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NAVAL BATTLE IS IMPENDING.

Russian and Japanese Fleets Both Sighted in Straits of Malacca---Japs Are Cleansing Mukden---Rushing Flour to the East---General War News.

PENANG, West Coast of Malay Peninsula, April 8.—Two steamers whice have arrived at Penang, report the sighting of a large Russian fleet in the Straits of Malacca. It included 25 transports and was steering toward Singapore.

The steamer Kumsang reports having sighted twelve cruisers, presumably Japanese, steaming some distance ahead, evidently a Japanese scouting squadron. There is much excitement here and in Singapore over the anticipation of an engagement in Malayan waters.

Singapore, Straits Settlement, April 8.—2. p. m.—The Russian fleet (reported by the British steamer Tara) has been sighted heading apparently for Darian Straits, 57 miles south southwest of Singapore.

Singapore, Straits Settlement, April 8.—3.10 p. m.—The Russian fleet is passing, steering northwestward.

London, April 8.—The sudden shifting of interest in the war from the land to the sea, and the apparently imminent prospects of a fateful battle between the Russian and Japanese squadrons on the China Sea, have revived all the interest shown here in the earlier developments of the struggle in the Far East. It is taken for granted that Togo's ships reported to be in the neighborhood of Signapore, in the middle of March, are still in that vicinity, and the report from Penang that twelve Japanese ships were seen steaming ahead of the Russian varships is interpreted to mean that the former are scouts sent out by Togo to get in touch with the Russians, and when their object is accomplished, to retire on the main body of the Japanese squadron.

The reports about the number of Russian ships vary, but at anv rate over thirty-five battleships, cruisers, colliers and torpedo boats have passed the port of Singapore. The underwriters here presume from the northeasterly course they were steering that, after passing Singapore, the Russian ships are attempting to reach the French port of Saigon, Cochin—China. However, it is pointed out that a Japanese squadron of twenty-two ships is still off Horsburg Light, where it was reported March 14. The two naval forces were therefore only about thirty miles apart, and may be in touch at any moment.

Britain is Ready.

Hong Kong, April 8.—In consequence of the appearance of a fleet in the Straits of Malacca, the China squadron is preparing to put to sea. The armored cruiser Sutlej leaves today for Singapore, and the first class battleship Ocean and a cruiser will follow.

Japs Cleansing Mukden.

Gen. Oku's Headquarters in the Field, April 8, via Fusan.— The Japanese are making every effort to prevent the appearance of disease during the coming warm weather. Thousands of soldiers and Chinese are engaged in cleaning Mukden and the vicinity of the battlefields. The Russians left the city in a very unsanitary condition and this will result probably in much sickness during the summer unless the sanitary measures of the Japanese are successful. Strict orders have been issued regarding the maintenance of purity of the drinking water and other preventative measures will be taken.

Rushing Flour Eastward.

Seattle, Wn., April 8.—Since the announcement that after July 1. Japan would levy a war tax on flour, large quantities of that commodity have been rushed to Seattle in an effort to secure cargo space on steamers, so as to assure its reaching the Orient in time to avoid the war tax.

When the Minnesota sails from here on April 29, she will have between 65,000 and 70,000 barrels and will leave behind some 30,000 barrels for lack of room. The Kanaga will also take 10,000 barrels when she sails for the Orient to-day, one company has chartered a special steamer to take 60,000 barrels across, and it is estimated that fully 200,000 barrels will leave Seattle and Tacoma by the first of June.

SMALLPOX IN CHATHAM.

Every Precaution Taken ---Logs Carried Out of the Boom---An Ice Jam.

Fredericton, April 8:—(Special)—Chatham has a case of smallpox. The victim is a young unmarried woman named Gilmore, who resides with her parents. The matter was reported to Premier Tweedie yesterday, and acting on his instructions. Dr. Foster, secretary of the provincial board of health, visited Chatham and confirmed the diagnosis. The patient has been placed in charge of Dr. McDonald, and the usual precautions have been taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Up river residents in the city today report the river blocked with broken ice for a distance of several miles above Springhill. Above a thousand logs pushed out of Sugar Island boom yesterday, and will probably be carried out with the ice. Logs in the Douglas boom are piled solidly against the piers and apparently safe. The ice is being held in place by the Fredericton bridges, but the chances are the jam will break today or tomorrow. The water is about at a standstill.

Later.

Chatham, N. B., April 8:—(Special)—Two cases of smallpox were discovered in the town this morning, Mrs. E. W. Malone, a patient in the Hotel Dieu hospital, and Miss Mary Gilmore. The cases were suspects yesterday and in response to a wire Dr. Fisher of Fredericton arrived in town last evening and pronounced both to be smallpox. The board of health will meet this afternoon and decide on precautions to prevent spread of the disease. There are two other suspects.

