

### FIGHTING BETWEEN RIVAL SCOUTS

#### COSSACKS DROVE JAPS FROM THEIR POSITIONS

Report That Number of Russian Destroyers and Cruisers Will Be Built in France.

Mukden, Sept. 28.—Many skirmishes and reconnaissances are reported to be taking place here, but except for these quiet events, nothing has been reported from the Russian scouts who have been taking place the Russian scouts have almost invariably shown themselves superior to the Japanese, both in riding and fighting. The Japanese movement up the Tsitsi river appears to be a comparatively small force. Raiding parties from the Russian army bring in many prisoners. Beautiful autumn weather conditions. Reinforcements are arriving rapidly. Over 1000 convalescents have returned to duty. The railway is in good condition. Officers are distributing the reserve of stores that were brought up from Liao Yang, as adequate supplies are now coming in from the field. Details of the fighting near Ampoun, September 10th, show that Gen. Mischenko's scouts, accompanied by a battery of artillery, attacked a Japanese position where there was a body of artillery, two squadrons of cavalry and two companies of infantry. The Japanese were shelled out of their positions on the hill and suffered heavy loss. As they retired the Russians occupied the hill until nightfall, when they returned under cover of darkness, having lost only three men. The Japanese are sending out large parties of scouts daily with the object of checking the Russians' movements. The march of Gen. Remen kampff's Cossacks covered eighty miles in fifty-two hours. They struck the enemy north of Bentshapuz on September 10th and thence continued south circling the Japanese right flank and coming unexpectedly on the Japanese line of communications near Beushou on the bank of the Tsitsi river September 22nd, inflicting considerable damage. The Japanese were thrown into great confusion, but they retired with a loss of only two killed. Dr. Matriev, who was captured by the Japanese at Liao Yang, says that the Japanese are suffering severely from dysentery, and that they begged his assistance in combating the disease. The officers of the staff are excellent linguists, and many of them speak English and German, as well as some Russian. The Japanese army is living almost entirely on rice and preserved foods. It is comfortably equipped, many officers having even arm chairs among their baggage. The principal Japanese fear is for money for the home front during the winter the country is swept clear for seven miles on each side of the railway, and the inhabitants are reluctant to say anything.

### RUSSIA ORDERS ELEVEN DESTROYERS.

Paris, Sept. 28.—A dispatch to the Temps from Tokyo says: "The Russian government has ordered eleven torpedo boat destroyers of the latest model by the Compagnie des Forges et Chantiers de la Mediterranee. Work will shortly be begun on four of them at the shipyards in Normandy, four at Havre and three at La Seine. Fifteen months are required for their construction. Other important orders are expected. The present negotiations include four cruisers of the Bayan type."

### REFUGEES WILL BE SENT HOME TO JAPAN.

Berlin, Sept. 28.—The Japanese refugees who lived in Russian territory at the outbreak of the war will be sent across the German frontier October 1st, on their way to Japan. The refugees consist mainly of merchants and laborers from east Siberia. They have been detained under surveillance since the war broke out, but the Russian government did not interpose difficulties to their present movement homeward. The active part taken by United States Ambassador McCormick at St. Petersburg in collecting and forwarding the refugees and sending commissioners to distant ports of the empire is greatly appreciated at the Japaneselegation here. Considerable amounts of money and clothing have been collected in Germany to assist the needy Japanese. The German contributions in aid of the Japanese Red Cross Society since the outbreak of the war, amount to about \$10,000.

