

say that the United States and British consuls had requested that the women and children leave Newchwang, and doubtless they would give similar advice to all American citizens and British subjects if circumstances rendered it advisable. His Majesty's government has already addressed representations to the Japanese requesting them to take necessary steps to safeguard the British interests.

COINS FOR JAPAN

Being Made at the San Francisco Mint—Large Shipments of Gold. San Francisco, March 16.—The Examiner says that the San Francisco mint is making United States coin for the Japanese government, gold being sent here for coinage into money, which will be used in the purchase of food and other supplies for the army and navy, the last two steamers from the Orient having brought \$2,000,000 worth of gold bullion from Japan.

THE PROPHECY SPIRIT.

Predicts Striking Events, Including the Humiliation of Great Britain by Holy Russia. St. Petersburg, March 16.—The newspapers here are reproducing a curious prophecy attributed to St. Seraphim, the holy hermit of Saroff, in which he predicted his canonization by the Emperor last year and also the present war. The oracular utterance follows: "Marvel not that the leaders failed to reach the mill, for a greater wonder when a multitude, like ears in the cornfield, will march with banners to Saroff. Shortly thereafter will come a burden-some war, which will be the end of the Emperor. The Emperor will go to battle, I will him, and we shall rend the cloak from off England's shoulders."

CZAR'S ADDRESS.

To Germany Military Attaches Who Leave For the Front on Friday. St. Petersburg, March 16.—The czar this morning received the German attaches, Linstein and Tataroff, who are to leave for the front on March 18th. He said among other things: "Gentlemen, all Europe realizes that Russia tried to avoid war and to obtain a peaceful settlement. Many of the powers strove also to attain this end, but the Emperor would not. He has now conducted the war, infringing all international laws. Gentlemen, you will be able in the far East to see how Russia observes human and correct conduct in the war. The Grand Duke Cyril, who arrived at Port Arthur yesterday, will serve as first officer of the battleship Petropavlovsk."

OFF KORBAN COAST.

Vice-Admiral Stark Has Been Relieved of His Command on Account of Illness. Tokio, March 16.—Tokio is unadvised regarding the naval plans and movements of the Russians, and is in doubt whether the remnants of their fleets is still at Port Arthur or is en route to Vladivostok. Late this afternoon a telegram reached the navy department saying that seven Russian ships have been reported as passing Port Lyaeroff, north of Wonsan. The report was not circumstantial. It did not give the character of the ships or the direction in which they were sailing. It is anticipated that the Japanese, by their activity, will speedily determine the whereabouts and intentions of the Russians.

STARK RELIEVED.

St. Petersburg, March 16.—Official orders were published today relieving Vice-Admiral Stark from the command of the Port Arthur division of the navy on account of illness. No successor will be appointed, Vice-Admiral Makaroff having determined to serve as squadron commander as well as commander-in-chief of the entire Russian naval forces in the Far East. Captain Schensnovitch, commander of the battleship Retvizan, has been decorated with the Star of St. George for repelling the last Japanese torpedo attacks, and sinking the Japanese iron ships. The talk of poisoned swords having been left behind the fleeing Japanese is based on the misstatement of a Russian technical term. General Selinski, chief of staff to the viceroy, in a telegram said that proxylin had been found on the Japanese torpedoes, which the Japanese intended to use in breasting the roads over which the Russians were expected to pass between Anju and Ping Yang in order that the explosions resulting from the impact of the torpedoes would cause a stampede. These torpedoes were disassembled and six inches in diameter. The czar and his brother, the Grand Duke Michael, had presumptive to the throne, wearing naval uniforms, visited General Selinski this afternoon, and inspected the battleships Borodino, Orel and Andromeda.

HIS MAJESTY INSPECTED THE BORODINO.

His Majesty inspected the Borodino minutely, examining the arrangements of her guns and torpedo tubes and manifesting special interest in the stoutness of her armor. He examined the guns already on board the Orel. The Andromeda is so little advanced in construction that she was not inspected by the Imperial party. His Majesty conversed with the dockyard employees, told them their present work would soon be finished and requested them to exert their best efforts, promising to repeat his visit in a month. Great crowds of people greeted the czar on his arrival and departure. His Majesty will go to the new admiralty yard to-morrow and later in the week to the Baltic works.

PORTS UNSAFE.

