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WAR IN THE EAST.

SAID TO BE A QUESTION OF
A FEW DAYS ONLY.

Japan's Preparations—Transports are Ready for the Troops—Glasgow Marine Engineers to Serve With Japanese

Tokio, Jan. 4.—War with Russia is regarded as unavoidable, and the press is urging the immediate opening of hostilities. All of the banks are withholding funds, and it is believed that this is the result of the official instructions. The Government has completed and perfected arrangements for the transportation of the troops and supplies, and the people calmly await developments. The continued dissemination of optimistic views from Berlin causes surprise here.

A squadron, consisting of six armored cruisers, under command of Admiral Kaminira, is expected to leave Sascho tomorrow for Masampo, Corea. Masampo is the port in Corea which Russia desires to possess in order to maintain communication between her outposts at Port Arthur and Vladivostok. It is at the southeastern extremity of the Korean peninsula, not far from Fusan, the proposed sea terminus of the railway from Seoul, which the Japanese Government recently brought under its own control, taking it from the Japanese company which held the concession. Sascho is 100 miles from Masampo.

Glasgow, Jan. 4.—A large number of Clyde marine engineers received cable orders from the Japanese Government yesterday to proceed immediately to Japan. These engineers were engaged by the Japanese six months ago on the condition that they would be called on if active service was probable. Full instructions were sent them in cipher. They will go to the far east by way of Canada, sailing from Liverpool Jan. 5.

Bizerta, Tunis, Jan. 4.—The Russian cruiser Aurora sailed to-day for Alexandria, but in accordance with telegraphic instructions the remainder of the squadron destined for service in the far east has postponed its departure.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The Associated Press learns from a high official source that Japan, in her last note to the Russian Government, announced that the minimum proposal which she can accept from Russia are rights in Corea equal to those claimed by Russia in Manchuria. In return, it is said, Japan agrees to recognize the supremacy of Russia in Manchuria. To this proposition, the Associated Press is informed, the Russian Government will not give its approval, feeling that which are under the impression that they may at any moment be ordered to replace the Channel squadron, which would be sent to the Mediterranean should the Government deem it advisable to strengthen its naval force in the far east. In the home squads, which are under the impression that they may at any moment be ordered to replace the Channel squadron, which would be sent to the Mediterranean should the Government deem it advisable to strengthen its naval force in the far east. In the home squads, which are under the impression that they may at any moment be ordered to replace the Channel squadron, which would be sent to the Mediterranean should the Government deem it advisable to strengthen its naval force in the far east.

London, Jan. 4.—The Cunard Line steamer Umbria, which sailed from Liverpool for New York yesterday has among her passengers, Nelson Prior, the war artist and correspondent of The Illustrated London News, who is on his way to Japan. The other correspondents who have started include H. J. Whigham and E. F. Knight, both of The Morning Post, London.

No little excitement prevails in the British home squadrons, the officers of which are under the impression that they may at any moment be ordered to replace the Channel squadron, which would be sent to the Mediterranean should the Government deem it advisable to strengthen its naval force in the far east. In the home squads, which are under the impression that they may at any moment be ordered to replace the Channel squadron, which would be sent to the Mediterranean should the Government deem it advisable to strengthen its naval force in the far east.

RIGHT IN MANCHURIA.

Chinese Pirates and Cossacks in Conflict.

New York, Jan. 4.—The Sun has the following special from St. Petersburg:—Telegrams from Manchuria say that 8,000 Hunhuses (Hunhuses) pirates, who have lately been pillaging in the Liabo district, had a fight with 2,000 Cossacks of the Russian frontier guards at Liaoyang, 400 yester from Mukden. The Russians had four guns. They had an officer and eight men killed. The losses of the pirates were not given, nor is anything known as to the result of the fight. Another conflict is reported to have taken place with great losses on both sides. No details are given.

JUMPED THE TRACK.

Railway Traffic Blocked at Brighton About Five Hours.

