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JAPS PRESSING
THE REAR GUARDRussians Continue to Retreat
to the North.

OYAMA SORTING THE SPOILS

Czar Will Adopt Fabian Tactics in
an Attempt to Exhaust the
Enemy.

Gunshu Pass (108 miles north of Tie Pass), Manchuria, March 28.—The Japanese are again moving forward and the Russian rear guard has fallen back from its position about thirteen miles north of Sipinghai, 74 miles north of Tie Pass, to Chaumliadzi, which is situated 40 miles below Gunshu Pass.

Japs Cleaning Up.

With the Japanese Left Armies, in the Field, March 28, 11 a.m., via Fusan.—The Japanese army near Mukden is clearing the battlefield, sorting the enormous quantities of stores and materials captured, and attending to the prisoners. Engineers are rapidly repairing the railroad bridge across the Hun River, which was badly damaged by the Russians. Trains are now running to the Hun River. The weather is very warm and the ground is thawing rapidly, making the movement of guns and transport wagons difficult.

The Russian Sacrifices

Gunshu Pass, March 28.—Practically complete reports show that the Russian army sacrificed general commissariat stores to the amount of \$1,250,000 and stores for an army corps amounting to \$500,000 held at Mukden, most of it being set on fire, the boots and uniforms among the stores of which the whole army was in need, arriving from Europe four days before the Russian retreat from Mukden. Gen. Kuropatkin ordered the removal of the stores, but his order has not been executed. An investigation will be made in order to establish the responsibility.

Hardship of Blockade Running.

Tokio, March 28.—Two of the crew of the British steamer Mars have died of exposure. The rest of the men rescued have arrived at Hakodate. The Mars, a steamer of 2,497 tons register, Capt. Russell, sailed from Barry, Wales, on Nov. 28, for Vladivostok, on March 17 while attempting the passage of Soya Straits, she was caught in the ice, and finally stranded off Hakkato, but the others were missing, including eight officers, who were later reported as having been carried seaward by the ice.

The above dispatch probably refers to the missing portion of the Mars, which was picked up by the Japanese, who have kept up a continuous search for them.

To Use Fabian T. of C's

London, Tuesday, March 28.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says that the general staff is busy with plans for a summer campaign in the Far East. There is no longer any question of the original project of sending out 40,000 men, and the Japanese plans have been definitely abandoned. It is proposed to conduct Fabian operations in the line of exhausting the enemy. Gen. Linovitch has finally sent six European, five Siberian, and one cavalry corps, which, with the reliefs and reinforcements now arriving number under 250,000 men. The calling out of last year's reserves, ostensibly for their annual training, has really been ordered with the view of manning the pot battalions, which are providing drafts for Gen. Linovitch's reduced regiments.

The military of war further proposes to send 50,000 men selected from various corps, to stiffen the army in the field. These makeshift measures are all that are possible, in view of the disturbed condition of the country, which renders a mobilization highly imprudent.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Morning Post says that a well-known diplomatist said yesterday in reference to the peace rumors: "Every one has agreed to peace except the belligerents." The diplomatist's words are an apt comment on the dispatches from the English correspondents at St. Petersburg discussing peace prospects.

St. Petersburg, March 28, 2:30 a.m.—The impression prevalent in some military circles that the Japanese, having removed the possibility of the main army in Manchuria assuming the initiative, will now turn their attention to the next objective of the war, Vladivostok, is strengthened by the Associated Press dispatch from Gunshu Pass, announcing the withdrawal of the Japanese from the immediate front of the Russian army for a distance of 50 miles north. It is the belief of course, that this may be merely a blind to cover flanking operations, but it is not improbable that the Japanese, having cleared Southern Manchuria of Russian troops, and secured a position from whence expulsion would be a long and difficult process, may be satisfied to leave the Tie Pass line without a further extension of communication.

