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CANADIANS ARE NOT WANTED.

No Volunteers in the Japanese Army.

Consul General to Canada Tells How Easy His Country Could Whip Russia at the Start, and Why They Prefer War in the Winter Instead of Summer.

Montreal, Dec. 28—(Special)—T. J. Nosse, Japanese consul general for Canada, arrived from the Orient today, and made another interesting statement.

"Japan," said Mr. Nosse, "though appreciating the action of so many Canadians volunteering their services in case war is declared, cannot accept such offers. Our militia law is conscription, which does not permit any volunteer corps being part of a standing army.

"At present in Nos. 1 and 2 reserves, Japan has a standing army for Manchuria of a quarter of a million men, and if these are not sufficient, those who have already served would be called upon. With such army, we can defeat any force Russia can put in the field.

"The contention that Japan is not anxious for war during the winter season is absolutely incorrect. One of the leading generals of the Japanese army told me our army would show up to much better advantage in wars in Manchuria in winter than any other time of year. It was in winter we fought the Chinese in Manchuria, and with decided advantage. The climate of that country is much like the north of Japan, and at least 100,000 of the quarter of a million soldiers are from that part of the country.

Another particular reason why Japan would like to fight during the winter months is that, Manchuria being a very flat country, its rivers overflowed many sections during the summer months, preventing the possibility of moving a large army and provisions with any dispatch. In the hot months fever is always prevalent. In the winter months, with the rivers all frozen over, manoeuvering a very large army is greatly simplified.

"But even if war is declared, there is not any reason why trade between Canada and Japan should not be kept as usual. All goods can be carried in Canadian steamers, and the demand should be increased."

Uncle Sam's Attitude Will Settle the Question.

(Associated Press.)

Rome, Dec. 28.—Following the receipts of reports from the Far East, a rather optimistic view concerning the difficulties between Japan and Russia is entertained in official quarters. It is not believed that conflict will take place in the near future, not only for climatic reason, but because Russia is unprepared for war.

In political circles the opinion prevails that the attitude of the United States government will have a definite influence in solving the situation. Whether it sides with Japan and Great Britain or remains neutral.

Russia Declines to Evacuate Manchuria.

Pekin, Dec. 28.—Lien Fang, first secretary of the board of foreign affairs, visited Russian Minister Lessar today and requested information concerning the intentions of the Russian government regarding the evacuation of Manchuria.

Minister Lessar in reply said that nothing could be done at present with a view to evacuating for two reasons. In the first place the minister pointed out that the cold weather made it impossible to remove the troops from their present positions, besides which there were no barrack accommodations to be had elsewhere, and in the second place, M. Lessar said,

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BAD COLLISION IN DIGBY HARBOR.

Schooner Glenara, Bound from St. John, Strikes Vessel at Anchor.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE.

The Emma E. Potter of Clementsport Was Cut to the Water's Edge, While the Other One Lost Headgear — No Insurance on Either Boat.

Digby, N. S., Dec. 28—(Special)—A collision occurred in the harbor at 3 o'clock this morning between the 72-ton schooner Glenara, owned and commanded by Captain Charles Starrette, and the 98-ton schooner Emma E. Potter, owned by Samuel Potter, of Clementsport and commanded by Captain Walker.

The Emma E. Potter was anchored off Digby with wood and piling from Clementsport for Boston and besides having anchor light kept anchor watch. The Glenara was bound from St. John for Digby with general cargo and carried only one man besides her captain. The man on lookout on board the Emma E. Potter thinks the Glenara was carrying no lights. The former is cut to the water's edge on the starboard side forward of the main rigging. The vessel under sail carried away all her head gear.

The matter will probably be settled outside of the courts. There is no insurance on either vessel or cargo. The Potter's cargo will be discharged in Clementsport, where she will be repaired.

Schooner Quickstep will be towed to Weymouth and placed on the marine railway for repairs.

JAPAN PLACES LARGE ORDERS FOR FLOUR

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 28—Within the past eight business days Minneapolis mills have booked almost 100,000 barrels of flour for export to Japan. There was further inquiry reported today and it is not unlikely more business will result.

For some time Japan has been a heavy buyer of American flour. The millers are reticent about discussing the Japan business, but admit that the orders are still coming, and one large company alone is known to have booked close to 50,000 barrels within a day or two. The Japanese government has bought no flour direct.

RUSSIA PLACES BIG ORDER FOR BEEF.

