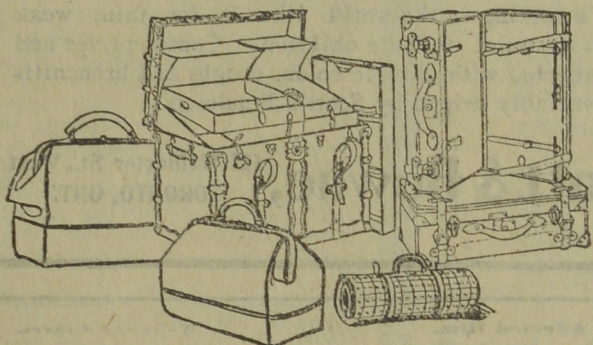


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REPORTED NAVAL BATTLE.

But No Confirmation of the News is Yet Furnished.

ENGLISH NAVAL STRATEGIST THINKS TOGO CAN CHOOSE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE FIGHT.

Another Admiral Sees in the Result Another Spanish Armada.

London, April 12.—(Special).—Confirmation has not yet been received in London of reports from Batavia, Java, of a naval battle near the Anambas Islands.

As there is no cable connection with these islands it is difficult to see how Batavia could have got such news before Singapore.

A despatch to Lloyd's from Singapore today confirms the despatch as to the first information regarding the composition of the Russian squadron which passed there April 8th.

Lloyd's agent says it was composed of seven battleships, two armored cruisers, five unarmored cruisers, three converted cruisers, seven torpedo boat destroyers, steamers, hospital ships and tugs.

THE COMING BATTLE.

New York, April 12.—A London despatch to the World says: "Rear Admiral Gayles, the distinguished naval strategist and expert writes to the London Daily Telegraph. 'We may expect the whole passage of the Russian fleet north to be marked by continued harassing by Japanese torpedo boat destroyers, whose supreme object will be to wear down the Russian fleet, ship by ship.'

When the supreme moment arrives for action, between the hostile fleets, if such event should take place, Admiral Togo's supremacy may be

greater than at present.

It is probable that there will be little occurring in the way of naval action, while the Russians are so close to territorial waters. At present they could seek a sanctuary almost any moment if it were desired.

This is not what the Japanese want. If Rojestvensky does not go into Saigon, French Cochinchina, for repairs, I should say the first serious engagement will take place north of this French base.

It is certain that Rojestvensky will give the Philippine Islands a wide berth, possibly on account of the lack of sympathy which is known to exist in the United States with respect to Russia's far east policy.

We may take it for granted that Rojestvensky, after passing Saigon, will keep out in the open sea around the south of Formosa. Then anything may happen.

Admiral Sir John Colomb said: 'It would seem that the Japanese policy is to keep the Russians in sight, but not to take action until they have them near or into Japanese waters.'

The further the Russians are allowed to go the greater will be the forces naval reverse.

It would seem reasonable that the Japanese admiral has it in his power to elect the time and place for the fight. I suppose it will be the Spanish armada again.

SALVATION ARMY PLAN.

And Their Proposition for Aiding Immigration Work.

EXPECTS TO SOON BE SENDING TENS OF THOUSANDS TO CANADA AND OTHER COLONIES.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 12.—(Special).—Before leaving for the east yesterday, Commander Booth Tucker who, with H. Rider Haggard, the author, is making an inspection of the social colony work done by the Salvation Army in the United States on lines planned by the Salvation Army to relieve congestion of the population of London by sending persons from England to Canada, which is starving for population in the interior, said: 'We carried them in our own ships, and it will not be long before we shall be carrying Englishmen not by thousands, but by tens of thousands, not only to Canada, but to New Zealand, Australia, India and South Africa.'

'We did not dump the immigrants into Quebec, as United States dumps

them into Ellis Island, but dropped six here and a dozen in another place, wherever they were needed.'

'Every man who left England for Canada, knew before he started where he was going, what he was going to work at, and what wages he was to receive.'

The U. S. should revise its immigration laws. Through consuls and other representatives, immigrants should be investigated before they start. Then you could get the cream of Europe, a healthy, sturdy stock, not the scum.

The Salvation Army would like to co-operate with the U. S. government in work of this kind. Then colonization could be made the handmaid of immigration.

TREATED HIM HANDSOMELY.

Rev. Dr. Sedgewick, Veteran Clergyman, Retires on Half Salary.

Truro, N. S., April 12.—(Special).—Rev. Dr. Sedgewick, Presbyterian pastor of Tatamagouche this county has been relieved of all work by his congregation, with the exception

of preaching once a Sunday.

He is to receive half salary. A new minister will be procured by July 1st, as assistant at \$800 salary.

This arrangement was brought about by the resignation of Dr. Sedgewick a few weeks ago. Twenty dollars was stolen from the store of Alexander Bonyman at Tatamagouche, no clue to the thief.

THE STOCK MARKET.

No Great Changes from Yesterday's Quotations.

Montreal, April 12.—(Special).—Stock quotations this morning were: Dominion Coal, 81½, 80, 78½. Dominion Iron and Steel, 22, 21½, 21. Dominion Iron and Steel, pfd., 65, 65, 66½. Nova Scotia Steel, 64½, 64½, 63. C. P. R., 153½, 153½, 153. Twin City, 118½, 118½, 117. Montreal Power, 90½, 90½, 90½. Rich. and Ont., 75½, 74½, 74½.

ENDED IN MARRIAGE.

Young English Girl Wedded Under Romantic Circumstances.

St. John, April 12.—(Special).—The romance of Lillian Stafford, the young English girl who with her baby arrived here on the Bavarian looking for her lover who promised marriage, ended this morning, when she married Oliver Hancock in the Salvation Army rescue home here.

