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## SKIRMISHES IN NORTHERN KOREA

### MANY JAPS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED

The Sinking of a Defenceless Japanese  
Coasting Steamer by Russian  
Warships.

London, April 1.—The correspondent  
of the Daily Telegraph at Seoul reports  
that there is continuous skirmishing be-  
tween Ping Yang and Wiju, and that  
many Japanese have been killed. The  
correspondent adds that a Korean spy  
at Ping Yang has been shot by the Jap-  
anese.

The Seoul correspondent of the Daily  
Mail says that the military authorities  
have required Brig-General H. Allen,  
United States military observer with the  
Japanese army, to return to Seoul from  
Ping Yang, until they are able to pro-  
vide him with fitting accommodations.

The Chemulpo Incident—

St. Petersburg, March 31.—The corre-  
spondent of the Buss, who has re-  
turned from Korea, writes that the  
commander of the United States steam-  
ship Yicksburg did not join in the pro-  
test of the other commanders at the  
Japanese entering port to engage the  
Varyag and Koreitz, and later, after  
the fight, when the Yicksburg sent a  
surrender, his services were refused. The  
correspondent is very bitter. He adds  
that he saw American denials of the  
incident when he arrived at port, and  
said that they are not convincing. He  
concludes: "I saw the report of the  
captains to his government, in  
which the action of the American cap-  
tain was set forth clearly and categori-  
cally in black and white."

In official circles the action of some  
newspapers here in attempting to  
excuse the Japanese, and to  
make feelings against the United States  
as a result of the Yicksburg incident is  
sincerely deprecated. The Associated  
Press is authorized to announce that  
the government has nothing to criticize in  
the action of Commander Marshall.  
Moreover, they do not sympathize with  
the Novoe Vremya's editorial of yester-  
day pointing to the United States as the  
real commercial and political foe of  
Great Britain.

Sinking of Steamer.

Tokio, March 31.—The action of the  
Russian warships in sinking the Japane-  
se coasting steamer Hanyei Maru Sat-  
urday is deeply resented by the Japane-  
se. In official circles the attack upon  
the Hanyei Maru is regarded as a  
violation of the neutrality of Korea, and  
is considered as an act of wantonness against  
a defenceless craft. The Hanyei Maru  
was an old steamer and had been  
chartered by some correspondents of a  
Japanese newspaper. After transferring  
Japane and seven Chinese from  
the Hanyei Maru, the fire of two ves-  
sels was directed upon the steamer, and  
one of the Russian torpedo boat destroy-  
ers sent several shells through her hull.  
When she stopped she was sinking.  
The Russian ships started at full speed in  
the direction of Port Arthur. Three of  
the crew of the Hanyei Maru concealed  
themselves on board when the Rus-  
sians came over to remove them, and  
later escaped in a junk from the sinking  
vessel. The Japanese generally pro-  
nounce this affair to be a barbarous  
breach of law.

Tokio, April 1.—The navy department  
has no information regarding the report-  
ed Japanese attack on Port Arthur of  
March 30th and 31st, and the officials  
doubt that a general attack occurred.  
It was added that it was possible that  
a few Japanese cruisers are in the vicin-  
ity of Port Arthur, and that there may  
have been an exchange of shots with  
the Russian fleet, but it is certain that the  
main Russian fleet was not engaged at the  
time referred to.

It is said that the Russian forces in  
the engagement near Kasan on March  
27th numbered 5000 troops, and that  
the forces of the Japanese consisted of  
about 1,000 and 1,200 cavalry.

AT PORT ARTHUR.

All Quiet—Japanese Killed in Last At-  
tack Battered With Military  
Honors.

Port Arthur, April 2.—All is quiet  
here, and there is no change in the  
situation. The weather is warmer, and  
the sick and wounded are making good  
progress towards recovery.

The Japanese, who were killed in the  
last battle, were buried in the morning  
in the Chinese cemetery outside the town  
with military honors.

It is hoped it will be possible to raise  
the Japanese flag which was sunk in  
the attempt to block the harbor.

NEW TORPEDO BOATS.  
Eighteen Will Be Sent by Rail to Port  
Arthur.

Paris, April 2.—The St. Petersburg

correspondent of the Echo de Paris says  
that in accordance with a desire of Vice-  
Admiral Makaroff, the Nevski yards are  
sending to Port Arthur, by rail, 18 torpe-  
do boats of the cyclone type, capable of  
making 30 knots an hour.

