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### EIGHTY SAVED FROM BATTLESHIP

#### VICEROY SENDS A REPORT ON DISASTER

Text of Dispatch to the Czar—Report of Newchwang Bombardment Unconfirmed.

London, April 22.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that Port Arthur undoubtedly is effectively blocked and that events are culminating around the doomed fortress.

The correspondent of the Standard at Tientsin says that Japanese troops are now embarking from Korea and possibly being reinforced by the forces on the Yalu river, from which the Russians have practically withdrawn.

Paris, April 22.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Petit Parisien says he has learned that General Kouropatkin has ordered the advance of the Russian forces which are massed in northwestern Korea, and that a brigade of infantry with 5,000 Cossacks is withdrawing to the Japanese side of the banks of the Tumen river.

St. Petersburg, April 21.—The Emperor has received the following telegram from General Kouropatkin: "I respectfully report to Your Majesty that two Japanese officers, named Stevo Yukoka and Gishka Oki, were arrested near the station of Tur Chi Kia. In their possession were found three cases of Bickford fuse, a French wrench, dynamite cartridges, tools for railway wrecking, cylinders containing one and a half pounds of pyroxylin, good maps of Manchuria and northern Korea and a number of notes.

"A court-martial held at Harbin, April 20th, found them guilty while belonging to the Japanese army operating against Russia, and in violation of the laws of war for their activity in destroying or damaging telegraph and railway communication by means of pyroxylin, provided for that purpose, and of making their way secretly into Manchuria.

"The officers were condemned to be deprived of their civil rights and to be executed by hanging.

"I confirmed the sentence, but in view of the officers' rank consented that they be shot instead of hanged, with the same loss of civil rights.

St. Petersburg, April 21.—The admiral, it is announced, intends to fit out two ships purchased from Germany, which were formerly in the trans-Atlantic service, together with a number of smaller vessels, to be used for the purpose of patrolling the Pacific to prey upon Japanese commerce.

Washington, April 21.—A report by mail from Capt. Marshall, commander of the Vicksburg, giving an account of the engagement at Chemulpo between the Japanese and Russian naval forces on February 9th, was received by the United States navy department.

Capt. Marshall says the Varies and Koruz, however, moved out at 11.30 a. m. about four miles from the following account of the action: "At 11.30 a. m. was heard the report of the first gun fired by the Japanese squadron. From then on, the Varies and Koruz were the last shot was fired by the Japanese, the engagement continued.

"This statement is made from my own observations, and as it appears to me, about 12.30 p. m., both Russian vessels headed toward their anchorage at full speed, and as they approached it was seen that the Varies had a list to port and appeared to be on fire aft on the port quarter."

Captain Marshall says that, on learning there were a number of Russian vessels sinking, two of their cutters and the whaleboats, with boats from the cruisers, assisted in taking off her wounded and putting them aboard the Talbot and Edna. Two Russian engineers, officers, were taken on board the Vicksburg and cared for some time.

Captain Marshall adds: "On my ordering to have the Zaire used as a

notary quarters, they were taken to the Edna, where their captain detained them and declined my offer with thanks."

Continuing, the captain reported: "These two officers very freely stated themselves that they had opened valves in the engine and firerooms with the object of sinking their vessel. The first aft," he said, "continued spreading, burning fiercely until the vessel rolled over and sank." During all that time, he says, there were frequent explosions; the Koruz, Captain Marshall reports, was not hit, as far as he could learn. She held a position between the Vicksburg and the Zaire until 1.30 p. m., during which interval she attempted to lower a boat to go to the assistance of her consort, when she anchored inshore of us, near Observation Island. Later she was abandoned by her officers and men in their own boats.

There were two distinct explosions, according to the report, which were very strong as to lift and heel the Vicksburg, giving the impression on board that the forward magazine of that ship had exploded. Immediately after the report says, the crew of the Chinese Eastern Railway Company's steamer Russian Flag, set fire to her and abandoned her.

"The signal from the Edna was read by our signalmen: 'Our letter of protest was delivered on board the Japanese flagship a few minutes before the first shot was fired.'

ALXIEFF'S REPORT.

Tells of the Destruction of Battleship and Sinking of Torpedo Boat Destroyer.

St. Petersburg, April 22.—The text of Viceroy Alexieff's report to the Emperor on April 12th, a despatch of eight lines, the torpedo boat engagement which preceded it, reads as follows:

"I respectfully report to Your Majesty that on April 12th, the whole effective squadron at Port Arthur sailed out six miles to the southward to manoeuvre, and towards evening returned to port. On April 12th, a flotilla of eight torpedo boat destroyers went out to inspect the islands, having received orders to attack the enemy should he be encountered in the course of the night.

"On the 13th, the darkness and a heavy rain three of the destroyers became separated from the flotilla, two of which returned to Port Arthur at dawn. The third, however, the Bezstrashi, having, according to evidence, encountered several Japanese destroyers, took them in the darkness for Russian ships, and giving the signal of recognition joined them. She was recognized by the enemy, and there was a fight at close quarters, in which her commander, midshipman Vladimir Ivanov, was killed. He was killed, wounded, her lieutenant, although wounded, continued firing on the enemy.

"At dawn on April 13th the cruiser Bezstrashi, with her crew, was hurled to the rescue. About sixteen miles from Port Arthur the Bayan saw the destroyer Bezstrashi engaged with four Japanese destroyers. Shortly afterwards an explosion occurred, and the Bezstrashi sank.

"Driving off the enemy, the Bayan approached the scene of the fight, lowered her boats, and had time to save the remainder of the destroyer's crew. Unfortunately only five men were swimming. Their lives were saved.

"The cruiser Diana and five destroyers hastened to her succor, and at the same time other cruisers, the battleships Petropavlovsk and Politva and some destroyers, came out from the roadstead, and the other battleships left the harbor in the afternoon, with the Bayan at the head and the destroyers on the flank.

"Vice-Admiral Makaroff proceeded to the scene of the Bezstrashi's fight, with his own destroyers, and cruisers were approaching. After a short fusillade at fifty cable lengths distance, the ships drew off.

"A squadron of nine Japanese battleships approached at 8.40 a. m., and our ships retired toward Port Arthur. In the roadstead they were joined by the Pobieda, Peresviet and Sevastopol, which were coming out through the channel. The squadron was drawn up in the following order, Askold, Bayan, Diana, Petropavlovsk, Peresviet, Fobieda, Novik, and the other battleships. They turned toward the left, but when approaching the mouth of the channel the destroyers were signalled to return to the harbor and the cruisers to proceed.

"Manoeuvring, with the Petropavlovsk at their head, the squadron turned to the east, making toward the enemy on their right.

"At 9.43 a. m. an explosion occurred at the right side of the Petropavlovsk, then a second and more violent explosion followed, followed by a thick column of greenish yellow smoke was seen to rise from the battleship, her mast, funnel and bridge were thrown up, and the battleship rolled over on her starboard. Her poop arose from the water showing her screw working in the air.

Altogether seven officers and seventy-three men were saved.

"The Politva, which was following the Petropavlovsk two cable lengths astern, stopped her engines, and remained on the scene of the disaster.

"At a signal from Rear-Admiral Okomsky the other warships made for the entrance of the harbor, manoeuvring towards the Peresviet in line.

"A mine exploded under the starboard side of the Pobieda. She listed, but proceeded, and entered the harbor with all the other ships astern of her.

"The enemy remained in sight until 3 o'clock and then disappeared.

"The night preceding the sortie of the squadron, lights and the outlines of ships were seen in the distance from the roadstead, and the commander of the fleet kept watch in person until dawn from the cruiser Diana, stationed in the outer roadstead. He left her at 4 o'clock in the morning.

"In concluding, I take the liberty to announce respectfully that despite the ill-success which has attended the Pacific fleet, the crews of the ships retain their morale, and are ready to perform all the duties required of them.

"The gracious words of Your Majesty addressed to the report says, stand for of trial serve as a consolation and a support to all the force in their efforts to overcome the enemy, to the glory of their beloved sovereign and their country."

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Russian Government Has No Confirmation of Reported Bombardment.

St. Petersburg, April 22.—The Associated Press is authorized to announce that the government at this hour has received notice to confirm the report of the alleged bombardment of Newchwang or the landing of Japanese troops in that vicinity.

NOT CONFIRMED.

Japanese Reported to Have Bombarded Newchwang and Landed Troops.

New York, April 22.—A cablegram to the World from St. Petersburg says: "The Japanese are reported to have bombarded Newchwang and to have landed troops, who will probably endeavor to effect a junction with the forces supposed to have landed near the mouth of the Yalu river three days ago."

SEEKING WARSHIPS.

Russia Is Trying to Secure Vessels From Greece and Argentina.

Paris, April 22.—Information reaches the official here to the effect that Russia is negotiating with Greece and Argentina for the purchase of warships. The indications are that the negotiations with Greece are the most advanced.

MAY FLOAT LOAN.

Report That Russia Is Negotiating With Principal European Bank.

Paris, April 22.—A European economist says, under reserve, that Russia is negotiating with the principal European banks for a loan of 150,000,000 on five per cent, four year treasury bonds, to be placed at 95.

TWO ARRESTS.

Suspected Japanese Taken Into Custody Near Moscow.

Archangel, Russia, April 22.—Two suspected Japanese have been arrested on the railroad near Volodiga, in north-eastern Russia, 22 miles from Moscow, with plans in their possession of Archangel and the famous monastery on the island of Solovetsky in the White Sea.

CHINESE FERMINAL.

Declaration of Yankow Under Martial Law Will Be Considered an Unfriendly Act.