Yin Kow, March 16.—The only reliable reports at the present moment from the chief Manchurian cities show a quiet movement along the railway, and such cities as Mukden, which are off the main line, are undisturbed. The people here are not in possession of definite news of outside events. The chief movement on the Fong-Huang-Cheng military road is the dispatch of riders to and from the Russian advance forces. A creditable native arrived here today bringing a report as late as March 12th from Fong-Huang-Cheng to the effect that the main body of the concen-

trated Russian forces had crossed the Yalu, leaving small bodies of troops at Antung and other points to guard the river. A fortnight ago a few spies visited Antung, but since then no Japanese have been seen west of the Yalu. The continued attacks of the Japanese have compelled the steady occupation of the Liau peninsula. The last bombardment of Port Arthur rendered every part of the fortress of Port Arthur unsafe. Residents assert that fragments of Japanese shells fell everywhere and that some railway coaches and buildings were destroyed, though most of the damage on the shore was unimportant. It is authoritatively reported that for a week past there has been only a small and changing military garrison at Hai-Cheng, but that a large force has been stationed at the invaluable fortified and strategical town of Ashan Shan, where the Japanese army concluded its advance during the war between China and Japan.

SAW DAMAGED SHIPS.

Port Arthur, March 16.—Another passenger of the steamer Argon, captured by the Japanese off the coast of Korea and which was taken to Sasebo, who returned here yesterday, declares that he saw two damaged warships towed into Antung on February 26th. One was being the Asama and the other a cruiser said to be a flagship having a heavy list. Other passengers of the Russian merchant vessels captured by the Japanese warships arrived here to-night from Japan. In the course of interviews with them, these passengers claimed that they observed general confusion among the Japanese troops, though the soldiers maintained an excellent bearing. They report that the Japanese cavalry makes a pitiable appearance, the horses being small and weak-looking. The passengers brought evidence that the Japanese had worked out a plan of campaign and fixed a date for beginning operations at least two weeks before hostilities began.

MOVING TOWARDS KOREA.

Paris, March 16.—The Temps correspondent at St. Petersburg asserts that a Russian army corps is descending from Vladivostok toward Korea. He adds that Port Arthur has a garrison of 30,000 men, and is provisioned for a year. The Russian ministry of marine, the Temps correspondent further asserts, claims that the Japanese fleet, since the opening of the war, are four cruisers and five torpedo boat destroyers and the machinery of a 12,000-ton battleship seized by the Japanese. The correspondent also claims that the Japanese general headquarters is at Mukden and Harbin is considered as a terminus and correct conduct in the war. The Grand Duke Cyril, who arrived at Port Arthur yesterday, will serve as first officer of the battleship Petropavlovsk.

THE RUSSO DE PARIS.

The Russo de Paris, in a dispatch from St. Petersburg, says the idea of the Russian Baltic squadron going to the East by the Northwest passage has been given up as too risky, and adds that the fleet will probably start in July and go by way of the Cape of Good Hope. The Tokio correspondent of the Matin is of the following information concerning the Japanese military situation: "The first army of 100,000 troops, under General Kuroki, occupies northern Korea. The brigade landed at Wonsan and forms part of a second army of similar strength. The mobilization of the latter has been completed, and the troops will start shortly for an unknown destination. The mobilization of the third army began March 7th."

NEW KOREA.

Seoul, March 16.—The Korean superintendent of trade at Kyong Hwang, on the Yumen river, has received a note from the general in command at Vladivostok, since Korea has been joined Japan, Russia considers Korea as a belligerent and will act accordingly. Two thousand Korean troops, now at Seoul, will be sent to the north next week. "The Japanese have asserted definitely that a strong force of Russian field artillery is on the north bank of the Yalu river, and that earthworks have been thrown up. Advice from Chon-Ju, a town northwest of Anju, say that the people are in a state of panic owing to the treatment of women and the seizing of the grain by the Russians."

CHEFOO, MARCH 17.

Chefoo, March 17, 4 p.m.—While entering Port Arthur yesterday, the 16th inst., the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Skorp, struck upon an unplaced mine and was blown up. Four of the crew were saved. Viceroy Alexieff writes a report concerning the Associated Press account of the damage done to Port Arthur during the bombardment of the 10th. He says the story of a fire there is "a base fabrication." Warnings have been received here confirming previous reports to the effect that the Japanese have laid mines along the Liao Tung peninsula, and that neutral vessels are obliged to show their colors five kilometers off shore and await a Russian pilot.

THE UNITED STATES CRUISER CINCINNATI.

The United States cruiser Cincinnati, just arrived from Chemulpo, reports everything quiet, and no news from the front. At the request of Minister Allen the cruiser brought two former Korean officers who had left Korea in consequence of their friendship for Russia. The Skorp was a boat of 240 tons and carried a complement of 61 officers and men. She had a speed of 20 1/2 knots. There were three torpedo tubes in the vessel. In 1902 it was sent out in sections and put together at Port Arthur.

BOTTLED UP.

