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# RUSSIA FORSAKES SEA OPERATIONS MASSSES MET TO MEET JAPS IN COREA

Both Sides Have Many Thousand Troops Lined Up For Coming Land Fight.

400 TORPEDOES LOST  
TWO-THIRDS OF SUPPLY

London, Feb. 17.—According to a special despatch from Tokyo, the Russian squadron has returned to Vladivostok.

The Tokyo correspondent of The Daily Mail says in a despatch that two Russian warships appeared off Okinawa Island in the southern part of the Japanese sea Sunday.

The correspondent at Chemulpo of The Daily Express makes the astonishing statement that Japan has already landed 120,000 troops in Korea, 80,000 of whom are extended along the fighting front south of the Yalu river.

Port Arthur Is In Danger.  
The press attaches great significance to the departure of Vice-Admiral Alexoff from Port Arthur, and comments upon the sudden throwing of Russian troops into Newchwang as indicating Russian apprehensions that PORT ARTHUR IS IN DANGER.

IN DANGER AND THAT THE JAPANESE ATTACK MAY NOT BE MADE WHERE IT IS EXPECTED ON THE YALU. All reports tend to confirm the impression that Russia has little or nothing to expect from sea operations.

According to a despatch to the Paris edition of The New York Herald, FOUR HUNDRED TORPEDOES, BEING TWO-THIRDS OF RUSSIA'S ENTIRE AVAILABLE SUPPLY OF THESE ARTICLES, WERE DESTROYED ON BOARD THE VARIAG AT CHEMULPO.

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RUSSIANS LOSE TWO MORE.

London, Feb. 17.—In a despatch dated Port Arthur, Feb. 13, a correspondent of The Times gives a description of seven Russian warships which he says are lying disabled there. They include the battleships Sabastopol and Petropavlovsk, which have not been named in previous reports of the action. The correspondent says that altogether eleven Russian ships were put out of action at Port Arthur.

Continuing, he declares that the Japanese were driven from the neighborhood of Kinchau, near Newchwang after a skirmish, in which 150 Japanese were taken prisoners and 70 Russians killed.

In an editorial article, The Times remarks that as this correspondent does not mention the injuries sustained by the battleships, and the Kinchau story has not been reported from any other source, it would be well to accept his reports with some reserve.

LOCATION OF TORPEDOES LOST.

Paris, Feb. 17.—It is reported that the loss of the Russian torpedo gunboat Yenisei will entail serious consequences. The captain of this vessel had placed torpedoes at various different places, and the maps and plans indicating these spots went down with the ship. It is believed that the general staff possesses duplicates of these reports, but there is a probability that those which were lost contained certain corrections and modifications which the others do not.

DALNY WEAKLY DEFENDED.

Tientsin, Feb. 17.—All the ports at Port Arthur are using black powder. There has been a big explosion in the Golden Hill battery. The town has six months' supplies. Dalny is weakly defended. The 17th and 18th Russian army corps are arriving in Manchuria. The warship Cesarvitch is beyond repairs.

GUNBOAT ICEBOUND.

Newchwang, Feb. 17.—The Russian gunboat Sivouch is icebound here alongside the British gunboat Eagle and the American gunboat Helena. Her decks are cleared for action, but her captain has asked Admiral Stark at Port Arthur for permission to blow her up in case the Japanese land troops.

Jap Shells Caused Panic

Blew Junk Crew High in Air

In First Midnight Attack

Sensational Reports of Victories

Spread to Give Courage to Scared Russian Sailors.

Chefoo, Feb. 17.—With her decks crowded the steamship Newchow left Chefoo Feb. 6. She anchored outside Port Arthur Harbor at 7 the next morning and was placed in quarantine for forty-eight hours with a Russian guard on board. At noon of Feb. 8 she entered the harbor and moved close to the bund. There was heavy firing during the night. A shell fell into a junk near by and exploded, blowing the Chinese passengers 100 feet into the air. The huge wave caused by it sank a number of small craft.

The Newchow steamed back from her moorings and was under fire for thirty minutes, during which shells fell on every direction and made the water boil with foam. There was a stampede ashore of crews and passengers. Several ships. Those on board the Newchow saw the Chinese mad with fear uttering loud yells, running from the town to the hills. They ran, crowded together, like sheep, and as shells burst close by they were scattered as one man. The din was terrific, and all over the harbor and the lower part of the town there was a pall of smoke. Splinters of shells fell on the deck of the Newchow, but she was unharmed.

