

ST. PETERSBURG EXPECTS BATTLE

New York Times Correspondent Says He Has An Important Tip---Rojestvensky Sighted in Many Places---Japs Still Driving Russian Land Forces.

NEW YORK, May 27.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times cables under date of Friday: "As the result of information received at the admiralty, a high naval official expresses the belief that a naval battle is bound to occur within three or four days. Whence the information comes, he cannot divulge."

They Are Encouraged

ST. PETERSBURG, May 27.—The news of the successful foray by Lieut. General Mischchenko as stated in a despatch from Lieut. General Linerich to the emperor, is a source of satisfaction to the military authorities, not only because of the resultant damage to Japanese supplies and communications, but owing to the fact that it is a manifestation of the activity of the Russian cavalry and an indication that the growth of green fodder will permit the employment of the Russian superiority in horse to greater advantage in the preliminaries of the coming battle than was the case at Mukden.

Told to Use Arms

WARSAW Russian Poland, May 27.—Governor General Maximovitch, during the night issued a proclamation directing the troops to restore order and to use their arms without hesitation; to this end giving notice that all persons arrested in connection with disturbances will be tried by court martial. Strong patrols of cavalry and infantry are patrolling the city and all the public buildings are guarded by troops.

WILL CALL HER THE LUDLOW

"Ludlow" was the name selected by the ferry committee at a meeting yesterday for the new steamer and they will recommend it to the council. Among other business the Magee wharf matter was discussed, and the removal of the dangerous portion decided on. Steps will be taken to make all ferry employees policemen. The matter of uniform for them will also be looked into. Ald. Frink was unanimously elected chairman. Ald. Christie, Baxter, Millidge, Holder and Pickett were present with the superintendent and common clerk.

The matter of the Magee wharf was taken up after hearing the report of the superintendent. Ald. Baxter moved a recommendation that the portion of the wharf known as A and B on the plan be removed and the engineer and superintendent arrange to drive a pile to protect the south side of the wharf. Carried. The chairman referred to the dredging required in the ferry slip and suggested the work be done at night, additional electric lights being placed. The superintendent said three new floats would be placed in position soon and advised that during the work the ferry run to the main boat wharf on the east side and to No. 4 berth on the west side.

THE DOG POISONERS

Report That Canine Mortality is Due to An Epidemic Not Generally Believed --- Owners of Licensed Dogs Want Protection.

In view of the large number of dogs that have been poisoned lately, owners of canines are beginning to ask what they get in return for the tax paid into City Hall. A man remarked this morning that he might go down and take out a license for his dog and on his return home the dog might be dead of poison. "There is absolutely no protection offered for me to see," he said, "what we receive for our money." "Is it the privilege of having a dog?" "Well, suppose I find my dog dead when I return from getting a license who is to pay me back my dollar?" "I don't think the city would, and yet they offer no protection whatever for the owner." Three dogs were reported as being poisoned yesterday, but no deaths resulted. Peter McCourt of Queen street owns a very valuable spaniel, the animal came home yesterday showing unmistakable signs of poisoning. The dog staggered along, then got perfectly rigid with its eyes fixed in a glassy stare, finally going into convulsions. Mr. McCourt immediately gave it an emetic of salt and mustard and though in a weak state is rapidly recovering.

Japs Still Driving

TOKIO, May 27, 1.45 p. m.—Imperial army headquarters made the following announcement today:—"On May 25th, our cavalry in driving a body of Russian cavalry northeastward, occupied Humienchang, 18 miles north of Changtu. "Otherwise, with the exception of small collisions between detached parties on both sides, the situation is unchanged."

Assassin Arrested

BAIKU, Caucasus, May 27.—The man who assassinated Prince Nakhichev, governor of Baku, on Wednesday, by throwing a bomb at his carriage, has been arrested in a factory.

They All Saw "Rojey"

HONG KONG, May 27.—The British steamer Saito Kilda, which arrived here today from Kuchipotau, Japan, reports having sighted, early in the morning of Wednesday, May 24, forty-five Russian vessels, including battleships, cruisers, torpedo boat destroyers, colliers, a hospital ship and tugs, 140 miles southeast of the Saddle Islands. The Russians were stationary when first sighted and most of the colliers were half empty. Subsequently the Russian vessels steamed away, heading in a north, northwesterly direction. The Saddle Islands are a group of twenty-five small islands, situated about twenty-five miles southeast of Shanghai.