Mines Laid by Japs Believed to Be Sufficient to Keep Russians in Harbor. Pekin, March 17.—A military attaché here considers the mechanical mines laid by the Japanese fleet at Port Arthur sufficient to prevent the Russian fleet from leaving the harbor. MANY WERE KILLED. Sailors Say Japs Shells Did Great Damage During Last Bombardment. New York, March 17.—Three Norwegian steamers, the Brand, Argo and

Seirstad, released a few days ago by the authorities at Port Arthur, have arrived at Shanghai, according to a World dispatch from that city. The captains, who were put under oath by the Russians to reveal nothing they saw, refuse to speak of affairs at Port Arthur, but the correspondents assert that members of the crews have told what they knew. During the last bombardment, last Sunday, the Argo lay alongside the battleship Retvizan in the harbor, and one of the Norwegian confidants' previous reports to the effect that a Japanese shell fell on the Retvizan's deck, where it exploded, killing 10 officers and men. Scarcely a resident of the north part of the town escaped damage. Many of the inhabitants attempted to construct rubble-bomb-proof shelter. One shell fell among a crowd of residents in the north part of a point of vantage, and was gazing out to sea at the attacking fleet. The shell killed 23. Three government clerks were killed while hurrying from the port admiral's office.

CRUISER LYING AT ANCHOR.

A cruiser lying at anchor a cable's length from the Retvizan, probably the Danish, was struck on the bow by a shell set on fire. The sailors declared that 80 persons on board her perished. The supply of food in Port Arthur is still sufficient to meet the needs of the garrison, and is entirely under the control of the military authorities, who issue daily rations. The Norwegians insist that when they left the Russian fleet had sailed with the view of making a dash for Vladivostok. It is possible, however, that the vessels had merely gone on another scouting expedition to the sea, where they remained besides the disabled warship only the volunteer fleet steamer Kasan, four smaller Russian merchantmen, one overboard, being a Japanese hospital ship Mongolia, which had been struck by shells, killing half a dozen men.

AT PORT ARTHUR.

The Usual Bulletin Reports a Quiet Day. Port Arthur, March 17.—All is quiet here. Military bands play twice a week in the public square. GOING TO LIAO YANG. Will Be the First Headquarters of General Kouropatkin. St. Petersburg, March 17, 4:50 p.m.—The first headquarters of the Manchurian army after General Kouropatkin's arrival at Liao Yang, the general having selected that point instead of Mukden whence to direct the operation. Liao Yang is ten miles west of the railroad, and is connected with the main telegraph line and the Liao-Hai road to the Yalu river. Another road, not marked on the map, leads almost due west to an extinct volcano, Fank-tou-San, over Mukden, being a point meeting here to go to the Yalu river. The road is a sacred lake. The road was built by the Chinese, whose emperors formerly went there to shoot tigers with which the Manchurians were so fond of being near to the frontier of China in the event of punitive measures being required against the Chinese. 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THE PARTIES AND THE TARIFF.

A contemporary affects to be concerned about the announcement that there will be no radical changes in the tariff during the present session of Parliament. The truth is that the journal in question is not disturbed in mind at all. It is not such a fool that it cannot discern the signs of the times. Therefore in its heart it rejoices that there is to be no needless meddling with the business of the country, which never in its history was upon so sound a basis as it is at the present time.

We fully expect the Conservative leaders in the House to keep up the fiction that they could do great things for the country if they were given the opportunity of putting their ideas of "adequate protection" into force. They cannot be expected to admit that the Laurier government has been as happy in its general policy as it has been in its preferential trade movement.

Mr. Fielding turned the flank of the enemy with a rush when he made his preferential announcement in the House. Sir Charles Tupper and his lieutenants maintained such a tactical diversion was entirely out of order, because there were obstacles in the treaties with Germany and Belgium which could not be overcome. But there was a government in power in Great Britain which was not afraid to denounce these treaties. Or rather that there was a man in the government of Great Britain with strength enough to insist that it should perform its obvious duty. If that government had been constituted as it is to-day the probabilities are that Canada would have forever determined the attitude of the Colonies on the great question of increased intimacy in trade relations with Great Britain. If the present British opposition had occupied the treasury benches the probabilities are that Canada would have been warned off in the same manner and told not to dare to lay unallowed hands upon the existing sacred order.