THE EAGLE WILL SCREAM.

Newfoundland Legislature Adopts a Prohibitive Bill Respecting American Fishermen's Bait and Supplies---Vessels of Violators Will Be Forfeited.

St. John's, N. F., April 8.—Premier Bond has moved in the legislature for the adoption of a new bill against American fishing vessels.

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

It is also provided that the task of proving that the bait, supplies, or 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 a division of the house sustained the premier by a vote of 19 to 6.

In moving for the adoption of the bill, the premier claimed that the treaty of 1898 does not give the Americans the right to fish in the bays, harbors and creeks on that section of the coast where they were granted certain treaty privileges. His contention was based upon the fact that the treaty does not specifically state that the bays, harbors and creeks shall be open to American fishermen.

Mr. Morine moved that the bill be read six months hence, and his motion was seconded by Mr. Cashin, the senior member for Ferryland, who temperorarily abandoned the ranks of his party for the purpose of doing so.

Mr. Morine contended that the premier's argument in support of his measure was untenable, and declared that under the terms of the treaty, the Americans have the right to land on the island, and to do everything necessary to secure cargoes of fish for their vessels.

HUMORS OF HISTORY---7.



The Landing of Julius Caesar. B.C. 55.

"The currently accepted story of this event mentions considerable opposition on the part of the British, but it is more likely that the municipal dignatoriee gave the Roman invaders an even more painful reception."—

...The New History of England.

AT LEAST A DOZEN CANDIDATES

Will Be in the Aldermanic Fight Who Are Not at Present In the Council---Ald. Bullock Said to Have Aspirations For the Mayoralty.

Despite the fact that the Citizens' League failed to place a ticket in the field there will be more new candidates than present aldermen in the civic fight.

Four of the present aldermen, Maxwell, Barker, Robinson and Brannen, will retire, and this leaves only eleven of the present members in the field, while from present indications there will be at least twelve new men to choose from.

These twelve, however, only contest six of the thirteen wards, and the two seats for aldermen at large.

In other words, seven of the present aldermen seem likely to be returned by acclamation, as follows:—Ald. Hamm, Macrae, Christie, Holder, McGoldrick, Lewis and Daley. At present the position is indicated by the following table:—

	Old.	New.
Victoria—		R. R. Patchell Wellington Green H. H. Pickett
Lansdowne—Ald. Christie, Lorne—Ald. Holder, Stanley—Ald. McGoldrick, Dufferin—Ald Daley, Guys..Ald. Tilley, Brooks—		A. Buist J.B.M. Baxter
At large—Ald Carleton Ald Frink,		T. T. Lantalum D. McArthur

Of course some more new candidates may crop up before nomination day, which is next Tuesday.

It was reported on the street this morning that H. L. McGowan, who is to oppose Alderman Bullock as a candidate for alderman of Queens ward, was approached by Mr. Bullock and asked not to oppose him this year, and that next year, he, (Bullock) would drop out of the running for Queens ward to become a candidate for the mayoralty, and so leave a clear field for Mr. McGowan in Queens.

Mr. McGowan was asked this morning by the Times if this statement was correct, and replied that he did not think a statement like that would look well in the papers. When asked if he had been approached by Alderman Bullock in this regard he said: "I prefer not to answer that question."

In addition to the names already mentioned of those who will contest for civic honors, P. A. Smith, the well known fish dealer, has been mentioned as a possible candidate for Prince ward, making a three cornered fight between Sproul, Freeze and himself.

It is also said that Geo. A. Troop may oppose Alderman Lewis, whom he gave a close run last year, and Fred E. Law may decide to run in opposition to Messrs. Vanwart and Baird.

Mr. McArthur, who in a way is at the head of a reform movement to elect new aldermen was asked as to his views in regard to the platform of the Citizens' League. He said he felt that the league had done much good in directing public attention to the need of reform, and while in some points he agreed with the league on others he did not. He thought that if the new men were elected these questions could be threshed out afterwards.

ANOTHER CANADIAN

Succeeds Dr. Osler in Johns Hopkins University as Chief Physician.

Hamilton, Ont., April 8—(Special)—Dr. Lewellyn, F. Barker, M. B., son of Rev. J. F. Barker, formerly pastor of Victoria Avenue Baptist church, has been appointed successor to Dr. Osler as physician in chief and professor of medicine at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

Dr. Barker is 35 years of age. After graduating from Toronto University in 1890 he spent a year in Toronto General Hospital, and from there he went to Baltimore and spent several years in the Johns Hopkins Hospital, in different positions.

When the Chicago University was opened, Dr. Barker received the appointment of professor of anatomy, and last year he was appointed professor of medicine there. His work, "The Nervous System," published in 1899, is the most complete work of this kind. He is the best known pathologist and bacteriologist in America.