The same correspondent says Min-  
ister Plevne went out yesterday for the  
first time after a two weeks' illness.

WILL USE KITES.  
How Russian Lieutenant Will Watch  
Movements of the Japanese  
Warships.

Paris, April 2.—A dispatch from  
Harbin says that Lieut. Shrober is bound  
for Port Arthur with an apparatus, con-  
sisting of a car suspended from several  
kites, which will enable him to fly above  
warships, to the base of which he will  
be attached by a light cable containing a  
teleglyph wire. By means of this ap-  
paratus he will be enabled to take ob-  
servations at a great distance and to con-  
vey the information to the ship.

CLOSING CUSTOMS HOUSE.  
Number of Officers Are Being Removed  
From Vladivostok.

Vladivostok, April 1.—Twelve of the  
customs officers at Vladivostok have  
been withdrawn and sent to Irkutsk.  
This is the first step in the direction of  
closing the customs house here on account  
of poor trade prospects. Owing to the  
closing of the customs house here, the  
country will be declared a free port after  
the conclusion of the war.

BUSY EMPRESS.  
Hard at Work Preparing Red Cross  
Society For Duty During  
The War.

New York, April 2.—The serious man-  
ner in which the Empress regards her  
duties in preparing the Red Cross So-  
ciety of Russia for the war, says a dis-  
patch from St. Petersburg, has been il-  
lustrated recently. When Princess  
Dashkoff was asked to join the court  
ladies' sewing club she consented, but  
remarked that she would prefer to hire  
20 seamstresses who would do more  
than all the Czarina's 2,000 artists.  
Her remark was taken to heart by  
the Empress, who forthwith put the Prin-  
cess on a black list. The incident cre-  
ated a sensation, as the Princess belongs to  
the higher Russian nobility. The  
attitude of the Empress towards the  
Czar is trying, though ineffectually, to  
get her to divert her mind from the sub-  
ject.

SUSPENDS OPERATIONS.  
Northport Smelter Shut Down—Unusu-  
alness Among the Business Men.

Northport, March 31.—The Northport  
Smelting and Refining Company, whose  
smelter at this place handles all the  
Le Roi ores from Rossland, B. C., has  
blown out its six furnaces and suspended  
all regular work. Manager Wilson  
declined to give reasons for the close of  
the works. Some new order of things  
is near as indicated by the mailing up of  
the coke bunkers, the painting of exposed  
carls, machinery, etc., and other prepara-  
tions for extended suspension. The  
men have all been laid off, a considerable  
number of whom have received their time.

Northport would seriously feel the ef-  
fects of a prolonged shut down of the  
smelter. Business men are worried and  
several deals for Northport realty are  
held up pending definite information  
concerning the plans of the smelting  
company.

In the absence of definite information  
business in Northport is practically a  
standstill. The ore trains from the Le  
Roi at Rossland have been laid off and  
it is said the mine will close until the  
smelter can again start its ore.  
A rumor seemingly from official  
sources this morning is that the smelter's  
treatment of the Le Roi ores has not  
been satisfactory owing to lack of flux,  
and that the smelting company has sug-  
gested the overhauling of the  
smelter furnace and the installing of an  
up-to-date sampler to meet the demand  
of custom order that contain the fluxing  
properties needed by the Le Roi ores.

WHEELING ASSOCIATION.  
Revival of Amateur Racing—H. C. Clarke,  
of Vancouver, Elected President.

Toronto, April 2.—The annual meeting  
of the C. W. A. was held yesterday. The  
annual report showed no increase in mem-  
bership, but the financial statement showed  
receipts of \$748, with a balance on hand  
of \$570.64. Regret was expressed that  
the Dominion meet at Vancouver hadn't  
come up to the expectations of the promoters.  
Taken together, district reports, how-  
ever, showed a revival of pure honest am-  
ateur racing, with professionalism a dead  
letter. It was decided to change the date  
of the annual meeting from Good Friday  
to the following Saturday. The disposi-  
tion of the Dominion Day meet was left to  
the incoming executive, who will probably  
choose Toronto. Officers elected were:  
President, H. C. Clarke, Vancouver; Vice-  
President, J. A. Winslow, Woodstock, N.B.;  
secretary-treasurer, H. B. Howson, Toron-  
to; counsel for district No. 1, C. A. Ross,  
Vancouver.

