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THE EVENING TIMES.

THE WEATHER
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RUSSIA RAISING ANOTHER ARMY.

An Immense Force May Be Mobilized to Prosecute War to the End --- Fears Gen. Linevitch Cannot Reach Harbin Without Enormous Losses.

St. Petersburg, March 18.—2.10 p. m.—Telegraph communication with the retreating Russian army, has been cut for over twenty-four hours, but the authorities hope it is only temporary, declaring, that they have no information that the Japanese have reached the railroad in General Linevitch's rear.

Nevertheless, with the curtain down, the war office, naturally is the prey of the direst forebodings. The last word from the front was contained in a telegram from one of the Associated Press Russian correspondents, the only correspondent with the retiring army. It presaged an attack from the rear, The telegram, although dated Changtufu, (forty miles north of Tie Pass) at four o'clock, Thursday afternoon, was sent from Kaiyuan, thirty miles north of Tie Pass, and reached St. Petersburg, only this morning. It was very brief, saying simply that the army was retiring in good order, and destroying the railroad as it went, but was constantly pressed by the Japanese, the rear guard actions, being continuous. There were ominous words in the concluding sentence, as follows:—

"We believe the Japanese are making a wide turning movement north and that they are ready to fall upon us, when we get out of the ring-like group of mountains, which surround the Tie Pass Gorge."

Fear the Worst.

"In the long retreat to Harbin, the Russians only have the advantage of the Mandarin so far as Kai Yuan, whence it bears eastward to Khirin, whence the railroad continues north to Harbin. According to the general staff, however, a good wagon road runs parallel to the railroad.

But for an army of a quarter of a million men encumbered with impedimenta, with an active enemy relentlessly pursuing and operating on its flank, and the constant threat of the enemy closing the line of retreat, it is admitted that the single railroad and wagon road afford poor prospects of Gen. Linevitch being able to bring off the remnants of the army confided to his care without tremendous sacrifice of life. If the Japanese actually succeed in throwing a strong force across the line of retreat, it is recognized that the army might be forced to capitulate.

A New Army.

In the meantime, the mobilization of a new army has already begun in several provinces, although the order has not yet been published. A division of the Imperial Guards at St. Petersburg, received orders to-day.

The newspapers generally endorse Linevitch's selection as temporary commander-in-chief, on the ground that Kuropatkin's lack of success made his supercession imperative. At the same time, it is recognized that Kuropatkin's failure also rests on other shoulders, and pity is expressed at his sad fate.

