

Report Of Japan Lands First Capture Troops In Korea

Japanese Warships Said to Have Seized Several Russian Merchantmen.

St. Petersburg Views Situation as Hopeless and Action Momentarily Expected.

Mikado's Note Constitutes Hostile Act According to British Foreign Office.

Paris, Feb. 8.—The papers here publish on high authority, the report first circulated in Berlin that Japanese warships have captured several Russian merchant ships in Chinese waters.

London, Feb. 7.—In a despatch dated Nagasaki, February 6th, and which was received by the censor, a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph writes that Russia deliberately precipitated the crisis by a full division of troops and escorted by a fleet and landing force near the Yalu river this occupying Northern Korea.

Great Britain and other powers, to make a surprise effort to avert war, contains the following: "Russia will decline to confirm or deny them."

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APPALLING SCENE OF DESOLATION AND RUIN

One Hundred and Forty Acres of the Principal Business Section of Baltimore is Now a Wilderness of Burnt and Blackened Walls.

One Hundred and Fifty Millions Damage as Estimated by Insurance Men—U. S. Congress Appropriate One Million Dollars for Relief of the Sufferers.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 8.—Baltimore is staggering tonight under a fire loss which no one has the temerity to put into figures.

The district thus swept by fire comprised nearly 2,500 buildings. Insurance companies have opened temporary offices in the Lexington hotel, but their representatives decline to estimate the loss.

Again an alarm this evening, but the fire was under control, the flames presenting a view terrible in its extent.

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One of the Most Important Placer Fields in the Golden North.

Commercial Agent Points Out Trade Preferences Offered By New Zealand.

From Our Own Correspondent.

It is said that Hon. Mr. Hyman will succeed Hon. Mr. Cartwright after the British Columbia is going to assure a Federal portfolio again.

By the civil service act of last session temporary to the permanent act of construction of the public works for session of 1903-4.

The government received today a copy of the preferential tariff act passed by Mr. Laurier.

Under clause two of the tariff act opportunity is afforded for further extension of the preferential duty of 20 per cent.

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Provincial Legislature

Interim Report From Select Committee on Government House Enquiry.

Large Number of Bills Disposed of—Session Drawing to a Close.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 10 o'clock p.m.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE. Mr. GIBBARD presented an interim report from the select committee to inquire into all matters relating to the construction of Government House, as follows:

Legislative Committee Room, 8th February, 1904.

Mr. Speaker: Your select committee appointed by resolution of the House on January 21st, 1904, to inquire into all matters relating to the construction of Government House, beg to submit the following report:

On the 26th of January, 1904, the committee held a meeting at the residence of Mr. GIBBARD, and referred to the report of the select committee on the construction of Government House, as follows:

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THE JAPANESE IN KOREA.

White Horse Busy.—A correspondent writing from White Horse, on the 27th inst., says: "Every day people are coming to the trail from Dawson on route to Ballou."

From three to seven outfits are leaving White Horse daily for the trail, and many, however, are coming out, owing to the intense cold which has prevailed here for some days.

Wynan Johnson of Skagway, who has been in the territory since he believes that gold is widely and evenly distributed over the district, even in the places where the prospectors do not think the field is almost bound to be a success for capitalists. It may turn out that water will interfere with mining next summer, in which event it might be better to prospect in the streams, and that is what some of the prospectors are doing.

A BOLD DECEIVER. New York, Feb. 6.—James M. Abel, a young man who is alleged, courted Miss Eleanor, a girl of the name of J. Odgen Goulet, and who was brought here from Canada to stand trial on a charge of bigamy, was released on \$5,000 bail today.

THE CAPILLARY ELECTROMETRE

Ingenuous Instrument Invented By Chicago University Investigators.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—The capillary electrometre, a sensitive and delicate instrument for measuring the minute electric currents, has been invented by two workers in the physiological laboratory in the University of Chicago.

The instrument will greatly aid in the study of the mechanism of the heart, and will be of great use in the study of the mechanism of the heart, and will be of great use in the study of the mechanism of the heart.

ASKED TO INTERVENE. Vienna, Feb. 6.—The Austrian peace committee has sent a telegram to President Roosevelt asking him to intervene in the Russo-Japanese conflict under the provisions of the 1902 arbitration tribunal at the Hague.