LOVER'S SUICIDE.  
Paris, April 2.—The Naples correspondent  
of the Journal says that Marquis Girolamo  
Serra, the third son of the Duke Di Casano,  
committed suicide by shooting to-day be-  
cause of the objection of his parents to his  
marriage with a girl of a distinguished  
family.

## TWO ENGAGEMENTS WITH THIBETANS

### NATIVES REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSSES

The Attack on Colonel Youngusband's  
Force—A Village Captured by  
Mounted Bayonet Charge.

Tuna, British India, March 31.—News  
has been received here of severe fighting,  
the Thibetans having attacked the Brit-  
ish mission under Col. Youngusband.  
There were two engagements, and the  
Thibetans were repulsed with heavy  
loss. The British captured the Thibetan  
camp at Gurat.

While the British advance had prac-  
tically been unopposed, the expedition  
suffered great hardship from the intense  
cold, and it was sometimes found impos-  
sible to work the Maxim guns and  
rifles, owing to the congealing of the oil.  
The country was of the bleakest, with-  
out a sign of vegetation, and the ex-  
pedition had to face piercing winds and  
clouds of dust, while there was a heavy  
fall of snow last night.

At 8 o'clock this morning a flying  
column started to reconnoitre the  
Thibetan camp at Gurat, whereupon the  
general from Lhasa, with a quiet  
retinue, came to interview Col. Young-  
usband. The general asked the colonel  
to retire with his mission to Yatung for  
the purpose of carrying on negotiations,  
threatening an attack if the mission  
proceeded. Col. Youngusband replied  
that negotiations had been proceeding  
fruitlessly for 15 years, and that retire-  
ment was now impossible.

The Thibetan general withdrew, and  
Col. Youngusband ordered his troops to  
advance to disperse the Thibetans,  
blocking the road without firing upon  
them.

For a time the tactics of the British  
were approved, but after a while the  
attitude of the Thibetans changed, and  
Colonel MacDonald of the necessity  
of disarming them. The Thibetans num-  
bered about 1,500, and their resistance  
to the efforts to disarm them led to a  
smart engagement.

The situation for a few moments was  
critical. Col. MacDonald and Col.  
Youngusband being only a few yards  
from the advancing Thibetans. Re-  
volvers and bayonets were used, and  
then a rifle fire was resorted to, at  
which the Thibetans fled, but not before  
several casualties resulted in the Brit-  
ish ranks.

The correspondent of the Daily Mail  
with the mission was severely wounded.  
The Thibetans lost heavily, owing to  
the inferiority of their weapons, which  
were matchlock rifles, but they displayed  
the greatest courage, many of them  
coming on even after they had been seri-  
ously wounded. After the action there  
were heaps of dead, a long trail of dead  
and wounded extending to the rear.

After a short halt the advance con-  
tinued. Nearing the Thibetan camp at  
Gurat a second action took place, in  
which the artillery played the largest  
part.

Finally the Thibetans retreated over  
the hills, with the exception of about  
one hundred who held the village, which  
was finally taken by a mounted bayonet  
charge.

Among the Thibetans killed were the  
Lhasa general, the military command-  
ant of Phari and Lata, and the representa-  
tive of the Golden monastery, to whose  
influence and vicious hostility the exist-  
ing difficulties were largely due.

The Thibetan losses are believed to be  
over 400, while the British casualties  
were about a dozen.

The British force returned to Tuna  
this evening and stated that rifles bearing  
the Russian Imperial stamp and  
Russian ammunition were found on the  
wounded Thibetan officers.

Tuna, Thibet, April 2.—The Thibetan  
general, the whole of his personal equip-  
ment and five high officials, were among  
the hundreds killed in the fighting of March  
31st at Gurat, Thibet.

The small British losses are accounted  
for by the Thibetans, with wild shouts,  
huddled together that the majority  
were unable either to use their swords  
or to fire. The swordsmen in the front  
rank could not reach the Sikhs, who had  
fixed bayonets, while men in the middle  
of the mob could not reach the enemy,  
but many of them probably killed each  
other in the mad confusion.

