

"DEATH OR VICTORY"—ROJESTVENSKY HAS SAID IT.

Paris, April 15.—Gaston Dru telegraphs from St. Petersburg to The Echo de Paris that Admiral Rojestvensky's last telegram before leaving Nossi Be was singularly laconic and eloquent. He wires:

"I will not telegraph again before the battle. If I am beaten you will learn it thru Togo. If I defeat him I will announce it to you."

M. Dru adds that the telegram was accepted as meaning that the Russian Admiral seeks victory or death.

BRITAIN STANDS ACCUSED OF UNFRIENDLY ACTIVITY

Transmitting Intelligence of Rojestvensky's Whereabouts Stirs Russian Press—Is Togo Challenged?

St. Petersburg, April 15.—No further news beyond that contained in the foreign telegrams have been received regarding the squadron commanded by Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky, but the impression continues that he is steaming towards the Island of Formosa with the intention of giving battle, if Admiral Togo accepts the challenge.

Some of the papers, notably The Novoe Vremya, still manifest irritation at the activity of British warships in reporting the movements of the Russian squadron. The Novoe Vremya says the vessels of all nations are observing neutrality, "with the exception, of course, of Great Britain," taking particular exception to the fact that the British cruiser Iphigenia transmitted by wireless telegraph the information that she had passed Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron 140 miles from Saigon, which was very important news to the Japanese, inasmuch as Rojestvensky had succeeded in slipping by the Japanese scouts. "For a commercial ship to report such a fact upon arrival at a port is quite natural," says The Novoe Vremya, "but the news is then more or less old, and in the meantime the squadron might have changed its course; but for a man of war to send such information to a coast station by wireless telegraph is unfriendly."

"However, this is not the first time the British have conveyed a valuable warning to their friends. During the Sino-Japanese war, in which Great Britain was on the side of China, a British cruiser at Weihaiwei warned the Chinese admiral by firing a salute upon the approach of the Japanese fleet, altho at night it is not the custom to salute in that fashion."

DID NOT SIGHT ANY JAP SCOUTS WHILE ENTERING CHINA SEA

Paris, April 15.—A despatch to The Temps from Saigon, French Cochinchina, says Admiral Rojestvensky did not sight any Japanese scouts during his entrance into the China Sea. It is expected that the Russian squadron will re-provision off the coast of Annam.

FIFTH FLEET SAILS IN JULY OR AUGUST

Port Said, April 15.—Information has reached here to the effect that a fifth division of the Russian second Pacific squadron, under the command of Vice-Admiral Vessarago, and composed of the battleships, Imperator, Alexander II, Slava and Paul I, the armored cruiser Phnyat Azova and the second-class cruiser Admiral Korniloff will traverse the Suez Canal in July or August.

