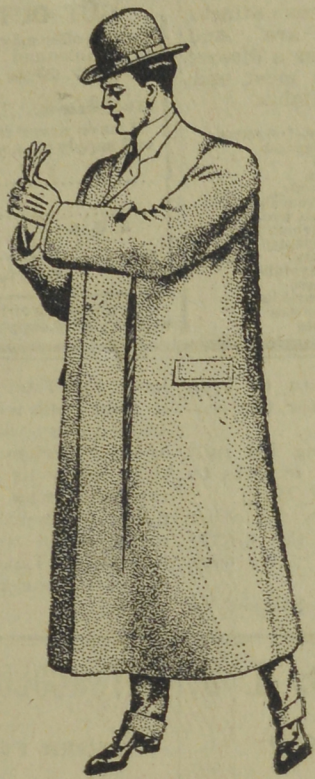


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AND

OVERCOAT

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FRANCE ON THE WATCH.

Two of Her Warships Ordered to the Far East.

AND OTHERS UNDER ORDERS TO MAKE READY.

Neutrality Incident Cause of this Precaution.

REPORT OF NAVAL BATTLE DISCREDITED AT ST. PETERSBURG AND PARIS.

St. Petersburg, April 24.—(Special)—No despatches were received from the seat of war today. There is some anxiety as to Rojstvensky's whereabouts.

The report of a battle published this morning is denied here. Printers on Russ paper went out on strike yesterday objecting to working on Sunday or holidays.

Russ and Novoe Vremya papers were published this morning.

Paris, April 24.—The foreign office and other government departments were closed today and there is little news in connection with the Far East.

Pres Loubet, and most of the ministers, except Foreign Minister Delcasse, attended the unveiling of the Gambetta statue at Bordeaux.

The foreign office was open briefly at noon when it was said that no confirmation had been received of the

reported cannonade outside of Kamranh during the night of April 22, the day Admiral Rojstvensky left the coast of Annam.

Officials discredit the report. The crew of the Russian cruiser Diana, now at Hai Fong, Tonquin, joined Admiral Rojstvensky previous to his sailing.

The neutrality incident is officially considered as closed.

M. Delcasse not accompanying President Loubet to Bordeaux is due to the unsettled status of the Morocco question and possible question and possible complications over neutrality.

A telegram from Toulon says it is rumored there that orders have been received to send the French armored cruisers Kleber and Desaix to the Far East and hold the third class cruisers Cassard and Alger in readiness to put to sea.

A BAIT BONANZA.

Canso Fishermen Profiting from Newfoundland Legislation.

Halifax, April 24.—Action of the Newfoundland Government in refusing to allow United States fishing vessels to buy bait in Newfoundland waters is having its effect on the Gloucester fleet already. During the past thirty-three days 30 American vessels have arrived at Canso from fishing grounds, seeking bait. Fortunately a good supply awaited them herring in unusual quantity being taken in nets.

Shore fishermen have benefited by the unusual demand. Competition among buyers has advanced in price to netters, and herring that usually sell at \$1 a barrel have been bringing as high as \$5. These American vessels are paying from \$200 to \$400 each for their baitings, which is a bonanza for net fishermen. This is likely to continue throughout the season, as this fleet will be obliged to depend upon Nova Scotia bait supply now that they are shut out of Newfoundland.

A number of Lunenburg vessels have arrived from the fishing grounds during the past week. They took a supply of bait and returned. They report fish scarce and dogfish in large quantities. When the Canso Cold Storage Company gets its large bait freezer filled with frozen bait, in addition to the varying supply of fresh bait, Canso will have the most important bait supply on the coast.

EX-PREMIER DEAD.

Hon. Gideon Ouimet of Quebec Has Passed Away.

St. Hilaire, Que., April 24.—(Special)—Hon. Gideon Ouimet, W. L. C., ex-provincial premier, died last night.

He was born at St. Rose in 1823, called to the bar in 1844, sat for Beauharnois and Two Mountains in the legislative assembly, was attorney general in the Chaveau provincial ministry for six years and succeeded Chaveau as premier and provincial secretary. He was appointed superintendent of education in 1875 and retired on a pension in 1895 when he was appointed to a seat in the legislative council.

APPOINTED COLLECTOR.

Mr. George Watt of Chatham Succeeds Daniel Ferguson.