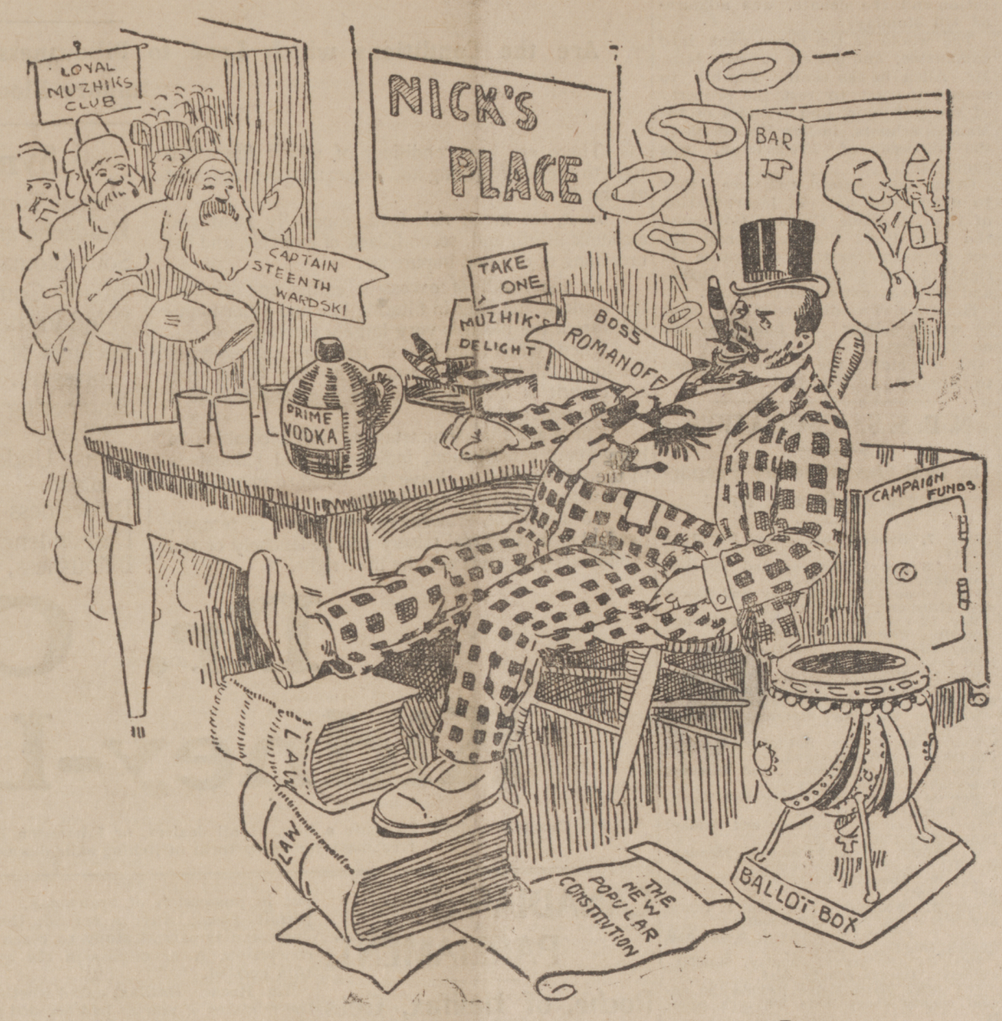
Will Go as Far as Possible.

Tokio, March 18.—Beyond the general retirement of the Russians along the railway northward, little is known here of the details of the past three days' events in Manchuria. Various reports of the number of additional Russian prisoners captured are in circulation. One estimate is 20,000. It is impossible to confirm the reports. There is much speculation over the extent of the Russian retirement. Harbin is regarded as a logical base, but it is suggested that they may attempt to hold the Kirim line. The country between Kiauan and Sungari is inhospitable. Formerly the conservative element in the high councils of Japan favored settling a limit to the Manchurian advance. It opposed advancing to Harbin, but the results of the victory at Mukden are removing opposition, and the bulk of opinion and judgment now favors pressing advantages and carrying the war to the utmost limits possible.

The Strikers Busy.

Warsaw, Mar. 18:—The directors of the Vistula railroad have asked for troops to guard the bridges between Siedlos and Molkin, in consequence of the receipt of letters threatening their destruction. There has been a recrudescence of strike agitation in the Lodz district. A party of strike leaders forced workmen at the mills at Pabianice to leave their work but the men refused. A fight followed, an agitator was killed and others wounded.

IF THE CZAR WANTS TO ENJOY REAL POWER



Let Him Grant Popular Government and Rule as a Boss.

UNTRUE STORY ABOUT ST. JOHN.

Portland Paper Tells a Fake Yarn About St. John Harbor Being Frozen Up and Credits the Statement to Captain of Vessel From This Port.

(Portland Ex[illegible] Mar. 16.)

St. John, N. [illegible] the port which never freezes" [illegible] having about all the trouble it [illegible]s to have with ice this winter, [illegible]ts declaration that it had o[illegible]reat advantage over Portland, [illegible]ts harbor was always free of ice [illegible]e Portland's was not, has been proven false. This winter the whole thing has been turned about and Portland has been practically free from ice while St. John has had all kinds of troubles with it.

Vessels have been frozen in and damaged and now the steamer Hilda arrives from St. John with coal, which she took from two barges which are still frozen in there notwithstanding that spring is at hand.

The Hilda arrived at 6 o'clock last night, with over 1,538 tons of coal consigned to William M. Bradley. Captain Chambers reports that the ice conditions at Parrsboro, N. S., and in Nova Scotia have never been worse.

