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TWENTIETH YEAR
The War Cloud is Again Lowering Over the Far Eastern Horizon.

GREAT BRITAIN AND RUSSIA
Appear Likely to Come to Blows Yet Over the Question of the Open Door.

British Difficulties With the Chinese Foreign Office
Due to the Coercive Tactics of Russia-Britain Must Lead in Reaching an Agreement Respecting the Future of China-Threatening Situation Which Must Be Faced.

London, March 9.—The opinion of the press regarding the situation in China is not unanimous. Some of the newspapers make no comment on the subject. The Standard, a leading Conservative organ, with its invariable Russophobia bias, congratulates Lord Salisbury on his uncompromising firmness, and rejoices that he is determined to vindicate British interests. It is said that unless the hint of retributive measures is a mere brutum fulmen, it must be inferred that Minister Macdonald's ultimatum will be followed by something stronger than words if the occasion arises, but the Times-Yamen has not often refused a British demand when it believed it was made in earnest, and it is not likely to do so in this instance. The paper adds: "It is useless to disguise the truth. Our difficulties with the Taung-Li-Yamen are mainly due to the coercion of Russia, who is engaged in what seems to be the deliberate policy of detouring herself against the British in China, and attempting to exclude Great Britain therefrom. The real question is whether the time has not come for some definite settlement which will end this process. Russian influence has led to this scramble for China, which it was the avowed policy of Great Britain, if possible, to prevent. Partition is actually taking place under our eyes."

Britain Holds the Key.
The paper refers to the Italian and Belgian demands, and declares that Japan also is keenly watching, "but the key of the situation is in our hands. The other powers will be ready to follow our lead. It is necessary for all the powers interested to come to an agreement respecting the future of China. The issue has been avoided chiefly because of the natural reluctance to bring two great world empires into direct conflict, possibly revealing irreconcilable antagonisms, but, fortunately, the danger may be, it will only gather intensity by postponement."

The Graphic is Hopeful.
The Graphic adheres to the belief that an amicable arrangement will result from the negotiations which, it says, it knows have been resumed. "We are disposed to meet Russia frankly, fairly and generously on the Manchurian question. A little frankness on both sides will lead to a settlement of the matter."

A Threatening Situation.
The Chronicle thinks it would be hard to sketch in a few words a more threatening situation than that presented by Minister Macdonald's ultimatum. It declares that the European powers ever since Germany's recent upon Korea-Chow Bay have been playing a shameless game of grab. The United States is the only nation that has not taken part in the game. If the nations concerned do not confer before the matter arrives at a reasonable and stable settlement, there will be war sooner or later. The paper calls on Parliament to compel Lord Salisbury to give an account of the British policy.

RUSSIA POURING IN TROOPS.
Will Soon Have 60,000 Men in Port Arthur and Taiten-Wan.
Vancouver, B. C., March 9.—Arrivals from China by the Empress of India say the Russian Government is pouring troops into Port Arthur and Taiten-Wan, under the pretence that the force now garrisoning these places is too small to meet the needs of the apparent discontent of the inhabitants of Liaung-Pentasia, who have within the last two months risen against the Russians in thirteen different townships and districts. Further, no less than 10,000 men have landed at Port Arthur within the last month or so, and it is intended to add 25,000 men, making the full strength of the garrison some 35,000, in addition to the garrison of 15,000 men for Port Arthur and 5000 for Taiten-Wan.

Forty Russian harbor engineers, commissioned by the Government, have gone to Taiten-Wan to carry out the harbor works. On the island situated in front of Taiten-Wan a strong fort will protect the entrance to the harbor. Two docks will be constructed to accommodate shipping. Warehouses and customs house will also be erected. A branch line of the Eastern Asiatic Railway will run to Taiten-Wan, which will be ready as a commercial harbor in the summer of 1900.

A FRENCH VIEW.
Italy's Endeavor Causes France No Surprise, and a Competition Afforded a Guarantee.

