where he remained until the capitulation, and is now a prisoner at Matsuyama.

Drank Carbolic Acid.

Toronto, March 30.—William Grindley, a painter, committed suicide this morning by drinking carbolic acid at his home, 487 Preston avenue.

Hanged the Canadians.

Port Huron, Mich., March 30.—There have been set for the April term of the circuit court seven cases for divorce, two for separate maintenance and one for affirmation of marriage. The divorce evil is a growing one in this country. The proximity of the country to Canada is allowed to have something to do with this. The ease with which a divorce may be secured in this country is so well known that many Canadians are lured to come here, live the required time and then file a bill for divorce.

Mars Breaks In Two.

Tokio, March 30.—The steamer Indu, whose nationality has not been ascertained, was seized by the Japanese on March 28. She was presumably bound for Vladivostok. The British steamer Mars which was stranded off Rurik Promontory on March 17, while attempting the passage of Soya Strait, has broken in two under her engines. Her bow and stern are both submerged. Her captain and nine of the crew have been rescued. Her mate died from exposure.

THE LIBERAL WHIPS

Caucus at Toronto Chooses Bowman and Tadhope.

Toronto, March 29.—At the Liberal caucus held here this afternoon, Mr. Bowman (North Bruce), and Mr. Tadhope (East Simcoe), were chosen whips.

ALLAN LONEY ACQUITTED

Cleared of Homicide Charge Over Hockey Fatality.

Cornwall, Ont., March 29.—Allan Loney, the hockey player, has been acquitted of the charge of manslaughter and was liberated.

ARISTOCRACY CONVERTED

Evangelists Are Pleased With Their Success in London.

London, March 30.—The final meeting of the Torrey-Alexander Evangelical Mission, held in the west end yesterday. The next attack will be made in the southern suburbs of London. An interesting feature of the meeting was the fact that he had addressed 800,000 persons. There had been nearly 7,000 inquirers. He was more than satisfied with the result, which had exceeded his previous experiences. In reply to the question whether he really thought he had really reached the rich and fashionable residents of the west end, Mr. Torrey said: "I know we have. The letters sent us prove it. Whole families have been converted, including several that are titled. Some of these are among the highest."

NEEPAWA'S MUNICIPAL 'PHONES WORK WELL, SAYS THE MEMBER

Interesting Facts Laid Before the Government's Special Committee.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, March 30.—At the meeting of the special committee on telephones today, A. E. Cameron, Beaverton, was examined by Sir William Muir.

He said that eleven miles of telephones of the Independent Telephone Company of Beaverton cost \$1,600 for 20 telephones. This paid for everything. At the end of eight months the line was sold out to the Bell Telephone

SETTLERS' TRAIN DITCHED ON C.P.R.

Home-seekers' Excursion Wrecked Near Rat Portage—Doctors Leave for Scene.

Winnipeg, Man., March 30.—The third section of the home-seekers' excursion, which left Toronto last Tuesday, with about six hundred settlers for the Northwest, on board, has been ditched at Dryden, 80 miles east of Rat Portage. A wrecking crew and doctors have left Rat Portage for the scene of the wreck.

LATER. The accident to the home-seekers' excursion, near Dryden, this morning, was caused by a broken rail which struck the engine. Three persons were slightly bruised.

Fall Was Fatal.

Toronto, March 30.—Benjamin Miller, a carpenter, who fell from the roof of a four-story building yesterday afternoon, died this morning in the hospital.

Lineman Killed.

Niagara Falls, Ont., March 30.—Daniel McKinnon, line-man for the Bell Telephone Company, this city, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon while engaged in stringing a telephone line to a house on Ferry street. He was in contact with the heavily charged trolley circuit wire, and as soon as he was thrown from the pole, his hand, the high voltage passed through his body, killing him instantly. McKinnon was 35 years of age. He was unmarried and about 36 years of age.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fair and Cool.

London, Thursday, March 30. Sun rises, 6:04 a.m. Moon rises, 3:29 a.m. Sun sets, 6:42 p.m. Moon sets, 1:46 p.m.

The weather has been fine today in all districts—a little colder in Manitoba, and elsewhere very mild, especially in the lake region. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 32-46; Calgary, 18-46; Edmonton, 26-54; Winnipeg, 26-38; Port Arthur, 32-42; Sault Ste. Marie, 26-44; Ottawa, 38-50; Montreal, 38-48; Quebec, 32-48; St. John, 36-50; Halifax, 34-44.

FORECASTS.

Thursday, March 30—5 a.m. Today—a few scattered showers, but partly fair and cooler. Friday—Generally fair and cool.

