

# PORT ARTHUR, THE IMPREGNABLE, TO BE LEFT TO ITS FATE; VICEROY ALEXIEFF CHOOSES HARBIN AS HIS FUTURE BASE

## News of the Change in Plans Creates Consternation in Russian Military Circles—Jap Strength Realized.

### GREAT ALARM AND DESPONDENCY AT ST. PETERSBURG

#### Revolutionaries Taking Part in So-Called Patriotic Demonstrations Throughout Russia—Ten Russian Vessels Crippled in the Various Actions at Port Arthur.

New York, Feb. 19. — A cable from the world's correspondent in Berlin says Viceroy Alexieff has determined to fall back to Harbin, leaving Port Arthur to work out its own salvation. Alexieff takes this step in view of the utter impossibility of maintaining and protecting a line of communication 1,200 miles long, and as vulnerable to attack as the railway through Manchuria. The viceroy is fully confident that Port Arthur can withstand a long siege. He is now fortifying Harbin, and will use it as the base of a great army.

The announcement that Harbin and not the "impregnable" Port Arthur will be the base of future operations has been received with consternation in Russian military circles. It has caused a sensation more painful than the calamities which have befallen the Russian fleet as, more clearly than any event that has occurred, it reveals the formidable nature of the enemy to whom Russia is opposed. The feeling of alarm and despondency grows deeper at St. Petersburg and Moscow.

The police have good reasons to believe that the revolutionaries are taking part in the so-called patriotic manifestations. The concentration of troops, the correspondence, the proceeds systematically, and provision has been made for the speedy arrival of 120,000 men from the divisions of Moscow, Kiev and Varsovie. Before twelve days shall have elapsed the Russians will have disposed of an army of 400,000 men.

Intense demoralization exists among the populace and the people of the surrounding villages are fleeing into the town, seeking to reach Western Russia. The railway trains, however, are blocked, and over 2,000 voyagers are thus held up. The intense cold prevailing increases the suffering and adds to the difficulties of bringing forward troops.

New York, Feb. 19. — The Russian warship Bayan, according to a cable to the World from Tokyo, is reported to have been the vessel most damaged in the last torpedo attack on Port Arthur (Sunday, Feb. 14). The Japanese attacked with torpedoes at a distance of only 500 yards. As a result of the actions at Port Arthur ten Russian warships were destroyed.

It is believed here that no further naval engagements will take place in the open, as the Japanese torpedoes can be used to great advantage most expeditiously and most cheaply.

#### WARSHIP ORDERED OUT.

Russian Vessel at the Canary Islands Must Move Along.

Shanghai, Feb. 19. — A large Japanese cruiser arrived at Wusung (11 miles north of Shanghai) today. Madrid, Feb. 19. — A Russian warship has arrived at a Canary Island port. The authorities have notified her commander that his ship may remain in port for a limited time, but that he cannot be provided with coal in quantity more than sufficient to enable him to reach the nearest Russian port.

Premier Maura denies the report that the British Government hints to Spain the necessity for adopting measures to safeguard her neutrality in the Russo-Japanese dispute, asserting that no diplomatic negotiations whatever have been received on the subject, and that the military measures taken were a step required by the most elementary prudence.

#### HAI PING FIRED ON.

British Ship Seeking Shelter Attacked by Russians.

Shanghai, Feb. 19. — The British steamer Hai Ping (which arrived here yesterday from Chin Wang Tao), reports that she was fired on by the Russian ships and forts when seeking shelter in the outer roadstead of Port Arthur, and that she was then ordered to Danly, where she was detained four days, in spite of her captain's protests. The Russian gunboat Mandur remains at Shanghai in defiance of the orders of the Chinese officials to leave this port.

Full accounts of the firing show that the Russians ordered the Hai Ping to extinguish her lights and fires. Russian warships then arrived, and finding three vessels in the roadstead without lights, they began firing at them. The Pronto received most of the shots. The forts then began firing and the utmost confusion prevailed.

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## FRENCH NEUTRALITY.

### Broad Hint Given Russian Squadron at French Somabland.

Paris, Feb. 19. — It is announced officially that the French Government has issued instructions relative to the observance of neutrality, and that, practically, they are the same as those issued by the late Admiral Bessard, the former marine minister during the Spanish-American war. But, it is pointed out, that the French navy laws contain no positive requirement that belligerent ships shall leave a neutral port within 24 hours, and that, therefore, this matter is one of regular observance of neutrality, and that, by custom, instead of being a legal requirement, as under the British navigation laws.

#### THE RUSSIAN RETREAT.

### Paris "Figaro" Approves Latest Tactics of Alexieff.

Paris, Feb. 19. — Significance is attached to the Figaro's discussing the possible retreat of the Russian fleet from Port Arthur towards the north. The Figaro, which is intensely pro-Russian and enjoys the favor of the Russian government, declares that the Russian fleet is not retreating.

"The Russian note explaining the delays in the military operations, has had the effect of confirming Viceroy Alexieff's plan to withdraw northward toward Mukden and Harbin."

The military editor of the Figaro declares that the Russian troops are better able to make a stand further north.

#### A GLOOMY CARNIVAL.

### Very Little Festivity and Gay Sleigh Parties Are Few.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19. — Today and tomorrow, the closing days of carnival week, will be observed practically only by a cessation of work. There will be little revelry, as a carnival time is not remembered. There have been no festivities and no gay sleigh parties to the islands. Instead, the people gather about the bands playing in the streets, or follow the troops departing for the front.

None of the reports from abroad of renewed Japanese attacks on Port Arthur has yet been officially confirmed, although private sources continue to report that the Japanese are continuing to attack the landing, which was repulsed.

An official communication announcing the Russian withdrawal from participation in the St. Louis is published in the following terms:

"The ministry of finance hereby brings to the notice of intending exhibitors at St. Louis, that in view of the refusal of merchants and manufacturers to exhibit to America, the Russian Government has recognized the necessity to decline to participate in the aforementioned exposition."

The Novoe Vremya, in a leading editorial on Secretary Hay's proposal to Russia to observe neutrality in China, says it does not see why Russia cannot agree to it, if it means only Chinese neutrality.

