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KUROPATKIN IS SUPREME.

He is now Commander-in-Chief of All the Forces in the Far East— Another Great Battle is Imminent— The Japs are said to be Ready to Attack the Russians Immediately.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 26.—The text of Viceroy Alexieff's order of the day which was read before the troops in the far East Monday, and announced the appointment of General Kuropatkin to be commander-in-chief of all the land forces in the East is as follows. "His Majesty today acceded to my request that I be relieved of the duties of commander-in-chief, and has appointed General Kuropatkin commander-in-chief of all our land forces in the Far East, while retaining me in my position as viceroy. His Majesty at the same time deigned to favor me with an expression of sincere appreciation for my efforts in connection with the formation of the military forces in the Far East, their concentration in the zone and my conduct of affairs as commander-in-chief of our forces in the Far East."

While Alexieff takes particular pains in turning over the supreme command of the land forces to Kuropatkin to inform the soldiers and the world of the marks of imperial confidence reposed in him and to announce that he will remain as viceroy, the order is considered as virtually his farewell address and that it will soon be followed by his return to St. Petersburg. His elimination as a factor of the military situation has caused a sigh of relief. The papers all welcome the announcement of Kuropatkin's appointment to the chief command as a well merited recompense for the manner in which he discharged the difficult role imposed upon him and reading between the lines, as a promise of better results now that Alexieff is eliminated and there is no longer a prospect of the elevation of a grand duke to the supreme command.

Rigorous Measures.

Tokio, Oct. 26.—9.30 a. m.—Attempts to escape, assaults upon guards and various instances of refractory conduct on the part of Russian prisoners of war under confinement in Japan, have led to the formulation of a series of regulations which will henceforth be enforced as follows: "Captives resisting the guards will be imprisoned. The leaders of plans to escape accompanied by force will be hanged or exiled and participants will be imprisoned. The leaders of organized assaults on guards will be hanged and participants, therein, will be imprisoned. Captives released upon taking an oath that they will not again participate in war, will be hanged if captured again."

New Russian Loan.

London, Oct. 26.—A new Russian loan of \$270,000,000, according to the Brussels correspondent of the Standard, has virtually been concluded. The first portion of this loan, \$70,000,000, it is expected, will be issued in January. Half the loan has been reserved to Germany, and the remainder to France, Belgium and Holland.

A Battle Imminent.

Mukden, Oct. 26.—There was no incident of importance yesterday. Both armies are resting and preparing to resume the slaughter. There is a rumor among the Chinese at Mukden, that the Japanese are ready to attack.

HER BULKHEAD SAVED HER.

Foo Chow, Oct. 26.—The steamer Kishing, which struck a floating mine north of Aleste Island last night, had a narrow escape from total destruction. The explosion tore a great hole in the port bow, carrying away the fore-castle deck and nine plates. The ship was saved forward by a collision bulkhead, which held secure and enabled her to reach Wei Hai Wei today, where she now lies.

ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDE?

Nova Scotian Found Shot Through the Head in a Barn in Medicine Hat.

Medicine Hat, Oct. 26.—(Special) There was a case of accidental shooting or attempted suicide yesterday. Russell Crowe, aged twenty-two years was found in a stable shot through the head. The bullet had entered over his eye and passed out through the back of his head. Crowe came here from Nova Scotia one year ago and was employed as a grocery delivery man. He is still alive but is unconscious with little chance for his recovery.

ANOTHER LINE IS NOW PLANNED.

Houston, Tex. Oct. 28.—Edwin G. Steger, president of the Dennison Bonham and New Orleans railway has just returned from France where he has been for three months arranging for the financing of what will be the first true railway north and south in America. It is to run from Duluth Minn., via Kansas City to Galveston Texas with subordinate lines 3,000 miles in all. The road is to be completed in five years. The contract with the French syndicate is for an investment of \$75,000,000. Construction will begin in Texas within sixty days, according to Mr. Steger.

UNEXPECTED RECORD MADE.

Train Running 75 Miles an Hour Went off the Track

Laredo, Tex., Oct. 25.—Word has just reached this city that the special which left over the line of the National Mexican, R. R., bearing James Speyer, of the banking firm of Speyer & Co., of New York, while running at a high rate of speed was dived between Sanchos and LaJarrita, about 25 miles south of here. Both coaches comprising the special left the track. The engine, however, remained on the rails. Conductor Sharkey was injured. A special train has just reached this city bearing the members of the party, who started with Mr. Speyer early in the evening. Mr. Speyer is uninjured. One of the party, J. E. Davis, of New York, received painful cuts about the face, but is otherwise uninjured. The wreck, it is said, was the result of the condition of the roadbed and the high speed, (75 miles an hour), at which the train was going at the time, it having been the intention of the R. R. officials to endeavor to establish a new record between here and Mexico city.

