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LOSS OF TEN MILLIONS.

A Large Section of Toronto's Business District Burned.

Another Russian Naval Disaster—Verestchagin Had a Premonition of Death—Triple Execution at Chicago. Desperate Fight With a Maniac. Sunday Baseball.

A wind-fanned fire swept through a section of Toronto's wholesale business district on Tuesday night, causing a loss which will run up into the millions. The fire started in a factory in Wellington street about 9 o'clock. In less than an hour the flames had spread from building to building on both sides of the street until the whole block was a mass of flames and the fire was utterly beyond control of the local department.

Appeals were sent to every surrounding city where fire fighting apparatus could be obtained asking for assistance. Montreal, London, Hamilton and Buffalo at once responded, but it took hours before they could be of assistance.

Chief Thompson of the fire department and George Dowkes of Montreal were cut off by the flames while directing the work of firemen from a roof. Thompson jumped six stories to the ground and miraculously escaped with a broken leg. A mass of tangled wires broke his fall near the ground. Dowkes has not been seen since and it is believed that he perished.

From the Currie warehouse on Wellington street, where it originated, the fire spread with astounding rapidity to the west, destroying the buildings occupied by the Eckhart Casket company and Warwick Bros. & Rutter and W. J. Gage & Co., and then made a clean sweep up Wellington street to the Queen's hotel.

The thick fire walls of the hotel and the concentrated efforts of the fire fighters stopped the flames there, but in the meantime the fire had swept across the street and the block of buildings from Hay street west to the National club was wiped out.

At that time the firemen believed that the fire was under control but a shift in the wind sent the flames roaring down Bay street, destroying every building on both sides of the street from the National club down to Front street.

Nothing could resist the force of the flames as they swept down Bay street towards the lake and the firemen fought back the fire from side streets, confining the fire zone to the one thoroughfare wherever possible.

The total loss by fire in the wholesale district of Toronto Tuesday night will, according to the most conservative estimates, total \$12,000,000, while the total insurance is known to be \$8,200,000.

The area swept by the fire embraced 14 acres. The total number of buildings destroyed is 122, firms affected 222 and fully 10,000 people are thrown out of employment.

The city council has passed a resolution of thanks to the Buffalo and other outside fire brigades which responded with such alacrity to the call for aid.

The new business district which the merchants of Toronto will erect in the places where their former stores and warehouses stood will be a model of perfection so far as human ingenuity can devise fireproof buildings and provide facilities for fire fighting.

The city architect will recommend, it is said, that no building higher than four stories shall be constructed unless it be absolutely fireproof, and that no building of any kind shall be erected to a greater height than seven stories. Particular attention will be paid to the insulation of electric wires placed in the new buildings, imperfect insulation being the generally accepted theory as the cause of the great fire.

Slowness in Distributive Trade. Unseasonably cold weather all over the country interferes with plant preparations and growth and interrupts outdoor activity in many lines, notably building.

Distributive trade, both wholesale and retail, has practically "marked time" during the week. The effects of this and of past unfavorable weather are reflected in reports of slow business in shoe manufacturing and building, while in cotton manufacturing high prices of raw and manufactured goods continue a bar to activity.

Back of weather and price conditions, too, there looms up the political outlook, which in most presidential years has induced a tendency toward conservatism.

Among the industries, iron and steel note an accentuation of the quiet observable last week. Aside from a slight increase in the export demand for cottons, little has occurred in wholesale dry goods this week, although reductions, notably in print cloths and a few other lines, have induced some new buying.

Panama Canal Contract Signed. A Paris dispatch says the contract by which the ownership of the Panama canal passes to the United States is signed, sealed, delivered and complete. The title to the canal route is now vested in the government of the United States.

Desperate Fight With a Maniac. Captain Clark of the New York fire department and two firemen had a desperate fight with a maniac Sunday on a 12-inch ledge which forms the

base of the Mansa roof of the Manhattan Eye and Ear hospital. The ledge is 80 feet above the ground and the man they risked their lives to subdue and rescue from his perilous position was powerful and fought viciously; but he was finally forced through a window into the hospital, where several policemen took up the struggle and bound him.

Carbarn Murderer Hanged. Atohist to the last, but seemingly unrepentant, Peter Neidermeier, the leader of the carbarn bandits was hanged in Chicago on Friday last in a chair, presenting a most striking



GUSTAVE MARX.

contrast with his companions in crime, Gustave Marx and Harvey Van Dine, who, standing erect, kissed an image of Christ and died without a tremor. The three executions were separate, 20 minutes apart, the same scaffold being used for all.