Tientsin, April 22.—If Viceroy Alexieff has declared Yankow a terminal of the Imperial Chinese railways, opposite Newchwang, to be within the region under martial law, the management of the Imperial Chinese railways will consider it an unfriendly act, as it was prepared to arrange that Yankow should be considered within a neutral zone. The Imperial Chinese railways give notice this morning by telegraph that it will not receive code messages at Yankow.

THE RUSSIAN LOAN.

Bankers at Berlin, Vienna, Paris and Amsterdam Would Subscribe Liberally.

New York, April 23.—The Sun today says: "International banking houses in this city have received the news that the Russian government is on the point of making a \$100,000,000 loan if it can be found that such a loan would meet with favor among continental banks and those of England and the United States."

RUSSIAN RAIDERS.

Burned Japanese Consulate and Korean Custom Warehouse at Song Jin.

Seoul, April 23.—A special messenger from Gensan brings additional details of the recent Russian attack on Song Jin, in Northeastern Korea. The Japanese shall have the fire behind

them before giving battle in force. Kouropatkin's plans in this respect are fully approved here.

Of course the Russians will do all in their power to render the crossing as difficult and expensive as possible, but the first decisive engagement will occur in Manchuria, where the Russians believe they will have all the advantage of position.

RUMORED JAP REVERSE.

News of Engagement on the Yalu is Credited in Paris.

Paris, April 23.—Information reaching the highest quarters here tends to confirm the report that a rather serious engagement has occurred on the Yalu river, involving a reverse to a Japanese column. The information is credited in influential quarters.

STRAATEGICAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

St. Petersburg Paper Says Naval Squadron Impressed Caution on Japanese.

St. Petersburg, April 23.—The Russian Slav prints a letter from an official in the French secret service which reports the presence of numerous Japanese spies in France well provided with money. They are endeavoring to ascertain the movements of the Japanese fleet and the points on which they are concentrating in considerable force. It is believed that they have about one division to the north of Wiju.

NO CONFIRMATION.

Japanese Alleged to Have Lost Seven Thousand Men Near Mouth of Yalu.

St. Petersburg, April 23.—5.18 p. m.—A rumor is current in this city that the Japanese sustained a heavy loss while attempting a landing near the mouth of the Yalu river.

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messengers reports that the Russians burned the Japanese consulate at the Korean custom warehouse, rifled the telegraph office and finally, it is supposed, retired to the northward.

The presence of a Japanese squadron along the east coast of Korea will, it is thought, effectually stop all future Russian marauding expeditions.

GOLD FOR JAPAN.

More Than Six Million Yen Has Passed Through Hands of Express Company.

Seattle, April 23.—A shipment of Japanese gold, amounting to more than 6,000,000 yen, has passed through the hands of the Wells Fargo Express Company for the East, to be used, it is said, for the purpose of purchasing supplies for the Japanese government.

MORNING BULLETIN.

Everything Quiet at the Front—Survivors of Battleship Resume Duty.

St. Petersburg, April 23.—2.04 a. m.—Everything is reported quiet from the seat of war.

LETTER TO CZAR.

New Ambassador Will Be Bearer of a Message From the King.

London, April 23.—It is understood that Sir Charles Hardings, the new British ambassador to Russia, who leaves London for St. Petersburg at an early date, will be the bearer of an autograph letter from King Edward to Emperor Nicholas. Sir Charles has been summoned to an interview with King Edward.

BOXING MATCHES.

Johnson, World's Champion Colored Heavyweight, Defeats McEvoy—Tournament at Chicago.

San Francisco, April 23.—Johnson, the world's champion colored heavyweight, knocked out Sam McEvoy, of Oxnard, last night in the twentieth round. The local game within half a minute before the close of the round and contest.

INTER-CITY CONTEST.

Chicago, April 23.—The inter-city tournament here last night between Boston and Chicago boxers, in five contests, resulted in a victory for Chicago, the local man winning three of the bouts.

### THREE CAR BARN BANDITS HANGED

#### NEIDERMEIER HAD TO BE CARRIED TO SCAFFOLD

Snatched the Death Warrant From the Sheriff and Put It in His Pocket.

Chicago, April 22.—Peter Neidermeier, Gustave Marx, and Harvey Vandine, the notorious car-barn bandits and confessed murderers of eight men, were hanged today.

Neidermeier was the first to die. He was so weak, as the result of his recent attempt at suicide, that the jail guards were forced to carry him to the scaffold. He was then placed in a chair and the drop sprung at 10.35. His body moved convulsively as he hung. Although it was first believed by the physicians that he was strangling, it developed that his neck had been broken. Twenty minutes after the drop fell he was pronounced dead, and the body was cut down.

Previous to the execution, Neidermeier maintained the same sullen demeanor which has characterized him since he became a prisoner. While the death warrant was being read he snatched the document from the sheriff and put it in his pocket, making a sarcastic reference to his execution. He was carried to the gallows in a jail truck, then carried down a flight of stairs to the scaffold.

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Harvey Vandine was hanged a short time after the execution of his companion, Marx. The incidents of Vandine's execution were similar to those of his companion. He was carried to the scaffold, attired neatly in black like Marx, and wearing a white waistcoat and a white necktie. He made no statement upon the scaffold, but the prayer which he repeated with his spiritual advisers was audible. With Vandine's lips still moving the trap was sprung at 11.55. His neck was broken.

The hanging of the youthful car barn bandits followed eight murders, all of which were committed in the name of escape. During an attempt to escape in a stolen train after an extraordinary battle in the swamps of Northern Indiana, just east of Chicago, in November last, the capture of the gang was completed by the arrest of Neidermeier, Vandine and Emil Roski, the associate. Marx, having already been arrested, was told of other desperate crimes they had committed, and involved Roski.

Soon afterward the three men were found hiding in a "dig-out" near Clark, Ind. Seven Chicago policemen laid siege to their cave, and a pitched battle with rifles and revolvers ensued, in which two detectives were wounded, one fatally. The bandits escaped from their cave and the detectives withdrew to care for their wounded and secure reinforcements.

Several days later, Marx, angered at the failure of his companions to carry out a prearranged plan to dynamite the police station in which he was confined, and secure his release, confessed to the murders at the street railway barn and implicated Neidermeier and Vandine. Marx told of other desperate crimes they had committed, and involved Roski.

TRANSFER OF CANAL.

Only Five Panama Company Shareholders Voted Against the Resolution.

Paris, April 23.—The resolution of the Panama Canal Company shareholders, ratifying the sale of the canal to the United States, was adopted most unanimously. There were only five voted against it. The second Panama resolution was also adopted. There were only two dissenting votes. The meeting then adjourned. This completed the transfer of the canal to the United States.

ANXIOUS FOR MONEY.

Washington, April 23.—The state department has been notified of the conclusion in Paris of the Panama canal purchase. The money for the canal company will be paid over by the secretary of the treasury. It is understood Secretary Hay himself will pay to the state of Panama the ten million dollars to which it has become entitled. This payment will be made in Washington by Senator Crossman, the newly appointed minister from Panama, as soon as the government of the state authorizes him by cable to accept the money. The authorities in Panama have become clamorous for this payment, as the money is needed to defray certain expenses already in connection with the creation of the new state.

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Lambert, the murderer of a man named Kelley, in the parish of St. Alexandre, Kamouraska county, Que., came out of the woods on Wednesday and surrendered himself to the village authorities. He is now in jail at Fraserville.

# RUSSIAN SHIPS FORCED TO RETURN

## Rear-Admiral Wirinus Unable to Effect a Junction With the Port Arthur Fleet --The Garrison Increased.

St. Petersburg, April 24.—Rear-Admiral Wirinus has just returned from his unsuccessful attempt to reinforce the Port Arthur fleet with his squadron consisting of the battleship Oslabia, the cruisers Aruro and Dmitri Donskoi, eleven torpedo boats and two transports. In an interview the admiral complained of the stringency of the neutrality at Suez and Port Said. The British authorities would not allow the vessels to remain more than twenty-four hours, and permitted them to take on only a meagre allowance of coal. The admiral said:

"We met the cruisers Kasuga and Nishina, the warships purchased by Japan from Argentina and now with Vice-Admiral Togo's fleet at Port Said, but we had not the slightest desire to stop them. They had all the appearance of merchantmen, and their rough crews dangled their legs over the sides of the vessels. My ships have returned safely after a voyage longer than that to Port Arthur."

The torpedo boats are now at Libau, where their engines are being overhauled.

### TRIED TO KILL HIM.

Rumor in St. Petersburg That Japanese Have Landed Near Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, April 23.—Some excitement was caused here to-day by a report that mines had been discovered at the mouth of the River Neva, where they had been planted by the Japanese for the purpose of blowing up the battleships when they leave. The report grew out of the sighting of four floating powder cans. These were recovered and turned over to the police authorities, who, upon making an examination, found the cans were part of a load of powder which was being transported in a cart to the front some three years ago, and were dropped through the ice.

A report is current here that the Japanese have planted 20,000 troops at Kinkhan, about Port Arthur. This report, however, cannot be confirmed to-night. The story that an attempt was made on General Kouropatkin's life by two disguised Japanese while the commander-in-chief was in Newchwang a few days ago is confirmed. The would-be assassins impersonated Chinese beggars. They wore false queues. One of them reached for a dagger, but was felled to the ground by one of two Cossacks, who always accompany the general.

Makarov's Last Signal.

Port Arthur, April 23.—The Japanese failed in what is believed to have been a clever ruse of war to entice the Russian ships out of Port Arthur. Several men-of-war were sighted humming about the harbor, and the battleship Petropavlovsk was blown up steaming rapidly towards Port Arthur with other ships pursuing them, demonstratively firing at them. It is possible that it was a case of mere chicanery, but the opinion here is that the Japanese desired to create the impression that the Vladivostok cruisers were attempting to form a junction with the Port Arthur fleet. Knowing the whereabouts of the cruisers, however, the Russian fleet did not go out, and the Japanese ships retired.