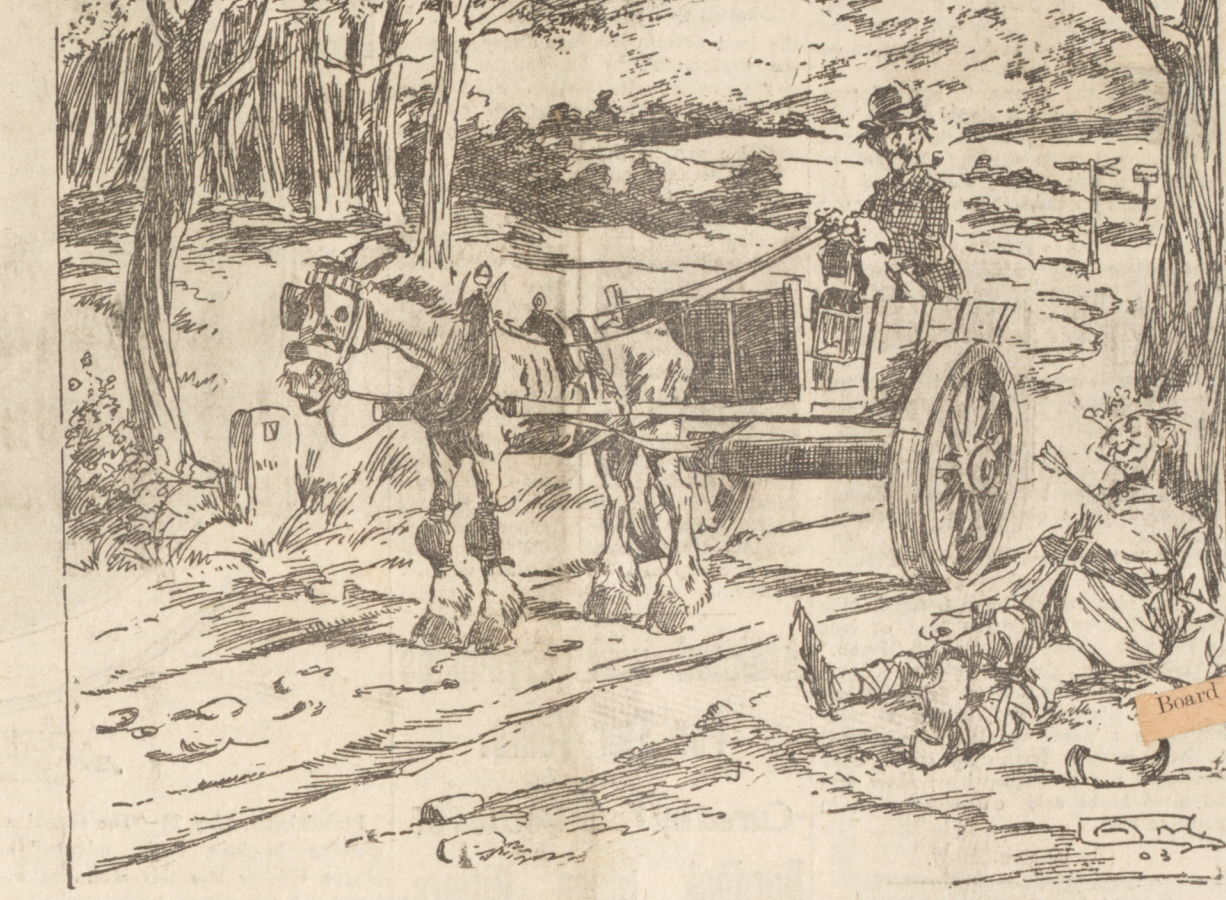
TOKIO, May 27, 4 p. m.—Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet has been sighted off Taushima Islands, in the Strait of Korea. SAIGON, Cochinchina, May 27.—Returning colliers report that Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet arrived off the Saddle Islands, May 24, and proceeded in the direction of the Straits of Korea.

manded one of the Loyal American regiments. After the war, Col. Ludlow, with other leading Loyalists, went to England but after a short stay came to this city, then known as rear town, with his brother, Judge Ludlow. He drew three lots in Carleton on a spot formerly used by the French as a garden, and his residence on the west side, known as old government house, was standing until a few years ago. Col. Ludlow was appointed a member of the first council and at the incorporation of the city of St. John became mayor. On the organization of the court of vice admiralty in 1787, although not a member of the bar, he was appointed a judge. In 1803, some years after resigning the office of mayor, when Governor Carleton left for England Col. Ludlow, as senior councillor, was sworn in at St. John as president and commander-in-chief and administered the affairs of the province until his death in 1808.