The German government did its worst to frighten Canada and to force the hands back. The British government, which one would suppose to be the party chiefly concerned, said not a word. Some of the Ministers, when they dared to defy the terrible opposition led by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and the man who has so abjectly abandoned his "lonely furrow," feebly protested that when colonies adopt such a course as Canada they should not be left single-handed to meet the assaults of such a powerful state as Germany. But not one of them lifted a diplomatic stick to warn the Kaiser against his policy. Now the government of the Kaiser wants to know why there should be strife between Canada and the Fatherland. Why? Because Germany was selling us dollars' worth of goods that could just as conveniently be obtained elsewhere, and she was severely hit by our surtax. Now she is willing to admit that British colonies have the right to make such trade arrangements as they please with the Mother Country, and if Canada will restore the conditions which obtained previous to the performance of the little game of bluff the past will be blotted out. Canada not only secured the abrogation of the blocking treaties, but she has taught the arrogant German a lesson in commercial statesmanship. The home-grown Briton has been somewhat startled, and apparently not pleasantly started; by this sample of Western ways; but he will recover.

Now the Conservative party has been forced to admit that the preferential trade branch of the government's policy is "a step in the right direction." It would force the British government to fall into step also by granting Canada a preference in return. John Bull is a hard old party to coerce. We must give him time to think the thing over. Mr. Borden and his people have been converted in the course of two years from active opponents of the principle of preferential trade to fairly strong supporters of it. Some members of the party have actually gone to Great Britain and taken part in the campaign there. When they made their tour of the West but a short time ago they cursed the preference as one of the Grit abominations. They carried a black tapan around with them and drew inspiration from it against the abuses which had followed the special treatment of British goods. When such a change can be made in a party in Canada in the course of twelve months or so, there is yet hope for ponderous John Bull.

As we have said, it would be too much to expect the Conservative party in the House of Commons or the members of the party out of the House to entirely abandon the functions of an opposition. We look to it to oppose the government and keep it upon its mettle. By such means clean government is secured. By such means also enterprise in government is forced. But when the Conservative party undertakes to say that it could improve the present conditions in Canada by changing the tariff in a radical manner, we must be pardoned for saying we do not believe Mr. Borden or any of his responsible supporters can in good faith take such a position. There is protection of the "most adequate" character in the United States. Germany is fully up to the standard the "adequate protectionists" have set up. France is

"protected up to the hilt." These are three countries which have tried most assiduously the experiment of forcing industry under glass, two old countries, and one new one with the greatest potential resources in the world. Is there one of them in a sounder business condition to-day than the Dominion of Canada? Is there one of them blessed with a higher average of comfort, one of them in which it can with truth be said that the condition of the average inhabitant is more tolerable, one of them in which the wealth of the country is more equitably divided? The Conservative party admits that every branch of trade and industry in Canada is in an exceptionally happy and prosperous condition at present. But it peers anxiously into the future and sees heavy clouds looming up. The country which enjoys the most adequate protection, the country which should always be blessed with abundance if there be any virtue in the Tory panacea for prosperity, is actually threatened with commercial disaster. It is to prevent the merchants of the United States from dumping the goods they cannot dispose of a home upon Canadian soil that the government is asked to change the tariff. The prophets of evil have been peering into the future for close upon six years, and they have always beheld the same disastrous portents there. We do not think they are to be taken seriously. We believe it would be quite safe to allow a fiscal policy under which Canada has made such a good progress to remain in force for another year, just as an experiment and to further prove that it thoroughly meets the requirements of the situation, supplying the protection necessary and keeping the treasury overflowing with the wherewithal demanded for the prosecution of such works as the Grand Trunk Pacific, and undertakings of even greater magnitude now looming up in the future.

The Times has the deepest sympathy with the lumbermen of British Columbia. If it would do them a service we should like to see American lumber shut out of the Northwest Territories. We ask the lumbermen themselves, we ask any reasonable person, to compare the condition of the newcomers on the prairies with the condition of the lumbermen of British Columbia and candidly say which appears to be the better off from a worldly point of view. An inquiry was instituted as a consequence of the demand for increased protection to this important British Columbia industry, and it was reported that many of the new settlers on the prairies were unable to purchase material to erect dwelling houses, and were living practically in holes burrowed in the ground. It is the first duty of the ministers who are doing their utmost to induce settlers to take up land to see that the condition of the newcomers is made as tolerable as possible. If the hardships of the rigorous winters of the prairies become unendurable and evil reports be spread abroad, good-bye for a long time to the activities to which we are so largely indebted for the present conditions. We are pleased to observe that the lumbermen and the C. P. R. have reached an agreement which will fully meet the requirements of the situation in British Columbia without adding to the cost of the building material of the settler. It is perfectly well known, in face of the indignation aroused in the Northwest by reason of an alleged lumber combine or trust, that no government of Canada would dare to impose a duty on lumber. The C. P. R. was so wroth at the danger in which its vital interests were being placed by the embargo of high prices that it threatened to establish mills of its own and supply lumber at cost.