The crime for which the three bandits paid the penalty was one of eight murders which the three men are known to have committed—that of Francis W. Stewart, a clerk in the car barns of the Chicago City railway.

Another Disaster to Russian Navy. Viceroy Alexieff's report of the destruction of a launch and the loss of 21 men by the explosion of a Russian torpedo at Port Arthur has added to the gloom which has prevailed at St. Petersburg since the disaster to the Petropavlovsk.

The war commission suppressed part of the viceroy's dispatch which showed where the mines were being laid. It is believed that as launches were employed they were mining the entrance to the harbor in order to prevent the Japanese from forcing an entrance and attempting to destroy the remaining ships.

It is evident from the closing of the entrance that Viceroy Alexieff had no intention of letting his ships go to sea again, even against an inferior force, though this may not be the policy of Vice Admiral Skrydloff, who will determine on a plan of operations when he assumes command.

Japanese Will Stay Near the Sea. Apparently reliable information leads to belief that the objective of the Japanese campaign does not involve the ambitious invasion of the interior of Manchuria with the purpose of reaching and overwhelming the main Russian army. If the Japanese ever entertained the hope of accomplishing a task similar to that which Napoleon set himself, present advices indicate that they have abandoned it and have adopted a much more cautious and less hazardous program.

If this information is correct there will be no advance upon the army concentrated at Liao Yang and Mukden with its attendant constant lengthening and weakening of the Japanese line of communications. Instead there seems to be a determination to attack as close as possible to the sea, where lies Japan's natural base of communications, she having established herself in Corea.

Verestchagin Had a Premonition. The will of Vassil Verestchagin, the Russian painter, who was killed with Makarov at the Petropavlovsk at Port Arthur, leaves the entire estate to the widow. The will was made just before the painter started for the Far East and in it he expressed the conviction that he would not return.

General Kuropatkin has telegraphed to Madame Verestchagin an expression of the sympathy he feels with her in her affliction and his regret at the loss of an old comrade.

Legality of Sunday Ball Games. At the outset of the game between the Brooklyn and Philadelphia National league teams at Washington park, Brooklyn, Sunday, the police arrested Pitcher Poole and Catcher Jackitsch of the home team and Frank Roth of the Philadelphia nine after the first inning had pitched the second ball.

Whether the playing of baseball in Greater New York on Sunday is illegal is to be decided on a test case, the first step in which was the action taken under instructions from Police Commissioner McAdoe. Beside the players, three sellers of score cards on the grounds were taken into custody.

Memory of Senator Hanna. The house of representatives was in session for over five hours Sunday for the purpose of paying tribute to the memory of the late Senator Marcus A. Hanna, the late Representative C. W. Thompson of Alabama and the late Representative W. W. Skiles of Ohio. Eulogies to Senator Hanna were delivered by Representatives Grosvenor, Longworth, Goebel, Southard, Kyle, Morgan, Van Vorhis, Hildebrand, Snook, Tawney, Bricker, Lovell, Smith of Massachusetts and Turrell.

Grand Council Royal Arcanum. Saratoga, April 25.—Several hundred delegates have arrived for the 20th annual session of the grand council of the Royal Arcanum, state of New York, which begins this morning and continues two days. Albany and Buffalo are competitors for the next annual session.

DISORDER AT SMYRNA.

Conflict Between Turkish Gendarmes and Greeks.

Endeavored to Open a Shop Which Had Been Closed by Authorities. Struggle With Gendarmes in Which Shots Were Fired—Secretary and Consulate Guards Imprisoned.

Athens, April 25.—An affray between Turkish gendarmes and Greeks is reported from Smyrna, in which M. Delyannis, secretary of the Greek consulate, was slightly wounded. Serious complications may ensue. A Greek squadron has sailed for Smyrna.

It appears that M. Delyannis endeavored to open the shop of some Greek merchants which had been closed for non-payment of taxes. This was opposed by the gendarmes. A struggle ensued in which M. Delyannis was wounded and he fired on the gendarmes. The Turkish authorities imprisoned M. Delyannis and two consulate guards, who were only released after the intervention of French consuls.

The Ottoman minister here after a long conference with the foreign minister promised full satisfaction for the Smyrna affair.

An official communique says that M. Delyannis, acting in self-defense, fired several shots. The Greek consul general proceeded to the office of the Ottoman governor after the arrest of M. Delyannis and the consulate guards and found M. Delyannis there, bound and bleeding from his wounds. M. Delyannis was authorized to accompany the consul general, but the soldiers prevented the departure of the two guards and unharnessed the horses from the consul's carriage. The guards were finally released through the intervention of the French consul. The communique adds: "A fleet is leaving this evening to engage in maneuvers."