In the old graveyard in Carleton is a stone inside an iron rail enclosure with the following inscription: In Memory of the Honorable Gabriel G. Ludlow, Esq., Late President and Commander-in-Chief of this Province. Born April 16, 1736. Died February 12, 1808.

At the time of the great fire in 1877 Trinity church contained a tablet to the memory of Col. Ludlow and on it were recorded the words: "He was truly a good man." Within recent years direct descendants of the colonel were residing at Westchester, New York.

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The End of Rufus. A.D. 1100

"Henry (surnamed Beauclerc, or fine scholar), the youngest son of the Conqueror, no sooner heard of his brother William's death than he hurried to Winchester and seized the royal treasures."

'T WAS A CASE OF FOUL PLAY

Body of Sydney Laurison Found in the Upper Waters of St. John River.

ST. THEOPHILE, Que., May 27.—(Special)—Rivermen on the St. John river, a few days ago, discovered the body of Sydney Laurison, who has been missing for the past six months. On examination it was found that death was due to foul play. On information obtained a man named Anderson, formerly of this parish, has been arrested in Maine, and is being held on suspicion of knowing something of Laurison's disappearance.

MRS. JULIA WARD HOWE

Other Famous People Honor Her 86th Birthday --- A Pleasant Tribute.

(Boston Transcript.) In honor of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe's eighty-sixth birthday anniversary, which falls on Saturday next, the Boston Authors' Club arranged a reception at Hotel Somerset, Tuesday afternoon, at which this noble woman, who is so widely known and so well beloved was the guest of honor. A programme of deep interest was presented under the leadership of Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson, and a pleasant tribute was the reading by him of twenty or more quatrains written by different members of the club in recognition of the occasion. Among the tributes were a characteristic one from Nixon Waterman, a burlesque Whitman ode contributed by Mrs. Daniel Lathrop, an amusing one by Rev. Samuel Cochrane, the soldier's tribute to "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" by General Anderson, a poetic fancy by Mrs. Mary Thacher Higginson, characteristic verses by Charles Pollen Adams (Yawob Strauss), and a poem by Mrs. Louise Chandler Moulton.

Among other contributors were Grace LeBaron Upham, Nathan Haskell Dole, Josephine P. Peabody, J. T. Rowbridge, Beulah Marie Dix, Judge Robert Grant, May Alden Ward, Helen M. Winslow, Mrs. J. P. Sutherland, Caroline Ticknor, Charles F. Pidgin and Mrs. Mary E. Blake. One of the most interesting features of the afternoon was a greeting from the Italian colony of Boston, signed by 200 names, which contained congratulatory verses in honor of Mrs. Howe. In the course of the reception Mrs. Howe read a poem which she had written for the occasion and which was heartily applauded. The programme was varied with Celtic ballads, given by Miss Amy Murray of New York, who accompanied herself upon a harp which is a model of one used by Mary Queen of Scots.

To Mrs. Howe was presented a sterling silver purse containing \$100 in gold. The presentation was made by Mrs. Mary Alden Ward, who said the gift was a symbol of love of the members for Mrs. Howe. The purse contained thirty five dollar gold pieces.

The Times New Reporter

A person named Pro Bono Publico, whose house address is not given, writes to the Times new reporter on the dog question. Mr. Pro Bono says there are too many dogs in St. John. They frighten horses, annoy bicyclists, destroy flower beds, render goods unseizable that may be left outside the doorway of a store, and do other damage. Pro Bono has seen them ruin vegetables in the market, and he has quit eating grapes from any store that leaves baskets of the fruit exposed on the sidewalk. He is also worried at night by the wild howls of dogs imprisoned in an out house, and has some other things on his mind. Mr. Pro Bono Publico therefore asserts his entire sympathy with the dog poisoner and wants the Times new reporter to pro-

WAS BATTLE FOUGHT?

NAGASKI, May 27.—Noon.—It is reported that a Russian fleet is passing Tau Islands in the Strait of Korea.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Private advice received here of an entirely authentic nature report more than twenty-one Russian vessels, including three battleships and three cruisers, off Saddle Islands, which are sixty or seventy miles southeast of Shanghai. Additional information reports that it is rumored a naval engagement has taken place.