Early in February barges 6 and 7, both of which are so well known here, put into St. John, N. B. There they caught in the big freeze and have not been able to get free since that time. The Hilda this week was sent over to St. John to get the cargoes of the two barges and bring them to this port and so, after being over six weeks on the road, they finally have reached their destination.

Captain Chambers reports that it was 10 degrees below zero down there one morning this week, which shows what kind of weather is being experienced in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

The above story was shown to a number of shipping men at this port today, who laughed over it, saying at the same time, that the person who penned that story must be off his base. Who ever heard of the harbor of St. John, N. B., freezing over in winter? Not even the slips around and about the harbor ever freeze, because of the great fall and rise of the tide, and the temperature of water, which Captain Thompson ably described in an article he wrote recently, and published in one of the Portland papers, stating that the Bay of Fundy contained very little ice, as compared with the New England ports along the New England coast.

As to the steamer Hilda, Captain Chambers, which vessel arrived here on March 2nd., from Portland, Maine and was chartered to load coal at Parrsboro, on Wednesday the 1st of March, the steamer arrived at Spencer's Island, near Parrsboro harbor, at 10 a. m. She could get no further on account of the ice, and was headed for St. John, to await order of the charter parties. The steamer was docked at the corporation pier, and was loaded with coal from barges No. 6 and 7, which were towed alongside from the west side of the harbor. All the barges, six or seven of them, come from Parrsboro to go into winter quarters. All loaded with coal, and when the Hilda got orders to load here, the barges above mentioned were put alongside of her. No sign of ice could be seen near or around the coal barges. If captain Chambers made the above statement to the Portland Express, it is up to him to contradict it. Neither his vessel nor any other was ever frozen in here. It would be an impossibility.

STEAMERS DELAYED.

Held Outside New York by a Dense Fog Today.

New York, March 18.—In a dense fog which hung over the lower bay and far out to sea, it is believed a number of steamers from European ports were waiting early to-day for a chance to get into port.

Among those due and probably held up by the fog were the American liner St. Louis from Southampton, the French liner La Savoie, from Havre, the White Star liner Cedric from Liverpool, the Anchor liner Ethiopia from Glasgow, the North German Lloyds steamer Main from Bremen, the Hamburg-American steamer Patricia from Hamburg and the Minnetonka of the Atlantic Transport line from London.

MURDERED HIS SON.

Montreal, Que., Mar. 18.—(Special)—William Phelan, of Dorion street, this morning killed his son, of the same name, with a poker, while the latter was lying in bed. The wife of the elder man died lately, and he has been acting strangely since that time.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

On the Atlantic express today there arrived Capt. Welch and Mr. Apps, general baggage agent of the C. P. R., at Montreal. They will remain here over Sunday.

Mrs. Jas. Holly, who has been on a visit to Boston, returned today.

Geo. C. Allen, general baggage master of the I. C. R., returned to Moncton today from Fredericton. He was accompanied by Mrs. Allen.

Ald. McGoldrick arrived on the Boston express this afternoon after a business trip to the "Hub."

J. P. Sherry, of Memramcook, and F. W. Givan, of Moncton, are in the city today en route home from Boston and New York.

C. O. Thompson passed through today from Fredericton to Amherst.

OBITUARY.

Jane C. English.

Jane C. English, died at the residence of Robt. R. Boyer, 29 Exmouth street, this morning. She was 75 years of age.

Steamship Ionian, Captain Nunan, sails tomorrow morning for Liverpool via Halifax, with a general cargo. A large number of passengers are booked to go in the steamer.

Miss Cora Scott, daughter of N. C. Scott, Douglas Avenue, has returned from Fredericton, where she has been visiting Miss Ethel Mullin, daughter of Dr. Mullin.

Donaldson line steamship Kastalia, Captain Webb, will go to sea tomorrow bound for Glasgow with a full cargo.

JUDGE RYAN'S GREAT DREAM.

Everything Is Beautifully Fixed For Ireland's Future --- Wait Till He Wakes Up.

