

THE RUSSIANS SEIZE A BRITISH SHIP
AND PLACE THEIR SOLDIERS ON BOARDRussian Transport Yenisei Blown Up at Port Arthur—Czar's Battleships Sink Jap Merchantmen—Another
Outbreak of Boxers Imminent—Russian Revolutionists Issue Manifesto Denouncing War.Russian Officials Now Blame the Czar for the Recent Defeats—Reported Destruction of the Japanese Port of
Hakodate Is Discredited at St. Petersburg.

London, Feb. 13. — The owners of the British steam collier Foxton Hall have been advised that the vessel has been detained by the Russian authorities at Port Arthur. Russian soldiers have been placed on board the vessel and her British captain and crew have been sent to Chefoo, whence it is reported that several other neutral vessels are detained at Port Arthur.

FOUR TO ONE.

Yokohama, Feb. 13. — It is reported here that the Russian warships Gromob, Resnik, Rurik and Bogatyr sunk the Japanese merchant steamer Akoura Maru, off Hokkaido on Feb. 11.

JAP DEFEAT DISCREDITED.

Story of Destruction of Hakodate Disbelieved at St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13. — The Associated Press is authorized to deny the report that Japanese troops had landed at Port Arthur with the loss of two regiments.

Nothing is known here officially regarding the movements of the Vladivostok squadron, but the report that it has sunk Japanese transports off Wonsan and Hakodate are generally discredited, it being pointed out that it is impossible for the squadron to have been in the two places almost simultaneously.

A naval expert says that if the Hako-

excellent fighters, who will be treated with the respect they deserve.

BLAME LAD ON Czar.

Russian Official Says He Is Responsible for the Defeats.

New York, Feb. 13. — The blame for the Russian defeat in the Orient is openly attributed by the Russians to the Czar himself, according to a dispatch from Berlin to the American.

It continues that a high Russian official said: "The Czar's recent manifestoes were practically an act of self-accusation. He cried peace when everybody else knew that peace was impossible. The loss of his warships at Port Arthur and Chemulpo awakened him to the realization of his delusion that war was avoidable."

"The Czar stubbornly tied the hands of our naval and military leaders, who knew that war was inevitable. There will be an official scapegoat, but the weight of the blame that unnecessarily disgraced the Russian arms must rest on the Czar himself."

CANNOT BE REPAIRED.

New York, Feb. 13. — In a cable from London, the correspondent of the Tribune says: "Russian attempts to minimize the damages to the fleet are ridiculed by experts, who assert that the only drydock at Port Arthur is too small to hold the injured battleships, which cannot be repaired for service during the war."

The American proclamation of neutrality attracts comment as more advanced in the direction of the protection of private property than the practice of European governments war-

present war will prove that the automatic regime situation is grave."

JEW TO HELP JAPAN.

Atlanta, Feb. 13. — Acting on the suggestion of Colonel Harry Silverman, of the Governor's staff, the Jews of this city started a movement to have their brethren throughout America subscribe \$100,000 for a fund which is to be devoted to the purchase of a battleship for Japan.

AGREES WITH HAY.

Britain Sends an Answer Regarding China's Integrity.

London, Feb. 13. — The reports regarding British delay in answering Secretary Hay's note on the subject of China have created surprise here. It is pointed out that the note was only presented a few days ago, and that the British Government already has communicated what is regarded as tantamount to an answer.

CHINESE IS NEUTRAL.

Tokio, Feb. 13. — The Chinese Government yesterday proclaimed the neutrality of China during the war between Russia and Japan.

WAR NOTES

The Daily Telegraph this morning says the British admiralty has sent letters of warning to all retired naval officers who are eligible for service.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph claims unimpeachable authority to declare that in the event of Russia being defeated in the Far East, Germany will make a diversion in her favor likely to have far-reaching results.

SUMMARY OF WAR NEWS.

During the last twenty-four hours there has been a dearth of definite information from the Far East. Rumors are flying of a Russian triumph at Hakodate, a Japanese port, which, it is claimed, has been destroyed by the Vladivostok fleet. As this squadron was declared to be icebound the report is probably untrue. Should this news be correct it is bad news for the Japs, as the squadron could do immense damage to the Mikado's coast and shipping, and make a conjunction with the Russian fleet en route from Europe. Four Russian battleships are said to have captured or sunk a Japanese merchantman and the latest details of the Port Arthur fight say three of the Mikado's torpedo boats were destroyed with great loss of life. It is claimed a Jap battleship was sunk. While lying submarine mines in Port Arthur for the benefit of the Japs the Russian transport Yenisei got tangled up with the apparatus and was blown to pieces. A St. Petersburg dispatch says a number of officers perished. At Port Arthur the Russians fired on a British ship, but later apologized for the mistake. Nothing has been heard of the rival armies which are supposed to be somewhere in Northern Korea, possibly close to the Yalu River. Revolutionists are active in Russia, and missionaries in China fear an early Boxer outbreak. Russian officials blame the Czar's peace talk for the recent defeats but will probably look elsewhere for a scapegoat. Britain is considering Mr. Hay's proposal as to integrity of China.

date story is true, Admiral Stackelberg (in command of the Vladivostok squadron) will be able to come south by the eastern coast of Japan and cause enormous havoc along the shore and to shipping and ultimately effect a junction with Admiral Visnina's squadron on its way to the far east from Europe. Viceroy Alexieff's silence about the Vladivostok squadron is explained as follows:

"For strategic reasons the viceroy, as commander in chief, is empowered to dispose of the ships and men without consulting headquarters. The enumeration of the Russian ships engaged at Port Arthur was purposely omitted in the official reports, as it would have given a valuable clue to the enemy."

A private telegram has been received from a resident of Port Arthur, in which the sender claims he saw one Japanese ship sunk. The fact that no mention was made of this in the viceroy's dispatches does not disprove the story, because the viceroy is careful not to announce anything outside of personally established facts.

It is pointed out on high authority that the Japanese are not likely to admit such a loss, and it is recalled that during the Chinese war they were most secretive about the casualties. The telegraph lines between Port Arthur and the Yalu River is believed to be broken, which explains the absence of direct news regarding the naval engagement of Chemulpo. However, little doubt is entertained here as to the fate of the Yariag and the Korietz.

