

# WAR IS INEVITABLE SAY RUSSIAN OFFICERS

### Troops Being Massed Through Siberia Against the Day of Reckoning With Japan For Asian Supremacy

The last test was the carrying of men up and down the ladders. This was done with the neatness and despatch which had characterized the other tests. Two of the strenuous members of the brigade and so were carried down in the same manner. As a final flourish the ladder was manted and several handed down from man to man and safely placed on terra firma.

The new equipment was closely inspected next. Chief Davis showed his guests the new Waterous engine and explained that the John Grant and the ancient but trustworthy Merry-go-round are in line, and in case of an emergency, may be depended on to render valuable service. He also took them through the central hall, being particularly careful to explain the new electric switch board system used in the operation of the new chemical engines and other equipment now en route to the depot.

"The demonstration was a point on which the chief laid special emphasis, and, moreover, which appeared to impress the representatives of the continents' most powerful companies who were gathered about."

The demonstration's climax was to come. While the party awaited further developments an alarm was sounded and the district rank and file were quickly put out. A spark caused the fire and the consequent damage is estimated at \$10,000.

Mr. Langley, the island secretary of the Board of Underwriters, afterwards asserted that those who witnessed the exhibition were satisfied that the Victoria fire fighting facilities were much improved. However, the Board's expert, A. E. Watts, would be here towards the end of the month and would make a thorough inspection of the fire.

Mr. Langley looked to the future and the new high pressure salt water system. While it is not thought that its replacement was made as to the proposed reduction in rates his verdict, nevertheless, was being looked upon with much interest. and, undoubtedly, would have considerable to do with the moulding of the Board's future policy.

# EFFICIENT OF BRIGADE PROVEN (Continued from Page 1.)

"No Russian officer or soldier in all Siberia doubts for a moment the meaning of Russia's steadily advancing military preparations," says Mr. Denbigh. "The verdict of the last war must be reversed. The stain of Russian military honor must be wiped out, and Russian prestige in Asia must be restored. This explains the enormous forces more than half a million troops of all arms in Siberia today, four or five times as many as before the war. They are quartered everywhere, and the extension and improvement of fortifications are everywhere being carried forward. At Habin, Hainovok, and Vladivostok there are more troops stationed today than at any time during the war. Fifty-five thousand rank and file were paraded at a review during our stay at Vladivostok, and none of these employed in the city. The troops included; had these been added, more than a hundred thousand men would have been on parade. The officers are talking openly and freely of what is to happen when the Bear again comes to grips with the Monkey. Also they are saying that the day of war's declaration may come quickly. The men are equally eager, and all their talk is of how they will beat the Japanese this time."

Other passengers intimate that the Japanese determination to secure the perfection of Manchurian railway facilities is largely influenced by the knowledge in Japanese official circles that a recrudescence of hostilities with Russia is inevitable.

"While passing through Mongolia, Mr. Denbigh visited the marvelous new placer discovered two years ago at a point between fifty and sixty miles from Khaba, in the Gobi. The placer has been worked for two years, producing 300,000 to 400,000 ounces of gold. The placer is situated in a region that for centuries has been a stopping point for the tea caravans of China. Russian hold the placer and plan to work it for a number of years, working with the crude and primitive rocker. They have saved the average of twenty to 30,000 ounces of gold per day. Special advisers from Pekin brought by the Japanese agent, Prince Chun will very shortly return in his attitude toward Yuan Shih Kai, and it is believed that he will be able to take full advantage of the Japanese situation. The Japanese government has, several months ago, Viceroy Hsi, his successor in control of Manchuria. It is hoped both as a financier and as an administrator, and with his resignation of the star of the Chinese flag, the only able man available, is a descendant. He is who is supposed to have inspired the virtually unanimous stand of the Chinese Press for the opening of all ports in the Province to foreign trade, holding that community of foreign interest would then be sufficient to check undue aggressive movement by either Russia or Japan."

# PACIFIC ROUTE NOT YET READY

### Alberta Grain Is Rapidly Going Out by Way of Fort William

VANCOUVER, Sept. 15.—A bombshell was thrown into the air by the aspirations of a wheat shipping port today by the following letter from J. F. Langan, of Calgary, to Mayor Douglas:

"I had an interview with L. P. Strong, general manager of the Alberta Pacific Elevator company of Calgary, today, and find that Vancouver is being looked upon as the development of the first decisive engagement between the red and the blue armies. He took his guests to the hot luncheon served from the outcraiser travelling kitchen, as the Imperial automobile and orders being unable to climb the steep hill. A crowd of spectators who had gathered were impatiently waiting for the motor to start. Mr. Strong suggested that some more activity be necessary from your end if you hope to get benefited next year. I would suggest that you get in touch with Strong at once."

Mr. Langan says that a large grain business to now being done through the 80 members of the Calgary export committee, but he feels that this change, but by the old route via Fort William. He says it is astonishing to see the numerous orders for grain being sent to Vancouver, but he fears such arrangements would be to the detriment of the old route via Fort William. He declares the machinery is ready here for handling wheat.

# BRILLIANT GROUP WELCOMES DIRIGIBLE

### Military Airship Received by Kaiser Wilhelm With Much Circumstance

MERGENTHEIM, Wurtemberg, Sept. 16.—Surrounded by a brilliant company including the King of Wurtemberg, the Grand Dukes of Baden and Hease, Arch-Duke Francis Ferdinand, and Winston Churchill and the Earl of Lowland, Emperor William yesterday witnessed the dramatic appearance of the military dirigible Grosse II, which emerged from the clouds overhanging the valley of the Tauber. Those on board were spying out the positions of the red army and transmitting their observations by wireless back to headquarters many times in the rear. The emperor was intensely interested and watched with his aid-glasses every turn of the air-ship which answered the helm gracefully.

