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Big Reward For Robbers

Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars to Those who Capture Hold-up Men.

Police Now Believe That the Bandits Have Made Good Their Escape.

Yacht Titana Wins Cruising Race For the Roger's Cup Trophy.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 17.—The police announce that they believe the robbers who held up the C. P. R. transcontinental train last Saturday have made good their escape. Provincial Officer Monro returned this morning. He has been working with Provincial Officer Colin Campbell since the robbery in an attempt to trace the highwaymen. He states that he believed the chances of capturing them are now slim, that if they are arrested it will be merely by accident. The only hope now is that the size of the reward will tempt some one in the gang to disclose the whereabouts of his fellow-criminals. It is announced today by the province that a proclamation will be issued by the Dominion government offering a reward of $5,000 for the capture of the robbers. This will bring the total reward up to $12,500.

The Rogers' cup trophy, cruising race, took place today over a twenty-mile course, and was won by the Titana, owned by J. Cripps, which lead the next cruiser, the Bertha, owned by C. S. Y. Branch, by half a mile. Percy Charleson's Halcyon was the third to cross the line. Then followed the Eileen, belonging to Commodore W. S. Gravely; A. S. Thyne's Gollywog; F. E. Stark's Yuoy; A. McLaren's Maple Leaf; Geo. Bushby's Bosun; Earle McGowan's Hiawatha; C. V. Julian's Delores, and F. T. Schooley's Dawandena.

The course was from English bay to the buoy off Point Grey, thence to a buoy northeast off Bowen island, and thence home to English bay. The race started at 10:30, and the Titana crossed the line at 3:30. The wind was very light.

Several inquiries have been made from Victoria regarding the opening of the winter session of the Normal school, and the whereabouts of the school. The summer session will end on the 28th of September and the winter session open on October 3. The session is to be held in the new High school building, but as that building will not be ready exactly in time, temporary quarters will be secured at Lord Roberts' school, in the West End. The most convenient permanent boarding quarters, however, for pupils would be in or near Fairview. The coming winter class will be the biggest class on record.

The bylaw providing for the early closing of places of business was quashed by the police magistrate this morning. Mr. Goldburg, a clothier, was summoned for keeping his store open after prohibited hours. His defence was that the bylaw under which he was accused of committing a wrongful act was not properly drawn up under the provisions of the Vancouver Incorporation Act.

The bylaw provides that all clothiers must close their places of business at 6 p. m., and the bylaw was passed at the request of three-fourths of the clothiers of the city.

The police magistrate decided the Vancouver Incorporation Act provided that the city might close all places of business at a certain hour, but that no discrimination could be made as to any one trade.

The Richmond Oil Company has started operations again after work being suspended for some time, for the purpose of installing new pipes. On Monday it is expected that the water will be all pumped out and the exact pressure of gas will then be ascertained. It is believed by some of those interested that oil will be struck within 30 to 60 days.

KUROPATKIN IS ABLE TO TALK

Thanks the Emperor for Expressions of Confidence and Swears Devotion.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 17.—Under date of September 16th, General Kuropatkin telegraphs to the Emperor as follows: "The entire Manchurian army rejoices inexpressibly at Your Majesty's appreciation of its labors and military deeds. We are all animated by the one desire to beat the enemy and justify the confidence reposed in us by the supreme court of the Russian army, who may feel perfectly assured of the army's future self-denial and devotion. Our departure from Liaoyang was unavoidable and was accomplished under conditions fraught with great difficulty. Even our enemy upon this occasion were very modest, their report not mentioning the capture of prisoners, guns or other trophies. General Kuroki's reports said that on the morning of September 4 his entire force, which is the strongest of the three Japanese armies, was on the right bank of the Taitse river, and could, if conditions had been favorable, cut off the troops occupying Liaoyang from the Russian troops operating on the right bank of the Taitse."

SENSATIONAL THEFT.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 17.—At the close of banking hours today a man in the lobby of the First National Bank of this city, observing the cage door leading behind the counter ajar, pushed it aside, walked in and helping himself to a bag containing $20,000 in gold coin made a rapid exit. He immediately slowed down his pace and walked into a side entrance of the Brooklyn hotel, which leads to the dining room, closely followed by C. G. McIntosh, an employee of the bank who had witnessed the theft.

Seeing he was pursued, the thief turned into the hotel office, where he was overtaken by McIntosh and seized. When asked to turn over the gold he said it was his own. The bag was taken from him, however, and its contents found to have been undisturbed.

The daring robber, who is about 35 years old and well dressed, then called on the people in the hotel office to see if he had not told the truth by accompanying him to the bank only a few feet away. He walked to the corner undisturbed, boarded a street car which was passing and soon was out of sight. The police are now searching for him.