Japs Kept in Port.  
The Newchow was ordered not to leave port, and at five in the evening

RUSSIA LOOKS TOWARD INDIA

IF BRITAIN THREATENS

CEAR'S INTERESTS.

Gen. Ivanoff and Gen. Sakharoff Go to Turkistan to Get House in Order.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—Lieut.-Gen. Ivanoff, Governor-General and Commander of the troops in Turkistan, has gone to Tashkent with Gen. Sakharoff, chief of the staff of the military district of Turkistan.

It is said in high military circles that Gen. Ivanoff has been instructed to prepare for the contingency of military action in the direction of India in the event of Great Britain adopting an attitude openly hostile to Russia or attempting to prejudice Russian interests in Persia or Thibet.

Public opinion in Russia, even among military men, is strongly opposed to Gen. Kuratkin, the War Minister, who commands the Russian land forces, also to give Admiral Skrydloff command of the sea.

A meeting of the council of the empire was held today. It was attended by the heir presumptive, the Grand Duke Michael, and other grand dukes. Kronstadt has gone to the Far East.

The spirit of nationalism at Moscow has resulted in the rough handling of a number of people who failed to take part in the national hymn. It is even reported that some of the offenders were killed.

CREATES UNEASINESS.

Vienna, Feb. 16.—The situation in the Balkans is creating great uneasiness. Officially, the Russian government has failed to reassure the public, and it is said that the government is endeavoring to mobilize two army corps near the Balkan frontier, which is regarded as Turkey will provoke Bulgaria into war.

ANOTHER FIGHT.

Tokio, Feb. 16.—A report has reached here that the Japanese torpedo fleet re-attacked the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, Feb. 14, and it is thought that one Russian warship was damaged.

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# THE RUSS GROWS ATROCIOUS POWERS SHOULD PREVENT REIGN OF TERROR.

German Hotel Looted Because It Housed Japanese—Women Rescued With Difficulty.

Newchwang, Feb. 16.—Viceroy Alexoff left Port Arthur to-day, proceeding to Harbin with Gen. Pilag, the chief of staff and the general staff. It is said that the Russian army and navy commands will be reorganized and that General Kerpalsky will command the Yalu division, which is expected to be attacked by the Japanese forces.

Atrocities daily perpetrated both by the police and troops make it impossible for the civil administrator of Newchwang to control the situation. It is feared a reign of terror will be precipitated if the neutral powers remain inactive.

A captain of police, with ten soldiers, without provocation, destroyed the contents of a hotel owned by a German, where three Japanese had registered under the protection of the civil administrator. These Japanese were bound, stabbed and robbed of food, money and jewelry.

They, and three women refugees, were rescued with difficulty by United States Consul Miller. The civil administrator had assured Mr. Miller all would be protected.

The administration admits the gravity of the situation, but declares that it is believed here that the Japanese are in order at this treaty port and the prevention of these violations of international rights can be insured only by an instant international proclamation supported by an armed force.

Mines have been constructed and preparations made for depositing them at the mouth of the river here, where the forts have been occupied by a field battery of artillery and guns from the Russian gunboat Sivouch.

JAPAN GREATLY STIRRED.  
Tokio, Feb. 16.—The government is receiving additional circumstantial reports of the alleged cruelty of the Russians toward Japanese refugees from Manchuria. The Japanese consul-general at Tientsin has just telegraphed the authorities here giving a recapitulation of the story told by 13 women who have just arrived at Shanghai.

The thirteen were residing at Harbin and started south Feb. 9 with 200 companions. The half of these women, who were ordered to leave the town by the Japanese, were taken to the Yalu river and were ordered to leave the town by the Japanese.

The women say they saw several Japanese soldiers, some of whom were wounded, and that the Russian soldiers were robbing them of money and jewelry. The Japanese government and police are deeply stirred by these reports. They are anxious to understand why the men and women refugees from Harbin were divided.

NEUTRALS THREATENED.  
Yingkow, Monday, Feb. 15.—Threatening demonstrations have been made against the British gunboat Eagle and the United States gunboat Helena by Russian soldiers, whose assaults upon and depredations against the foreigners continue. The civil administrator in making every effort to arrest the lawless actions of his troops, has been unable to prevent the assaults.

Changes Aspect of Things.  
This attitude of the court was very rapidly communicated to the many alien residents, and the railway officers and other officials who have been subpoenaed to appear in the case. It was a distinct departure from the policy anticipated for until Monday morning, when Mr. Riddell was under the impression that the implicated persons might avail themselves of immunity from reply to questions that incriminate. Altogether, this announcement of the court's view on this question threatens to change the entire aspect of the litigation and render it a positive danger to every crooked worker, and the no less guilty employers of these agencies of corruption.

