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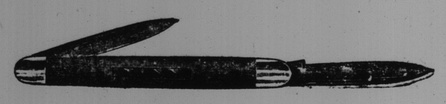

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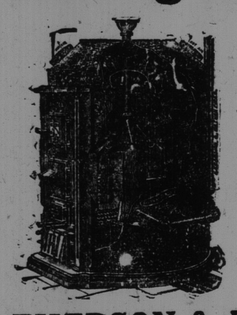

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## IN THE SACRED CITY.

The Thibetans Still Decline to Enter Into Negotiations with the British Expedition.

LHASSA, Thibet, Aug. 5.—(Delayed in transmission).—Col. Younghusband, head of the British mission, today returned the Amban's ceremonial visit. He urged the appointment of delegates for the purpose of negotiating terms of peace, at the same time intimating that every day's delay would increase the indemnity to be demanded by the British. No attempt has yet been made by the Thibetans to start the negotiations. It is stated that the Dalai Lama left behind the seal of state so that the treaty can be signed in his absence. The inhabitants are freely supplying the mission with necessaries.

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# RUSSIAN FLEET DEFEATED IN GREAT NAVAL BATTLE.

## Port Arthur Squadron Tried to Escape, But Was Caught by Togo---Of Whole Fleet One Destroyer Got through and 2 Battleships Returned---Fate of the Others Not Yet Known.

TOKIO, Aug. 11, 11 a. m.—Evidently driven to sea by the fire of the Japanese land batteries, the Russian fleet emerged from Port Arthur yesterday. Admiral Toko immediately closed in and opened a severe engagement, which lasted till nightfall. Afterwards the Japanese torpedo flotilla made a severe attack. The Japanese fleet withdrew during the night. The guardship stationed at the mouth of the harbor reported that she saw at dawn today the battleships Retvizan and Pobieda steaming towards the harbor of Port Arthur. Admiral Togo has not yet reported the results of yesterday's engagement. It is thought here that the Russians attempted to escape seaward from a base which is no longer tenable, but that they again refused to attempt to force Admiral Togo's line. Details are expected hourly.

### BATTLE STORY CONFIRMED.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—A despatch to the Japanese legation from Tokio confirms the reports of a severe naval engagement yesterday before Port Arthur and of a subsequent attack upon the Russian squadron by the Japanese torpedo destroyers. The despatch concludes by saying that at dawn today the Retvizan and another battleship of the Pobieda type, appeared taking flight towards Port Arthur.

The Japanese line, he said, now extends from the north shore of Louisa to a point east of Tayche Bay, about seven miles east of Port Arthur. The Japanese are, he alleged, wasting lives with reckless courage. Their positions are frequently lost and taken, then lost and retaken.

CHE FOO, Aug. 11. — The steamer Tunk Chow reports that she sighted three warships, which she believed to be Russian, in the vicinity of Che Foo. An unconfirmed report has been received of a naval battle near Round Island.

### RUSSIAN FLEET LEAVES PORT ARTHUR.

CHE FOO, Aug. 11, 11.15 a. m.—The Russian fleet emerged from Port Arthur at 7 a. m. Wednesday morning. It is stated that only the small vessels of the Japanese engaged and pursued it. The pursuit lasted two hours and a half. The hospital ship Mongolia, carrying women and children, is said to have accompanied the fleet. The refugees from Port Arthur state that during the last five days Japanese shells from Wolf's Hill have been dropping into the town, causing much damage. Several civilians have been hurt. One shell hit an oil storehouse, under Golden Hill. Five hundred sailors vainly attempted to extinguish the fire it caused.