Toronto, March 18—(Special)—Judge O'Neil Ryan of St. Louis, speaking at the St. Patrick's concert said he looked forward to the time when Ireland would be a republic. "Believing in God and His Justice, it is my confident conviction", declared the judge, "that whether by revolution, as I think it must be, or some other means, Ireland will become absolutely and completely free from English domination and will take her place as a republic among the republics of the world."

FREDERICTON NEWS.

Post Office Staff May Be Increased --- General News From the Capital.

Fredericton, March 18.—(Special).—R. D. Ross, superintendent of Post Offices for Canada, arrived from Ottawa, on the noon train, and this afternoon, in company with Alex. Gibson ex-M. P., made an inspection of the Fredericton Post Office. It is altogether likely that he will recommend an increase in the staff.

The guides of the province are very anxious to have the big game season open September 1st instead of September 15th., as at present, and have made representations to the government to that effect.

W. A. Ewing of St. John is here today on professional business, connected with the case of Peters vs tne York Agricultural Society.

A delegation of the lumbermen of this city will go to Ottawa, either to-night or Monday, to oppose the passing of the Winding Ledges Dam bill. It could not be learned at the time of writing, who would compose the delegation, but A. P. Barnhill will probably go as solicitor. The bill will come before the house on Wednesday.

Beginning on Wednesday next, the Eastern Steamship Company will run two trips a week from here leaving at 8 a. m., Wednesdays for Eastport, Lubec, Portland and Boston, and at 6.30 Saturday evenings for Boston direct. Returning, they will leave Boston at 9 a. m., Mondays and Fridays. The Friday trip will be direct.

There is very little diphtheria in the city at present. No new cases have been reported since Thursday. Two houses in Fairville were disinfected during the past week.

LIQUOR IN DRUGSTORES.

Two Express Wagon Loads Captured in a Maine Town Last Night.

Biddeford, Me., March 18.—A conference was held yesterday between County Attorney George A. Emery, Sheriff Athorne and the Deputy Sheriffs of Biddeford and Saco, looking to the strict enforcement of the prohibitory law in York county.

County Attorney Emery stated, after the conference, that today the mayors and chiefs of police in Biddeford and Saco, would be notified that they would be expected to assist the deputy sheriffs to the utmost of their power in enforcing the law, and if they failed to do so the enforcement commissioners would be appealed to. The county attorney said further that he had some surprises in store, but he would give no intimation as to their nature.

Just at dark last night, three deputy sheriffs started out to visit the drug stores in this city, and from four of them they secured enough liquors of all descriptions to fill two express wagons. The liquors were taken to the storehouse on Elm street, and the druggists were summoned to appear in court tomorrow to answer the charge of illegally keeping liquor for sale.

The raids created considerable excitement and last night it was quite impossible to obtain liquor for any purpose in the city.

RAPID PROMOTION.

Sydney, March 18.—(Special)— D. H. McDougall, until recently field engineer of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, has been appointed manager of the company's mines at Wabana, N'fld. Mr. McDougall, entered the employ of the company five years ago, as a chainman of the survey staff. He belongs to Glace Bay.

THE QUEEN'S VOYAGE.

London, Mar. 18:—The Royal yacht Victoria and Albert, which sailed from Portsmouth, yesterday with Queen Alexandra and party on board, bound for Lisbon, and was compelled, owing to rough seas, to put into Portland harbor last night, resumed her voyage to-day.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS FELT.

New York, March 18.—A Naples despatch to the Herald says: Repeated shocks of earthquake were felt here today (Friday), and at Avellino, and Bonevento. In several places, the inhabitants fell into a panic, but no serious damage resulted.

The members of Waterloo street Baptist C. E. Society will visit the Christian Endeavor Society of Germain street Baptist church, on Monday the 20th inst.

J. H. SLATER IS DEAD.

Well Known Former St. John Man Dies at Sydney.

Sydney, N. S., Mar. 18.—(Special)—James H. Slater, formerly of St. John, and proprietor of the Royal hotel, this city, died this morning. Though he has been ailing for some time past, his death was unexpected. He was out yesterday and felt in his usual health till he was about to retire shortly after eleven o'clock last evening, when he complained of dizziness in the head.

