

## IN THE FAR EAST.

A Rumor That Russia and France Will Guarantee the Indemnity to be Paid.

### RECENT OPERATIONS IN INTERIOR.

PARIS, April 25.—The Courier Du Soir, which is often well informed on ministerial intentions, says to-night that the settlement of the Chinese situation is a question of finance. The newspaper says that Russia, repeating that operation which has had the greatest success, will advance China the sum required to pay the indemnities, and that French savings will provide the Russian government with the requisite funds. The European troops, except the legion garrisons, will then leave Pekin and a fresh period will begin, during which Chinese patience will strive to tire out the British and German governments in their claims regarding the opening of the ports and the customs. Russia, however, will retain Manchuria as a pledge for the loan.

This appears to be the general scheme of the project that the French foreign minister, M. Delcasse, is discussing in St. Petersburg with Count Lamsdorff and M. Witte, respectively Russian ministers of foreign affairs and finance.

BERLIN, April 25.—Nothing is known

in German official circles regarding the cable statement that Russia and France are considering a joint guarantee of the Chinese indemnity, with a view to inducing the allied troops to withdraw from China, and nothing is known concerning the alleged refusal of General Chaffee to yield the gate of the Forbidden City to the Germans.

The Lokal Anzeiger's special correspondent, cabling from Cheng Tung (about 75 miles west of Pao Ting Fu), says: "The German and French expedition is approaching the front of the Chinese army, which is apparently 25,000 strong and well entrenched in three positions. The Germans marched over difficult mountain passes to the gate of the great wall at Nieng Twil Kan. The enemy appears indisposed to offer resistance and its retreat behind the great wall is expected."

A special despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Hin Chan, dated April 24, says a mounted infantry patrol found the Chinese fortifications unoccupied and unarmed. The natives said General Lin, with the bulk of his army had retreated.

## THE COUNTRY.

### DOAKTOWN.

DOAKTOWN, April 17.—On Sunday, 14th inst., Rev. A. F. Robb preached his farewell sermon. The building was crowded by an attentive audience. He preached from the last clause of the seventh verse of the 5th chapter of Galatians, a sermon of power which touched the hearts of his hearers. It was with deep regret that the people of Doaktown part with Mr. Robb, as he has endeared himself to all, Presbyterians and all the other denominations by his earnest, manly, Christian life as well as by his preaching. He has truly obeyed the scriptural injunction, "being instant in season etc.," and was warmly welcomed at all homes. The church has progressed under his ministry both in numbers, and in that broad christian spirit that manifests itself in the helping of others. The heroic spirit shown by Mr. Robb in giving up so many of the things that go to make life pleasant, for the sake of our benighted fellow-men in far off Corea, ought to be an example to all. The spirit of appreciation in this his pastoral district where he is beloved, and throughout the whole of New Brunswick. While we part with him in the deepest sorrow, and regret his going away, still we have a strong feeling of pride that we have lived with and worshipped with a man who has added to his religion that noble disinterestedness that enables him to lay aside self and work for the good of others whose lot is not cast in such pleasant locations. May his action beget in us alike spirit of heroism and may we then seek to strengthen his hands in every way possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Whyte presented Mr. Robb with a nice individual service for table. The forks and spoons were of solid silver and tastefully initialed.

### GRANTVILLE.

GRANTVILLE, April 18.—The weather for the past week has been very pleasant and we are glad to see the roads improving. The snow has entirely disappeared.

Some of the men have returned from the lumber woods and are away on the drive again. We wish them success.

Our school is progressing rapidly under the skilful management of our teacher, Miss Ella A. Norrad, of Bloomfield Ridge. The attendance is very good this term.

Mrs. Benj. Kelley, who had an attack of la grippe last week, is able to be around again.

Miss Maggie Kaley, who went to Woodstock a few weeks ago to visit her sister, has not yet returned home.

Miss Myrtle Lawson, who has been suffering for the past five days with a violent toothache, is, we are glad to say, much better to-day.