The blowing-up of the Russian torpedo transport Yenisei, as the result of accidentally striking a mine at Port Arthur was telegraphed here yesterday, but the news was not given out until the names of the officers killed were known, so as to avoid needless anxiety to the relatives of the surviving officers.

The first feeling of depression is disappearing, and entire confidence is expressed in the ultimate success of the Russian arms.

A distinguished Russian said: "The slight reverses which we sustained at the outset have had a good effect. The Russians no longer despise the enemy. That was a mistake which we made. The Japanese certainly are

ants. The current idea here is that British commerce is safe while the navy commands the sea, and that ships can afford to pay high insurance premiums in war time.

RUSSIAN FLEET SIGHTED.

Twelve Warships Seen in the Vicinity of Kattagat.

New York, Feb. 13. — The captain of an English steamer, according to a cable to the World from Surinam, Frisia, says he sighted twelve Russian warships steaming in the direction of the Kattagat, presumably on their way to the far east.

By overcoming extraordinary difficulties if they did not touch at a British coaling station, they would have to make for Jibouti, French Somaliland and thence to Saigon, where the French might again grant them whatever fuel they needed.

On the other hand they might attempt to take coilers with them, but that would mean that their rate of progress would be so slow that they would be hampered in every way. In regard to the Black Sea fleet, the same objection applies, even if permission is granted to pass the Dardanelles. From private inquiries which have been made in Berlin, says the World, it is said that the movements of the Russian Baltic fleet are in reality a bluff intended to satisfy the demands of the public.

REVOLUTIONISTS ACTIVE.

Russians Issue Manifesto Denouncing War With Japan.

New York, Feb. 13. — A special cable to the American from Vienna says: "Underground advices from St. Petersburg state that the Russian revolutionary party has issued a manifesto denouncing the war, and declaring that the task of the Russian people lies neither in Korea nor in Manchuria, but exclusively in Russia, where domestic reforms are pressing."

The document declares: "Japan is a free nation. Russia, on the contrary, is an Asiatic despot. The

A Tien Tsin dispatch, dated Feb. 13, says: "It is reported from Cui Wang Tiao, about 150 miles northeast of Tien Tsin, that heavy firing has been heard at sea, and it is inferred that another engagement has taken place."

Russians fire on British steamer and afterwards apologize. The Italian Government has received a message from the commander of the Italian cruiser Elba, which is at Chemulpo, Korea, saying that several Russian sailors from the warships sunk there by the Japanese in the recent engagement took refuge aboard the Elba, where they were kindly received. The commander says, further, that he cannot deliver these men to the Japanese, because they would be made prisoners, and that he cannot return them to Russia, as this action might be interpreted as a breach of neutrality.

Japan is to use a new and powerful explosive.

CONTRABAND OF WAR

C. P. R. Trans Pacific Boats Refuse Carriage of Foodstuffs.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 13. — W. R. Haldane, division superintendent of the Canadian Pacific, has received the following telegram from Fourth Vice-President G. M. Bosworth at Montreal:

"No flour nor foodstuffs of any description should be contracted for at present for Japan via the Canadian Pacific steamers. In fact nothing that you think would be contraband of war."

This step is taken under instructions from the president of the road, who desired to be careful not to violate the laws of neutrality, in view of the proclamation issued by King Edward.

Hit a Mine.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13. — According to the Novoye Vremya the Yenisei was laying mines off the entrance of Ta Lien Wan Bay, with the object of closing it against an attack from the sea. Observing that none of the mines had risen to the surface, the Yenisei approached for the purpose of blowing it up, when the vessel came in contact with another mine, which exploded and caused the disaster.

MANY STORIES OF
THE BIG FIGHT

Japs Used Russian Signal Lights at Port Arthur.

THREE TORPEDO BOATS SUNK

Reports from Official Sources and the Newspaper Correspondents Widely Different.

Washington, Feb. 13. — The naval attaché of the Japanese legation, Commander Takeshita, has received a cablegram from the navy department at Tokio stating that the admiral of the combined squadron reports that at midnight on the 8th inst., the Japanese torpedo destroyer flotilla attacked the enemy at Port Arthur, when the main portion of the Russian squadron was lying outside of the port. He reports that at least two battleships and one cruiser were torpedoed by the Japanese boats. The enemy retired from the port. The Japanese combined squadron arrived outside of Port Arthur on the morning of the 9th, and engaged the enemy's fleet, which was still outside, and it is believed inflicted considerable damage. The Japanese fleet suffered very slight damage, the total casualties being four killed and fifty-four wounded. Not one of the ships was damaged to an extent that would injure its fighting power. The officers and crews of the Japanese fleet are reported to have engaged in the action with the same calmness which would have characterized their conduct during ordinary naval maneuvers.

ANOTHER VERSION.

New York, Feb. 13. — The Herald has the following special from Chefoo, dated Thursday: "Out of four Japanese battleships which were sunk at Port Arthur, three were sunk with great loss of life. The fourth was severely damaged and escaped. The Japanese torpedo boats effected an entrance into the outer harbor by using the Russian torpedoes as a screen. Consequently, the Russians did not fire on them, CAUGHT UNAWARES."

The following account of the first surprise is given by the Russian naval officers. "The cruiser Pallada was on the outside edge of the Russian fleet, and on duty that night. The chief artillery officer noticed four torpedo boats approaching with full lights, and in all respects like Russian torpedo boats. The officer informed his captain that the approaching boats were Japanese. The captain denied this and said they were built in Japan, but he was not sure. He ordered the Japanese launched a torpedo, but the boats were able to retaliate instantly, and the other Russian ships cleared for action."

It is pointed out now that the Japanese attempted a landing near Bedzero Poi Ise Wo, eighty miles north of Port Arthur, but were repulsed with heavy loss. They again tried to effect a landing at Ta Lien Wan, under the shelter of the fleet, but owing to strong fort firing they were unable to succeed. It is reported that one Japanese merchant ship in Port Arthur have repeatedly applied for permission to leave port, but this has been refused. The Casarevitch was towed into harbor at Port Arthur at 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. It is said that only her outer bottom was penetrated by the torpedo, that the Russians are busy repairing her, and that she can be repaired in two or three days. The Pallada is still outside, and beached. She must be seriously injured, but she is now also being repaired. She is the only one of the torpedoed vessels now outside.