The tariff may not be as perfect as a Tory government of the first class, with George E. Foster in the chair of exchequer, could produce; but it has served us well for six years, and we might fare worse if the parties who would profit by increased protection were again permitted to fix their own schedules.

A TYPICAL OPPONENT OF THE G. T. P.

Senator Macdonald makes the important and altogether unnecessary announcement that he is opposed to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway scheme. The Senator declines to regard with favor any section of the vast enterprise, but he singles out the eastern portion of the new line as the special object of his antagonism. We assume that the Senator aims at maintaining the equilibrium of the great political party with which he is associated, as we have seen in the newspapers the views of men of about equal prominence in the same party who have proclaimed their undying hostility to the western section of the line. They claim that it will run through a country whose resources are not only entirely a matter of conjecture, but that the work of construction will be exceptionally difficult, costing at least three times as much per mile as the laying of the rails from the mountains to Moncton. They ask why the taxpayers of the East, who supply ninety-nine hundredths of the revenue, should be burdened with the cost of the construction of this western section, especially as it is admitted it will not pay for years after it is built. They appeal for substantiation of their position to the claims of officials of the C. P. R., who are reported to hold that their lines in this province have not been noted for the magnitude of dividends

earned. Sweet harmony in a great political party begets confidence in the elections, and for that reason, we suppose, Senator Macdonald thinks it is necessary that he should join forces with divers statesmen such as Premier McBride, Hon. Charles Wilson and Hon. R. F. Green, the only Conservatives on record in British Columbia as opposing the Grand Trunk Pacific, for the purpose of maintaining the balance against the other Tories in the East who would destroy the equilibrium by their opposition to the Western section of the road. Then we have leader Borden standing in the middle of the political race with his scheme for the purchase of the portion of the C. P. R. running through a really barren country and connecting the fertile province of Ontario with the fertile prairies, an alternative which implies want of confidence in the resources of either the East or the West, and which, if it were adopted, would undoubtedly assist in the settlement of the wheat belt in the prairies, but would leave Canada no broader than she is to-day, while the real necessities of the Dominion are being neglected. The scheme will open up British Columbia, the Northwest Territories, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and the Eastern provinces. That is the policy the government is going to pursue, and which Parliament will adopt despite the opposition of Senator Macdonald. The Senator will no doubt oppose the Grand Trunk Pacific enterprise, as he opposed the all-Canadian line to the Yukon, and, in point of fact, everything proposed by the present government for the benefit of British Columbia. He succeeded in the case of the Yukon railway because there was a majority of Tories in the Senate to support his motion. But the situation is changed now. The government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has a good majority in the upper chamber and a very large majority in the lower. The contract for the construction of the new transcontinental railway line will be endorsed by a very large majority. The power to throttle enterprise rather than permit the consequent prosperity to add to the prestige that has attended every movement of the Laurier government has passed from the Conservatives to the Senator and from this province whom it made its tool. No one familiar with the record Senator Macdonald has made since the year 1896 will be surprised at his announcement that he will oppose the amendments to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Bill.

TROUT FISHING.

At the last session of the Legislature the government, notwithstanding the fact that the eminent legal talents of the Attorney-General, the Premier, the President of the Council, and of Bowers, were at its service, permitted the laws governing the taking of trout to be tampered with. The ministers surely should have been familiar with recent decisions of the Privy Council and with the attempts of other provinces to arrive at some arrangement with the Dominion government, in which the power of regulation exclusively rests, whereby the preservation of game fish could be secured. But the talent was under a cloud when the Legislature was assembled for business and it permitted the insertion in an act ostensibly framed for the protection of deer of a provision governing the taking of trout. The consequence is dire confusion in the minds of those who take absorbing delight in the gentle art and yet desire above all things to comply to the letter with the provisions of the law.

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Trunk will not follow the precedent set by its predecessor, of which the Senator was a strong supporter, and permit a second Ouderdonk to bring in ship loads of Chinamen for the purpose of enabling him to carry out his contract as cheaply as possible.

BE REASONABLE.

The opponents in Canada of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway maintain that the company has been treated handsomely and generously by the government. They say the shareholders will wax fat and become millionaires upon the bounty of the country. The eastern section is to be built by the people and handed over free to Mr. Hays for a term of years. There is the proof of the matter in a sentence. On the other hand, here we have Senator Macdonald and other prominent Conservatives asserting that the land the eastern section will traverse is unknown, and that it may be a barren waste for aught that is known to the contrary. Some of them claim the company will refuse to operate after it is built, that it will throw the line with all its worthless back into the hands of the government. And then an echo comes from across the Atlantic that the shareholders of the Grand Trunk Company are to be punished by the prodigality and recklessness of Mr. Hays. The line now terminating at Portland will, be made worthless. Mr. Borden, on the opposite side of the fence, says all the traffic originating in the West will be diverted to the United States branches of the system. There is such a diversity of opinion on this important subject that perhaps it would be well for Canadians to cast aside their preconceptions and await results. There is nothing in the business history of Mr. Hays upon which to base a charge of incapacity or incompetence. It is not, in accordance with the established reputation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to suppose that he would enter into an arrangement that would be inimical to the important interests of the Dominion. We are not signed to be well assured that there are potential resources of great value in our northern regions awaiting the means of transportation to quicken them into beneficial life. 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Local News.