The emperor sat in the front of the dirigible on a hill top after the development of the first decisive engagement between the red and the blue armies. He took his guests to the hot luncheon served from the outcraiser travelling kitchen, as the Imperial automobile and orders being unable to climb the steep hill. A crowd of spectators who had gathered were impatiently waiting for the motor to start. Mr. Strong suggested that some more activity be necessary from your end if you hope to get benefited next year. I would suggest that you get in touch with Strong at once."

# EMINENT PEER PASSES AWAY

### Death of Lord Tweedmouth, Brother of Countess of Aberdeen

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Edward Marjoribanks, second Baron Tweedmouth, who was First Lord of the Admiralty in the Campbell-Bannerman administration, and later Lord President of the Council, died tonight. He was born in 1848.

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  - GOLDEN SYRUP, Tartan brand, 2-lb. tin.....15c
  - 5-lb. tin.....35c
  - 10-lb. tin.....65c
  - ANTI-COMBINE JELLY POWDER, 4 pkts. for.....25c
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  - TRISUCRE, per pkt.....15c
  - SHREDDED COCOANUT, per lb.....20c
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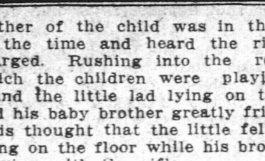
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# FREE MEXICO CELEBRATES

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 16.—The 98th anniversary of Mexico's independence was celebrated throughout the Republic by the ringing of the liberty bells, and the proclamation of the grito (shout) which was made by Benito Juarez, president on the night of September 15, 1810. No disorder of any kind has thus far been observed. The day was the capital was given by President Diaz.

A throng of many thousands were present in the Plaza Nacional in the afternoon when the president rang the bell and commemorated the act of the first Mexican revolution. The day has been celebrated in all parts of the Republic.

# FORESTRY COMMISSION Condemnation For the Railways For Causing Forest Fires

CRANBROOK, B. C., Sept. 16.—A feature of the session of the timber board at Vancouver today was a heavy indictment against the railway companies as the cause of the bulk of the forest fires in the province.

Mr. L. S. Langley, president of the board, said that the railway companies had been ordered to put down ninety per cent of fires to their blame, and was very caustic in his remarks and suggestions about the responsibility. He declared that the regulations of the railway commission and of the forest department were openly disregarded, and wanted them to take a hand in enforcing the provisions of the act with much interest, and, undoubtedly, would have considerable to do with the moulding of the Board's future policy.

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WINNIPEG, Sept. 15.—International interest in Canada's exposition in 1912 continues to grow. Representing the national organization of manufacturers and other industrial circles, the French government, M. Maurice Huett, president of the foreign commission, accompanied by Yves Colombeux, a millionaire French exporter of wine and a member of the international jury of the exposition, are in Winnipeg, today at a conference with the executive committee of Canada's exposition.

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# PROSECUTIONS ARE INITIATED Against Importers of Nursery Stock Whose Negligence Resulted in Official Inspections

ACTION is being taken against the Fairview Nurseries, of the Vancouver Northern Express Co. by H. Lyne and G. E. Wilkerson, local horticultural inspectors, on charges of neglect and of delivering imported fruit trees not subjected to the usual examination. The case will come up this morning. The information against the Fairview Nurseries has been laid for some weeks while that involving the Northern Express Co. was sworn out for the first time this morning. It appears that the latter concern had been implicated by subsequently delivered an additional quantity of plants without inspection, imported from Springfield, Ill.

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the bed clothing were covered with blood. Blood was gushing from his head. At her right hand was a revolver and on the floor were many empty shells. Several bullets had passed through Mrs. Glavia's body, making wounds both in the front and back. There were many powder marks on her, showing that the bullets had been fired at close range. Search of the room failed to disclose the knife which with the cuts had been made. Mrs. Tripp had four children, all of whom were at school when the tragedy occurred.

Mrs. Silvers called before her death and made a statement that the machine in which Mrs. Morris was riding was overturned.

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# SHOT THROUGH THE HEART

Fatal Consequences Follow the Allowance of a Rifle as a Child's Plaything

SASKATOON, Sask., Sept. 16.—Wm. Henry, the five-year-old son of Oliver Marriott, who lives eight miles south of this city, was accidentally shot through the heart last night, and died shortly afterwards. The circumstances connected with the accident are very sad, and the parents of the children are overcome with grief. It appears that the little fellow was playing with his three-year-old brother, and the latter was handling a rifle, which was supposed not to be loaded. The

# DEATH THROUGH ENGINEERS' NEGLIGENCE

Jury Finds Alexander Forfar Victim of Accident Caused by Negligence of C. P. R. Employees

Accidental death, the result of contributory negligence on the part of two engineers employed by the C. P. R., was the verdict of the coroner's jury which inquired into the death of Alexander Forfar through the negligence of the C. P. R. employees Thursday. The inquest took place yesterday afternoon at the coroner's office, and it was held that the death was caused by the negligence of the C. P. R. employees.

The fact that the valve on the pipe was working at the time of receipt of the boiler is the subject of the verdict. The jury found that the valve was not properly shut off, thus allowing sufficient steam to enter the boiler and scald Forfar.

Dr. G. A. B. Hall, who was called at the trial, testified that the valve was not properly shut off, thus allowing sufficient steam to enter the boiler and scald Forfar.

Joseph Bigging and Thomas McDowell, boiler makers employed by the C. P. R., were the defendants in the case. The jury found that the boiler was not properly inspected, and that the valve was not properly shut off, thus allowing sufficient steam to enter the boiler and scald Forfar.

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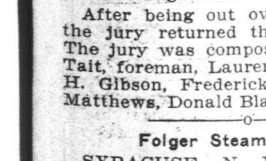
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