A shell struck a hospital ship outside the basin during the bombardment. The captain's cabin and the chart-room were blown off, but there was no loss of life, as the ship was only recently purchased and was un-manned. Foreigners in Port Arthur were notified at 7 o'clock on Monday night that they had 24 hours in which to clear out, but British steamers have been found to leave. One German steamship arrived at Chefoo today, the first to get here from Port Arthur since the bombardment. On Wednesday the Japanese tried to land at Pigeon Bay, near Port Arthur. Thirty-six Japanese vessels were sent there. The attempt was unsuccessful. Thousands of persons are leaving Port Arthur daily by train, so that there is not even a standing room in cars. The Russian trouble has gone down 24 per cent at Chefoo, among the Chinese merchants.

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A Boxer Outbreak Feared; Missionaries Are in Peril

New York, Feb. 13. — A dispatch to Washington says the information received by the German Government that an outbreak in China might be expected as soon as the present war began is partly confirmed by official advices received here, which are receiving careful consideration, because of its vital effect on the present movement to assure the neutrality of China. The state department learns that there is a grave condition of unrest in Canton and the region adjacent thereto. Arms have been constantly imported. The Chinese are reported to be often

offered by foreign officers, especially Japanese. There has been an American warship, generally a monitor, there for many months. Conditions in the northern provinces which were devastated by the Boxer outbreak, are not so bad, because of the severe lesson which the Chinese troops were given by the allies in 1900. Germany has taken active steps to protect her interest in the interior by building gunboats similar to those used by the British. Mr. Conger, at Peking, constantly receives advices from missionaries in remote provinces, and they constantly express apprehension of an outbreak.

FATALITY AT ST. THOMAS

Assistant Yardmaster James W. Moodie killed.

Stepped Off M. C. R. Engine and Was Run Over by Cars.

A fatal accident happened in the St. Thomas yards of the M. C. R. at an early hour this morning. The victim being James W. Moodie, the assistant yardmaster at that place.

About 2 o'clock Moodie was on his way to have his lunch, and as he stepped off an engine, he walked in front of some cars, which were being shunted on an adjoining track. He was knocked down and went under the wheels. His right leg was taken off at the thigh, and the left was severed below the knee. He also received a number of injuries to the head, a large hole wound being caused on each side. Moodie was unconscious when help reached him, and he never recovered from this condition up to the time of his death, which followed the accident in half an hour. The unfortunate man was 34 years of age, and leaves a wife and three children. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. and had been employed on the M. C. R. since he came to Canada from Scotland thirteen years ago.

WANT IT TORN DOWN

Business Men Petition to Have the Market Building Removed.

A petition is being circulated among the business men of the city, praying that the council tear down the market house and thereby make more room on the market for the farmers of the district. The petition states that the rental received from the buildings is at present a mere nothing, and that its room is of more value than its presence on the market. The statement is also made that it is unfair to competitors of the butchers in the market house stalls for the city to allow the butchers free water and such low rent. It is said the petition is being freely signed by Dundas and Richmond street business men, as well as by those in the vicinity of the market.

INJURED BY STREET CAR

Death of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Small's Little Daughter in Chicago.

Word was received in the city this morning of the death at Chicago of Margaret Isabel, the engaging little 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Small. Particulars of the child's death have not been obtained, beyond the fact that it was due to injuries received by being struck by a street car. The remains will be brought to London in the spring for interment.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Small will hear of the child's death with regret, and will extend their sincere sympathy. Mr. Small is well-known in this city, where he lived for many years prior to his removal to Chicago. He was one of the organizers of the London Old Boys' Association of that city, and will be remembered by Londoners from all parts as one of the prime movers in every realm.

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A SMASH ON GRAND TRUNK

Express Ran Into Freight Not Far From Ingersoll.

Three Cars Wrecked, Engine Damaged, No One Hurt.

No. 6 express on the Grand Trunk, due to leave here for Niagara Falls at 10:25 a.m., met with an accident this morning at Paton's siding, midway between Dorchester Station and Ingersoll.

Running ahead of the express was the way freight, which runs daily between London and Hamilton, and it was about to take the siding to make way for No. 6, when the latter crashed into the rear end of it, wrecking three cars and the engine, and blocking the line for several hours.

The engineer on the express was Thos. Buckpit, of Sarnia, Tamworth, one of the most experienced men on the road, with his fireman, he escaped injury, as did all of the passengers. The engine alone was damaged, none of the cars of the passenger train being injured in the least.

At the time of the accident the freight was moving slowly, and the express was not traveling at a high rate of speed. Immediately to the west of the siding is a curve, which prevented Buckpit seeing the freight until it was too late to bring the express to a standstill. The London auxiliary was called out, and late in the afternoon succeeded in getting the track open.

ON BRINK OF FALL

Guide Takes Visitor to a Point Never Before Reached.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 13. — At noon Thursday Guide John R. Barlow escorted Supt. Ferry, of the state reservation to a point on the very brink of the American Falls never before reached by a human being. When at the foot of Robinson Island, which is one of the inaccessible points between the American Falls and the Goat Island bridge, Guide Barlow pointed out the possibility of walking to the brink of the awful precipice sure of every step. The men proceeded, Barlow leading. Leaving Robinson Island they walked on toward the edge of the precipice, which they reached midway between Luna Island and Prospect Point.

LIGHT WORK AT COURT.

At police court this morning one drunk constituted the calendar. He was fined \$2. The court this week hasn't had enough to pay for having the calendar. There have been very few cases before the magistrate.

A McMASTER STUDENT.