Brighton, Jan. 4.—The engine of the eastbound way freight, York to Belleville, jumped the track in the yards here on Saturday evening, and completely blocked traffic both ways. The westbound passenger train, No. 7, was delayed about five hours. The accident was not serious, and the track was soon repaired.

PASSENGERS INJURED.

Accident to Northern Pacific Express in Manitoba.

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—Three coaches of the southbound Northern Pacific express for St. Paul, which uses the Canadian Northern tracks to the boundary line, left the tracks near Union Point, Man., Saturday afternoon while going at full speed. About fifteen passengers were bruised and badly shaken up, but no one was seriously injured. Traffic was blocked for about twelve hours.

CORPORATIONS CHARTERED.

Company Formed to Develop Power on the Trent.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—A company to operate power privileges on the Trent Valley Canal has been incorporated under the name of the Trent Power Company, Limited, with a capital of five hundred thousand dollars. The incorporators are Hon. S. H. Blake, K.C., E. W. McNeill and Robert Gowan of Toronto, and David Gilmour, manufacturer, and Robert Weddell, company manager, of Trenton. Messrs. McNeill and Gowan are clerks in the office of Blake, Last & Cassels. The head office of the company will be in Trenton.

A million-dollar company is the Rainy River Lumber Company, Limited, with head office in the Village of Rainy River, and Development Company, Limited, with headquarters at Port Arthur.

Other companies which have received incorporation are the Ontario Lead and Zinc Company, Limited, \$200,000, Port Arthur; Carney Lumber Company, Limited, \$500,000, Village of Massey; the Canada National Land and Development Company, Limited, \$500,000, Toronto; the Canadian Copperage, Manufacturing Company, Limited, \$100,000, Village of Galesburg; W. E. Chalcraft & Company, Limited, \$50,000, Stratford; Church & Watt, Limited, harness manufacturers, \$40,000, Simcoe; Skedden Brush Company, Limited, \$40,000, Hamilton; the Smith Manufacturing Company, Limited, wool stock, \$40,000, Toronto.

A company known as Granite, Limited, has been incorporated to take over the property now occupied by the Granite Curbing and Statuary Company, Limited. The provisional directors are Charles Boeckh, A. A. Allan, James Baird, D. S. Barclay, G. H. Gooderham, M. Rawlinson, C. C. Dalton, W. E. Matthews, F. P. Smith, F. G. Cox, E. A. Bazanach and R. L. Patterson. The capital is \$30,000.

The corporate name of George N. Morang & Co., Limited, is changed to Morang & Co., Limited.

BIG SUNDAY NIGHT RAID.

Over One Hundred Chinamen Found in Toronto.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—By means of clever and carefully prepared plans the police last night secured evidence against what is believed to be one of the most extensive Chinese gambling dens in the city. The place is at 103 Queen street west, and the proprietor Quong Yen Ho, a burly Chinese, the extent to which gambling is said to be carried in there for gain may be judged when the police secured the names of 110 Chinamen and three white women. It is estimated that over fifty more Chinamen made their escape in the excitement which followed the entry of the police.

The police descended on the premises a little after 10 o'clock, when it was thought that a game would be under way and the place would be crowded. Inspector Stephen of No. 2 division assigned Policemen Kennedy and Acting Patrol Sergeant Miles to take charge of the raid. The front door of the place was open, and when the officers appeared the Chinamen downstairs gave a strange yell, as if to warn everybody of the visit. The police entered the place, and the Chinamen fled to the upper floor. The front door of the place was open, and when the officers appeared the Chinamen downstairs gave a strange yell, as if to warn everybody of the visit. The police entered the place, and the Chinamen fled to the upper floor.

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CHICAGO THEATRES DARK.

Closed Until Safety Ordinance is Obeyed.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Every theatre in Chicago except the Auditorium, which already meets requirements, was dark Saturday night, and not one of them will be open until their managers have complied in the fullest manner with every section of the ordinance regulating play houses.