The scene recalled old-time fighting in  
cockpits. The grim determined faces of  
the Thibetans were lighted with devilish  
savagery, expressing contempt for the  
Sikhs, whom they outnumbered six to  
one.

When the Lhasa general fired the first  
shots the Thibetans, with wild shouts,  
dropped their swords fired their match-  
locks and surged forward in all direc-  
tions.

About a dozen swordsmen made a  
desperate rush in the direction of Colonel  
Macdonald and a small knot of officers.  
Four Thibetans attacked Mr. Chandler,  
the correspondent of the London Daily  
Mail, but Colonel MacDonald seized a  
rifle and shot down two, thus saving his  
life.

Those of the Thibetans who tried to

climb the wall were met with a terrible  
fire, but they did not falter, those behind  
springing over the heaps of dead, and  
continuing the fight until riddled with  
bullets.

A mountain battery was brought into  
action, and tore the retreating lines with  
shrapnel. A terrible trail of dead and  
dying marked the line of march. At  
length the last wounded limping Thibe-  
tan turned the corner some four hundred  
yards from the scene of the grim tragedy,  
where the best of the Thibetans had  
perished.

CANADIAN NOTES.  
Col. Otter's Condition—Increase in Busi-  
ness of Nova Scotia Steel Co.

Winnipeg, Man., March 31.—The Win-  
nipeg clearing house returns for the  
week ending March 31st, 1904, were  
\$3,446,756; corresponding week 1903,  
\$3,620,079; same week 1902, \$2,600,902.

Lieut.-Colonel Otter.  
Toronto, March 31.—Lieut.-Col. Otter  
was conscious all day yesterday, and  
his physicians are still hopeful for his  
recovery.

Ask Increase.  
The city job printers want \$15 a week  
and an eight-hour day instead of \$13.25  
a week and nine hours a day. A con-  
ference will be held with the repre-  
sentatives of the Typographical Union  
and owners of job shops on Monday to  
arrange a scale, which will take effect  
on June 1st.

Toronto Lacrosse Team.  
President Curry, of the Toronto  
Lacrosse Club, states that not a single  
man of last year's team will figure on  
this year's twelve. The club have  
any team at all would be made up  
of junior players.

Horses Suffocated.  
Fifteen horses were suffocated in a  
fire which broke out at the Dominion  
livery and boarding stables, York  
street, early this morning. About thirty  
animals were in the building at the  
time. Several were led out by firemen  
badly burned. The loss is about \$8,000.

Settled.  
Glace Bay, March 31.—A threatened  
strike at No. 2 Dominion collieries,  
the miners in the Dominion  
Coal Company, has been avoided by  
the request of the miners being acceded  
to and the dismissed firemen reinstated.

Drowned.  
Chatham, March 31.—"Hans" Cum-  
mings, a young Englishman, only out  
from the Old County a short time, was  
drowned while gathering driftwood at  
Kent bridge yesterday.

Prosperous Year.  
Halifax, March 31.—The annual meet-  
ing of the Nova Scotia Steel Company  
was held at New Glasgow yesterday.  
Reports for 1903 showed that the com-  
pany had had the best year in its his-  
tory, the volume of business being over  
\$200,000 in excess of that of 1902. The  
profits for the year were \$859,387.19,  
and balance brought forward from 1902  
was \$453,149.42, making a total profit  
of \$1,312,536.62.

BRITAIN'S FINANCES.  
Revenues For Year Show Decrease—  
London Press Comments.

London, March 31.—The revenues for  
the year ending March 31st show a net  
decrease of \$49,536,405 as compared with  
last year. The total revenue for the  
year was \$756,063,405. This includes  
\$48,334,600 paid to local taxation ac-  
countants, leaving a total paid to the ex-  
chequer of \$707,728,805. The estimate  
of the former chancellor of the ex-  
chequer, C. T. Ritchie, for the year, was  
\$721,350,000, but the local taxation was  
not included. The deficit by Chancellor  
Ritchie's estimate, therefore, is \$13,  
622,105.

Comments.  
London, April 1.—Commenting on the  
decrease in the revenue for the year as  
shown by the returns issued yesterday  
this morning's papers estimate that the  
budget deficit will approach \$36,000,000.  
The repayment of \$15,000,000 advanced  
to the Transvaal will leave \$20,000,000  
to be met by some form of increased tax-  
ation.