LADY CURZON'S HOUSE UNSAFE.

SIMLA, April 8.—The viceregal lodge here has been declared unsafe as a result of the earthquake. Lady Curzon, wife of the Viceroy, with her children and the vice-regal staff have moved into houses situated within the lodge grounds. Lady Curzon's bedroom was considerably damaged. The shocks have ceased and the residents of Simla are reassured.

An investigation shows that the damage to the vice-regal lodge is so extensive that the repairs will take several months.

Tomorrow three trains of immigrants from the steamer Bavarian will pass through. The first train will leave Halifax about 5 o'clock tonight.

BISHOPSCOTE HAS BEEN SOLD.

W. T. Whitehead, M. P. P., Pays $5,200 for the Late Bishop Medley's Home.

Fredericton, April 8.—(Special.) "Bishopscote," the residence of the late Bishop Medley, was sold at public auction here this morning by T. Carleton Allen, by authority vested in him by the late bishop's will. After a very sharp competition it was knocked down to H. M. Clark, acting for W. T. Whitehead, M. P. P., for $5,200. The house, which is a plain two story structure, is situated on Church street, and the size of the lot is 106x52 feet. The purchase price is pretty stiff, and indicates that real estate is on the rise in Fredericton.

The local fishermen are going to hold a meeting in Berryman's Hall, on Monday evening next, at 8 o'clock. Matters of mutual interest to those engaged in that industry will be discussed, and steps taken to form an organization to protect their trade or calling. A number of the prominent local men in labor circles will be present and address the meeting.

The Times New Reporter.

The street railway company, having completed negotiations, will enter into possession of the town next week.

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What is the relation between vested rights and a vest pocket?

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JAMESEY IS DEJECTED.

Mr. Jamesey Jones informed the Times new reporter this morning that he had practically decided to go west. He might change his mind, but his present feeling with regard to St. John was that it was a poor place to bring up a family. This astounding assertion led the new reporter to ask for an explanation.

"We have," said the new reporter, "good schools and churches, a Carnegie library, numerous societies and organizations, the Hen Club, the Union Club—and yourself."

"I know—I know," replied Jamesey. "That is all true—but what is the result of it all? Three or four weeks ago one hundred and forty-five of us banded ourselves together into a League to select fifteen men fit to be aldermen. We took a poll of the city at large without result. Then we began to examine ourselves. What was the final result? Did we get fifteen? Did we get ten? Did we get five? Did we get one? No sir! We got none at all. What is the good of your schools and churches and societies and clubs and all the rest of it! What do they produce? Dunder heads."

"But we have aldermen," protested the new reporter.

"Aldermen so-called," retorted Jamesey. "But when they go to Fredericton what happens? Does anybody listen to them? No sir. This town's in a bad way. When a search party of one hundred and forty-five can't dig up fifteen men with horse sense it's time to move on. I'm frightened—I'm actually frightened to stay here."

The many friends of our popular fellow citizen sincerely trust that he will change his mind, and give the committee of one hundred and forty-five an extension of time. They did have one candidate yesterday, but he escaped last night. If a reward were offered it might lead to the discovery or importation of a new more. A few years may work wonders. Jamesey should stay right here.

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The spasm has subsided.

DUBS FISHER A "PIN HEAD"

And Says Sbarretti is "Laurier's Boss From Rome"---Hon. Robert Rogers of Manitoba Once More Waves the Axe and Hurls Defiance.

SIFTON GONE.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 8—(Special)—Frank Oliver, M. P. for Edmonton, was sworn in as Minister of The Interior at noon today in place of Hon. Clifford Sifton, who resigned. Mr. Oliver leaves at once for the West to stand for re-election.

Winnipeg, April 8.—(Special)—Discussing Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statement in the house on Thursday night Hon. Robert Rogers challenges any person to prove him guilty of one single inaccurate statement.

He is also wroth with Hon. Sydney Fisher, whom he characterizes as "a pin-head politician." He says:—

"In my generosity I have treated all inaccuracies of Sir Wilfrid as being due to his lack of memory. For example, I see that Sir Wilfrid repeated his first statement, and based his whole case last night upon the fact that Manitoba has made no demands for an extension of her boundaries since he came into power in 1896, until 1905. This statement is absolutely incorrect. It is only necessary to turn to the journals of the house for 1901 to prove that there will be found evidence of a demand made by a unanimous legislature upon the Dominion, of which Sir Wilfrid Laurier was then, as he is now, head, for an extension of boundaries.