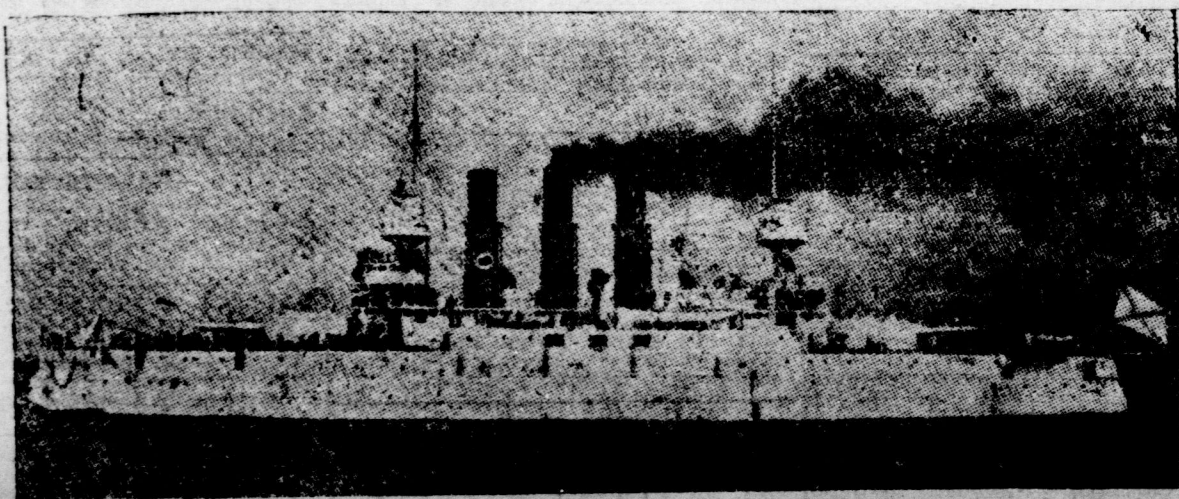
A McMaster University student, Mr. Stewart Woodburn, will conduct the weekly men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow afternoon. The meeting begins at 4:15 o'clock and all men are welcome.

ROADS IMPROVING.

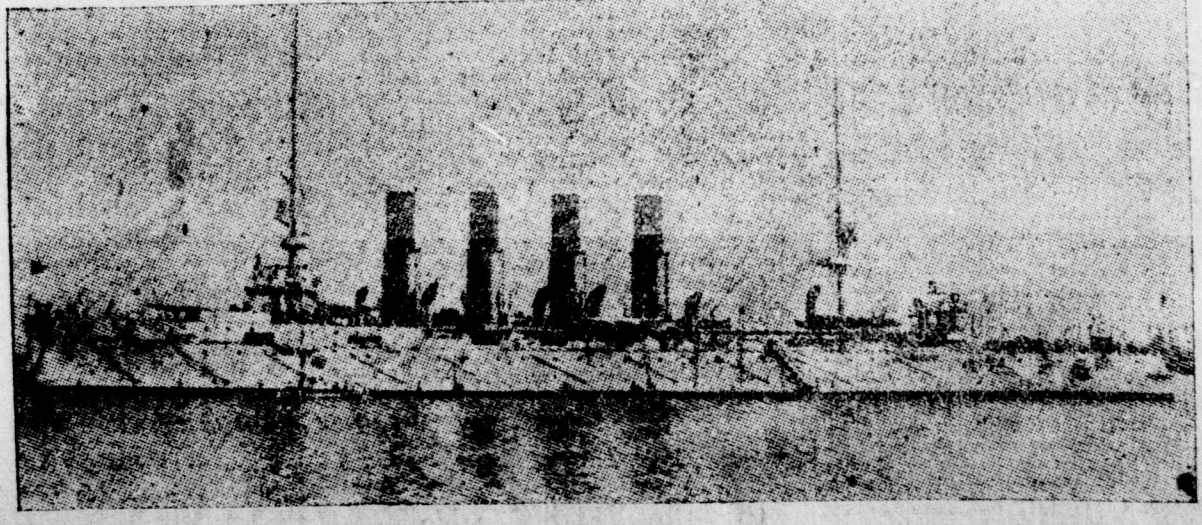
The condition of the country roads has shown a decided improvement during the past week or ten days. Travel in all directions is better, enabling farmers to reach the markets. The attendance on the square this morning was the largest in weeks, the representation from all sections being good.

Hold-Up Men Enter a Club; Take \$8,000 From Members

San Francisco, Feb. 13. — Five men entered the Colonial Club, frequented by leading sporting men in this city, last night. While one remained on guard the others broke into the club-room and rounded up the inmates, who were lined up against the wall. They were then relieved of money and valuables to the extent of \$8,000. The keys of the bank were then taken from Joseph Harland, and from it the robbers got \$5,500 in gold coin. The victims were then bound hand and foot and laid face downwards upon the floor, two of the robbers being left in charge of them until the rest of the band had sufficient time to get away in safety. They then extinguished the lights and made good their escape. No traces of the thieves has been so far obtainable.



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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Miss Adele Spry, of Barrie, is vi-

siting friends in this city.

—Fireman Alex. Borland, of the Cen-

tral station, is enjoying a few holi-

days.

—Miss Hulda Hymmenhough, of this

city, is the guest of Miss Stella Spack-

man, of Exeter.

—Miss May Rodaway, who has been

visiting friends in this city, has re-

turned to her home in Clinton.

—Mrs. Archie McNeil, with her chil-

ren, is visiting her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Thomas Tims, Dawn township.

—Miss Whetstone "Frederick," South

London, left on Wednesday to visit her

mother, Mrs. (Dr.) J. C. Glashan, Ot-

tawa.

—Mr. Fred Manness leaves today for

his home in Manitoba after spending

two months with his mother, Mrs. Man-

ness, Fall Mall street.

—There was a large attendance last

night at the Palace Dancing Academy

when the Manhattan Club held another

of their popular dances.

—About 4 o'clock yesterday after-

noon the firemen were called to the

corner of Bathurst and Ridout streets.

The call proved to be a false alarm.

—The new club-rooms of the South

London Liberals in Tebbelock Hall,

are now open, and every Liberal in

South London is invited to make use

of them. The rooms are open every

evening but Thursday.

—The Elford Literary Club of Grade

VIII, Talbot street school, met yester-

day afternoon. A pleasant program-

me of music and literature was rendered.

Owing to the absence of the president

through illness, the vice-president took

the chair.

—The evening service at Adelaide

Street Baptist Church tomorrow will

be of a peculiarly interesting charac-

ter. The service is to be entirely in

charge of a band of twenty young men

and will be of an evangelistic nature. The

young men will also have charge of

the music.

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NO ETIQUETTE IN MODERN WAR

Russia's Cry of Treachery
Many Times Disproved.

STRIKE FIRST IS NOW THE RULE

Russian Fired First Shot in Present
War, Thus Throwing Down the
Gauntlet.