Lena Goes to Mare Island

Inspection of Boilers Completed and Russian Cruiser Laid Up.

Crew Will Be Released Pending Conclusion of Hostilities.

End of an Incident Which Bade Fair to Cause International Difficulties.

San Francisco, Sept. 16.—The inspection of the Lena's boilers and machinery has been completed. The Russian ship today was escorted to Mare island navy yard by the United States cruiser Marblehead.

The Lena is now under the local jurisdiction of Rear Admiral McCalla, of the navy yard, the responsibility of her safe-keeping having been transferred from Rear Admiral Gooderich. The entire crew of the Lena is aboard the Russian vessel and will doubtless be detained at Mare island pending an official decision as to their disposition. The work of dismantling the Lena will be commenced at an early date.

Washington, Sept. 16.—The announcement that Capt. Berlinsky, commanding the Russian transport Lena, at San Francisco, acquiesced in all the details of process of disarmament prescribed by the United States government and would take advantage of the permission, reached the navy department last night in a telegram from Rear Admiral Goodrich, commander-in-chief of the Pacific station.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 16.—It is accepted here that the decision to disarm the Russian cruiser Lena at San Francisco will result in detaining her crew until the end of the war. Capt. Berlinsky has further reported that the repairs to the Lena will require several months.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Negotiations between the American and Japanese governments regarding the disposition of the crew of the Russian armed transport Lena, while that vessel is at San Francisco, it is said will take place in Tokio, the state department, of course, keeping Mr. Takashira, the Japanese minister at Washington, constantly informed of each step.

Regarding the action of the United States government in permitting the Lena to disarm, Mr. Takashira said today: "I took pleasure in cabling to my government the details of the Lena incident and the prompt action of the American government in the matter. I doubt not that the promptness of the American officials will cause satisfaction to the authorities at Tokio."

DISTINGUISHED TRAVELERS.

New York, Sept. 17.—The Marquis of Ailsbury, Lady Mattnery Bruce, Madame Nordica, Miss Ada Rehan and Mr. Patrick Campbell were passengers on steamer New York, which arrived tonight from Southampton and Cherbourg.

NORTH OF LIAOYANG.

Japanese Front Is Now Confronting General Kuropatkin.

General Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field, Sept. 14, via Fusan, Sept. 17.—The Japanese front is now some miles north of Liaoyang, almost half way to Mukden, and confronting General Kuropatkin's outpost lines.

"General Kuropatkin, it is believed, is removing his headquarters to Harbin.

"Both armies are satisfied to suspend hostilities."

EAGLES ELECT OFFICERS.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 17.—The fifth annual convention of the Grand Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles adjourned tonight to meet in Denver in August, 1905.

The following officers were elected and installed:

J. F. Pelletier, Kansas City, grand worthy president; J. H. Ellis, Minneapolis, grand worthy vice president; A. E. Partridge, Kansas City, grand worthy secretary; Ed. L. Head, San Francisco, grand worthy treasurer; Joseph Gribbles, Oregon aerie, grand inside guard.

BITUMINOUS COAL.

Rich Strike Is Made on the Kamloops Development Co.'s Property.

Kamloops, B. C., Sept. 17—At a depth of 260 feet the shaft of the Kamloops Coal Development Company, has passed through a foot of splendid bituminous coal. The strike is on Coal hill, and has awakened interest in the possibility of large coal measures being found at a depth, this being the first attempt made in that direction.

Hon. Mr. Fulton, Provincial Secretary, has returned from England and leaves Sunday for the capital.

REV. C. E. COOPER FOR ST. SAVIOUR'S

Popular Pastor Is Transferred From Nanaimo to Victoria.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, Sept. 17.—Rev. C. E. Cooper tonight notified the wardens of St. Paul's church that he had been appointed to St. Saviour's, Victoria West, by Bishop Perrin, and had accepted.

Rev. Mr. Cooper is an M. A. of Cambridge. He came here in 1893 and was vicar at Northfield and Wellington, and rector of Nanaimo for five years. His parishioners deeply regret the loss of the pastor, to whose munificence many local movements for social improvement owe much. He built the French Creek church, established the Wellington Agricultural Society and several organizations for the benefit of lads and young men. He is held in high esteem, not only in his own congregation, but throughout the community extending from Nanaimo to Qualicum. St. Saviour's is a particularly suitable appointment, as Rev. Mr. Cooper has had considerable experience at Aldershot among the forces.

CHILDREN DROWNED.

Olean, N. Y., Sept. 17.—James Palmer, 9 years old, and Walter Gary, 8 years old, children of B. C. Palmer and Patrick Gary, were drowned while swimming in a stream near their homes here today. The bodies were recovered.