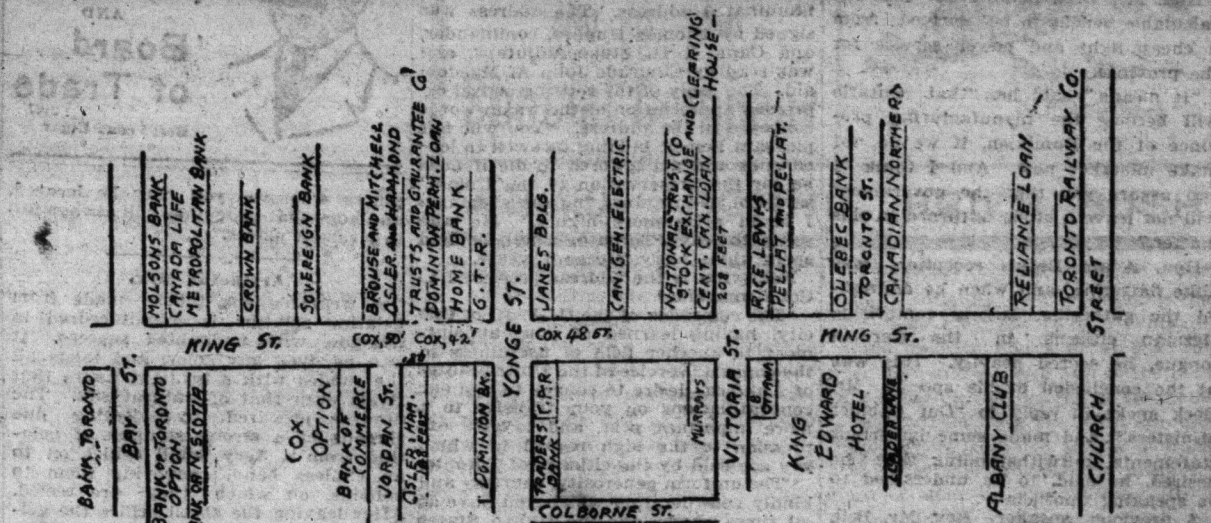
FIND BOGUS BALLOT BOX CORROBORATING LOTT'S STORY

Farmer Near Stirling Locates It Partially Hidden in Grass, But in Perfect Working Order.

Belleville, April 15.—(Special.)—The bogus ballot box sensations still crop up in this district. It will be remembered that Phil Lott told how his brother Byron had at one time in his possession a bogus ballot box, alleged to have been secured from the Liberal headquarters in Toronto, which worked with a spring in connection with the lock. This box, Phil said, Lyron kept in a barrel in his barn in Anson. He (Byron) afterwards told Phil that this box had been destroyed. The box is different from the last improved kind, made in Watertown, at the order of Reilly and Lott, but is in perfect working order.

The discovery of this box, it is believed, goes a long way towards corroborating Phil Lott's story of what his brother told him. The box is now in the possession of a citizen of Stirling.

Banks Acquiring King Street Property Creation of Local Wall Street Assured



The movement of real estate in King-street is such as to indicate that almost the entire financial interests of the city will very shortly be consolidated in the small district lying between Church and Bay-streets and extending southerly on Yonge and Jordan to Melinda and Wellington-streets. A very noticeable feature of the realty marked is the hold that corporations controlled by the Cox syndicate has secured on King-street property. Hon. George A. Cox is credited with an unusual quota of business capacity and the dealers are willing to concede that he has showed much shrewdness in the deals he has lately made.

Real estate on King-street in the business district is now held at about \$2000 per foot, and advance of over 100 per cent. within the last two years.

Recent deals have been the acquisition by the Central Canada Loan Company, of which Senator Cox is president, of the property at the northwest corner of King and Victoria-streets, with a depth of 208 feet on the latter street. Some of the real estate men on Victoria-street have received notices to quit on May 15. The next frontage on the street secured by Hon. Mr. Cox consists of 48 ft., between the Canadian General Electric Co. and the James Building, at the cor-

ner of Yonge and King-streets. For this piece of property it is said that \$100,000 was paid. West of Yonge-street the same financier has purchased 42 feet immediately west of the Lawlor Building, which will be occupied by the Home Bank, and 50 feet just east of the Manning Arcade, where the new building for The Star newspaper will be erected. At the corner of Bay-street the Canada Life Company, of which Mr. Cox is president, has secured the Molsons Bank property. A new building will be erected there and the bank will probably remain as a tenant.

At the south side of King-street the property now occupied by the McCook key restaurant and R. J. Hunter & Co. is said to have passed under the control of the Imperial Life Assurance Company, which is another Cox enterprise. This piece adjoins the Canadian Bank of Commerce, of which Mr. Cox is president, and which is said to be looking for room for further extension.

Outside of the Cox interests there has been considerable activity in the district. Osker & Hammond have purchased 48 feet in the southeast corner of Jordan and King streets, extending 168 ft. thru to Melinda-street. The northern portion of the lot fronting on King-street is now offered for sale, the firm being expected to move shortly to the building on the Melinda-street portion.