San Francisco, Dec. 28—The Bulletin says that Getz Bros. & Co. have contracted with the Russian government to supply 3,000,000 pounds of beef and that Getz Bros. & Co. are making demands on all the big packing houses in the west, having already placed an order for 1,000,000 pounds with Cudahy & Co. to be delivered in San Francisco.

Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary.

Northampton, Mass., Dec. 28—After 60 years of married life Mr. and Mrs. Job Toney, of Florence, aged 82 and 80 years respectively, celebrated today the anniversary of their wedding. Both enjoy excellent health.

MR. BLAIR RESIGNS AS M. P. FOR ST. JOHN?

Ex-Minister Says the Report is Premature.

Ottawa Despatch Says the News Will Be Given Out Within Forty-eight Hours—Also, His Appointment as Chairman of the Railway Commission—Other News of the Capital.

An Ottawa despatch Monday night to thispaper announced a report that Hon. A. G. Blair has resigned as M. P. for St. John preparatory to accepting the chairmanship of the railway commission and that the news would be officially confirmed within forty-eight hours

In response to a telegram sent to Hon. Mr. Blair at Ottawa by the Telegraph, after receipt of news here, a reply from the ex-minister was received. He declared the statement was, to say the least, premature, and that his constituents would be fully advised in good season of any action taken. The Telegraph's Ottawa despatch follows:—

Ottawa, Dec. 28—(Special)—It is reported tonight that Hon. A. G. Blair has sent in his resignation as a member of parliament for St. John city. This is preparatory to his acceptance of the chairmanship of the railway commission.

The news will be officially announced within the next forty-eight hours.

Mr. Blair will leave for New York tomorrow. It is said that his visit is in connection with the duties of his new office.

Col Buchan, D O C, No. 3 District.

From advices received at the department of marine and fisheries, J. J. Cowie, the Scotch expert, who was brought to Canada to look into the herring industry, with a view of devising some means of packing and curing the Canadian fish, so that they can successfully compete with those of other countries on foreign markets show that he is making a decidedly good impression among the fishermen of the maritime provinces.

Mr. Cowie has been to see many of the leading industries down by the sea and it is expected that when his report is rendered to the department that it will contain some comprehensive scheme for the handling of Canadian herring, so that they may enter foreign markets. At present, although Canada has in her waters as good herring as there is to be found in the world she does not find a market for them, simply because they are not properly packed and cured for shipment.

It is understood that an order-in-council will shortly be passed appointing Col. Lawrence Buchan, of Toronto, as district officer commanding No. 3 district with headquarters at Kingston. Col. Buchan's position as commanding officer of the R. C. R. I., will be abolished as soon as his appointment as D. O. C. has been gazetted.

To Lieut. Wilfrid Laurier is the inscription on a fenian Raid medal that is at present in possession of Col. Pinault, deputy minister of militia. It is for none other than Canada's premier and is granted to him for the time he shouldered his rifle to aid in suppressing the attempted fenian raid in 1850. It is likely that the medal will be presented to the premier on New Year's day.

J. H. Plummer, president of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company; William McMaster, of Montreal, and Solicitor Jones of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company were here today. They visited the customs department and the department of trade and commerce, and it is understood that they were making arrangements for the going into effect of the new bounties passed at the last session of parliament.

BOSTON HAS $100,000 FIRE EARLY TUESDAY MORNING.

Boston, Dec. 29—The most dangerous and stubborn fire that the Boston firemen have had to contend with in a long time broke out shortly after midnight in a four-story brick block on Federal street, occupied by wholesale paper dealers. After the hardest kind of fire fighting the flames were subdued by 1 o'clock, although the building and the contents were destroyed, nothing remaining but the bare walls.

The loss is estimated at fully $100,000. The difficulty in fighting the fire lay in the fact that the building was situated between two alleys so narrow as to make the raising of aerial ladders and the use of the water towers impossible.

Four alarms were sounded and practically the entire fire department of the city was on the scene. Small ladders were brought into use, but the heat from the flames was so fierce that the firemen had to abandon them. Some of the ladders were destroyed. The night was bitterly cold, and the water froze on the ladders and on the roof, making it unsafe for the firemen. The narrow alleys were soon filled with falling bricks and laths, but despite the danger no one was seriously injured. The building was situated between Milton Place and Federal Court, these being narrow alleys running parallel to and lying between Devonshire and Federal streets. The building was occupied by Stone & Forsyth, and Coleman Bros., both firms dealing in paper. Several other office buildings in the vicinity also suffered a loss inasmuch as the doors leading to them were broken in to allow the firemen to run lines of hose from Devonshire and Federal streets to the windows looking on the Court.