While the voice of the Emperor's advisers is for peace, if honorable terms are obtainable, the Government, as the part of wisdom, is going forward with all provisions for the continuance of the war. Preparations are reported to be making for the mobilization of five corps. It had been understood that the Guards would be retained at St. Petersburg, but some of the officers of this crack organization believe that their services have been requisitioned, and are making preparations to that end. There has been a reconnaissance report of a change in the head of the war office. It was stated last night, in a quarter usually well informed, that Gen. Sakharoff will leave very shortly and be succeeded by Gen. Ridiger, now chief of the chancellery of the war office. It is also reported that Gen. Polivanoff will be appointed chief of the general staff. Both Polivanoff and Ridiger are of the younger school of generals, but have high repute as theoreticians and administrators. Gen. Ridiger is the author of a number of text books on tactics. The Government is advised that Chinese bandits are appearing in great numbers along the Siberian railway.

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THE EARL OF SELBORNE.
Chosen to Succeed Lord Milner as
High Commissioner of South
Africa.

N. Y. C. DENIES IT

Disposes of Rumor as to Big Electric
Line Merger.

New York, March 28.—The report that the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad has completed negotiations to absorb several Canadian street railway lines between Buffalo and Toronto, and intends to construct a four-track electric road into Toronto, was denied today at the offices of President Newman, of the New York Central.

THE ARABIAN REVOLT

Insurgents Carry Four Towns, but
Sanaa Still Holds Out.

Constantinople, March 28.—According to a dispatch from Hodeida, dated March 25, the town of Sanaa (capital of Yemen, Arabia), was still holding out when the message was filed, but Sir Wilfrid Laurier, southward of Sanaa and Hadiah, northward, have fallen into the hands of the insurgents, and the mountain fortress of Ibb was surrounded.

FREE CANALS

Montreal Corn Exchange Hopes the
Tolls Will Never Be Reimposed.

Montreal, March 28.—At a meeting of the committee of management of the Corn Exchange Association, correspondence between the president and Sir Wilfrid Laurier with regard to the committee's desire that the system of free canals should be continued, was read. The committee expressed its satisfaction with the Government's action in prolonging for another season the period for which the canals would be open, and expressed the hope that the tolls would never be reimposed.

AFTER GAME PRESERVE

Toronto and Hamilton Gentlemen
Want Place in Cardwell Township.

Toronto, March 28.—The Hamilton members of the Legislature this morning introduced to the Commissioner of Crown Lands a deputation representing Hamilton and Toronto gentlemen interested in a shooting club, which desires to obtain possession of 25 lots in the township of Cardwell, Muskoka, for the purpose of a shooting and fishing preserve. The lands are utterly unfitted for agriculture, and at present are held under license by the Rathbun interests of Deseronto, the license expiring at the end of next month. The pine has been cleared off, and it is feared the oak and hemlock bark, which has been valuable, may be removed. To prevent this and the consequent desolation of the district, the club wants the lots granted at a rate of \$1 an acre or thereabout. Dr. Griffin acted as the spokesman. Hon. Mr. Foy undertook to look into the matter and ascertain what objections there may be, if any, and having the licensees come to a decision.

MOTORS VS. HORSES

Canadian Breeders Likely to Feel
Passing of the Latter.

London, March 28.—At one of the recent spring fair sales in the north of England there was a heavy fall in prices of cart-horses. A prominent horse-breeder, speaking in the Press, the reason of the drop, replied that he attributed it to the increasing use of motor vehicles for town work. The motors are affecting the horse-breeder in many ways, Canadian breeders, if they have not already felt the effect of the motor invasion, are sure to do so, as the omnibus companies are among their best customers, and very soon the horse-drawn omnibus will be scarcely seen in London streets.

THE SS. MINTO
HARD AGROUNDGovernment Steamer on Rocks
in Gulf and May Be Crushed
by the Ice.

Halifax, March 28.—The Canadian Government steamer Minto, which succeeded in forcing the ice blockade in the Straits of Northumberland between Pictou and Prince Edward Island, ran ashore in a dense fog yesterday morning while enroute Georgetown. She struck on Panmure Island reef at the entrance of the harbor six miles from the wharf. Fifty passengers were aboard. The other winter steamer Stanley was ordered to her assistance and took off the passengers. The Minto is in a dangerous position, and if the ice packs come down she will be crushed.

The Minto is a steel gun vessel, launched at Dundee in 1899. She has a length of 225 feet, beam 32 feet, and displacement 1,100 tons. She is armed with four six-pound quick-firing guns.

DID JAPS HOLD UP
CZAR'S MESSAGE?Russia's Final Reply Was
Dated Feb. 3.