### DA PASS HAS BEEN TAKEN BY JAPANESE.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 29.—5.30 p. m.—News dispatches received from Mukden are to the effect that the Japanese have at last assumed the offensive. They have captured Da Pass, and are pressing on Gen. Kourapatkin's left flank. The war office is unable to confirm this officially, because Kourapatkin's dispatches are following the Emperor, but the Associated Press is informed by the general staff that all indications point to the news being correct. It is believed the Russians abandoned the pass without serious resistance. Several other passes of the Da range, eastward of Benzinapat, 20 miles north-east of Mukden, are also in the hands of the Japanese. Kourapatkin is evidently drawing in his forces to the less frontier country northwestward, where he may decide to give battle. In the meanwhile sharp fighting is regarded as imminent, the object being to deliver their main attack, the flank movement from the west being of secondary importance. Da pass, or Ta pass, meaning great pass, is situated about 45 miles south-east of Mukden and about the same dis-

### THE NELSON SHOW NOW IN PROGRESS

#### SPLENDID DISPLAYS OF FRUITS AND ORES

Dominion Fair at Winnipeg Was a Great Financial Success—Burglars Looted Two Hotels.

Nelson, B. C., Sept. 28.—Mayor Hamilton opened the second annual exhibition of the Nelson Industrial and Agricultural Association in this city this morning. The fair is proving most successful. The fine new main building, erected last summer, was packed with exhibits displaying the resources of the Dominion. The collection of ores and the exhibits made by the Hall mines and the Trail smelter surpass anything so far attempted in British Columbia. The fair will continue all to-morrow, and many visitors are in the city.

### STEAMER STOPPED BY JAPANESE DESTROYER.

Chefoo, Sept. 29.—The British steamer Yikang, trading in the China sea, arrived to-day, and reports that she was stopped by a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer outside of the harbor of Chefoo. After the papers had been examined the Yikang was allowed to proceed.

### REPORTS OF ADVANCE ON VLADIVOSTOK.

New York, Sept. 28.—During the last few days 2,500 troops have arrived at Chemung and others are expected to arrive from Seoul, Korea, forwarded last Sunday. The Japanese authorities at Gensan are collecting 4,000 pack ponies for the use of the army to transport stores northward along the eastern coast toward Vladivostok.

### NEW RUSSIAN MINISTER Makes Changes at Ministry of Interior.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 29.—1.40 p. m.—The active direction of the ministry of interior to-day. It is already apparent that there will be almost a clean sweep of the old Von Plehve regime. The former minister has resigned. Both the chief of the gendarmes and the secretary of state of Finland, which powers will be divorced from the ministry of the interior, the new minister having firmly refused to have any connection with the police. The new minister, who, as under secretary of state and director of the land department, acted in an advisory capacity in dealing with the Russian revolution, is understood to be the secretary of state for Finland. He is distinctly a man of moderate ideas. Gen. Rkhavsky, it is also believed, will be chosen chief of gendarmes, and will be in charge of the department. He has just resigned the important position of chief secretary of the imperial household in order to be able to accept the position of chief of the gendarmes.

### LADYSMITH NOTES.

Number of Lots Have Changed Hands—Proposed Combined City and Fire Hall.

Ladysmith, Sept. 29.—There is quite a stir in real estate in Ladysmith, for it is impossible to rent a house and there are quite a number of people from outside places seeking to settle here. Consequently they have to build their own homes, and a number of lots have changed hands for this purpose in the past few days.

### SEATTLE HOLD-UP.

Seattle, Sept. 28.—Efforts of the police to run over the two moped men who held up and robbed Lou Conway's wagon in the lower part of the city on Monday morning after they had shot the proprietor and two of his patrons have so far failed. The men are now held on suspicion, but there is no tangible evidence against any of them.

George Hensel and Louis La Pointe, one aged 22 and the other 23, were arrested last night in connection with the case. James Murphy, the expressman who was shot in the stomach, was reported at noon today to be dying at the Washington Emergency hospital.

Gilbert McBeath and Lou Conway, the other victims of the robbers, are getting along nicely.

### PREMIER AND CHANCELLOR.

#### Official Denial of Report That Giolitti and Von Buelow Will Discuss Mediation.

Rome, Sept. 29.—Although a portion of the Italian press insists that the meeting of Premier Giolitti and Count Von Buelow, the German chancellor, at Hamburg, was connected with the subject of mediation between Russia and Japan, the Imperial, a semi-official organ, gives voice to the contrary. The Alinari asserts that the presence of Prince Chirios of Hohenzollern, at Tokio, has a connection with alleged plans of mediation. The foreign office, however, emphatically denies that Italy is concerned in any such movements. According to semi-official statements the only reason for the visit of Premier Giolitti to Hamburg was that he and Count Von Buelow desired to personally discuss the relations between the two countries. Giolitti especially desiring to explain Italy's membership in the triple alliance with the present friendly relations with England and France.