A strange incident in connection with the loss of the battleship is related by the survivors of that vessel, who state that Vice-Admiral Makarov turned to the signalman and instructed him to signal to the hospital ship Mongolia, to come to the harbor from the inner anchorage. As the flags were being hoisted the ship struck the mine and went down. The Mongolia saved 47 of the crew.

It has not been definitely established that a Japanese mine blew up the vessel, although the story is generally accepted. The surgeon of the Mongolia has written a letter in which he enthusiastically describes the fortitude of the Russian sailors who survived the disaster. He says they are of indescribable heroism, undergoing the most painful operations stoically. As an example he cites the case of one man who, after being a long time under the surgeon's knife, thanked him for leaving him his legs and begged permission to smoke, later asking that he might have a drink of vodka with his dinner.

The admiralty considers it unlikely that Vice-Admiral Skrydloff will attempt to follow the torpedo attack of Makarov. It is known that the Russian torpedo boats went almost to Chesoo on the night of the Petropavlovsk disaster.

The stories to the effect that Emperor Nicholas was about to withdraw many millions of his private fortune, deposited in England, as a loan to the war fund is authoritatively denied, and it is stated that the Emperor has not had a penny deposited in London for nine years, although there have been large deposits of Russian government funds there.

Mediation Gossip. St. Petersburg, April 23.—The Russian capital is agog with reports of possible mediation between Russia and Japan through King Edward's visit to Copenhagen. Not only in official quarters, but everywhere the Russians seem to be of one mind, that no proffer of mediation can be entertained while the Empire is smoldering under the sting of defeat.

For some time, however, evidence has continued to accumulate that King Edward was seeking to bring about more friendly relations with Russia, and that efforts in that direction were being sympathetically received, except by the extreme radicals.

There is good reason to believe that

Emperor and the King are very favorably disposed toward an adjustment of the long-standing difference between the two countries. Besides, it is an open secret that the Emperor is greatly distressed over the war. He sincerely loves peace, but considers that Russia was wrongly attacked, and after what has occurred, the prestige of the Empire must be vindicated before there can be any intimation of peace.

Nevertheless, though army and navy circles talk as if the struggle had not yet begun, it is realized that recent events make for a possible termination of the war at the earliest practicable moment. Should Russia win a signal victory on land, it is believed intervention might become practicable.

The temper of the people is reflected in the utterances of the influential journals, nearly all of which are hostile to suggestions of mediation. The Novoe Vremya says it is no time to talk of negotiations, but only of war. The Russkaya Gazeta is left to England to propose terms that would not commit us. We have no faith in British diplomacy."

The Bourse Gazette asks, sarcastically, what Great Britain has to offer, and says Manchuria is already Russian. The Novosti, which has been advocating a Russo-British entente, discusses the matter sympathetically, as does also the Lotosk.

### PFLUG'S DENIAL.

Says Japs Have Not Crossed the Yalu --Can Hope For Good News.

St. Petersburg, April 23.—Major-General Pflug, in a telegram from Port Arthur, formally denies the reports that the Japanese have crossed the Yalu river.

He says that the Emperor replying to Viceroy Alexieff's application for leave has telegraphed his refusal, adding, however, that the Viceroy would be able to send good news soon.

Feiguer, the most celebrated tenor of the Imperial opera, who is an officer of the naval reserves, has been called to the colors.

Viceroy Alexieff has issued a notification to the effect that newspaper correspondents using wireless telegraphy will be treated as spies. The notification is the same as that served on the state department at Washington on April 15th by Ambassador Cassini.

### THE JAPANESE PLANS.

Russians Do Not Anticipate Invasion of Interior of Manchuria By Mikado's Forces.

St. Petersburg, April 24.—Apparently reliable information in the possession of the general staff leads to the belief that the objective of the Japanese campaign does not involve the ambitious invasion of the interior of Manchuria, with the purpose of reaching and overwhelming the main Russian army. If the Japanese enter entertained the hope of accomplishing a task similar to that which Napoleon set himself, present advice indicates they have abandoned it, and have adopted a much more cautious and less hazardous programme.

If this information is correct, there will be no advance upon the army concentrated at Liao Yang and Mukden, with its attendant constant weakening of the Japanese line of communications. Instead there seems to be a determination to stick as close as possible to the Japanese natural base of communications established with Korea.

The general staff reports say that the Japanese still have three other objectives: The throwing of a line across the Liao Tung peninsula for the purpose of cutting off Port Arthur; the isolation of Vladivostok and the establishment of a junction with the army in Korea and the force at the head of Liao Tung peninsula. The last mentioned movement might be accomplished by a landing near the mouth of the Ta Yang river, which, by threatening the flank of the Russian position at Feng Huan Cheng, might render it untenable and make the advance of a column from Korea comparatively easy.

If the plans should succeed, the life of both Russian squadrons in the Pacific would be menaced, and with the sea and a fleet back of her at every point, Japan could fortify the positions thus gained, and compel Gen. Kouropatkin to come forward and attack.

Gen. Kouropatkin, however, is in possession of the latest advice received by the general staff, and it is safe to assume that if the Japanese campaign develops along the lines indicated, he is ready to make such disposition of his forces as will meet and checkmate it.

### ALONG THE YALU.

The Japanese Line Stretches Out For a Distance of Thirty Miles.

Seoul, April 23.—It is reported that the Japanese are landing troops and constructing buildings at Hung Chuan, below Yongampo. Advice received here also states that the Japanese lines now extend 30 miles along the Yalu river, reaching from Yongampo to 10 miles above the Wiju. The Russians are strongest at Antun. Tiger Hill is, as in the Chinese-Japanese war, the key to the situation. Three islands, one above and two below Wiju, will facilitate an attack, as they offer a base for artillery to cover the crossing of the Yalu.

Advices from the province of Ham Yung, in northeastern Korea, state that the country folk along the northern border of the province are selling cattle and supplies to the Russians. The province of Ham Yung is the former home of Yi Yong Ik, a former Korean minister of finance, who, on account of his pro-Russian sympathies, was transported to Japan last February by the Japanese authorities. Several Korean officers suspected of being Russian spies have been arrested.

Lieut. Douglas C. Macdonald, United States marine corps, and 70 marines, formerly on duty at the American legation here, will sail for Manila on the United States naval collier Pompeii, in

luggage and the others withdrew. The Japanese casualties are not known.

### NO DAMAGE.

According to Letter From Port Arthur Jap Shells Failed to Reach City.

Chefoo, April 24.—A private letter received from Port Arthur under date of April 15th states that the Japanese bombardments of April 13th and 14th did no damage to the town. No shells fell inside the city.

### AT PORT ARTHUR.

Entrance to Harbor Is Clear—Strengthens the Weak Points on Land and Sea Sides.

Port Arthur, April 24.—(Delayed in transmission.)—All weak points on both the land and sea sides here have been strengthened in the past two months. The impregnability of Port Arthur is now regarded as absolutely assured. The garrison has been considerably strengthened, and the forts are provided with all necessities for more than a year. Confidence prevails with the troops and sailors, and the inhabitants are also confident of the ability of Russians to defeat an attack.

Remarkable indifference to the possibility of attack is shown by the people; in fact by day there is little to indicate that the town is in a state of siege. The band plays on the boulevards on which parades are held; finely dressed people stroll about, and groups of children play; restaurants and shops are well patronized by customers all day long. At night, however, the city is in profound darkness, which is emphasized by the searchlights flashing across the roadbed.

The entrance of the harbor, although studded with nine Japanese wrecks, remains perfectly free. The foundering of the Petropavlovsk is regarded as a tragic mischance without influence on the course of the campaign or of preventing the Russian fleet from still achieving brilliant results. At each successive bombardment, which experience shows recur approximately fortnightly, the Japanese fire becomes less vigorous, their ships remain out of range of the batteries, and apparently they do not intend to be drawn into a battle.

The Chicago Daily News dispatch which is boarded and detained by Russian officers off Port Arthur on Friday last, has been liberally censored on the condition that she will not again approach these coasts.

## JUDGE WURTELE DIES IN MONTREAL

### HIS ILLNESS TERMINATED HEARING OF LIBEL CASE

#### Settler Drowned While Crossing Creek on Horseback—Body of Missing Man Found.

Montreal, April 25.—Judge Wurtele, on account of whose illness the trial of the Cooke-Blackley libel case had to be abandoned after the parties had spent something like \$12,000, died this morning at 6 o'clock. He recovered consciousness shortly before his death and insisted that he be taken to the court room and attempt to bring the case to a conclusion, only the arguments of the prosecution and the verdict remaining.

Body Found. For Pitt, N. W. T., April 25.—Men coming down the Saskatchewan river on a scow found a small boat on a sand bar near here, containing a trunk, two valises and articles of clothing. Nearby was found a body, the letters on which would indicate it to be that of Irvine Stanton, on one time of Rat Portage. He was alone in the boat. The finders are satisfied that Stanton fell out of the boat and was drowned.

Man Drowned. Fort Pitt, N. W. T., April 25.—R. C. Tanner, a Britannia colonist, lately from Manitoba, was drowned to-day in Big Gully creek, between Lloydminster and Fort Pitt. He was swimming his horse, and falling off was kicked on the head, sinking instantly. The body has not been recovered.

### PRESIDENT LOUBET

Repays Visit of Italy's King to Paris—Lays Wreaths on Graves of Rulers.

