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The War News.

Readers must not blame the newspapers for the confusing nature of the war news. The Japanese censorship is the most rigid in the history of modern warfare. Not a word relating to the movements of the army on Manchurian or Korean soil has escaped. The Japanese squadron off Port Arthur has been under observation from Chefoo (also spelled Chifu), a cable station on the Chinese mainland opposite Port Arthur and from Wei Hai Wei, the British port. From these and other neutral Chinese points, some independent information has been sent, but for the most part the public can get nothing definite except the one-sided official dispatches of the Russian or Japanese commanders. The correspondents within the Russian or Japanese lines are sealed up, and those outside can do little more than collect the rumors, which swarm around the coast. There is no confirmation of the report that the Japanese have landed in force on the east side of the Liao Tung Peninsula, thus getting behind the Russian army on the Yalu River and threatening the Manchurian Railway. If such a thing has happened the public may expect news of the first great land battle before long. Just now readers must sift the so-called war news for themselves and they will do this more intelligently if they follow it with a map in hand. They will get some capital lessons in geography, and understand more clearly the progress of the campaign in its later and more critical stages.

License Legislation.

Premier Ross is "feeling" his supporters on the question of liquor legislation. At the party caucus this week he outlined a proposal which, if the Toronto press is rightly informed, looked to the abolition of the bar and the exclusive control by the Government of the retail sale of liquor throughout the Province. It is said the plan met with such opposition that the Premier proposed, as an alternative, a system of local option. Each municipality would be required to decide between license and Government control, and in those localities which elected to remain under the license system the law would be made more stringent.

His opponents rail at the Premier because he has chosen to test the sentiment of his supporters, and he is guided by it in framing his measure. His supporters have a right to know the character and scope of the bill to be submitted to the House, and the Premier is acting wisely in taking steps to ascertain what degree of temperance legislation the House will accept. It might be heroic to bring down a measure which embodied his personal views, or the views of his Cabinet, and then defy the Legislature; but the Premier has to consider whether he may not better advance the temperance cause by exerting his influence with the Liberal members. With his slender majority at the present time, if he brought down a measure too radical for the House, it would be characterized by his opponents as a desperate party shift, a gambler's last throw in the hope of retrieving his fortunes. Temperance Conservatives would be inclined to stand by their party, and experience shows that the appeal would be in the main successful.

The majority of 96,000 for the Manitoba act two years ago constituted an expression of opinion which the Legislature cannot disregard. The Government has accepted the vote as a mandate for further legislation, and there is reason to believe that it desires to frame a measure as restrictive as the House will permit. The Government cannot count on any support from the Opposition to balance possible defections from the Liberal ranks. It must rely on finding its majority among its own supporters, and it may do something to bring them to its own way of thinking. Sensible temperance reformers will prefer half a loaf to no bread.

The London Asylum.

In 1889 the site of the London Asylum, 200 acres, was purchased for \$67 an acre by the then Provincial Government.

In 1881 forty acres of the land known as Carling's farm was purchased by the Dominion Government for militia purposes, the price being \$40,000, or \$1,000 an acre.

In 1886 another parcel of the Carling farm, 25 1/2 acres in extent, was conveyed by the owner to the general manager of the B. N. A. Bank, and afterwards conveyed (in 1888) to the Dominion Government, for \$25,000, or about \$1,000 an acre.

The Asylum site was not worth \$67 an acre in 1889, and there were plenty of better sites in the neighborhood, which could have been secured for the same money, or sites just as good which could have been secured for less. Years of improvement and scientific cultivation, however, have converted the Asylum grounds into first-class farming land. The grounds have had to be greatly extended to provide outdoor work for the patients, and the adjoining 230 acres, known as the Treblelock farm, have been rented for some time. This farm became an indispensable part of the Asylum system, and worth more to the Asylum than to the owner or to anyone else. The springs on the Treblelock property have become necessary for the dairying, the watering of the cattle and horses and other asylum purposes. If this flow should be cut off the

institution would be in a very serious plight.