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Dr. Anita Newcomb McFee and party of nine Spanish-American war nurses, who were to have left here on the steamer Iyu Maru, but were detained on the journey overland, have arrived in Seattle.

Monday night a meeting of the Bricklayers' Union was held when the question of making an appropriation to be devoted to the furnishing of one of the Strathcona wing wards of the Jubilee hospital was discussed.

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Victorians will be interested to learn that Charles E. Fowler, president of the Puget Sound Dredging Company, has been appointed one of the port commissioners for Seattle.

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The death of Mrs. Fraser, of Barkerville, removes one of the early settlers of the province. She had resided in British Columbia about 29 years. After a few years spent in Barkerville she moved to Victoria, where she resided about seven years, returning to Barkerville later. She was 51 years of age. Some of her daughters reside in Nanaimo.

Members of the crew of H. M. S. Flora have formed two associations. The marines have organized an athletic club and have taken up the Sandow course of training. Recently a "Spun-yarn" club was formed, and dances are held on the upper deck every evening.

Wednesday the ball committee of the James Bay Athletic Association held a meeting for the purpose of making preparations for the annual event, which takes place on Friday, April 8th.

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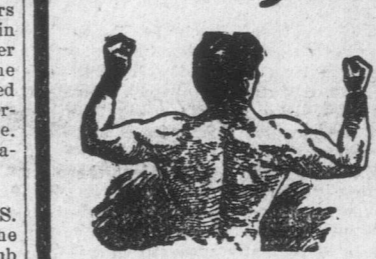
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On the way out to the Coast he heard a good deal about the Alsek country, but received no definite news.

Word has been received by E. B. Leeson, proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, that the Commandery of the Royal Templars, who will leave Pittsburg, Pa., on August 25th, for a tour of the Pacific Coast by special train, will be unable to include Victoria in their itinerary.

Mr. J. C. Stover, until recently an engineer on the tug Lorne, and Miss Louise Aspek, oldest daughter of Mr. Richard Aspek, proprietor of one of the principal Terminal City hotels, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at Vancouver on Tuesday.

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An Oration Will Be Delivered - Interesting Account of Saint's Career

(From Thursday's issue) The veneration of saints of the Emerald Isle through world for the memory of a saint is receiving active day.

and many a garb is adorned with the colors of St. Patrick, his historical heroes are not alive and sometimes the dates of their lives slip from the memory of the people.

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The apostle of Ireland was called at his baptism Succath, signifying "warlike" and it was Pope Celestine that gave him the name of Patricus.

At the beginning of his seventh year of slavery he was warned in a dream to prepare for his return; he accordingly made his escape from the hands of his captors.

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There was little business of importance transacted at the special meeting of the school board Wednesday.

It was intended that the principal business would be the consideration of the disposition of the \$40,000 which it is hoped will be raised by by-law for additional accommodation.

Trustee Boggs, who is naturally somewhat elated at the successful outcome of his pet scheme, the organization of a cadet corps in the High school, reported the progress made.

Trustee Boggs undertook to shoulder the responsibility for the drill while held during school hours.

After some further informal discussion regarding the date of the school field day, the board adjourned.

Stories of Outrages Committed on Men, Women and Boys in German South-West Africa.

Berlin, March 16.—Letters from German South-West Africa have arrived here giving details of the ghastly treatment of German soldiers.

Grave Anxiety is Now Felt Regarding His Health. London, March 16.—The Duke of Cambridge, cousin of the late Queen Victoria, is in a critical condition.

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was there identified as bearing one of the notations Dr. Jordan's brand, indicated on the animal a number of years ago in the Behring Sea.

JAPS PREFER THE CANADIAN ROUTE. PARTY TO LEAVE ON EMPRESS OF INDIA

An Associated Press dispatch from New York says: "Thirty-five officers of the Japanese army, who have arrived here from Europe on different steamers in the past few days, have started in a body for Vancouver, whence on March 21st they expect to sail for Yokohama.

The repairs on the Amur, however, will not be nearly so extensive as those repairs on the Tees, which are being carried out in the Star ways in the upper harbor.