MINISTRY RESIGNS

A Crisis in the Dispute Between Norway and Sweden.

CHRISTIANA, Norway, May 27.—King Oscar at today's sitting of the council of ministers, declined to sign the law creating a separate consular system for Norway. The ministers immediately tendered their resignations, but the king refused to accept them.

PRINCE OF WALES COLLEGE CLOSING

Interesting Exercises Held in The Charlottetown Institution Last Evening.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., May 27.—(Special)—The commencement exercises at Prince of Wales College were held last night. Addresses were delivered by Lieutenant Governor McKinnon, who presided; A. E. Warburton, ex-premier, whose government let the contract for the present fine college building; Dr. John Caven, ex-professor; and Principal S. N. Robertson, M. A. The principal in reviewing the work of the year said it was up to the standard of the past years. He regretted that low salaries were driving so many out of the profession after a short experience. The Anderson gold medal to the best student, awarded by Dr. Andrew McNeill, of Montreal, a former F. W. C. graduate, was won by J. T. McNeill, of Blin-dale.

"Come, Willie," said his mother, "don't be so selfish. Let your little brother play with your marbles a little while." "But," protested Willie, "he means to keep them always."

THE STRIKE IN CHICAGO

It Looks Now As If the Strikers Would Have to Give Up the Fight.

CHICAGO, May 27.—Attention of strikers and employers was centered largely today on the effect of the action of the associated building trades, counted the strongest labor body in Chicago, and representing in its membership upward of 18,000 union workmen.

This body having withdrawn both moral and financial support from the teamsters' cause, the first effect will be to cut off nearly \$10,000 a week from the strike funds. The subsequent effect is problematical, many thinking it means the first break in the struggle, and the beginning of the end.

At all events it seems to check the peril to the whole building industry of the city, a situation which had become one of the great problems of the strike. Further this withdrawal of finances is a serious problem. The response to the request for contributions from the country at large has, it is alleged, not been up to expectations and with a daily expense of \$10,000, financial stringency may be the rock on which the strike will be wrecked.

KING EDWARD AND THE NUNS

The King's return from France is reminiscent of the following incident, which took place at Dover not so very long ago. As the French steamer arrived, the King happened to be walking on the pier at Dover in his undress uniform of a British admiral. Three nuns, who had been expelled from France, were amongst the passengers who disembarked. Never having been in England before, the immediately approached the wearer of the naval uniform, taking him for the station master. They explained to him in their native tongue that they wanted to go to Victoria, whereupon the King, in French, said: "Meadams, I will escort you to the right train." He put them into a first-class carriage. They expostulated, as they had only third-class tickets; but he set their minds at rest by quietly paying the difference on their tickets himself.

MR. KING AND HIS JOB

SYDNEY, May 27 (Special)—Austin King, general superintendent of mines for the Dominion Coal Company, has resigned his position. It is understood his resignation was asked for by the company and that he will institute proceedings for breach of contract.

WALTHAM WON AGAIN

ATLANTA, Ga., May 27.—Bobby Walthour, of Atlanta, defeated Jimmy Moran, of Chelsea, Mass., in a twenty mile straightaway motor paced race at the Stadium here last night. Time 23.12. Moran defeated Harry Caldwell in a five mile race. Time 6.56 2-5.

It often happens that man will put himself to no end of trouble to find the key to a woman's heart. When all the time the door is wide open.—Life.

"No," said Mrs. Housekeeper, "my husband is not at home. He's out hunting, as usual." "Hunting?—Why, this is the close season!" "He's hunting a cook. That season is always open."—Philadelphia Ledger.

ROJESTVENSKY A GREAT MYSTIFIER

St. Petersburg Thinks He is But Bluffing the Japs---May Be a Direct Dash for Vladivostok---News of Approaching Naval Battle Hourly Expected.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 27, 1.10 p. m.—The tension of naval circles is very great. The meeting of the Russian and Japanese fleets is expected hourly. The despatch from Tokio to the Associated Press saying it was rumored that the fleets have already engaged in the Straits of Korea, aroused intense interest at the admiralty, but nothing confirmatory has been received there up to the time this despatch was filed. The majority of the officers were inclined to doubt the accuracy of the Tokio report, believing that Rojestvensky, with his fighting ships, is heading northward for the eastern ports of Japan.

