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THAWING FROZEN PIPES. Mr. B. F. Reesor, of Lindsay L. H. & P. Co., introduced the Electric Current Plan in this Town.

Globe of Saturday: Mr. J. Neilson writes from Lindsay, February 25th: I notice in your paper to-day that they were about to try the experiment of thawing out water pipes in Toronto by electricity. In Lindsay, plumbers spent all to-day and part of yesterday in a cellar under my office trying with long iron rods to remove the ice in the pipes, which were frozen under the cement sidewalks. It was nearly six o'clock when F. H. Begbie, Superintendent of the Waterworks, accompanied by an employee of the Electric Company, called at my office and attached the end of a coil of wire to the tap. The other end had been already attached to the nearest hydrant. In two minutes and a half the water was flowing freely from the tap. Send a man down from Toronto, and F. K. Begbie will show him the "trick." He has been using it here for four or five years. They charge \$2, whether it takes two minutes or half an hour.

In connection with the above, it may be well to state that Mr. B. F. Reesor, Manager of the Lindsay Light, Heat & Power Co., is entitled to the credit of having introduced the electrical method of thawing pipes. A friend in the same business in Western Ontario wrote to him concerning the successful outcome of an experiment tried by the writer on his own water pipes, with the aid of an electric current. Mr. Reesor tested the method for the first time about five years ago, when the water pipes coloring the Presbyterian church were frozen, and it worked like a charm. A few days later the pipes entering the Roman Catholic church were thawed in the same manner, and since then the system has been in frequent use every winter. We make this explanation because we feel confident Mr. Begbie would not wish to have ascribed to him any credit which properly belongs elsewhere.

Injured His Hip Joint. On Saturday night Mr. Isaac Moyes, of the north ward, met with a very painful and serious accident. While walking on the slippery pavement near Mr. A. B. Tarry's store, he slipped and fell heavily to the walk, breaking a joint in his hip. The injured man was driven to his home and a doctor called. His many friends hope for his speedy recovery.

SKIRMISHING NEAR PINGYANG

Advance Guards of Russians and Japanese Forces in Combat.

BOTH SIDES WERE VICTORS

Japanese Official Report Says the Russians Were Compelled to Retreat—Unofficial Reports Say Russians Were the Victors—Russians Defeated Some of the Japanese Heavy Fighting Troops—Expelled.

London, Feb. 29.—The following official despatch was received at the Japanese legation here: "Tokio Feb. 28.—(9 a.m.)—A number of the enemy's cavalry appeared at a point 700 metres north of Pingyang, Corea. Our infantry firing on them, caused them to retreat."

At Over 1,000 Yards. Seoul, Feb. 29.—Details of a skirmish at Pingyang last Friday show that fifty Russian cavalrymen approached the north gate of the Japanese camp and fired at a distance of 1,000 metres. A sharp fusillade took place, and the Russians retired. All foreigners are safe.

Corean Soldiers Beaten by Russians. Tokio, Feb. 29.—Corean soldiers on the Hamyang frontier have been attacked and dispersed by Russian troops.

Japs Composed to Zies. St. Petersburg, Feb. 29.—A despatch from Liaoyang, dated Feb. 28, says that Chinese on the Yalu River report that an advance guard of Russian cavalry, which has penetrated Corea to a distance of about 200 versts (150 miles) across the river had an encounter with a detachment of Japanese and that the Japanese were compelled to retreat and, leaving their horses, which were seized by Cosacks, Gen. Linvitch detached cavalry and a body of infantry in pursuit with an order to occupy Northern Corea.

Fight News Expected. St. Petersburg, Feb. 29.—The official announcement by Major-Gen. Pflug, chief of staff to Viceroy Alexieff, that Russian cavalry has crossed the Yalu River, is expected to be followed shortly by news of rather heavy land fighting, as according to seemingly trustworthy reports, Gen. Linvitch has sent a whole army corps of infantry to support the Cosacks, who have penetrated to a point below Anju, and who are reported to have beaten the Japanese in several skirmishes.

