

**\$12,000**  
**JAP SHIPS BOMBARD VLADIVOSTOK**  
**Part of a Scheme to Amphilate It**

**Fired Lyddite Shells at a Range of Over Five Miles and Did Little Damage.**  
**ONLY FIVE RUSSIANS WERE KILLED**

Vladivostok, March 7.—A fleet of five Japanese battleships and two cruisers appeared off this place at 1.25 o'clock this afternoon and bombarded that town and shore batteries for 55 minutes. The fleet approached from the direction of Askold Island, at the east entrance of Ussuri Bay, and about 32 miles southeast of Vladivostok.

Entering Ussuri Bay the enemy formed in line of battle, but did not approach to a closer range than five and one-half miles. They directed their fire against the shore batteries, but no damage resulted, as most of their 200 lyddite shells failed to burst.

The Russian batteries, commanded by Generals Veronev and Artamonov, did not reply, awaiting a closer approach of the enemy. The Japanese fleet ceased at 2.30 p.m., and the enemy retired in the direction of Askold Island.

Official despatches concerning the bombardment of Vladivostok by a Japanese fleet this afternoon do not mention any Russian losses, but private reports say that **THE WIFE OF AN ENGINEER** **WERE KILLED.**

**ALEKIEFF'S BRIEF REPORT.**  
 St. Petersburg, March 6.—A communication from Viceoy Alekief to the czar from Mukden, bearing today's date, says:

"I most humbly inform your majesty that the commander at the fortress at Vladivostok reports that at 8.50 this morning seven vessels were south of Askold Island. At 9.45 they were seen to be warships making for Askold Island. About noon the enemy's squadron was midway between the coast and Askold Island, making for Ussuri Bay. They were out of reach of the shore batteries.

At 1.20 the Japanese fleet fired two shells in the direction of the coast, and also to ascertain whether the Russian squadron is in port.

It is believed the Japanese purpose, it is believed to have been to signal the batteries did not fire a shot, and if the squadron is in port it could not be seen from the Russian batteries in the Bay of Ussuri on account of the high wind which rises from the coast on that side, obstructing the view of the harbor.

The Cossack scouts say that a Japanese column from Pleskisa Bay, on arriving in the snow-blocked defile of the mountains separating Korea from Manchuria, was FORCED TO HALT ON account of the roughness of the ground, and that at that time the Japanese squadron set sail for Vladivostok, as is now between the Russian fleet and its port.

There is no other harbor the Russian fleet can reach, even if the coast the manoeuvre in time, and never the battle at sea is expected hourly.

**JAPS' CLEVER RUSE.**  
 Chefoo, March 6.—On Wednesday at midnight the forts at Port Arthur sighted approaching the entrance many lights, followed by firing. The forts immediately retaliated, and after an hour found that the lights were many lamps attached to the masts of lumber rafts. From Japanese sources, it is reported, the rafts were despatched from the Lautsashan light-house with the idea of making the forts waste their ammunition. The rafts were from two passing torpedo boats, which towed the rafts to attract the attention of the enemy.

**FROM SAMARA TO MUKDEN.**  
 Paris, March 6.—A dispatch to St. Petersburg says that train from Samara to Mukden and Vladivostok, as a result of the completion of the railroad across the Lake of Balkal. After the crossing of the lake, the train, composed of 25 cars, was sent across the lake. Each train carries 600 to 800. The service is regular, and between 3000 and 4000 men are sent eastward from Manchuria. By the mobilization of reserves near the scene of war, the correspondent estimates, 200,000 men have become available for duty.

**ALCOHOL GUIDED RAZOR.**  
 Montreal, March 6.—Crized with alcohol, Duncan Lee of Versailles-street cut his throat last evening with a razor and his recovery is doubtful.

**TRY THE DEANER AT THOMAS.**  
**KING SITS FOR PORTRAIT.**  
 London, March 6.—Edwin A. Abbey had at work on his painting of the coronation. The King gave him several sittings last week.

**New York, March 6.**—The Journal says that President Roosevelt in two years has spent \$1,000,000, a sum that exceeds the amount required for support of the white house during the term preceding administrations.

**JAPAN AFTER CANADIANS**  
**Men with Will Not Scare**  
**Emissary of Mikado Expects to Secure 2000 Experienced Fighters If War is Prolonged.**

The Japanese government has emissaries in Canada securing volunteers for service in the mikado's army. This statement was made last night by a pleasant little Japanese physician, Dr. J. Birk of Yokohama, who is an Irons quest. The doctor expects to secure two or three thousand seasoned troops in Canada in the event of Japan falling to defeat the czar's troops within a few months.

The doctor informed The World that if the services of Canadians were needed these would have their expenses paid on application to the Japanese consul at Ottawa, who is his cousin, and that the pay would be \$5 a day and \$1000 to the family for every Canadian killed. The Japanese government sent him on his mission three months ago. He has been in Ottawa, and Montreal, and leaves this morning for Quebec and Halifax, thence to England. Wherever he has been he has found many willing to assist the island empire in administering a dose of punishment to the busy Russia. But there will be none but experienced fighters from our Canadian countries wearing the uniform under the emblem of the rising sun.