Washington, Feb. 13. — Russia's pathetic cry of "treachery" following the humiliating blows administered to her fleet by the Japanese, diplomatically hinted in the Czar's "supreme manifest" and openly voiced in the St. Petersburg press, is shown by the cold facts of history to be ridiculous. The fact that only with France, treaty ally of Russia, has the complaint gained sympathy, proves its absurdity.

In modern warfare there is no such thing as etiquette. The value of the first blow is too well recognized to permit adherence to a formal code of belligerent propriety. Fighting by rule passed with the traditions of the Middle Ages, and today war exists when cause has been given for the breaking of relations between powers. In accusing Japan of "Asiatic duplicity," Russia itself is guilty of that misdemeanor, which has for so long a time characterized her diplomacy.

The declaration of war with Spain was given to the world at least a score of days after the first overt act. Recognition of the independence of Cuba by Congress, following the "turmoil" caused by the blowing up of the Maine in Havana Harbor, was the initial step in that struggle, analogous to Japan's break of diplomatic relations in the present affair. The American navy immediately began warlike maneuvers, the outbreak of hostilities taking place in the capture of a Spanish trading sloop by an American gunboat, which preceded the declaration.

A few other illustrations will show that the cases during the last two centuries where war has been heralded with a formal declaration form a very insignificant exception to the rule of "strike first and tell them afterward," which is distinctly the prevailing one. The famous battle of Copenhagen, which gained for Nelson the title of viscount, is a case in point. The northern courts, Norway, Sweden and Denmark, had in 1801 agreed upon an armed neutrality in the death struggle between England and Napoleon. The league was a menace to "freedom of the seas," and a fleet was dispatched into the Baltic to break it. Nelson, without waiting for his sovereign to issue a formal declaration of war against Denmark, drew up his powerful armament in little line before Copenhagen and opened battle with the Danish fleet and powerful supporting batteries.

Russia herself committed a breach of the principles of humanity, beside which her own exaggerated charges against Japan are child's play. In 1855, at the opening of the Crimean war, a Russian fleet descended without warning upon the Turkish fleet at Sinope. The "Turks were hopelessly outnumbered from the beginning, and when the unequal conflict ended every one of their vessels had been sunk and 4,000 sailors killed or drowned. Again in the war of 1877, 16,000 Russian troops were thrown across the Roumanian frontier upon the very day that the formal proclamation was issued from St. Petersburg, which was certainly not within the limits of any code of international courtesy.

England's war with Turkey in the Crimea was also opened with an overt act — the entrance of the English fleet into the Dardanelles three days after the formality of declaring war was gone through with, the high sheriff of the realm making the announcement from the steps of the Exchange Building.

Napoleon, the military genius of the modern era, who caused war traditions to be rewritten, rarely took the trouble of issuing a declaration. The allied powers stepped upon his imperial toes, and he struck forth. Baron Hayashi, Japanese minister to Great Britain, controverts the Russian accusation of treachery, and says that it was Russia and Japan which fired the first shot. The Japanese ships first came into contact with the Russians at Chemulpo, with results disastrous to the latter. The Japanese admiral ordered the two Russian cruisers to leave the harbor within a time limit, upon which they steamed out and began battle, the Korietz opening with a shot fired at a Japanese torpedo boat. The incident of having first thrown down the gauntlet.

RECORD RUN TO HIS WIFE

Engineer on the Union Pacific Goes
111 Miles in 93 Minutes.

Rock Springs, Wyo., Feb. 10. — Because his wife was supposed to be dying at her home here, Engineer Patrick Burns, of the Union Pacific fast train, got right of way over everything on the road, and brought his train over the 111 miles between Rockville and this point in 93 minutes, breaking the record for long distance fast running on the Union Pacific. His wife will recover and the twin boys are healthy.

Burns received a telegram of his wife's illness while waiting at Rockville to take out the fast train. The dispatcher cleared the track of all trains and gave Burns an order to make as fast time as possible. The Union Pacific is down grade all the way. Rock Springs being 602 feet below Rawlins. The speed averaged 72 miles an hour.

A SAN DOMINGO BATTLE.

Washington, Feb. 13. — United States Minister Powell reports by cable to the state department from San Domingo under date of the 9th, that it was reported in the capital that a fierce battle had been fought in Sanchez, and a great many people had been killed.

BIRDSEYE VIEW OF THEATER OF RUSSO-JAPANESE CONFLICT

SOME OF THE DISTANCES INVOLVED.

	English miles.
Straits of Korea (Tsushima Island) to Vladivostok	650
Yalu River to Chemulpo, by sea, about	150
Fusan in South Korea to Shimonoseki, Japan	350
Chemulpo to Sasebo (Japan imperial dockyard), by sea, about	600
Port Arthur to Chemulpo	294
Port Arthur to Taku forts	163
Chifu to Shanghai	77
Wei Hai Wei to Hong Kong	510
Shanghai to Nagasaki	1,186
Port Arthur to Vladivostok, about	467
Fusan to Gensan, by sea	1,270
Vladivostok to Russian frontier at Ekaterinberg	4,000



SOME OF THE CHIEF POINTS OF INTEREST.

The Yalu district is shown with enlarged detail on this map (taken from the pages of the Sphere), in order to show the position of the place chiefly concerned in the present crisis. Tatungtan lies just outside the entrance, Antung on the Manchurian side, and Wiju on the Korean side. The river is navigable up to Shaho, which is the great center of trade for this district. The crossing of the Yalu by the Russians has largely brought about the present crisis. Antung lies near the position marked "Russian forts." Most of the towns and villages of Korea are some eight miles inland, owing to the incursions of Japanese pirates. The Japanese railway in Korea is shown by a black line. In the south it is constructed as far as Taku, some 60 miles from Fusan. Eighteen miles of rail connect Chemulpo with Seoul. Another branch is to connect Seoul with Gensan (or Wonsan, as it is marked on many maps).

EVE BURIED IN JIDDAH CITY

According to Mohammedans
She Was 140 Feet Tall.

THE PILGRIMS KISS THE TOMB

Thousands Yearly Pass Through En
Route to the Holy City—A Hot-
bed of Dirt and Thieves.

Aden, Arabia, Feb. 12. — Half-way down the Red Sea, on the Arabian coast, is the port of Jiddah, where the pilgrims for Mecca, who come by sea, land. It is distant about 65 miles from the sacred city of the Mohammedans, has a population of about 20,000, an imposing and attractive appearance, and is surrounded by Dutch windmills, which pump water from the artesian basin under the sand. But the moment you land on the shore, the illusion is destroyed. The streets are narrow, dirty and full of all kinds of smells, while the population is made up of human cormorants who fatten off the pilgrims.