### TRIED TO JOIN VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON.

CHE FOO, Aug. 11, 10.30 a. m.—Captain Rostchavoski, of the Russian torpedo destroyer Ritsilitini, which emerged from Port Arthur with the fleet, Wednesday morning, and which arrived here early this morning, states that his engines broke down when he was midway between Che Foo and Port Arthur. He proceeded at a speed of 12 knots to the port. He says he saw no Japanese vessels. He confirms previous statements that the large Russian warships had left Port Arthur, but he refused to say directly that the fleet had gone on an extended cruise, leaving the inference in the course of a long interview that the warships expect to join the Vladivostok squadron, which he said, had been recruited by the purchase of ships from the Argentine Republic. Captain Rostchavoski said further that the Russian torpedo boats, gunboats and small craft generally remained at Port Arthur. Some came out to perform their usual duties in the vicinity, but they did not follow the big ships. Capt. Rostchavoski stated that the recent firing heard at Che Foo evidently came from Port Arthur, where the Japanese continue to attack daily with scarcely less energy than they manifested during the severe three days fighting the latter part of July.

### SIGN OF PORT ARTHUR'S FALL.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—The afternoon papers here try, while admitting that the result of the engagement off Port Arthur is not clear, generally to interpret the conflicting reports from Tokio and Che Foo as meaning that the bulk of the Russian squadron at Port Arthur made a sortie in the hope of escaping, but that only the torpedo boat destroyer Retshitelny, which reached Che Foo, succeeded in getting away and that the captain of this boat believed the rest of the squadron would be equally successful. The papers recall Admiral Cervera's dash from Santiago, followed by the speedy surrender of the town and consider that the sortie from Port Arthur indicates the impending fall of the fortress.

### THE LAND CAMPAIGN.

LIAO YANG, Aug. 8.—The Japanese were active yesterday on the eastern flank. They retired slightly towards the south and the Russians immediately occupied their positions. It is evident the Japanese do not intend trying to carry Liao Yang by frontal attack, but by flanking as at Tachekiao and Haicheng. They are reported to be moving along the coast above Yinkow.

MUKDEN, Aug. 9.—Delayed in transmission)—There is much speculation as to whether the Japanese intend to attempt to turn General Kuropatkin's flank between here and Liao Yang, or north of Mukden. The Russians appear well satisfied with the situation. Officers and men anticipate a big battle around Liao Yang, but the fear is expressed that the Japanese, instead of joining issue there, will seek to turn the Russian position above Mukden and cut the railroad.

## WILES ARRESTED AGAIN.

Former C. P. R. Ticket Agent at Fairville is in Trouble Again in Boston.

Word has reached this city that Wiles, the C. P. R. agent at Fairville, who was arrested some time ago on a charge of doctoring the pay sheet and was allowed to go after pleading guilty, is now in custody in Boston and may be brought back to this city to stand trial on another charge.

At the C. P. R. general offices nothing was known of the arrest, although they admitted being aware of the fact that Wiles was in Boston, as just the other day they received a letter from the Boston elevated railway stating that Wiles had made an application to them for a position and that he had referred them to the St. John office of the C. P. R.

F. R. Taylor, of the firm of Welden & McLean, who conducted the prosecution on the charge to which Wiles pleaded guilty, said this morning that he knew nothing of the arrest. He was not surprised, however, as he felt satisfied that the company thought he got off too easy.

(Special to Star.)

BOSTON, Aug. 11—Wiles is wanted for alleged forgery, while clerk with the C. P. R. in Montreal. The detectives had the federal court issue the warrant. Its legality was questioned and Wiles is not now in custody.

### AT FORT DUFFERIN.

Prince Edward Island Men Are Thought to be in the Lead.

The first company of the permanent corps at Fort Dufferin finished their competitive shooting for the season Tuesday afternoon, and Co. No. 2 yesterday morning. The orders for these men will be principally for fatigue duty during the rest of their stay at the fort.

The Island men, who finished their work in a single day, are thought by the permanent men to be the big prize winners, unless outdone by succeeding detachments. Of all the competitive shots only one fell short.

Sir Fredericton Borden was expected at Fort Dufferin today, but he did not arrive this morning on the train from the west.

The orders for today are for fatigue duty only.

Tonight Co. No. 6, 4th C. A., are expected from P. E. Island. They will remain till Monday morning.