Rome, April 25.—President Loubet of France, who arrived in Rome yesterday to repay the visit of King Victor Em-



THE JUDICIOUS OUTSIDER. Mr. Bull—I'm strictly neutral and wouldn't interfere in the slightest. I merely say—"Well done, old Jappy, and beware of swelled head!" —The Toronto Globe.

## THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE DOMINION

### Improved Steamship Service Would Increase Trade—The Question of Preferential Trade.

Ottawa, April 25.—Canada's commercial agent at Melbourne reports to the department that with an improved steamship line on the Pacific between Vancouver and Australia, a big share of the passenger travel between Britain and the Commonwealth would pass through Canada in a very few years. The Australian government have notified the company holding the contract by the Suez route that it will not be renewed unless provision is inserted that none but white labor be employed. This will not be very satisfactory to the company. The contract expires next year.

In regard to preferential trade, the agent says that the Deakin government was non-committal. Since then the government resigned. The agent says that the House of Representatives will agree to a preferential tariff arrangement on a reciprocal basis. Australians are selecting delegates to attend a conference in London, England, with the Canadian, New Zealand and British authorities, to consider the financial position of the Pacific cable.

### PISTOL DUEL.

One Man Killed and Two Wounded at Corvallis, Oregon.

Corvallis, Or., April 24.—Chester Keedy is dead, James Dunn, ex-chief of police of Corvallis, is perhaps fatally shot, and David A. Osburn, ex-sheriff of Benton county, is dangerously shot, as the result of a pistol duel that took place shortly after midnight.

The trouble began when Keedy, after leaving a restaurant, fired off his pistol, and ex-Sheriff Osburn, who is night officer of Corvallis, undertook to arrest him. Keedy was under the influence of liquor, and when Osburn approached he drew a gun and ordered Osburn to halt. There was some parleying, and when Osburn advanced Keedy fired, and the officer, shot through the neck, fell into the arms of bystanders.

Sheriff Burnett, who had been summoned, soon arrived on the scene, in company with ex-Chief Dunn, and, taking Keedy by the arm, ordered him under arrest. Keedy again whipped out a pistol and began to fire. The first shot went wide of the mark, and a second, also aimed at the sheriff, took effect in Dunn's abdomen.

Then Burnett fired, and Keedy fell with a shot in the head. Dunn fell into the arms of a companion, firing two shots from his pistol at Keedy as he did so.

### WHOLESALE ARRESTS.

Camp of Striking Miners Surprised By Sheriff and Deputies—Over One Hundred Taken.

Salt Lake, Utah, April 25.—A wholesale capture of striking miners in Carbon county is reported in special dispatches from Price, Utah. Sheriff and deputies, accompanied by Winchester, marched on the camp of the strikers in the canyon, took them by surprise and arrested 120 Italians. The charges against them is resisting an officer. The men were loaded into box cars and taken to the jail at Price. In the strikers' camp were found several guns and revolvers and about half a bushel of knives.

### NEW RUSSIAN MINISTER.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, April 25.—Lieut.-Gen. Glasoff, of the general staff, chief of the Nicola's military academy, has been appointed acting minister of education.

To light New York each night requires the services of nearly 10,000 men. The length of gas and electric lines in the city is estimated at about 2,600 miles. It joined together in a continuous line, a distance reaching twice the way across the American continent.



THE MEN BEHIND THE GUNS. JAP ARTILLERYMEN AT PRACTICE.

### VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON.

Russian Warship Sunk Japanese Merchant Steamer and Entered the Harbor of Gensan.

Tokio, April 25.—6 p.m.—The Russian Vladivostok squadron, after a long period of inactivity, suddenly appeared off Gensan, on the east coast of Korea, this morning and sank the Goyo Maru, a Japanese merchant steamer, of six hundred tons.

A brief telegram received from Gensan to-day says three Russian cruisers have entered the harbor and that they were still there when the steamer was sunk. Their arrival created consternation in the unprotected Japanese colony at Gensan.

It is thought in Tokio that this Russian naval movement was made in the hope of intercepting some unprotected Japanese troopship. It is not believed the squadron will remain at Gensan long.

### MAY MOVE ARSENAL.

Chinese Decide to Locate at Inland Town Instead of at Shanghai.

Shanghai, April 24.—Fearing a possible attack, the Chinese officials have decided to remove the Shanghai arsenal to Wu Hu, an inland town about 150 miles west of Shanghai. It is estimated that the entire cost of moving the arsenal will reach three million taels.

### FRIDAY'S FIGHTING.

Russians Lost Four Killed and Several Wounded—Report Sinking of Barge Carrying Taps.

St. Petersburg, April 24.—Official dispatches regarding the fighting south of the river Pokoku on Friday last in which a Russian detachment had three men killed, and two officers and thirteen men wounded, say that a Japanese troop laden barge and other boats emerged from the mouth of the Pomak and attempted to cut off the Russian retreat. The barge was sunk by the Russian guns. Capt. Smeigun, who commanded the detachment, has died of his wounds. Lieut. Pushkin was the other officer wounded.

Further details concerning the skirmish say that in following up the general plan to harass and impede the Japanese crossing the Yalu, the Russian forces on the river sent a detachment of volunteers in boats on the night of April 20th for the purpose of setting fire to the Japanese pontoons and other bridge material. The boats grounded on a sandbank near the Korean side, and drew the fire of the Japanese outposts. There was a sharp fusillade at close range. The position of the boats was highly critical owing to the appearance of a number of light barges filled with Japanese coming out from a small tributary stream called the Pomakua, which is unmarked even on the maps of the Russian general staff. The intention of the barges was to cut off the retreat of the Russians. This was noticed from the other bank, two miles distant, and a couple of field guns opened fire. A lucky shot sank one of the

### POPE WILL PROTEST.

Rome, April 25.—Those surrounding the Pope assert that he has expressed his intention to protest against the visit of President Loubet to Rome on the ground that it was the first occasion on which the head of a Catholic country has visited the Quirinal since the fall of the temporal power of the Popes, but it is not known when or under what form the protest will be issued.

### BOUGHT BY RUSSIA.

Has Secured Three Steamers of the Hamburg-American Line.

Berlin, April 25.—It is stated here that the Hamburg-American line steamers Columbia, Bengalia and Belgia have been sold to the Russian government.

### GOLD FOR PARIS.

New York, April 25.—Goldman, Sachs & Co. to-day increased their engagement of gold for Paris on Tuesday to \$7,000,000. The Royal Bank of Canada announced the engagement of \$1,000,000, and an announcement of \$500,000 was announced by Baring & Magoun.

Monkey Brand Soap removes all stains, rust, dirt or tarnish—but won't wash clothes.

## BRISK BUSINESS IN REAL

### TWO WINNIPEG HOTEL HAVE CHANGE

#### Two-Year-Old Girl Burned Man's Body Recovered the Bow River.

Winnipeg, April 23.—News received at Calgary that the man has been found in Bow Gleichen. It is believed to be J. Disbury, of the North-West Police, who was one of the drowned there last September. Others were Sergt. Brooks, who was recovered, and J. Beal, who was an inquest.

Change Hands. Real estate transfers for \$80,000 and the Coronation, the deals being consummated. From the sale of houses in at tax sales of the city realized \$75,000.

Settlers From St. Col. Davidson, president of the St. Catharines Valley & Manitowishago, has returned from States, believes that 90,000 immigrants will come to Western year.

Burned to Death. Berlin, April 23.—As a playing with matches and her clothing, the two-year-old daughter of a widow was burned to death last night. The father had been badly burned in a fire at the child.

Advance Refused. Hamilton, April 23.—The Hacco Company has notified that it would be impossible to demand for an increase of sand to cigar makers. The strike in London factory, strike.

### OTTAWA NOTES.

D. Harris, of Victoria, Boundary Survey—The Indian Reserve.

Ottawa, April 25.—Dunn Victoria, has been appointed on the boundary survey of the Mother Lode and team, and it is said that he will be to Col. Anderson, chief of the marine department. It was stated in the afternoon the government has petition with regard to the Indian reserve at Kereken, near valley. The government offer to sell or exchange reserve. It was hoped that arrangement would be made so as to permit the smelter, for which a site

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AUXILIARY BISHOP. Rev. Thomas F. Cusack, St. Patrick's, New York.

New York, April 25.—Frances Cusack, auxiliary of the archdiocese of New York, consecrated in St. Patrick's, New York. Contrary to the mass was celebrated.

For seven years Bishop has been the superior of mission band travelling place without a parish. The Right Rev. Bishop of the Light Rev. Bishop of the service was Bishop Kingston, Ont. Bishop vested with the cross of authority, and with purple globe, and announced Farley consecrating him, celebrated afterwards.

The veteran actor at John Coleman, died on a London dispatch. H. Macready.

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**BRISK TRADE IN REAL ESTATE**

**TWO WINNIPEG HOTELS HAVE CHANGED HANDS**

**Two-Year-Old Girl Burned to Death—Man's Body Recovered From the Bow River.**

Winnipeg, April 23.—News has been received from Calgary that the body of a man has been found in Bow river, near Glenora. It is believed to be that of J. D. Bishop, of the Northwest Mounted Police, who was one of the three men drowned there last September. The officers were Sgt. Brooks, whose body was recovered from the river, and two others, W. J. and J. B. Beattie. There will be an inquest.

**Change Hands.**  
Real estate transfers continue to be brisk. The Brunswick hotel was sold for \$80,000 and the Coronation for \$80,000, the deals being consummated yesterday. From the sale of city property bought in at tax sales of recent years the city realized \$75,000.

**Settlers From States.**  
Col. Davidson, president of the Saskatchewan Valley & Manitoba Land Co., who has returned from a tour of the States, believes 60,000 United States settlers will come to Western Canada this year.