Looking to the unchecked growth of  
the country's expenditure, Austin  
Chamberlain, the chancellor of the ex-  
chequer, is urged by this morning's edi-  
torials to endeavor to find some means  
for a permanent increase of the revenue  
without having recourse to temporary  
expedients such as the suspension of the  
sinking fund or increase in the income  
tax.

BOUNDARY MINES.  
Shipments for Week Amounted to Over  
Sixteen Thousand Tons.

Phoenix, B. C., April 2.—On account of  
putting down the machinery the Ore  
Donors did not ship all this week as  
usual, but the other shipping mines of the  
Boundary sent out the usual amount as  
follows: Granby Mines, to Granby smelter,  
11,850 tons; Mother Lode, to Greenwood  
smelter, 4,234 tons; Emma, to Greenwood  
smelter, Nelson and Trail smelters, 455  
tons; Ore Donors, to Granby smelter, 833  
tons; total for the year to date, 217,154  
tons.

During the current week the Granby  
smelter treated 12,450 tons of ore, making  
a total of 106,414 tons treated in 1904 to  
date.

CHARGE AGAINST RAILROADS.  
Alleged Violations of the Sherman Anti-  
Trust Law by Companies  
Entering Chicago.

Chicago, April 2.—Eight specific  
charges, each one pointed out as a viola-  
tion of the Sherman anti-trust law, are  
brought against the 26 leading railroads  
running into Chicago in a bill prepared  
for the Chicago Coal Shippers' Associa-  
tion, to be filed in the United States  
Circuit court.

The action is an attempt by the coal  
commissioner to put the Chicago Car As-  
sociation out of business, on the ground  
that it is an illegal combination. Its  
agents are said to be accused of the en-  
forcement of a uniform system of de-  
murrage per ton charges on cars which  
added to the freight rates. The bill to be  
filed is a petition for injunction against  
each of the railroads, restraining them  
from continuing their membership in the  
association, and from combining to form  
a similar organization. The association is  
alleged to be in restraint of trade.

KILLED THE MESSENGER.  
Murder and Robbery by Three Bandits  
Who Escaped With Booty.

Sacramento, Cal., March 31.—Just be-  
fore 11 o'clock to-night, as the south-  
bound train reached Copley, near Kes-  
wick, three men jumped the train and  
soon cut the train in two, taking the  
engine and express car down the track  
a short distance. They stopped the en-  
gine and demanded that Messenger  
O'Neill open the express car. He re-  
fused, whereupon they blew up the men-  
senger car with dynamite and deliberately  
killed O'Neill by shooting him through  
the head. The bandits then robbed the  
express car of its contents, but it is not  
known how much they got.

After robbing the express car the men  
cut the car loose and, getting on the en-  
gine, compelled Engineer Joesnik to go  
with them. When near Keswick the men  
dropped off the engine and disappeared  
in the night with their plunder.

Reward Offered.  
San Francisco, April 2.—As a reward  
for the capture of the train bandits, the  
Southern Pacific, Wells Fargo and the  
United States Express have offered a re-  
ward of \$500. It is believed the rob-  
bers live near the scene of the hold-up,  
and that a clue to their identity has been  
obtained.

CLOSING IOWA MINES.  
More Than Thirteen Thousand Men  
May Be Thrown Out of  
Employment.

Des Moines, Ia., March 31.—Unable  
to agree to an arbitration of their dif-  
ferences the Iowa miners and operators  
split in joint conference, with the result  
that every mine in the state will be shut  
down, throwing 13,500 miners out of  
employment. The conference adjourned  
after a session covering six weeks. The  
split resulted in a refusal of the opera-  
tors to raise the wages of unskilled  
laborers and to lower the price of blast-  
ing powder.

Summed up, the situation is: First, the  
miners demand a reduction in the price  
of blasting powder from \$2 to \$1.75 per  
ton. They demand a uniform advance  
in the scale of wages paid the men and  
drivers, that districts 1 and 4 shall re-  
ceive the same scale as districts 2 and 3.

John Mitchell, president of the United  
Mine Workers of America, has been  
asked to come to Des Moines and aid  
in a readjustment of the difficulties. It  
is believed the lockout may be the be-  
ginning of a long and hard struggle.

