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THE TIMES LEADS.

The test of a newspaper is that it gives the news. The citizens of St. John were given another illustration yesterday of the fact that the Times stands the test.

As soon as the first bulletin announcing the fall of Port Arthur was received the Times made its arrangements for an early issue. As fast as the Associated Press despatches were received they were put in type, and the paper went to press as soon as the story was complete.

The Times was on the street an hour ahead of its contemporaries. The demand was of course very great. Although yesterday was a holiday and the streets so slippery that a far smaller number of people than usual was out of doors, the Times had to run off a much larger edition than usual to meet the call of the public.

The fall of Port Arthur was an event of great significance. The news of the surrender was far more important than any war news that has been received for months. The Daily Telegraph in the morning had featured a despatch that seemed to foreshadow the surrender, and public interest had been fully aroused; and the people were eager for further news. They got it in the columns of the Times.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

Russian diplomatists asserted yesterday, as soon as the fall of Port Arthur was announced that the war would go on. Perhaps the Russian government holds the view that the war abroad will distract attention to some extent from the troubles at home, though that seems hardly likely. The country cannot but suffer the more from the drain of war, and in the end the result would surely be worse than any loss of prestige involved in honorable terms of peace.

Russia is at a tremendous disadvantage. Her distance from the scene of warlike operations is so great as to more than counterbalance her numerical superiority and vastness of resource. Her fleet is now practically useless. Japan lies close to Manchuria, with open ports and good lines of railway. Within a week men and supplies can be moved from Tokio to Mukden. Russia has nothing now to depend on but the single-tracked trans-Siberian railway for the transportation of troops and supplies. The splendid series of victories which have won for Japan the whole of southern Manchuria have not crippled her resources, while they have filled her people with the highest enthusiasm. But yesterday Japan was a nation of semi-barbarians. Today she is a world-power. She has accomplished so much within a brief period, and especially since this war began, that few will doubt her ability to continue the war as long as Russia may be willing to continue the conflict, and in the end hold her position as the dominant power in Manchuria.

NEIGHBORLY OBSERVATIONS.

The little Star is pleased to accuse the Times of meanness and various other offences. Our neighbor should indulge in an occasional introspective glance, and locate the malady from which it suffers. The little Star had an axe out for the Times before the first issue of this paper appeared. At frequent intervals since it has made rather foolish remarks about the principal owner of the Times, even when his paper was fighting on the same side with much more effect than the little Star. It had a fling at him yesterday. But that sort of thing is really not profitable. The Times is the best evening newspaper published east of Montreal. It will endeavor to maintain that position. When its new building, of which the foundation is now being laid, is completed, this paper will be in a still better position to give the public a splendid service. So far as envy is concerned, the Times finds no cause for its indulgence. The congratulations showered on this paper yesterday would have smoothed even the very soul of envy.

AN ONTARIO SAMPLE.

The little steamer Minnie M. figures as a campaign argument and subject for cartoons in the Ontario provincial election. This vessel figured in an election in the new district of Sault Ste. Marie. There was an investigation and the story of the Minnie M. and her crew was told in the summing up of the evidence by Chancellor Boyd, as follows:—

The Minnie M. started at an early hour on Sunday from the other side, and after going a short distance through the locks, first taking on beer, whiskey and cigars—not as freight, but as provisions to be consumed, an unusual thing—took on at Algonquin this cargo of men, twenty or more. These were chiefly rough