"The document appears to protect Russia from a flank attack," the Novoe Vremya adds, "and recognizes her position in the north of the Great Wall; but the note stands or falls with the reality of Chinese neutrality."

As a means of meeting the extraordinary war expenses, the Bourse Gazette says it believes the present is a favorable time for an income tax, which will not meet with opposition owing to the general readiness of the nation to share the burden imposed by the war.

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By military experts this step is regarded as showing that the Russians have given up all hope of holding the peninsula and Port Arthur against a joint attack by the Japanese land and sea forces, which is now expected any moment.

Reports from Tien Tsin say that the land battery of the Russian fleet on Golden Hill at Port Arthur has been destroyed by the blowing up of the powder magazine. No details are given, but it is believed the explosion was the result of an accident. A number of Russian troops in the battery at the time are reported to have been killed.

ria, owing to the dearth of provisions, all of which are required for the troops. The Manchurian, and especially the Trans-Baltic Railroads, cannot cope with the demands for transportation. Women and children are unable to get trains, and many are waiting at the stations suffering from cold and hunger.

The Chinese are quiet and are bringing in provisions. The rise in prices is due to some extent to the fall in the value of paper money, which in some places is altogether refused.

#### SHIPS IN DISTRESS

### Collision Off Isle of Wight—Belgian Liner Ashore.

London, Feb. 19. — The British steamer Lake Michigan, Capt. Owen, from St. John, N. E., Feb. 5, and Halifax, Feb. 10, was wrecked on the Isle of Wight yesterday, has been in collision with an unknown vessel, and is anchored near Dungeness, waiting tugs. The vessel with which the Lake Michigan collided is reported to have been sunk.

The Belgian steamer Philippeville, which left Antwerp yesterday for the Congo, with a hundred passengers on board, went ashore yesterday morning, in a fog early this morning. Lifeboats and tugs are in attendance upon her.

## WANTS TO WAR WITH BRITAIN

### Russia Attempting to Cement a European Alliance Against Albion.

Paris, Feb. 19. — The Figaro this morning publishes a telegram said to be from a high Russian official, and sent from the frontier, saying that Col. von Schenk, the commander of the Emperor Alexander Regiment of German Guards, of which the Czar is honorary colonel-in-chief, was received by the Czar on Monday and handed to his majesty an autograph letter from Emperor William on the war in the Far East, and especially on the subject of Great Britain's attitude.

Continuing, the Figaro's informant says official circles in Russia continue to count on Germany's unreserved support, and discuss openly the possibility of a European alliance of Europe which might result from the grouping together of Russia, Germany and France in connection with the anti-British feeling.

The increasing possibility of war with Great Britain is discussed with interest in Russian military circles. Rear Admiral Rojestvenski, chief of the general staff of the navy, has said in the past that he was in the Russian official who telegraphs the Figaro, to send to Port Arthur all the naval officers who want to go there, because they may be required in the Baltic.

In conclusion, this official says that the Russian fleet is not retreating, and that the official telegrams are received without misgiving.

#### THE BALLOT FRAUDS

### Poll Clerk Durance Again in Box Tells of His Confession.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 19. — The poll clerk J. J. Durance, again in the box this morning, at the civic election investigation. He said the first man whom he confessed was V. D. McPherson, his solicitor, on Feb. 4. He had never told Riddell or any one associated with Mr. Riddell what he had said, and said that he was now telling the world. He said that he had never told Riddell or any one associated with Mr. Riddell what he had said, and said that he was now telling the world.

Richardson's office, about 7:30, late drove Richardson to the ward, and while waiting for a hotel he saw Hazelton and Aid. Ramsden enter. Witness had driven Richardson and Aid. Maguire through the same district to pay similar visits on the previous Tuesday. Aid. Maguire was next called. He said \$12 was given him by Richardson to get the room and the house in the ward, to get the scrutineers. Aid. Maguire is a brother of Geo. Maguire, the D. E. O. at whose death the votes of Senator Cox and about 14 others were plugged on persons noted. He said that this visit to the ward that night was with Aid. Ramsden, who had asked him to go.

A motion to prohibit Judge Winchester from trying the quo warrant proceedings to unseat Controller Richardson was made before Judge Teetzel this morning, and judgment was reserved. The ground taken is that the amendments to the municipal act providing for the new office of controllers are so clumsily drawn that there is no provision for unseating a controller.

#### A REAR-END COLLISION

### Disastrous Smashup in Freight Yards of Elmira.

Elmira, N. Y., Feb. 19. — With a fast eastbound freight train standing on the track, a westbound freight train, in this city this morning, the towerman gave another eastbound freight a clear block. A blind snowstorm and steam from other engines in the yard prevented the engineer of the incoming freight from seeing the other train on the track, and a rear-end collision resulted. Seven cars were hurled from the track, the engine of the moving train, Jacob Elston, of Elmira, being badly injured. He was removed to the hospital and will probably recover. Fireman Jones went under his engine and the body was crushed into an unrecognizable mass.

## The War Situation

### A startling development of the Far East situation is the reported abandonment of Port Arthur by Alexieff in favor of Harbin.

Simultaneous with this is a Government announcement telling the people not to expect immediate victories. Great despondency and alarm prevails throughout Russia, which has at last realized the great strength of the Japs. Alexieff is concentrating a big army at Harbin, but it may be many weeks before he is able to move. Troops in transit across Siberia are suffering from the intense cold, and there is a panic-stricken rush of civilians towards Western Russia. The Japs evidently intend to isolate Port Arthur, and it is generally conceded that it cannot hold out very long. Russia is accused of attempting to form an alliance with Germany and France against Britain. France has not yet declared herself neutral. Lloyd's is in a panic-stricken state. An Anglo-French outbreak within three months. Fevish activity prevails at the British arsenals and navy yards. An army of 10,000 Russian troops is hemmed in between Port Arthur and the Japs. A rumor from Canton says the Dowager Empress of China is dead. Japs were reported to have taken the 16th, while their victory of Sunday has been confirmed.