Vladivostok Blockaded. London, Feb. 29.—Vladivostok has been blockaded by a Japanese fleet since Thursday, according to a Daily Mail despatch from Hakodate, which adds that incoming steamers report Russian cruisers on the east coast of Kinkwan, in the Bay of Sondai, Japan. Japanese warships have been reported in the vicinity of Vladivostok, but this report of a blockade, although considered probable, has not yet been confirmed from other sources.

One Russian Boat Sunk. Tokio, Feb. 29.—The official report of the attempt made last Tuesday night to block the entrance of the harbor of Port Arthur reached Tokio last night (Friday). The report was written by Vice-Admiral Kamimura, division commander under Admiral Togo.

The Japanese cruiser squadron discovered two Russian torpedo destroyers at the foot of Latcha Hill and gave chase. One of the destroyers escaped, but the other was pursued into Pigeon Bay, where it was sunk. Vice-Admiral Kamimura reports that the Japanese fleet sustained no damage and did not lose a single man.

All Quiet at Port Arthur. St. Petersburg, Feb. 29.—An official despatch, dated yesterday, from Major-General Pflug, Viceroy Alexieff's chief of staff, says: "The night of Feb. 27 passed quietly at Port Arthur. The enemy's squadron keeps in this vicinity. Reports are coming in of movements of Chinese troops west of the Liao River, and, according to rumors, about 10,000 Chinese troops, under Gen. Ma, are on the road between Tengchu and Chaojan. The military guard of the Simintu Railway has been reinforced, from 50 to 60 Chinese soldiers having been placed at each place. Our mounted troops have entered Corea, and the attitude of the population is friendly toward us."

There has been no change in the situation here during the past two days. A gale blew from the north yesterday, accompanied by thunder and lightning. The sea is very rough, rendering attempts to land impossible.

Landing Not Confirmed. Tientsin, Feb. 29.—Chinese officials say that the reported landing of Japanese troops at Possiet Bay has not been confirmed.

Japs in Corea. London, Feb. 29.—The Times' Chemulpo correspondent, under date of Feb. 27, via Wei-Hai-Wei, via wireless telegraphy, says that the Japanese disembarkations of the last few days were confined to supplies for transport corps and to 4,500 troops. The total number of troops landed is 20,000, including the twelfth division and a portion of the second division. The guards have not yet arrived. The artillery consists of six batteries, belonging to the twelfth division. Another disembarkation, believed to be on a smaller scale, is occurring immediately south of Haiju, whence the troops will advance parallel to the Pakin road, joining those on the

neighborhood of Hwangja, thus effecting a gain of five days on the march. It is supposed, says the correspondent, that 8,000 troops with a few guns, are now advancing beyond Seoul toward Pingyang.

Paris, Feb. 29.—A despatch from St. Petersburg says that every day and night 5,000 men are traveling toward Port Arthur. The garrison at that point is said now to number 30,000.

Chinese Troops Move. Peking, Feb. 29.—Since Feb. 23 four troop trains have left Paoing-fu for the northwestern frontier. The last contingent left yesterday on two trains, completing the force of 10,000 men. These troops are all regulars, and their equipment is excellent. They will be replaced by troops from Shantung Province.

Expelled From Port Arthur. Yinkow, Feb. 29.—Four trains of Russian refugees from points south of Tachichias went north Saturday, completing the force of 10,000 men. One American and two British subjects who were expelled from Port Arthur without being given the right to remove their property declare they were expelled because of alleged relations with newspaper correspondents, which charge, they say, was unjustifiable.

The authorities say that they are justified in expelling all civilians who are not required for defence. The authorities have refused to permit the British Captain Riddell and his ship, Foxton Hall, to sail for Che Foo. It is understood that if the ship is released a Russian skipper will be sent with her for the purpose of preventing intelligence of the Russian operations being given to the Japanese blockaders.