WEAK LUNGS. Made Sound and Strong by the Use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

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PROVINCIAL HOUSE CLOSES ITS SESSION

Menitoba Assembly Prorogued Yesterday—Speech From the Throne.

Winnipeg, Feb. 8.—The Manitoba legislature closed today. The speech of the Lieutenant-Governor, in proroguing the assembly, was a very interesting one.

London, Feb. 8.—In a despatch from London, a correspondent of the Daily Mail says the Japanese government has received a telegram from Fusan, Korea, declaring that firing of guns was heard to the east of Kojia island at eight o'clock Saturday morning.

MORLEY'S AMENDMENT. Motion Introduced in House of Commons Yesterday.

London, Feb. 8.—John Morley introduced in the House of Commons his amendment to the speech from the throne, the text of which was published in the Associated Press February 20th on the occasion of the opening of parliament.

SERBIA'S NEW CABINET. Belgrade, Serbia, Feb. 8.—The new cabinet is composed as follows: Premier, M. Pasic; minister of finance, M. Pasic; minister of education, M. Pasic; minister of agriculture, M. Pasic; minister of public works, M. Pasic; minister of justice, M. Pasic.

MARK OFFERS EVIDENCE. Turns on His Bandit Accomplices But Shows Obedience His Aid.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Gustave Marx, self-confessed participant in the car-bomb murders, turned aside by his co-defendant, turned aside by his co-defendant, turned aside by his co-defendant.

FIRE IN NEW YORK. New York, Feb. 8.—Fire tonight in the factory building at Sixth and Second streets, Brooklyn, occupied by William Lene & Sons, shoe manufacturers, and Michael Cooper, leather goods, caused damages estimated at \$100,000.

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THE JAPANESE SUCCESSES.

Certainly the results of the engagements between the Russian and Japanese fleets have been extraordinary. Within a few hours of the commencement of hostilities, Russia has had her naval force so greatly reduced by the Japanese attacks that, for the time being, she seems to have lost command of the sea.

The most important legislation at this session was that relating to the Provincial finances, and the plans adopted for their restoration to a normal condition. It was inevitable that some opposition should arise; that some unpopularity should attach to a Government which was compelled to increase taxation in order to meet its obligations.

Notwithstanding all the Opposition prognostications of the impending defeat of the Government, the letter is strong in the House as it was when it opened. With prudent management of Provincial affairs and an adherence to the policy endorsed by the people at the poll last October, there is no reason why the Government should not be sustained during the full term of the present Legislative Assembly.

Apparently without any more formal intimation that a state of war existed between herself and Russia than was given by the Japanese fleet, a circumstance all the more suspicious from the fact that their facilities for effecting repairs are very incomplete and imperfect, as was stated by Admiral Alton in a report to this Government a few months ago, this hour at Russia's naval strength is, perhaps, even more important from the result that it will have on the ability of Russia to check the transportation of Japanese troops to important strategic points of the mainland. It is already stated that Port Arthur may be invested on the land side, and the assistance and protection that the land fortifications might otherwise give the fleet be rendered impossible. Although, it is true, Russian reports are reliable, Russia has a much larger number of troops in Manchuria than Japan has available to meet them; Japan's preponderance at sea is the outcome of Monday's naval engagement.

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will seriously interfere with Russian disposition of their forces. Even without that check, the fact that the naval and military operations would be carried on within a comparatively short distance of Japan's base of supplies, while Russia had to bring her supplies chiefly over a long line of railway, was a serious handicap to the latter.

The Provincial Legislature was prorogued last evening by the Lieutenant-Governor, thus bringing to a close one of the shortest sessions in the legislative history of British Columbia. The session's brevity does not imply that little has been accomplished, as the list of bills introduced and passed by His Honor yesterday clearly shows.

The Premier made an important announcement in the Legislature in regard to the Government's railway policy. He stated that the Government would be more active in the construction of railways, and that it would be more active in the construction of railways.

The steamer of the New England Fish Company has a permit to "touch and anchor" in the harbor of Victoria, but it is the duty of the House to protect the interests of the fishery.

The fact is that Canadian shippers would be a good opportunity to set sail as their American competitors will not be able to do so.

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Across the Tea Table

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Myrtle Spring

face downward. She had dived... of a part of her raiment and... from drowning and there was...

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voices and to my surprise soon saw... two ladies and two gentlemen had... of the spot before me. They called...

In the morning, bright and early... the Indian had been seen. He walked... where he could gain a view of the...

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