PORT ARTHUR.

Chefoo, Sept. 17.—4 p. m.—A Japanese who arrived here today reports that the citizens of Dalny on September 15th expected that the general attack upon Port Arthur would be renewed on the following day. He has reliable information to the effect that the Japanese seige works at Palungshan and Kikwanshan would be completed by September 15th.

Both Chinese and Japanese, recent arrivals, agree that the bombardment of Port Arthur became terrific at dawn of September 15th, and continued until the forenoon of September 16th.

The Japanese fired from Shushihen and Palungshan and Pigeon bay, where heavy guns from Japan have been placed in position lately. The shells fell with great frequency in the Chinese new town of Yankiatung, which is a village at Pigeon bay, and has been occupied by the Russians, but has been evacuated by them secretly. The Japanese have not occupied the village.

Five hundred cavalry men who attempted to drive the Japanese from Palungshan have not returned, and it is believed that the fortress there has been completed.

London Gossip By The Cable

Matrimonial Advertisements Which Appeared in Colonial Papers was a Fake.

A Canadian Press Comment Attracts Some Attention in London.

London, Sept. 17.—Truth, respecting an advertisement addressed to bachelors which has appeared in certain colonial papers, says that the advertisers called themselves Lloyd & Duncan, Anglo-American agents, 91 St. Mary's road, Leiton. On inquiry at this address a Truth representative found that the house had been empty some weeks. The advertisers proposed to supply colonists with a suitable partner from thousands of good, intelligent girls round Leiton. Any colonial with a fancy to one of these damsels was asked to remit five dollars. Truth fears that the only result of the enterprise was that a number of dollars were transferred from the other side of the Atlantic to this. The number of bachelors on the one side and the spinsters on the other remains unaltered. Truth wonders that the possibility of this result did not occur to any of the colonial papers which published the advertisement. Truth has received several inquiries regarding the advertisement from Canada.

Referring to an article in the Ottawa Citizen, pointing out that while Great Britain lingers the United States is ready to do business right off, and that Canada cannot afford to hang forever upon our skirts for our indecision, the St. James Gazette says that perhaps the plain speaking of the Citizen may serve to convince some sceptics not only of Canada's desire but of the danger of delay.

BARON HAYASHI.

London, Sept. 16.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister here, was questioned today by the Pall Mall Gazette regarding the alleged interview with him which was telegraphed to Paris by the London correspondent of the Matin. Baron Hayashi wrote out the following statement: "The Matin correspondent interviewed me yesterday. I have only told him Japan will fight, as she is compelled to do, as long as Russia fights. I have said nothing else. (Signed) Tadusa Hayashi."

CHURCH AND STATE.

Paris, Sept. 17.—The movement for the separation of church and state has brought out a proposition from a group of deputies to submit the question to a referendum vote of the country. The legislation contemplates a referendum, but it is only adopted in the cases of questions of the highest importance. The proposers of the plan assert that the separation of church and state is so vitally important that it should be submitted to the country. The proposition although widely discussed does not receive encouragement from Premier Combes, who says the municipal elections sufficiently show that the country approves his policy.

CRUISER LENA WAS NOT ALONE

Two More of Czar's Cruisers Reported as Roaming the Seas.

San Francisco, Sept. 17.—The Chronicle today says:

"From a reliable source it has been learned that the Lena was not alone in her wanderings in the Eastern Pacific ocean, and it is stated with authority that somewhere east of a line drawn from the Hawaiian islands to Unalaska, in the Aleutian chain, at least two of the Czar's cruisers are roaming the seas, and apt at any time to seek the safe haven found by the Lena last Sunday. Whether the Korea is one of these two vessels or whether she is a third vagrant cruiser, is not settled.

"It is generally believed in naval circles that the cruisers referred to are converted auxiliaries like the Lena, but there is a possibility that they are regular men-of-war, which were forced to escape to the eastward. The machinery being still in good shape, they are keeping the sea as long as possible, and will probably not make port until their coal runs out.

"It is pointed out that the mere knowledge that these cruisers may be encountered anywhere between San Francisco and Honolulu or along the great circle route between Puget sound and Japan, will have a marked deterrent effect upon those engaged in shipping contraband from American or British Columbia ports. At any rate the New York and the Marblehead, which will remain here indefinitely, are on the qui vive, and ready at any time to greet one or both of the newcomers with the promptness with which they greeted the Lena."

Vallejo, Cal., Sept. 17.—The dismantling of the Russian transport Lena began today at the Mare island navy yard. The work is being done under the supervision of Captain Drake, of the United States ordnance department. The officers and crew are anxiously awaiting a final decision regarding their disposition.