Ninety Japanese Captured. Yinkow, Feb. 29.—The first reports by eye-witnesses of the engagement at Port Arthur in the early morning of Wednesday last have been received here. They say one Japanese coal hulk was sunk and one was beached near the Retvizan, and that nineteen Japanese in civilian clothes escaped ashore, where they were afterwards captured. The Askold and Bayan approached the Japanese fleet, and then returned, being unable to notice the enemy to engage them. From long range two shells struck in the city.

The Retvizan is serviceable as an auxiliary fort, but the foreign engineer, who has been at work on her, has abandoned the hope of raising her, as the patching on the forty-foot cleft made by a Japanese torpedo has given way, and because the Russian engineers have interfered with the original plans for raising the vessel. The Czarevitch is kept afloat by constant pumping, the Novik has been repaired, and the Pallada has been docked.

Repeated attacks by the Japanese during the past week have resulted in the constant shifting of the troops, including the naval contingent organized from the crews of the disabled and idle warships, to all parts of the defences and also to the hinterland. Refugees arriving here Saturday report that the Russians momentarily fear land invasions of Port Arthur from Pigeon Bay.

Three British Ships. Paris, Feb. 29.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Figure Deltich says that the Russian cruiser Dmitri Donskoi has captured three steamers flying the British flag, which were taking 15,000 tons of coal to Nagasaki. The Russian cruiser has been in the Red Sea since the war began. The correspondent further asserts that Russia's plan for campaign contemplates the retirement of Russian troops without opposing the Japanese landings; and, when sufficient reinforcements arrive, the offensive will be taken and Port Arthur will be relieved.

Will Wait For Russians in Corea. Paris, Feb. 29.—The Matin yesterday publishes information which it declares to be reliable, to the effect that the recent Japanese attacks at Port Arthur were preliminary to the execution of a plan which includes the investment of Port Arthur, and until the place is reduced, the occupation of Corea and the erection of fortifications there. The Matin continues, Japan will await operations on the part of the Russians. In any event the Japanese will not venture into Manchuria, but await their adversaries in Corea.

One Jap Was Lost. Che Foo, Feb. 29.—Japanese soldiers, who landed here Sunday, are from the Jinsen Maru, and the Bushu Maru, two of the merchant vessels with which Vice-Admiral Togo attempted to block the entrance to Port Arthur on Feb. 24.—Lieut. Saito, commanded the Jinsen Maru, and Lieut. Tarisaki, the Bushu Maru. Each steamer was manned by 30 men, 29 of whom are here. One man of Lieut. Saito's command was killed while lowering a boat on the Jinsen Maru.

Russians Interfering. Tien Tsin, Feb. 29.—Russians are interfering with the Imperial Railway telegraphs. On Feb. 27 they demanded that they be allowed to read the telegrams received at Tien Tsin station, where the Chinese authorities have now placed a sentry.

The Silence of Togo. Tokio, Feb. 29.—Lack of details of formations, firing ranges and evolutions prevents a full appreciation of Vice-Admiral Togo's tactics at Port Arthur. Vice-Admiral Togo's reliance on gunnery, however, is fully warranted, by his gunners clearly outshooting the Russians.

Irkutsk, Feb. 29.—The movement of troops on the Trans-Siberian Railroad has attained unprecedented proportions in both directions. Trains going east are filled with troops. All trains from Manchuria are crowded with women and children, and the station here is filled with refugees. The painter, Vereschagin, is going to the front in a few days to make sketches.

COREAN ARMY TO JOIN THE JAPS

New Development in the Campaign in the Far East.

LASL PORT ARTHUR ATTACK

Viceroy Alexieff Tells the Story of the Engagement in a Report to the Czar—Japanese Forced Russian Cruisers to Go Into the Inner Harbor—Torpedo Boats at Pigeon Bay Bombaraded.

Seoul, Feb. 27.—The Korean Government has decided to order the Korean troops to join the Japanese forces in the field. The port of Wiju was opened to foreign trade last night. The limitations to be placed on trade and other matters will be passed later. The action necessitated a harbor. Yongampo has been decided upon. There are 17,000 of troops in the Korean standing army, 8,000 of them in Seoul, 5,000 on the northern frontier, and the rest are scattered throughout the country. They are well armed with 10,000 of the latest pattern Japanese rifles, 10,000 Gras rifles, and an equal number of an older pattern Russian rifle.