A BAD INVESTMENT? Senator Hale Counseled Delay in Building More Battleships.

Washington, April 26.—Whether the president shall order the construction of the battleship provided for in the naval appropriation bill or wait until the war in the Far East demonstrates the comparative utility of the big sea fighter and the torpedo boat or submarine craft, was a question raised in the senate by Mr. Hale on the adoption of the conference report.

It developed that the language of the bill was permissive and that the president and secretary of the navy could defer action if they deem it advisable. Mr. Hale declared that if he were secretary of the navy he should not dare go on now and commit the government to the building of an immense battleship, for it would not surprise him if events of the Russian-Japanese war demonstrated that the \$150,000,000 paid for big battleships were a bad investment for this government. Several other senators counseled delay.

Mr. Bacon discussed trusts, replying to the recent speech of Mr. Dooliver. He devoted the greater portion to conditions which make it possible for American products to be sold abroad for a less price than American consumers are required to pay.

Mr. Bacon read a letter from Charles M. Schwab to H. C. Frick giving the cost of manufacturing steel rails, which Mr. Bacon said showed that the "trust" needed no protection against English steel manufacturers. The letter said rails could be sold at a profit of \$16 per ton.

"That is information given by Mr. Schwab in a private letter," said Mr. Bacon.

"I don't care how private it is," exclaimed Mr. Aldrich, "he can be mis taken as well as any one else—what he states there is absolutely untrue and absurd."

Mr. Aldrich declared Mr. Schwab's letter to be merely a part of a stock jobbing affair, to which Mr. Bailey replied that "Mr. Schwab is as reputable and truthful as any man who ever fleeced money from the pockets of the people through a protective tariff."

Mr. Bacon contended that Schwab stood at the head and front of the steel industry and therefore spoke by authority. The subject was then dropped.

The military academy bill, the last of the general appropriation measures, was under consideration when memorial services for the late Representative Thompson of Alabama were begun.

The house passed a large number of bills, including the Alaska delegate bill. An objection to a request by Mr. Grosvenor for leave to print brought a mild protest from him which aroused Mr. Gaines, who charged that Mr. Grosvenor had printed everything in the Record about President Roosevelt which the president did not do.

Mr. Williams added that Mr. Grosvenor had plastered the president with union labels in every position he has held for 20 years.

Vandals Destroyed Statuary. St. Louis, April 26.—It was discovered that vandals had entered the French pavilion at the World's Fair and destroyed two of the most beautiful of the Parisian marble statues in the sculpture exhibit. The statues were L'Etolle de Berger (The Shepherd's Star) by Rouseil, and "St. Jean" by Du Bois. They had been thrown to the floor and broken into bits.

ALEXIEFF'S REIGN ENDED.

Kuropatkin to Become Commander-in-Chief of Military and Naval Forces.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—General Kuropatkin, it is believed in the highest military circles here, is destined to become commander-in-chief of all the emperor's forces, both military and naval, in the Far East.

Admiral Alexieff may remain there for some little time as viceroy, but his reign is considered practically ended. He will not be humiliated but in order to effect harmonious relations a way will be found to secure his elimination.

While Alexieff and Kuropatkin are on fairly good terms, harmonious relations between Vice Admiral Skrydloff and the viceroy are considered impossible, and with the three enjoying independent commands it is realized that friction would be bound ultimately to arise, which might endanger successful operations. Skrydloff and Kuropatkin, on the contrary, are warm personal friends.

With Alexieff removed from the theater of war and in view of the present necessity to have a supreme commander of both the army and navy on the ground, as well as to insure perfect harmony, Vice Admiral Skrydloff, in view of the minor role which the fleet will play, has already expressed his willingness to accept the post of commander of the naval forces under General Kuropatkin as commander-in-chief.

Kuropatkin's Strategy. St. Petersburg, April 25.—General Kuropatkin has played a strong card in the game of strategy. A large portion of General Rennenkampf's Cossack cavalry division has been thrown across the upper reaches of the Yalu and a considerable force of cavalry which crossed the Tumen some time ago is moving down to the southwest to effect a juncture with it.

Together with this force, which it is believed totals 2,000 men, he will threaten Lieutenant General Inouye's flank when the Japanese are ready to cross lower down on the Yalu. Being composed of cavalry, with a few mountain guns, Rennenkampf's force is very mobile.