The sacred life that has always attended the Mecca pilgrimages is growing less every year. Formerly thousands starved and died of disease to be re-born, and the epidemic would sweep away every soul in the caravan. But the moment you land on the shore, the illusion is destroyed. The streets are narrow, dirty and full of all kinds of smells, while the population is made up of human cormorants who fatten off the pilgrims.

According to the official reports of the sanitary officers, the number of pilgrims entering Mecca has been very much exaggerated, and instead of a million or more it is asserted that the annual average is less than a hundred thousand, and during the last five years has averaged about 35,000. They come from every part of the Mohammedan world, from the Straits of Gibraltar to Honolulu, for Islam has its believers in every country of Asia, and every island of the Pacific Ocean, including the Philippines, where there are about 2,000,000 Mohammedans. The largest number of pilgrims from outside of Arabia come from India, and in 1902 there were about 12,000. The East India Islands furnished the second largest number, about 15,000. Turkey, 15,000; Persia, 5,000, and the rest came from the other countries. The number arriving by sea was 62,812 and by land 26,200. These figures are a little under the facts, because many individuals and small parties slipped in and out of Mecca without being counted.

Jiddah is of particular interest because it contains the tomb of our Mother Eve. It will surprise her living relatives to know that she was 110 feet tall—a very large woman to be created from a single rib. According to the tradition of the Moslems, when our first parents fell from Paradise, Adam landed on a mountain in Ceylon and Eve was unfortunate enough to light at Jiddah. After years of wandering they finally met at Mecca, where Adam, to show his gratitude, constructed a tabernacle on the site of the present Kaaba, or Holy Mosque, which is exactly beneath God's throne in heaven. All that is left of the original temple of Adam is the famous stone of Mecca, which was once whiter than

COUNT TOGO THE FIGHTING JAP

Conqueror of Russians Won
His Spur in Chinese War.

WAS AT BATTLE OF THE YALU

With Small Gunboat Beat Off a Huge
Chinese Battleship—Struck First
Blow of the War.

London, Feb. 13. — Vice-Admiral Count Togo, who commanded the Japanese fleet in Tuesday's battle off Port Arthur, struck the first blow, on sea, in the war with China in 1894. He was then a captain, commanding the Naniwa, rated a second-class cruiser, but in reality a "converted" vessel, with little armor and a battery that would now be counted too heavy for her. The Naniwa was attacked in the Korean archipelago in July, 1894, by the Chinese cruiser Tsi Yuan, but beat her off, with great damage to the Chinaman.

RACED THE EXPRESS

Motorman Tried to Beat It to Cross-
ing, but Got Hit.

SAFETY OF MISSIONARIES

Government Urged to Look After
Those in Korea.

Ottawa, Feb. 13. — The Secretary of State has received from Rev. E. A. McCurdy, of Halifax, on behalf of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions, a telegram, urging that the Government of the Dominion take steps to see that protection is afforded to Canadian Presbyterian missionaries in the Korean Peninsula.

Rev. W. R. Foot, Rev. D. MacRae, Miss Louisa McCully and Miss K. McMillan, M. D. At Song Chai there are Rev. B. Grierson, M.D., and Rev. A. F. Robb.

BEING BURIED ALIVE

An English Association Formed to
Prevent This Terrible Doom.

BLOCKADE LIFTED

Railroads Once More Forwarding
Their Freight on Time.

Toronto, Feb. 13. — The freight blockade, which has been a great inconvenience to business, is now lifted with the coming of fine weather, and the railroads are starting to move, as rapidly as they can spare engines, the large accumulation of freight that has been standing at terminals and side stations. Stillments from Montreal have been on the way for two or three weeks are now arriving. The railroads are paying special attention to shipments of coal. In Toronto a famine of salt was prevented by the breaking up of the blockade.

A PATHETIC TRAGEDY

Well-Known Blind St. Catharines
Lady Burned to Death.

St. Catharines, Ont., Feb. 13. — A fatal accident occurred yesterday morning at the home of Stephen Anstee, section foreman on the N. & W. St. C. & T. R., the victim being Miss Jane Stewart, sister of Mrs. Anstee. The unfortunate lady, who was blind, occupied a room on the second floor, in which there was a small coal oil stove, and it is believed that her clothing became ignited from the stove. No calls for help were heard, but wretched in flames the sightless woman groped her way downstairs to a room where the other members of the family were. The flames were quickly extinguished, and medical attendance summoned, but without avail; she lingered in great agony until the afternoon, when death terminated her sufferings.

AN EXHIBIT OF TOYS

A Unique Fair To Be Opened at Paris
Next Month.

Paris, Feb. 13. — Dealers in old clothes, who for years have gone to the temple in aspect of Petticoat Lane, must migrate, because a big building is needed for the great fair known as the Fair of Paris, on March 17 to 25. The latest novelties in toys and knick-knacks, for which Paris is celebrated, will be exhibited, and are expected to attract a large number of visitors. In order to properly commemorate its institution at the temple of the Minister of Finance, will be asked to authorize the mint to strike a special medal.

CALLS THE BIBLE A SCRAP BOOK

A Chicago Professor Attacks
Its Literary Form.

HE BLAMES THE TRANSLATORS

Believes the Version of the Future
Will Correct Many of the So-
Called Defects.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 13. — Prof. Richard G. Moulton, of the University of Chicago, in a lecture here likened the Bible to a scrap book. He said the present translation was far short of true literary form, and that the version of the future will have to do with correcting this. The lecture was under the auspices of the Twentieth Century Club. Prof. Moulton spoke on "The Bible as Literature." "Literature," said Prof. Moulton, "is made up of various literary forms, epic, lyric, dramatic poetry, history, philosophy, oratory, and there is a variety of these. Each has its own peculiar, appropriate form of structure, yet the old versions of the Bible, on the contrary, present the book in one monotonous arrangement, numbered in chapters and verses, not distinguishing literary forms, and often running counter to them. It effaces all forms of literary structure, it presents the appearance not so much of a sacred book of revelations as of a divine scrap book."