ALEXIEFF REPORTS. Russian Story of the Latest Attack on Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—(2 a.m.)—A copy of a telegram from the Viceroy of the Far East, Admiral General Adjutant Alexieff, to His Majesty the Emperor, has just been given out. It is dated Feb. 25. The place whence it is sent is not stated, but it is supposed to be Mukden. The message is as follows: "A squadron of the enemy's vessels, numbering sixteen, approached the fortress at about 11 o'clock this morning and opened a bombardment on the cruisers Askold, Bayan and Novik, which were in the outer harbor, and also on the fortress. The firing continued for half an hour. Then our cruisers went into the harbor. The enemy fired for several minutes on one of our batteries and then began to leave. They stopped within sight of the fort, but out of range of fire.

"At this time four of the enemy's cruisers detached themselves from the squadron and proceeded to Pigeon Bay, where they quickly opened fire on our torpedo boats that were cruising there. They directed also a strong cannonade against the shore. The commandant consequently sent troops to Pigeon Bay. The firing there lasted for several minutes, but no landing was made. The Japanese cruisers then departed. Several measures have been taken to oppose a possible effort on the part of the enemy to creep up by sea.

"Our losses this day were one man wounded at the battery. "I respectfully report the above to your Imperial Majesty. "Signed) Alexieff."

Jap Torpedo Boat Sunk. St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—Viceroy Alexieff again reports to the Czar concerning the attack on Feb. 24. He then adds: "On the night of Feb. 25 our torpedo boats proceeded seawards. The same night the Japanese torpedo boats again reappeared in the roads, and the battleship Retvizan and the fort batteries opened fire on them. Battery No. 18 reports having sunk one of the enemy's torpedo boats."

Landing Expected Soon. St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—A despatch received here from Port Arthur, dated Feb. 26, says: "At 10 o'clock yesterday morning several Japanese torpedo boats were sighted from here with their sails set for the purpose of disguising their character. The battleship Retvizan and the shore batteries opened fire on them, and continued firing until daybreak without any visible results. After daybreak a Japanese squadron, apparently conveying transports, were sighted at 11.15. This squadron came nearer, and an engagement, which lasted forty minutes ensued. There was no damage, few shells fell in Port Arthur. It is expected here that the Japanese will attempt a landing soon."

Pending the receipt of the official report of Vice-Admiral Togo, the navy declines to make any announcement regarding the affair. The five merchant vessels which were prepared for sinking were the Jinsu Maru, 7,331 tons; the Tien Tsin Maru, 2,193 tons; the Hokoku Maru, 2,776 tons; the Buyo Maru, 1,609 tons, and the Bunshik Maru, 1,899 tons. Each carried five men, two steering and three firing and running engines.

TOGO'S "BOTTLE" TRICK. Japanese Got Off Easy in a Dangerous Though Exciting Attempt.

Tokio, Feb. 27.—Vice-Admiral Togo's attempt to bottle up the Russian fleet at Port Arthur by sinking a fleet of stone-laden merchant steamers in the mouth of the harbor, evidently failed, though the venture caused no loss of life, and the vessels lost were of no great value. Five ships were prepared by Vice-Admiral Togo for the attempted blockade. Four are reported to have been sunk, but the fate of the fifth is unknown here. It is presumed that it withdrew with the other Japanese vessels. The five vessels were filled with stones, so as to make the obstruction permanent, and were manned by volunteer merchant crews. Accompanied by four battleships

some cruisers and numerous vessels of the torpedo flotilla, the stone-laden steamers reached Port Arthur on Wednesday. While the fleet engaged the shore batteries, the steamers made a dash for the mouth of the harbor, directly under the Russian guns. Details of the attack have not been received, but it is evident that the Russian's fire sank the steamers before they reached the points planned for their foundering by the Japanese.