Ottawa, April 24.—(Special)—Geo. Watt has been appointed collector of customs at this port in place of Daniel Ferguson, superannuated.

(Mr. Watt, who is a prominent Liberal, was an unsuccessful candidate for the legislature on the opposition side in the last general election.)

WEATHER PROBS.

Toronto, April 24.—(Special)—Maritime.—Westerly winds and fair weather today. Tuesday, not much change in temperature.

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JOE JEFFERSON DEAD.

West Palm Beach, Fla., April 24.—(Special)—Joseph Jefferson, the celebrated actor, died here last night after a lengthy illness. He was 76 years old.

JOURNALIST DEAD.

Quebec, April 24.—(Special)—J. P. Tardivel, proprietor of La Verite, is dead. He was one of the oldest journalists in this province.

HALIFAX MAN KILLED.

Crushed Remains Found on Railway Track Near Prescott, Ont.

Prescott, Ont., April 24.—A man named Thomas Forrest, hailing from Halifax, N. S., and holding a through ticket, Halifax to Reno, Nevada, fell off No. 3 G. T. R. train going west last night and was killed.

The body was found lying between the double tracks two miles east of Prescott, about ten o'clock this morning. He head was crushed in on one side and the face scratched. He must have been instantly killed.

From papers and postal cards found in his possession it would appear there was a lady travelling with him, possibly his wife. A recommendation was found in his pockets from Kelly & Glassey, Halifax, N. S., also postal cards giving the address "Mr. Miller Forrest, Ellers House, N. S." and "William Davis, Halifax."

Almost the entire output of radium is now being obtained from American ores.

SOUND OF BIG GUNS.

Suspected that Togo and Rojstvensky's Fleets Are Clashing.

Saigon, French Cochinchina, April 23.—The complete Russian fleet left Kamranh Bay on April 22 at midday. At night heavy cannonading was heard out at sea. It is supposed that the Russian fleet was engaged with a portion of the Japanese squadron.

Before the departure of the squadron Vice-Admiral Rojstvensky visited Admiral Jonquieres.

No Russian officer or sailor landed from the fleet in Kamranh Bay. The had expected Nebogatoff's detachment of the squadron to arrive at any time.

The natives were greatly pleased with the great rise in the price of provisions, owing to the Russian visit.

Paris, April 23.—The minister of colonies officially confirms the report of the departure of the Russian squadron from Kamranh Bay. The Russian Admiral previous to his departure, called on Admiral Jonquieres. The meeting of the two admirals was most courteous.

A despatch from Saigon to the Temps reports that the Russian fleet outside of Kamranh Bay opened a heavy cannonading probably upon Japanese scouts.

The Russian transport(s, Kiel, Jupiter, Kniaz, Gortschoff and Kiati are still at Saigon the despatch adds.

A private despatch from Saigon

states that Vice-Admiral Rojstvensky is suffering from dysentery, but otherwise the officers and men of the fleet are in good health.

London, April 24.—A despatch from Manila, April 22, to the Daily Mail, says:

"Vice Admiral Togo's main fleet will assemble south of Formosa on April 26."

"The Japanese consul here has received a long cipher message concerning Kamimura's squadron, which is expected tomorrow (Sunday). The consul says the ships will not enter Manila harbor, but will cruise outside."

"There is great official activity here. The American admiral, the Japanese consul and the general in command, have held conferences. The admiral will, on Monday, confer with Governor General Wright."

The correspondent is Saigon of the Daily Mail, under date of April 22, states that the Russian squadron is short of stores and that French and German ships are leaving Saigon almost daily with huge supplies and despatches, and that other steamers are being chartered for the same purpose.

"Saigon," the correspondent adds, "is reaping a big harvest. I believe that a portion of the Russian squadron will meet the Japanese while the rest of the vessels make a detour to reach Vladivostok."

AWFUL MAINE TRAGEDY.

Jealous Man Shot Another Dead—Attacked His Wife and Committed Suicide.

Portland, Me., April 23.—A special to the Press from Norway says: Jealousy was responsible for one of the most horrible crimes in the history of the state at East Waterford today, when Edward Hilton, a man about 60 years of age, shot and instantly killed George Young, aged 45, stabbed his wife several times about the head, leaving her for dead on the floor, and then went out in the back yard of his house and put a charge of buckshot into his own chest.

