

RUSSIA SUSPICIOUS OF VISIT OF SECRETARY OF WAR TAFT TO JAPAN.

Thinks Time is Most Inopportune—Will Probably Refuse to Pay Large Indemnity.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 27, 8.30 p.m.—The substance of the interview in New York with M. Sato, spokesman of the Japanese peace envoys on the position of Japan in the peace negotiations was reproduced in the papers here and passed almost without comment, only the Novos Vremya indulging in a sarcastic fling, saying that "Japan has conducted the war quite economically, only a million a day, but she had better present the bill to those who are furnishing the money of the war and not to the country upon which the war was forced."

A supplementary statement specifying thecession of the island of Sakhalin and fixing the amount of the indemnity for the cost of the war contained no surprises and caused but little flurry except in circles directly interested. The Bourse was not affected.

The Viedo Nosti takes the occasion to direct sharp criticism at the visit of Secretary of War Taft and Miss Roosevelt to Japan, and complains that the moment for the trip was tactlessly chosen. The paper adds that the efforts to prove that the visit to the Land of the Rising Sun is devoid of political meaning are "childlike."

The war party is again making headway, drawing capital from General Linevich's optimistic telegrams, one of which with the emperor's reply, declaring that the misfortunes of war have not shaken his belief in the courage and devotion of the army and containing a glowing wish that the troops may bring the war to a happy conclusion, is published in all the papers.

No further news has been received here of the landing of Japanese troops on the coast of Siberia or of the operations in constant skirmishing, the steady pressure of the Japanese northward has not developed serious fighting yet. The papers mention the purchase by Japan of six Russian battleships and German owners, which vessels are supposed to be intended for the transportation of prisoners of war.

In diplomatic circles a general feeling of surprise is professed that Japan has shown her cards to such an extent before the meeting of the plenipotentiaries. There is no unity of opinion regarding the bearing of the interview on the prospects of peace. It is realized that much will depend on the extent to which M. Witte has been instructed to push opposition to the payment of an indemnity. Through one prominent diplomat told the Associated Press that according to his information M. Witte has been instructed to refuse absolutely the payment of a flat indemnity, other sources are less sure of the exact nature of these instructions.

VLADIVOSTOK, July 27.—General Linevich has issued an order dated July 25, placing all the employees of the navy yard here, including the detachments on certain cruisers, under military command and ordering the post-commandant to act as second in command to the military commandant, who will carry out all naval dispositions through the port commandant. The order concludes: "The commandant of the fortress shall entrust the naval forces with military duties, placing in their hands the maintenance of order among the men of the navy."

SYNDY AT SYDNEY. (Special to the Sun.) SYDNEY, N. S., July 27.—A joint meeting of elders and members of the Presbyterian congregation in Sydney was held tonight to consider means for the entertainment of delegates to the synod, which meets there in October. This will be the first time the synod has ever crossed the Straits of Canada. There will be about 400 ministers and elders present.

SMALL ALLOWANCE FOR EX-AUDITOR GENERAL.

Government Refused to Grant His Request—Mr. Aylesworth Will Hardly be Candidate For House of Commons.

(Special to the Sun.) OTTAWA, Ont., July 27.—The members of the 43rd Regiment have been all agog today over a report from Boston that on their approach to that city they would not be permitted to carry arms. Were this, the old Massachusetts law, insisted upon, the regiment would stay at home, but now it appears that the Washington authorities have over-ruled the adjutant general of state and the regiment will make the projected trip.

The government has acted in shabby manner towards J. Lorne McDougall, auditor general. In superannuating him from August 1st, they have given him the smallest retiring allowance they could, viz. \$2,160. In his letter of resignation McDougall set forth reasons why in his judgment the government should liberally construe the superannuation act in his case, which would give him \$2,300 a year. The ministry, however, has no further use for an old and valued public official and has refused the request.

From present appearances A. B. Aylesworth will not be the government candidate in West Lambton or any other constituency for the house of commons. He could have hoped of getting an appointment as auditor general, but having done so, he is not likely to be considered for any other office.

By new regulations issued for commissions in permanent force unmarried men between 18 and 25 who served two years in South Africa will be given first choice.

Twenty-Three Killed in English Railway Accident.

LIVERPOOL, July 27.—An electric express train on the Lancashire and Yorkshire R. R., bound from Liverpool to Southampton, collided this evening with an empty stationary train at the Hall road station, causing the death of 23 persons and the injury of many.

The first car of the express, which was crowded, was smashed to pieces and only six of its occupants escaped. The road was recently given an electric equipment.

This is the first serious accident that has occurred on an electric railway in England, and it filled with horror the numerous waiting passengers standing at the Hall road station who were spectators of the disaster. The collision lifted the first car of the express completely off the steel frame and crashed it down again on the unfortunate passengers, twenty of whom were killed outright.

More of them would have been killed but for the presence of mind of a Liverpool architect, who, seeing that a fellow passenger, shouted to his fellow passengers to throw themselves upon the floor of the station.

Almost immediately after the crash the wreckage burst into flames. The mangled bodies of the dead and the cries of the injured vainly beseeching that they be extricated from the burning wreckage formed a terrible scene and many women on the platform fainted. The victims included several women and children. Fortunately the collision lifted the first car of the express completely off the steel frame and crashed it down again on the unfortunate passengers, twenty of whom were killed outright.

KINGS COUNTY FARMER STABS BOY WITH KNIFE.

English Lad Says He Has Been Treated Badly All Winter—Sought Medical Assistance at Hampton.

