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TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR

4 Russ Torpedoes Captured at Port Arthur By Japanese Squadron Using Russian Signals In Fresh Bombardment

Strong Russian Land Force Reported to Be Moving Southward of Wiju and Anju.

GENERAL JAPAN ADVANCE

PLANNED TO BEGIN TO-DAY

London, Feb. 22.—The Nagasaki correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, under date of Feb. 22, reports that the Japanese squadron has captured four Russian torpedo boats at Port Arthur by means of using Russian signals. This dispatch appears to confirm reports from various quarters of a fresh attack on Port Arthur by the Japanese.

It is possible, therefore, that the report of The Telegraph's Nagasaki correspondent also refers to the earlier attack on Port Arthur.

Another correspondent of The Associated Press cables that Port Arthur is now in a state of siege and that the Japanese forces are being maintained by sea.

It is reported that the Japanese are disposing of their torpedoes in the sea.

There are many complaints of the arrest of sailors and other persons.

The report that large bodies of Russian troops are being sent to Port Arthur.

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NO FURTHER HALTING IN CIVIC INVESTIGATION TILL JUDGE DECIDES SAMUEL'S TALE TO-DAY FULLERTON ON LANE

Corporation Counsel, Says Protesting Citizen Has Only a 20-Cent Interest in Case.

The financial interest of Richard Lane, who applies for an injunction in the civic investigation, is just twenty cents according to the observation of Corporation Counsel Fullerton.

This was one of the sharp lights cast on the struggle to suppress the effort to get at the bottom of the crookedness in the late city election as reflected by the arguments before Mr. Justice Britton in the injunction proceedings yesterday.

As a result of the several hours' discussion the court refused to indicate a decision as to the continuation of the investigation pending his decision.

To limit investigation. The argument did not assume interesting proportions. It became arduous when Mr. Dewart abandoned his original position to answer the formal injunction and was rather pleading for the limitations of the investigation.

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MOVE WITH COLONIES

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, Feb. 22.—Joseph Chamberlain in a letter to Premier Seddon of New Zealand, just published, says that we can make no progress in moving closer union within the empire unless we propose to donate to the Japanese war fund.

Russ Kicks to the Powers Charges That Japan Repeatedly Violated Law of Nations

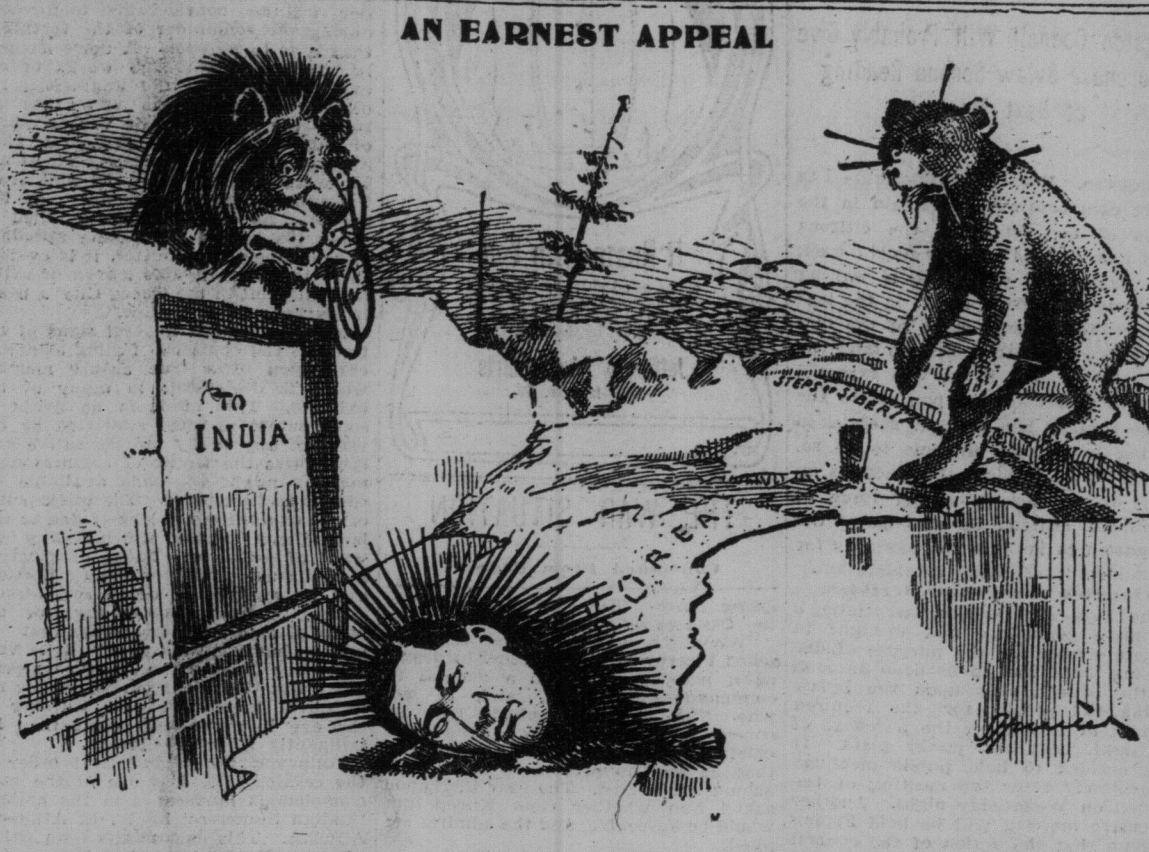
Threatening Neutral Port of Chemulpo and Attacking Russian Fleet Prior to a Formal Declaration of War Made Grounds of Complaint.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Russia is addressing to the powers a vigorous communication charging Japan with repeated violation of the law of nations.