Others, on the contrary, considered it quite likely that Rojestvensky, after passing out into the Pacific doubled back through the Luchu Islands, and will take the straightest course for Vladivostok. Rojestvensky, they point out, is a believer in strategy and mystification and his cruise in the Pacific may have been not

only to avoid the danger of mines in the shallow waters of the Straits of Formosa, but to deceive the Japanese into the belief that his objective was either the Tugan or Laperouse Straits, while, in reality he changed his course and headed for the Straits of Korea. As a matter of fact, Rojestvensky seems to have mystified his own admiralty, as much as the Japanese. On one hand the appearance of Russian colliers and converted cruisers off Shanghai is taken as being confirmatory of the theory that Rojestvensky's fighting division headed back after circling the island of Formosa and on the other hand, the presence of colliers and converted cruisers off Shanghai is regarded as a blind to confuse the Japanese. The order sent to Japanese merchant vessels at Che Foo to await instructions before sailing are considered to strengthen the former view indicating that Admiral Togo received information that Rojestvensky had altered his course and thereupon ordered all the Japanese merchantmen to remain in port.

MONCTON NEWS

F. B. Wade's Body Enroute to Bridgetown---Boring for Oil.

MONCTON, May 27.—(Special)—The body of the late F. B. Wade passed through the city this morning from Ottawa to Bridgetown for interment. A private car for friends of the deceased was attached to the Maritime express. Flags were flown at half-mast on the I. C. R. and other buildings as a tribute of respect to the late chairman of the G. T. P. construction commission. Preparations are being commenced for boring for oil on the Lynch farm just west of the city. They are being made by W. R. Townsend.

Two representatives of the English syndicate, which recently took over the N. B. Petroleum Co., are expected here shortly.

SOLD HIS DAUGHTER

Albert Sauer Lets Her Go to a Pasha's Harem for the Sum of \$5,000.

A Vienna despatch to the London Express says a conjurer and music hall artist, named Albert Sauer, has been arrested there at the request of the German consul general in Constantinople, on a charge of having sold his sixteen-year-old daughter, Margareta, to a pasha. It is alleged that when Sauer, his wife and daughter were performing in various Constantinople music halls this spring the extraordinary beauty of the girl attracted the notice of the pasha. Eventually Margareta was received into the pasha's harem and Sauer was paid 1,000 pounds. A week later, however, the girl was returned to her parents as they were about to take train for Vienna. Sauer's story is that the pasha was so infatuated with Margareta that he insisted on marrying her. The wedding took place according to Mahometan rites in the middle of April, and Margareta was subsequently treated with great distinction in the harem of the pasha. Sauer admits that he received 1,000 pounds, but asserts that this was merely an advance on a pension promised him by the pasha on condition that he gave up his profession as a music hall artist, which the pasha did not consider in accordance with the position of a pasha's father-in-law.

WILL BRING UTTER RUIN

French Fishermen of St. Pierre Resent the Appointment of New British Consul.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., May 27.—The French fisher folk of St. Pierre, Mt. Pelee, bitterly resent the presence there of the new British consul and are already agitating for his removal, regarding the presence of such an official as the last step towards the utter ruin of the prosperity of the place.

THE FREDERICTON FAIR

The I. C. R. Will Run Special Trains --- Back From the Klondike---Output \$20,000,000 --- Double Funeral---Bad Boys Fined.

FREDERICTON, N. B. May 27.—(Special)—Secretary Hooper of the Agricultural Society and W. E. Farrell, chairman of the transportation committee, were in Moncton Tuesday interviewing the Intercolonial authorities in regard to the rates for the exhibition to be held here in September. Their Mr. M. S. Lyons and Wallace, who asserted that the Intercolonial would do everything possible to assist the exhibition. A special train will probably be run from Moncton by way of the Fredericton branch on certain days, and arrangements will be made with the Star line to enable

people to take in the river trip to St. John on the way home. Henry F. Waugh, retired Klondyke miner, residing at Douglas, has returned from a trip to Dawson City. He was just thirteen days making the trip from Dawson to Boston. Waugh thinks the Yukon cleanup this year will be close to twenty million. Three boys for using abusive language to a woman on Smythe street last evening, were fined five dollars each at the police court this morning. Walter Limerick, barrister, was successfully operated upon for appendicitis at Mrs. Richards' private hospital yesterday afternoon.