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THE RUSSIAN REVERSE.

The first Russian news of the disaster to the Czar's troops on the Yalu made light of the defeat, but in subsequent despatches the far reaching character of the Japanese victory is admitted.

The Japs fought with a persistency, courage and success that challenges the admiration of the world, carrying the enemy's strongly entrenched position with a dash worthy of the best traditions of European armies. They charged up to the Russian guns, bayoneted the Czar's troops, captured guns, slaughtered some 4,000 Russian soldiers and sent the remainder to a hasty retreat many miles back into the country.

In the meantime Admiral Togo continues his attacks on Port Arthur, and there too the bravery of the Mikado's men was as conspicuous as on the Yalu. Fireships, in command of brave sailors who courted death, were sent right in among the Russian ships to block the entrance to the harbor, and many of the men who engaged in the hazardous undertaking, paid the penalty with their lives.

The cables this morning tell of the Japanese capture of New Chwang, one of the termini of the trans-Siberian railway, and if this news is confirmed it means another decided advantage for the Japs.

AFTER AN EX-BISHOP.

At the St. George's Day dinner at Halifax, a well known Anglican clergyman, Rev. W. J. Armitage, rector of St. Paul's church in that city, made some reflections on the one sided Alaskan Boundary Award that aroused the ire of Rev. Dr. Courtney, ex-bishop of Nova Scotia, and hastily jumping to his feet, the latter proceeded to refute Mr. Armitage's statements, declaring the award a just one, and especially defending one of the American commissioners, Mr. Elihu Root, whom Dr. Courtney claimed as a very dear friend.

The collision created quite a sensation at the banquet, but all mention of it was suppressed in the Halifax newspapers. The incident, however, was telegraphed abroad, and now the Halifax Chronicle takes the matter up, defending Mr. Armitage and making a lively attack on Dr. Courtney "from the United States and recently consigned thereto."

The ex-bishop was rector of a church in the United States before coming to Halifax, and some months ago resigned his position as bishop of Nova Scotia to take charge of a fashionable New York congregation.

The Chronicle grows very sarcastic at the ex-bishop's fondness for the Yankee view, and referring to an incident some years ago when at the Halifax academy of music, Dr. Courtney knocked off the hat of a man who sat still with his headgear adjusted while the orchestra played "God Save the King," wonders if the ex-bishop will be equally officious in New York when the band strikes up Yankee Doodle.

A YOUTHFUL PRINCIPAL.

Rev. R. A. Falconer, the new principal of Pine Hill Presbyterian college Halifax, is probably the youngest head of a Theological institution on the continent. He is a native of Pictou and only thirty-seven years old. He obtained a Gluchrist scholarship in 1885, graduated from Toronto University and finished his studies at Edinburgh and in Germany. The father of the young principal is a Presbyterian pastor at Pictou, and a brilliant brother of his is pastor of Fort Massey church, Halifax.

Mr. Tarte has been rediscovered after several weeks silence, and has spoken in parliament on the Grand Trunk Pacific bill. Of course Mr. Tarte who, when a minister, was very hot on the transportation question, and would have been ready to build railways to the moon, is against the government proposition. Sir Wilfrid Laurier chided Mr. Tarte for his new attitude on the transportation question. He used to be a brave man, remarked the premier, but he had changed now—changed, Sir Wilfrid might have added, because he can see nothing good in the government from which he was summarily dismissed.

Ald. Farrell, who presided at last night's meeting of the city council in the absence of Mayor Palmer, expressed great anxiety during the discussion on the opera house fees, to have an opportunity to vote on the question, and he got it. The alderman on the floor divided evenly and Ald. Farrell had to give the casting vote, and he did it in the interests of the city, as he usually votes. A great many people think that in the very near future Ald. Farrell should be given an opportunity of presiding at city council meetings on his own account for at least a couple of years.

The new arrangement at the water works pumping station is creditable to the city council. For many years two engineers have been wearing their lives out by working twelve hours a day alternating week about with night work. One of them has broken down under the strain, and the council has very wisely put three men on duty with an eight hour day each. Only one alderman voted against the change, and it is not very difficult to guess his name.

When the Russians in the early stages of the war were beaten on the seas, they boasted of what they would do to the Japs when they got at them on land. The Russian general declared that he would soon be dictating terms of peace at the Japanese capital, but he is not making much progress in that direction. On the other hand his soldiers are fleeing from the Japs, who expect to be able to chase them clear out of Manchuria.

The militia department should hesitate no longer about rebuilding the R. C. R. drill hall seriously damaged by fire in the winter of 1903. The present condition of the building is a blot on a prominent part of the city, and must be a great inconvenience to the military people.

The Boston Transcript evidently keeps its eye on political matters in Canada, and is able to truthfully observe that "Canada has not had a political scandal of cable importance since the break up of the Tupper administration in 1896"

PERSONAL MENTION.

Movements of People in Whom Our Readers are Interested.

Mr J A Patterson, of Grand Falls, is among the guests at the Queen.

Dr W H Steeves has returned from a few days business trip to St. John.

Mr J K Flemming, M P P of Woodstock, representing the Canada Life Assurance Company is among the visitors to the city today.

Mr O E A Simonds, who at one time edited a newspaper in this city, but who has lately been trying his hand at farming at Berwick, N S, left last evening for Ladue, Alberta, where he intends to practice law. He was in the city yesterday saying good bye to his old friends.

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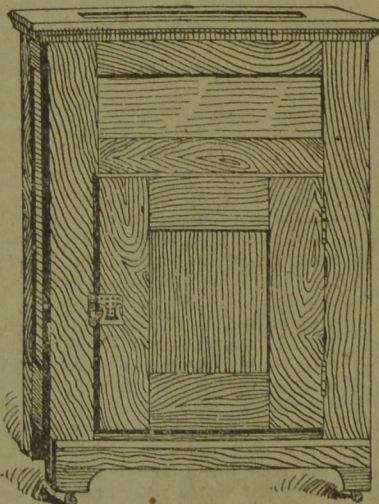
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