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# CANADA'S POLITICAL RUSSIAN



AND HIS PET ADMIRAL J. M. GIBSONOVICH.

Where Has Samuel Gone?

Is Civic Investigation Riddle

Durance May Tell Story

Counsel Riddell Has Inside Information Regarding the Passing of the D.R.O.

Startling developments of such a variety and force as to reveal more than the author of municipal corruption were the surprising results of the first day's evidence.

The fight of Samuel Thompson, who is now a prisoner in the hands of the law, is a case of the kind that has been seen before. It is a case of the kind that has been seen before.

DAY'S PROGRESS.  
Samuel Thompson has fled from the city. Inside evidence about Thompson's case possessed by Mr. Riddell has caused the report to be circulated that Durance, the police clerk, has turned Crown's evidence.

No witness can escape testimony on the grounds of constitutional exemption. All the implicated election officers and the various aldermen and controllers will be forced to tell the inside history of their campaign.

Judge Winchester threatens to send to jail for contempt all the witnesses who fail to exhibit frankness.

Civic Prosecutor Riddell warns all witnesses against committing perjury. Secret steps taken to prevent other suspected election officers defaulting.

DURANCE HAS CONFESSED.  
Pleads Innocence and Implicates a Prominent Citizen of Toronto.

J. J. Durance, 215 Major-street, who acted as poll clerk for Samuel Thompson, in that now famous subdivision Ward 4, has told his tale of woe. He told it to Smith, Has & Greer, his solicitors, and it has been turned over to the Crown prosecutors.

He has listened to these who were advising him for his own good a few weeks ago, he would not have been sent for trial on a charge of conspiracy, nor have been walking around town under a bail bond.

However, he has weakened and told what he knows, or thinks he knows, about the crooked voting in the subdivision in which he officiated. To many it will look as if his statement comes late in the day, because he was given every opportunity by Inspector Stark and Crown Attorney Curry to tell all he knew, when his name was first mentioned. But he refused to tell, and evaded kept silent, under the impression that nothing would come out of the investigation. When he saw things were warm he concluded it was time to tell.

His statement, or confession, will show that an innocent lamb was, that he really did not know what was being done in his own booth. But his statement most implicate one prominent individual, who he is positive was engineering a portion of the crooked work done at the election.

Edwards, Morgan & Co., 28 Wellington Street East, Toronto. Edwards & Morgan, 28 Canada Life Building, Winnipeg. Chartered Accountants.

A Great Victory for the Japs.  
The Japanese are undoubtedly carrying everything before them, and Japan is now the admiration of the world. Among all rivals, Radnor Water is easily the first, and the most successful of those whose palates are sound.

Radnor boxes are successfully working horses, suitable for different purposes, from the active delivery wagon to the heavy draught, suitable for lumbering or teaming. Will be sold at the Repository, corner Simcoe and Nelson-streets, commencing at 11 o'clock this morning. This is one of the best opportunities that will be offered to secure good horses at sacrifice prices.

Confederation Life Association.  
The association issues a contract called the Guaranteed Dividend Policy, which is issued at ordinary rates, but contains guaranteed results at the end of the period. Write for particulars.

Smoke "Cafe Noir" Cigarettes, made of specially selected Egyptian tobacco.

Hanna Left \$8,000,000.  
Cleveland, O., Feb. 16.—The value of the estate left by the late Marcus A. Hanna, valued at over seven to eight million dollars. It is stated that he owned at least 15 per cent. of the stock of the Cleveland Electric Railway, capitalized at \$25,000,000.

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Three Seats Out of Eight Won by Conservatives in By-Elections.

Only One Change in Standing of Parties, Liberals Losing St. John City.

East Bruce-Donnelly, Con. 200, East Lambton-Armstrong, Con. 255, St. James', Montreal-Gervais, Lib. 636, St. Hymeline-Blanchet, Lib. 195, Hochelaga-Rivet, Lib. 301, Montigny-Laverge, Lib. 200, St. John, N.B.-Daniels, Con. 285, West Queens, P.E.I.-Hahard, Lib. 170.