Dr. Birk feels confident of the ability of his countrymen to wage a successful struggle. He believes England and the United States are heartily in sympathy with his people and will help them if they require help.

**Russ Squadron Not in Port**  
**Is the Belle in London**  
**Seen Off Gensan Thursday**  
**Thirty Russian Sailors Who Tried to Escape From Port Arthur Were Shot—Japanese Disguised as Tartars and Carrying Dynamite Arrested at Syzran.**

London, March 7.—Only Russian reports on the bombardment of Vladivostok have yet been received, and these give no indications whether the Russian squadron is there. According to a report from Tokio, the squadron was seen off Gensan, Korea, last Thursday, but of this report there is no reliable information.

Speculation, however, inclines to the belief that the Russian squadron is not in port at Vladivostok, as neither the official nor the other reports of the bombardment mention Russian battleships.

Port Arthur despatches of Saturday and Sunday say that everything is quiet there. The Japanese cruiser squadron was seen reconnoitring off Port Arthur Friday night, during a heavy snowstorm.

**CHINA WARNS RUSSIA OFF**  
**Russians Lack Supplies**  
**Transportation of Troops Over Siberian Railway Impeded—Newchwang May Be Abandoned.**

Tokio, March 6.—The Chinese foreign office has replied to the mikado's government regarding the protest filed by Russia against the despatch of troops to the northern provinces. The reply says that the object is to maintain order and enforce neutrality.

**JAPANESE TROOPS ARE GREATLY EMBARRASSED BY THE SCARCITY OF PROVISIONS SUPPLIED IN MANCHURIA.** Owing to Japanese successes on the sea and the Chinese declaration of neutrality, the Russians rely largely on the Siberian railway for food supplies, and the transportation of troops is consequently impeded.

A Chefoo report puts the number of troops at Port Arthur as 11,000. They are prepared for Japan's attack from the rear. Provisions are high; no coal is sold and the inhabitants and cohorts are forced to remain.

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**TO-DAY IN TORONTO.**  
 O. S. A. exhibition, all day. Assessment department inquiry, city hall, 10 a.m.  
 London service, St. James' Cathedral, 12.30.  
 York Township Council, 2.  
 Billis Society ordinary meeting, Massery hall, 3 and 8 p.m.  
 Northwest Builders' Association, committee meeting, 5 p.m.  
 O.R. recruiting begins, Armouries, 8. Theatre—see public announcements.

**TOWN OF PERTH HELD UP**  
**CITIZENS VENT INDIGNATION**  
**RIGHTS OF PEOPLE DENIED**

**Col. Matheson, M.L.A., Accused of Lukewarmness in Fight Against Canadian Water Power Company—A. B. Aylesworth Advises That Commee Act is Inoperative.**

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**REGRETTED KING'S CELEBRATION.**  
 London, March 6.—The celebration of "Bibi's Sunday" by the Bible Society, a Russian Christian day was regarded of considerable interest in view of the absence of King Edward, who is suffering from a cold, is much better today and will preside at a sitting of the privy council at Buckingham Palace tomorrow.

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**NEW ONTARIO LEAP YEAR BABE**  
 Is Resident at Sudbury—Total Now Registered is 68.  
 The first leap year babe from New Ontario belongs to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dunlop of Sudbury. She came into the world at 11.45 p.m. The parents came from Scotland three years ago and have two other boys, but this is the first Canadian.

**Edwards, Morgan & Co., 36 Wellington Street, East, Toronto, Edwards & Morgan, 42 College Street, West, Toronto, Winnipeg, Chartered Accountants.**

**BIRTHS.**  
**ALDENISON**—At Carlisle, Wentworth County, on Feb. 29, to the wife of G. M. Aldenison, Jr., a son.  
**DUNNAN**—At Sudbury, Nipissing district, on Feb. 29, to the wife of W. D. Dunnan, a son.  
**FERRISSON**—At Cambray, Victoria County, on Feb. 29, to the wife of Kenneth Ferrissou, a son.  
**FLURY**—At Segrevo, Ontario County, on Feb. 29, to the wife of Alex. Flury, a son.  
**FRASER**—At Poplar Hill, Middlesex County, on Feb. 29, to the wife of Frederick Fraser, a daughter.

**Deaths.**  
**JOHNSON**—At Essex, on Feb. 29, to the wife of G. M. Johnson, a daughter, Mrs. W. C. Johnson.  
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**HENDERSON**—At Barrie, Simcoe County, on Feb. 29, to the wife of G. W. Henderson, a son.  
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**200,000 SOFT COAL MINERS**  
**WILL STRIKE ON APRIL 1**  
**Five Per Cent. Reduction is Rejected**  
**—Cut Would Mean \$18,000,000**  
**in Wages.**

Indianapolis, Ind., March 6.—Two hundred thousand miners employed in the bituminous coal fields of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania will lay down their picks and refuse to return to work after April 1.

This was determined upon when the miners in joint conference yesterday rejected the five per cent. reduction from the operators, which had been offered as a compromise, and also as the last and best bid that they would make to prevent a suspension.