The old wooden retaining wall on the Leonard property at the foot of Canterbury street is in a dangerous condition and looks as if it would fall at any moment.

"ARM AND PREPARE."

This the Message to Oppressed Finlanders From Man Now Charged With Conspiracy Against Russia.

Abo, Finland, Oct. 26.—The trial of former Senator Schaumann, father of Eugene Waldemar Schaumann, the assassin of the late Governor-general Bobrikoff, arrested on July 2, on suspicion of having had a knowledge of his son's crime, is arousing great popular interest. The indictment charges him with conspiracy against the government. When his house was searched June 17, the day after Bobrikoff's assassination. Police Inspector Molodkin found plans for a general arming and training of the whole population, together with appeals exhorting the people to preserve political alertness and be prepared for any eventuality. Schaumann in his reply does not deny the authorship of the plans, but contests the revolutionary interpretation given to them. He pleaded not guilty. The case was adjourned until Nov. 5.

FOUR DAYS IN A CLOSET.

The Terrible Experience of a Woman in New York.

New York, Oct. 25.—After a fruitless search which began last Saturday and had been taken up by the police of the five boroughs of Greater New York, Mrs. Roy Singer, 20 years old, has been found locked in a closet within less than a block of her home in East New York. She had been imprisoned four days without food or water. While her nurse was absent for a few moments last Saturday Mrs. Singer who had been ill for some time suddenly arose, threw on a wrap and fled from the house in a delirium of fever. Seeking refuge from imaginary pursuers, she hurried down a street into an unused building in the rear of a mission and closed the door. A spring lock snapped behind her and she was a prisoner. At lucid intervals the woman screamed and pounded on the door but the neighbors paid little attention to the sounds until they continued intermittently four days. Then a woman who happened nearby discovered the source and rescued the unfortunate patient.

Mr. Singer who had searched the city continuously for a trace of his wife, arrived just as she was found. She recognized him at once, and, it is believed, will recover.

THE SHIP OF A VIKING.

Valuable Discovery Recently Made Near a Port in Norway.

Christiania, Oct. 25.—The old Viking ship which was recently discovered near Toensberg proves to be of great archaeological interest. Although not as large as it had been expected, it will be impossible to transport the vessel intact to this city, but it will be taken apart and again be put together here. The vessel, which has evidently belonged to some great sea king, is richly ornamented and contains a number of interesting articles, among which are a boom and some splendid woven tapestries, reminding very much of those of Bayeux, a beautiful carved sleigh, many artistic implements and a richly ornamented four-wheeled carriage all of which tends to show the high state of culture of the Norwegian Vikings. Nearly everything even the tapestries, is well preserved, though Prof. Gustanson of this city, who has charge of the work of digging out the ship, is of the opinion that the vessel was built before the time of the old Haafagre, that is to say, more than 11 centuries ago.

DEAD AMONG DOLL FRIENDS.

Dwarf Passed His Life at Forty Two Years in Play as a Child.

Ansonia, Conn., Oct. 26.—Nursing his dolls like a little child James Welsh, a dwarf, three feet and three inches tall, died at the age of 42 at his home in Bridge street this city, last night.

Welsh practically remained a child in his actions during his whole life, and his bedroom, which he used as a playroom, was filled with dolls, jumping jacks, rattles and such like. When away from his toys he would become lonesome. On such occasions he would cry for his favorite colored dolls until some member of the family procured them for him. He would wear only blue clothes, because his father was a soldier. He seldom went out of doors, and when he did he would not go out of sight of his home. He had an enormous head for his size, and enjoyed good health until a few weeks ago when he contracted a cold. His father and mother were both robust people. When P. T. Barnum was alive he made frequent visits to Welsh's home for the purpose of influencing his parents to allow him to travel with the circus at a salary of \$250 a week, but although the members of the family always worked in the mills, they refused the offer.

THE WORLD ON MR. BLAIR

Expresses Opinion That His Opposition Requires no Re-statement.

NOMINATION DAY.