The result of the eight by-elections held yesterday should afford satisfaction to the Conservative party. Of the eight seats, the Conservatives carried three. In the general election of 1903 they carried but two. The gain in the City of St. John, N.B., which won A. G. Blair carried in 1900 by a majority of 907. The Conservative candidate carried the seat yesterday by 285 majority. The two Ontario seats are held by largely increased majorities. Mr. Armstrong won East Lambton by over 500, while Mr. Donnelly was the victor in East Bruce by 200 majority. The Liberals carried all of the four Quebec seats by reduced majorities. St. James division of Montreal defeats Beegun by 636, in the general election of 1900 the Liberal majority was 1641, while two years ago Ait. Brant carried the seat by 720. The most surprising result was the reduction of a Liberal majority of 1111 in St. Hymeline to 195. Hochelaga returns a Liberal by 301 against 635 for Madore in 1900, and in Montigny there was a slight reduction majority. The other seats, West Queens, P.E.I., remains in the Liberal column by 170 majority. Hon. L. H. Davies had 285 majority in 1900, and Mr. Paragharoon 170 in the by-election of 1901.

DONNELLY BY 200.  
Walkerton, Feb. 16.—With two polls in Cultus to hear from, which will likely give a small majority for the Liberal candidate, Mr. Donnelly, the Conservative nominee, is elected for East Bruce by a majority of 200. Both candidates worked very hard, and an unusually good vote was polled, considering bad roads and severe weather. Heavy changes in favor of the Conservative candidate are shown in the Townships of Carleton Place and West Queens. They have also gained slightly in Cultus. The other parts of the riding are about normal.

ARMSTRONG BY 500.  
Watford, Feb. 16.—The by-election in East Lambton today has gone Conservative by about 500 majority. The Liberals looked for defeat, but not for so large a majority. Returns to Mr. J. G. Armstrong, Conservative, about 500.

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BAD IN WEST AFRICA.  
Berlin, Feb. 17.—A despatch to The Lokal Anzeiger from Oshana, German Southwest Africa, says that in the outposts skirmish near Seels (east of Windhoek), Feb. 14, the German column, marching to the relief of Windhoek, three men killed and had two men wounded. The German column, in the continuous firing has been heard in the direction of Oshana, supposedly from Cape Orange column. In an attack on the Hereros, who escaped to the mountains with a herd of cattle.

A despatch has been received here from Col. Luttwig, Governor of German Southwest Africa, saying the Hereros have raised the siege of Goliath. Much concern has been felt in Berlin concerning this situation.

VOTES AT SIXPENCE A PIECE.  
(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)  
London, Feb. 16.—At Liverpool yesterday a member of the Warrington Town Council was fined 15s for buying votes at sixpence each.

A Successful Year.  
The Confederation Life Association's annual report for 1903, just published shows the association had a most successful year.

If Not, Why Not?  
I always sell the best accident policy in the market. See it. Walter H. Bright, Medical Building. Phone 349.

Splendid Chances in Jackets.  
There's a splendid opportunity to buy a new jacket for a few cents. If you visit Dineen's today, these few facts should convince you of that. Dineen has all the fur, the latest styles, the new designs are in the staff, and prepared to handle every order promptly. Persian Lamb Jackets starting at \$80.

VERY COLD.  
Meteorological Office, Toronto, Feb. 16, 8 p.m.—A gale, accompanied locally by snow, has prevailed today in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and strong winds with light snowfalls have occurred in portions of the Territories. Elsewhere the weather has been fair. Temperatures have been zero and below in Manitoba and Ontario.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 12 below—4 below; Yellowknife, 24 below—20 below; Calgary, 4 below—16 below; Regina, 16 below—25 below; Winnipeg, 22 below—22 below; St. Paul, 12 below—12 below; Montreal, 2 below—zero; Quebec, 4 below—12 below; Halifax, 25—28.

Probabilities.  
Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fair and very cold, Thursday. Not quite so cold.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Strong westerly winds; fair; very cold; Wednesday.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Strong westerly winds; fair and decidedly cold; Wednesday.

Maritime—Strong west and northwesterly winds; fair and colder.

Lake Superior—Light snow falls and a slightly higher temperature.

Antarctic—Light snow falls and a little higher temperature.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Feb. 16. At From.

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POLICE SHOOT BURGLAR IN DESPERATE STRUGGLE

"Shorty" Wilson Killed by Detectives Who Were Searching House for Plunder.

Route of the Russian fleet is from the Baltic Sea to the Black Sea. The black line shows the proposed course of the Russian boats which take part.

## HAS BROKER ARRESTED TO CLEAR UP THINGS

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Dr. H. G. Kemp Prefers Charge Against  
E. E. Anderson, Result of Stock  
Brokerage Transactions.

**WAR BULLETINS.**

SEOUL, Feb. 18.—The Korean government has granted Japan the right to traverse the country. It is reported that Japanese warships have trapped three Russian ships at Yongsampo. No details regarding the result of this naval exploit have been received.