WAR DECLARED ON THE FIFTH

Government at Tokio Accused of Deliberately
Delaying Message in
Order to Start Hostilities.

Paris, March 28.—The Associated Press is in a position to complete the diplomatic history of the Russo-Japanese relations resulting in the war by giving to the world the exact text of Russia's final reply to Japan, dated Feb. 3, 1904, which has never before been published. Baron Rosen, former Russian minister to Japan, did not have an opportunity of presenting the note to Baron Komura, Japanese foreign minister, as it was not delivered to him until Feb. 7, the day after he had been informed of the rupture. Russia has always claimed that the Japanese Government, having decided to break off negotiations and begin hostilities, deliberately held up the message at Tokio until M. Kadno, former Japanese minister at St. Petersburg, could deliver the instructions sent him Feb. 5 to sever diplomatic relations. Japan, on the contrary, contended that the contents of the reply having been substantially communicated by Foreign Minister Lamadoff to M. Kurino and being unacceptable on the main issue, it was useless for Japan to wait any longer.

"1. A mutual engagement to respect the independence and territorial integrity of Korea."
"2. An engagement on the part of Russia not to impede the commercial or industrial undertakings of Japan in Korea nor oppose her measures for safeguarding such interests."

"3. Recognition by Russia of Japan's preponderant interests in Korea, and her right to offer advice and assistance tending to the improvement of the administration of Korea."
"4. A mutual obligation not to use any part of Korean territory for strategic purposes, nor undertake on the coast of Korea any military works which might menace the free navigation of the Korean Straits."

"5. Recognition by Russia of Japan's right to send troops to Korea in accordance with the preceding articles for the suppression of insurrections and disorders calculated to create international complications."
"6. An engagement by Russia to acquire the rights and privileges acquired by Japan, as well as other powers in Manchuria through treaties with China, Japan to recognize Manchuria and the littoral as beyond her sphere of interest."

"7. A mutual agreement not to impede the junction of the Korean and Eastern China railroads when they have reached the Yalu River."
"8. That this agreement supplant all previous agreements between Russia and Japan respecting Korea."
"9. The desirability if possible of creating a neutral zone in Korea."

A careful comparison of the above and preceding exchanges, all of which heretofore have been printed fully, confirms the fact that Russia from the first to the last insisted that it was to be negotiated with Japan, and that it was to be a special treaty with Japan an obligation to respect the territorial integrity of China in Manchuria, relating in the last instance to Baron Rosen, which were accompanied by a note of explanation to Japan that Russia's position in Manchuria concerned first China and then Japan, and that powers having commercial interests there and again pointed out the declarations already made by Russia to foreign cabinets, and her position as long as the occupation of Manchuria continued to recognize the sovereignty of China and the binding force of the treaties contracted by the powers with the Peking Government.

ISSUE OF G. T. P. BONDS

Rothschilds Bring Out \$3,200,000 3
Per Cent at 95.

London, March 28.—The city was somewhat surprised by the decision of Rothschilds to bring out £2,200,000 3 per cent sterling bonds of the Grand Trunk Pacific at 95, especially after the Canadian Northern issue, which was offered on the same terms. The Rothschilds, however, make a concession in giving a full half-year's dividend at the beginning of October instead of interest on the instalments paid only. It will be very interesting to see the effect of this. At one time in the afternoon yesterday the issue was offered at 1/4 discount, but afterwards was supported at par. The Canadian Northern issue was at 1/4 discount.

TRAIN COLLIDE;
DROP 30 FEETSerious Accident at the American
End of Cantilever
Bridge.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 28.—A Michigan Central and a Pere Marquette train came together in a head-on collision on the American end of the Cantilever bridge early today. Three cars were derailed and pitched over into the street below, a distance of 30 feet, carrying with them a stowaway's shanty, in which was seated Patrick Whalen, a switch-tender, who was badly cut and bruised, and received severe internal injuries. George Kelmie, of Niagara Falls, Ont., conductor of the Pere Marquette train, was also badly cut and bruised and injured internally.

