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# JAPANESE HARASS FLEETING RUSSIANS

## Engagement Fought Twenty Miles South of Liao Yang--Mikado's Troops Are Approaching Newchwang.

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At the general staff department the one dominant idea is that the developments of the last few days make it certain that the war will be long and bitter. There, it is said, had half a million men been required to hold southern Manchuria. The real truth seems to be that Gen. Kouroupatkin has not much over 200,000 men south of Harbin, and he is determined to pursue the plan which has been mapped out at first: to take the enemy to follow him back into the heart of Manchuria until strong enough to assume the offensive.

The Associated Press is informed that the Russian garrison is still at Newchwang, the untenability of the position is fully realized, and preparations for evacuating the forces have been completed. The Russian garrison there will be about 25 miles southeast of Newchwang.

The question of holding the Russian position at Liao Yang depends upon circumstances. The Russian high command commands the westerly approach, but it is realized that the position there will be rendered untenable if the enemy succeeds in bringing up superior force along the northern road to Mukden. An ultimate retreat to Harbin might possibly incur the danger of a Chinese uprising, which increases with the Japanese successes, and must be taken into consideration. Should the news of the Russian victories inflame the Chinese residents in Manchuria, the Russians, the latter's withdrawal north of the zone of their hostility might become imperative.

The possibility of active operations against Vladivostok also has to be reckoned with.

The general staff invests against a too pessimistic view of the situation, pointing out that the Japanese must land another army before they can hope to effect a strong advance movement, which will require time. In the meantime, the strength of Gen. Kouroupatkin's army and his position will daily increase. The general staff repeats the words of the commander-in-chief: "Patience, patience, patience." They also insist that the extent of the Russian losses on the Yalu river has been published. "It is no guess work of our losses," said a member of the general staff. "Every man has been accounted for. Let the enemy publish theirs."

No Intention of Retreating.

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May Send Warship.

Washington, May 9.—Secretary Hay today had a consultation with the President respecting the sending of a warship to Newchwang to protect American interests, and to prevent outrages upon other foreigners by brigands between the Russian evacuation and Japanese occupation of the port. It is believed that an intimation has been conveyed from the British government to the American government, that the dispatch of a United States warship to Newchwang might prevent the appearance of undue activity on the part of a single power.

The navy department has several warships ready for service. The first vessel to sail is the *Clematis*, now at Chemulpo, while the *Cadet* and *Wilmington* are at Wenchow. The *Cadet* is on her way from Chetoo to Chemulpo.

Vladivostok Squadron.

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Story of Fight in Which Both Sides Lost Ships.

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**THE CHEMULPO FIGHT.**

Report of Russian Minister on the Arrivals of Commander of Vicksburg.

St. Petersburg, May 10.—7.45 a. m.—The first word regarding the combat at Chemulpo, Korea, has been pronounced by M. Pavloff, the Russian minister to Korea, whose official report is gazetted in the official messenger this morning. M. Pavloff says: "The Russian commander of the Vicksburg and

**BRITISH INTERESTS.**

Consul Has Not Asked That Gumboat Be Sent to Newchwang.

London, May 11.—Evel Percy, under foreign secretary, replying to a question in the House of Commons today, said

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LAWYER BANGS GIVES SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE

Crown Witness at Preliminary Hearing of Robbery Case—Wilcox Committed for Trial.

Winnipeg, May 10.—Lawyer Bangs, released on bail in connection with the Wilcox trial, gave sensational evidence...

mons-to-day that the government had decided that recent events in Tibet made it inevitable that the British mission must advance to Lhasa...

CANADA'S TRADE

Ottawa, May 11.—The aggregate trade of Canada for the ten months ending with April was \$74,508,451, compared with \$61,230,385 for the same time last year...

PORTABLE SCHOOLS WERE CONSIDERED

BY SCHOOL BOARD AT ITS REGULAR SESSION

Would Cost Comparatively Little and Would Relieve Overcrowding—Other Matters.

An important question engaged the attention of the board of school trustees at their regular meeting last evening. It was the advisability of introducing 'portable' schools for the relief of the overcrowding in the public schools.

DOG POISONING CASE DISPOSED OF

POLICE MAGISTRATE GIVES HIS DECISION

Batch of Defendants Charged With Infractions of Streets By-Law—All Fined But One.

Wednesday's session of the police court was signalized by the large number of cases called. There were eight cases of infractions of the streets by-law...

THE COURT REFUSED

WINNING UP ORDER

Shareholders of Aldion Company Within Rights in Issuing Preference Stock—Trial Postponed.

On Wednesday before Mr. Justice Irving the petition of R. E. Jackson, for winding up of the Aldion Works Company, was heard.

MONTHLY TRIPS TO MEXICAN PORTS

NEW LINES MAY BE ESTABLISHED THIS YEAR

Efforts Being Made to Induce Delegates to Visit the Coast—Ottawa Notes.