YANGKOW, Feb. 16.—The 11th Siberian

**CONTRACT HOLDERS NOW  
WANT THEIR MONEY BACK**

Canadian Co-Operative Alliance Under Government Ban—Promoters Declared Heads of Post University

ian Regiment paraded at Newchwang to-day in full strength. The Russian authorities deny the report of the loss of Russian vessels, near Weihai.

**NEW YORK, Feb. 16.**—A cable message from Seoul, Korea, reached the office of the Methodist Church in the Methodist Episcopal Society in this city to-day, announcing the safety of all Methodist missionaries in Korea, and the safe arrival from Shanghai of Bishop David S. Moor.

**CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 16.**—An *Irred* has been issued commanding the Turkish press to refrain from publishing anything unfavorable to Russia during the war.

clear honest, but visionary.

James Brown, a contract holder of the Canadian Co-operative Alliance, summoned a meeting of his fellow contract holders for last night, and a few interested parties gathered in the Hotel of Home & Slavery in the Canada Life Building. Edward J. Healey took charge of the proceedings, and W. G. Glenn, the manager of the alliance, and now the International Realty Company, was present. A letter to James Brown from Dr. Hunter, president of the Canadian Home and Loan Corporations, was read. It was in reply to an enquiry about the cause for the withdrawal of the contract under which the Co-operative business

**TOKIO, Feb. 16.**—The flag of the Russian cruiser *Vargaz*, which will be presented to the Emperor as the first trophy of the war, reached Sasebo yesterday on the cruiser *Chiyoda*, together with the anchor, three other souvenirs of the destroyed warship.

**ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 16.**—Viceroy Alexieff on Feb. 16 issued an order of the day admonishing the soldiers with regard to patriotic duty, and expressing his confidence in victory.

torry.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—It is said that Great Britain is about to appoint consuls at Mukden and Antung. These are two of three places where the United States has just appointed consuls.

OTTAWA, Feb. 16.—Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, received last evening the following cablegram from the British consul at Seoul, in response to a cablegram on behalf of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, requesting that measures be taken to ensure that

so-called company he should of course make inquiry as to its legal standing. As to the receipt of money by the ally received by the alliance, this is a matter on which your solicitor will advise. If you wish to pay money to the Toronto agent of the alliance, Mr. Curry, the Crown-Attorney, may be asked to assist you in recovering it.

A letter was read from Mr. Macbeth & Macpherson of London, who had acted as solicitors for the alliance, but stated that the cablegram had been printed on its prospectus without their consent. They considered Messrs. Durney and Allen the promoters of the company, and the promoter, perhaps somewhat visionary, at the same time it is fair to let you know that the alliance

safety of Canadian missionaries in Korea: Seoul, 16-14--Hon. R. V. Scott, Secretary of State, Ottawa, telegraphed to the Canadian Legation with Song Ching-chang, but I sent message on 11th inst. to Wonsan, to be forwarded overland, recommending that women and children at Fenchai and Hamhung should be sent to Seoul and Fusan.

(Signed) Worden.

## THE WAR SITUATION.

**PAY AT HOME WITH NOTES**

New York, Feb. 16.—The issue of \$25,000,000 in Federal Reserve notes was authorized today by Congress.

**Manager Glenn's Statement.**  
W. G. Glenn stated that the Dominion Bank was quite willing to accept the trust. The bank has two contracts matured, one belonging to the late May McCutcheon of London, on which had been paid, and one to his wife, on which \$500 had been paid. The last was on maturity at 220 Gladstone-avenue, valued at \$250.

**NO MORE U. S. NOTES.**

Washington, Feb. 16.—According to an American State official there will be no more notes exchanged at present with the Chinese government. The United States is protesting against the Chinese and the restriction of the powers of war. Having induced the powers to neutralize the American principles of neutralization, the American government feels that chapter is closed. All the powers except Russia answered.

**READY TO RENDER AID.**

Washington, Feb. 16.—Admiral Evans, commanding the United States Asiatic Squadron, has notified the American Navy Department that he has despatched the battleship Oregon to the Philippines and there was two in Winnipeg, one of which was incorporated.

**CHARGE AGAINST DR. HUNTER.**

He had the audacity to buy Col. Watson, Smoke & Smith, that the business was perfectly legal, and he alleged that the business was perfectly legal.

CHINA ports, where they will be held in readiness to serve as despatch boats or for the succor of refugees or similar purposes, and the progress of the war. The New Orleans has started from Cavite for Chefoo, the nearest neutral port to the theatre of war. The Raleigh and the Frolic have started from Cavite for Shanghai.