STATIONS. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary 30 23 Snow. Winnipeg 30 23 Cloudy. Port Arthur 32 42 Cloudy. Toronto 38 48 Fair. Montreal 38 48 Clear. Quebec 32 48 Clear. Father Point 40 34 Clear.

WEATHER NOTES. Showers occurred during the night in parts of the lower lake region. Ice came down the Georgian Bay district, together with a few local thunderstorms. Colder weather is expected in the afternoon and the Territories, and Calgary reports snow. A marked disturbance covers the western states.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended 8 p.m. Wednesday were: Highest, 75°; lowest, 49° above.

SOUTH ESSEX INSPECTOR

Conservatives Kicking Against Whitney's Appointment.

Essex, March 30.—James A. Smyth, principal of the Essex public school, has been appointed license inspector for South Essex. The appointment is not satisfactory to some members of the Conservative party, and it is said that petitions will be sent at once to the Provincial Secretary asking him to reconsider it. Mr. Smyth was recommended by Dr. Anderson, the defeated Conservative candidate for the south riding in the recent provincial elections.

MONTREAL'S HARBOR

Every Effort Being Made to Have It Nationalized at Once.

Montreal, March 30.—The reconstruction of the Montreal Harbor Board will be shortly accomplished, the statement made by the delegation from the board which waited upon the Government in Ottawa on Tuesday regarding harbor matters. The report presented added that while doubting the Government expected at some time to relieve the country from the burden of Montreal harbor dues, unless pressure was brought to bear nothing would be done in the matter this session. Strenuous efforts on the part of the board and other commercial organizations and the citizens generally will be made to induce the Government to take over the harbor before the close of the present session.

TO EXTERMINATE INTELLECTUALS

Company. It was a rural line started in the interests of the farmers, who were the local partners. The Bell Telephone Company refused to give the service at less than \$60 a subscriber. After the system was sold out the price was raised from \$15 to \$20, which was too high.

Mr. Crawford, M. P. for Portage la Poirie, said that Neepawa, Manitoba, the municipality had a telephone system. The town had 2,500 residents, 200 of whom were subscribers. After it was built five years ago the Bell stopped doing business. About two years ago the Bell gave long connections and now had twelve 'phones. The municipality system worked well and the people would not give it up.

TO EXTERMINATE INTELLECTUALS

Home-seekers' Excursion Wrecked Near Rat Portage—Doctors Leave for Scene.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—12:30 p.m.—The third section of the present agitation throughout the country some of the newspapers are seriously alarmed at the effect of the recent pastoral address of the metropolitan of St. Petersburg, M. Antonius, as being a direct incitement to the ignorant peasants to begin a war of extermination against the entire educated class, and the papers are demanding that the metropolitan and the Holy Synod, whose mouthpiece it is assumed Antonius was, take immediate measures to counteract the effect of his statements. Prince Mestchersky, editor of the Grashdanin, declared that the metropolitan's address was a dangerous utterance of the century, and pictures the inevitable impression produced on the ignorant religious-minded peasants of St. Petersburg, as being the foe of Russia, bloody wolves and devils of the devil-Christ of the west, who would destroy holy temples, place sacred bones in anatomical museums, and wear the people from their chance of entering the Kingdom of heaven.

M. Onerskovskiy, the famous Russian author, declares that to call the faithful to fight with the cross to the last drop of their blood for the salvation of Russia as the home of Christ, and to cut off the rotten branch is nothing short of a quest for a religious uprising—an appeal to the most fanatical and the most uncontrollable of human passions.

In effect he affirms that Antonius' address was an appeal to the peasants to destroy the Kingdom of God on earth and put the country back to the state in which it was in the middle ages, and from that standpoint it was more radical than the doctrines of the most radical revolutionaries.

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An Ichthyosaurus.

Berkeley, Cal., March 30.—A valuable fossil ichthyosaurus recently discovered in the middle Tertiary limestones of Nevada, is announced in a new geological bulletin from the university press. It shows the anterior half of the vertebral column, one side of the pectoral arch complete, the first two segments of a pectoral limb and nearly the entire skull.

Murdered by His Wife.

Pittsburg, March 30.—Michael Novakovich, an Austrian laborer, was murdered by his wife at his home, while he lay asleep early today. The woman used a hatchet. The crime was discovered by a boarder, who notified the police. The woman and seven foreigner were arrested and locked up in the Penn avenue station, where the police later obtained a confession from Mrs. Novakovich. The motive of the crime is not known.

Member Smith, of the Soo, Pleads for New Ontario

Wants It Given Close Attention and Resources Developed.

Non-Partisan Civil Servants Need Not Fear Dismissal.