**Burned to Death.**  
Berlin, April 23.—As a result of boys playing with matches and setting fire to her clothing, the two-year-old daughter of A. Wildfang was burned to death last night. The father's hands and arms were badly injured in attempting to save the child.

**Advance Refused.**  
Hamilton, April 23.—The Tuckett-Tobacco Company has notified the union that it would be impossible to grant the demand for an increase of \$1 per month to clear market. The company has closed its London factory, anticipating a strike.

**OTTAWA NOTES.**  
D. Harris, of Victoria, appointed on Boundary Survey—The Kermecox Indian Reserve.  
Ottawa, April 25.—Dennis Harris, of Victoria, has been appointed to a position on the boundary survey.  
Col. Thompson, M. P., Haldimand, has refused the command of the Bisley team, and it is said that it will be offered to Col. Anderson, chief engineer of the marine department.

**TRAIN WRECKED.**  
The Soldier Killed and Several Injured—Crews of Engines Escaped by Jumping.  
Los Angeles, Cal., April 23.—A western special train, carrying several hundred soldiers bound for the Philippines, was wrecked at Harbor station, the first station west of Needles, on the Santa Fe railroad. One soldier was killed and about a dozen injured.

**More Than Quarter of Million Tons of Ore Shipped From Mines This Year.**  
Phoenix, April 23.—Boundary ore shipments now exceed the quarter million figure for 1904, and notwithstanding the fact some of the mines at both the Mother Lode and Granby smelters have been out of commission temporarily for repairs this week, the tonnage sent out in the last seven days is larger than for last week from every one of the low grade smelters. Following are the figures for each property. Granby smelter, 9,990 tons; Mother Lode, 9,990 tons; Emma mine, 4,480 tons; Oro Denoro, to Granby smelter, 145 tons; total for the week, 15,465 tons. Total for the year to date, 236,548 tons.

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**GONE TO ITALY.**

President Loubet, Foreign Minister and Party Repay Visit of King Victor Emmanuel.

Paris, April 23.—President Loubet, Foreign Minister Delcasse and a distinguished company of officials started for Rome to-day to repay the visit of King Victor Emmanuel to Paris in October last year. A considerable force of detectives was on the train and stationed along the route to insure personal security of the President and his party. Representatives of King Victor Emmanuel will meet M. Loubet at the Italian frontier to-night.

**THE ENGLISH CUP.**

Manchester City Defeated Bolton Wanderers in Association Football Match.

London, April 23.—At the Crystal Palace this afternoon Manchester City won the English cup, the premier prize of the British Association football, defeating the Bolton Wanderers by one goal to nil. Premier Balfour was among the spectators, and Colonial Secretary Lytton presented the cup and medal to the winners. The attendance was estimated at 60,000.

**CHEAP FUEL FOR ACTUAL SETTLERS**

**PROVISION REGARDING SALE OF COAL LANDS**

**Russian Recommendation for Settling Sealers' Claims Has Not Yet Reached Ottawa.**

Ottawa, April 23.—All sales of Dominion coal lands in the future will be made subject to a provision that actual Canadian settlers should be given the first right to buy at the pit's mouth whatever coal they may require for their own use at \$1.75 per ton. Sealers' Claims.

**I.O.O.F. ANNIVERSARY.**  
A Well Attended Parade to Centennial Methodist Church.

Yesterday the 87th anniversary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was observed by a largely attended parade to the Centennial Methodist church, where appropriate services were conducted by Bro. W. J. P. Westman. All the local lodges, Dominion, Columbia and Victoria, were well represented, over a hundred being present. Gathering at their hall at 10:30 o'clock, they marched along Douglas street directly to the church, and were joined there by members of Rebekah lodge.

**A Long Journey.**  
The Bishop of the Mackenzie River, who is also present acting Bishop of Athabasca, left for the West on Tuesday evening. After spending a few days at Indian Head and other points, he will proceed to Edmonton, where Mrs. W. and Miss Reeve will reside while he goes north to Arctic circle by canoe, returning about the end of September, by Hudson's Bay Company's steamer. The bishop hopes to visit Forts Chipewyan, Simpson, Norman, Macpherson and Hay River mission, and if time and circumstances permit, he will return to the Peace River visiting Fort Vermilion, Smoke River and Lesser Slave Lake missions, reaching Athabasca Landing in time to be present at the meeting of the House of Bishops on October 6th.

**Returning to North.**  
Right Rev. Bishop Bompas, Bishop of Selkirk, left last evening for his distant diocese by way of Vancouver and Skagway. His residence is at Cariboo Crossing, on the White Pass & Yukon railway. His Lordship has been acting in his capacity as senior bishop in the carrying out of various matters of business involved in the death of the archbishop of Rupert's Land. He presided at the meeting of the House of Bishops the other day, and he will have various important functions to perform pending the election of a new archbishop. Mrs. Bompas remains in the city for a few days, when she will go east to Toronto, Montreal and other points, returning in the summer to rejoin the bishop at Cariboo Crossing.

**Memorial Chapel.**  
The alumni of St. John's College will erect a memorial chapel to the late Archbishop Machray. A scholarship for the late Dean O'Mara's memory will also be created.

**Water Falling.**  
The water in Red and Assiniboine rivers is falling, and the Red is clear to the south, a point above Morris.

**Major Gardner Dead.**  
Major Gardner, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, died of complications arising from typhoid fever. Deceased was born in Capetown, and served in the Boer war, and was a member of the Northwest rebellion.

**Funeral Services.**  
Funeral services for the late Mrs. J. J. Macdonald will be held at 2 p.m. to-day at the funeral home.

**ARE PREPARING TO RESUME BUSINESS**

**FIRE SUFFERERS SECURE TEMPORARY PREMISES**

**Nominations for Successor to Archbishop Machray—Trip to Arctic Circle—Suicide of Raucher.**

Toronto, April 21.—The work of leveling the insecure portions of the ruins resulting from Tuesday night's fire began this morning. Already a number of burned out firms have secured temporary offices and will start business. While many business men are stunned and bewildered by the catastrophe, the majority of them take a hopeful view of the situation. The fact that so much of the fire losses for the most part are sustained by the wealthiest men in the city, while the fact that the largest losses among insurance firms are English and Scottish companies, and that a great bulk of eight millions of insurance will have to come from Great Britain will tend largely to relieve the financial market, and prevent a panic here. It is expected that the great amount to be spent in rebuilding warehouses will almost put an end to speculative residence building in this summer, with the consequence that rents will go up again. This will surely happen if there is not a great influx of labor from the outside. Matters are further complicated by the fact that there is a scarcity of building material. Brick is especially scarce.

**Rates Increased.**  
There was an important meeting of the leading underwriters here to-day, when the fire was discussed. The most important question discussed was that of increasing rates. On the report of the committee the association decided to increase insurance rates all round on mercantile risks in Toronto. In the case of the fire, it would appear that trouble broke out between him and his gang, and Mr. Saunders was dissatisfied with the work done by them. The matter appeared to be dissatisfied with the discharge of the Japs, and they were continued to be a bad feeling between the gang of Japs and Mr. Saunders, culminating in this attack upon the latter.

**Archbishop Orth Took Exception to Canon Henson's References.**  
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**PROPOSED LINE TO MEXICAN PORTS**

**THE REPUBLIC WANTS COAL AND LUMBER**

**Line of Sealers is Looked for on Queen City—Aorangi's Light Freight—Marine Notes.**

So far as known nothing has been done locally towards the establishment of steamship communication between British Columbia and Mexico. With a subsidy of one hundred thousand dollars from the Canadian and Mexican governments shipping men consider a line could in time be made very remunerative. A number of Victorians have been interested in the scheme in years gone by, but nothing ever resulted. The present efforts to establish a line is a result of the recent visit of Sir W. Mallock to Mexico and interview he had with President Diaz.

**D. C. Ansell, Mexican consul-general at Montreal, has also been looking into the trade question between the two countries. The fact that so much of Canadian capital has been directed toward the southern country, will, in his opinion, greatly aid in promoting closer relations between the Republic and Canada. It is expected that the attitude of the government of the United States, Canada, he states, has to pay tribute in the way of added expense whenever the smaller tonnage of freight from one country and the other through American channels.**

**Mexico is just now engaged in building a number of railways through to the Pacific Coast harbors. These connect with the chief cities of the interior, so that when they are completed there will be a large demand for coal and lumber. Steamers on the return trip could be loaded with ores and concentrates. The fruit business and the passenger traffic are also expected to increase wonderfully with the completion of the roads.**

**If the Dominion government decides that the trip to the Mackenzie river cannot be made by rail, it would appear that the steamer Gausa, which is to take men and supplies to that part of the Arctic, will be brought around the Horn, and sent north by way of Behring the straits. Capt. Bernier and 26 officers and men, who are being sent to Bremen to bring the steamer Gausa out to Canada, for the voyage have taken their departure from New York. They expect to have the steamer at Halifax by the first of June. The question of the route is left to the discretion of naval experts and seafaring men generally.**

**Commander Spaul, who has been selecting the crew, observed that the matter of the route is not of great importance, but that the matter of the crew is of great importance. He added that Capt. Bernier was confident that he could get there all right by the Northern Passage, but that was a question which would have to be decided by the department at Ottawa. Up to the present, the voyage had never been made by the crew in question. The question is, will it ever be done?**

**BOTTLE MESSAGE FOUND.**  
Saturday's Seattle Times says: "George Dotson, of 218 Jefferson street of this city found a bottle near Portage, Vashon Island, yesterday afternoon, containing a note written on the back of a pamphlet entitled 'Secrets of Life.' The note read as follows: 'Slowly sinking on board Callam. C. W. Thompson-Gibbons.'