**HOIST BY HIS OWN PETARD.**

companies, and he had written for Lieutenant-Governor that Dr. Hunter had exceeded his duty and charged him with the responsibility of the matter. Dr. Hunter to be indirectly interested in the York Savings and Loan Company. He and his friends had spent \$400 in the purchase of shares in the organization last fall, in order to get the company on a proper business basis, and if it was considered that they expected to prosper by the company's growth he desired to point out that they were

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—Captain James H. McLean, of the United States torpedo gunboat Yencel, and his mine-laying system, which he has made responsible to the Yencel, is considered the most efficient and reliable device for the rapid laying of mines. The Yencel is a small gunboat, 100 feet long, and the vessel's stern along which the mines slid out and dropped into their position. This plan did away with the cumbersome work of laying the mines from small boats. The accident to the excessive strain on the Yencel's machinery, and the mines were suspended pending inspection. The two cables snapped and the mine collided with another.

**Everyone Had a Good Time.**

The employees of S. F. McKinnon & Co., of the Commercial Union Building last night and evening, were entertained by the friends and visiting milliners.

elective and held subject to the pleasure of the shareholders.

The directors will go upon as to further action, and Mr. Glenn promised to have a circular issued immediately. The directors will be held with the Ontario government, and other information, and as Mr. Bevan has been asked to resign as collector, it was agreed to adjourn the meeting till next Tuesday, the 23rd inst, at the same place.

A defective furnace caused a \$5 blaze in the basement of the Globe Hotel, on the corner of Yonge-street and Wilton-avenue, last night.

Gleance Kendrick, Walton-street, fell from a window at Wellington-street last night. The ambulance took him home.

A special excursion to Niagara Falls will leave at 10 o'clock at night, at the G.T.R., under the auspices of Harmony Lodge, No. 10, of the city. The round trip is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. The bridge at the Falls is the attraction.

The detectives had gone to search the house at 10 o'clock, when the fire occurred. It was the home of Frederick J. McLaughlin, who was arrested Monday, charged with robbing two local shops. When the officers found Vance, they also found McLaughlin, who is also known as "Red" McLaughlin. Without a word he opened fire on the detectives. He was shot in the chest and the fire was extinguished.

**Broke in Bad Gang.** The police this day have broken up one of the most dangerous gangs of crooks in Canada. It is said "Pecca" (Pecca) is the name of the American crooks, and their record is being investigated. Pecca is also believed to have been in jail for a different number of years or three years ago. At the same time, the police have taken Ballif English, which have been taken to the Central Prison. Both Nickle and the battle, but were uninjured.

Clark and Frank Duvaan employed to "buy" the rings. The game was for Singer, who is a pawnbroker, to issue tickets on articles for which their value was \$100. The tickets were made out for various sums, \$5 up to \$300, to suit the pocket of the purchaser. Clark sold a \$50 ticket, which showed two diamond rings as having been pawned for \$100 to Richard King, of King and Berkeley-streets, for \$25. This was made the ticket worth \$50. When Mr. Clark went to Singer to redeem the rings, he looked them over and refused to take them, having realized that they were not worth more than \$125.

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Yes. And he has put his heart into it just as he does into anything he undertakes. He was as indignant as he could be because he met a man last night who had a better hand than "is."

**War and Tear.**  
The valet—I can't seem to keep that story in your trousers, sir.  
Fiddleton—Well, you know, James, she's a pretty heavy girl.

**Dundonald Stays Here.**  
Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Owing to the pressure of official duties, Lord Dundonald has to forego the pleasure of going to England to attend his daughter's wedding. He made this announcement this morning.

**Illustration:** A cartoon illustration showing a group of men in military uniforms and hats, some with mustaches, looking towards the right. In the background, there are stylized buildings, one of which has a flag flying from it. The drawing is done in a simple, sketchy style.

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theatre owners tear their buildings to pieces. Chief Thompson said they did not wish to go to extremes, but simply

The committee then took up the special report on the Grand Opera House, and a general discussion ensued on the

**Found Dead in Bed.**  
Brockville, Feb. 16.—William Quinn, an

lame back, kidney, stomach or liver troubles, I will give free use of my world-famed Dr. Sanden Electric Belt until a

or satisfied pay me for belt—in most cases low as \$4, but not a cent until then. My goods are widely imitated (what good thing











## New Dress Goods AND Ladies' Suitings

Will Be Shown on Thurs-  
day, the 18th February

For this week we hold a grand clearing sale of several lines in several departments, all of which must disappear before the arrival of spring imports.