In 1889 the Government had the choice of the whole district around London for an Asylum site. In the present case the Government has no choice at all. The Dominion Government was in this situation when it had to enlarge the camp grounds. The price paid in the first place was exorbitant, but when the Government, later on, had to have the contiguous 23 acres, it was in no position to make its own terms. Under the circumstances the price paid for the Treblelock farm, \$100 an acre, is exceedingly moderate. The owner asked \$30,000, and it is surprising that he did not hold out for more than he received (\$23,000) when he knew that the Government had to have the land. It was a better bargain for the Province than for the owner of the land, and those who profess to scent a scandal in the deal are making themselves ridiculous.

The Japanese censorship is water-tight and copper-bottomed. Nothing can leak through.

The Japs failed to bottle up Port Arthur, but they succeeded with the war correspondents.

The story that Joseph Chamberlain's brain is softening is a transparent fake. No one can imagine anything soft about Mr. Chamberlain.

The London Free Press says the Ontario Government is too niggardly in the matter of salaries. This is a new charge against the Government. It used to be accused of extravagance.

Premier Balfour says the theory of a successful invasion of Great Britain is a dream. Von Moltke used to say that he knew plenty of ways of getting an army into Great Britain, but no way of getting it out.

The American Locomotive Company is the latest of the huge industrial concerns in the United States to establish a Canadian branch. It has paid one million dollars for a locomotive works in Montreal and will greatly enlarge the plant.

Lord Rosebery raised a row in the House of Lords, because Mr. Balfour accused him in the Commons of uttering a calumny. How touchy British statesmen must be! They should hear some debates on this side of the water.

JEWISH PREJUDICE AGAINST INTER-MARRIAGE.

[Menorah.]
 The will of Mr. Alfred L. Cohen, who recently died in London leaving a fortune of \$2,776,750, says, in bequeathing to his son, George Alfred Cohen, his house and stables and their contents and \$500,000 in trust: "I make the foregoing bequest of the contents of my house and stables to my son in absolute confidence that he will maintain his promise to me that when he marries he will marry a girl of the Jewish creed and race worthy to preside in his house and maintain the traditions of my family."

YOUNG HUSBAND'S BREAK.

[Chicago Tribune.]
 Young Husband—Still sitting up, dear? You shouldn't have waited for me. I was detained down town by important business, and—
 Young Wife—Try some other excuse, George. That's the kind father used to make.

THE CHICAGO VIEW.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
 The following advertisement recently appeared in the Toronto Globe: **POLICE CONSTABLE REQUIRED** for the city of Woodstock; applicants state height, weight, age, experience. Applications, with testimonials enclosed, will be received by P. McKay, secretary board of police commissioners, Woodstock. Canada is never ripe for annexation to the United States as long as it is necessary for Dominion cities to advertise when policemen are to be put upon the pay rolls.

A FAMILY GROUP.

[Toronto World.]
 Joseph Smith, head of the Mormon sect, has 12 children. An interesting study would be a photograph of Mr. Smith with his children on his knee.

TOO RESERVED.

[Washington Star.]
 "Some men," said Uncle Eben, "seems to imagine dey shows der superiority to everybody else by tryin' to act meaner dan somebody else."

ONE KIND OF SUPERIORITY.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
 "Are you at all familiar with Plato?" asked Mrs. Oldcastle.
 "No, that's one thing Josiah always blames me for. He says I never make real close friends with anybody."

THE ANGLO-CELTS.

[Montreal Witness.]
 Taking the group of people commonly connoted under the phrase Anglo-Saxon, no one will deny that, as these are found today, the phrase Anglo-Celtic is far more nearly descriptive of them. Indeed, when we find a speaker or writer waxing eloquent over the achievements and destiny of the Anglo-Saxon people we often find that he is really waxing eloquent over the achievements and destiny of the Celtic people. Eloquence and prophecy belong to the Celt. On the other hand, when we find ourselves addressed, as we sometimes do, with completely unconscious discourtesy, we are prepared to admit Teuton purity. For the Celt never lacks, as the Teuton often does, some sense of how what he says will sound to others. Any list of distinguished British or American lawyers, preachers or physicians will show that among the more intellectual classes the amalgamation is complete. To ignore the Celtic element in the deeds commonly ascribed to the Anglo-Saxon race would be simply a colossal wrong. We therefore, when speaking of the deeds and future of the English-speaking folk, as a whole, are impelled in honesty to call it Anglo-Celtic.

ASKING TOO MUCH.

[Judge.]
 "My dear," said Ardopp, "I have made a little preparation for your future. Had my life insured for \$5,000 to-day."
 "Oh, how thoughtful of you, John," exclaimed Mrs. A. "And can I get the money right away?"