John Mitchell, the miners' president, was opposed to a suspension and argued earnestly in favor of the compromise offer. He contended that the miners were not overpaid, but that peace was preferable to war; that it was better to accept the reduction and work than to reject it and thus bring hardships to thousands of persons who must use coal thru the summer.

Mr. Mitchell said he also saw that a disagreement meant the dissolution of the joint agreement and the probability that the operators could never be brought into another on terms as favorable to the miners as the one under which they have been operating for the last ten years.

Mr. Mitchell Discouraged.  
 Mr. Mitchell taking a gloomy view of the situation, but he is hopeful that some way may be opened for a compromise before the present contracts with the operators close.

Prior to the joint conference the miners held a heated executive session, in the election of delegates. There was much opposition from the delegates who would not agree with the statement that the coal market was depressed and that it was a bad time to go into a fight. Most of the opposition was from the Indiana and Illinois districts.

The eight hundred miners' delegates here will meet Monday morning in national convention, when it is announced, a statement of the position of the miners will be given to the public.

**Terms of Operators.**  
 The terms offered by the operators as a compromise are that there shall be a reduction of five cents a ton in the cost of mining one and one-quarter inch mesh screened lump coal-pick mining—in Western Pennsylvania vein, in the district of Venetia and three cents a ton on mine-run, pick mining in the bituminous districts of Indiana and Illinois.

The prices of machine mining are to be reduced four cents a ton on screened lump coal in Western Pennsylvania in this vein and in the Rocking Valley, and three cents a ton on the mine-run machine mining in Indiana and Illinois.

The wages of the track layers, timber men, drivers, water haulers, machine haulers and bottom cagers, who have been receiving \$2.56 a day since April, would be reduced to \$2.32, or fourteen cents a day. Pipe men would be reduced from \$2.32 to \$2.26, and all other inside day labor from \$2.26 to \$2.23 a day.

A provision that the reduction should not affect the day laborers receiving \$2.28 a day or less was not inserted, and the reduction proposed is to cover all mining and labor about the mines. The reduction proposed is figured as an \$18,000,000 cut in wages for the soft coal miners of the country.

**Dunlap New York Spring Hats Are on Sale.**  
 Owing to the bad block in the railroad between New York and the Dineen Company were unable to get their consignment of Dunlap hats in the show window before Saturday. The bad weather is the foundation of "Dineen" Company's apology to their patrons. These Dunlap hats, which are now on sale, present a variety of designs. It is safe to say that there was never so many catchy collection of blocks shown by the Dineen Company, and that is saying a great deal. The silk hats are particularly noticeable because of the extensive change in styles.

**UNSETTLED AND MILD.**  
 Meteorological Office, Toronto, March 6 (8 p.m.)—Mild weather now prevails thru out the continent, attended in Ontario by soft and rain. The temperature is a minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 26-44; Calgary, 24-38; Qu'Appelle, 22-34; Winnipeg, 20-30; Parky, 20-32; 34; Toronto, 28-36; Ottawa, 30-34; Montreal, 32-37; Quebec, 28-32; Halifax, 4-22.

**Lower Lakes—Unsettled and mild; occasional rain.**  
 Georgian Bay, Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Unsettled and mild; a slight rain.

**Use Canada Metal Co. Lead Pipe.**  
 The Confederation Life Association's annual report for 1903, just published, shows that the association had a most successful year.



**MAYOR J. A. STEWART** **CAPT. J. M. BALDERSTON**  
 Elected by Advocates of Municipal Ownership. Opposed by Advocates of Municipal Ownership.

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There are some serious threats being made about the possible content that Col. Matheson will find upon his hands when he seeks re-election as a result of his conduct in this case. To the World Col. Matheson declared that he had been ill at the time the bylaw fight came up looking for the acquisition of the plant, and had taken no part in the contest. If the city could do an unlimited business, he thought it might be made to pay, and would favor it, but with the limitations of the Commee Act and the competition of the strong Canadian company, he could not figure the town's plan to be a paying proposition.

**Another Side of the Case.**  
 In contrast with this statement citizens assert here that Col. Matheson's large commercial interests have allied him with the wealthy corporation fighting the city. This theory is argued with some justice and much effect. For instance, it was Capt. J. M. Balderston, the law partner of Col. Matheson, who was selected to stand as the mayoralty candidate for the element opposed to municipal ownership. He is a gentleman of standing, and had served formerly as mayor. He received 41 votes and J. A. Stewart 462. But even this vote is declared not to be a fair test of the actual municipal ownership feeling in the community. It is said many voters opposed the nomination of the plant not because of ownership of the plant, but because of a lawsuit and other undesirable aspects. Capt. Balderston declared that the World that personally he was not opposed to the policy of municipal ownership, but because he was thought a poor bargain and certain to provide litigation that would involve the town in needless expense.

**Fateful Day is Wednesday.**  
 But there is a pretty fight imminent. Wednesday at Osgoode Hall will be argued the motion of the Canadian Electric and Water Power Company restraining the town from discontinuing the purchase of the Perth Electric Light Co. If the town is successful, it will be a great victory for the town.

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