THE SKEENA SERVICE. Steamer service on the Skeena river will commence on or about the 25th of next month.

HOPE IS SAFE. The tug Hope, reported in distress off Whibly Island, and thought to have foundered, arrived at Bella Bella Bay on Monday night.

OLALLAM WRECKAGE SOLD. W. Jones, of the City Auction Mart, under instructions from J. Newbury, selling collector of customs, sold by public auction on Tuesday morning all the wreckage recovered from the lost Olallam.

LETTER FROM ENTERPRISE. A letter has been received from W. H. Gillen, of the sealing schooner Enterprise, which left here last fall for the sealing grounds off the Falkland islands.

OSASCO DOING WELL. A letter received by a friend of a sealer on the schooner Osasco states that up to March 9th she had taken 300 skins off the California coast.

REPORT HAS IT THAT THE Olympia will go to Seattle to lie at anchor until the opening of commerce in the Far North says Tacoma paper.

VENTURE ON THE WAYS. The steamer Venture has been taken on Turpel's way for a painting, the first she has had for sixteen months.

THE M'LEOD EXPEDITION. Blain T. Swannell, second mate on the ill-starred gold-mining expedition which left Halifax in charge of a former Victorian, has written a lengthy letter to the company's shareholders.

MARINE NOTES. The Seattle Times says: "There is some talk of placing the steamship Rosalie on the Seattle-Victoria run in connection with the steamship Whatcom.

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THE NEW YORK LABOR TROUBLES

THOUSANDS OF MEN ARE ALREADY IDLE

The Building Strike is Responsible For Many Being Out of Employment - Other Disputes.

New York, March 16.-Labor troubles, as a result of which many thousands of men are already idle, again threaten the industrial world, and the situation is expected to become as serious as the memorable troubles of a year ago.

In the building trades it is expected that already 2,000 men are out of work, and that the number will be increased almost daily. In addition, the printing trades are threatened by the attitude of the lithographers, ten thousand of whom are expected to be locked out throughout the country before night.

The building strike was inaugurated by the masons' laborers, who claim that it was caused by their employers posting a notice cutting down overtime charges. The plan of the employers, they assert, is to inaugurate an "open shop policy" that means the right of the employer to employ men regardless of union affiliations.

E. A. Carew Gibson Has Brought Samples of the Rock to This City.

E. C. Carew Gibson, manager of the Cariboo Trading Company, at 450-Mile House, in the city. He brings samples of the rocks in which oil has been discovered by L. T. Ward, manager of the Horsedey Gold Mining Company.

It is questionable whether those interested will go to the expense of boring for oil in order to test the value at the present time, owing to the impracticability of shipping at present.

Disturbance at a Concert and Jan Kibelik Was Forced to Retreat.

Vienna, March 16.-German-Czech race hatred led to a serious riot at Ling, the capital of Upper Austria, where a mob of infuriated Germans stormed the hall in which Jan Kibelik, the Bohemian violinist, was giving a concert, compelling the artist to seek safety in flight.

For the first time in three years orders were posted on Tuesday at all collieries in the Schuykill region announcing that they would be worked only half time until further notice.



AND ON THIS. The above Cartoons are from the pen of J. Spears, of Corfield, and represent how the British Columbia Rancher views the Government's Policy of Economy.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAGUE MEETING

SIR W. MULOCK SPOKE AT ANNUAL GATHERING

A Resolution Passed Favoring Mutual Preferential Trade With Great Britain.

Ottawa, March 16.-The annual meeting of the British Empire League was held here today, when a resolution was passed in favor of mutual preferential trade with Great Britain, state-owned cables connecting the British Empire, and also that parliament commend naval defence.

W. S. MacLaren, of Huntington, will introduce the resolution of last session to prohibit the importation of the manufacture and sale of cigarettes in Canada. It was Mr. Bickerdike who had charge of it last year.

Anti-Cigarette Resolution.

Important Ruling Regarding Telephone Connections With C. P. R. Stations.

Ottawa, March 15.-The railway commission today gave judgment empowering the Port Arthur and Fort William Telephone Companies to connect with the C. P. R. stations, notwithstanding the contract the railway had with the Bell people.

In the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, R. L. Borden dealt largely with Mr. Blair's attitude to the Grand Trunk Pacific, and notwithstanding this, he said, the government appointed him to the railway commission.

Frank A. Anglin, K. C., of Toronto, and John Liddington, K. C., of Stratford, have been appointed justices of the new Exchequer court of Ontario.

Chicago Visited By Snowstorm-Fall During Winter More Than Fifty-Inches.

Chicago, Ills., March 15.-All records for snow in Chicago have been broken by the storm which began on Sunday and still continues. The total snowfall from the commencement of the storm, until 8 o'clock last night, when the weather began to clear, was eight inches, which brought the total for the winter to 85.4 inches.