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Sidney S. Saunders, son of Henry Saunders, of this city, was the victim of a brutal attack by Jap workmen at the Sidney sawmill on Saturday afternoon. Two Japs have been arrested in consequence of the affair, and will probably come up for their preliminary trial to-morrow.

**S. S. Saunders, who is only about 20 years of age, had a narrow escape from being killed, as his assailant used an axe in the attack. Some scalp wounds were received by Mr. Saunders in the fight, but his condition is not considered dangerous.**

**Mr. Saunders went to work at the Sidney mill a few days ago. He was placed in charge of a gang of Japs, and was supposed to instruct them in the work which they had to do. It would appear that trouble broke out between him and his gang, and Mr. Saunders was dissatisfied with the work done by them.**

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**On Saturday afternoon while Mr. Saunders was working on a raft of logs he slipped and fell. He was instantly set upon by one of his men, who held him under the ear, stunning him. Recovering in a second or two he seized a stick and proceeded to administer justice. His Japanese assailant, who had an axe in his hand and did not hesitate about using it. Blows were returned by each of them, and other Japs, who were near at hand, either assisted their countryman or saw the fight, and who were suspected of being the instigator of the trouble. The latter was brought in by Officer Johnson in the buggy, while Officer Cox and Johnson proceeded to Sidney as quickly as the horse could take them. When they arrived Manager Frayne and the constable in the Victoria street of this city found a bottle near Portage, Vashon Island, yesterday afternoon, containing a note written on the back of a pamphlet entitled 'Secrets of Life.' The note read as follows: 'Slowly sinking on board Callam. C. W. Thompson-Gibbons.'**

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**Police Are Inclined to Believe That He Did Not Drown Himself—Stayed at the Louvre.**

(From Saturday's Daily.)  
Has a man by the name of Joseph I. Call committed suicide by jumping from the new Point Ellice bridge, or is somebody trying to perpetrate a practical joke on the police? There is certainly nothing jocular in the evidence now in possession of the chief, and at any rate the matter will be fully investigated. This morning, while crossing the new structure, the attention of John Edwards, of Esquimaux, was directed to a cord hanging from the railing to the end of which was attached an envelope. Drawing it to him he saw that it was addressed "To Whom It May Concern." Opening it he read the following:

Victoria, B. C., Saturday 23rd, 1904.  
Bidding all a good-bye I take my life by jumping off this bridge and drowning, as I have more trouble than I can stand. I am 28 years old and have a loving wife and two children and a father, Capt. C. A. Call, and brothers and sisters at Port Orchard, Kitsap, Cy., in the State of Washington. I am a native of Port Orchard, B. C. Warren street, Belling. Bidding all a last good-bye, God Bless them all.  
JOSEPH I. CALL.

**Mr. Edwards at once reported the find to the police. Sergt. Hawton, who went to the bridge, saw the marks on the newly painted railing which would indicate that some one had climbed over it. The envelope was hanging a few feet above high water.**

**The mystery of Point Ellice bridge deepens. Some peculiar features have developed in the Call case and the police are now inclined to the belief that the author of the letter which was found hanging to the new structure across the Arm last Saturday did not drown himself. The manner in which the man announced his intention to the world, to say the least, was singular. It would have been much more practical for him to have tied the epistle to the railing instead of dangling it at the end of a string where it might have hung undisturbed for quite a time.**

**Joseph I. Call, it is believed, lived at the Louvre on Johnson street, where he was known as John Meyers. Previous to that he was employed as deck hand on the Otter, having shipped on her at New Westminster. When he boarded her he gave his name as John Meyers, and had his mail directed to that address when his headquarters were at the Royal City. The proprietor of the Louvre, Messrs. Call, was working on the new pile driver which arrived recently to drive piles for fish traps for Chas. Todd on the south-west coast. He was engaged to put the machinery in condition for the undertaking and was paid \$85 a month.**

**On Friday, he told the people at the Louvre he was busy fitting a valve at the Victoria creamery. He frequently discussed his work in all its details, and none had any reason to doubt him. When he returned to his room, however, he always looked as though he had been working among machinery. He was called regularly at half-past six in the morning. Since his disappearance, however, it has been learned that no person of his description has been engaged on the pile driver referred to, and nobody seems to know what work he followed, if he worked at all. On Saturday morning he was called at the usual time and left ostensibly for work, remarking that he intended putting the finishing touches on the pile driver and then he would be paid off, getting \$22. It was not long after this that the letter was found hanging on a string at the bridge.**

**When the police scoured the town for some trace of a man named Call on Saturday they were unsuccessful in unearthing a clue because the only man resembling him was known as Meyers. Yesterday a search of his room resulted in the discovery of a letter which the writer had neglected to enclose in an envelope. It was written to somebody named Sophie, and in it the writer demanded to know why she had not answered his letters. He said he would give her a reasonable time in which to reply, but if she failed to do so he would go to her and ascertain why. The writing was the same as that on the missive found at Point Ellice bridge.**

**Meyers owned the proprietor of the Louvre \$13 for lodging. This, it was thought, he would square on Saturday, for, according to his story, he was to get paid off on that day. If, however, he was not in a position to meet his obligations, and he would have to face a somewhat embarrassing situation which he returned. He used to inquire daily if any mail for him had arrived, but apparently this would have been addressed to Meyers, as no one around the place knew him as Call. Inquiry at Seattle has developed his statement as the address of his brother, Capt. C. W. Call, Seattle. The latter is mate on the steamer Rosalie. It was rumored that two boys had seen a man jump from the Point Ellice bridge on Saturday morning but no report of this has been made to the police.**

**INDIGNATION, THAT MENACE TO HUMAN HAPPINESS, pitiless in its assaults, and no respecter of persons, has taken the form of the new American Navy. This great stomach and nerve remedy stimulates digestion, tones the nerves, aids circulation, drives out impurities, dispels melancholy, and bestows the glow of perfect health. Cures hundreds of "chronics" that have baffled physicians. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—68.**

**THE ISLANDER AGAIN.**  
The Tacoma Ledger says: "The real objective point of the Neptune Salvage Company's operations is said to be the wreck of the Canadian steamer Islander, which collided with an iceberg in Alaskan waters a few years ago and went to the bottom." The experiments being made on the submerged Andelano in Tacoma harbor are only being made to test a diving apparatus.

**TREMONT ARRIVES.**  
Big Liner Brings Interesting Group of Passengers on Monday.  
Steamer Tremont arrived from the Orient Monday morning after a splendid voyage. She left Yokohama fourteen days ago and comes well laden with passengers. She had a hundred tons of freight for this city. In the steerage were eighty Moros hailing from the Philippine island of Mindanao. They are somewhat more stalwart and more robust looking than the contingent which preceded them several weeks ago. They are bound for St. Louis, and are in charge of Messrs. Lewis and Wax. Among them are several boys of school age, and about with all the dignity they could muster. There were also a goodly number of Japanese aboard.

**Among saloon passengers, of whom there were many, was an American gentleman, J. S. Ferguson, who is engaged in business in Shanghai. He is en route to Washington to interview the United States consular official relative to railroads matters. The passenger complement also includes a rather distinguished contingent of Chinese, members of the Peking Industrial Institute. They are going to St. Louis as representatives of the commercial element of the Chinese capital. They are surprisingly enlightened, speak English excellently and have had a long experience in getting out of the country. They describe the sentiment in Peking in regard to the present war as intensely pro-Japanese. A gentleman and his wife, directly from the neighborhood of Vladivostok, are also among the passengers. The former had been engaged in mining, and when hostilities broke out he considered that it was time to disappear. They had quite a trying experience in getting transportation, but managed to reach Japan, where they boarded the Tremont. The big liner proceeded to the Sound this afternoon.**

**FIGHT WITH THIEVES.**  
One Watchman Instantly Killed and Another Fatally Wounded.  
Chicago, April 23.—Arthur Clemons, watchman, was instantly killed; McGee, another watchman, was shot twice in the right side and once in the back, and will die; Geo. Walsh was shot in the side and twice in the abdomen, will recover, in a fight with thieves in the stock yards to-night.

**The fight occurred at the plant of the International Packing Company at 47th street and Packers avenue. The watchman, who was making his first round for the night, discovered two men in a smokehouse stealing hams. The two thieves started to run, and Clemons seized Walsh, and the latter pressed a revolver against the watchman's breast and killed him at the first shot. McGee ran to the help of Clemons, firing on Walsh as he ran towards him. Walsh fell to the floor, but regained his feet and shot McGee three times. He then staggered to his feet and attempted to escape, but was captured by other employees and held till arrested. At the hospital the wounded man gave the name of Geo. Walsh, and said that he was twenty years old. His wounds are dangerous, but the physicians at the hospital say that he has a good chance for recovery.**

**TWENTY-THREE DEAD.**  
Rioters Shot Down by Gendarmes, Whose Commander Was Killed by a Socialist.  
Budapest, April 24.—A serious riot is reported to have taken place at the market town of Eled, near Gross Warde, resulting from a collision between meetings of the Socialists and Independent parties. While order was being restored by the gendarmes, a Socialist fired a shot which killed the commander of the gendarmes thereupon fired a volley, killing twenty-three of the rioters and severely wounding forty.

**RESCUED AT SEA.**  
Crew of French Fishing Vessel, Who Lost Ship By Fire, Landed at Philadelphia.  
Philadelphia, Pa., April 25.—The steamship Haverford, which arrived here to-day from Liverpool, had aboard a crew of 28 men of the French fishing vessel Union, who were picked up at sea on April 19th. The Union was abandoned and destroyed by fire.

**ROYAL VISIT TO IRELAND.**  
The King and Queen, Accompanied by Princess Victoria, Left London To-day.  
London, April 25.—King Edward, Queen Alexandra, the Princess Victoria and their suites, started to-day on their visit to Ireland.

**HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.**

The Victoria Board of Trade has under consideration the question of the formation of a governing body to take over and conduct the affairs of the harbor. It is considered necessary that some systematic course should be pursued in the conduct of all improvements undertaken in the future, and it is held by some practical men that such work could be more effectively directed by a governing body acting under the advice of competent authorities than under the system that has been in vogue since the primitive canoe was displaced by the vessel of the white man. We shall leave the Board of Trade to settle the procedure. In the meantime, however, it may be well to call the attention of all interested to the fact that the Dominion Transportation Commission will probably sit in this city early in September and that one of the matters which will come up for consideration will be the question of improving the harbor and preparing it for the demands that will be made upon it in the future. It is not necessary for us to point out the importance of the city of the visit of the commission. Whatever suggestions it may make will govern the course of the government. As the commission is coming for the purpose of gathering information, all concerned should govern themselves accordingly. Statements of the views of citizens, we have no doubt, will be welcomed. It might be well for the various public bodies in the city to take the matter up and if possible arrive at some decision upon the subject. There must necessarily be diversity of views, but the division of opinion need not be so marked as to prove perplexing to the authorities.

**THE INCREASE OF INSANITY.**

At last we have found the scientific expert for whom we have been on the watch for some years. It is well known that the universal opinion of specialists—or at any rate of specialists who care to express their opinions for publication—has long been that insanity was increasing at an alarming rate in all civilized countries which make special arrangements for the treatment of unfortunates. The chairman of the Manchester Asylum Committee, Dr. J. M. Rhodes, in a communication to the British Medical Journal, undertakes to upset such theories. Dr. Rhodes does not deny that there has been a heavy increase in all countries in the number of patients admitted for treatment, and that the burden upon municipal ratepayers and others is becoming a rather serious one, but he convincingly combats the theory that insanity is increasing. In support of his statement he instances the apparent increase in the number of people afflicted by other diseases, and draws therefrom the inference that the increase in insanity is only apparent, an account of the change in public opinion. Institutions for the treatment of the afflicted are no longer regarded with abhorrence by the ill-informed. In proof of this the following statistics relating to the hospitals under the charge of Dr. Rhodes are quoted:

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risen 0.06 since 1889, and the criminal cases only 0.01. Briefly, "the stigma of pauperism that used to be almost invariably associated with the asylum has to a very great extent disappeared." This, it is interesting to note, is the opinion also of the State Board of Insanity of Massachusetts, which has published the following findings:

1. That the increase of registered insanity does not necessarily imply an increase of incurring insanity out of proportion to the growth of population.
2. That the rate of increase of occurring insanity is certainly much less than the apparent increase of the insanity.
3. That there is a marked and growing tendency to commit all classes of the insane to institutions, especially in the case of old people, of the feeble-minded and criminals.

**JUST PUNISHMENT.**

For some reason the press dispatches published in British Columbia failed to note the fact that the men concerned in ballot stuffing at the recent municipal elections in Toronto were severely punished for their dishonesty. The fact cannot be too widely published that it is a very grave offence to attempt by dishonest means to set aside the verdict of the people as expressed at the polls. Unfortunately, in the past the parties interested in electoral frauds have generally managed to have investigations held before political bodies instead of before judges of the courts. The results desired were of course obtained. The guilty parties escaped the consequences of their crimes. It is notorious that under a former federal regime minority candidates were seated in the House of Commons. It is quite as notorious that in the present legislature of British Columbia men who had no moral right to sit and vote took the members' oath.

The government could not interfere. Conscientious Attorney-Generals claimed they were compelled to administer the law as they found it upon the statute book. But they hunted through the book for many days before they found a statutory excuse for their dishonesty. The men who offended against morality and decency in British Columbia were of course eminently respectable. So were those who were caught in Toronto. They all considered any kind of meanness and dishonesty to be justifiable if the purpose they had in view was achieved. They considered the whole thing a joke until they realised that there were severe penalties involved. Now that the Ontario operators in all countries in the number of patients admitted for treatment, and that the burden upon municipal ratepayers and others is becoming a rather serious one, but he convincingly combats the theory that insanity is increasing. In support of his statement he instances the apparent increase in the number of people afflicted by other diseases, and draws therefrom the inference that the increase in insanity is only apparent, an account of the change in public opinion. Institutions for the treatment of the afflicted are no longer regarded with abhorrence by the ill-informed. In proof of this the following statistics relating to the hospitals under the charge of Dr. Rhodes are quoted:

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The defeat of the Commonwealth government means either a new administration or an election in Australia. There are three clearly defined parties in the Senate and to the House of Representatives. None of them has a majority in either of the chambers. The labor party is the strongest of the three, but whether it would be possible for it to reach a working arrangement with the straight opposition is a question. It is doubtful whether even a general election would clear up the situation by giving one of the parties a working majority. It will be understood, therefore, that the situation is a very complex one. In the interests of the country it would be a good thing if the government and the opposition parties could be merged and constituted into either a strong opposition or an effective administration, as the result of an election determined. That would leave the Commonwealth with a conservative and a radical party for the people to select their representatives and the representatives of a government from. If the present deadlock be permitted to continue, a situation by no means promising will be greatly aggravated. The British constitutional system does not work well when there are three parties in a House. The case of British Columbia at present and of Great Britain for many years proves it.

The trusts have combined to down the people of the United States. Therefore Hearst is not to be permitted to secure the Democratic nomination. Such is the theory of the Hearst organs. There may be other reasons for the opposition to the newspaper magnate, but the San Francisco Examiner is too discreet to mention them.

The Grand Trunk Pacific resolutions were carried in the House of Commons by a majority of fifty-five. It will be found when the test is applied that the division fairly represents the relative strength of the forces of the government and of the opposition in the country.

**BURIED AT WINNPEG.**  
Funeral of Late Mrs. Alex. Stewart—Died at Rippe Old Age.

On Tuesday, April 26th, the friends of Miss Stewart gathered at her home on Baanantyne avenue to pay the last tribute of respect to her mother, who had just passed away at the age of ninety-two years. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Hart, an old friend of the family, assisted by Prof. Kilpatrick, and was very beautiful and impressive. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. Among them was a sheaf of ripe wheat combined with heather from her native hills, being a fitting emblem of her faithful conancy through a long and useful life. The pallbearers were Messrs. Angus Brown, J. B. Mitchell, R. H. Shanks, F. H. Schofield, Dr. Melkejohn and Hon. Colin H. Campbell. Decesseit was held at restful Elmwood cemetery—Winnipeg Free Press.

**IS NO LONGER A DEATH SENTENCE**  
BRIGHT'S DISEASE AGAIN CURED BY DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.  
Miss Johann Mayor, Given Up by Two Doctors, Is Again a Strong, Healthy Girl.  
Lochiel, Glenzary Co., Ont., April 22.—(Special.)—That Bright's Disease has been completely cured by the use of Dodd's is no longer on the list of incurable diseases is again proved in the case of Miss Johann Mayor, of this place. In an interview Miss Mayor says: "I had Bright's Disease in its worst stages and had to give up a profitable position with a corset firm. Two doctors whom I consulted gave me up, telling me I had let the disease go too far. I spent a fortune with doctors besides going to Caledonia Springs each summer, but no good resulted and I began to think I could not endure life much longer. "It was then I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills and it is owing to them, only, that I am at work to-day, a strong healthy girl. It took eight boxes in all to complete the cure, but I did not take the first two boxes regularly as I had no faith in them. You may be sure that I will never be without Dodd's Kidney Pills." Dodd's Kidney Pills always cure Bright's Disease. How sure it is they will cure it the earlier stages of Kidney Disease.

**DISCUSSED MATTER OF ACCOMMODATION**

**THE SCHOOL BOARD IN SPECIAL SESSION**

**Also Dealt With the Question of Issuing Certificates for Refund of Tax to Chinese.**

School accommodation was the question discussed at Friday night's meeting of the board of school trustees. It was agreed that since the by-law authorizing the borrowing of funds for school buildings had been defeated, the matter of providing more room must be seriously considered. After some discussion it was decided to advertise to certain what buildings are available in the different districts. Another matter dealt with was the action of Chinese pupils in securing certificates from local teachers for the purpose of claiming the rebate of their head tax from the government. A motion was carried providing that these certificates must not be issued without the approval of the superintendent. Chairman Jay presided, and those present were Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, Boggs, Huggett, Mowat, Hall and Lewis.

On behalf of the buildings and grounds committee, Trustee Boggs reported that a meeting had not been held since the last regular meeting, but that the improvements recommended then had not been proceeded with as it was thought all funds would be required for other purposes, owing to defeat of the school by-law.

A report was received from the special committee appointed to confer with the principals of the different schools to arrange for an annual field day. It was recommended that the first Friday in September be set aside as a school holiday for this purpose.

Trustees Hall and Mrs. Jenkins were of the opinion that the setting aside of another annual holiday would break into the school work, and was therefore not advisable. The former moved that the report "be not concurred in," and suggested that the field day be held on a regular holiday, preferably Saturday. This was endorsed by both Trustees Huggett and Boggs.

**ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.**  
Head of Detective Agency and a Lawyer Held in Heavy Bail.  
London, April 23.—Henry Slater, head of the detective agency, Albert Osborne, a lawyer, and two detectives, were today held in heavy bail in Bow street police court charged with conspiracy. It is alleged the men secured a decree in a sensational divorce suit by the presentation of manufactured evidence. It is said over \$18,000 was paid by Slater and Osborne for the evidence. The decree, which was granted, after a rehearing, was recently rescinded. The arrests are expected to produce further sensational matter relating to other cases. The prisoners will come up for further hearing on April 30th, to-day's proceedings being mainly formal.