MUNIFICENT DONATION.

Rome, Sept. 16.—To celebrate the birth of the Crown Prince the King has donated the sum of $200,000 towards an Old Age Fund for workingmen.

All Eyes On Mukden

Speculation in St. Peterburg as to Whether There Will Be a Big Battle.

Issue Said to Largely Depend Upon Gen. Kuropatkin's Wishes.

Port Arthur Believed in All Quarters to Be in Desperate Straits.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 17.—There has been an entire absence of official news from the front today. The war office is displaying no special concern as yet over the continual skirmishing on the flanks of the Russian army, regarding it as the natural desire of the Japanese to keep in touch with the Russian forces rather than a premonitory symptom of a forward movement by Commander-in-Chief Oyama's army, which the authorities are not inclined to believe can occur within a fortnight unless large reinforcements have been received and the work of getting up supplies has been done more quickly than was supposed to be possible.

The Japanese, having been unable to follow their victory at Liaoyang when the time was ripe, the war office sees no reason for feverish haste on their part to come into touch with General Kuropatkin, now that he has had time to recuperate his forces. The question whether a big battle will be fought in the vicinity of Mukden is considered here to depend chiefly upon General Kuropatkin, as it is not believed that the Japanese will be able to force him to fight at Mukden unless he so elects. The general idea is that when the advance really comes, the Japanese will simply outflank Mukden and be direct against Tie pass. The movements of the Japanese land forces and the appearance of a large flotilla in the Liao river, are believed to support this view.

While military circles here realize the strategic weakness of Mukden, there are political and sentimental reasons why General Kuropatkin may desire to hold as long as possible the ancient home of the Manchu dynasty. They believe, in spite of official intimations and press reports from Mukden, to the contrary, that there will be a repetition of the battle of Liaoyang at Mukden.

As far as the public is concerned, interest seems to again be gravitating toward Port Arthur, where the gallant fight of Lieut.-General Stoessel's garrison is being watched with intense interest. The report that the garrison has been forced to fall back to the use of home-made powder, which is proving defective, is considered a discouraging factor. It would be a national calamity should the defence of the fortress fail through lack of ammunition. More importance, however, is attached in military circles to the reports that the Japanese have abandoned the idea of a direct assault and are tunneling the fortifications, and it is believed possible that the end may come, as at Sebastopol, with a repetition of the dreadful carnage at the Malakoff tower.

WAR SUMMARY.

By Associated Press.

Official news of interest from the front is still lacking, but the war office at St. Petersburg appears not to anticipate a great battle in the immediate future. The officials believe that the Japanese will not hurry on an engagement with General Kuropatkin, owing to the fact that the latter has had time since the evacuation of Liaoyang to strengthen his forces materially and that the next movement of the Japanese will be directed against Tie pass.

Public interest is again apparently being centered upon Port Arthur, and the reports that the Japanese are tunneling the fortifications there are received in the Russian capital with some credulity.

A BIG STRIKE ON THE C. P. R.

Seven Hundred Boilermakers go Out at Winnipeg and Fort William.

Winnipeg, Sept. 17.—All the boilermakers and boiler-washers in the C. P. R. shops here, to the number of about 250, went out on strike today at 11 o'clock. This order will affect 700 men employed on the C. P. R. between Fort William and Laggan. The men have been negotiating for some time for a higher rate of wages. They want a schedule like that of the boiler-makers on the Santa Fe and Union Pacific Railway. On this division of the C. P. R. 29 cents per hour is the average rate. On the American roads the quoted rate is from 32 to 35 cents. The boilermakers locally are affiliated with the International Union.

The men think that they have been unjustly treated and that they have a good chance of getting their demands in full on account of the company being so busy at this particular season.

On the other hand the company feels that with the falling-off in the labor demand across the line, and a general slack season in the mechanical departments all through the states, it is in a position to demand its own terms. It is expected that a settlement will be arrived at tomorrow. In case of necessity the men claim they will be able to take out all the employees of the company in the mechanical department on the Pacific division.

A Fort William despatch says that the boiler-makers there quit work at 2 o'clock on receiving instructions from Winnipeg.

THE MOTOR TOUR.

North Bend, B. C., Sept. 17.—Two hundred and six miles was the day's run of the Napier motor car on the C. P. R. tracks through the canyon of South Thompson river and Fraser river. The goal is almost in sight with the good fortune that has followed to this point. They should reach Vancouver, 129 miles, by 2 p. m. Sunday. The total railroad mileage traveled to date is 1,674.

WOUNDED AT MUKDEN.

Twelve Thousand Soldiers Being Treated at the Red Cross Hospital.