Brisbane, Queensland, March 15.-All but one of the boats of the British steamer Aramo, which was wrecked on Sunday morning on the Break Sea spit, off Queensland, are safe.

F. B. Wade, M. P., Annapolis, owing to poor health, will not seek re-election to the new House of Commons.

DR. CAMPBELL'S DISCOURSE

On the Relation of the State to Religious Education.

At First Presbyterian church on Sunday evening Dr. Campbell, in speaking of the relation of the state to religious education, said:

There is physical, moral and religious training, and the state has certain obligations in regard to each. Success in life depends much on energy which produces momentum, and energy depends on the percentage of nourishment in the food; therefore, parents should see that their children have good nourishing food.

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The country passed through is diversified in character. Along the Omineca and the Parsnip there is much placer gravel, and mining in a small scale is being carried on.

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AN ARDUOUS TRIP THROUGH INTERIOR

A. S. GOING WAS SIX MONTHS ON SURVEY

Parties Representing Eastern Capitalists Seeking Locations Before the Transcontinental Line is Built.

After six months' exploration work in the northern part of British Columbia for the Grand Trunk Pacific railway line, A. S. Goings, Esq., returned to Victoria Monday. The task assigned to Mr. Goings was a difficult one, and was also attended with no small danger, especially in the winter months.

With the main feature of the country, as prepared by Mr. Goings in the possession of the engineering department of the Grand Trunk Pacific, the work of making a selection of a route and of actually surveying it will be simplified. It is the number of smaller parties will be put in the field during the summer to complete the preliminary survey made by him this winter.

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Pacific coast approaches were assigned to others. The Yellow Head Pass route was carefully examined by the C.P.R. engineers years ago, so that the Grand Trunk Pacific has in its possession accurate knowledge as to the various routes after passing through the mountains.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS. IN THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR ROBINSON, DECEASED, LATE OF SAHTEM, B. C. All persons having claims against the estate of Arthur Robinson, who died on the 12th June, 1904, are required, before the 12th June, 1904, to send to the undersigned administrator full particulars of their claims, duly verified, and the nature of any securities held by them.

After La Grippe Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites One month's treatment in each bottle, \$1.00 CYRUS H. BOWES CHEMIST, 98 GOVERNMENT STREET, (Near Yates Street) PHONES 425 and 450. Breeders, Attention!

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land: Commencing at a post marked E. R. S. E. corner, which is set at high tide mark on the shore at the head of Nasoga Gulf, Coast District, K. S., and thence running north (along the west boundary) of lot 50, B. 10, 20 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence south 20 chains more or less to the shore line, and thence easterly along the shore line to point of commencement, containing 40 acres more or less.

NOTICE. Pursuant to the by-laws of said Company, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Limited, will be held at their office, No. 2 Broadway street, in the City of Victoria, on Monday, the 4th day of April, 1904, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of electing Directors and transacting any other business that may be brought before said meeting.

Mortgage Sale. Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a certain indenture of Mortgage bearing date the 28th day of June, 1894, and duly registered at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, in Charge Book Volume 13, folio 97, No. 16,350, tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned, Barton Square, Victoria, B. C., until noon of the 11th day of March, 1904, for the purchase of the following property, to-wit: The east 70 acres of section 7, and the west half of section 8, range 1, V. C., Quamichan district, British Columbia, containing 160 acres of land, situate in the southeast corner of section 7, range 1, V. C., Quamichan district, Victoria, in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, in Charge Book Volume 14, folio 83, No. 13,972. The mortgagee does not bind himself to accept the highest or any tender. Dated 11th February, 1904. F. H. & G. G. G. O. R. Y.

\$1.00 PER YD CANADA RIVAL FORCE IN L Battle Reported Claim to H

LONDON, MARCH 18.-The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Chefoo, just visited Chinnampo, Korea, "On the way to Chemulpo a constant succession of Japanese ports. Three thousand Japanese at Chemulpo at the end of last year before the advance of the outposts, and that their force in the district number 20,000.

The Daily Telegraph's Tokyo correspondent, calling March 17th that the Russian fleet has just arrived at Port Arthur. If this is correct, the correspondent adds that the Russian fleet has just arrived at Port Arthur, the railway is blocked. The correspondent of the Standard says that the Russian fleet has just arrived at Port Arthur, the railway is blocked.

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Inspected Defence Newchwang, March 17.-General Linewitch after a Newchwang and its defence returned to his command. He also visited Kichou and inspecting the protection of the holding of the weak zone main line of the railway on Newchwang. Although disclaiming the authorities are satisfied that the