Mr. Robinson's Election Conceded in Northumberland—The Outlook Bright All Over the Province—Rival Candidates Will Face Each Other Tomorrow

Nomination proceedings will be held at the court house tomorrow. The Sheriff's court opens at 12 o'clock, noon and the chair will be taken by Sheriff Ritchie. In view of the fact that important issues—notably the G. T. P.—will be discussed, the attendance will probably be unusually large. It has been suggested that a larger room should be secured and an adjournment made for the speeches of the candidates.

The Outlook.

The reports received from all parts of the province are very encouraging to the opponents of the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme. In Westmorland the conviction is growing that Mr. Emmerson will be defeated. In St. John the number of liberals who refuse to support a railway scheme, which prefers Portland to St. John, has deepened the depression in the minds of the government supporters, whose boasting in the Globe and Liberal News, is simply done with the hope that it may influence voters in other constituencies. The province stands to return a majority of opposition members.

Toronto World's View.

Toronto, Oct. 26.—(Special.)—The World, this morning, says editorially, after quoting Mr. Blair's views as expressed in parliament. "Mr. Blair has never recanted any of these opinions. He has just reaffirmed them on the occasion of his resignation. Speeches are, therefore, not necessary to define his position, although they might emphasize it and remind the electors of some things that might also be forgotten. Mr. Blair is an unrepentant populist."

Robinson is Sure.

There is no change in the political situation in Northumberland, so far as the settling of the trouble between the Morrissey-Loggie factions. A prominent supporter of Loggie, who has been in the city for the past day or so, in conversation with a Times representative frankly admitted that dissatisfaction existed and that no healing balm had as yet, the desired effect. It is a well known fact that two factions in question have been at loggerheads. When Morrissey ran in the liberal interests, the Loggie clique opposed him tooth and nail on purely personal grounds. Now Loggie has the lever and Morrissey's friends, believe that one good turn deserves another. That the two factions can be reconciled is outside the pale of possibility and Robinson's election is assured.

Will Speak Tonight.

Dr. Silas Alward and W. Frank Hatheway will address a meeting in the interests of the liberal conservative party in Hampton village tonight.

Mr. Blair Still Busy.

Ottawa, Oct. 26.—(Special.)—Hon. A. G. Blair prepared and issued today, a long order for the expropriation of grounds in Toronto for the new union station there. He was busy in his office all day.

Conservatives here have decided to appoint Monday Nov. 1, All Saints day, to be "Dundonald Day" and there is considerable talk about it in church circles.

MONCTON BOY LOSES A FOOT.

By an Accident at the North Crossing Albert Gunn is Maimed for Life.

Moncton, Oct. 26.—(Special.)—The five year old son of Albert Gunn, an I. C. R. fireman, had his left foot taken off by a train this morning. The lad was on the van when the foot started and he jumped off, one foot falling on the rail. It was washed badly and amputation was necessary. The lad was taken to the hospital. The accident occurred at the north crossing.

HEAD AND NECK.

Mayor McClennan, of New York, tells this story of a prominent M. D., a friend of his. It seems the doctor failed to attend a very important meeting of his medical society one evening, and on being asked by a brother M. D. the cause of his absence replied that his wife had kept him at home. "That's strange," said the friend. "I thought you were the head of your house."

A VERDICT OF GUILTY.

Jury Find That Mrs. William Dee of Ontario Murdered Her Husband.

Ingersoll, Ont. Oct. 26.—(Special.) The adjourned inquest was held at Salford, last night, on the body of Wm. Dee. The jury, after considering the evidence for half an hour returned the following verdict:—"We the jury empaneled to enquire into the death of Wm. Dee find that Mrs. William Dee, (Lena Dee), on October 10th, 1904, at her home, in the county of Oxford did feloniously, wilfully and with malice aforethought, kill and murder her husband, by administering strychnine as a poison, against the peace of our Lord the King."

POLITICAL INFLUENCE.

Has no Place in the Management of Railways in Australia.

Replying to a statement that Australian government railways are not a success, a Canadian who worked there for years writes as follows to the Winnipeg Telegram:—"I happen to know a good deal about Australia and its railways. I was in that country for eleven years and six months, and worked on the Victorian system for six years. Before Confederation into the Commonwealth each colony—West Australia, South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland—owned and operated its own system, as they still continue to do. Each has its board of three commissioners, in whom the railway is vested, to be managed and operated on commercial principles for the benefit of the people, free from every kind of political influence. The influence of twenty members of parliament with the premier and governor thrown in, cannot get a man employed on any of the Australian railways. Vacancies are advertised for the railways and applicants must first furnish reference as to respectability, education, medical fitness, and must undergo a rigid examination as to his fitness for the particular work or position he seeks. All being right, if there are twenty applicants for ten vacancies, they are balloted for, and those who draw the successful number are accepted. Those not successful are eligible for the next ballot three months hence without further examination, but they have no preference over the latest candidates. This ballot business is conducted with strict impartiality by a committee of railway officials appointed by the chief commissioner, and there is no possibility of the slightest favoritism being shown. From this it can be seen that none but competent men are accepted from the start."