SCHEME KNOCKED OUT

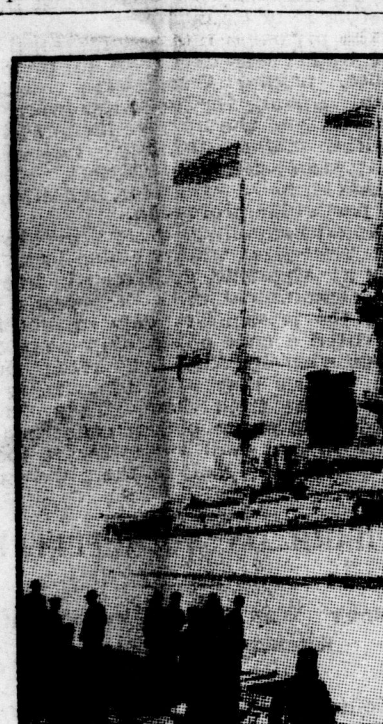
Committee Refuses Request of the
Canadian Canal Corps.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, March 28.—The Canadian canal corps, which wants to build part canal and part railway on which to portage boats in a somewhat similar manner to the old Chignecto scheme, between Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario near Toronto, came before the railway committee with its scheme today. It was knocked out without a single supporter.

The supporter of the scheme said it would cost about \$15,000,000.

FOURS FELL.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—3:28 p.m.—A semi-panic prevailed on the Bourse here today. Russian imperial fours fell a point to 85 1/2.

H. M. S. RENOWN.
Chosen to bear the Prince of Wales to India. Was used by Sir John Fisher as his Atlantic flagship, and has been a frequent visitor to Montreal and Quebec.RUSSIA HAS ASKED DELCASSE
TO ACT IN ARRANGING PEACE

London, Mar. 28, 5:42 p.m.—has asked Delcasse to act as an intermediary and open peace negotiations with Japan.
A telegram from a northern European capital, received in London this afternoon, says:
"I have just learned on reliable authority that Russia has asked Delcasse to act as an intermediary and open peace negotiations with Japan."

SUICIDE OR ACCIDENT

Mystery in Death of a Well-Known
Toronto Insurance Man.

Toronto, March 28.—The mutilated body of A. W. Merton, a well-known Toronto life insurance inspector, was found this morning on the G. T. R. tracks just west of the city. He had been run over by a train, and as there was no cessation at that point, and the highway runs alongside the railway tracks, it is surmised that the man committed suicide. Deceased lived at 120 Isabella street.

ROJESTVENSKY SAILS

Fleet Left Madagascar for Unknown
Point on March 16.

Tamatave, Madagascar, March 28.—It has been definitely ascertained that the whole Russian second Pacific squadron left the waters of Madagascar March 16 for an unknown destination.

THE WEATHER.

Rain and Unsettled.

London, Tuesday, March 28.
Sun rises, 6:08 a.m. Moon sets, 2:20 a.m.
Sun sets, 5:39 p.m. Moon rises, 11:53 a.m.

The weather has been showery today in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere fair. Very mild conditions continue to prevail in all localities. An energetic disturbance is centered tonight in Southern Dakota, moving toward the Atlantic.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Dawson, 4 below—18; Victoria, 42—50; Edmonton, 24—54; Calgary, 24—46; Qu'Appelle, 28—54; Winnipeg, 30—56; Parry Sound, 22—44; Toronto, 40—49; Ottawa, 34—38; Montreal, 34—42; Quebec, 34—36; St. John, 38—48; Halifax, 36—46.

FORECASTS.

Tuesday, March 28.—8 a.m. Unsettled and very mild, with showers, more generally tonight and on Wednesday, also local thunderstorms.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary 20 18 Clear
Winnipeg 28 26 Fair
Parry Sound 22 22 Rain
Toronto 42 36 Cloudy
Ottawa 38 32 Fair
Montreal 38 32 Cloudy
Quebec 34 34 Cloudy
Father Point 34 32 Rain

Rain has fallen over Quebec, and showers are occurring in the Georgian Bay district, as well as in Eastern Manitoba. A pronounced disturbance covers the Northwest States, pointed by a widespread rain area and numerous thunderstorms.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 5 p.m. Monday were: Highest, 90.7; lowest, 38° above.

