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The Premier's Return.

Premier Peters has returned home from London. As our readers are aware, it is almost a month since intelligence of his absolute failure in his conduct of the representation case before the Privy Council was flashed to this side of the Atlantic. Doubtless he delayed his departure from London in the hope that the question might to some extent pass from the public mind before his return to the Province. But the thought of his lamentable failure seems to have constantly haunted him; for he has no sooner reached this side of the Atlantic than he tries to break the force of his fall and endeavors as far as possible to let himself down easy. At least that is the only inference to be drawn from the expressions attributed to him by a Montreal telegram of the 15th inst. The declaration is therein made that Mr Peters had not yet given up hope. He is credited with stating that the judicial committee of the Privy Council at first intended to give a decision instanter on the question of our representation; but he had just received a cable informing him that the House of Lords will not hand down their finding till November eleventh. He thinks, continues the Montreal despatch, the delay means that a change will come over the minds of some of those who heard the case. It is wonderful how Mr Peters regained his voice as soon as he got the Atlantic Ocean between himself and the Imperial Privy Council. Before his departure he was informed in a dream, he said, of the strength of his case. In an elaborate interpretation of this dream in his budget speech last session, he declared he would impress upon their Lordships of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council the strength of our claim. But he added that he would not speak as loud before the Council as he was then speaking. This latter statement seems to have been very faithfully adhered to, for there is no evidence that his small voice was at all heard before the Council. As was pointed out at the time, after Mr Ayleworth had spoken their Lordships did not consider it necessary that the Dominion's side of the case should be argued, and Mr Blake, the Solicitor General and the Deputy Minister of Justice openly expressed their conviction that the Federal Government had won the case. Now Mr. Peters makes the extraordinary statement that, long after the hearing is over and those who were present thereat and prepared to argue the case for the Dominion have departed, a change is coming over the minds of some of the Law Lords, and that there is yet a chance for him. He has been informed, he says, that the decision will be handed down on the eleventh of November. Perhaps Mr. Peters expects to have the elections before that date, and that by dangling this statement before the electorate he entertains some hope of being able to deceive them. We are very firmly convinced that Mr. Peters may save himself this trouble. The electors of this Province have had ample evidence of his political duplicity and incapacity. Too long has he deceived them and imposed upon them. Is it reasonable for him to expect that he can deceive them any longer? As our readers will notice elsewhere in this issue of the Herald, the choice of directors of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway took place a few days ago. A glance at the names of those appointed to office makes it abundantly evident that this company to which the Government of Canada has voted \$170,000,000, is none other than the old Grand Trunk under a larger name. Mr. Hays, manager of the Grand Trunk is President of the Grand Trunk Pacific, Morse third Vice-President of the Grand Trunk, is Vice-President and General Manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific. Wainright, for many years Manager of the Grand Trunk, and still influential in the directorate of the old Company is on the executive of the new Company. Ten of the fifteen directors of the Grand Trunk Pacific are old Grand Trunk men. Senator Cox is added, as likely "he would not wait." The Grand Trunk Com-

News of the War.

