

RUSSIANS LOST 3,000 In the Three Days Battle at Vafangow. Fighting Now in Progress but no Reports are Yet Available.

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partition has no confirmation of the report, but hopes that it may be true. TOKIO, June 20, 4 p. m.—A report from Shimonoeki states that cannonading was heard there today.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 20, 5 p. m.—A despatch from Lieut. Gen. Stoesel (commander of the Russian military forces at Port Arthur), dated June 17, just received here, reports that no serious fighting has occurred around Port Arthur. Only a few skirmishes have taken place, the siege operations having not yet begun.

BELFAST, Ireland, June 20.—The owners of the Irish steamer, captured by the Russians and taken to Vladivostok, say the vessel left Muroran, Japan, June 13th with coal for Singapore. They declare her capture wholly unjustified and will lodge a claim for damages. The crew consists of British subjects.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 20, 3 p. m.—It is now definitely established that negotiations for the purchase by Russia of six Argentine cruisers had almost reached a successful conclusion when Argentina raised the question as to under what flag they would be transferred, she being unwilling to sell direct to a belligerent.

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STEAMER SLOGUM WAS BUT A FIRE TRAP.

Grew Tell of the Rotten Hose, Inflammable Material Lying Around Loose, and No Attempt Made to Check the Flames.

NEW YORK, June 20.—The death list of those who perished in the General Slocum is growing at an alarming rate. Bodies came to the surface today off the shores of North Brother Island singly and in groups of two and three, until at dusk 102 additional had been recovered.

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STANDS OVER FOR A YEAR. Fairville Ratepayers Are in no Hurry for Consolidation.

The annual meeting of the ratepayers of Fairville school district was held on Saturday afternoon in Fairville public school, Rev. A. M. Hill in the chair. Dr. Gray, the secretary, read his report for the year.

THE AUDITOR'S REPORT showed the books to be in satisfactory condition. James Ready was re-elected trustee, and Jeremiah Stout re-elected auditor. The question of consolidation of Manawagash, Milford, Fairville and Beausfield, according to Dr. Inch's proposal, was brought before the meeting by Dr. Gray, who moved that the ratepayers favor the proposed consolidation.

THREE MORE GONE ASTRAY. Members of Chain Gang Wanted to See the Celebration.

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AT SYDNEY. Four Hundred Men Are Now Working at the Steel Plant.

HALIFAX, June 20.—James Ross, president of the Dominion Coal Company, arrived at Sydney this afternoon. It is expected that an informal meeting of the directors of the coal company will take place there tomorrow. President Ross and the directors will make an inspection of the various collieries of the company at Glace Bay before they leave Sydney.

\$3.95 - Suits - \$5

The Sale is Now On of those Suits and Pants we told you about last week. It opened Saturday with a rush and all who saw them acknowledged them the best Clothing Values yet offered here. They Were Bought At a Bargain—you get the Benefit.

MEN'S SUITS, sizes 36 to 42, \$3.95 and \$5 PANTS worth from \$2.50 to \$3.50, Our Special Price only \$1.98

J. N. HARVEY, MARITIME MEN FIGHT FOR PROVINCIAL INTERESTS.

Dr. Daniel Wants to See Full Cargoes Coming Into St. John--Preference Should Apply Only to Canadian Ports.

OTTAWA, June 20.—This was last private members' day of the session, as henceforth government business takes precedence of all other matters. Not much progress was made, however, with private legislation. Logan of Cumberland after a lengthy debate succeeded in passing his resolution that in the opinion of the house the preferential tariff should only apply to importations through Canadian ports.

ELECTRIC CHAIR AGAIN BUNGLES. Another Murderer Tortured in the States.

COLUMBUS, O., June 19.—The electrocution of Moses Johnson, a negro murderer, in the state penitentiary today was almost as harrowing as that of Michael Schlier yesterday. Johnson was strapped in the chair at the first shock of 1,700 volts was administered at 12:05. It failed to take effect.

ADMITTED BRIBERY. SWEETSBURG, Que., June 20.—The province of Quebec is without a provincial treasurer.

HALIFAX, June 19.—The residence of W. H. Johnson of the large paper Co. on Carleton street was badly damaged by fire yesterday morning. The flames were discovered shortly after 10 o'clock on the roof, and before they could be got under control a large hole had been burned and several rooms of the hall had suffered. The loss from fire and water will probably reach a thousand dollars. About noon one of the chemicals was out to extinguish a fire in a pile of telegraph poles alongside the track at 20th street. Very little damage was done.

FLY TIME Is Coming. To help you we have: Window Screens, Screen Doors, Green Wire Cloth, Dragon Fly Killer, Sprayers. MAIL ORDERS RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION W.H. Thorne & Co., Ltd. Market Square, St. John.

Children. You Have Bought... In Use Over Years... MARIA... the white horn... south-west... pier of the... 4 mile mouth... Island, westerly... will be made... 3-5 feet high, at... above mean... that on or about... at Egg Rock... Island, and... ed a first class... during thick... of 4 seconds'... alternate silent... seconds. That... on or about... and class steam... light station, lo... the northerly... southerly side... easterly side of... easterly side of... first class auto... by compressed... thick or foggy... seconds durati... intervals of 40... to the... and located about... sterly from the... ES. At St. Luke's... 15th, by the... assisted by the... brother of George Derestford, Fannie Halsey, W. H. Smith, 15 Dufferin Row, at the residence... by Rev. James... Harry Hol... Mary Gertrude... Bernard and... At Holy Trinity... N. B., on June... Rev. Alfred... Wallace Donohoe... to Lily Mathilda... daughter of Cudlip... AY.—At the re... second, Spring... May 25th, by... Arbel Dickenson... to Annie Mow... At the person... 15th, by Rev. R... Lizzard of St... J. Fenwick of... the Cathedral... W. Meahan, John... to Miss Mary... daughter of the late... residence of... June 15th, by Rev... A. P. Ferry of... L. Quinn of the... R.—At the Grant... June 7th, by Rev... Gifford, W... and Laura Jane... George and Re... residence... June 4th, 1904, James... 74 years, leaving... daughter to mount... ed into rest, 15... ned, the 15th... below, wife of... in the 79th year of... the residence of... Mrs. Mullaney, 7... Mrs. Mullaney, 7... children... June 18th, by Rev... Mrs. Mullaney, 7... children... Mrs. Mullaney, 7... children...