It is said that all the crews of the four vessels escaped in boats and were picked up by the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers. The report that two of the torpedo boat destroyers were sunk by the Russians is denied. The naval department has received a brief despatch from the commander of one of the torpedo boat destroyers, saying that no lives and no warships were lost, and that no damage was inflicted by the Russians.

Landed With Kerensko. St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—An inspection of the Japanese fire-ships sent into this harbor, Feb. 24, shows they were loaded with coal and kerosene, and that electrical infernal machines had been placed in the midst of their cargoes.

Russians Stopped a British Boat. Aden, Arabia, Feb. 27.—A Russian torpedo boat destroyer stopped and boarded the British India Company's steamer Mombassa in the Red Sea, Feb. 22. The destroyer fired a gun, which the Mombassa disregarded, but a second shot caused the liner to stop. A Russian officer boarded the Mombassa, and examined her papers, after which she was allowed to proceed.

North Squadron Moves. Paris, Feb. 27.—The Times' St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs that the warships Poltava, Novik, Askold and Diana have completed the repairs necessitated by the injuries they sustained in the first attack on Port Arthur. He adds that all the ships damaged are now available for active service, and that the Vladivostok squadron makes frequent sorties from that port, which remains open. Admiral Makaroff is expected to arrive at Port Arthur about March 1.

Czar to Kuropatkin. St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—A stirring manifesto to the army was issued by the Czar yesterday in the form of a message to Gen. Kuropatkin, the commander-in-chief of the Russian army in the Far East.

Greatest Living All-Round Man. Lord Kelvin, whose declaration in favor of creative design has come to stimulate waning faith among men of science, has felt a certain shyness in coming forward as an apologist, says The Chronicle. He is admittedly the greatest living all-round man of science. As a physicist and a mathematician he has dealt over a long course of years—with all problems and puzzles except those of life. His methods fail him when he faces the secrets that no physics or mathematics can solve. He estimated the age of the earth, rather to the confusion of geologists and many years ago he made the famous guess that the first life may have been brought to our earth by a meteorite. Fifty-four years of a professorship of natural philosophy in Glasgow have not supplied Lord Kelvin with a theory of life, such as Haeckel's exploded carbon theory, that dispenses with a first cause. Lord Kelvin, though soon to be four-score years of age, is generally recognized by scientists to be in his intellectual prime.

A Benevolent Man. In The Illustrated Sporting News a writer says: "A naturalist friend of mine tells this story: 'I recently saw a curious thing in my poultry yard. The cat was playing with a live mouse which she had caught, when a broody hen, taken off her nest, was put into the yard. She stretched herself and had a good shake, then she caught sight of the cat. With outspread wings she dashed at poor puss, knocked her over, and then attacked her with the utmost fury. The cat was so frightened and demoralized by this sudden and unexpected attack that she bolted, and meanwhile the mouse had made its escape. Whether it was maternal instinct which prompted the hen to rescue Brer Mouse or whether it was antipathy to the cat is doubtful, but I favor the first suggestion.'

Shamrock III's Horoscope. An astrologer in the new English journal of occultism, Anubis, has been casting the horoscope of Shamrock III. Shamrock III. took the water at 1.20 p.m. on St. Patrick's day, but apparently all the saints in the calendar would be unable to avert the sinister aspect of the heavens. "The moon," who governs everything aquatic, "was then in the middle of Scorpio, in conjunction with the evil south scale," absolutely the worst position in the zodiac she could occupy. Already a serious accident to the yacht sustains and comforts the astrologer.

Ontario Land Surveyors had a rich program of technical papers yesterday, the two most important concerning the surveying of Crown Lands in New Ontario and the Trent Valley Canal. In the evening, at the banquet among those who spoke were Hon. E. J. Davis, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Col. Otter, Kivas Tully and Arthur Harvey.

France and the U.S. Paris, Feb. 25.—It was confirmed in official circles in Paris yesterday that negotiations were actually in progress between the United States and France for an arbitration treaty. The Russian-Japanese war, however, tends to cause hesitation on the part of the negotiators.