**AN AID TO MOTHERS.**  
In thousands of cases it has been proved that Baby's Own Tablets is the very best thing for children suffering from colic, constipation, diarrhoea, stomachic troubles, and teething troubles. The Tablets are guaranteed to contain no opiate or harmful drug, and may be given with equal safety to the tenderest newborn babe, or the well grown child. Mrs. Joel Anderson, Shanley, Ont., is one of the mothers who have proved the value of this medicine and says: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets with the very best results. They are easy to give little ones, and I have never known them to fail to benefit." Every mother should keep the Tablets in the house in an emergency they may save a precious little life. Sold by all druggists or mailed at 25 cents a box by writing The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Rheumatism depends upon an excess of uric acid in the blood. The percentage of uric acid in the blood is increased by such foods as fish, 8.15; mutton, 6.75; veal, 8.14; pork, 8.48; beefsteak, 14.45; liver, 19.20; coffee, 4.53; tea, 3.22. Milk and vegetables contain very little uric acid, except the potato, which has a trace of uric acid.

placations were possible now that the \$500 tax was in force. There no doubt would be many to enter the schools for no other purpose than to attend for the year and get back their money. Apart from this there was nothing to prevent a Chinese boy born and raised here to attend school for twelve months, obtain the certificate and allow it to be made use of by one who might have just arrived from the Orient. In order to provide against this he suggested that for the protection of the government all certificates issued here stamped upon them a photograph of the applicant.

After some general discussion, however, it was decided that at present it would be sufficient to notify the principals that they must not issue certificates without informing the city superintendent.

Trustee Boggs then moved that in order that the High school cadet corps might be officially recognized, and the arms and accoutrements secured from the military department, the chairman be asked to sign the necessary documents. This also was passed.

The meeting shortly after adjourned.

**ST. GEORGE'S DAY.**

Members of the Order Celebrate the Occasion Appropriately—Banquet Friday Night.  
(From Saturday's Daily.)  
To-day is St. George's Day, and is being observed by members of that order in an appropriate manner. On the city hall and other large buildings the St. George's Cross is displayed, and at Esplanade all the warships in port are in gala attire. In honor of the occasion the sailors have been allowed a day's holiday.

The day was ushered in by members of the Sons of St. George around the festive board. The annual banquet, which was held at the A. O. U. W. hall, was attended by over a hundred, and the festivities provided were much appreciated. In every way the function was a success, the menu being excellent, and the service all that could be desired, reflecting credit upon the management of the Royal Cafe, who were the caterers. The tables were laid out in the form of St. George's Cross, and the hall was elaborately decorated. Flags and bunting had been used with profusion, and exceptional artistic taste was displayed in the arrangements. Pictures of King Edward the VII, and Queen Alexandra adorned the walls. The invited guests, S. J. Heald, who occupied the chair, proposed the formal toasts, which were all responded to with enthusiasm. Following this Bro. W. H. Jones proposed the "Dominion and Local Legislators" toast, and this was received with enthusiastic cheers by those present. "The Army and Navy" was proposed in an address by Capt. Harman, in which he referred to the importance of both for the maintenance of the British Empire, and called upon all loyal Englishmen to drink the health of "Tommy Atkins" and all "Jack Tars." Needless to say this was responded to with applause, all joining in the chorus "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

"Sister Societies" was proposed by Bro. E. Bragg in an appropriate address, and was followed by the toast "The Land We Left and the Land We Live In." Bro. J. T. Jones proved equal to the occasion, and his address, which adopted lands of members, rousing those present to enthusiasm before taking his seat. The toast, which was accorded the reception of the evening, however, was that proposed to "The Sons of St. George" by Bro. J. T. Richards.

An excellent musical programme was also given, songs being rendered by J. Webb, J. Risley, W. Jones, J. Robouf, E. J. Stallard, T. Greenhalgh, C. Toner, and Gr. Hamlin. Every selection was appreciated, eliciting applause from all present. The signal for dispersal was given some time in the early hours by all joining in "God Save the King."

Greetings have been received by the local Sons of St. George from similar societies in British Columbia and the States. Over 500 ivy leaves bearing the inscription, "Sons of St. George, Victoria, 1904," have been sent to different societies throughout the United States.

**RECLAIMING LARGE AREA.**  
Former Victorian Superintendent Found Movable Undertaking at Kamloops.  
"Cecil Ward, of London, England, who has been investing considerably in British capital in enterprises in British Columbia, is at the Hotel Vancouver, and with him R. H. Alexander, of Kamloops; Bigsby Wilson, of Victoria, and J. Henderson, of Trout Lake, each of whom is connected with one or other of the businesses Mr. Ward has inaugurated," says Friday's Vancouver News-Advertiser.

"Mr. Ward arrived yesterday from Kamloops, and will return to-day, leaving on Monday for London. It is at Kamloops that the Canadian Road Properties, Limited, the company organized by Mr. Ward, is reclaiming 6,000 acres at a cost of about \$200,000. This amount of land is to be irrigated, the operations to be completed this summer, and will be divided into holdings of from 10 to 200 acres. This land will be admirably adapted for fruit growing, and it is expected that many settlers will be brought into that district. The furthest portion of the irrigated section is only 16 miles from the city. A large new hotel is to be erected at Kamloops by the Canadian Hotels, Limited, which Mr. Ward also represents. The trip to Vancouver was made with Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Wilson in connection with the plans which Mr. Wilson is preparing. The building will cost about \$300,000, and will be of brick, four stories in height. It will be classed in every particular and will cater particularly to the best trade.

"Kamloops," Mr. Alexander said, "is going ahead this year. George McCormick, Mr. William Irwin, G. F. Fowler, M. P., and others are interested in a large sawmill there, and a third is to be erected this summer by parties in Brockville, Ont. The operations of the Iron Mask mine are also proceeding, and when the new concentrator is constructed, fully 200 men will be employed in connection with the development of this



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How to Keep Happy.

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A woman's nerves are more truly the cause of worry than outside troubles. The nerves are to a woman's body the telegraph system, which surely warns her of any trouble in the feminine make-up.

Why Women Have "Nerves."

"That is the reason why women have 'nerves.' When our thoughts begin to grow cloudy and uncertain, our impulses lag and the warnings of pain and distress are sent like flying messages throughout our time and frame, we straightway, nine times in ten, lay the cause of the trouble to some defect in the points where we first feel it. It is a headache, a backache, a sensation of irritability or twitching and uncontrollable nervousness, something must be wrong with the head or back, a woman naturally says, but all the time the real trouble very often centres in the womanly organs. In nine cases out of ten the seat of the difficulty is here, and a woman should take rational treatment for its cure. The local disorder and inflammation of the delicate special organs of the sex should be treated steadily and systematically."

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Local News.

The four-masted ship Snow and Burgess is en route to the Royal Roads from Manila, which port she left thirty-eight days ago. She is coming here for repairs.

A. W. Moore, formerly of this city, but more recently of Seattle, has decided to try his fortunes in Vancouver, having cast in his lot with Rand Bros., the well-known Terminal City real estate firm.

Bids for the manufacture of the Valdez-Sitka cable have been opened at Washington. The line is to be 900 miles long, and will establish another important link in the chain of communications on this coast.

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It is the intention of the police to enforce the ordinance relating to awnings to the crown of the awning, and six inches from the sidewalk, and owners of those not leaving that much clear space will be prosecuted.

The annual general meeting of the B. C. branch of the Navy League will be held at the secretary's office, 28 Douglas street, on Wednesday, 27th April, at 8 p. m. Business to be reported, elect committee for the ensuing year, and discuss change of name of the branch and future operations.

A Montreal dispatch reports that a New York capitalist named John McNamara has left the East en route to the Yukon, where he will represent an American syndicate in the construction of another northern railway. The location of the road is not yet given, but it is announced that the promoters are prepared to invest fifteen millions.

The manager of the Seaman's Institute acknowledges, with thanks, the receipt of reading matter during the month of March from the following: Mrs. Wm. Atkins, Mrs. H. D. Helmecken, Mrs. R. Maynard, Mrs. R. B. McKicking, Mrs. S. T. Hastings, Mrs. J. Van Tassel, the Lord Bishop of Columbia, the Navy League (B. C. branch), J. C. Mackay, David A. N. Ogilvy, H. Burnett, the Times and Colonist, daily papers, and the local weekly paper, Truth.

The first prosecution under the woodwaving amendment by-law of this room, fathered by Ald. Vincent, was undertaken in the police court on Friday. Three Chinamen were charged with cutting wood on the streets within the city limits in violation of the ordinance, and were convicted. Fines of \$5 and costs were imposed on each. A drunk was fined \$5 or ten days in the lock-up.

An important meeting of the streets, bridges and sewers committee of the council was held on Thursday, when an extensive programme of improvements was mapped out. It is understood that the committee will recommend to the council that it be authorized to make applications at one fell swoop, inaugurating necessary works to the tune of \$5,000. This will include street improvements in James Bay, sidewalks and other works.

A very interesting relic, connected undoubtedly with the days preceding the advent of the white population on this coast, was dug up by Mr. Rolands, living on the Fernwood road. This is a stone pestle such as might have been used by the Indians in grinding grain. It is about three or four inches in diameter. It has been reduced to a convenient size to be grasped by the hand, but unfortunately little of this remains, it being broken off close to the base.

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The committee in charge of the "Made in Canada" Fair are working most faithfully in the best interests of this undertaking. The support of nearly all the local manufacturers has been secured, and this week the Mayor was interviewed, and promised his aid towards having the exhibition placed upon the list of Victoria Day activities. His wish is kindly consented to make

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