Great Values Are Shown in  
Oddment Lot of  
Blankets, Eiderdown Quilts,  
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and Cotton Sheerings, and Pillow Cases.  
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Remnants of  
Black and Colored Dress Fabrics, Suit-  
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Silk Fabrics  
and washable goods.

50 dozen Gentlemen's Ham-  
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chiefs \$2.00 and \$2.50 dozen.

Ladies' Hemstitched Linen  
Handkerchiefs \$1.50 dozen.

Grand final clearing of slightly soiled  
fine Swiss Muslin, Embroideries,  
Edgings, Insertions and Trimmings.

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**COST OF PAVING ESPLANADE.**

G.T.R. Objects to Paying Whole  
Cost as South Side Owner.

The Court of Revision yesterday con-  
sidered the division of the cost of an  
asphalt pavement on the Esplanade  
from York to Berkeley-street, which  
was estimated at \$101,270. The city's  
share was fixed at \$28,115 for blank-  
ets, and street intersections, and  
\$33,527 was apportioned to the prop-  
erty on the north side of the street  
to be benefited.

The Grand Trunk Railway was as-  
sessed for the entire cost on the south  
side of the street, amounting to \$41,625,  
but this its solicitor objected on the  
ground that the railway on that side  
should bear a portion of the amount.

Consideration of this question was de-  
ferred until March 1.

**Promoting Your Life.**  
Business men or active society people  
should take occasional trips to such places  
as St. Catharines, Mount Clemens, Dan-  
ville, Clifton, Niagara, etc., the restful  
quiet and excellent waters being very ben-  
eficial.

To those wishing more extended tour  
for health or pleasure, what is more deli-  
cious than a trip to Florida, Nassau or  
other places in the Sunny South, or to California,  
where oranges are now ripening?  
It takes less than two days to Florida  
and four days to California, and at the  
Grand Trunk there are regular boats  
for King and Yonge-streets, you may make  
recreational, business, tickets and in-  
formation.

**Leatherworkers Organizing.**  
About 100 leather workers on horse  
goods met in Richmond Hall last night  
for the purpose of organizing a city  
union. James Simpson, secretary of the  
club and speeches were made by him  
and other prominent labor men.

**Suit Against Peter Ryan.**  
The suit of M. L. Water against Peter  
Ryan, as assignee of the late E. J. Ryan,  
a lumberman of Detroit, was commenced  
before Justice Macdonell. The claim is for  
\$5000. Mr. Ryan also has a counter claim  
on the ground of a timber limit.

**Infant's Death Was Natural.**  
The inquest held last night on the  
four-month-old infant, Charles Chif-  
ford, who died at Mrs. Ryan's, resulted  
in a verdict of death from natural  
causes.

**Burned by Molten Lead.**  
Daniel Mullen works at the James Robert-  
son foundry on West King-street. Yes-  
terday some molten lead fell in his face,  
inflicting some very severe burns. The  
ambulance conveyed him to the Emergency  
Hospital.

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## MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

Reply to the "Special Commissioner"  
of the Ottawa Free Press  
and His Comments.

Some time ago The Ottawa Free  
Press sent a special commissioner to  
Port Arthur and Port William to re-  
port on the condition of the municipal  
enterprises operated in these towns.

The report gave a very gloomy picture  
of municipal ownership as applied to  
Port Arthur and Port William. These  
two towns own and operate their elec-  
tric light, waterworks, telephone and  
street railway system. It appears  
that they strongly resent the article  
published in The Ottawa Free Press,  
and they have issued in the form of  
a booklet a reply signed by Mayor  
Jackson and Town Clerk McNaughton  
of Port William. Others who assisted  
in the preparation of the reply were  
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Newcombe, J. J. Wells, Water and  
Light Commissioner, and E. Trout-  
man, editor of The Times-Journal.

These gentlemen were appointed by  
the Town Council of Port William as a  
special committee to reply to the  
article in The Free Press.

Here is the reply in part:

It is no secret that the Bell Tele-  
phone Co. in common with all other  
monopolies that have money invested  
in street railways, electric light and  
waterworks systems, are alarmed at  
the growing inclination on the part  
of people to own and operate these  
franchises, and are endeavoring to  
prevent such action by every possible  
means.

Port William, being a pioneer in  
the enterprise, has been the object  
of attack. It is to the interest of  
monopolies to make it appear that  
these franchises are operated at a  
loss. We endeavor in this article to  
make it plain that the special com-  
missioner did not tell the truth. The  
facts and figures submitted are all  
taken from the books of the town,  
and the same facts and figures are open  
to any person who desires to see them.