Shortly afterwards he was taken with paralysis of the brain, and passed away at five o'clock this morning.

Deceased was 45 years of age and came to Sydney from St. John about five years ago. He leaves a wife, but no children.

The remains will be taken to St. John on Monday for interment. Deceased carried an insurance policy on his life of six thousand dollars.

GENERAL HOWLEY DEAD.

Washington, Mar. 18.—General Jos. R. Hawley, who died here early this morning, practiced law, occupied the editorial chair, served as soldier and statesman and for many years was prominently identified with the Republican party. He was born at Stewartsville, N. C., Oct. 31, 1826. He was admitted to the bar at Hartford, Conn., in 1850, where he resided. He entered the union army as a captain at the outbreak of the civil war and for distinguished conduct and meritorious service was advanced to the grade of brigadier-general and brevet major-general. He remained in the military service until January 1866 and three months later was elected governor of Connecticut. He received the degree of doctor of laws from Hamilton College, N. Y., from which he graduated and from Yale university and Trinity college. His congressional career began in 1872, when he was elected a representative in the 42nd congress. He took his seat in the U. S. Senate, Mar. 4, 1881 and was a member of that body until the close of last congress.

Bangkok, Siam, March. 18:— The King has issued a decree authorizing a foreign loan of $5,000,000.

MILITIA CHANGES

Announced at Ottawa Today --- The King's Thanks to Canada.

Ottawa, Ont., March 18.—(Special)—The militia general orders, announce that Major Joseph Andrews, of the 3rd. N. B. Artillery, is retired retaining rank.

Neil A. McPherson, and T. W. A. Flanagan, are appointed provisional lieutenants in the 74th Brunswick Rangers.

Sergt. M. D. Cormier, has been appointed provisional lieutenant, in the 67th Carleton Light Infantry.

In 62nd. regiment, "St. John Fusilers, Harvey, Norman, McKenzie Stanbury, has been appointed provisional lieutenant.

Lord Grey hae received from the colonial secretary, a reply to the receipt of copies of the addresses which were presented to the governor general, on his arrival in Canada. Mr. Lyttleton says that he has laid the despatches before his majesty the king, who desires to express his pleasure in gathering from the addresses a vivid impression of the loyal feeling towards the throne which inspired the people of all classes, and races, who are building up Canada, a great nation within the empire.

PAINTINGS DESTROYED.

New York, March 18.—Many valuable paintings and pieces of statuary and articles used in instruction were destroyed today by a fire which damaged the building occupied by the National Academy of Design, at 109th street and Amsterdam.

One fireman was buried under debris from a failing wall, but was rescued and removed to a hospital. He will recover.

While an exact estimate of the damage could not be made today, it will be at least $50,000 and may reach double that figure. It is believed the fire resulted from defective insulation of electric wires.

There were eleven deaths in the city, during the past week. They resulted from the following causes:—consumption, 3; pneumonia, 4; old age, 1; convulsions, 3.

Donaldson line steamship Tritonia is due to arrive from Glasgow with a large general cargo.

GERMANY'S LITTLE BILL.

Wants Great Britain and Uncle Sam to Pay Up.

Berlin, March 18.—The settlement of the Samoan claims, has become a rather touchy point with the foreign office, as it is not understood why so small a sum as $120,000 should cause the United States and Great Britain to hesitate in the payment.

The delay of years has, it is pointed out, been out of proportion to the amount of the claims, and as the damages are owing, according to the arbitrator, to a lot of indigent persons, the impression here, is that Great Britain and the United States have shown delay, amounting to indifference.

It is admitted unofficially, however, that the claims for $120,000, which were prepared by an American lawyer, are in excess of the actual loss. Germany has not made any proposition to the United States, or Great Britain, but would probably accept one-half the amount of the claims if it was offered. The sum of $25,000 mentioned in an American despatch, as being all the claims are worth, is looked on here as a sort of bartering offer, not becoming the subject in controversy.