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of Canada was not prepared to state what changes, if any, would be contemplated by Parliament. W. Fries said there was not much reciprocity about that. R. P. Yates said the tone of the reply was more suggestive of "mind your business."

The Birmingham Daily Post, referring to the following, says: "We are afraid our traders do not, yet quite realize the strength of the protectionist spirit in most of our colonies and their eagerness to keep out British or other manufactures that may compete in any measure with their own budding industries."

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### THE RUSSIAN GOV'T. EXPECTS A LONG, HARD WAR

#### Great Britain's Activity in the Arsenal at Woolwich and in Navy Circles—Sixty Battleships To Be Outfitted With Brand New Guns—Destruction of the Boyarin.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 19. — An afternoon paper publishes the following cable.

London, Feb. 19. — Lloyd's is today asking a premium of 30 per cent against an outbreak of an Anglo-French war within the next three months. This high rate is based on the fact that France has not given a formal declaration of an attitude of neutrality toward the far eastern belligerents, beyond a vague statement by Foreign Minister Delcasse. In fact, the French Government, instead of giving such assurance, has allowed Russia to use Jibuti, which is in French colony and to be of use in restoring the naval equilibrium in the Yellow Sea.

The British foreign office is uneasy regarding the outlook while the admiralty is getting ready for rapid mobilization in case certain eventualities develop.

#### RUSSIANS HEMMED IN.

London, Friday, Feb. 19. — The Japanese legation here received an official dispatch from Tokyo last night, saying it was not true that any Japanese vessels had been destroyed, so far, in any of the various naval engagements, and that all necessary repairs had already been made. The Japanese fleet remains intact. This message also denies the report that the Japanese were driven from the neighborhood of Kin Chau after a skirmish, in which 150 Japanese were taken prisoners, and declared that the Japanese were attempting to land at Pigeon Bay. It says the Japanese forces have up to the date of the dispatch, and that the present time made no attempt to land at any point where they could come in contact with the Russians, and that consequently all reports of land actions and Japanese losses are untrue.

The Russian embassy at Rome is said to be a base of supplies at Elliott Islands, off the coast of the Liao Tung Peninsula, seventy-five miles northeast of Port Arthur. This tends to confirm the belief that Japan is preparing to attack Port Arthur and advance through Manchuria.

#### THE JAPS REPULSED.

### A Fight on the 16th Which is Claimed as a Russian Victory.

A St. Petersburg dispatch says: "No official announcement has yet been made regarding the report from Tokyo that a second Japanese torpedo attack at Port Arthur has taken place. There are reports here, but they lack official confirmation that an attack on Port Arthur, on Feb. 16, was repulsed after heavy fighting on both sides. According to the story, this attack was intended as a feint to cover a landing at Tallenwan Bay. Other dispatches from Tokyo confirm the great success of the internal war plan."

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### A THRILLING EXPERIENCE

Steamer's Cargo Afire and a Big  
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Halifax, Feb. 19. — "On fire at sea in the midst of a raging gale," is the report made by Captain Schaarberg, of the steamer *Palanza*, which arrived in port yesterday. The steamer left Hamburg on Jan. 19, and met with heavy weather, during which the boats, ladders and bridges were smashed and the funnel broke at the base, compelling the steamer to put into the Azores on Feb. 2. After completing repairs and coaling, the steamer proceeded to Halifax. At 8 o'clock on the morning of Feb. 15, while the steamer was being tossed about, fire was discovered between the decks in the cargo. The fire spread rapidly, the heat became intense, and great volumes of smoke enveloped the forward part of the ship. The pumps were at once started and tons of water poured into the hold and steam was also injected. It was difficult for the crew to get at the fire, but after five hours' hard work, they succeeded in extinguishing it. There was no excitement among the 138 passengers aboard, the officers assuring them that there was no danger. Most of the passengers landed here, and the steamer proceeded to Baltimore.

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A Large Number Let Out By M. C. R.  
at St. Thomas.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 19. — At the general superintendent's office of the M. C. R., it was said that the order cutting down the force at St. Thomas was a special one. It is said that a large force was required for the construction of new cars and for repairing the rolling stock, and that this work has been largely completed, thus leaving a surplus force to be done away with. It is also stated that this reduction has not been necessary at other points.

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## ONTARIO'S TIMBER AS AN ASSET

\$75,000,000 Worth Still Un-  
cut in This Province.

### ATTACK AUDITORS' STATEMENT

Powell (Ottawa) Opposes Building of  
the Temiskaming Road-Hon.  
Mr. Davis' Speech.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Toronto, Feb. 18. — Mr. Powell, of Ot-  
tawa, and Hon. E. J. Davis, Dr.  
Reaume, of Essex, and Dr. James, of  
Nipissing, were the speakers in today's  
installment of the debate. Mr. Powell  
criticized the Government's expenditure  
on the Temiskaming Road, which was  
the subject of the debate. He was  
amply answered by Hon. E. J. Davis,  
who made an excellent point when he  
showed that there was enough standing  
pulpwood and pine in the Province to  
guarantee in perpetuity a revenue  
which would make it needless to resort  
to direct taxation. An evening session  
was held, after which the debate was  
adjourned until Tuesday.

**THE TIMBER LIMITS.**  
Mr. Powell (Ottawa), who resumed  
the budget debate, said that the ordi-  
nary revenue of the Province did not  
meet expenses, so that whenever the af-  
fairs of the Government became hope-  
lessly involved a sale of timber limits  
was engineered to square things up. This  
year the expenditures were to be  
\$700,000 more than the average for the  
last four years, but the Province's cap-  
ital assets were sold and the results  
turned into revenue account—a most  
improper proceeding.

It was significant that the statement  
of assets and liabilities was not signed  
by the provincial auditors.  
The Premier said that this was fixed  
as stated in a foot note on the report  
of the royal commissioners of 1902.

Proceeding, Mr. Powell said he  
thought after going through the bud-  
get carefully, the Province was in a  
precarious condition, its only surplus  
being the result of the last timber sale,  
of which \$700,000 was required to meet  
the deficit of this year.