A NATIONAL FREE PORT

Shipping and Trade Interests of Montreal Wait Upon Government.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, March 28.—The Government was waited upon today by an influential deputation representing the shipping and trade interests of Montreal, who urged improvements to the navigation of the St. Lawrence, improvements to the shipping facilities at Montreal, reduction of the number of harbor commissioners and the making of Montreal a national free port. The deputation was accompanied by William Gervais, M. P., and the requests were heard by the Prime Minister, Mr. Prefontaine, Minister of Marine; Mr. Fielding, Minister of Finance, and Mr. Paterson, Minister of Customs. The usual promise of consideration was granted.

CASTRO FEARS
A FRESH REVOLTIs Concentrating His Troops
at the Capital.

REBELS GATHER AT TRINIDAD

Venezuelan President Declares He Is
Paying Up Debts Despite Bowen's
Statement.

Trinidad, March 19.—Curacao has ceased to be the headquarters for the Venezuelan revolutionists, and they seem to have centered their activity in this island. It is rumored here that financial assistance has come to the enemies of President Castro, and that Gen. Paredes is the leader chosen to head the movement. Although persons familiar with the situation and the strength of Castro's resources believe no revolutionary movement will be effective, still the activity of the revolutionists is a source of constant annoyance to him, and they seem to be stronger now than at any time since the close of the Matos revolution.

Gen. Riera and Penabaz, who formerly lived in Curacao, are now in this island co-operating with Gen. Paredes. All of these officers fought in the Matos revolution, and have good war records. Paredes is only about 35 years old, and is reported to be an able leader.

Officials in Caracas have been much disturbed by the rumors of activity in Trinidad, and the French coast cable recently was cut to prevent the revolutionists from communicating with their party in Venezuela and on the Island of Curacao.

Gen. Hernandez, former minister to the United States, was reported several days ago to be in Trinidad, but this is denied by his friends, who say he is at Demerara. President Castro has increased his military forces in Caracas to 2,000. The county districts have been drawn on for soldiers, and within three weeks the number of troops in the Venezuelan capital has been raised from 500 to its present strength.

Venezuela Paying Up.

New York, March 28.—A dispatch from Caracas, Monday, to the Herald, says that President Castro states that there is no ground for complaint against Venezuela, and no reason for intervention, such as Mr. Bowen pretends. He says the attacks of the American press against Venezuela and its Government indicate a complete ignorance of the facts concerning the debts of Venezuela and the settlements thereof. The debts are relatively small, the whole amount not exceeding 150,000,000 bolivars (\$30,000,000). All those debts have been punctually paid since the protocols were signed. Nearly 5,000,000 bolivars (\$1,000,000) were peremptorily claimed by Germany, England and Italy and were paid. Since then 11,000,000 bolivars (\$2,200,000) more have also been paid, representing 30 per cent of the duties. The other (exterior) debts, held in England and Germany, are according to the provisions of the protocols, being settled between the bondholders at Venezuela. The country has paid and will continue to pay, President Castro says, as stipulated in the protocol which Mr. Bowen arranged. The Government of Venezuela desires the friendship of all nations.

BRIDGE WASHED AWAY

The Pocock Structure Over Mattland
Near Wingham Lost.

Wingham, Ont., March 27.—The new Pocock bridge over the north branch of the Mattand, was washed away by the flood today.

John Bell, brother of Thomas Bell, falling on the ice, broke his right leg in two places above the knee. His left leg had been amputated below his knee several years ago. From his advanced age, 70 the accident is considered serious.

New Royal Yacht.

London, March 28.—The contract for building King Edward's new yacht has been secured by Inglis, the Glasgow yacht builder. The royal yacht will be of 2,000 tons, and will be fitted with turbine engines.

BOURASSA HAS
SOME AMENDMENTSBut Will Vote for the Second
Reading of the Autonomy
Bill.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, March 28.—The debate on the autonomy bill will be resumed today by Mr. Henri Bourassa. Mr. Bourassa will contend that the educational clause does not go far enough to meet his views, and he will offer some amendment in committee, but he will vote for the second reading of the bill against the amendment of Mr. Borden.

Intent to Kill.

Hamilton, Ont., March 28.—At the spring assizes this morning Chief Justice Meredith sentenced Fred McAllister to eighteen months in the Central Jail for the murder of Roy Isbester with intent to murder. The shooting which took place in the Windsor Hotel on Feb. 29 was the outcome of a row over a game of pool.