The German government has informed the United States and Great Britain, as a result of negotiations, that were begun, March 1st. that she is about to make a joint offer.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

Next Tuesday evening the above society are to hold their annual meeting and the intention of the committee is to have one of the most interesting and entertaining meetings yet held by them.

It will be held in the large room upstairs in the City Hall. Canon Richardson and the Rev. Mr. Lang, of St. Andrew's church, will be the principal speakers, assisted by other clergymen. The united choirs of the Carleton churches will be on the platform to lead the singing.

WILL ARRIVE TONIGHT.

Commissioner Coombs the head of the Salvation Army forces in Canada, will arrive in the city tonight. It is expected the people of St. John will turn out in great numbers to hear this great leader of the Salvation Army speak.

The commissioner will hold meetings at 11, 3 and 7 o'clock, Sunday, in York Theatre, will have a grand welcome there, Monday night, and spend Monday and Tuesday here busy in the work of the army.

Mrs. D. J. Purdy, who for some weeks, has been visiting her son, J. C. Purdy, has returned to her home.

DEATHS.

ENGLISH—At the residence of Robert R. Boyer, 29 Exmouth street, March 18th, Jane C. English, aged 75 years. Funeral Tuesday afternoon.

JOINED THE DOWIEITES

And Went From Fredericton to Zion City to Die.

Fredericton, Mar. 18.—(Special.)—Mrs. Janet H. Tait, widow of the late James Tait, died at Lower St. Mary's this morning at the advanced age of eighty-five years.

Mrs. John Donovan, who with her husband joined the Dowieite church and removed to Zion City last year, died there on Tuesday from consumption. She was formerly Miss Colwell, and aged about thirty.

Ex-mayor Harry Beckwith, now of Boston, is visiting his old home.

VENEZUELAN CASE.

Wilemstadt, Island of Curacoa, March 18.—Advices received here from Caracas, say that the Venezuelan superior court decided on appeal, March 14, that the New York and Bermudese asphalt company aided the Matos revolution. The high court will fix the damages. The final judgment may not be rendered for many months. This case is separate from the action of the government to rescind the company's concession.

A NEW DINING ROOM.

One of the most artistic dining-rooms in the north end, is that of Daniel J. Purdy, M. P. P.

In consequence of a fire, which occurred in Mr. Purdy's residence some weeks ago, it was necessary to make extensive alterations, and while these were in progress, it was decided to place a bay window in the northern side of the room. This not only adds to the size of the apartment, but makes it very light and cheerful.

The walls and ceiling have been covered with stamped metal sheathing, of an artistic design, having a deep and richly-ornamented cornice. The metal has been laid on, so nicely, that it is impossible to detect the joints. The design has been chosen with excellent taste. The painting and decorating are also in harmony with the general surroundings.

To the left of the entrance, is a small alcove in which the sideboard will be placed; and at the top of this recess, a dainty grill of quartered oak, has been fitted. The room is also fitted with a neat electric chandelier.

With regard to a statement made in a morning paper that the ambulance failed to respond to a call to Britain street last night; it was learned by the Times that the roads in that part of the city are completely bare of snow, and are thus unfit for driving. In any case the ambulance is not supposed to be called for a common drunk as this was thought to be.

Premier Tweedie arrived last night from Fredericton. He will return to the Capital this evening.

The Times New Reporter.

A fine example of growing toleration was the drinking of toasts in orangeade at a C. M. B. A. dinner on St. Patrick's night.

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Mr. Peter Binks will address the Hen Club this evening, and make a complete analytical comparison between the odor in the cabins of Wm. Lung, and that in the upper end of the country market, with reference also to several fertilizer factories, he has visited. It is the opinion of Mr. Binks that there is more power to taint food in the country market article than in either Wm. Lung's cabins or any fertilizer factory he has seen. He tried an experiment on some butter, and found that after ten minutes exposure in the market it was rejected by his pet dog, which is usually very fond of butter. Mr. Binks thinks the city has a good thing in that country market stench, if only some use could be made of it.

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The aldermen will not be able to supply all the citizens with life belts next week, but will do their best. Persons who can swim, should not apply.