PIONEER DEAD.  
William R. Dick, Former Member of Man-  
itoba Legislature, Passes Away at  
Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, April 2.—William Robert Dick,  
a pioneer lumber merchant, is dead, aged  
83. He was born in Kingston, and was a  
resident of Fensholt, Victoria county, Ont.,  
a number of years. In 1871 he came to  
Winnipeg and engaged in lumbering, ac-  
quiring great wealth before retiring several  
years ago. He was a member of the Man-  
itoba legislature in 1874, representing  
Springfield. He leaves the following sons  
and daughters: Geo. Dick, Calgary, J. C.  
Dick, Winnipeg; Frank Dick, Sloan, B. C.;  
Jas. H. Fensholt, Fensholt, Ont.; Mrs. W.  
W. Ballantyne and Mrs. Dick, Winnipeg.

SEALING STEAMERS.  
The Grand Lake Brings News of Catches  
From Ice Fields.

St. Johns, Nfld., April 2.—The steamer  
Grand Lake, which has returned from the  
ice fields, reports that the sealing steamers  
have captured 250,000 seals, which will  
be increased to 300,000 during the present  
month.

DIED FROM NATURAL CAUSES.  
Winnipeg, April 2.—The verdict in the  
Rama double tragedy is that the Rama  
brothers died from natural causes, one of  
pneumonia and the other of inflammation  
of the bowels. The poison on the table was  
for wheat and was untouched.

BILLIARD MATCH.  
Paris, April 2.—Jacob Schaefer, the Amer-  
ican billiardist, and Louis Cure, have de-  
posed stakes for a match at 3,000 points,  
15-inch ball line, two shots to be played  
in Paris the last week in May.

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NO. 9.

CLAIMS OF SEALERS.  
Particulars of Work of Commissioners  
Is Withheld Until Russia Con-  
firms the Awards.

Ottawa, April 2.—Word has been re-  
ceived from London that the Canadian  
and Russian commissioners, appointed to  
adjust the damage due to Canadian seal-  
ers for unwarranted seizure at the hands  
of Russian craft, have agreed upon the  
figure so far as one class of claims is  
concerned. Before the award is final,  
however, it must be sanctioned by the  
Russian government, and till this is done  
particulars are withheld. The commis-  
sioners are now working on the remain-  
ing claims.

GIVES UP FORTUNE.  
Denver Doctor Does Not Want Money  
He Has Not Earned.

Denver, Col., April 2.—Dr. Wm. A.  
Harron, of this city, has renounced all  
claim to the fortune of \$1,000,000 left by  
his father's brother in Kilkenny, Ire-  
land. In doing this he gives his sister,  
Mrs. J. M. Lewis, of Portland, Maine,  
the sole right to the money. Dr. Harron  
gives as his reason for refusing the for-  
tune that he wishes to have nothing he  
does not earn by his own efforts.

THE CORONATION MASS.  
C. A. E. Harris Receives the Thanks of  
the King and Queen.

Montreal, April 2.—Charles A. E.  
Harris, director of the McGill Universi-  
ty Conservatory of Music, has had the  
honor to receive, through His Excel-  
lency the Governor-General, the thanks  
of the King and Queen for presentation  
copies of his Coronation Mass, Edward  
VII., which their Majesties have been  
graciously pleased to accept.

BRIDGES CARRIED AWAY.  
Great Damage by the Ice in the Richelieu  
River, Quebec.

Chambly, Que., April 2.—An ice shove  
carried away the two bridges spanning the  
Richelieu river at this point this morning.  
The first to go was the bridge on the  
Waterloo branch of the Central Vermont  
railway. It went out at 7 o'clock, just 5  
minutes after the St. Cecile local had  
passed over in safety. Two hundred feet  
below the railway bridge stood the fine  
steel highway bridge erected several years  
ago by the Victorian government. Five  
spans of the seven allowed the railway  
bridge down the river, lodging against the  
big dam of the Montreal Light, Heat &  
Power Co. The ice was fearsome, and  
would be carried away one more mile,  
the costly improvements made during last  
summer demonstrated their value, and the  
dam still stands, though the danger is not  
yet over, for there still remains a large  
quantity of ice to pass down. Men have  
been working all day in an effort to pro-  
tect it. Should the dam go out, the loss  
would run well over a million dollars.

PANAMA CANAL.  
Company Now in Position to Transfer  
Concessions to the United States.