ROVING BANDS
BURN AND MURDERFew Troops Sent Out by Russian
Govt. Are Powerless

NOBLES ASK REPRESENTATION

Landed Proprietors Call Upon Cities
to Aid Them Put Down Wide-
spread Anarchy.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—The action of the nobility of the Government of Moscow at the meeting held yesterday in urging the necessity for some measure of popular representation, while taking a distinct stand against a constitutional government of the kind enjoyed by the nations of Western Europe, introduced the first organized conservative element in the situation. Most of the nobles are landed proprietors who have become greatly alarmed by the peasant movement, which is threatening property in the country, and they will undoubtedly try to rally to their support the city property interests, all of which they claim are endangered by the growing tide of lawlessness. The nobles urge that the time has come for co-operation with the Government for mutual self-protection, pointing out that the strikes in the cities by sending thousands of workmen filled with revolutionary ideas back to their villages, besides introducing political ideas among the peasants, only increases the latter's demand for land. At Vladikavkaz the landlords are organizing guards to protect their property at their own expense, the troops which the Government is able to send being insufficient.

Roving bands of peasants continue to pillage, burn and murder in the Tiflis Government and in Tarnobol, Kazan and other governments in the south. The few troops here and there are powerless. The whole peasant population is affected more or less. The parish priests, under instructions from the Holy Synod, are doing all possible to quiet the peasants, but without making any appreciable impression.

In the meantime the situation in the Caucasus is growing worse. A state bordering on civil war exists in the Kuban Territory, where the population has been armed for a collision with the troops.

In the Georgia, Mingrelia and Kutais Territories the red flag of revolt has been raised. At Yalta, Crimea, after the population had wrecked the vodka shops, police quarters, etc., warships were sent from Sebastopol and marines were landed as if in a hostile country. The renewal of the bomb outrages in Poland and the open demonstrations in Finland against conscription, both regarded as bad and significant signs.

MR. MISCELLANEOUS BURIED

The Premier and Many Members of
Legislature Attend the Services.

Toronto, March 27.—Premier Whitney, members of his cabinet, and a large number of members of the Legislature attended the funeral services tonight over the late Mr. Allan Campbell, held at the family residence. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. McDonald, of Cowan Avenue Presbyterian Church. There were many floral tributes from political bodies. Tomorrow morning the remains will be taken to Barrie, where, at the church burial, will be the Masonic Order, of which Mr. Campbell was a life member, will perform the last rites.

THAT HOCKEY FATALITY

Loney, Who It Is Said Hit Dead Man,
Charged With Manslaughter.

Cornwall, Ont., March 27.—The high court of justice opened its spring session here today. Mr. Justice Teetzel presiding. The case of Allan Loney, the Maxwell hockey player, was presented to the grand jury, and after a four-hour deliberation, returned a true bill for manslaughter against Loney. The trial will probably commence tomorrow.

GOVT. TO INVESTIGATE

Will Make Searching Inquiry Into
the Halifax Collision.

Halifax, March 28.—Mr. J. F. L. Parsons, agent of the marine department, has received a telegram from Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, instructing him to hold an investigation into the collision of the steamers Parisian and Albano, off Chebucto Head, Capt. S. R. Hill, Government inspector of hulls, will be associated with Mr. Parsons, who will open his inquiry without delay.

The Parisian, which now lies a helpless and half-submerged wreck at the deep water terminus, has been as much of an attraction on the waterfront as she was when she arrived here on her maiden trip, 24 years ago, at which time she was one of the finest ships crossing the Atlantic, and it is visited and inspected by thousands. This was to have been the Parisian's last trip to Halifax in the Canadian mail service, as she was to have been placed in the Glasgow-New York service next month. A staff of divers went to work all day at the wreck of the steamer, and it is expected that the other deck openings, so as to make her as light as possible before pumping out commences. Pumps are being used to pump out the water down as much as possible in the engine room. The ship has been and is being considerably since Sunday, and it is feared that if she lists much more she will topple over. The water yesterday covered the steamer forward as far as the saloon entrance.

Struck by an Express

Windsor, March 28.—John Sexton, 54 years, who resides on Beech street, Detroit, was struck by a Michigan Central passenger train near Maidstone last night, and severely injured. He has been taken to a Detroit hospital. He has a chance of recovery.