DISAPPEARANCE OF SCHOOL BULLY.

[Westminster Gazette.]
 Dr. Hais-Brown, the master of the

Charterhouse, whose 80th birthday has just been celebrated, is one of those taking the view that athletics are not overdone in modern school life. With the absence of games, he once observed, there would be much more time for bullying and worrying, whereas we now hear nothing of the bully.

SMARTNESS.

[Washington Star.]
 "How did that young man come to be accepted as one of the smart set?"
 "He had a father," Miss Cayenne explained, "who was smart enough to earn several million dollars."

RAINED SHELLS ON BATTERIES

Russians Testifying to Fierceness of Jap Bombardment.

THINK THEY SANK A WARSHIP

Squadron Dashed Out and Set a Pace That Was Too Fast for the Japs.

St. Petersburg, March 11, 1:50 p.m.—Copies of the Novikrai, of Port Arthur, which have just arrived here contain the first detailed Russian description of the naval battle at Port Arthur, Feb. 9. It says: "The Russian squadron, which was prepared to resist attack when the Japanese were sighted by the scouts, was composed of the battleships, Petropavlovsk, flagship, Peresviet, Potemkin, Sebastopol, Pobieda, the armored cruiser Bayan, the protected cruiser Diana, Askold, Boyarin and Novik, and the transport Angara. The battleships Retvizan and Czarevitch, which had been torpedoed on the previous night, were too badly injured to participate.

At 8 o'clock in the morning, four Japanese cruisers rounded the Liao Tshin promontory, and then headed southeast, with the intention of drawing the Russians in pursuit. The fast Boyarin was sent out to reconnoiter. She returned at 10:35 a.m., and signalled the approach of a large Japanese fleet, which was composed of twelve vessels, six battleships and six cruisers. They were steaming in line abreast. Four of the cruisers took up a position behind the heavier ships. The Japanese opened fire at 11:05 a.m., and the Russians immediately replied. The latter, which had been disposed in line, altered their position, the Askold and Boyarin advancing abreast of Liao Tshin rock, and the Novik moving down the coast towards Liao Tshin, while the Bayan advanced to lead the rest of the fleet between the heavier vessels of Russia's enemy and

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the coast. The land batteries followed the fleet into action, Victory Alexander and his staff observing the engagement from Golden Hill. The enemy steamed to within 40 cables length (about 800 yards) at the end of half an hour; in three-quarters of an hour approached to within 25 cables length (500 yards) and then, heading on toward the south, the fleet soon disappeared in the mist which veiled the horizon.

The enemies fire was directed chiefly against the Golden Hill and electric searchlight station batteries, upon which the Japanese rained a perfect storm of shells. Many shells fell in the west basin, a few even reaching Quail Hill.

Only the Novik, Askold and Diana sustained injuries.

Toward the end of the engagement a column of steam and smoke poured out of one of the Japanese vessels, and it is believed she sank. The Novikrai says it was learned later that six of the enemy's ships were damaged, and that 150 men were killed or wounded. The Russian losses as given by the Novikrai correspond with the official reports. The Russian protected cruiser Pallada, although torpedoed and ashore, participated in the action. The Russian torpedo boats awaited the order to attack, east of the squadron, but the enemy did not approach within distance desired. The account concludes:

"Although the enemy's squadron was composed of the best ships in the Japanese fleet, all being excellent armor, while most of ours were without armor, our ships did not hesitate to approach the enemy at full speed, the race being so rapid that the enemy could not get their range. The Novik particularly distinguished herself, several times attacking the Mikasa, the Japanese flagship."

CHARGED WITH FORGERY

John H. Thamer, of Ayr, on Trial at Berlin.

Berlin, Ont., March 11.—John H. Thamer, the alleged forger, who after three years' search, was arrested at Luck, Wash., and brought back to Berlin by Provincial Detective Rogers a few days ago, came up be-



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ICY LAKE HURON.
 Port Huron, Mich., March 11.—Reports received here say that the ice is very thick along the Canadian shore of Lake Huron, and extends out as far as the eye can reach. Along the shore it is piled from 20 to 30 feet high and covered with three feet of snow. Southern winds have driven the ice from this end of the lake, but the ice is still heavy in Lake St. Clair.

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