Mukden, Sept. 15.—(Via St. Petersburg, Sept. 17.)—The panicky conditions prevailing immediately after the battle of Liaoyang have entirely disappeared among the Russian army now concentrated here. Business has been resumed and the city is quiet. The Russo-Chinese Bank has reopened.

The failure of the Japanese to follow up the advantage gained at Liaoyang has caused considerable surprise here. An independent authority who accompanied the rearguard from the positions south of Liaoyang to Mukden says that this failure is accounted for by the fact that the Japanese lost 40,000 killed and wounded in one day's fighting, and that they were too tired to continue the advance.

The Japanese are reported to be entrenched around Liaoyang, and to have repaired the bridges over the Taitse river.

Twelve thousand soldiers wounded at Liaoyang have been treated at the Red Cross hospital here.

Week's Work at Rossland Camp

Several Important Developments Affecting the Mining Industry.

Le Roi No. 2 Takes Bond on an Adjoining Group of Claims.

Rossland, B. C., Sept. 17.—Developments of importance to Rossland's mining industry cropped up during the week ending tonight. Foremost was the execution of a bond on the Eureka group to Le Roi No. 2 Company, one of the strongest English concern's operating in Rossland. The group consists of four claims only separated by one claim from the company's present property. Development work was started immediately and prosecuted on a considerable scale. The fact that the company is thus branching out is regarded as most significant of its confidence in the future possibilities of the camp.

Water problems are engrossing close attention. One of the incidents of the week in this connection was the action by the Trail smelter in staking a total of 600 miner's inches of water on Violin lake and its outlets, Cambridge and Nigger creeks. If the smelter gets a record a flume line will be constructed this fall to bring Violin lake water to the works, a distance of several miles. The Rossland Power Company is constructing four miles of pipe line, from the concentrator to Murphy creek. Both plants will therefore obtain a large quantity of water exclusive of Rock and Stoney creeks now depended upon, thus leaving a almost total flow in these streams for the city to bring in here for industrial purposes.

During the week some $80,000 was distributed in wages among the employees of the Rossland mines. The clean-ups at the I. X. L. mine, representing eighteen days' run, realized $1,500 in bullion. The mill will probably be turned over to other parties next week for concentration experiments.

A good strike was made during the week at the Gold King property adjoining the Jumbo. The latter mine has complied connection between the first and intermediate levels, an important development that will have a stimulating effect on operations there. The management of the Jumbo this week shipped a quantity of specimens of telluride ore to Toronto University, where the collection will be placed in the museum. The Jumbo is one of the few properties in the province possessing this character of ore.

The White Bear mine was compelled to suspend milling during the week owing to a shortage of water. The handicap is to be overcome by piping in water from the forks of Little Sheep creek. Work on the flume line is now underway.

Shipments for the week are: Le Roi, 2,000; Centre Star, 1,450; War Eagle, 1,260; Le Roi No. 2, 480; milled, 300; Spitzee, 30; Jumbo, 300; Cliff, 30; Velvet-Portland, milled, 250; White Bear, milled, 100; total, 6,200 tons; year to date, 251,908 tons.

A SWEEPING FRAUD ORDER

Issued Against Agents of Preferred Mercantile Company.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 17.—A sweeping fraud order, probably the most radical and far-reaching in its effects ever issued by the post office department, was issued today against agents of the Preferred Mercantile Company of Boston, whose chief officials are under arrest, charged with using the United States mails for fraudulent purposes.

The men affected are scattered all over the country and have been acting as local agents for the Preferred Mercantile Company, transacting its business under their own names because of the mail being held up here. The list includes C. A. Mittleberger, Winnipeg; Pierce & Rankin, Toronto; F. B. Jacobs, Salt Lake; E. E. Wright, Boise; W. M. Olney, Spokane; George O. Smith, Seattle; H. R. Mitchener, El Paso, Tex.; J. H. Coleman, Denver; E. J. Lake, Colorado Springs; Arthur K. Sykes, Pittsburg; W. B. Steward, Philadelphia; Buchanan Sutpin, Columbus, O.; W. Tait, Cleveland; G. S Wythe, Bradford.

So strong is the ban that the relatives or wives of these men cannot reach them by mail, for no discrimination is made between business and personal mail. Their business consisted in selling leases on diamonds and watches at $1.10 per week, each contract, when maturing, paying the holder $200 cash or a $200 diamond.

PRESIDENT LOUBET.

Paris, Sept. 11.—President Loubet, in the course of a speech to the provincial mayors today, said he looked forward with satisfaction to the serenity of private life after the close of his present term. His statement is taken as a definite announcement of the President's intention of not seeking a second term. His present term expires at the end of next year.

A Scheme For Peace

Russian Statesman Authority for Saying Coup d'Etat Possible.