Ottawa, May 11.—A sub-committee of the council, of which Senator Templeman is a member, have practically agreed on the terms of the subsidies to be paid to the steamship lines to be established on the Pacific and Atlantic.

BLAZING FIRE AT FORT WILLIAM

C. P. R. ELEVATOR AND CONCRETS DESTROYED

More Than Five Thousand Dollars of Money Stolen From Mail Restored by Bangs.

Fort William, May 12.—This morning about 1.45 the C. P. R. elevator, B, was discovered on fire and the yard engine whistled an alarm, soon to be joined by the town fire bell.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD TO MEET IN VICTORIA

Next Year's Convention Will Be Held Here—Business Transacted at Edmonton.

The Presbyterian synod of British Columbia has decided to hold its convention next year in Victoria. This gratifying information was received in a communication from the Rev. A. Ewing...

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New York, May 11.—Mounted infantrymen returned on May 10th to camp on the Karakoram and reported that they had killed 250 Tibetans during the pursuit. The force that opposed the advance of Col. Younghusband's mission, says a Times dispatch from Gangtse, Tibet.

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A communication has been received by the Dominion government from the Imperial Academy of Science, St. Petersburg, through the colonial office, stating that Baron Edvard Dahl, chief of a Polar expedition sent out by the academy, left Bennett Island, lying north of new Siberia, in 1902, taking a northern direction.

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Statement in Comments. London, May 12.—Indian Secretary Boddick informed the House of Commons...

Architect Woodgate has proposed plans and secured tenders for the work of connecting the Kingston street school with the sewer, and we recommend that the tender of \$1,000 for \$75 be accepted and the work proceeded with.

As only two tenders were received for the work of the boiler room and other repairs to the Central school, and as both were considered too high, we recommend that this work be done by the day, and a sum not exceeding \$100 be voted for this work.

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES. Piles, Hemorrhoids, Protruding Piles. Your druggist will refund you in 15 days if you fail to cure. Price 25c.

After a very short illness, Capt. M. Richardson, secretary to the Minister of Mines, passed away Tuesday morning. It was with the greatest surprise and with general regret that the announcement of his death was received.

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BLOTCY SKINS.

Trouble Due to Impure Blood Easily Remedied. Bad blood is the one great cause of complexion and blotchy skin.

RALPH SMITH'S VIEWS ON RAILWAY PROJECT

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The following is the full text of the speech of Ralph Smith, M. P., on April 15th, in the Grand Trunk Pacific bill...

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I do not think, sir, that any member of this House can take a higher position than to support a national proposal, when he has reason to believe that it is supported by the general sentiment of the people he represents.

Another important question that has been the subject of a great deal of discussion in the provincial legislature during the recess of the Dominion parliament is as to the necessity of an amendment to this agreement defining the class of labor to be employed on the construction of the work in that province.

Although the government carried the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme safely through parliament, the enterprise company has not been the object of attacks, both open and covert. Undoubtedly there is a good deal to be said against the extension of the proposed road to Montreal.

I want now, members opposite to listen to the statements of this representative Conservative paper: Here, in British Columbia, it is, in our opinion, the duty as it is the interest of everyone to avoid doing or saying anything that may put at risk the success of this great enterprise.

The News-Advertiser is the leading Conservative organ of the Mainland, and I shall quote its opinion. I do not know anything of greater interest, or greater importance to a member of parliament who has to form an opinion on this great question, than to know that both sides of politics in his province are prepared to support the scheme now before the House.

Let me read an extract from the Victoria Colonist of March 10th, 1904: The Dominion parliament meets to-day, and one of the most important matters that will occupy its attention at this session will be the ratification of the amended agreement between the government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company.

Now, sir, I think it is very important for a British Columbia member to know just what the people of that province think of this railway project. I can conceive of a member of this House having an opinion favorable to an abstract question, but that the demands of his constituents might force him legitimately to support a measure which in his own mind he might not be favorable to.

of British Columbia will contribute their share—a share, which it may be pointed out in passing, is larger per capita of the population than the people of other provinces contribute to the Dominion treasury.

I consider, Mr. Speaker, that in presenting this question to the House on this question, it was very important that I should show what are the views of the Conservative press and people of British Columbia so that in supporting the proposed measure I feel absolutely confident that I am supporting a measure which the people will endorse when I present myself with the other members from that province for re-election at the proper time.

Now, sir, I want to present frankly to the House my views on this question of government ownership. I believe, gentlemen opposite who have taken a strong position in favor of national ownership and operation of railways with regard to it, that it is a right and a wrong way of initiating it; I believe there is a right and a wrong way of educating the people of this country with regard to it.