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RUSSIA'S GREAT WEAKNESS LIMITED CAPACITY OF RAILWAY GERMAN EXPERT'S OPINION

Would Take 36 Days to Convey 25,000 Men From Ural Mountains.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—The Militar Wochenblatt, the organ of the German general staff, has published an article discussing Russia's prospects of reinforcing her army in East Asia.

The limited capacity of the line is said to be a much more serious matter than the threatened damage to it by nature.

The paper estimates the present troop-moving capacity of the railroad from Russia's experience last summer in moving two brigades to Sam. Thompson and his family that Justice Britton inquired sharply the

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BRITISHERS ARE IMPRESSED WITH THE COLONIAL TRADE

Replies of Manufacturers to Tariff Commission Show This Most Gratifying Feature.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable) London, Feb. 22.—William Hewins, secretary of the tariff commission, lecturing on an imperial tariff, said that the imperial movement was not the creation of a day, but was a deep undercurrent which was bound soon to find its expression in a representative body within the kingdom.

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LAKE MICHIGAN IN BAD WAY

C.P.R. Steamship Ashore on English Coast Worth a Million.

(Montreal, Feb. 22.—Special.)—It appears that the C. P. R. steamship Lake Michigan, from St. John and Halifax, ashore on the English coast, is in a bad way.

The value of the ship and cargo is estimated at about a million dollars.

There are all told 475 head of cattle on board, the ship's being as follows: W. Forster, 72; D. Munro, 100; British mailers, 20; W. Levack & Co., 51; and Gordon Ironsides & Co., 174.

No less than fifty-three shippers had applied on board, the total cargo of this ship being 4314 barrels, being, practically all Maritime Province firms and individuals.

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EMPEROR DOWAGER DEAD AND CHINESE REJOICE EMPIRE WILL BOOM NOW

Head of Reform Party, Now in Victoria, Predicts an Army of 10,000,000 in 7 Years.

Victoria, B.C., Feb. 22.—Leaders of the Chinese reform party confirm today news of the death of the Empress Dowager of China and rejoice exceedingly at the fact.

The party here says that China will now see a revolution of unprecedented dimensions, with the object of playing China as a nation against the modern powers.

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PATENTS Obtained in all countries by CHAS. H. ROBERTS, Registered Patent Attorney, Office, Canada Life Building, Toronto.

HIGHEST IN 7 YEARS WHEAT JUMPS IN PRICE TEN CENTS IN WEEK SPECULATION NOW RIFE BUT WARR REAL CAUSE

All the Markets in the World Are Interested and the Upward Wave is Not Ended.

Wheat is now at the highest point touched in seven years. All the wheat markets of the world are beginning to feel the effects of the struggle started in the far east, and are busily engaged in speculating as to the complications that might ensue should other than the new arrivals become involved.

After the close of the markets on Saturday bid prices of Manitoba wheat were advanced from 26 to 27 1/2c, and yesterday the price ran up 2c further.

Considerable interest is being centred in the question as to whether there is an actual shortage in the world's wheat crop, and recent estimates would seem to prove otherwise.

For 1903 the world's yield is placed at 3,182,556,000 bushels, against 3,048,181,000 in 1902. During the year of the completed Lester corner in 1898, the estimated world's yield was 2,984,423,000 bushels.

Prices at the present time are higher than at any period since 1898, when by the tactics of Joseph Leiter, cash wheat touched \$1.85 at Chicago on June 11. Figures for last year's cropables North America crop at about 725,000,000, and since the new crop began to be marketed have advanced to about 20c to 25c a bushel.

It is thought that about 200,000,000 bushels are in the hands of the farmers, assuming that these figures are moderately correct, and that the balance of the crop can be sold at ruling prices.

WANT THEIR PHOTOS BACK. Young Ladies Who "Saw" With Count Stuart Have Fear.

"Count" Stuart, the bogus nobleman, who was sent to the Central for defrauding a number of persons last month, has been put to work in the brown department. He testified in police court that he had done a day's work in his life. Now he is working twelve hours a day, six days a week, and has become quite physical.

Number of young women who were introduced to him by means of a young man of means, and who were so indiscreet as to have their pictures taken with him, have sent friends to the prison to induce the convict to tell where the compromising photos are that they may be destroyed.

CHANCES IN PERLAN LAMB JACKETS. Ordinarily a Perlan Lamb Jacket is doing what your grandfathers advised you of long ago—saving money. Next year your grandfathers will be fifty per cent more asked for fur garments than now.

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