He expressed great regret that the  
survey of the New Ontario townships  
was going on so slowly, and was caus-  
ing great delay in apportioning the  
grants of lands to veterans. He also  
objected that the Government was  
underpaying the surveyors, giving them  
only 7 cents an acre.

It would be a great mistake for the  
Government to purchase any large  
amount of rolling stock for the Temis-  
kaming Railway, because the business  
of the line would not warrant any ex-  
penditure for that purpose. It would  
be found when the railway was in full  
operation that it would be used largely  
to have lumbermen's supplies and tim-  
ber rather than passengers.

The report of the engineer in charge  
of the line ought to look around for the  
curves of eight or nine degrees, and  
with such curves it would be impos-  
sible to make the railway a trunk  
road, it would always be a branch  
road.

Mr. Powell also maintained that the  
Dominion Government should build the  
new railway and the cabinet should  
go to Ottawa and prosecute their claim  
to a subsidy.

**THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**  
Hon. E. J. Davis in reply, agreed  
that New Ontario's surveys should be  
pushed forward as soon as possible, the  
work being done last year by the lateness  
in passing the estimates. The  
Government was anxious to settle the  
veterans on their land grants as speedily  
as might be, but there were many  
difficulties in the way.

As to the financial statement, it must  
be correct, because it was the auditor's  
statement.  
Mr. Whitney—The most important  
items are not signed by the auditor.  
Mr. Ross—It is all made up in the  
auditor's office.

Mr. Whitney—I do not care for that.  
It does not say so in the statement.  
Mr. Ross—That statement is al-  
ways made up in the auditor's office  
and brought down to the Premier's  
office. It is correct in every particular.  
Hon. R. Harcourt gave an explana-  
tion of the financial statement, which  
proved that the items were sub-  
stantially correct.

Mr. Davis, resuming, blamed the Op-  
position for its unparliamentary attempt  
to injure the Province's standing. He  
did not think it a wise proposition to  
call the money borrowed to build the  
Temiskaming Railway a debt, because  
the Province had the road.

As to treating the timber business as  
capital to be used for paying debts and  
capital expenditure, he declared this  
was exactly what was being done, and  
paying annuities and certificates being  
paid out of current account, as well as  
expenditures for public buildings.

The Premier would not be worthy of  
his position if he had not increased the  
Province's expenditure since 1893. The  
main increases had been in the justice

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department, \$25,000; colonization roads,  
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tion, \$175,000; public institutions main-  
tenance, \$114,000; hospitals, etc., \$14,  
000; public buildings, \$236,000; fire  
roads, \$22,000; surveys, \$39,000; good  
roads, \$2,000—a total increase of \$31,  
705, which went to reduce local tax-  
ation.

Mr. Matheson asked for the increase  
in receipts other than those for the  
profits of timber sales. They are in the public  
accounts and cover all the increased  
expenditures.

Very low estimate, Mr. Davis  
continued. He said that the estimate  
of unsold pine in Ontario at the pres-  
ent time, valued at \$75,000,000.  
Mr. Davis said that there were at least three hundred mil-  
lion cords in the Province, worth \$75,  
000,000, and that with all this wealth,  
he added, "the Province will never come  
when the Province will have direct  
taxation."

Mr. Joynt introduced a bill for the  
purpose of compelling barbers to pro-  
perly disinfect themselves, their tools,  
and their soap and razors between cus-  
tomers. The bill also makes provision for  
the exclusion of people suffering with  
contagious diseases from tonsorial parlors,  
and prohibits the employment of  
barbers suffering from communicable  
complaints.

## PORTE'S TROOPS ROUT ALBANIANS

Three Hundred Insurgents Killed  
in Macedonian Battle—Situa-  
tion is Grave.

Salonica, Macedonia, Feb. 18.—The  
Albanians, who were besieging Zhe-  
msh Pasha (who with 2,500 Turkish  
soldiers and three guns was yesterday  
reported to be besieged by 30,000 Al-  
banians at Babahosi, between Dia-  
kova and Ipek), have been routed,  
losing 300 men killed and wounded.  
The Turkish losses are said to be  
heavy. Five additional battalions of  
Diakova, Province of Ipek, in con-  
sequence of the rout, have been ordered  
to march to the aid of the Turkish  
troops.

Rome, Feb. 18.—The situation in the  
Balkans, especially in the district of  
Diakova, Province of Ipek, is consid-  
ered here to be serious. It is declared  
that Austria has 30,000 men ready to  
invade Albania, but if such a move  
were made, Italy would consider it as  
disturbing the balance of power on  
the Adriatic, and most detrimental to  
her interests here.

## A BIG RAILROAD WAR

Gould Interests and Pennsylvania  
Break Off Peace Negotiations.

New York, Feb. 18.—All negotiations  
for a settlement of the differences be-  
tween the Pennsylvania Railroad and  
Gould interests have been broken off,  
says the Times. Friends of President  
Catt, of the first-named road, and of  
George J. Gould, of the latter, have  
abandoned definitely all attempts  
to obtain a rapprochement.

The immediate cause is understood to  
have been the absolute refusal of the  
Gould interests to abandon their project  
of reaching the Atlantic by an outlet of  
their own. The proposition of a set-  
tlement was based on the idea that the  
Western Maryland, the road over which  
the Washington was to get into Baltimore,  
be placed under the control of some other  
road, in which both the Pennsylvania  
and the Washington could have an equal  
interest. For this purpose the Norfolk  
Western had been selected as the most  
likely.

From the very beginning of the nego-  
tiations the Gould interests balked at  
this proposition, but it was believed that  
the Goulds would eventually give in.  
Time to do so was being wasted, and  
the Goulds were being driven to the  
Times, by persons directly interested,  
and work on the Gould extension is progress-  
ing rapidly.

## HYPNOTIZED DANCER

Remarkable Experiment by a Paris-  
ian Professor of Hypnotism.