The order compelling the theatres to close was issued this afternoon by Mayor Harrison after a conference with Corporation Counsel Tolman, who assured the Mayor that ample legal ground existed for his action. It was announced that every theatre in the city must hereafter comply with the following regulations, before being allowed to reopen:

Steel curtains, wide exits, no combustibles of any kind in the house, fireproof scenery, no calcium or "spot" lights to be used on the stage, skylights above the stage provided with automatic lids to permit the egress of smoke, fire and gas; separate stairways, each exit having its own stairs to the street.

A STORMY MEETING.

TARIFF REFORM LEAGUERS
THROWN FROM PLATFORM.

Crowd Stormed the Platform and Proceedings Were Uproarious—Mr. Barlow Cumberland Present.

London, Jan. 4.—Workingmen stormed the platform at Newton Abbot, Mid-Devon, where a bye-election is in progress, and ejected the tariff reform speakers, Sir John Cockburn, and Mr. Barlow Cumberland, formerly of Toronto, who appeared in place of Hon. Mr. J. H. Turner, Agent-General for British Columbia. Blood was spilt in the several free fights during the meeting, and many women fainted.

J. Tritton, President of the Bankers' Institute, says that protection means restriction. Standing at the centre of the world's trade, with his hand on the pulse of the world, he created a suggestion that would close the ports of Britain.

The Morning Leader calls the Montreal Herald's references on December 19th to Hon. Geo. Foster "refreshingly candid," and says "no possible payment would be an adequate return for the dumping of 1,500 words of Fosterian eloquence upon the public." It thanks Mr. Goldwin Smith for the warning that these speakers are not representative Canadians, and says they were found out before his (Mr. Smith's) letter arrived.

Mr. P. Laurence in The Contemporary Review urges, instead of a preference, the giving of colonial loans and enterprises the same footing as British and a tax upon incomes of foreign sources of sixpence in the pound additional.

A Bar colonist, writing to The Chronicle, says that any emigrant using his brains can become comfortably off in from five to ten years.

The Dean of Norwich, preaching in the cathedral last night, said that, for world-wide influence, Mr. Chamberlain's mission had had no parallel since the days when Europe trembled at Napoleon. If such a policy had been announced in France anarchy and bloodshed would have followed.

The Daily Express says that Australia's call to Mr. Chamberlain disposes of the idea that Australia does not desire preferential treatment. Mr. Chamberlain's motto is "Let others talk. I act."

The Morning Post says: "In the most explicit terms the Prime Minister and his colleagues of the Commonwealth speak of Australia as one of the intending partners in Mr. Chamberlain's scheme."

The News says: "The interest in the correspondence lies in the new development of Imperial electioneering. We already have had the experience of Canadian orators; Australians are likely to come when that Colony understands what Chamberlain means. Premier Deakin is hard pressed and anxious to obtain Mr. Chamberlain's aid."

SCENE IN A COURT.

Mrs. Barbatto Severed a Man's Jugular Vein.

Orange, N.J., Jan. 4.—In a crowded court room, Mrs. Carmelo Barbatto, about forty years old, drew a razor from the pocket of her dress and slashed Pasquale De Palma across the neck, severing his jugular vein. The man and woman were directly in front of Judge Bray at the time, and the blood that spurted from the wound splattered the Judge's face and clothing. The wounded man was hurried to the Orange Memorial Hospital, where the lies in a critical condition. Mrs. Barbatto had caused the arrest of De Palma, whom she accused of annoying her by his attentions. They were sweethearts fifteen years ago in the town of Prata, Italy.

ICE JAM AT THE FALLS.

Channel on the American Side Almost Dry.

Buffalo, Jan. 4.—Unusual conditions prevail at Niagara Falls. An ice-jam has been formed on the United States side of the river, above the falls, leaving the channels on the American side almost dry, and sending an enormous quantity of water over the Horseshoe Falls. The channels between Goat Island and Three Sister Islands, which under ordinary conditions, are deep, rushing torrents, are now mere rivulets, three or four inches deep. The jam is the second that has occurred in a quarter of a century, and the present one exceeds the one of last March in size and grandeur.