Unless it should be disclosed it will compel the Japanese to leave a very strong army to guard the communications, whereas if a Japanese force had been sent to drive it out it would have moved directly away from the main army, while the Russian army if compelled to fall back can recross in the direction of the Russian troops concentrated in Manchuria.

Third Japanese Army. Berlin, April 26.—The Tokio correspondent of the Tagessblatt announces the mobilization of a third Japanese army. He says it is now disclosed that a reserve brigade corresponding to each division of the active army has been mobilized therewith, and that consequently each army embraces nearly 100,000 men instead of being the strength previously assumed.

DEATHS BY TORNADO. Seven Persons Killed and Half a Dozen Business Blocks Destroyed. Fairland, I. T., April 26.—Half a dozen business blocks were destroyed by a tornado that swept through here Sunday, killing seven persons outright and injuring a number of others. Three injured will die. The dead: Mrs. Mary Lamar, Mrs. John Lemaster, Arthur Brought, a child of N. J. Houck, Elijah Russell, his wife and child.

It is estimated that the tornado caused property damage to the extent of \$10,000. Four miles south of here the tornado was even more severe. Farm houses and barns were completely demolished and farm stock was killed.

Canal Breaks to Be Repaired by May 1. Amsterdam, N. Y., April 25.—John H. Parker, superintendent of the eastern division of the Erie canal, under whose direction the repairs are being made in the canal breaks between this city and Fort Hunter, said that the work would be completed by May 1. He says the canal will be ready for navigation on May 5, the time officially fixed by Superintendent of Public Works Charles S. Boyd. The men operating the steam shovel at the breaks quit work because double time for Sunday work was refused them. The shovel is idle and its place is taken by Italian workmen.

Priest Said to Have Killed a Boy. Williamsport, Pa., April 26.—The Rev. Victor Garak, rector of the Polish Catholic church at Sawatch, was arrested and taken to jail at Bellefonte, charged with having caused the death of Andrew Socko, a 16-year-old boy, by beating him with a club on Wednesday last. It is alleged the boy refused to attend church. A few days before his death the boy made an anonymous statement to Dr. R. J. Young, declaring that Father Garak had beaten and kicked him.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

Pointed Paragraphs Chronicling the Week's Doings.

Long Dispatches From Various Parts of the World Shorn of Their Padding and Only Facts Given in as Few Words as Possible For the Benefit of the Hurried Reader.

Wednesday. In the Pennsylvania Democratic convention a resolution instructing the delegates for Judge Parker was defeated.

Advices from Seoul say that the Japanese are in complete control of Corea and that the Russians have retired across the Yalu.

Governor Penobscot of Colorado, fearing a miners' plot has decided not to produce Charles H. Moyer in court, as commanded by a writ of habeas corpus.

The striking coal miners at Garret, Pa., are reported to have taken possession of the town and an armed mob has surrounded the works of the Garret Coal company.

United States Minister Powell has notified the Dominican republic that the United States government will seize the Dominican customs houses in event of a danger of preferential settlement of claims.

Thursday. About 100 miners have been buried by an avalanche near the village of Pragalato in the Italian Tyrol.

The United States circuit court refused to grant to Messrs. Harriman and Pierce permission to intervene in the Northern Securities case.

The house of commons, after considerable discussion, adopted the increased tea and tobacco duties by majorities of 72 and 91 respectively.

It was reported from St. Petersburg that Viceroy Alexieff had requested the emperor to relieve him of his position as viceroy of the Far East and that the request would be granted.

Mrs. John Palmer died at her home in Deposit, N. Y., as a result of burns received while she was burning rubbish in her yard, when her dress caught fire.

Friday. Hon. John E. POUND, one of Lockport's leading lawyers, was stricken with apoplexy while seated at his desk and died the next morning.

Brigham H. Roberts, testifying in the Smoot case in Washington, declared he was living in polygamy, and refused to reveal the endowment house oath or ceremony.

An additional force of 2,500 workmen, making an all-night working shift of nearly 2,000 men, will force the work on the World's fair to completion for the opening.

Great bitterness has been aroused among the Russians because it is believed American and British vessels took part with the Japanese in the bombardment of Port Arthur.

It was reported that the Japanese had landed near New Chwang and that along the northeast coast of Corea Russian troops were advancing and taking possession of small towns north of Wonsan.

Saturday. The Baroness Burdett-Countess celebrated her 90th birthday in London and was visited by the youngest Baroness, Lady Clifton.

Documents left by Baron Toll, an arctic explorer, have been discovered, showing that he spent part of the summer of 1902 on Bennett island, and describing the locality.