laborers, and they stayed on board till Tuesday. They called in at Bac hewana, and what occurred there throws light on what occurred afterwards. Mr. Du Vernot points out the singular transaction, which I hope may never be repeated, of the returning officer being consulted as to whether these men might go in and vote, an offer being made him of a suit of clothes. It all came to nothing, because the conservative scrutineer came into the harbor. The destination was not Bachewana, but Michipicoten. They reached there, and the men went up in a scattered way to vote at Helen Mine, and then came down and voted at Michipicoten. They were kept free of charge all these days, given their transportation on boat and rail, given meat, drink and cigars, beer and whiskey—beer, more than whiskey—during that time. They had a meal during the intervals of voting at Helen Mine and Gravel Beach. These men had slips of paper given them, each man labelled with a name appearing on the voters' list. Cole says the names were taken from the list, and Fillmore says the same. The name which each man had was evidently not his own, and they were directed as to what they were to say. I have no doubt they did vote because there were no others voted at these polls. From what was observed, from what they themselves said, and from what Kennedy said they all voted but three at the last place, and all but one at the first. I have no reason to doubt the men voted, and I have no reasonable doubt that these men were not the men named in the voters' list, but false voters. As to three of the voters given as polling it is evident that two were not there, and one was dead. These three were perjured that day by men who went there.

THE TWO FLEETS.

Much interest will now be felt in the movements and the fate of the Russian Baltic fleet. A contemporary makes the following comparison between that fleet and the fleet of Japan:—

"Japan has 22 cruisers, eight of which are armored, and of the latter nearly all are superior in speed, armament and armor protection to any of the Russian cruisers. Only two of the eight Russian cruisers are armored and one is an old, slow boat, the Dimitri Donskoi. The fourteen Japanese protected cruisers are far more than a match for the six Russian protected cruisers. The latest reports give Japan five battleships, all new, with a displacement of 75,000 tons as against 81,000 for the seven Russian battleships. The Japanese can throw a broadside of over 20,000 pounds as against 25,000 by the Russians, but the more expert gunnery of the Japanese will more than make up that difference. The Japanese battleships are also better protected, having 15 inch armor, while the Russians have only from 10 to 12 inches. Several of the Russian battleships were hastily fitted out and are said to be in an unfinished condition, whereas the Japanese warships are in perfect shape with well drilled crews and experienced gunners."

A HOT ELECTION.

Mayor Ellis of Ottawa has been re-elected. The mayoralty campaign was by no means a quiet one. The following extract from a report of one of the meetings, quoted from the Ottawa Citizen, shows that even in the Washington of the north people sometimes grow excited:—

Then Mr. Henderson came out with about the most startling statement of the campaign. He said: "Kelly paid \$400 election expenses for you last year," as he pointed to the mayor.

The words were not out of his mouth before the mayor had jumped to his feet. With flashing eye and quivering frame he shouted in a voice that could be heard above the uproar: "That's a lie and a deliberate falsehood and you're a liar to say that."

"Then the crowd simply went wild. 'I don't think he should be allowed to proceed with his speech till he takes that back,' said Chairman Davis.

"Take it back, take it back," was shouted from all parts of the hall. The mayor was on the floor again. "That's another dirty mean deliberate falsehood," he hurled in Mr. Henderson's teeth. "Kelly didn't contribute one cent and I would not have taken it if he did."

"That's not what I said; I said he paid it," replied Mr. Henderson. "Kelly never paid one cent," retorted the mayor, "and Mr. Henderson should be gentleman enough not to say that unless he had the proof."

"You drove along with Kelly all day," was the next statement from Mr. Henderson.

"I didn't and you know it," replied Mayor Ellis.

"Why did you sack Walters?" interrogated Mr. Henderson.

"Because he was a man like you," was the answer.

"He's a better man than you," retorted Mr. Henderson. And the crowd yelled again.

In Toronto the merchants of the city take a more active interest in civic affairs than is done by merchants in St. John. For example, in view of the civic elections in Toronto, the chief officers of the Retail Merchants' Association issued a circular to members asking them to urge upon all municipal candidates the necessity of granting a competitive system of telephones, electric light and power, either by municipal ownership or otherwise, as they claim they are paying far too much for these services at the present time.

Of prohibition in Maine a Portland paper says:—"Staff Captain Crawford of the local Salvation Army Corps could give a homily upon the open saloons of Portland, after his experience in feeding the hungry children and furnishing shoes for the barefoot ones, cases which are in most instances directly traceable to the 'arrangement': by which the sheriff permits those whom he favors to continue unmolested in a business which is forbidden by law.

In these days of Frenzied Finance, says a Portland paper, and Exposés, we notice that Uncle Russell Sage keeps on sawing wood and wearing last season's hat.

