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A GREAT NAVAL BATTLE

Hourly Expected Between Japanese and Russian Fleets.

TOGO AND ROJESTVENSKY ARE IN TOUCH IN THE CHINA SEA.

And a Sanguinary Conflict is Imminent.

Panang, West Coast, Malay Peninsula, April 8.—Two ships, just arrived, report sighting a large Russian fleet in the Straits of Malacca.

Included were twenty-five transports, steering towards Singapore. The steamer Kumsang reports sighting twelve cruisers presumably Japanese, steering some distance ahead, evidently a Jap scouting squadron.

There is much excitement here. A naval engagement is expected.

Singapore, April 8.—The Russian fleet is passing, steering northward.

Hong Kong, April 8.—In consequence of the appearance of a fleet in the Straits of Malacca, the China squadron has been ordered to put to sea.

GREAT FIGHT IMMINENT.

London, April 8.—The sudden shifting of interest from land to sea, and apparently the imminent prospect of a fateful battle between the Russian and Japanese squadrons on the China Sea, has revived all the interest that was shown in the earlier developments of the struggle.

It is taken for granted that they are Togo's ships reported as being in the neighborhood of Singapore, and vicinity, and the report from Penang, that twelve Japanese ships were seen steaming ahead of the Russian warships, is interpreted to mean that the former are scouts sent out by Togo to get in touch with the Russians, and when this object is accomplished, to retire on the main body of the Japanese squadron.

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Underwriters here presume that after passing Singapore, the Russian ships are attempting to reach the French port, Saigon, in Cochinchina. However, it is pointed out that the Japanese squadron of twenty-two ships is still off Horseburg light, where it is reported March 14.

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GETTING BACK AT YANKEES.

Retaliation Bill Aimed at American Fishermen Passed Newfoundland Legislature.

ECHO OF CONGRESS' FAILURE TO CONFIRM HAY-BOND TREATY.

St. John's, Newfoundland, April 8 (Special).—Premier Bond has moved in the legislature the adoption of a new bill against American fishing vessels.

It provides that if American fishing vessels are found within three miles of the coast of Newfoundland with bait supplies and outfits purchased within any port in the island, the vessel and equipment of stores and cargo shall be forfeited.

It is also provided that the onus of proving that bait supplies and outfit were not purchased in violation of this act will rest upon the owners of the vessels.

The bill was opposed by the opposition, under the leadership of former Minister of Finance Morine, but on division of the house the Premier was sustained by a vote of 19 to 6.

In moving the adoption of the bill the premier claimed that the treaty of 1898 does not give the Americans the right to fish in bays, harbors and creeks in that section where they were granted certain treaty privileges.

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NEW MINISTER OF INTERIOR.

Hon. Frank Oliver of Edmonton N. W. T., Sworn Into Federal Cabinet to Succeed Sifton.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEST FEELING OF THE WEST ON AUTONOMY BILL.

Ottawa, April 8.—(Special).—Frank Oliver, M. P. for Edmonton, N. W. T., was sworn in at noon today as minister of interior in place of Hon.

Clifford Sifton, resigned. He leaves at once for the west to stand re-election.

ST. JOHN CIVIC ELECTIONS

Number of New Candidates Cropping up and Hot Contest Anticipated.

St. John, April 5.—(Special).—The civic election situation here is waxing warm.

Although the civic reform league candidates have all retired, many independent candidates are in the field, and deals and counter deals are proposed.

One alderman proposed this morning to his opponent that he drop out and next year he (the alderman) would run for mayor and leave a clear field in his ward.

Ex-Ald. D. McArthur heads a clique of reformers who will put up a good fight.

Numerous other candidates have come forward, and it is expected that by Tuesday (nomination day) that there will be a big list.

It is expected to be the warmest contest for many years.

THE STOCK MARKET.

C. P. R. Has Dropped a Couple of Points Since Yesterday.

Montreal, April 8.—(Special).—The stock quotations this morning were: Dominion Coal, 83½, 83, 83½.

Dominion Iron and Steel, 22½, 22, 22½.

Dominion Iron and Steel, pld., 69½, 69, 69½.

Nova Scotia Steel, 65½, 65½, 65½.

C. P. R., 153½, 154, 153½.

Twin City, 118½, 118½, 118½.

Montreal Power, 90½, 91, 91.

Ont. and Rich., Navigation, 75, 74½, 75.

TO ESCAPE THE TAX.

Seattle Flour Exporters Rushing Goods to Japan.

Seattle, April 8.—(Special).—Since the announcement that Japan would levy a war tax upon flour after first of July, there has been a great rush to get flour here, and to Orie before the tax goes in force. It is expected that 20,000 barrels will leave Tacoma and Seattle by the first of June.

VICTORIAN SAILED TODAY.

St. John, April 8.—(Special).—The turbine steamer Victorian, sailed at 2 p. m. today for Halifax and Liverpool with a large cargo and big passenger list.

A SUNBURY COUNTY BOY.

Mr. H. E. Harrison of the British Ship Sellasia, Visiting the City.