"The Bible occupies a strange position in literature. It is correct enough as regards translation, but is lacking in literary form. It is the worst printed book in the world. It is well printed as regards type, paper and binding, but in all literary forms have been destroyed."

"Who is responsible for this? Up to the second century of the Christian era writings make little or no distinction between the speaker and the speaker in a dialogue, or between paragraph and paragraph, sentence and sentence. Oftentimes words themselves run together. The present form has been given to the Bible by those in whose custody it has been."

"I would speak of them with intense reverence. We owe them eternal gratitude for fidelity, but they were not literary men. All they have given us of form is the Bible in the form of the text. At the time of the version under authority of King James, the wisest scholar in England had no idea of the verse in the Bible. The fact was not discovered until a century after the translation. "The revised version is the first version issued which has presented the Bible as literature and not as isolated texts. The work was done with the full knowledge of the Bible as literature. Yet the revised version is but a step in the direction of true literary form. The version of the future will have to do with producing the true literary form."

A MAGPIE'S CONSCIENCE.

Why does the magpie construct a dome of twigs over its nest? Most readers will say as a shelter; but it does not in the least answer to such a description. The twigs are only a network through which rain may pour and cold winds penetrate. May it not be the case that the magpie is conscious of its own sins, and is a guilty mind, apprehensive of reprisals, causes the bird to build this covering over its nest? The magpie is an egg thief, and makes use of knowledge, gained while carrying out its depredations on the contents of other nests, to protect those of its own. Country Gentlemen.

WOMEN NOW VOTE IN AUSTRALIA

Helped to Elect Labor Party
in Recent Elections.

TURNED OUT BETTER THAN MEN

Took Their Babies to the Pools and
Made the Polls Hold Them While
They Cast Their Ballots.

Melbourne, Australia, Feb. 13. — The recent elections in Australia were of special interest because the newly enfranchised woman of the Commonwealth exercised the right of suffrage then for the first time.

A careful analysis is to be made of the entire vote to determine just how many of the nearly 700,000 women registered, went to the polls, and for whom they voted. Until this sitting takes place, the public can only judge of results generally.

It is said that the women's vote, so far as Melbourne was concerned, was cast largely for labor nominees. It is equally probable that the women of Sydney cast their votes largely against labor candidates.

Here in Melbourne the women voters were divided by the politicians into "women" and "ladies." The "women" are said to have gone to the polls almost to a woman, while the "ladies" are accused of having shown less enthusiasm and less interest; and as a corollary there were fewer "lady" votes than there should have been.

The "lady" electors waited, so anti-labor committees say, for vehicles to carry them to the polls, and wherever these failed to put in an appearance, there was a corresponding falling off in the expected anti-labor vote. On the other hand, these same committees aver, labor's "women" supporters went to the polls on foot and voted in big bunches in every electorate. But a very much more plausible explanation of the heavy labor vote is that the whole strength of the Victorian civil service and that of the many sympathizers was exerted against the Victorian government in order to pay off an old grudge.

In Sydney women electors were told by spellbinders and newspaper editors that the tariff was responsible for their increased grocery, meat, dress, hat and shoe bills, and that they should bend every effort to break the power of the ministerial labor party. The ladies of the free trade nominees indicated.

There were four women candidates, three senatorial and one for House of Representatives. Miss Vida Goldstein, who ran for the Senate in this state, polled some 50,000 votes out of about 90,000.

Of course, there were many funny incidents when the women went to the polls. "Founding fathers" eyes, as Sydney brought their offspring to the polls, including, in many cases, offspring in arms. Policemen were asked by some of these mothers to hold their infants while they themselves discharged their duty as citizens.

Women talked up to returning officers in some booths and inquired: "I want to vote for Mr. Double Dash; how will I mark my paper?" The answer is recorded of one woman that after she had marked her ballot she took it to the returning officer, and holding it up, she said: "The returning officer, 'There is that right, please?'"

The official had to pause to read her a little lecture on the secrecy of the Australian ballot.

One woman of more than 90 years, in this state, and one of about the same age in New South Wales, were among the voters. It is said that at some polling places, here and in Sydney, the women voters outnumbered the men voters by as much as two to one, but this is only conjectural. But there is no doubt that the women electors will have a considerable voice in this important matter.

CANADA'S BEST SHOTS

Good Marksmen in Western Ontario
—London on the List.

Ottawa, Feb. 13. — A lengthy militia order gives the names of the best shots in connection with the Rifle Association throughout Canada. Those in Western Ontario are: Thomas Lee, London; Pte. R. Fraser, Seventh Regiment; S. McKay, Hickson; P. Blatte, Tillsonburg; Staff Sergeant Hogg, Bruce Regiment; T. Height, St. Thomas; J. Atkinson, Palmyra, (div.); J. N. O. Logan, Goderich; T. Matheson, Inverkeithing; Thomas Everett, East Zorra; F. Allen Harrison; F. Neagle, Auburn; G. Westgate, Watford; H. P. Day, Thamesford; Sergeant W. F. Broome, Twenty-sixth Regiment; Captain J. Crowe, Nos. 2 and 3 Companies, Thirtieth Regiment; J. Limpert, Hespeler; Sergeant G. Parkinson, No. 6 Company, Thirtieth Regiment; F. O. Burgess, Court Stanley, A. O. F.; Neal Taylor, Blyth; E. Ford, Goderich; J. Gordon, Woodstock; E. Collins, Huronsville; Captain Wilson, Clinton; J. Hutcheson, Lambton; G. Banks, Arthur; Private H. Scott, No. 4 Company, Thirtieth Regiment; Lieutenants E. Jeffrey, London Y. M. C. A.; Private J. Robinson, No. 7 Company, Thirtieth Regiment.

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Sweden and took the present site of St. Petersburg and a large amount of territory roundabout. Then he founded the capital practically in a swamp, calling it "the window to western Europe." Later he moved his court there.

Who has not read the melancholy fate of Finland and Poland? It was long after Peter had awakened him in to life that the great bear came hulking up to the northwest across the wheatfields of Pomerania and Finland, fought off the Swedish guards and took most of the country for his own. This happened in 1743.