Hints That Nations Now at War May Ultimately Join Hands.

Czar Said to Recognize Utter Hopelessness of Present Struggle.

London, Sept. 17.—The Daily Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent declares that a Russian statesman, whose name, if revealed, would bring his utterance with lightning rapidity all over the globe, asserted on Friday that it was his impression that the war might end sooner than people imagine, not through mediation, but through mutual recognition of the ruinous nature of the conflict which would lead to negotiations that would result in a Russo-Japanese alliance.

He contended, the correspondent says, that although Russia in the end could exhaust and crush Japan, yet Japan could hold out long enough to place an intolerable and useless strain upon Russia.

Russia, therefore, was confronted with the alternative either of Japan's ruin, purchased by ruinous sacrifices, or of a treaty of cordial friendship, followed in the fullness of time by that offensive and defensive alliance which for years constituted the ideal of the Japanese government.

ALEXIEFF RELIEVED.

Removed From Position of Commander-in-Chief of Land and Sea Forces.

Paris, Sept. 15.—The correspondent at St. Petersburg of the Echo de Paris says:

"I learn authoritatively that Viceroy Alexieff asked to be relieved of the functions of commander-in-chief by land and sea of the Russians forces in the Far East, but not of those of viceroy, his object being to avoid giving a semblance of consistency to the reports of antagonism between himself and General Kuropatkin. He asked that he be allowed to continue to be responsible for the political and diplomatic administration of the Far East and remain at Mukden. The Emperor granted this request, and therefore General Kuropatkin will be solely responsible for military operations there."

LORD ROBERTS' SAD JOURNEY.

On His Way to South Africa to Visit His Son's Grave.

Earl and Countess Roberts sailed for South Africa in the Kinfauns Castle on Saturday, August 27th, in order to revisit the grave of their only and gallant son, in Natal. The general and his wife were accompanied by Ladies Aileen and Edwina Roberts.

This is the third visit Lord Roberts has paid to South Africa. He went there first in 1881 in consequence of the Majuba Hill disaster. He was then appointed Governor of Natal, with the command of the troops in South Africa. On his arrival at the Cape he learned that the troubles were ended and peace declared, and he was recalled to England.

Eighteen years afterwards Lord Roberts went out again to fight the Boers and planted the British flag at Bloemfontein and Pretoria before he returned home.

LADYSMITH NOTES.

Ladysmith, Sept. 17.—A well-known figure in the person of Captain H. A. Dillon is about to sever his connection with Ladysmith, the captain having made up his mind to remove to Cumberland where he intends to make his future home.

Dr. Reynolds, late of Vancouver, is in possession of the Leader plant at Ladysmith, and it is understood that publication of the paper lately issued by Mr. A. C. Thompson, the Recorder, will be continued.

It is pay day today in connection with the Extension mines.

Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P., accompanied by Mr. G. A. Keefer, spent yesterday here going into the question of the public wharf. The new wharf is to be erected on the water front at the foot of Gotacre street, a most convenient spot for the convenience of the residents.

The steamer St. Paul sailed for San Francisco last night with about 1,000 tons of coal.

The Titania is at the wharves also taking a full cargo of coal for San Francisco.

Messrs. D. Galloway and R. Roberts returned from Harrison Hot Springs this morning, feeling much better after their trip.

DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENTIFIC WARFARE

Grand Manoeuvres in France Are Very Instructive and Valuable.

Paris, Sept. 17.—The grand manoeuvres, just concluded at Dijon, have shown the development of scientific warfare since the Franco-German war. The guns used threw shells which burst into 240 deadly fragments, whereas the shells used in the war of 1870-71 only burst into thirty fragments. The present French shrapnel shells are calculated to scatter four hundred deadly particles, whereas the former shrapnel shells only scattered thirty-seven particles.

General Brugere, the commander-in-chief, emphasized the necessity of the army concealing itself and exposing the enemy during action. Therefore, powerful searchlights were successfully used to disclose the movements of the enemy. Old-fashioned black powder was used to create a curtain concealing the army's advance.

TREATY WITH THIBET.

London, Sept. 17.—The Times Peking correspondent gives at great length the text of the draft of the treaty between Thibet and Great Britain, which has been sent to Peking by the Anbam, a Chinese representative at Lhassa, and which the correspondent believes to be practically identical with the treaty actually signed, which China is almost certain to ratify.

Sowing Seed For Election

Grit Candidates in East Are Busy Offering Men Jobs on Surveys.

Great Britain Arranges an Extradition Treaty With Cuba.

Reward for C. P. R. Robbers—Timber Reserved at New Westminster.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—To assist the Liberal party in the Ottawa valley ridings, every Grit candidate has been invited to nominate ten men for the work of the survey parties for the Ottawa and Georgian bay canal.