Paris, March 9.—The Journal says: "All of the powers have established themselves in China in a manner enabling them to take advantage of eventualities in the near future. Each wants a portion of China—today, Belgium tomorrow. This does not suit the English, who, there as elsewhere, wish to be the sole masters. 'Italy's endeavor causes France no surprise or displeasure. Our diplomacy is not to put any difficulties in Italy's way, seeing that all of the European nations are taking up positions in China. This becomes our guarantee that the middle empire has room for all. The competition of the powers at the end of the century is inevitable."

Another Grab in Prospect.
Montreal, March 9.—(Special.)—It is generally understood here in financial circles that a new board, composed of Hon. L. J. Forget and other street railway magnates, will soon get control of the Royal Electric Company.

THE PROHIBITIONISTS ARE THROWN DOWN AT OTTAWA

What Will They Do Now That Sir Wilfrid Has Coldly Cast Them Aside?—The Premier's Letter to Ald. Spence, Who Says That the Liberals Are Not Entitled to Power Under Sir Wilfrid's Principle.

To Ald. F. S. Spence, Toronto:
Dear Mr. Spence,—When the delegation of the Dominion Alliance waited upon the Government last fall to ask as a consequence of the plebiscite the introduction of prohibitory legislation, based thereon upon the fact that, on the total of the vote cast, there was a majority in favor of the principle of prohibition. The exact figures of the votes recorded were not at that time accurately known, but the official figures, which we have now, show that on the question put to the electors 278,487 voted yes and 294,511 voted no. After the official figures had been made public, it was contended by some of the opponents of prohibition that the margin of difference between the majority and minority was so slight that it practically constituted a tie, and there was, therefore, no occasion for the Government to pronounce either one way or the other. The Government does not share that view. We are of the opinion that the fairest way of approaching the question is by the consideration of the total vote cast in favor of prohibition, leaving aside altogether the vote recorded against it.

In that view of the question, the record shows that the electorate of Canada, to which the question was submitted, comprised 1,238,840 voters, and of that number less than 23 per cent., or a trifle over one-fifth, affirmed their conviction in the principle of prohibition. If we remember that the object of the plebiscite was to give an opportunity to those who have at heart the cause of prohibition, who believed that the people were with them, and that if the question were voted upon by itself, without any other issue which might detract from its consideration, a majority of the electorate would respond and thus show the Canadian people prepared and ready for its adoption, it must be admitted that the expectation was not justified by the event.

On the other hand, it was argued before us by yourself and others, that as the plebiscite campaign was carried out by the friends of prohibition without any expenditure of money and without the usual excitement of political agitation, the vote-recorded in favor of it was comparatively a large one. This statement I did not then accept, nor do I accept it here and now. I would simply remark that the honesty of the vote did not suffer from the absence of those causes of excitement, and that even if the totality of the vote might have been somewhat increased by such cause its moral force would not have been then any stronger. I venture to submit for your consideration, and the consideration of the members of the Dominion Alliance, who believe in prohibition as the most efficient means of suppressing the evils of intemperance, that no force would be served by forcing upon the people a measure recently adopted by the vote to have the support of less than 23 per cent. of the electorate.

Neither would it serve any good purpose to enter here into further controversy on the many incidental points discussed before us. My object is simply to convey to you the conclusion that in our judgment the expression of public opinion recorded at the polls in favor of prohibition is not satisfactory.

IT IS NOT SATISFACTORY.
Says Dr. J. J. MacLaren, Chairman of the Executive of the Dominion Alliance.
Dr. J. J. MacLaren, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Dominion Alliance, and another supporter of the Liberal Government, was seen by The World last night, and said that the Premier's letter was "not satisfactory." The temperance people hoped for something better. The persons who were supposed to speak for the Government had taken the temperance people on to expect something different. The vote was sufficiently large to make the prohibitionists hope for a different answer. "What will you do now?" was asked. "Oh, I suppose we will go on pressing our claim as before," was the reply.

STEEVES GIVEN 15 YEARS.
He Raised \$1 Bills to \$10 and Suffered as a Consequence—His Misdoings.