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way, by what process of reasoning could I conclude that the people of the Dominion in the aggregate would be willing to support the principle of a national-owned and operated railway? I consider that that is an unanswerable argument. The right way to find out what the people of this country would endorse as regards policy of this government would be to find out just what the people are doing today in this regard on similar occasions concerning which they have very extensive powers, which they could use in the direction of what is asked now to legislate.

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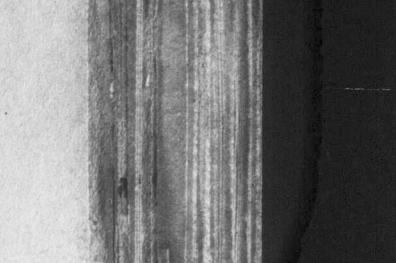
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DIED.

ARVEY-At Revelstoke, on May 4th, W. J. Harvey, aged 50 years.

FOR SALE

Residence of Mr. W. J. Smith. HILLDALE AVENUE. Bidders will be received up to noon of 5th June, 1904...



SCENES FROM CANADIAN HISTORY.

Three years have gone by since the French flag was unfurled at Saint-Ste. Marie...

A SECRET OF THE SEA

By Mrs. C. N. Williamson. Author of "Lady Mary of the Dark House," "His Grace," "Queen Sweetheart," "Behind a Veil," "Fortune's Sport," "A Woman in Grey," "The Barn Stormers," etc.

CHAPTER XVI.

"The Knight Counts for Something." Eve Markham had wished beyond all things for the opening of the door...

"I do not care for tea, thank you," she said. "I am quite ill with anxiety. All I want to do is to go back to my father. Oh, do let me go. If I may be kept here for the sake of money, he will give it to you."

CHAPTER XVII.

Behind the High Waterways. Sir Peter had left Lord Waverley and Lady Drayton at the hotel in Tangier from which Eve had disappeared...

"If you were a woman of the world," signorina, "I would reflect that threats are seldom politic, never polite. But you are something much more charming, a fresh and beautiful young girl...

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whom you speak, and of whom I have also heard from other sources. Will it make you think a little less kindly of me if I am frank with you?"

"What an idiot I must have been!" ejaculated the girl, quivering with indignation.

"I would be glad to do so, if you are willing to do me a favor, then," she said, "tell me why I was brought to this house, and whose it is?"

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right thing for a man to do, and makes it a bit harder to trust him for next time, if you'll forgive me for saying so. You've only his word for his exactness of story...

"I know the lad's mother, Waverley," broke in Sir Peter with a faint ring of irritation in his voice, which had never been there before when she addressed the young man...

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VICTORIA GUN CLUB.

The above is a photograph of members of the Victoria Gun Club, taken at the club house, Langford Plains, shortly after the annual trophy shoot...

SALMON OUTLOOK FOR PRESENT YEAR

British Columbia's salmon canning industry will, it is feared, suffer from a dearth of fish this year. Preparations for a third pack are all that are being made...

Thomas Scott, of this city, was drowned between Sooke and Otter Point Monday while returning in a strop from Jordan river, where he had been fishing...

Young Man From Victoria Lost His Life on Monday. The Columbia Fishermen's Association, it is understood, will not be ready for the spring run, when it comes. They have driven 110-foot piles in the straits, and have preparations well in hand.

J. H. Little, a well known mining man of Port Townsend, arrived in the city Monday and registered at the Dominion hotel. Mr. Little is interested in a number of Mounticker properties and has every confidence that with development they will turn out favorably.

Mr. Deverill has also received letters from the north which state that the run of ocellidians is about over. It was intended to start the catching of spring salmon on the 8th inst.

Winnipeg, May 10.—The sale of the Clarendon hotel for \$145,000 from C. F. Bunnett to C. G. Gregory is announced.

COURT ALLOWS SALE OF LENORA

Tuesday afternoon W. E. Oliver, acting on behalf of S. M. Marsh, the official liquidator of the Lenora Mining Company, appeared before Mr. Justice Drake with respect to the proposed acceptance of the offer of a British company to purchase the property...

His Lordship ruled in favor of the allowance of the acceptance of the offer, as the majority was in favor of it. Some of the unsecured creditors are still dissatisfied with the course proposed, and threaten to appeal against the decision of the court in this matter.

C. M. Hutchinson, of Waterloo, Ont., accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Hutchinson, is at the Strand hotel. Mr. Hutchinson is manager of the Seagram distillery at Waterloo. Mr. Seagram is also largely interested in running horses and occupies the unique distinction of having won the "King's Plate" race, which is run at Toronto on the 24th of each May, for ten consecutive seasons, a feat of one race being lost on the twentieth trial, after which he succeeded in winning two more.

Mrs. Thornton fell left for the Coast on Monday. She will visit St. John, N.S., and the St. Louis exhibition before returning, and expects to be away several months.

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