Chesfoo, Aug.—The Russian torpedo boat destroyer entered Chesfoo at 5.30 o'clock this morning, and reported that six Russian battleships, four cruisers and half of the torpedo boats had escaped from Port Arthur yesterday morning. The torpedo boat destroyer left Port Arthur last night bringing five passengers who stated that the Japanese fleet were pursuing the Russian fleet that a battle on the open sea was expected. London, Aug. 11.—A sea battle was fought this morning off Port Arthur. The results is not known. St. Petersburg, Aug. 11.—The Emperor has received despatches from General Kurapatkin dated August 8th and 9th mentioning a few minor reconnaissances but saying that no particulars of change in the position on either side on the east or south fronts have taken place. On the south the Japanese advance posts are nine miles north of Hai Cheng. Daily fusillades have occurred between Russians and Japs at the outposts. Kurapatkin points out the facts that the Japs are using bullets of different calibre, some with nickel and others with copper coverings showing that their reserve men are now in the fighting lines. St. Petersburg, Aug. 12.—Public anxiety over the fate of the Port Arthur squadron, which reached the highest pitch had remained unrelieved. When the people of St. Petersburg received last evening reports from Tokio and Ches Foo of the sea fight which followed the departure of the squadron were so conflicting and inconclusive that strong hope exists that the Russian ship may have succeeded in breaking through the Japs fleet. Indeed it is rumored that the Admiralty received information that the squadron passed beyond Shan Tung, Peninsular which would be at least 150 miles to the southeast of Port Arthur and into the Yellow Sea. Though unable to confirm the rumor the Associated Press learns that the family of Lieut Suljoroff an officer of the battleship Carevitch last evening received a despatch dated at Tsing Shan. The message contained only two words "alive, embrace." Tokio, Aug. 12.—Admiral Fogo reports that the Russian battleship Carevitch was sunk. It is believed the Russian fleet has returned to Port Arthur. Tokio, August 13.—Admiral Togo reports the following:—On August the 10th our combined fleets attacked the enemy's fleet near Gagan rocks. The Russian vessels emerged from Port Arthur trying to go south. We pursued the enemy to the eastward. Severe fighting lasted from one o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, until sundown when towards the close, the enemy's forces weakened remarkably. Their formation became confused and their ships scattered. The Russian cruisers Askold, Novik and several torpedo boat destroyers fled to the southward. Others of the enemy's ships retreated separately towards Port Arthur. We pursued them and it appears, inflicted considerable damage. We found life buoys and other articles belonging to the Russian battleship Carevitch floating at sea. The Carevitch was probably sunk. We received no reports from the torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers which were engaged in the attack on the ships of the enemy. The Russian vessels with the exception of the Askold and Novik, appeared to have returned to Port Arthur. Our damage was slight our fighting power not being impaired. Shanghai, August 13.—The Russian protected cruiser Askold arrived at Woosung with her fourth funnel gone close to the deck. All her funnels were riddled by shells; one gun on the port side was dismounted, and she had several large rents above the water line. One lieutenant and eleven men were killed and fifty men wounded. Tokio, August 15.—Admiral Kaniuro encountered the Russian Vladivostok squadron at noon on Sunday north of Tsu Island, in the Straits of Korea, and attacked the enemy at once. The battle lasted five hours, and resulted in a complete victory. The Russian cruiser Barik was sunk, and the cruisers Rossia and Gromobla fled to the northward having sustained serious damage. St. Petersburg, August 15.—The Russoe Gazette has received the following from the Liao Yang correspondent: Twelve Jap regiments have left in the direction of Port Arthur. It is stated on trustworthy authority that the Mikado has ordered Port Arthur to be taken at any cost, if it even necessitates the suspension of operations in Manchuria, and it is not probable that the main Jap force will proceed to Port Arthur. Within the past few days rain has stopped all operations. St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—It is the expectation here that Port Arthur may fall at any moment. Tokio, Aug. 16.—Admiral Togo reports that a vessel of the type of the protected cruiser Pallada was torpedoed and sunk in the engagement of August 10th. Ches Foo, Aug. 16.—A report which reached here from Tsing Shan says the Russian cruiser Novik, which put into Sing Su after the battle of August 10th off Port Arthur and which coasted along and put to sea within the 24 hours limit was sunk forty miles from Tsing Shan. Tokio, Aug. 16.—A despatch giving further particulars of the last sea fight says that Admiral Kaniuro met the Vladivostok squadron twenty miles from Tusan Korea at five o'clock Sunday morning. The battle ended at 10 a. m. The Barik sank by the stern, her bow standing up perpendicularly. The Japs rescued 450 members of the Barik's crew. The Rossia and Gromobla caught the fire several times and were heavily damaged. Only one Japanese ship was hit. Two Japs were killed and seven wounded.

DIED

At Hope River, on July 25th. after a long and painful illness, borne with Christian patience and resignation, Mary Ann Conghlin. May her soul rest in peace. At St Andrews on the 26th ult., Alexander McLotry, aged 55 years. R. I. P. At the residence of Angus M Campbell Red Point on the 28th ult Catherine McInnis widow of the late Angus Gillis in the 46th year of her age. May her soul rest in peace. At St. Georges, on the 4th, inst. Lucina McDonald, aged 36 years. May her soul rest in peace. At Little Harbor on the 4th inst after an illness extending over a number of years Angus A Campbell in the 64th year of his age. He leaves a sorrowing widow, four sons and two daughters to mourn. May his soul rest in peace. At Monticello, on June 11th Dan McDonald, beloved child of Joseph McDonald, in the seventh year of his age.

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