There were no witnesses but a nurse and the assistant matron. Rev. Canon Richardson conducted the ceremony.

GOVERNOR'S LADY ILL.

And His Honor Unable to Play Host to Vice Regal Party at Toronto.

Toronto, April 12.—(Special).—Mrs. Mortimer Clark, wife of the Lieutenant Governor is ill, and as result His Honor will be unable to act as host of the Governor General and Countess Grey, when they pay their first official visit to Toronto, Easter week.

Premier Whitney, consequently, has retained the Royal suite at the King Edward for Earl Grey and his party during their stay here.

JUDGMENT POSTPONED.

St. John, April 12.—(Special).—Judgment in Eben Perkins' complaint against the liquor license commissioners for wrong administration of the liquor act, was to have been given this morning in the police court, but was adjourned to Friday.

WEATHER PROBS.

Toronto, April 12.—(Special).—South-easterly winds, cloudy and mild, with scattered showers. Thursday, variable winds, fair and about the same temperature.

RARE KIND OF CASE.

Fredericton Man Charged with Breach of American Alien Labor Act.

An exceptionally rare kind of a case in this country, says The Telegraph, came up in the St. John county court chambers yesterday afternoon before Judge Forbes. It is a matter coming under the head of the alien labor act. Grover H. Richardson of Oldtown, Me., is plaintiff, and W. T. Chestnut of Fredericton, is defendant. The plaintiff is treasurer and manager of the Oldtown Canoe Club, and on behalf of that corporation, alleges that the defendant went to Oldtown, and while in the plaintiff's factory asked some of the men there to go to Fredericton, and work in the defendant's canoe factory there.

The prosecution alleges that the defendant induced an alien, A. F. Ayer, to leave Oldtown, making a contract with him, and to immigrate to Canada under the contract. It is also contended that some ten workmen in all were induced by Mr. Chestnut to leave Oldtown factory, and go to Fredericton.

The hearing of the case was adjourned for more witnesses.

Mr. R. B. Hanson of this city, appeared on behalf of Mr. Chestnut.

Things don't turn up in this world unless somebody turns them up. Applause is the spur of the noble mind; the aim and end of weak ones.

A COURAGEOUS BOY.

Drove Intruder from His Home at the Point of an Unloaded Rifle.

A particularly bold attempt, says The St. John Sun, was made last night by an unknown man to enter the residence of H. W. Machum, 177 Canterbury street, and but for the presence of mind exhibited by his 13 year old son Aleck the marauder would have been only too successful.

It happened that Mr. Machum and the older members of the family were absent for an hour or two during the evening, and Aleck with his two younger brothers were alone in the house. While in the sitting room, on the upper floor he heard the front door being opened, and came down to find a strange man standing in the hall. He was clean shaven, apparently of middle age, and dressed somewhat like a sailor. The boy asked him what he wanted, but without vouchsafing any reply the man proceeded to go upstairs. Without a moment's hesitation young Mac took his rifle out of its case. With this he confronted the intruder and forced him to retreat his steps, and clear off the premises, the knowledge that the rifle was unloaded being known only to the lad. He then calmly latched the door and watched the man go out.

In the meantime his brother had telephoned to the police station. The response was quick, and in a few minutes two policemen arrived on the scene, but the would-be house-breaker had disappeared.

The coolness and intrepidity of the young lad called forth admiring comments from those who have heard of the affair.

OLIVER INTERVIEWED.

New Minister Thinks Autonomy Bill Will be Satisfactory to the West.

Winnipeg, April 12.—Hon. Frank Oliver, M. P. for Edmonton, the new minister of the interior, has arrived here enroute to the west.

The new cabinet minister stated he was quite in accord with the government's policy as regards the northwest autonomy bill. The bill was perhaps not the height of human wisdom, but so far as its principal points are concerned, he had no objections to register. The educational clauses were simply a continuance of existing conditions and not the creation of a new one.

'I admit,' he said, 'there has been considerable difference of opinion as to whether new conditions were being created or whether existing conditions were being continued. This was the rock on which Hon. Mr. Sifton split from his colleagues; he thought the government was creating a new condition and rather than submit he resigned. If the people of Canada are of the opinion that the government are creating a new condition of things then the government are prepared to amend the clauses in question still further. They have been amended once and can be amended again.'

ACCIDENT ON I. C. R.

Five Cars on Conductor Crookshank's Freight Derailed.

The railway accident near Pennie on the I. C. R. Monday evening, seems to be more serious than was at first supposed. Four loaded freight cars and the van on Conductor Crookshank's train, bound for this city, left the rails and one of the cars toppled down an embankment into the Nashwaak River. Brakeman David Hanson was walking on top of one of the cars that broke away, but saved himself from injury by jumping. The car that went into the river was loaded with freight consigned to John Gibson & Sons, and other Fredericton merchants.

An auxiliary train was sent out from Gibson to clear the track, and completed the job about two o'clock the following morning. The car that went over the embankment is still lying at the bottom of the Nashwaak; end down, but it is likely that an effort will be made to raise it in the course of a few days.

Tender Hearted Butchers.

One who has been employed these thirty years in slaughter houses as bookkeeper, salesman, etc., tells me: 'To say that butchers are hard hearted is far from the truth—that is, in most cases. Let me explain how the shedding of human blood affects them. I once saw a butcher cut his hand very severely, and not one of his twenty or more associates could be induced to go near to assist him. I had to bandage him up as well as I could and send him to a hospital. Another butcher who had helped slaughter from 2,000 to 4,000 hogs a day for years saw a woman throw herself before a freight train, which mangled her fearfully. He promptly fainted. I have seen more than a hundred fights at slaughter houses, but never yet saw a butcher attempt to use a knife.'