HARD COAL MINE, IDLE SIX MONTHS, TO RESUME.

The Reason for Shut Down is Differences Between the Miners and Management.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 28—The Red Ash Coal Company where a strike has been in progress for six months, posted notices today at their collieries that they would resume work on January 4 next. The notices specify that two of the grievances have been agreed to but there are others pending which the company says had been previously settled by the conciliation board in similar cases.

The miners say they will insist on the reinstatement of a discharged boy and that they will not return to work unless this grievance and others are settled. The company employs 800 men and boys and the mines have been idle since July 23 last.

WINTHROP, MASS, YACHT CLUB HOUSE BURNED.

Winthrop, Mass., Dec. 28—The club house of the Winthrop Yacht Club was totally burned tonight. The loss is fully $10,000. Several adjoining cottages and residences were scorched but only slightly injured.

A party had been planned for this evening at the club house and it is believed the fire may have been caused by a stove which became overheated when preparations for warming the building

PNEUMONIA ALMOST EPIDEMIC IN CHICAGO.

139 Deaths from the Dread Disease in a Week -- Hospitals Overcrowded.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—With pneumonia establishing a new death record in Chicago and the county hospitals crowded so that patients are sleeping on mattresses on the floor and less serious cases being turned away, a serious problem confronts the Chicago health authorities. The many varieties of weather from which the city has suffered during the last week is blamed not only for the many pneumonia deaths, but for the crowding of the hospitals in another way. Within the last few days an unusual number of persons injured by falls on icy sidewalks have been taken to the county institution, and though a new emergency ward has been opened all cannot be cared for properly. Last week's alarming increase in deaths from pneumonia is made the subject of the latest health bulletin. One hundred and thirty-nine deaths from pneumonia were reported last week.

Former Bank Officials Guilty of Falsifying Accounts.

Freehold, N. J., Dec. 28—A verdict of guilty was returned this afternoon in the trial of Albert C. Twining, former president, and David C. Cornell, former treasurer of the defunct Monmouth Trust Company of Ashbury Park, who were accused of having falsified the accounts and minutes of the Trust Company. The defendants were allowed to go home under bail to await sentence. There are eleven other indictments against them, all of

YARMOUTH SCOTT ACT SPY DISAPPEARS.

Man Named Tufts, Who Laid Information Against a Liquor Seller, Came This Way.

Young Man, Named St. Clair, Arrested at Digby While on His Way to St. John on Charge of Horse Stealing—Death of Benjamin Churchill, Pembroke.

Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 28—(Special)—Benjamin Churchill died at his home Pembroke late Saturday night, aged 84 years and six months. He was a native of this county and leaves a widow, four sons and three daughters. The sons are George B., Yarmouth; Edward, Sydney; Benjamin and Adelbert, New York. The daughters are Mrs. Thomas Wyman and Mrs. Edmund Ritchie, Yarmouth, and Mrs. Enos Ryder, New York. He was a Liberal in politics. The funeral will be on Thursday.

A few days ago a man named Tufts laid information against Walter Sweeney for violation of the C. T. A. Tufts was afterwards spirited away by some one unknown. A warrant was issued for his arrest on Saturday afternoon and through a mistake made returnable at 10 o'clock today. The chief of police started out to serve it but could not before the time was up.

Tufts is probably in St. John now.

On Friday a young fellow named St. Clair went to Bain's livery stable and hired a team to go to the Bar, but instead of going there went to Port Maitland where he tried to dispose of it, but was unsuccessful. He left it there and walked to Meteghan where he met a friend named Tufts, and together they went to Weymouth. St. Clair took the train to Digby en route to St. John this morning, but was arrested on a warrant which had been taken out at Meteghan. He will be brought to Yarmouth tomorrow.

The sixth annual convention of the C. M. B. A. was held at Meteghan Saturday, Stephen German, president of the local branch presided. The first part of the meeting was taken up with the reports of the delegates of the different branches of western Nova Scotia and the discussion of various subjects of interest. The public meeting, held afterwards, was largely attended. Rev. Father Cote was one of the speakers. He is now priest at Meteghan, succeeding, the late Father Daley, and only took charge last week. In the last year the association has increased in membership about 100, the total being now nearly 500. The next convention will be held at West Pubnico, December 31.

DREYFUS' GROUNDS FOR VINDICATION.

He Claims That the Dates of Important Documents Had Been Changed.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The grounds upon which Dreyfus depends for vindication and restoration to the army have been communicated to the Associated Press.