Paris, Feb. 15. — A very curious ex-  
periment has just been tried at the  
Opera Comique for the purpose of im-  
proving the standard of ballet dancing.  
In the presence of a large audience  
consisting of ballet dancers from all  
the theaters in Paris a young woman,  
Mlle. Madeleine, was hypnotized and  
put to sleep by a professor from a  
school of magnetism. She was then  
brought upon the stage and as soon as  
the orchestra started playing she com-  
menced to dance in the most graceful  
manner, although she previously had  
not the slightest idea of either music  
or dancing. The composer of the mu-  
sic, who was present, said that he had  
never seen his ideas so well executed  
before. It is now intended to repeat the  
experiment to teach the professional  
ballet dancers the art of expression and  
graceful movement.

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A full line of Ladies' and Children's Fancy Rib Black Cashmere Hose, warranted for their good wearing qualities, sizes 5 to 10. Priced low, per pair, 20c to ..... 35c  
Ladies' Novelty Fine Black Cashmere Hose, with embroidered silk fronts in white, blue, red and pink, full fashioned, spliced heel and toe, sizes 8½ to 10. Per pair only ..... 50c  
Ladies' Pure Silk Hose, in black, blue, white, mauve, yellow, cream and pink, full fashioned, extra spliced heels and toes, sizes 8½, 9 and 9½. Priced per pair from 85c to ..... \$2 50  
Children's Plain Black Cashmere Hose, fashioned, spliced heels and toes, good winter weight, sizes 4 to 8½ inch. Priced per pair from 70c to ..... 50c  
Very Great Value in Men's Heavy Black Wool Socks, sizes 10 to 11½ inch. Per pair only ..... 25c  
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We are clearing out the balance of Flannelette Wrappers. As  
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and \$1.00 each. Your choice for only ..... 50c  
An assortment of pretty Wrappers, in shades of red and white, navy and white  
and black and white, different styles, some with fancy yokes, and all with  
wide, full flounce on skirt. Regular price \$1.25 each. Your choice of this lot  
at only ..... 75c  
A very pretty variety of colors in stripe and figured designs, some with wide tucks,  
front and back of waist, some with full over shoulder and around yoke, extra  
full skirts, with deep flounce. Sold regularly at \$1.50 and \$1.75, clearing any of  
them now at only ..... \$1 25  
Extra heavy English Wrapperettes in Paisley patterns, very pretty, dark colors,  
made in handsome styles, some with double reverses edged with velvet ribbon  
all around yoke, another pretty style has fancy yoke of tucks and fagotting  
double full on shoulder. Sold regularly at \$2.00 and \$2.25. A bargain for .... \$1 75  
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nicely trimmed with lace, others with velvet. Same as we sell regularly at 85c  
each. To clear at ..... 50c

## SMALLMAN & INGRAM,

149, 151 AND 153 DUNDAS STREET.

### A STOCK TRANSACTION.

Toronto, Feb. 19.—A. C. Jarvis &  
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claiming \$4,343 from M. S. Hedder, of  
St. Thomas, as balance due on 50 shares  
of B. C. Packer's stock.

The London Chronicle remarks that  
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can hold a candle to Bourke-Cockran."  
Liberty Soap—disinfectant—is strongly  
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## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS.

**MARRIED.**  
POOK-PACK—On Feb. 18, 1904, at St. Peter's Cathedral, by Rev. Father Aylward, Vera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pook, to John F. Pook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Pook, both of this city.

**DIED.**  
HILL—Killed at Drumbo, Ont., on Feb. 18, 1904, Robert J., beloved husband of Sarah J. Hill, in his 80th year.  
Funeral from his late residence, 522 Elizabeth street, on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 2 p.m.; service at 1:30 p.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. Interment at Woodland Cemetery. 22a

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### A China Puzzle.

If Mr. Chamberlain came to town the aldermen would meet him in their silk hats, occupy seats on the platform at his public meeting, and whoop it up for the old flag. It is probable that all of them profess to be Chamberlain men and ardent friends of imperial preferential trade.

Mr. Chamberlain particularly asks the colonies not to create, by means of tariff dodging, industries which they do not now possess, but which exist in the mother country and for which the mother country has special facilities. The china industry is an example. No china is made in Canada, the bulk of it is imported from Great Britain, where they have been manufacturing it for generations. Mr. Chamberlain says in effect to Canada: "Don't raise your duty on china with the object of stimulating its manufacture there. We can make china more cheaply than you can. Leave us your market in china, and other articles which you do not produce, and send us in exchange the things in the production of which you have a natural advantage."

An American firm comes in with a proposition to build a china factory in this city if the duty on china, now 20 per cent, against Great Britain, is raised to 70 per cent. They say that a 70 per cent tariff will enable them to do business in this country; in other words, 70 per cent will be "adequate protection." The proposition comes before the manufacturers' committee of the city council, where the disciples of adequate protection take fright when they are confronted with the real thing. One of the gentlemen says he will vote for no government which would could such a tariff wall around the country. A general solicitude is shown for the preferential tariff.

The committee finally straddles the fence by recommending the council to petition the Government for an increase in the tariff on china, but not to the extent of 70 per cent. They are willing to hit the British manufacturer, but not so hard as the American firm desires.

Canadian are within their rights in advocating an increase of the duty against Great Britain or any other country, if they believe Canadian interests will be served. Their first duty is to their own country. But it is hardly consistent on their part to trade for imperial preferential trade and take every opportunity to give it a black eye. There is more truth than poetry in the remark of a British statesman that many Canadians want a preference in the British market, but are not willing to pay for it.

### Russia's Naval Prowess.

The Russian squadron at Port Arthur has made a sorry exhibition of it, but Russia's naval prestige has been redeemed by the marvelous exploits of the other squadron at Vladivostok. This latter consists of the first-class cruisers Grombol, Rossia and Rurik and the protected cruiser Bogatyr. When the war broke out these ships were icebound in Vladivostok harbor. They were released by a sudden thaw or an ice-breaking machine and when next heard from were bombarding the Japanese port, Hakodate, 480 miles away. On their return they were blown up by mines in Tsugaru Channel, but went on their way rejoicing, and next day sunk a Japanese merchant ship, the Akoura Maru, off the Island of Yezo. They then jumped from the Sea of Japan to the Pacific Ocean, sailed down the enemy's eastern coast seven hundred miles and gliding into the inland seas of Japan, blew holes in the city of Matsushima. Today's dispatches show that they have re-entered the Sea of Japan and taken refuge at Chestakoff, Korea. Tomorrow we may hear that they are in cold storage again at Vladivostok. It will not be safe to assume that the Japs have established command of the seas until this marvelous Vladivostok squadron is put out of business.