Fifteen years in Kingston Penitentiary was the sentence imposed yesterday at Chatham on George Steeves, who was convicted of passing one dollar bills raised to ten dollars. The police here do not consider the sentence severe, considering the fact that Steeves was supposed to be the ringleader of a gang that operated until all found themselves serving terms for various offenses. Some years ago an unusual number of bicycle thefts worried the local police until they were traced to Steeves, who was in an arrest. Steeves was thought to have been concerned in these thefts with a man named Lutz, who was convicted for six years. The stolen wheels were in variously disposed of to farmers at good prices. Steeves' brother, Marshall Steeves, is now doing a three-year term for passing raised notes and Charles Kievel, sentenced at Chatham to two years and a half this week for the same crime, was also a member of this gang.

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Cigars by the Box at McConnell's. The Reina Victorias, regular \$2.50, while they last \$1.50 per box of 50. Corner Colborne and Leader-lane.

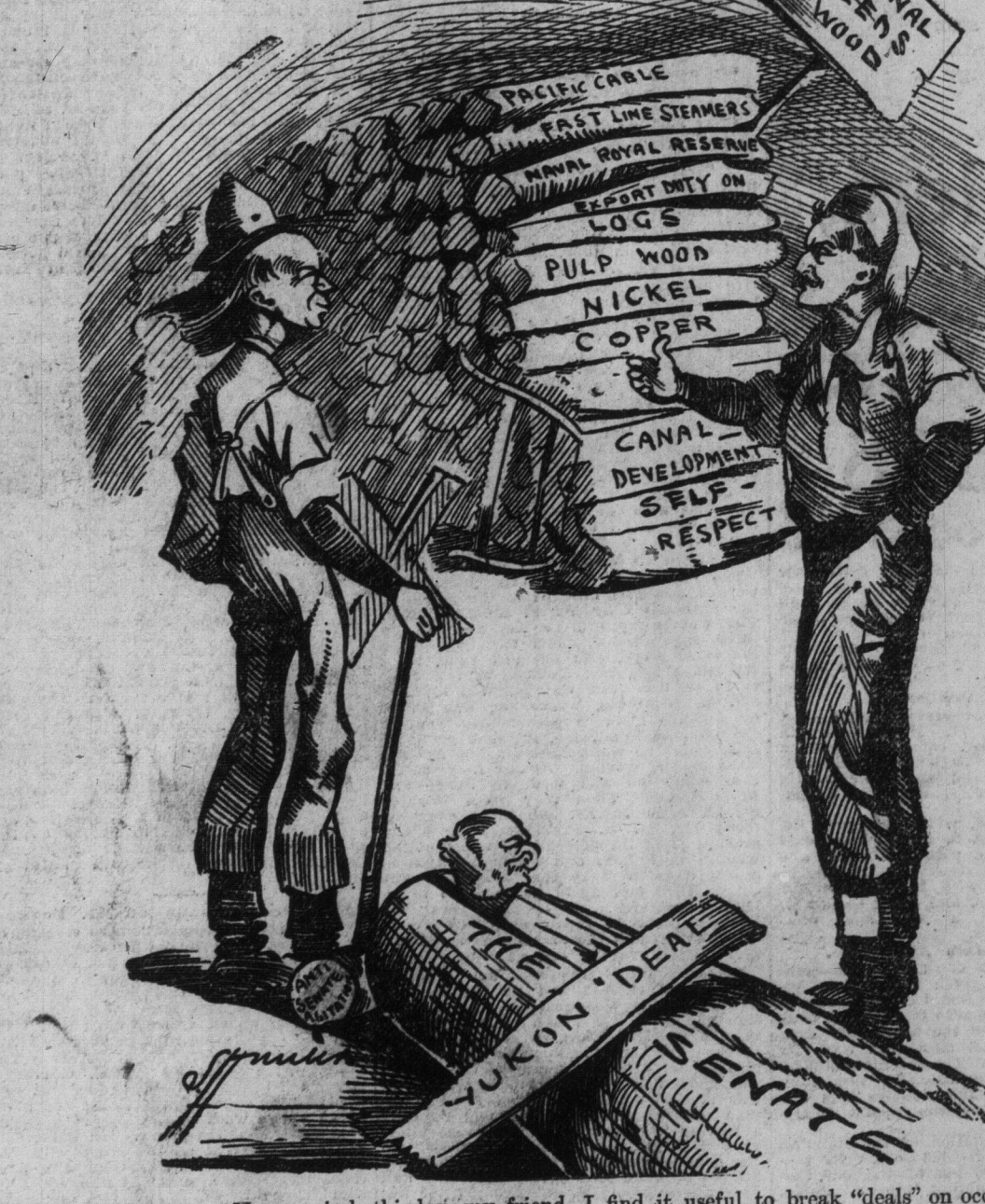
Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths.
Bath and Bed \$1.00, 204 King St. W.