The report was submitted to the  
Town Council and was by it at a  
regular council meeting, and gave out  
an official document of that  
body.

The special commissioner's report  
gives the figures on receipts and main-  
tenance of light and water as follows:

**LIGHT.**

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Jan. 31, 1903. The statement, given  
below shows the actual results.

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1898 2112 00 2680 72 568 72  
1899 6998 02 6007 60 990 42  
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for town phones that we have not  
yet been able to install all that are on  
order.

In the evidence in the case of W. P.  
Stanser v. A. P. Woodhead, in the  
District Court of the provincial ju-  
dicial district of Thunder Bay, Mr. N.  
Dixon, an employee of the Bell Tele-  
phone Co., swore on oath as follows:  
Question: You are the special agent  
of the Bell Telephone Co.?

Answer—Yes.  
Question—Not a moment?

Answer—Yes.  
Question—You have put in a lot of  
phones in Port William for Mr.  
Woodhead?

Answer—Yes.  
Question—Put them in for a year  
or nothing?

Answer—I have; yes.  
Question—Not only this, but others?

Answer—Yes.  
The installation of a new central  
office equipment and the necessary  
extension of the telephone system  
to meet the demands of the service  
caused a capital expenditure of  
\$11,800.00. The cost of the new ex-  
tension was \$12,500.00. Notwith-  
standing this, the system showed a  
deficit on account of maintenance  
at the end of 1902 of only \$311.50, after  
allowing for interest charges and  
sinking fund.

The special commissioner says:  
But I was not able to obtain from  
the official a definite statement of  
expenditure on the plant since the  
original contract was completed, for  
could I get any definite information as  
to the receipts or the cost of the main-  
tenance of the telephone system?

Commissioner John J. Wells took  
the special commissioner to the town of-  
fice, asked for and obtained the tele-  
phone register, and showed him re-  
ceipts which at that time amounted  
to over \$1,000, told him that the ac-  
counting was not yet done, and that  
the 20 were not yet due, and that the  
amounts expended on capital account  
could not be ascertained. The special  
commissioner of the Ottawa Free Press  
did not tell the truth.

**Port William's Finance.**  
The special commissioner says:  
There has been no audit of the town  
for 1901, and no financial statement  
available from any source which I could  
rely on.

There is probably no town in the pro-  
vince whose accounts are better kept  
than the town of Port William. The  
annual statements of the town, pub-  
lished since 1894 bear evidence of this,  
and many provincial accountants  
and treasurers of the largest corpo-  
rations have expressed themselves to  
the effect that Port William's state-  
ment is one of the clearest and most  
comprehensive presented by any town  
in the province. The provincial au-  
ditor, J. W. Lang, says in his report for  
the year 1902: "The treasurer of Port  
William is an efficient officer. I found  
his accounts correct and his books  
kept. The financial statement for the  
year was an elaborate production."

The town accounts have been de-  
tailed every year since incorporation and  
a financial statement published. The  
statement of the year 1902 was finan-  
cially correct and was audited on  
account of the fire in March, 1903.

**Water.**  
The clerk of the town gives the de-  
benture indebtedness as \$437,223.  
This statement is a half-truth, de-  
liberately designed to convey a false  
impression.

On the 31st of December, 1901, the  
current liabilities of the town as given  
by the auditors were \$28,990.27, a large  
portion of which was for sinking fund,  
but not at all apart.

This is another deliberate misrepresen-  
tation. The commissioner neglects  
to mention current assets amounting  
to \$74,241.18 to offset the liability  
of current debt, leaving a cur-  
rent deficit of only \$14,749.09. This  
deficit was consolidated with the de-  
benture debt, and the result was the  
town's statements for 1902, and  
the special commissioner had the  
same information at his disposal:

**Debt.**  
Local improvement ..... \$14,783.32  
Waterworks ..... 70,070.00  
Electric light ..... 12,500.00  
Telephone ..... 12,500.00  
School ..... 40,000.00  
General debentures ..... 180,000.00

**Assets.**  
Deduct sinking fund as follows:  
General debenture, school  
and local improvement  
(Sinking fund) cash  
Water and light, cash in  
bank

Net debenture debt ..... \$356,220.54  
All sinking fund to date has been  
provided for and set apart for the  
improvement debenture debt is paid by a  
special levy on the property benefited.  
It is therefore, not included in the  
general tax levy.