The enforcement of the \$500 poll tax upon Chinese has resulted in a loss of \$300,000 to British Columbia, and it may have to be made up by direct taxation.

"The machine," said Dr. Burwash at a conference at Victoria college, Toronto, last week, "is the curse of all democratic government."

If the tightness in the egg market continues we shall be obliged to advocate the government ownership of hens—Portland Advertiser.

Local option by-laws were carried by popular vote in several Ontario municipalities yesterday.

GET BUSY.

(Portland Express.) Twenty years ago E. A. S. Clarke was a laboratory assistant in a Pittsburg steel factory. His job was small and paid only \$1,000 a year. Yet Mr. Clarke was one of the busiest men in the plant. He never lost a minute of his regular working day. He even did not complain when, during an extra rush of work, he had to put in more than union hours. He was still one of the busiest men in the steel business when he became an assistant superintendent, then a general superintendent, then a general manager. He was one of the busiest men in Chicago while general manager of the International Harvester Company, and now at 46 years of age, he becomes president of the Lackawanna Steel Company and one of the busiest men in New York at a salary of \$50,000 a year. The moral of this story is tolerably obvious. Mr. Clarke has got on by keeping busy. And that is about the only way men ever do get on. The degree of a man's success, whether in money getting, or writing or scanning the heavens for new stars, or running for office, usually depends a good deal more upon the assiduity with which he plies his trade than upon his opportunities or natural talents. This may sound trite but people are remarkably prone to forget it. The successful man is usually busy, and the busy man is usually successful. The young man, whatever his vocation, who has not learned to economize his time and keep busy has not learned the lesson most essential to a prosperous, useful, and happy life.

WINTER PORT NOTES.

The C. P. R. steamer Mount Temple, Capt. Forester, arrived in port yesterday morning, and docked at No. 3 berth Sand Point about 11:30 o'clock. The steamer is from London and Antwerp and left the latter port on Dec. 20th. The passage out was uneventful, the usual winter weather being encountered. The Mount Temple brought 515 passengers, 62 of which are en route to the United States and the remainder for Canadian points.

About 30 of the entire number have been detained by the immigration officials, and the others sent to their destination by special train last evening.

The steamer has about 1000 tons of general cargo for local and western merchants.

The Allan liner Pretorian, Capt. Stinch, is expected to arrive at this port today. The Pretorian has on board ten saloon, twenty-six second cabin and 252 steerage passengers, most of which will be landed at Halifax.

Donaldson liner Concordia, sailed from Glasgow, on Saturday last, for St. John, with general cargo.

The Indral of the Donaldson line which sailed from this port for Glasgow on Dec. 20th, arrived at Liverpool Sunday after a quick passage.

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Bert Muggah, captain of the steamer Wassa was found dead in his berth after the arrival of the steamer from Halifax this morning. He retired at five o'clock leaving orders to wake him at seven. When the cook went to his room he found the captain dead. Captain Muggah was 43 years of age, unmarried, and a native of this city.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

The Dailey Company were greeted with crowded houses yesterday at both performances in the Opera.

The plot of the play centers around a race horse Queen Bess, and many exciting and highly interesting scenes develop in the course of the play. As Madge Brierly, Miss Helen Ray will uphold her reputation as a sympathetic actress, the part is not one which calls for any sustained effort, but has several effective situations. Charles Booth made a manly Frank Layton, and Homer Mullancy gave much point and humor to the part of Col. Sandusky Doolittle, his scenes with Alathia Layton, well sustained by Miss Blake, affording much amusement to the audience. Charles Barringer put the necessary amount of villany into the part of Hooton and G. C. Robinson, as the darky Nobe, made fast friends with his audience, and treated them to some clever character work. Meredith Brown and Richard Taber were both effective in small parts and Miss Carr played the unsympathetic character of Barbera Holton with her usual care.

The scenery was especially good, and the race course and burning stables, pleased the audience with their realistic appearance. "Old Kentucky" will be repeated tonight and at both performances tomorrow.

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