"Sir Wilfrid goes on to say that there is something wrong with my statement because I was not present at the interview with Mgr. Sbarretti, I never said I was. He further states, that it was a friendly interview between Mgr. Sbarretti and Mr. Campbell, who met upon former occasions. This is another inaccurate statement. Mr. Campbell denies ever having met Mgr. Sbarretti before. These statements explode the remarks made by Sir Wilfrid.

Calls Fisher "Pin Head".

"There is one thing, however, for which I will not stand and that is the reference made by a pin-head like Fisher, to me as making a false statement. I challenge Fisher or any person else to put their finger upon one single solitary syllable of any statement I have made that they can prove to be false.

"The Winnipeg Free Press undertakes to deal with me under the head of 'Manitoba's shame.' If it was a shame to make known the treatment which this province is receiving at the hands of the Dominion and the reasons why we are being so treated, then I am guilty. If the Free Press, or those for whom they assume to speak, think that I do not represent Manitoba, or that I am guilty of wrong in making public that we are prevented from getting our rights, then let them use their influence with the Lieut. Governor to dissolve the house and let the people declare whether they want legislation drafted and moulded by Sir Wilfrid's boss from Rome.

Laurier Is Responsible.

"The facts brought out go to show that we have a papal delegate in the Dominion on the invitation of men who represent themselves as members of parliament and as representatives of the liberal party and they should assume responsibility for his action.

"The simple mission of this delegate, with all the weight which must be attached to his important office, acting under the cloak of religious influence, has been to assist Wilfrid Laurier and his supporters on the political matters."

MUST CARE FOR FAMILY.

Charles Jackson, charged with stealing a quantity of clothing from C. S. Goggin, of the Tremont House, also for obtaining a quantity of paint from A. W. Addison, under false paint from A. Waddison, under false pretences, was before Judge Ritchie this morning and pleaded guilty to the charge.

Jackson stated that he had tried to obtain employment, but without success. One of the police officials suggested that the prisoner was too fond of drink.

His honor severely censured Jackson for drinking, rather than caring for the wants of his wife and family; and informed him that if he were formally charged with neglect, he could be sent to Dorchester for seven years.

Mrs. Jackson, who has been kindly treated by Mr. Goggin, was in court this morning, and, after a private conference with the magistrate Jackson was allowed to go, with the understanding that he keep from drink and look after his wife and family.

TO FIGHT STANDARD OIL.

Chanute, Kansas, April 8.—Representatives of 30 independent oil companies which control three fourths of the oil production of Kansas, met here yesterday and decided to form a company representing $7,000,000 of invested capital, to build a fuel oil pipe line from the Kansas oil fields to Kansas City and to construct a refinery and storage tank in that city.

FERRY PASSES.

A citizen asked the Times this morning why nothing had been heard about the investigation which was talked of a short time ago in regard to passes on the ferry boats. He said he had understood that the alderman who had started the investigation, had found he had so many friends who were using passes, that he concluded it would be as well to let the matter drop.

He stated that a recently appointed civic official had applied to the toll collector at the ferry house for a pass, and had been refused, and that the same alderman who was so enthusiastic about an investigation being made had ordered the gateman to issue a pass to him. The citizen would like to know when the result of this inquiry is to be made public.

BANK STATEMENT.

Reserves, inc	$17,950
Less U. S. inc.	22,975
Loans, dec.	8,530,100
Specie dec.	1,445,900
Legal tender, dec	1,157,200
Deposits dec	10,560,600
Circulation, inc	401,700

W. H. G. & Co.

Three men who were creating a disturbance in the Oriental cafe on Charlotte street, last night, were ejected by Officers Ward and Sullivan.

TYRANNY OF THE CHURCH.

Open Revolt Against it in Russia---Has Been Used as a Political Machine and Must Get Out of that Field---A Strong Letter By One in Authority.

St. Petersburg, April 8.—The revolt against the tyranny of the church administration is attracting intense attention. The clergy are now speaking their sentiments quite as openly on religion as are the liberals in the political field.

The intimate connection between the movements for the re-generation of the church and the re-organization of the state is set forth in a strong letter printed this morning and ascribed to "a high eclesiastic," in which the writer says.

"The church as a living idea is inextricably bound up with Russian life, and when the Russian public realized that they could not any longer exist without breaking the shackles of the bureaucracy, the church awoke from two hundred years of lethargy and its first murmur was that it was the universal right of every thinking Russian to do his task with freedom."

Thd letter further declares that for years the clergy were held so closely in the vice of obedience, not to an idea, but to the dictates of one man who virtually said "I am the church" that they had become automatons to register his decrees; and now, with the prospect of liberty before them, they are hardly capable of raising their voice.

In the cities, it is added, there have been many instances where the church has been used as a political machine to stir up hatred and strife between the various classes of the population, referring especially to the recent incitement of the ignorant against the intelligent. The writer hails the day when the church, freed from state control, will devote itself to religion and not to politics.