### The New Assessment Law.

The Attorney-General of Ontario, in moving the second reading of the new assessment bill, gave an interesting review of the history of municipal taxation in the Province, dating from the first legislation in 1793, when rates were levied in every district for the payment of members of the Assembly and other purposes. The personal property tax, which is now to be abolished, was introduced in the following year. In 1807 every acre of cultivated land was assessed 20 shillings, and uncultivated land 2 shillings. Houses were taxed according to the number of fireplaces and the cut of the timber used in their construction. Machinery, which is to be exempt under the new bill, was first taxed in 1851. In 1853 the foundation of the present system was laid. This act introduced the exemption of personal property to the extent of the owner's debts, which has been fruitful of difficulty. Since then there have been many modernizations of the law, but the main principles remained unchanged for half a century. The growth of new and complicated business conditions resulted in inequalities, which called for a radical change in the assessment system. The Government appointed a royal commission to investigate the problem, and its report is the groundwork of the present bill. The house tax, proposed by the commission was found to be unpopular, and has been eliminated. The per-

sonality tax will be superseded by the business tax in accordance with the commission's recommendation. The latter suggested that the business tax be between 7½ and 10 per cent on the rental value of the premises, but it was found this would work out to the disadvantage of the retail merchants, as compared with the wholesale. The committee of the Legislature, having this matter in hand, decided to vary the basis of assessment as between different classes in the community. The retail merchant, in lieu of his present tax on his personal property will pay a tax on the value of the premises he occupies for business purposes. Professional men, departmental stores, financial institutions, distilleries, breweries, hotels and various business establishments will pay on a higher rate. These taxes are certain in their application, and cannot be evaded. The collection of the income tax will still be attended with difficulty, as the majority of people are reluctant to tell the assessor the exact amount of their earnings. Street railways, gas companies, electric light and power companies and telegraph companies will pay as at present, and telephone companies in cities, towns and villages will be taxed on 60 per cent of their gross earnings. The Attorney-General makes the important announcement that before the present session of the Legislature is over a measure for a very decided increase in the taxes paid by railways will be introduced. He agrees with the farmers that the railways have been getting off too easy. It is gratifying to know that the revision of the assessment act has not been made a party issue, but has been dealt with on a strictly business basis. It is in the treatment of such questions that the Legislature is seen at its best.

The dispatches indicate that Russia is so sore over her defeats that she wants to fight Great Britain, too.

If this is a war between the white and yellow races, what do the white races think of their representative?

Lord Stratheona has given \$20,000 to Manitoba University. While his lordship is aiding the cause of higher education, he might look this way.

Lord Rosebery says the Liberals will sweep the country at the next election. They may find it easier to do that than to patch up their own differences after the sweep.

With the Russians and Japs fighting, a revolution threatened in the Balkans, and a war between France and Great Britain in prospect, Gamey has very little show these days to get the limelight. No wonder the Opposition is quiet.

The London Free Press advocating reciprocity in soft coal with the United States is on a par with Hugh John Macdonald, demanding that agricultural implements be put on the free list, and Sir Hilbert Tupper voting for free coal oil. The inconsistencies have not been all on one side, we admit. The tariff is fruitful of anomalies.

Sir Gordon Sprigg, Premier of Cane Colony, has been defeated in the riding he has represented for nearly 30 years. He flitted with the Bond or Dutch party and has been turned down by his English constituents. Dr. Jameson, the leader of the Jameson raid, reigns in his stead.

### QUICK ACTION.

[New Orleans Times-Democrat.] First Russian—You say the fight was quickly over?

Second Russian—Yes, it was finished before you could say Jackpotinsky Robinsonopolotowsky!

### ON THE SAFE SIDE.

[Washington Post.] Telegrams from Montreal state that the police accompanied J. Pierpont Morgan during his stay in that city. It is not explained whether the purpose was to furnish protection to Mr. Morgan or against him.

### THE "FLY" FLY.

[Philadelphia Press.] "Good morning," said the spider, adding the familiar polite invitation to step into the parlor. "Step into your parlor," repeated the fly with a knowing wink. "You mean your dining-room, don't you? No, thank you."

### ONE AT A TIME.

[Hamilton Herald.] Russian newspapers have begun to bitterly attack Britain—of course, with the consent of the Russian Government. It would be wiser on the part of the Russians to concentrate their attacks on their present enemy. They have trouble enough without hunting for more.

### CONTRACTS.

[Kansas City Star.] It would be just as impossible, by the way, to secure the acquittal in England of a swindler like Whitaker Wright, as it is to convict a boodler like Ed Butler in Missouri. This is hard on the Fourth of July orators, but it is, more's the pity, the God's truth.

### AN ENNOBLING FORCE.

[Montreal Witness.] One thing that the Liberal party certainly has to boast is a noble-minded chief. No chieftain can rule in any democratic country without a majority; and a majority cannot be very much above the average moral quality of the people. A leader has to work with the material that offers. But most people will acknowledge that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been an ennobling force which has qualified for the better

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Pressed from the sore throat, or a strange, wild note Sung by some fay or demon? There is a strength Which dies if stretched too far or spun too fine.

Which has more height than breadth, more depth than length, Let but this force of thought and speech be mine, And he that will may take the sleek, cat phrase, Which glows and burns not, though it gleams and shines, Light but not heat—a flash without a blaze.

Nor is it mere strength that the short word boasts; It serves of more than fight or storm to tell— The roar of waves that dash the rock-bound coasts, The crash of tall trees when the wild winds swell, The roar of guns the groans of men that die On blood-stained fields. It has a voice as well.