Mr. H. LeRoy Harrison, son of the late Mr. Frederick Harrison of Margerville, is in the city on his way to his old home to spend a few days. Mr. Harrison is second mate on the ship Sellasia, now in St. John discharging a cargo of hard pine from Mobile. He is just back from a voyage to Australia, and the Philippines, and it is two years since he last visited his former home. Mr. Harrison has been following the sea for seven years, and the fact that he now holds the position of second mate shows that he is getting along rapidly in his chosen vocation. He intends to undergo the examination for mate before leaving for St. John and, if successful in passing it, his friends need not be surprised to hear of his promotion to that position on the Sellasia in the near future.

The Sellasia, which is a 2200 ton ship, sails out of Liverpool, England. Although his nautical career has been a comparatively short one, Mr. Harrison has already made two voyages around the world, and expects to complete another before long. Mr. Harrison is a cousin of Fishery Inspector Harry E. Harrison of Margerville.

MARYSVILLE NEWS.

Repairing the Highway Bridge—Nashwaak Nearly Clear of Ice.

April 6.—Messrs. Brewer and Fletcher of St. Mary's, were in Marysville yesterday looking after the highway bridge, which is to be newly floored, a car of lumber having arrived for the purpose. It is a good idea to have this bridge fixed, as it is greatly in need of repairs, and The Herald spoke of its dangerous condition last fall, and now that the snow has gone it is in a very bad state again. The men should go to work upon it before the saw mill starts, thus preventing heavy teams hauling over it.

The Nashwaak is nearly all clear of ice, with the exception of a little above the dam, which will likely run out this week.

The rain of last week and today will be very welcome to the lumbermen, as it was greatly needed to bring in the drives.

Notwithstanding the rainy day and muddy walking the collectors, agents and peddlers are at hand today, as is the custom after pay day in our progressive little town.

There is a rumor of a wedding in the near future, when a lady, whose home is in Bristol, Carleton County, will be led to the altar by a young man well known in the circle of horsemen, and as a hostler he is hard to beat.

BEAUTIFUL AND WONDERFUL.

The Vitagraph Company of America, one of whose companies appear at the Fredericton opera house April 13, 14, 15 are the largest moving picture concern in the world. They have their own private photographic plant and all their pictures are taken in their own gallery, and by their own photographers. The Vitagraph pictures are not sold until they are old subjects; consequently, in attending the Vitagraph concert you are assured of seeing all new and novel subjects. Their statement is borne out by the fact that the Vitagraph is the machine used by all the prominent theatres throughout this country and abroad. Absolutely no flicker or vibration. In sending their companies on the road, the Vitagraph Company feel assured that a fine exhibition will be appreciated by the public, and will be patronized in preference to any abominable "flicker scopes" which hurt the eyes and feelings of the people at the same time.

Among the scenes presented will be the "wonders of Luna Park," including the \$100,000 spectacle "Fire and Flames," "The Durbar" and all the other novelties of this eighth wonder of the world.

Another feature will be the local pictures taken in town by the Vitagraph photographer. Fathers, mothers, wives and sweethearts, should all attend the Vitagraph Concert and see themselves, their friends and loved ones in life-motion pictures on the Vitagraph sheet.—d.

BAD DEFEAT FOR BALFOUR.

Conservatives Lose Brighton in the Bye-election.

London, April 7.—A bye-election having more than common interest, has, according to a well-known Conservative organ, "ended disastrously for the Conservatives." This is the defeat of Gerald Loder by E. Villiers, Liberal, at Brighton, by 817 votes. The election became necessary owing to the appointment of Loder as Junior Lord of the Treasury, a salaried post which required re-election. Brighton was considered a safe seat by the Conservatives, since at the last election Loder's majority approached three thousand. The Liberals are jubilant over the victory. There is considerable difference of opinion as to what course Premier Balfour will pursue. The opinion is that he cannot but recognize the severe rebuff at Brighton. The Liberals predict an early resignation of the Government.

The Late Principal Sinclair.

The funeral of the late Rev. John A. Sinclair, Principal of Regina Industrial School, which was recently held at the home of his aged parents, Scotch Corners, near Carleton Place, Ont., had Alfred Fitzpatrick of Whitby, a classmate of the deceased, present as the representative of the Senate and Alma Mater Society of Queen's University, of which institution Mr. Sinclair was a graduate. Mr. Fitzpatrick gave a brief address, reviewing the brilliant career of the departed, expressing the sympathy of the faculty, students and alumni of Queen's with the bereaved family and friends. Mr. Sinclair was a medalist in philosophy, and had partially completed the course for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He had performed invaluable services for his church and country as a missionary in the Klondike, and as principal of one of our industrial schools had given a most important impetus to the cause of industrial education. He was not only a deep thinker, a profound student of industrial and social reforms, but he possessed a practical mechanical cast of mind, and invariably reduced his ideas to practice. Such men as he should be at the heads of our departments of education.

Command of the Vigilant.

Captain J. Dunn, who for twelve years commanded the fisheries protection cruiser Petrel, and who now has command of the cruiser Vigilant has had an increase in salary to \$1,250 per year, with an additional annual increase of \$50 until he has reached the age limit. The Vigilant will carry a crew of 55 men. She will shortly be fitted up with four rapid-fire guns, one machine gun, a one-pounder and two four-pounders. The headquarters of the Vigilant will be at Windsor. Over 40,000 rounds of ball cartridges will be kept aboard the boat and the strictest discipline maintained.