The Bank of Toronto, which owns the Clancy Hotel property on the southwest corner of King and Bay-streets, of which the lease has still over two years to run, is credited with designs on the opposite corner, now occupied by the Nasmith Company and the Marshall Block. Options have been secured on both these parcels. Between this and the Bank of Nova Scotia there is a lot occupied by Hooper's drug store which the owner refused to sell. The only other lot in this block which has not been secured by the corporations is that now occupied by the H. A. Wilson Company on Yonge-street, south of King-street. The Trades Bank proposes erecting a 15-story building. Just south of this there is the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, the Bank of British North America, the Royal Bank of Canada and the Bank of Montreal.

Will Be Wall Street. Within this district there are now, or shortly will be, located twenty incorporated banks, three trust corporations and a dozen large loan companies, which act as bankers, and an innumerable lot of insurance companies and brokers' offices.

The outlook is for the creation of a local Wall-street in Toronto. The location of so many financial corporations ensures the permanence of the present business district for many years to come, but there is hardly sufficient room for all the companies that seek to get in on the ground floor and retail stores and other less profitable branches of trade will very shortly be driven to the section allotted to the worship of gold.

SOLD TEAM UNDER FALSE COLORS IS MULCTED HEAVY DAMAGES

Sold for \$250, Judge Adds and Subtracts and Orders \$219 Returned.

St. Catharines, April 15.—(Special.)—In the assizes to-day, Justice Anglin gave judgment in a horse case. Sturch is a farmer living in North Grimsby Township and Krick resides in South Grimsby. On March 11, Krick sold Sturch a team of horses for \$250, warranting that "they were all right in every way, good and true, a good team to pull."

Sturch found out the horses were not as warranted. One of them was a "switcher" and "kicker," and he wanted Krick to take the team back and repay his \$250, and brought suit. Krick denied that he had given any warranty. The horses, however, he said, were perfectly sound and free from vice.

ORANGEMAN'S PROTEST.

Kingston, April 15.—(Special.)—The semi-annual meeting of the Orange societies of South Frontenac was held this afternoon. A strong resolution was passed protesting against the educational clauses in the autonomy bill. The Orangemen of this city decided to take part in the celebration at Belleville on the 12th of July, and a number of other societies from the district will also go up.

NEW RAILWAY FOR WINNIPEG TO HANDLE EMIGRANT TRAFFIC

C. M. & St. P. Officials Trying to Arrange for an Extension of Their Road.

Winnipeg, April 15.—(Special.)—It is said on good authority that the coming visit to Winnipeg of officials of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway is in connection with a more important mission than the opening of an office and the appointment of a local representative, and that the real object of their visit is to look over the ground in connection with the project that the company have of extending the northern branch of their road from Fargo to Winnipeg or to the boundary, if arrangements for connections can be made with the C.P.R. and C.N.R.

The C. M. and St. P. Railway has about 10,000 miles of road, traversing the states where a big emigration to Western Canada is originating, and the company has decided to get in to Winnipeg for the purpose of handling the bulk of traffic. This distance between Fargo and Winnipeg is 227 miles.

MR. OSLER ARRIVES.

Dr. William Osler will arrive in the city this morning from Ottawa and will be the guest of E. B. Osler, M.P., at Craigleigh. He spent Saturday in Ottawa, having gone there from Montreal the previous evening. Dr. Osler made an address to the students of McGill and was dined on Friday night by the members of the McGill corporation and faculties.

He declined to be interviewed in Montreal, as, since his famous after-dinner speech was taken so seriously, he has been very careful of his utterances. It is not expected that there will be any public affairs in honor of Dr. Osler, as his visit will be short. He will probably be a tender a dinner, however, at the Medical Club.

MAGISTRATE'S CHANGED VIEW ALLOWED TRIAL TO PROCEED

Didn't Want Accused Hanged, But Rather Thought There Was No Evidence Against Him.

West Selkirk, Man., April 15.—(Special.)—The preliminary examination of Lawrence Duggan, the returning officer for Selkirk at the last Dominion election, charged with wilfully and unlawfully erasing certain names from the voters' list, commenced this morning.