For them that far off on their sick beds lie, For them that weep for them that mourn the dead, For them that laugh and dance and clasp the hand, To joy's quick step as well as grief's low tread, The sweet, plain words we learn as first keep time, And though the theme be sad or gay or grand, With each, with all, these may be made to chime.

In thought, or speech, or song, or prose, or rhyme.

### "RATS!"

[New York Times.] Some things that happen on the stage are very wonderful. An English audience was recently marveling at a dog which was playing a bit of an old masterpiece on a piano. Suddenly some one in the audience yelled "Rats!" and the dog made a break from the piano. But the music kept right along, just the same.

### AUSTIN UP TO DATE.

The London Daily Express publishes this clever parody on Alfred Austin's New Year's ode:

Tubes boring deeper and deeper—Whence, and Whither, and Why? Yerkes follows Morgan about the earth and buys what he doesn't buy—

Portraits of them and personal parts, and the Yankee banner unfurled, Diving under and jumping over and playing the deuce with the world.

Middle-class Japs of respectable habits, torn from their homes afar, Marching in mackintosh made in Bavaria, keeping a watch on the Czar, Strange to observe their remarkable doings this time of the year.

Marconiograms sending friends severed by limitless leagues of sea, No peace at all for first-class passengers summoned from afternoon tea, Encyclopedias moving forward on the passionless page of The Times, Everything you can possibly think of mixed up with the Christmas chimes.

That is the way to make such a poem that people may stare and cry— Who but Alfred could do it, but—Whence, and Whither, and Why?

### JAPS AT THE WEATHER.

[Toronto Star.] It looks as if the January thaw had thwartlessly eloped with a February frost.

[St. Catharines Journal.] They say that the winter of 1861 was like this one. If the next doesn't come around until 1961 we won't say a word.

[Detroit Tribune.] Instead of exactly 90 feet the correspondents should make the snowdrifts indefinitely mountain high, and let the imagination have a few chances.

[Toronto News.] The slanders of the Canadian climate should pause when they hear that in our best farming districts the railways have been plowing all winter.

[St. John Telegraph.] Capt. Bernier says he hopes to start before long for the north pole. The captain should exercise patience. Judging from the weather this winter the north pole is moving in this direction.

## DUEL TO THE DEATH

Seconds Couldn't Prevent Rivals From Continuing Shooting.

Whitesburg, Ky., Feb. 19. — William Little and Samuel Hall, well-to-do farmers of this county, and rivals for the hand of Mary Thomas, the daughter of Magistrate Jim Thomas, a comely mountain girl, agreed to fight a duel after a quarrel at the home of the girl last Sunday. Little selected Matt Steele and William Bates as seconds, and Hall picked Morton Fitzpatrick, and Jay McIntosh.

They agreed to fight at noon on Monday in Squire Thomas' yard, while the magistrate and his family were at dinner, but the secret leaked out, and they were prevented from meeting. The seconds then agreed to have the fight at the foot of Beaver Creek Knob. Everything was arranged and the principals were armed with revolvers. At the first shot both missed, and they wanted to shoot again, but the seconds said they could not. Little, raising his revolver in the air, declared that he would shoot to the death, and told Hall to make ready. Both fired again and again, until their revolvers were emptied, and both lay dying on the ground.

Hall, who is a cousin of the notorious Tail Hall, was shot twice, through the left breast and through the arm. Little received a bullet in the top of the head. The seconds have fled, fearing arrest.

## GOLF CURES NIGHTS DISEASE.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Golf is a sure cure for Dr. Nash's disease, according to Dr. E. N. Nash, who has made the statement at a meeting of the Homeopathic Medical Society. Dr. Nash supported his statement by citing cases in which he had noted definite and immediate benefit resulting from the pursuit of the pastime and in the open-air life on the links.

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The First Held Since the Investiture  
of Emperor Napoleon III. in  
1855—A Gorgeous Ceremony.

London, Feb. 18.—Although nothing definite is known at this moment of King William's visit, which has been as frequently denied as announced, yet it is generally assumed in London that no chapter would be ordered unless it were for the investiture of some foreign sovereign. The knights are to assemble in the throne room at Windsor Castle in the full costume of the order, which none of them, save King Edward himself and his octogenarian cousin, the Duke of Cambridge, have ever worn. It is a most gorgeous affair, consisting of a surcoat or kirtle of crimson velvet, lined with white tulle, adorned on the left side with an eight-pointed star, richly embroidered in silver, the four central rays of which are longer than the four others. In the center of this star is the red cross of St. George, and the whole is surrounded with a small garter of blue velvet, on which is embroidered the motto in letters of gold. This species of star also figures on the mantle, which is very long and ample, and of the so-called garter blue velvet, lined with tulle. The hat is of black velvet, rather high, with a narrow brim and a plume of white ostrich feathers, with a tuft of black heron's feathers in the center, and fastened to the hat by a band of diamonds. Sixteenth century trunks are of white satin or tulle, and with these are worn long white silk hose, the left leg being adorned just below the knee with the garter. The latter is of dark blue velvet, edged with gold, with the motto, "Honi soit qui mal y pense," embroidered thereon in letters of gold, with the buckle and the pendant of gold richly chased. Needless to add, there is a sword fashioned something on the lines of those used by the Knights Templar in this country, only much more richly adorned.

Then there is the chain or collar of the order, which must be of gold and weigh exactly 22 ounces. It is composed of 20 pieces of gold, each in the form of a garter, the center of each being composed of enameled roses, alternately red and white. The number of these garters is united to each other by gold true lovers' knots, known in heraldry as "lacs d'amour." Pendant from this collar hangs the so-called George, which consists of an image of St. George, sitting on horseback, fully armed, and who, having thrown the dragon on his back, is spearing him with a tilting spear.

The chapter will be attended by the prelate of the order, who is the Bishop of Winchester; by the chancellor of the order, who is the Bishop of Oxford; by the registrar, who is the Dean of Windsor, and by the new garter principal king-at-arms, who will probably receive his appointment on that occasion, and be sworn in at the chapter, to take the place of old Sir Albert Wood, who died the other day. It is not yet known whether the chapter will be followed by a special service in St. George's Chapel, each knight occupying there his stall with his banner floating above his head, and the back of his seat adorned with brasses of all the other knights of the Garter who have tenanted it since the foundation of the order by King Edward III. Whether there be a religious service or not in this superb chapel of the order, there will be afterwards a state banquet in St. George's Hall.