Dreyfus charges that a telegram from Colonel Schwartzkoppen, the late German military attache here, to Colonel Panizzardi, formerly Italian military attache at Paris, as presented to the court martial at Rennes, bore the date of April, 1894, when he was occupied with the details of the mobilization of troops, of which the telegram treated, whereas the actual date of the telegram was the last of March, 1895, after he (Dreyfus) had been tried. A copy, which has been found, has established the correctness of Dreyfus' claim, in the opinion of the commission which recommended a revision of the case.

The statement of the case against Dreyfus containing the telegram, when it arrived at the ministry for war, was dated April 1, 1895, which Dreyfus claims, shows that the telegram was written in the latter part of March of that year. With a pair of scissors the late Colonel Henry clipped off a corner of the telegram and thus the actual date disappeared. Then Colonel Henry, in his own hand, annotated the telegram April, 1894. The colonel, however, neglected to remember that the month of April had only thirty days, for in the document there is a mention of the "thirty-first of the current month."

The unauthenticity of the telegram could have been established had the court at Rennes appreciated the importance of the error. Finally, it developed that in the telegram, where the words "Ce Canaille de D D—" appear, the initial "D" had been substituted for the letter "P." The original copy, written by M. Gribelin, the keeper of the archives of the war office, carried the letter "P." Scratching upon the paper was apparent, but M. Bertillon, the handwriting expert, testified that the letter "D" was correct. It is now claimed he was in error.

Reduced Wages for 3,000 Men.

Ironton, O., Dec. 28—Three thousand blast furnace workers today were given notice of a proposed reduction of 10 per cent in wages to take effect on January 1.

$75,000 Fire in Philippines.

Manila, Dec. 28—Fire in the Pueblo of Calumpit destroyed 250 homes. Several lives were lost and 1,000 persons were rendered homeless. The loss is $75,000

HALIFAX SORE AT DISCRIMINATION.

SUDDEN DEATH AT FREDERICTON.

Miss Jane Leary, on Leaving Breakfast Table, Was Seized With Fatal Illness.

SMALLPOX DYING OUT.

A Shooting Accident; Gibson Man's Legs Peppered by Shotgun—Death of Wesley A. McConaghy of Marysville—School Teacher Wins Suit.

Fredericton, Dec. 28—(Special)—Miss Jane Leary, who for ten years has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McCreadie, King street, died suddenly this forenoon. She had just finished breakfast and was leaving the dining room when taken ill. Apoplexy was the cause of her death. She was sixty-four years of age, and a native of Woodstock. She is survived by one brother, John, a wealthy resident of Seattle, and one sister, Mrs. Maggie Barker, of Philadelphia. The body will be taken to Woodstock for interment.

There are no new cases of smallpox at Nashwaaksis, and those down with the disease are reported getting along well. Daniel Green, who brought the disease from Quebec, is now convalescent and able to go out of doors.

Saturday evening E. S. Washington, the restaurant proprietor, was suddenly seized with a hemorrage of the lungs. Dr. Crocket rendered the necessary medical aid. Mr. Washington was better this morning.

At Marysville Sunday morning Wesley A. McConaghy died in the thirty-eighth year of his age. He was formerly in the farm machinery business in this city under the firm name of Gunter & McConaghy. About five years ago he went west, and a year ago was taken with smallpox but fully recovered; later he was attacked by la grippe, which undermined his health and developed into consumption. He returned home in September. He leaves a widow, two sons, mother and four brothers. He was a member of Pickard Lodge, L. O. A.

Judge Wilson delivered judgment this afternoon in the case of Sarah H. Haines vs. the school trustees of district No. 9, Southampton. He directed a verdict for the plaintiff for $18 and costs, being the full amount of her claim for the balance of salary. The action turned upon the construction of the written contract, the question being whether the plaintiff was entitled to the same amount of salary for the short term as the long one or for the same rate per day for the second term as the first; O. S. Crocket for plaintiff and A. J. Gregory, K. C., for defendant, who gave notice of appeal.

Gordon Wade, of Gibson, while shooting on Saturday, was hunting with a young fellow named Hart. Returning home Hart was walking behind and slipped and fell with the gun, which was discharged into Mr. Wade's legs. Dr. Atherton dressed the wounds.

Sir Wm. Allan, M. P, Dead.

London, Dec. 28—Sir William Allan, the well known marine engineer, ship owner and member of parliament for Gateshead since 1893, is dead. He was born Nov. 29, 1837.

Sir William Allan was formerly a working engineer, an engineer in the British navy and later chief engineer of a blockade during the civil war in the United States. He was captured, lodged in the old capitol prison and was eventually paroled.