Nearly thirty years later, in the reign of Catherine the Great, who had been the murdered Peter's daughter and had taken the throne from her son, Catherine who lived openly as a woman, the magnificent palace, yet who was a strong ruler, was thoroughly imbued with the mission and the spirit of the great Peter. In 1772 came the first partition of Poland. At the height of her power Poland had from 11,000,000 to 15,000,000 population and above a quarter of a million miles, being larger in area than France. But internal dissensions came to the fore, and Russia, Prussia, Austria, and the great bear shambled over to make peace and preserve order. Her share was Poland, and Prussia, in its benevolent plans, and the fact was that, presumably to maintain the peace, Russia, especially, each took a large slice of Poland.

Then in 1793 came a second partition and this time Russia secured twice as large a slice of Poland as before over half the kingdom in all. Two years later the fiction of an independent government was wiped out, Russia took all of the ill-fated kingdom that was left, and Poland became a Muscovite province. All this was accomplished without fighting, some of the fiercest fighting in the world's history, and there were occasional outbreaks for years after.

At the very time poor Poland was being absorbed, the Bear was also busy in the Crimea. In 1783 the Turk was driven back, and most of the Caucasus came into the hands of the Russian Army. At the same time, with several of the provinces lying roundabout, a naval road into the Black Sea was opened. In 1792 the Crimea, Odessa, and Sebastopol arose, as St. Petersburg had arisen before, and a Russian fleet was sent to the Black Sea. The Russian victory was lost in the subsequent Crimean War, but many of the provinces were won back by Britain, France and Russia, but many of them remained permanently Russian.

During the nineteenth century the Empire of the East was steadily being cut out in all directions. In 1812 Bessarabia was taken from the Turk. In 1841 and 1842 the Crimean provinces of the Black Sea land. From 1839 to 1859 was the complete subjugation of the Caucasus Empire. In 1878 the Russian Empire took the province of Kars. From 1859 to 1876 central Asia was overrun and portions of the Golden Horde were added to the Empire under the dominion of the Czar. Fighting and settling, the Cossack moved

Now it is Manchuria. Port Arthur and Dalny are already secured, Russian troops are in Mukden, the capital of a Russian railroad traverses the country and Russian settlements are being made at various points along its route. After Manchuria what? Korea? Persia? Northern China? The Balkans? States? Turkey?

The world has not yet measured the strength of the Russian. He is now awakening from the sleep of barbarism.

ism. He is the last of the great race that came from the Aryan migration to so awaken. When he is fully aroused, what then?—Chester L. Felder, *Winnipeg Tribune*.

Charles H. Voorhees, who died re

cently in Lexington, Ky., at the age of 62, was perhaps the most notorious American duelist that was ever graduated at Heidelberg, having on his body at least twenty scars caused from wounds received in dueling.



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Outdoor Sports.

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HOW IT PAYS TO BE GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL.

shorter, they became engaged
were married.
The wedding took place one

and June

Below will be found the first annual report of the Ontario Cash Mutual Fire Insurance Company, covering the first seven months' business. It was presented at the annual meeting held on Feb. 8, at which the president of the company, ex-Mayor F. G. Rumball, presided. Among the directors present were Messrs. D. B. McKillop, H. C. McEwen, J. W. Macdonald, A. M. S.; Robert Ross, C. J. Mills, B. V. Hole, William Kennedy, William Gorman and James Taylor, all of whom are also members of the board.

The following officers were elected: President, Managing Director B. N. Campbell. A number of shareholders also were present, among them Messrs. J. E. Cooper, C. A. Hannah, John P. O'Brien, J. W. Macdonald, W. C. Benson, William Fitzpatrick, B. Dawson, James Steele, William Taylor, E. Cushing, A. E. Ferte, Francis B. Ware, J. K. Campbell, and others.

The following statement was made by the managing director, Mr. B. N. Campbell, and covering the business transacted in the first seven months the company has been in operation:

EXPENDITURE.		REVENUE ACCOUNT.		INCOME.	
Dec. 31, 1903.				By Cash received on Stock and Premiums on same	\$15,394 11
To Expenses of Management, including	Commissions,			By Premium Income on Cash and Mutual Business	17,283 23
Salaries, Traveling Expenses,	Statutory			By Interest and from all other sources.....	879 79
Assessment, Printing, Stationery, Advertising,					
and Adjustment of Claims.....	\$ 6,652 92				
To Miscellaneous Payments, including cost of Or-					
ganization.....	4,215 49				
To Fire Losses.....	313 64				
To Rebate, Return Premiums and Re-insurance...	2,135 15				
To Cash, Debtors, Bank and Agents' Balance...	29,829 23				
		\$29,829 23			
					\$32,567 13

Dec. 31, 1900.		By Total Cash Premium Income	\$17,234
To Expenditure for Commissions, Salaries, Traveling Expenses, Interest and Exchange, Printing, Stationery and Advertising, Postage, Re-insurance, Rebates, Losses and Adjustment	\$ 8,668 94	By Interest	178
To Balance	8,754 16		
	<u>\$17,432 10</u>		
			<u>\$17,413</u>

	ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.
Dec. 31, 1962.			\$ 14,880
Hurons and Erie Debentures, 4 per cent.	\$ 10,000 00	Capital Stock paid-up	\$ 14,880
Cash in Bank of Toronto, London	7,169 85	Re-insurance and other outstanding accounts	346
Cash in hand	2,964 09	Re-insurance Reserve, "Ontario Government Standard"	6,422
Office Furniture	424 32	Surplus of Assets over Liabilities	150,075
Organization Account	\$ 88,094		
Less Premium on Stock	814 50		
Premium Note Capital, less all payments deducted	2,789 54		
Uncalled Capital	\$ 9,024 74		
	<u>\$179,025 69</u>		<u>\$179,025 69</u>

The president, in moving the adoption of the report, congratulated the members upon the excellent showing made, and drew their attention to the fact that the total amount of business written since the inception of the company, seven months ago, amounted to the sum of \$1,242,583. On referring to the financial statement, he commented upon the gratifying fact that the assets of the company amounted to the sum of \$172,625 06, while the total liabilities amounted to \$21,949 51, leaving a surplus of assets over liabilities of the amount of \$150,675 55. He advised the members that the total of liabilities included the amount of \$16,000, which was the reserve fund provided for by the Ontario Government, and that the financial statement was indeed an exceptional one, showing, as it did, that after having provided for the Ontario Government reserve in the first seven months of business, a very handsome surplus was left, a condition of affairs that was unique in the history of insurance companies. The president con-

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