Mrs. Hilton's face is horribly cut and gashed, but it is thought that she will recover. The death of both Hilton and his victim was probably instantaneous.

It is said that Hilton and his wife, who is about 15 years younger than he is, have not lived happily together for some time.

The trouble became acute last fall, when Young, whose home is at Hebron, where he has a wife, went to East Waterford to work and engaged board at the Hilton home. He had not been there long before Hilton became jealous and Young removed to a house in the vicinity.

Young called at the Hilton house today and asked Mrs. Hilton to do some washing for him and while waiting for it to be done, remained in the front room. It is supposed this visit aroused the jealousy of Hilton to the point of frenzy for, after borrowing a single barrel shot gun and some shells from a neighbor he walked into the room and aiming at Young's breast pulled the trigger. The charge of shot entered the breast and he fell dead. Whether there was any talk previous to the shooting is not known.

Mrs. Hilton rushed in from the kitchen upon hearing the shot and was met at the threshold by her husband, who sprang upon her like a madman. He struck her a glancing blow with the stock of the gun that failed to knock her down. She ran to the kitchen where she was overpowered and thrown to the floor. Then he inflicted several gashes in her face with a butcher knife and supposing her to be dead returned to the front of the house. Mrs. Hilton, whose life had been saved by shamming death, then rushed to a neighboring house. When she returned with several men she found the dead body of her husband at the back of the house where he had killed himself with the gun.

SMALLPOX AT CHATHAM.

Some Fresh Cases Have Recently Developed.

Chatham World.—Mr. Joseph McBride showed signs of having contracted smallpox and was quarantined on Thursday. Friday morning Mr. Edward Kirby, who worked at the Miramichi pulp mill, showed symptoms of the disease and was quarantined. Later in the day a little daughter of Mr. Arch'd Frackear was found to have contracted the disease. The house was quarantined the steamer R. R. Call (Mr. Frack-

ear's boat) was taken off the New-castle route and tied up to the wharf and fumigated. His restaurant was quarantined, with himself and his barkeeper inside, and a guard placed over it, but the two men came defiantly outside and walked up and down in front of the place, mixing freely with everybody who would stop to talk. It was fumigated. Mr. Frackear was around town as usual a little later.

Marshal Buckley thought he had discovered a case of smallpox in Mr. Edward McCoy's house the other day, but the doctor on examination found it to be only a face rash.

A smallpox case is reported this morning in Mr. John Kennedy's, Upper Water Street. This makes nine houses in which the disease exists at present.

Ridges In Rugs.

Creases and ridges are sometimes seen in rugs which look like an imperfection in the weaving. This is invariably the result of the rug having been folded and not rolled.

Quaint Old Deed.

According to old deeds, the whole tract of land adjacent to the town hall at Watertown, Conn., is saddled with a condition that "no Episcopalians or other sectarians" shall be allowed to build a residence upon it for themselves.

Buttermilk.

Buttermilk, it is averred, is a matchless remedy against the microbes of old age, and the constant use of it under given conditions will go far toward retarding the approach of senility.

Webster's Lost Chance.

The campaign of 1840 had a dramatic and unexpected sequel. Thurlow Weed, before the meeting of the Whig convention, sought out Webster and urged him to take second place on the ticket with Harrison, but the suggestion was rejected with scorn. An acceptance of Weed's advice would have made Webster president in little more than a year.

1,300 Years of Ownership.

Fulham is probably the oldest continuously owned property in the kingdom. It has belonged to the bishops of London for 1,300 years and has survived all the changes, ecclesiastical and civil, which the church and state of England have witnessed in that time.

Denmark's Colors.

The oldest existing national color is the red and white crossed flag of Denmark.

Weddings In Cairo.

A wedding celebration in Cairo lasts for three days. There is feasting during all the time, and the house and streets are liberally decorated with flags and lanterns.

"Breeding Bred."

"Breeding bred" is the name given to certain red stains, like blotches of blood, which appear on beef and on bread, boiled potatoes and other farinaceous substances. In olden times it was regarded as a miracle or omen, but in 1819 it was found by Dr. Settee of Venice to be a microscopic plant.

A Depraved Mother.

A London mother offered to sell her baby for a quart of beer. This fact came out at a subsequent inquest into the little one's death.