HAMPTON, N. B., July 27.—Considerable excitement was caused at the about eight o'clock this evening by the arrival at Dr. F. H. Wetmore's office of a young fellow, whose name is William Lowe, a young Englishman, a Barnardo boy, says he has been employed on the Rupert farm since last February, and has received rough treatment on more than one previous occasion.

About six o'clock this evening he was, he says, driving the cows from the pasture to the barn, and as he was in a hurry, and the cows moved slowly, he took out his jackknife and prodded one of them in the hind quarters, but not hard enough to draw blood. When he reached the barn, the farmer, Moses Rupert, seized him by the collar, threw him on the floor, and seizing the jackknife, stabbed him five times, three times on the left

thigh, and twice on the left side toward the back. Finding himself bleeding he made his way to the adjoining farm of Chas. Burgess, whose son, George drove him to Hampton for medical assistance. Dr. J. Newton Smith, who was first called on, was not at home, and the young fellow was taken to Dr. Wetmore, who dressed the wounds, which, although not deep and consequently not of a very serious character, were Edward Largie, foreman, Hallfax, \$1,000. The fees and levies for the month of July are: Class A, \$1.45; class B, \$1.05, and class C, 65 cents.

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Some of the Fairville farmers have already finished haying, but the majority of them are just beginning. The crops in the vicinity will be good. Final arrangements for the Baptist Sunday school picnic were made last evening. It will be held at Westfield Beach and not at Watters' Landing as previously stated.

The pulp mill company will erect a small saw mill on the site of the old saw mill which was destroyed by fire. The pulp wood will be saved into proper lengths and barked ready for the other mill.

There has been considerable talk among the employes of the different mills to the effect that many of them will close down this year much earlier than usual. The reason for this is the scarcity of lumber. It is said that Baker's mill will close down next week, while Cushing's have only their box mill logs left. If these rumors prove true it will mean a serious loss to many of the citizens of Fairville, who have hitherto found work in the mill until late in the season.

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260 WILL COME BACK BROKE HER MAST.

Former Canadians Now Living in the Eastern States

Thomas Hetherington, immigration agent for Canada in the Eastern States, who has been spending a few weeks at his home in Codrington in the city last evening, and will probably leave for Boston this evening.

Mr. Hetherington's efforts towards the repatriation of Canadians who have been located in the United States, have been very successful.

Through his work 260 persons, by far the greater number of them Canadians by birth, have been led to seek homes for themselves in the Northwest. These people carried with them in hard cash between \$45,000 and \$50,000, and will prove most desirable settlers, all being intelligent, and competent to grapple with the new surroundings.

In Mr. Hetherington's opinion there is no better field in the world in which to seek settlers for the west than in the Eastern States, and he believes that in all cases they will be much better off in Canada, as he has found that very few laboring men or artisans with families make more than a living in the Eastern States. He does not believe there is any part of Canada where these men could do better than in the States.

Settlers who sympathize with Mr. Hetherington, and who are familiar with Canadian laws and customs, are obviously more desirable emigrants than the Doukhobors and Catholics from Europe.

Mr. Hetherington says that 75 per cent of the people of Canadian birth whom he has met in the course of his immigration work, have never been naturalized, and are still Canadian citizens and loyal to the old flag.

Nearly every day Mr. Hetherington receives a number of enquiries from people intending to go west, and he predicts a very large number will go in the coming spring from the territory in which he is carrying on his propaganda.

One man, a large employer of labor, told him that one hundred of his workmen were now making arrangements to join the swelling tide westward as soon as the winter was over.

HALIFAX NOT PREPARED TO DO ANY HARBOR WORK.

This is the Reply Given by the City to the Transportation Commission.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 27.—The commission on transportation, held a public meeting this afternoon at which Chairman Reford and other members of the commission asked Halifax people to furnish with a general idea of what they considered the requirements of the port to well equip it as a great transportation point. Reford wanted to know what Halifax was doing in the way of preparation for the national transcontinental railway and what generally speaking, Halifax people were doing for themselves, as well as what they wanted others to do.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure AS NO SUBSTITUTE

HOUSE RAIDED BY MONCTON POLICE. TWO BAD ARMSTRONGS. Arrested For Stealing Valise—They Resisted the Police.

MONCTON, N. B., July 28.—John Hunter, a well known I. C. R. driver, has been off duty for two or three weeks on account of ill-health.

W. C. Payer, secretary of the I. C. R. employes' relief and insurance association, has submitted his report for the month ended July 25th. There were two deaths during the month, E. D. Cormier, clerk, Moncton, \$250, and Edward Largie, foreman, Hallfax, \$1,000. The fees and levies for the month of July are: Class A, \$1.45; class B, \$1.05, and class C, 65 cents.

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Dr. MacLean has not been troubled with much competition in his line during his residence in Africa. One or two quacks have been there, but he is the first qualified dentist that ever visited the west coast during the three years he has spent there. Dr. MacLean has practiced in the city of Sierra Leone, the gold coast towns of Axim, Sekondi, Cape Coast and Accra, and the city of Lagos in the colony of the same name, spending a few months in each place. In the course of his practice Dr. MacLean ministered to the mortal ailments of a native king, who gave him the creditable work, but who had to be sued for the amount of his bill.

On another occasion a native chief came to his office seeking relief from the toothache, bringing with him about twenty retainers of varying rank and dignity, who ranged themselves outside the door of the operating room until the offending tooth was removed. Dr. MacLean says the climate is the worst imaginable, but he gets very high prices for his work, and is returning in about two months, during which time he will visit his friends in this province and possibly take a trip out west.

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