The defence made a motion against the jurisdiction of Magistrate Scott, on the ground of a certain statement he had made in reference to the case, which showed that he was biased. One of the statements said to have been made by him on election day was that he would "like to see Lawrence Duggan hanged."

Magistrate Scott emphatically denied that he had made any such remark about Duggan, as alleged, on election day, but he did say that he thought there was no evidence to show that Duggan had erased names. The case was then proceeded with.

GERMANY AND FRANCE NOW EXCHANGING VIEWS

Berlin, April 15.—Foreign Minister Delcasse talked over the Morocco question with Prince Von Radolin, the German ambassador, yesterday, thus beginning a direct exchange of views between the German and French governments. M. Delcasse opened the subject, and therefore the initiative came from France.

Nothing is said at the foreign office here regarding the substance of the interview, only that Prince Von Radolin received M. Delcasse's observations in a suitable spirit.

"GOOD FAITH AND HONOR" ON WHOM IS IT BINDING?

Hon. Mr. Rogers Asks Winnipeg Free Press the Difference Twixt Tweedledum and Tweedledee.

Winnipeg, April 15.—(Special.)—Nothing new transpired to-day regarding the political crisis, and nothing definite has been announced yet as to a special session, other than that contained in the words of the minister of public works this morning, defining such course, when your correspondent called his attention to the position taken by The Free Press, that any attempt to repeal the Laurier-Sifton settlement of 1897 would be regarded as a matter of bad faith on the part of Manitoba.

"I notice that The Free Press makes the statement that the province is bound to that contract by good faith and honor," said Mr. Rogers. "Let me ask The Free Press if Sir Wilfrid was not equally bound by good faith and honor, on his side, and if so, let me, then, ask The Free Press to explain why he did not keep the good faith and honor of his part of the contract. Was Sir Wilfrid keeping this contract in good faith and honor when he sent his accredited representative, Mr. Stussell, to Rome, representing himself as the Liberal party, to assure his holiness, thru Cardinal Rampolla, that this contract was only the beginning of justice?"

"Let me again ask The Free Press if this was the understanding with which Mr. Sifton signed this settlement on behalf of the province, and also if it was the understanding with the Greenway government, when it ratified the same. Clearly, Sir Wilfrid and his government, by their conduct and action, have violated not only the spirit, but the letter of the contract, and in so doing, as far as they are concerned, have entirely relieved Manitoba of any obligations of good faith or honor in respect to the settlement as it was understood."

"I take no notice whatever of the personal abuse to which I am treated by The Free Press. I simply regard it as an evidence of their inability to offer any explanation or defence to my former statement to the effect that Sir Wilfrid is a party to a penalizing policy against this province."

PALACE BARN FOR ERINDALE COWS.

The Sides and Ends to Be of Glass—Project of S. Price and Sons of Toronto.

Erindale, Ont., April 15.—Work has commenced with much activity on the fine new cow barn of S. Price & Sons on their big dairy farm here. The walls are to be constructed of glass, thereby affording an abundance of light and a cheerful atmosphere among the cattle. It will be paved through with cement. No feed whatever will be contained in the barn, it being mixed in an adjoining building and carried on cars to the cows.

It is the intention of the firm to send to Toronto daily a specially certified milk for infants and invalids, which no doubt will much exceed the ordinary milk in price.

WANT G.T.P. HURRIED UP BY HOLDING BACK GRAVE

Port Arthur, April 15.—(Special.)—A deputation of citizens has waited upon council to urge that body to appeal to Premier Whitney to withhold the promised grant to the G. T. P. until that company has built a line into Port Arthur. The company had promised to extend the line into Port Arthur, but yesterday's action was taken to secure an early construction of the extension. Action was deferred to give the company an opportunity to lay plans before the committee appointed. The council appointed a deputation to wait upon the local government in the interest of legislation the town is seeking.

SUNDAY WEATHER.

To-day will be fair but cool, with fresh northwesterly winds and a temperature that won't let the mercury get much above 40.