Great Britain has arranged an extradition treaty with Cuba, so that Hamel, the Montreal bank embezzler, may now be extradited.

Parliament has been prorogued, pro forma, until Monday, October 1.

A certain township near Swift Current has been set apart for a Mennonite colony to provide for an overflow from the settlement in Southern Manitoba.

A proclamation will be issued at once by the Dominion government offering $5,000 reward for the capture of the bandits who held up the C. P. R. train at Mission junction and robbed the express car.

In 1902 certain lands were sold to the city council of New Westminster at a nominal price for the protection of the lake from contamination from which the city gets its water supply. An order has just been passed reserving the timber on the lands.

ATTITUDE OF CHINA.

Important Developments Are Anticipated in St. Petersburg Circles.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 17.—Important developments regarding Chinese attitude toward the belligerents is anticipated here in well-informed quarters. There are rumors of closer relations between China and Japan, of the possibility of the Japanese turning over Port Arthur when captured to China, of their restoring Manchuria to the Chinese, etc. Although these reports are not confirmed they lead to quite a general belief that some sort of negotiations are going on behind the scenes, of which the outside world has little cognizance.

The Russ says it believes the Japanese successes are emboldening the Chinese government more and more, and that they are prompting such diplomatic steps as China never dreamed of before. Since the Japanese occupation of New Chwang and direct contact between the Japanese and Chinese they have started to quickly reach an understanding, the occupation of neutral territory evoking no protest.

The Russ expects the war to take on a phase as Chinese neutrality vanishes, which the powers, in their agreement to preserve China's neutrality, completed ignore. Moreover, the Russ believes the situation will call for deeds and not words. It concludes: "We need not be alarmed. The interference of China will scarcely be to our advantage."

The American ambassador as custodian of Japanese interests has made enquiries regarding the two suspected Japanese spies, recently arrested here. He ascertains that the authorities only contemplate deporting them abroad.

FINANCIER'S DEATH.

New York, Sept. 17.—David B. Powell, for many years a prominent figure in finance circles in Brooklyn, died today at his summer home at Sayville, L. I., aged 83.

COURT INTRIGUES AT ST. PETERSBURG

Czar Opposed to Being Sidetracked by M. de Witte.

Paris, Sept. 17.—One of the highest diplomatic officers here has received an interesting report concerning the court intrigues going on at St. Petersburg. The report says the Emperor has definitely declared his opposition to having any strong man like M. de Witte exercising authority, to the practical exclusion of himself. This, it is added, is the chief cause of M. de Witte's continued retirement and of His Majesty's resentment against the late interior minister's, Von Plehve, autocratic power.

The Emperor, therefore, lets it be fully understood that there will be no other strong man than himself. The report expresses doubt concerning the wisdom of the Emperor's action, owing to his inability to play a strong role in statesmanship.

THE BALTIC SQUADRON.

New York, Sept. 17.—A special despatch cabled to the Sun from Aberdeen, Scotland, dated September 16th, says:

"A passenger who arrived today on board the coasting steamer Homarth, reports that two Japanese officers and nine sailors came on board the vessel from London. As soon as they arrived at Aberdeen they jumped into a small boat and proceeded at once to a mysterious, low lying craft in the offing, evidently a torpedo boat, which on receiving the men steamed seaward.

"It is believed here that the intention of the Japanese is to lie in wait for the Baltic fleet."

MISHAPS TO SCHOONERS.

St. John's, N. F., Sept. 17.—The Gloucester schooners Henry M. Stanley and Horace B. Parker are here and the Laudaces and Aerolite are at Bay of Fulls, having been forced to the harbor by the equinoxical storms which have raged on the Grand Banks for the past few days. They lost trawls and fishing gear and sustained considerable damage. They report many mishaps among the fleet. Three Newfoundland Bank fishermen parted their cables and went adrift, and it is feared crowded badly many of the other vessels. The damaged craft are expected to arrive here within the next few days.

Now Nanaimo's Turn to Fish

Local City Men Will Reap a Rich Harvest on Shoals of Herring.