### A CHALLENGE FROM HAMPTON.

The "Pioneer" baseball team of Hampton challenge any St. John team of boys under fifteen years to play a match game on Saturday afternoon. Acceptances should be sent to J. McIntyre.

### DEATHS.

KEANE—In this city on the 11th inst., Margaret A., wife of Patrick W. Keane, in the 37th year of her age, leaving a husband and four children to mourn their sad loss.

Funeral from her late residence, 97 Winter street on Saturday at 8.30 a. m., to Holy Trinity church for high mass of Requiem. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

### TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

WANTED.—Two young men to board at 55 Wright street. Pleasant rooms and good table.

WANTED.—A girl in the piano and sewing machine store, 105 Princess street.

## FACTORY ACT COMMISSION.

The Hearing of Evidence Regun This Morning.

Majority of the Witnesses Were Employers—Canon Richardson Describes Cotton Mills.

The first session of the Factory Act Commission was held this morning in the government rooms, Church street. Mayor Palmer, of Fredericton, occupied the chair and there were present the following commissioners: Mrs. Emma Fiske, Chas. McDonald, and M. J. Kelly. Secretary James Stevens, of St. Stephen, was also present.

Several witnesses were heard this morning. The majority of whom were employers, so that naturally the evidence was favorable to existing conditions. Witnesses were not examined under oath.

W. G. Scovil, of Scovil Brothers, was the first who gave evidence this morning. He personally looked after the tailoring department of his business. No girls or boys under fourteen years of age were employed by his concern. The room in which the employes work has ten windows. The walls and floors of their room are swept every day. Their building is not provided with fire escapes. Neither do they keep fire extinguishers or hose. There is only one exit from the room, the door opening inward. The flat on which the room is situated is provided with a water closet. The sewerage of the building has always been good. A few of the employees take lunch at the building, there being, however, no separate apartment for this purpose. No accidents have ever occurred in their building.

To Com. McDonald witness said he never had any expression from his employes that they should like to have better arrangements.

Abraham Isaacs, manufacturer of cigars, next gave evidence. The tobacco dust of his establishment, he said, had never much affected him. His establishment is divided into three apartments. The whole floor is 70 x 32 ft. In one room, which is 40 x32, there are 40 workers. In another room 10 x 10 there are two workers, and in another room, fifteen feet square, there are three workers. In the lower portion of the building he has another room with about ten workers. His employes are all girls. None of them are under 14 years of age. The ventilation of his place is good. A sky light affords a means of drawing off the dust. His building has no fire escape and is not provided with fire extinguishers. His system of sewerage is very good. The building has two closets. A number of his employes eat in the building, though he would prefer that they did not. He has no system of allaying the dust, and believed such a thing impracticable. This is his conclusion after trying different plans. His hours are from 8.30 a. m. to 5 p. m., with an hour for dinner. His employes are allotted tasks which they sometimes complete before five o'clock.

To Mrs. Fiske he said that the doors upstairs opened inward. Regarding the health of his employes he said that he has known them to come to his place in a weakened condition and to become healthy. It was his impression that tobacco was healthy. He knew it to be a great disinfectant.

To the chairman he said he had a room for his employes to take lunch in, but they had always refused to avail themselves of this privilege.

Rev. Canon Richardson, being called upon, said that he visited the cotton mills yesterday. He found it hard to determine the age of the employes. He asked a number of boys their ages and they all assured him that they were over fourteen years old. There were a few small boys of stunted growth, who he thought were under 14 years. The management seemed to have no way of determining the ages of their employes. Much of the work in the factories could be done by young as well as older boys. Regarding the schooling of the boys, he made some inquiries and found that some of them had not been to school at all, while others had very meager education. Regarding the ventilation in the York factory the ceilings are high. Windows afford the chief means of ventilation. Both factories have fire escapes. In the York factory there is a fire escape on one side of the building, while on the other side there is a wide staircase. Both buildings seemed to be well fitted up with fire extinguishing apparatuses. The sprinkler system is in use. In the York factory there is a drilled fire brigade. Fire pails hung upon the walls. The sanitary system is bad in both factories. It is old and inadequate.