### BATTLESHIP LAUNCHED.

The Connecticut Given the Water With-out the Slightest Hitch.

New York, Sept. 29.—The United States battleship Connecticut was launched at 11.15 to-day. Owing to the rumors of the last few days of an attempt to wreck the new ship at the launching, there was an intense feeling of suspense among the spectators and officers and employees at the navy yard, but everything went off well.

### BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.

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### CANADIAN NOTES.

National Women's Council Elects—New President—Ontario Election Trials.

Winnipeg, Sept. 29.—The board of directors of the Dominion fair announce that the total receipts, \$168,320, wiped out the indebtedness of \$15,000, paid for cologne, \$12,000, and that \$9,000 is carried forward.

### THE WRITS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION.

Impression Prevails at Ottawa That They Will Be Issued Friday—Notes From Capital.

Ottawa, Sept. 29.—The impression prevails here that writs will be issued to-morrow, and that the date of the general election will be late in October or early in November.

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### COLLISION ON THE GRAND TRUNK

#### TWO ENGINEERS, CONDUCTOR AND BRAKEMAN KILLED

The Death of Geo. R. Hamilton at London, Ont., Was Due to an Accident.

Woodstock, Sept. 28.—A rear end collision between two Grand Trunk east-bound freight trains occurred at Eastwood, five miles east of here, at 3.15 this morning. Engineers Heron and Kirkland, Conductor Falls and Brakeman Benedict were killed, and nine freight cars were demolished. Present information indicates that the statement was caused by the switch at the west end of Eastwood station being left set for the siding instead of the main line.

### THE CANADIAN PACIFIC MACHINISTS' STRIKE.

General Superintendent R. Marpole Expresses Himself in Favor of Arbitration.

"R. Marpole, general superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., who had accompanied President Bushnell and his party on their tour of inspection of the line in British Columbia, returned to Vancouver on Monday's limited," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser.

Winnipeg, Sept. 29.—The Ogilvie Flour Mills Company have awarded to the Nordyck Marmor Co., of Minneapolis, the contract for building a three thousand barrel mill at Port Williams, at a cost of \$200,000. It will be the finest and most up-to-date on the continent, and is to be completed by September 1st next year.

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### SCHOLARS ON STRIKE.

Fifty Boy Pickets Prevent Pupils Entering School—Seven Hundred Children Hooded.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Fifty boy pickets stationed at the McAllister public school here prevented pupils entering to-day. None of the pickets are more than 15 years of age. Outside the school a crowd of 700 boys and girls hooded and yelled at the teachers looking from windows. Every infant was told to show that he or she belonged to a "union." Some of the pickets were merely a scrap of paper with the word "union" scrawled across it. Others were union buttons which their fathers had given them, and some were small pieces of paper, with the word "union" written on them.

### THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 29.—2.50 p. m.—The Russian press has heretofore studiously avoided editorial reference to President Roosevelt's statement to the delegates of the inter-parliamentary union on September 24th on the subject of calling a conference of the nations of the world at the Hague, to continue the work of the conference called by Emperor Nicholas in 1890.

### EXCURSION TRAIN WRECK.

Railway Employees Indicted for Manslaughter by the Grand Jury.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Responsibility for the wreck of the Sunday school excursion train on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railway at Glenwood, Ill., on July 31st, when eighteen people were killed and more than 100 others injured, has been fixed by the grand jury. It indicted for manslaughter Frank E. Hoxon, engineer; Frank Casper, conductor; and Charles E. Wright, brakeman of the freight train which caused the accident. Fred Whitman, train dispatcher, and Patrick Costello, fireman of the freight train, were exonerated. Discharge of orders was given as the cause for the wreck.

### THE AMERICA CUP.

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