James N. Abel, who, posing as "J. Ogden Goelt, Jr.," won the affections of Miss Eleanor Anderson, a telegraph operator, was found guilty of forgery in the third degree.

By a two line amendment put into the sundry civil appropriation bill by the senate, without debate, provision is made for resuming the purchase of silver bullion by the government.

Monday. A report is current in St. Petersburg that the Japanese have landed 20,000 troops at Kin Chau, north of Port Arthur.

BABY FARM HORRORS.

Detectives Say Little Ones Were Killed by Charcoal Fumes—Bodies Destroyed by Lime.

Philadelphia, April 25.—More startling evidence as to the work of the so-called malpractice syndicate has been unearthed by Coroner Dugan, and as a result an additional charge will probably be brought against Mrs. Elizabeth Ashmead, her son and their associates.

Clews have also been discovered that indicate that babies were smothered by charcoal fumes in a baby farm uptown. Afterward, it is said, the bodies were destroyed in quicklime. During the day the body of a young woman was exhumed and an autopsy shows death was caused by an operation.

Coroner Dugan directed that ball pieces be taken out for the Ashmeads. In making a search of another establishment the coroner's detectives found a charcoal brazier. It is the theory that this was used to generate fumes that choked life out of undesirable little ones. In the yard of this house was found a half used barrel of quicklime, which, it is the theory, was the material used to destroy the bodies.

WORK GOES ON. No Evidences That Improvements Will Be Cut This Year.

Philadelphia, April 25.—The work on the Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburgh will be pushed vigorously during the spring and summer months, and it is to be expected that the low grade between Thorndale and Columbia, which is the most important piece of construction, will be completed in about a year. The cost of the work under way and the new work begun this year will be \$21,000,000, for which the money has been provided.

The contracts for tunnel work under the North and East rivers are progressing, and the necessary money is provided for at least a year's operations.

The work east of Pittsburgh is being rapidly pushed and will be completed, perhaps, somewhat earlier than was expected a few months ago.

The work on subsidiary lines is also going forward and several of them have recently provided the means of payment. The Northern Central and some other companies are yet to make provisions for small expenditures.

Huge Cement Plant. New Castle, Pa., April 25.—A company with a capitalization of \$1,000,000 is being organized to erect a huge cement plant in Hickory township. The New Castle Portland Cement company, as it is called, is backed by George Greer, district manager of the American Tin Plate company, Edwin F. Norris of the Marquis Clay and Limestone company, Elmer I. Phillips, recently secretary of the American Window Glass company of Pittsburgh. The plant will employ 200 men and will cost about \$600,000.

Pittsburgher Buys Mill Site. Monessen, Pa., April 25.—A deed was executed last week from David Owens to the American Seamless Tube company for one acre in the West End for \$12,000, paid by Superintendent George Nash of the Pittsburgh Steel company's plant. This is the highest price paid for suburban property in Monessen and assures the erection of the American Seamless Tube company's plant on a 12-acre plot, bought by the Pittsburgh capitalists who are back of the project.

Pennsylvanians Are Pensioned. Washington, April 25.—The house has passed three bills pensioning Pennsylvanians. The first was that introduced by Representative Cooper, giving B. F. Hawthorne of Jefferson Greene county, \$17 a month. The other two were introduced by Representative Huff, giving Rev. John McConnell of Greensburg, a veteran of the Mexican war, an increase from \$12 to \$20 a month and Mrs. Mary Leffer of Westmoreland county \$12 a month and \$2 a month for a minor child.

Gives Athletic Field. Meadville, Pa., April 25.—Colonel S. B. Dick has given Allegheny college land valued at \$1,500, to be used as an athletic field. President W. H. Crawford hopes to raise the \$5,000 required to fit it up. Two dormitories will be erected, one for male students and one for unmarried professors, when the money is at hand.

Howard's Sentence Affirmed. Frankfort, Ky., April 25.—The court of appeals has affirmed the judgment of the Franklin circuit court sentencing James R. Howard to life imprisonment for the murder of Governor William Goebel. Five judges signed the affirmation and two dissented.

Mrs. Soffel's Appeal Postponed. Uniontown, Pa., April 25.—The argument in the case of Mrs. Kate Soffel, who is applying for a new trial on the charge of attempting to corrupt public morals, was continued until next Wednesday.

Endows Hospital. Youngstown, O., April 25.—The City hospital has received an endowment of \$50,000 from Mrs. Henrietta Brown. Recently she gave to the public library a like amount.

Judge Cleveland at New Haven denied the motion to remove William J. Bryan as the executor of Philo S. Ben. act.