To-day's Program.
Legislature, 3 p.m. H. O. R., no-coms' dinner at 8 p.m. C. C. Y. C. dinner at Webb's, 8 p.m. Toronto Order of Nurses meet in Caplan Institute, 4 p.m. Toronto Grammar School Old Boys meet in Jarvis-street Collegiate, 7 p.m. Toronto Humane Society, regular meeting, 4 p.m. Literary Society meeting at Varsity, 8 p.m. "Alhambra" at the Princess, 2 and 8 p.m. "The Wizard" at the Toronto, 8 p.m. Field's Minstrels at the Grand, 8 p.m. The Public Library Board meets at 8 p.m. Mock Trial at 36 Elm-street, 8 p.m. Ontario Society of Artists, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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A POINTER FOR WILFRID.



JACK CANUCK: Never mind this log, my friend, I find it useful to break "deals" on occasionally. Just tackle that wood pile.

THIS IS THE DAY OF DOOM WILLIAMS MAY YET BE ALIVE

For Cordelia Viau and Sam Parslow, Who Murdered the Former's Husband.

PARSLOW TRIED TO BREAK JAIL.
Saved a Bar Off His Cell and Got Out Into the Corridor, but Was Captured.

Montreal, March 9.—(Special.)—All eyes are now turned upon the little town of St. Scholastique, where to-morrow Sam Parslow and Cordelia Viau will give up their lives to expiate one of the most cold-blooded murders ever committed in Canada.

Shortly after midnight Parslow attempted to escape, having succeeded in sawing off one of the bars of his cell door, but he was quickly overpowered and returned to his apartments. It is believed that one of the murderer's relatives had given him the instruments used when the attempt to escape was made.

First Went to Denver.
When Williams left Toronto in 1893 he went straight to Denver, Colorado. There he entered into the employ of a coal and iron firm and traveled up and down the Pacific coast for several months. He was Pacific coast of and wrote Mr. Wallbridge that he intended going into the firm.

He Struck a Snap.
During his travels, however, Williams struck a snap in about four miles of placer mining land near Gold Hill in Oregon.

China Makes Apology.
London, March 10.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the Chinese Minister in Rome had been instructed to express the Taung-Li-Yamen's regrets.

Metropolitan Railway.
Every Saturday and Wednesday afternoon cars leave C.P.R. crossing, Yonge-street, at 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Return fare, 25c. Through excursion every evening at 7:45 o'clock. Return fare, 25c.

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Bath and bed \$1.00.

Radnor, with good Canadian or Scotch whisky, is the very thing for the grippe.
You can get it at your hotel or club, and at the latest convert—Clancy's English Chop House.

Fell Downstairs.
David Wilson, who is about 65 years of age and makes his home at the Victor Mission, fell down a flight of stairs last night in that institution and sustained a serious scalp wound.

Edinburgh and Co., Patent Solicitors and experts, 104 Colborne-st., Toronto.

Lord Strathcona's Condition.
Montreal, March 9.—(Special.)—A good deal of uneasiness has been felt here of late on account of Lord Strathcona's bad turn in London, but a cable received here to-day says His Lordship will be out in a day or two.

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THE NAVAL ESTIMATES

Mr. Goschen Explains the Unique Circumstances in the Commons.

BRITAIN MUST BE PREPARED

Wei-Hai-Wei to Be Made a Secondary Naval Base at an Expense of £1,300,000.

Two Ironclads, Two Armored Cruisers and Three Smaller Cruisers to Be Built—4250 Men to Be Added to the Personnel, Making the Strength 110,940—When the Other Great Powers Reduce Their Naval Strength Britain Will Do Likewise.