Mr. Benj. Kelley lost his horse last week. It has been sick the greater part of the winter.

Mr. Robert Ballentine is away from home at present.

Mr. Luke Lawson has completed his maple sugar operations for this year. He had over one hundred trees tapped and made quite a lot of sugar and syrup in spite of the bad weather.

Mr. Charles Tompkins passed through this place a few days ago.

We are glad to hear that the school at East Newbridge is to be opened next Monday under the care of Miss Leta L. Monteith.

Rumor states that we are to have a maple candy party in the near future.

### GAGETOWN.

GAGETOWN, April 23.—Mr. Fred Dingee went to St. John yesterday.

Miss Bertha Belyes, who is taking a course at Kerr's Business College, spent Sunday with her parents here and returned to her duties in the city to-day.

Messrs. John Law and Ernest Shields, who are attending Normal school, also spent Sunday at their homes here.

Mr. Fred Corey has opened his barber shop and beer counter. He is also agent for the Fredericton Steam Laundry.

The steamer May Queen will make her first trip to Gagetown this season

### MILL SHUT DOWN.

St. Croix Towns Seriously Feel the Shutting Down of the Milltown Cotton Mill.

Owing to over production of colored cotton goods, the Canada cotton mills company has found it necessary to greatly curtail its output by shutting down its factories. During this week the mill at Milltown is shut down and it will be operated only on alternate weeks from now until September 1st. The management fully expects that at that time, the mill will start again on full time.

### The Monthly Pay Roll

amounts to about \$20,000 distributed among eight hundred hands. This curtailment in their earning ability means very serious conditions for many individuals and families.

Some operatives, who have come from the farms in the adjacent country districts, will spend the alternate weeks at the farms.

### Ten or Fifteen Operatives

from Marysville have already returned there, while others are looking towards the mills in the states. Not much encouragement is held out in that direction, for the mills there are also contending against an overstocked market.

The merchants on the river will feel seriously the curtailment in the wage earning of so many people and, as there is not much promise of better condition in other directions, the situation is somewhat serious.—St. Croix Courier.

### ST. JOHN DELEGATION

Interview Mr. Tarte With Reference to Needs of the Winter Port City.

OTTAWA, April 25.—The St. John delegation waited on Hon. Mr. Tarte to-day and brought to his notice the need of immigration buildings at St. John. They were well received and were promised that plans would be at once prepared and construction commenced.

They called on the minister of militia later accompanied by Hon. Mr. Blair. They asked for a drill hall and the establishment of a remount station at St. John. Both matters will be looked into.

Hon. Mr. Blair was asked to give consideration to the claims of St. John in connection with steamship subsidies.

The delegation were given a chance to inspect the fire apparatus this afternoon, part of it being ordered out for their benefit.

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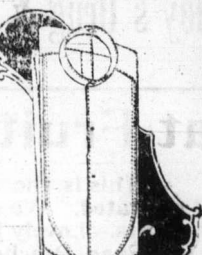
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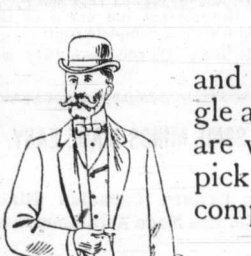
## MEN'S DAY TO-MORROW.



We will have a Sale of Men's Suits and Shirts to-morrow, Saturday, April 27, from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. Young men and old men come and see what you can see.



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Men's Fawn's Kid Gloves. 10 dozen Men's and Young Men's Kid Gloves, 2 buttons, worth \$1.00, this Saturday to introduce the line at only 60c. a pair. 5 dozen Men's Fine Quality Kid Gloves, Fawn's make, 2 buttons, regular \$1.25, this Saturday they go at 85c. a pair, sizes 7 1/2 to 9.

4 tables full of Sample Boots for Men and Women, from the Hartt stock, will be cleared out at 90c., \$1.40, \$1.60 and \$2.00 the pair. These prices are about one half their value. Come and get your size. 180 pairs Women's House Slippers, good ones, at 13c. the pair.

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