In the York factory the odor is pretty strong around the closets. This factory was provided with sinks. In the majority of cases the employes appeared to take their lunch in the factory. There did not appear to be any separate room for this purpose. The hours are from 6.30 a. m. to 12, and from 1 p. m. to 6.30 p. m. This is the 60 hour per week system in vogue throughout the dominion. The employes are allowed Saturday afternoon, which, however, is made up for by working over time each day. Owing to the early hour to begin work, some of the employes bring their breakfasts with them and eat them at the machines. He took the temperature of what seemed to be the warmest room in the Cornwall mill and it was 78 above. On a hot day it would be higher. In this room the temperature had to be 75 above. Generally, however, the men did not complain of the heat, and did not seem to think it excessive. The drying room he found very steamy. He asked one man if the steam affected his health, and he said he was not conscious of any ill effects.

To Mr. Kelly he said that pulleys overhead in some instances seemed to be low and in the way of persons walking round.

To Mrs. Fiske he said he saw nothing in the factories which might indicate immorality. He had no knowledge of English factory legislation, but had talked with an English employee in one of the cotton factories about it, and he expressed the opinion that a factory act would have the effect of making conditions better for employes.

Commissioner Macdonald asked Mr. Richardson if he believed compulsory school education would have the effect of keeping children away from factories until they were fourteen years old. Mr. Richardson thought it would.

Mr. Richardson found a good deal of cotton dust in the factories. Some of the employes said that it effected their eyes somewhat, but that it did not seem to be injurious to their lungs. Generally the employes gave the opinion that they considered the mills pretty good places.

Mr. Kelly—They would not say otherwise, as it might mean the loss of their positions.

Thomas F. White, manager of the White Candy Co., told of the conditions at his factory. There are a number of working rooms of dimensions varying from 100 x 40 feet to 25 x 30 feet. None of the employes are under 14 years of age. In the rooms in which the girls are employed there are fans. The floors are cleaned every week. There are no fire escapes. An automatic hose reel is stationed on the ground floor and on the other floors there are chemical extinguishers. There are four water closets, two adjoining the girls' clothes room and two on the ground floor. A number of girls take lunch in a separate room provided for that purpose. A few minor accidents have occurred in the factory.

A. Hartt, tobacco manufacturer, told of the conditions at his factory, Union street. None of his employes are under 14 years of age. He has no fire extinguishers. The factory is provided with water closets. His hours are from 8 a. m. to 5.30 p. m.

Mrs. Fiske, who visited Mr. Hartt's factory, said that the dust affected her when she was there. Mr. Hartt said that that was quite probable, as the dust generally affects a person who is not accustomed to it. He had never heard, however, that the tobacco business was unhealthy. Mr. Hartt favored compulsory education, as he thought it would tend greatly to obviate the question of the employment of children under age.

C. W. Brown, of the D. F. Brown Paper Co., was the last person to give evidence. None under 14 years of age were employed at his factory. There are no fire escapes. A fire extinguishing apparatus is being installed. Around the building there are chemical extinguishers and water buckets. There is a water closet on each floor. The employes have a separate room in which to take their lunch, but they don't take advantage of it.

Commissioner Macdonald — Can't you compel them?

Mr. Brown said that under the existing state of the law he did not think he could.

Mr. Brown was not in favor of a factory act. He did not think it was necessary in St. John.

The commission adjourned till eight o'clock this evening, when employes will be examined.

The commission may possibly visit some of the factories in town.

### PICNIC TOMORROW.

The Fairville Baptist picnic, which was to have been held today (Thursday), will be held at Westfield Beach tomorrow (Friday) instead. Postponement is on account of storm.

St. John bank clearings for the week ending Aug. 11th were $1,091,498. For the corresponding week last year they were $1,185,601.

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The temperature at noon today was 60 above.

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