London, March 9.—In introducing the navy estimates in the House of Commons to-day the First Lord of the Admiralty, the Right Hon. George J. Goschen, said: "Never had estimates been submitted under more unique circumstances. Ahead was the conference for international disarmament, while behind were the incidents of last November, and when a comparison of the naval strength of the various countries was in everybody's mouth, the most striking confidence was shown in British preparedness to meet all emergencies. The Continental powers, he further said, were disturbed by the allegation that Great Britain was preparing with a particular purpose for aggressive action, but the idea had never entered the mind of the Government. He then proceeded to detail the naval program."

Expense on Wei-Hai-Wei.
Mr. Goschen said Her Majesty's Government proposed to make Wei-Hai-Wei a secondary naval base, pointing out that it would be a most valuable anchorage, and of the greatest importance in any operations in Chinese waters, and in the event of a specially bad winter, the sailing of Wei-Hai-Wei during the present year and £1,500,000 next year. He said that the personnel of the navy for the coming year would be increased by 4250 men, totalling 110,940, at a cost of £1,474,000. Comparing the pay of the personnel, Mr. Goschen said that while Great Britain only paid £7,000,000 and France £8,000,000, Russia only paid £4,400,000. He could not, he said, understand it was, but that was all the estimates revealed.

The Shipbuilding Program.
Referring to shipbuilding, he said the coming program had been framed after consideration of the program of the Continental powers. A study of these programs, he pointed out, was not reassuring. The United States, he said, was building 10 Italy and Germany had under construction 685,000 tons of warships, or 225,000 tons more than was contained in the present estimates. Therefore this had forced the Government to draw up a new program. Excluding last year's supplementary program, it provided for two ironclads, two armored cruisers and three smaller cruisers of a specially high class, and for 17,000 tons of auxiliary vessels for the coming fiscal year was £500,000, and the total under the shipbuilding vote, including the £1,300,000 for last year's original and supplementary program, was £1,300,000.

The Smart Residence Sold.
Mr. W. E. H. Massey, president of the Massey-Harris Company, has purchased the beautiful residence of the late Mrs. Emily Smart, on the northeast corner of Jarvis and Isabella-streets. The price has not been announced, but it is said to be for executors of the Smart estate was concluded on Monday.

Good Luck for John.
John Duff, of the Jersey Hotel, born in Toronto, March 10, 1854.

Carlisle Forbidden to Vote.
London, March 10.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail says that Don Carlos, the Pretender, has forbidden the Carlisle to take part in the forthcoming elections to the new Cortes.

Just About the Same.
Meteorological Office, Toronto, March 9.—(8 p.m.)—High pressure continues over the Northwest, but the temperature is also extreme temperatures. The pressure is also extreme normal from the lakes to the Atlantic. There is a low pressure area developing over the West and Southwest States, which is likely to bring unsettled weather shortly to the lake district.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Victoria, 38—48; Kamloops, 32—48; Calgary, 10—12; Winnipeg, 4 below—10; On'Appelle, 2—20; Winnipeg, 2—24; Port Arthur, 14—28; Harry Sound, 8—30; Toronto, 22—34; Ottawa, 8—22; Montreal, 10—22; Quebec, 2—22; Halifax, 18—33.

Probabilities.
Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Mostly fair to-day, with no decided change in temperature.
Ottawa Valley, Upper and Lower St. Lawrence—Fair; no decided change in temperature.
Gulf—Fair; no decided change in temperature.
Maritime—Fair to cloudy, with light to moderate winds; light local falls of snow or sleet; not much change in temperature.
Lake Superior—Fair to cloudy; not much change in temperature.
Manitoba—Mostly cloudy, with east to north winds, and light local snow falls; no decided change in temperature.

Oak Hill Clothiers, 115 King-street east, are showing a large range in price from one dollar to five dollars, to fit long-legged, short-legged, slim-legged, fat-legged, all sorts of-legged men. There are all sorts of patterns, in rough or smooth cloths.

Steamship Movements.
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March 10. New York. New York. Bremen. New York.
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DEATHS.
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Funeral from above address Saturday, March 11, at 2:30 p.m., to St. Philip's Church, thence to St. James' Cemetery.

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