Opposition Speaker Proposes That Members of the Cabinet Should Receive Increase in Salary.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, March 29.—Contrary to general custom, the debate on the speech from the throne will conclude tomorrow, instead of being prolonged for a week or more. The third day of the debate was marked by the delivery of three maiden speeches, all from Conservative members, the only Opposition speaker being Mr. C. N. Smith, whose three election contests in as many years has made him a woad campaigner and a debater of no mean order. That Mr. Smith approached his task in no narrow or caving spirit was made evident by his hearty endorsement of the suggestion that the salaries of the cabinet members be substantially increased, and also by his declaration that the people of New Ontario would be greatly disappointed if the Government did not name either Mr. Smyth or Mr. Gage as the new minister of mines. Mr. Smith devoted the greater part of his speech to outlining the needs of New Ontario, and urging them upon the attention of the Government.

The addresses of the three Conservative fledglings, Messrs. Lewis (Dufferin), Fraser (Welland), and Nixon (Halt), were given an attentive and encouraging hearing by both sides of the House.

Messrs. Harcourt and Whitney will be the final speakers in the debate, and the several members, including Mr. Gage, who had intended to take part, will have to wait until later opportunity. The perfunctory division will probably be upon the main motion, as it is understood that Opposition will not move any amendment.

Ballots and Temperance.

Dr. Lewis (Dufferin) resumed the debate upon the speech from the throne. Alluding to the numbered ballot, he declared that there had been no liberty under it, and its abolition would meet the approval of the entire people of the Province. As to temperance legislation, he intimated that the position announced by Mr. Whitney would be carried out to the letter. He refuted the charge that the Government had issued instructions for these party men should be recommended for boards of license commissioners, and read the following instructions sent out by the Provincial Secretary:

"Referring to the enclosed circular asking you to recommend a board of license commissioners for your district, I thought it advisable to privately call your attention to the fact that it is our first intention, in view of the pronounced opinion in favor of a stricter enforcement of the liquor license act, that the persons recommended should be men of high character, and men, the very mention of whose names would carry with it the assurance that the act will be strictly enforced."

The men selected for these boards were honored members of the community which they were appointed to serve, and would have nothing to fear from the new Government of the Province.

Civic Service Dismissals.

As to the civic service of Dr. Lewis declared no member of the service would be dismissed without cause. The policy of the Government was to remove those who had been guilty of partisan conduct.

Mr. Whitney—Does my honorable friend think there are many of them? Dr. Lewis—I say their names are legion.

Dr. Lewis, continuing, said the members of the service who did their duty faithfully, and did not mix up in party issues, would be retained in their positions and would have nothing to fear from the new Government of the Province.

Mr. C. N. Smith (Sault Ste. Marie) was the next speaker to take the floor. Some peculiar reasons, said Mr. Smith, had been advanced for the defeat of the Ross Government. Some said it was the union of whiskey and water, others that it was the man from Manitoulin.

Mr. Smith said his own opinion was that none of these causes was the true one. The Liberal party had held the reins of power for nearly 34 years. A great many Liberals had voted for Conservative candidates, not because they thought them superior in integrity or ability to the Liberals, but because it was not liberal—it was liberal in fact—to hold a monopoly of power for so long.

"I am free to admit," said Mr. Smith, "that I think it a good thing for the Liberal party to go out of power. I think it is also a good thing for the Province."

"I hope the Liberal party will never again be able to hold power for so long a period," continued Mr. Smith to the speaker from the throne was a member of the Liberal party, and intimated his desire to immediately drop out of the Liberal party, and the forgetting of the errors committed in the past, urging that all should join hand in hand in pursuing the policies of the country.

School Books.

A. W. Nixon (Halt) regretted that the speech from the throne was a member of the Liberal party, and intimated his desire to immediately drop out of the Liberal party, and the forgetting of the errors committed in the past, urging that all should join hand in hand in pursuing the policies of the country.

Mr. Fraser then took up the question of husbanding the electrical resources of Niagara Falls, and gave a brief review of the purchase of the park, the creation of the commission, and the granting of the various franchises.

Mr. Smith then introduced a bill to regulate the width of sleigh-runners. Mr. Macdormid has given notice of the following inquiry of the ministry: Continued on page 4.

Settling of New Ontario.

Mr. Smith said it devolved upon the Government to see that better inducements were given the pioneer settlers of New Ontario to remove where they had located, and to stop the depletion of the population of that district by hundreds each year, who were finding a new home in Manitoba. The Temiskaming, Algoma Central and St. Joe and Thunder Bay railway lines should be pushed onward, in order to open up the fertile tracts of lands on the north borders of the Province.

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