King Edward's decision to hold a chapter of the Order of the Garter at Windsor Castle, with old-time ceremony and formalities, has created no little sensation, as it will be the first chapter of the order being held since the one which took place in April, 1865, for the investiture of Emperor Napoleon III. at Windsor. King William has behaved very generously toward his morganatic relatives, the three Princes of Teck, and certain it is that if this report is well founded King Edward could not make a more graceful appointment for the day which has occurred than by reviving the old-time ceremony of a chapter of the Order of the Garter for the purpose of investing King William with the knighthood.

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Of course, there are various classes or rather, we should say, qualities of ships. The Journal describes the most recent types as "first-class" vessels. Improvements have been rapid in war vessels. Most any armored cruiser built in the last three or four years could knock out in a fight almost any battleship ten or fifteen years of age.

Next in order to the full-armored vessels come the "protected" cruisers. They derive their name from the fact that their vital parts, the engine rooms, the magazines, the steering gear, etc., are "protected" by a thick steel covering; the rest of the ship is not. The protected cruiser carries no big gun. Usually the heaviest it has is the 6-inch. Its tonnage is usually less than half that of the armored cruiser, or from 4,000 to 6,000 tons. It is not a business in battle with the battleship or armored cruiser.

## SOME INFORMATION AS TO 'PHONE COMPETITION GIVEN BY UROUHAUT

### Mayor of Toronto Presents an Interesting Report On The Subject.

In view of the fact that London is at present deeply interested in telephone matters through the lapse of the Bell Company's exclusive franchise, and the application of that company for a renewal of the agreement, and also the application of the Canadian Telegraph and Telephone Company, for a competitive franchise, the report brought in by Mayor Urouhart, of Toronto, to the board of control of that city, is of especial interest to Londoners. After thoroughly going into telephone matters in all their phases, the mayor reports as follows:

"That a new exchange could be established in the city of Toronto, providing for 10,000 subscribers, upon the same plan as the Bell Company is at present installing in their central office, and a telephone service could be given to the subscribers at a rate of \$50 for business 'phones and \$20 for house 'phones, and pay a reasonable profit to the company, providing, of course, that there was no over-capitalization or expensive management; and if an automatic system could be installed I believe these prices could be cut about 25 per centum."

In his report his worship points out that in 1880 the Bell Telephone Company applied to and received from the Dominion Parliament a charter for the purpose of carrying on a telephone business in the Dominion of Canada. This charter, it is contended, gave them the right to erect poles of a certain height and string wires thereon along the highways, without the consent of the municipalities. They, however, apparently, had some doubt as to the validity of the Dominion charter, and in the following year applied to an act identical with the Dominion act, but some verbal changes were made, presumably in the interests of the municipalities, controlling the stringing of wires, and the planting of poles. In the litigation now pending between the city and the Bell Telephone Company the question of the construction of these two acts is involved, and the rights claimed by the Bell Company under their Dominion charter will be determined. The judge in the first instance decided in favor of the city, and the court of appeal gave judgment against the

city, but the judgment was not unanimous. **ONLY ONE COMPANY.**

The Bell Telephone Company soon after obtained their charter, commenced their telephone business, and have had, at least, in the Province of Ontario, a monopoly from 1880 down to the present time. There are two or three farmers' lines, a municipal plant at Port Arthur, and Port William, and one or two lines in the eastern part of the Province, but for all practical purposes the Bell Telephone Company has enjoyed a monopoly.

In the United States the Bell Company had for many years a monopoly, but today the independent lines are very much more important and have many more subscribers than the Bell Telephone Company.

In the Province of Ontario, on Dec. 31, 1901, the number of telephones was 10,000. This gave one telephone in Ontario to about every 88 inhabitants. In the United States, where there was one telephone for about every 25 inhabitants, and in Sweden there was one telephone for about every 14 inhabitants.

**COMPETITION REDUCES RATES.**

We have had, however, so far as Toronto is concerned, a company in operation for more than 20 years, and other companies are now seeking permission from the council to provide a system in competition with the Bell Company, and they claim that competition has been a success in the United States; that it has cut down the price of telephones to the users, and that a better and more efficient service has been furnished. I am of the opinion that the contention of any independent company is borne out by the results. It is only fair to say here that in Toronto and in Canada generally, we have never paid the same high rates which were paid in the American cities. I might refer to the prices



Mrs. Weisslitz, president of the German Women's Club of Buffalo, N. Y., after doctoring for two years, was finally cured of her kidney trouble by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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**OFFERS BEFORE THE CITY.**

The question, however, for us to consider is the offers which have been made to the city by two companies, namely, the Canadian Telephone and Telegraph Company, and the Stark Telephone, Light and Power Company. If any franchise is granted to either of these companies, think it should be upon the agreement that the city will have the right at any time to purchase the plant and wires of the company, and providing that if they have a long-distance line in connection with their service, the city shall, for a reasonable tariff, be fixed by a non-dependent tribunal, have the right to use or to have messages carried over such long-distance line or lines, and also insist upon a proper provision to prevent amalgamation with, or purchase by, the Bell or any other company. This is a difficult matter to control, but a proper guarantee bond, with forfeiture of property, can, I believe, be prepared, which will provide against any such amalgamation or sale.

**NO WATERED STOCK.**

Another difficulty which has to be faced in the granting of a franchise to a company is the danger of over-capitalization. I am advised that from \$125 to \$150 per line would provide ample capital for a telephone company in any of our large cities. The cost of the Glasgow exchange, after providing in a large measure for future requirements, is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$90 per subscriber. So that in dealing with any company regarding these matters, provision must be made against over-capitalization, or watering of stock, which the city might have to pay in the event of taking over the plant and business of the company.

Another provision which should be made is that the city engineer should have the absolute right to determine whether the wires should be placed underground or not, and all work done upon the streets should be carried out under his supervision.

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