KILLED FELLING A TREE.

Thomas H. Morden of Arthur the Victim.

Arthur, Jan. 4.—A fatal accident occurred Saturday at the bush of Mr. John Morden, West Lough. Thomas Henry Morden, a young man twenty years of age, son of Mr. Henry Morden of this place, was killed instantly while he and several others were engaged in the felling of a tree.

GUELPH BOYS IN TORONTO.

So Drunk That They Could Not Tell Their Names.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—Two little fellows in knee breeches were brought before the Agnes Street Session on Saturday night in an advanced state of intoxication. They were so drunk that they could not tell their names. After a long sleep they told the police they came from Guelph to visit their aunt, who lives on Mallard street. There was no room in her house, so she arranged for them to stay at the Church street lodging house. They were out all day on Saturday, and on reaching their stopping place in charge of two citizens early in the evening were informed that they could not remain. Nobody seemed to care for the boys, and they eventually found their way into the hands of Policemen B. Stewart. The boys intended to prosecute the persons who furnished the boys with liquor.

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LEAP YEAR
1904

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In all things pointing to a score,
Whose record shall all records blight
These are our hopes for nineteen four."

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We aspire to much greater things, and are forming plans which, when carried out, will mark one of the most forward epochs in our history. We will make it pay you to watch this store and its doings during the coming year both in season and out of season.

Just now (mid-winter) it is winter things that are being kept to the fore. The coldest and longest half of the winter is yet to come, and warm, comfortable clothing is indispensable.

Our stocks are in prime condition and anything that a man or boy wants to wear can be found here at almost any price you want to pay.

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| Overcoats, - \$5.00 to \$20.00 | Mufflers, - 25c to \$2.00 |
| Underwear, - 25c to \$3.50 | Fur Caps, - \$1.50 to \$10.00 |
| Gloves, - 50c to \$2.00 | Boys' Suits, - \$1.50 to \$7.50 |
| Men's Suits, - \$5.00 to \$17.00 | Cloth Caps, - 25c to \$1.25 |

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DISTRICT DOINGS.

CON. 4, CHATHAM TOWNSHIP.

Sleighting is excellent through here. Miss Maggie McGrail left last week for Newbury. Robert Campbell, of Otter Creek, is visiting relatives here. Hector McDonald, of Bear Creek, was a visitor through here last week. Nelson Faubert is busy heading timber for a barn. A. Hinds being the contractor. Sandy Ross is confined to the house with a painful hand. John Terry, Sr., who has been out West for the past month, returned last Monday.

APPLEDORE.

Miss Dora McKerrall came to teaching in Dawn on Monday. The Lindsay road Sunday school concert was well attended on Friday night. Master Normie Andrews, Kimbal, is visiting his parents here. J. Nollie, Jr., from Dakota, has purchased his father's farm. J. McKerrall has purchased a new farm. Miss Mary Higgin, River Rouge, Mich., spent Christmas with her parents here. Miss Dubs will teach No. 7 this year.

FLETCHER.

The Christmas tree in the Presbyterian church came off on the 22nd and was a decided success. Great credit is due to the teachers for the able manner in which their pupils acquitted themselves. Mr. Frank Murphy and sister Rose, of Chicago, are visiting their parents here. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Kearns and daughter have returned after spending Christmas with Mrs. Morris, of Detroit. Miss Lily Murphy, of Detroit, is spending the holidays here. Dr. A. Fletcher, of Chicago, is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Geo. Holmes. Mr. James Finn has returned to Chatham after spending the holidays with his parents here. Mr. John Kearns is all smiles. It is a girl. Miss Kharler, of Durand, is spending the holidays here. David Hoyt paid a flying visit to Tilbury.

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