"Now as to the roadbed and equipment, and general service given to the public, it is no exaggeration for me to say that the Victorian system and the New South Wales system have few, if any, equals. Certainly no better roadbed, equipment, regularity of train service, splendid accommodation, and civility of employees exists than there is in Australia. The only trouble in that country is the break of gauge which, like everything else, can be made uniform in time. I spent four months one day in 1885 trying to make the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the working of the South Australian railways see the advisability of laying a third rail, and run both gauges from Hamley Bridge to Adelaide, the same as the old Toronto, Grey & Bruce ran from Weston Junction to Queen street, Toronto, over the Grand Trunk railway. The commission did not at once adopt my suggestions, but I think the Board of Railway Commissioners did, after I left here."

"The Australian railways have only to earn the interest on the cost of construction, the small percentage for the sinking fund and the operating expenses. There are no dividends on watered stock for calico-hearted shareholders, and consequently the Australians today pay their railway employees the highest wages in the world, and at the same time give the cheapest passenger and freight service to their people."

EAT RAW BEEF; THEN HE DIED

Eighty Five Pounds of Beef Followed by Sundries, Too Much For Gourmand.

Dubuque, Ia., Oct. 25.—"Phil" Melloy, who posed as a world's champion eater, is dead, and an autopsy performed on his body has developed the fact that his last feast of eating eighty-five pounds of raw beef, followed by three cans of salmon and four apple pies, caused his death. On a wager of \$100 he ate this feast and collecting the money went to his home and to bed. Several pieces of beef gathered in this throat and strangled him to death. Melloy had records of eating 180 raw oysters in twenty minutes, followed by five large porterhouse steaks; eating everything that was to be had in a single restaurant in a few hours, and many other feats which would do credit to twenty ordinary men. His last feat was the result of a challenge to any man in the world to eat against him for a wager of \$500. He had no takers and then accepted the bet of \$100 that he couldn't eat 85 pounds of raw beef in 20 hours.

RUSSIA HAS APOLOGIZED.

Will Make Full Reparation as Soon as the Official Report is Received—The Journal de St. Petersburg has opened a Subscription For the Families of the British Fishermen.

London, Oct. 26.—The Russian reply to Great Britain's note on the subject of the North Sea tragedy has been received by the British government. It expresses deep regret at the occurrence and promises full reparation so soon as an official report is received from Vice-admiral Rojestvensky.

The reply was received by Ambassador Benckendorff during the night, and was forwarded to Foreign Secretary Lansdowne in the shape of a formal letter in which the ambassador writing on cable instructions from St. Petersburg gave the above assurances, adding that while the Russian government at the time of cabling was still without official knowledge from its own sources of the occurrences in the North Sea, it feels so certain it was an error that it wishes at once to express its regret and assure the British government that full compensation will be made as soon as the details are received. A reply in identical language is expected to be handed to ambassador Herdinger at St. Petersburg today.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 26.—The semi-official Journal de St. Petersburg has opened a subscription for the families of the British fishermen killed by the guns of the second Pacific squadron. The paper opens the list with a contribution of \$25. The first harsh note sounded by the press in connection with the affair is found in the Russ., which declares today that the British government, knowing the serious problem of self preservation confronting the Russian fleet, should have taken the precaution of warning the trawler fleet against getting in the way of the warships. The Russ adds that it has reason to believe "certain other vessels" suffered with the fishing fleet, about whose fate nothing was said in England.

Caustic Comment.

Tokio, Oct. 26.—The Nichi in commenting on the sinking of the trawler Crane in the North sea by the Russian second Pacific squadron, says that the action is beyond the capacity of comprehension of the ordinary sane mind. "The vessels attached" the paper continues, were harmless fishing boats belonging to a neutral power, and to indulge in such a flagrant violation of international usage, is only possible with one holding nothing in common with civilized people. "The act is too flagrant to be explained as a mistake, and it is hoped the government of the injured people will take due action against Russia."