200 Immigrants Ordered to St. John.

That Extra $2 Per Head Charged by C. P. R. Caused a Lot of Fuss Among the Pretorian's Passengers When the Steamer Arrived Yesterday.

Halifax, Dec. 28—(Special)—Discrimination of the Canadian Pacific against Halifax in charging $2 a head more on transatlantic passengers leaving this port for the west than on those leaving from St. John caused quite a lot of fuss at Deep Water Terminus this morning on the arrival of the Allan liner Pretorian.

The big liner pulled into the pier at 11.30 this morning, after an exceedingly rough trip. She left Liverpool Dec. 17, and met heavy gales, etc., almost the entire voyage. Her reversing gear got out of order and this morning she had to have the assistance of two tugs in docking.

The Pretorian had a large passenger list, both in first and second cabins, and she brought about 200 immigrants for the west. She has also a large general cargo, 300 tons of which was landed here, after which she sailed for St. John at 4.30 p. m.

All of the immigrant passengers on board must go to St. John and land there. This is the order issued from the office of the Allan line and there were many downcast countenances on board after the gang plank had been adjusted and none but cabin passengers allowed to leave.

Efforts were made to send the second cabin passengers via St. John also but a majority of those who could read saw this on their tickets, "via Halifax," and they insisted on their right to travel across country from here. It took some time, however, to get matters straightened out and at length there were not many second cabin passengers left on board.

TWO PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENTS IN SAN DOMINGO.

San Domingo, Republic of Santo Domingo, Tuesday, Dec. 22—It is reported that General Celletier has formed a provisional government at Azua de Costella, presided over by himself and that the inhabitants of Barahona have joined in the movement and that the two forces are jointly marching on this city. Consequently there are now two provisional governments in the republic.

The German warships left here yesterday for Kingston (Jamaica.)

The United States gunboat Newport is the only war vessel here and owing to her small crew she cannot restore order if a serious outbreak occurs. The situation demands the presence of more warships here.

The city so far is quiet.

Did You Guess It?

Washington, Dec. 28—In view of the fact that many thousands of people in all parts of the country are interested in the result of a guessing contest as to the number of cigars tax paid in November, the internal revenue bureau asks that public announcement be made of the number of cigars tax paid at $3.00 per thousand during November, 1903. The number is officially stated to have been 578,157,470

PRESS COMMENTS ON NORTH RENFREW ELECTION.

Toronto News (Independent) Says Result Brings the End of the Ross Government in Sight—Goldwin Smith Thinks the Ontario Government Ought to Resign.

Toronto, Dec. 28—(Special)—A Toronto News editorial tonight on the result of the North Renfrew election is headed "The End in Sight," and says in part:—

"The long disfranchisement of North Renfrew became a public scandal, and the government well deserved the signal rebuke which it has received at the hands of that constituency.

"The Conservatives were undoubtedly active and vigilant and thoroughly organized, but it is just as true that all the resources of the government were employed to save the riding. Dunlop, however, was the more active and stronger candidate. His majority is too great to be ascribed altogether to bribery and corruption, or even to the strenuous speeches of Gamey in his behalf.

"Whatever we may think of Mr. Gamey, it is widely and strongly believed there is a substantial basis of truth in his charges against the government, and that Mr. Stratton should also have come under the condemnation of the royal commission. It is felt that Gamey should not bear the whole burden of the discreditable negotiations which led to his purchase, and that it must not be set down as the final opinion of Ontario that it is scandalous for a private member to sell himself and proper for agents of ministers to make a bargain and pay the money.

"Whatever may be the main causes for the overwhelming Conservative victory in North Renfrew, it is clear the tide is running strongly against the ministers and that not for thirty years have we had such a critical situation in the politics of the province.

"Mr. Ross stands today with a majority

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LIVED TO SEE HER GRAND-CHILDRENS' GRAND-CHILDF

Mrs. Cotreau of Tusket Wedge, N. S, Who Died ir Year Had 229 Direct Descendants—Capt. Hat of Canada's Best-known Shipmasters, Di terday at Yarmouth.

Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 28—(Special)—Francois Cotreau, one of the oldest inhabitants of the county, died recently at Tusket Wedge, aged 97 years, 10 months 13 days. She was the widow of Charles Cotreau and daughter of Antoine Richard, who came from France to make a home in this country. She had 13 sons and daughters, of whom four are living.

Besides these she leaves 57 grandchildren, 160 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Deceased had hardly been ill in her life until three days before her death.

Captain Jacob Hatfield died sudd this morning, aged 83 years.

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