Catches Under Auspices of The Rifle Association Excited Much Interest.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, Sept. 14.—While other parts of the province are compelled to desist from salmon fishing, Nanaimo, untroubled by any restrictions whatever, has just commenced her own peculiar harvest of the sea. The herring are again coming in the Gulf, and the local companies are sending their boats out after them. In a few weeks they will come into the harbor and then will be witnessed one of the most extraordinary sights on the coast. Huge shoals of herring are visible all over the harbor just below the surface of the water, shoals so vast that the tide strands tons of the fish every year, which are literally pushed out of the water. Above the water hundreds of seagulls simply gorge themselves feeding on the abundant food beneath. Nothing, however, seems to diminish the fish, which come back as plentifully as ever each recurring season. Dogfish may destroy them, a whole air population may feed upon them, but it makes no difference. The slight inroads made by the fishermen have no effect at all. Boatmen simply shovel them in to be sent by the hundred barrels north for bait for the halibut steamers of Vancouver; Japanese take them and squeeze the oil out of them for export to Japan; they are even used for the manufacture of guano, but still there are more than there is the slightest prospect of making a dent of. Two fishing companies turn them into human food, curing and salting them and a trade is now being built up with the United States and Australia, which is in its infancy. Some day this "Yarmouth of the Pacific" will be discovered, and then Nanaimo will be better known for its bloaters and others than for its coal. Here is the city, and experts place the quality equal to the best caught off the Scotch coast. The fishermen use a net wider mesh than any employed anywhere in the world so that only the best fish may be taken.

As a result of the competition at Wakesiah, conducted all summer under the auspices of the Nanaimo Rifle Association has been made known. In the match class Mr. J. D. Quine takes first prize with five scores aggregating 471. Mr. Hogle's beautiful trophy goes with championship. Mr. W. Waddington, with 460, and Mr. W. J. McAllan, with 458, take second and third respectively. The tyro class Mr. E. Jones, with 415, gets the Rifle League cup and a pair of gold glasses presented by Master Mechanic Hamilton of the Western Fuel company. Dr. O'Brien is second with 403 and Dr. Hogle third with 374. In the novice class the results are as follows: First, R. Martell, 407; second, Scott, 403; third, A. Waring, 317. Mr. Collier won the consolation prize. A feeding of interest to athletic circles is that of Mr. Sinclair Swanson, the heavyweight wrestler of this city, and Mr. A. Matthews, of Ladysmith, took place at the residence of the parents of the groom on Monday evening. Mr. Swanson was supported by his brother, Mr. A. Swanson, and the bride was assisted by Miss Dolly McGuish. The honeymoon is being spent in a tour of the Sound cities, which includes an engagement of Mr. Swanson's with Mr. Ketchon, the famous strong man of the logging camp at Taylor, Washington. A few days ago the groom, who is only 140 pounds, met a 200-pound giant named Barton down at Ladysmith and was flung all over the mat in an hour before he got a hold on him which finished him. The second fall took Sinclair, who is a very pacific performer, forty minutes to finish. Of course his huge antagonist did not put the Nanaimo lad's shoulders to the mat at all.

Jubilee Mining Company, which has some quartz propositions outside this city is pretty well satisfied with the general outlook. The other day struck some good looking ore which was sent to Vancouver for assay. The assay has just been received and shows it runs 20 per cent in copper, six ounces in silver and $2.00 in gold, giving a total value of over $41 to the ton. The news word that they have removed the cap and have struck an ore body of great extent, so great that the limits have not yet been reached, and of fine quality stuff at that. The company is now composed of working miners of Nanaimo, who have year after year sunk their savings in the development of the property and who are now in sight of a fortune as the mine will become a shipping mine shortly.

It did not turn out just quite the thing they were expected a day or two ago for the keeper of a disorderly house in the city. A miner who had gone to the premises drunk took away with him some silver mounted brushes and spent a few hours later in a more muddled condition with the goods in his possession. As it was evidently no more than a drunken freak of which the defendant professed to be ashamed of nothing, and as he was a respectable working man of good character, Yarwood gave him a severe lecture and let him go on suspended sentence. The evidence, however, disclosed the fact that drink had been served and paid for at the house where the offence took place and the keeper of the premises was then called upon to answer to the charge. She pleaded guilty and was fined $25 and ordered to forfeit her license, another $150. She expressed her ideas on the justice of the sentence in very forcible terms as she left the court.

POLITICAL SURPRISE.

Municipal Grant Was Offered Portfolio in Oliver Mowat's Cabinet.

Ottawa, Sept. 14.—Considerable surprise has been manifested here over the action for the first time of the fact that late Principal Grant of Queen's University, was invited to fill a portfolio in the cabinet of Sir Oliver Mowat, in 1885, as minister of education. The announcement is made in a biography of the late principal just

THE CALCHAS CASE.

Montreal Stock, Sept. 13.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The prize court has decided to release the British steamer Calchas, captured while bound from Puget sound for ports in Japan by the Vladivostok cruiser Admiral Makaroff, and also the neutral portion of the vessel's cargo. That part of the cargo consigned to Japan, contraband flour, cotton and timber, is held.

The Calchas will be detained three days in order to allow its owners time to appeal from the prize court's decision.

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