The Nichi Nichi then recites other alleged acts of Russia against neutral trawlers. It declares this the crowning act, and that the Russians completely lack a sense of humanity.

BURGLARS AT WORK IN A WEST SIDE GROCERY STORE.

A Nocturnal Visit Paid to W. D. Baskin's Establishment and Cash and Cigars Stolen—The Need of Better Police Protection and More Street Lights Clearly Shown.

W. D. Baskin's store, on the corner of King and Ludlow streets, west end, was broken into last night, and a small amount of change that was in the cash drawer, and some cigars, were stolen. A Times' reporter called on Mr. Baskin this morning, and was shown where the burglar entered. A D. shaped hole had been cut in the wooden panel at the bottom of the door, and a piece about 18 by 16 inches taken out. Mr. Baskin lives over the store, but he says he heard no noise during the night, and knew nothing about it until he opened the store this morning.

The burglar used either an auger or a brace and bit, boring about 40 or 50 holes until the piece could be knocked out with a slight tap. Jas. Lewan, engineer of No. 6 which is just across the street, told the reporter that he was going home about 11 o'clock, and everything was quiet then. He thinks it must have been early in the morning when the burglary occurred.

Mr. Baskin feels that the west end should have better police protection. "Why," he said, "I haven't seen a policeman up around here for weeks. I don't say it's the fault of the policeman, for I think we should have more than two of them here, when you consider the ground they have to cover. As a rule they are always around Sand Point, and Union street, and it leaves us without protection

New York, Oct. 26.—A special despatch to the Sun from Copenhagen says: Naval officials say that the fear of the officers of the Baltic fleet while they were in Danish waters was ridiculous. They fired at a Danish torpedo boat while going through the strait, and only missed her through bad marksmanship.

Awaiting News.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 26.—2 p. m.—Again at noon today the Admiralty announced that Vice-admiral Rojestvensky's report had not yet arrived but the British embassy had been assured that it is on its way here. Therefore the long awaited Russian version of the North Sea incident upon which the future action of Great Britain depends, cannot be much longer delayed. The Admiralty does not offer any explanation of how the report is coming, but it may have been mailed at Cherbourg as intimated in these despatches last night, although it is possible that one of the torpedo boats which sailed from Cherbourg may have been sent to secure it.

The Russian Fleet.

Vigo, Spain, Oct. 26.—Telegram in cipher have arrived here for Vice-admiral Rojestvensky, commanding the second Pacific Russian squadron. The government has ordered the local authorities to only permit re-vice-talling of the Russian fleet within the port on condition that the ships enter one at a time, consequently the Russian consul in proceeding to Cies Island in the Bay of Vigo, for the purpose of communicating with the fleet to arrange for re-vice-talling three miles from the coast.

Vigo, Spain, Oct. 26.—A division of the Russian second Pacific squadron consisting of five battleships has arrived here and is entering the port. London, Oct. 26.—A steamer which has arrived here, reports sighting on Monday morning, 60 miles northeast of Ushant, four Russian battleships. Three and a half hours later the steamer sighted three other battleships, some cruisers and at three in the afternoon, she saw three torpedo boats with a transport all steering south.

The Fishing Fleet.

London, Oct. 25.—All the steam trawlers, including the Gull, from Dogger Bank, are now back at Hull. There are no additions to the casualty list which is confined to the crew of the Crane. The three wounded men who were brought to Hull today, having just left the hospital day, all graphic stories, amply confirming previous reports of the affair, but appear unable to say positively whether they were cruisers or battleships which fired upon them, though they believe they were battleships.

up here, as they can't be in two or three places at once. "Another thing that should be remedied is the lights. They are simply no good. Although there is one right across the street, you would hardly know it, it is so poor." Asked if he had any idea as to who the robber was, he replied:—"No, I don't know, but I have an idea who it was. These things have been going on for years, and it is about time something was done about it. "One night, a few years ago, I heard a noise at the door and went down and I found a man, trying to get in. He ran when he saw me, and I chased him down the street, but he didn't catch him."

Mr. Baskin is not the only one who thinks that better police protection should be provided. A number of people whom the reporter talked with, expressed themselves very strongly against the way things are run over there.

Work was commenced today on the frame work of the new city warehouse at the McLeod wharf. It will be one of the largest in the port, 330 feet long, and 70 feet in width. It will be occupied by the Donaldson line. Schooner Leonard Parker arrived in port this morning from Port Hasting, C. B., with 500 tons of coal for J. S. Gibbons & Co.