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MOST DANGEROUS EXPEDITION YET

Made by the Japanese near Mukden—They Cut the Railway Lines and Lost a Third of their Number—Skirmishing is Going on and Armies are in Close Touch.

Tokyo, April 2.—(Special).—Field Marshal Oyama reports that two small bodies of Japs have returned from a scouting expedition to northward, three hundred men originally composed the parties but only two hundred returned. They explored the Russian positions west of Mukden and going north encountered many bodies of Russians. They crossed the railroad cutting it and telegraph lines and penetrated Mischenko's lines. The expedition was the most dangerous and extensive during the whole war. The situation at the front is practically unchanged. Some skirmishing is going on and the armies are in close touch.

CAPT. SPAIN CAUSES ARREST OF SALMON

A Legal Suit is Instituted in New York in Which Two Men Well Known in Prince Edward Island are Interested.

(New York Herald March 31) There was an unusual turn at a private hearing before Magistrate Barlow in the Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday, in the case of Captain Reginald Salmon, formerly of the British Army, who was recently arrested charged with causing the illness of the wife of Captain O. G. V. Spain, who was discovered in a boarding house in Second Avenue by the husband, who came here from their home, in Ottawa, Canada. Captain Salmon was held in \$1,000 bonds, adjournment was taken to April 13, and Champe Andrews counsel for the County Medical Society, who is conducting the prosecution, asked that the former soldier be held until a new charge could be made.

Mr. Andrews drew up a complaint under section 538 of the Penal Code, which makes the impersonation by any party as a husband guilty of a felony, and subject to a possible sentence of ten years in the penitentiary. The statute, which is an old one, provides that the real husband is the aggrieved party, and also can prosecute. Captain Salmon, it is alleged, posed as the husband of Mrs. Spain, and so represented himself to Dr. Andrew Fulton, of No. 370 Fifth street, Brooklyn, who was arrested with him. He was held on the additional charge. Old court attendants said yesterday that it was the first prosecution they had ever heard of under the law, and Champe Andrews declared he had failed to find that the law had been similarly invoked for many years. Captain Spain, who is the wreck master for the British for the Dominion of Canada, had to return at once to sit on the case of the recent collision of the P.

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PROSPECTS FOR STRAITS TUNNEL ARE BRIGHTEST

And a New Winter Steamer is Almost a Certainty—Island's Delegation meet a Warm Welcome from the Premier and Minister of Finance—The Island's Case is Strongly Presented. Sir Wilfrid Expresses Sympathy with the Island People and Promises Relief.

OTTAWA, April 2.—(Special).—The Island delegates Father Burke, and Messrs. McCready, Read, McQuarrie, with Messrs. Hughes, Martin, Lefurgey and McLean of the Commons, Senators Macdonald, Yeo and Robertson and also A. B. Warburton waited upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier at his office at five o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Sir Wilfrid and Finance Minister Fielding very cordially received the delegates, both ministers shaking hands with each delegate. As pre-arranged Father Burke made the general statement, read the resolutions adopted by the Provincial Convention and urged forcibly in favor of a new and powerful winter steamer to relieve the situation until the tunnel could be built. He also presented the offer of Contractor M. J. Haney to construct an eighteen foot tunnel complete for ten million dollars. Delegates McCready, McQuarrie and Read followed in the order named, each presenting arguments for the new steamer and the tunnel. This occupied an hour during which the ministers both gave the most close and sympathetic attention, occasionally asking a question relative to the matter spoken of. Sir Wilfrid replied expressing his deep sympathy with the people of the Island in the hard conditions which they suffer. He expressed great regret the delegates had been unable to reach Ottawa to keep the appointment which had been made for Thursday morning when more of his colleagues would have been present. He complimented the delegates on the clear and forcible presentation of the case, referring to the points made by each and said that he and Mr. Fielding would bring the entire subject fully before their colleagues and consider what could be done to afford relief. He assured the delegates that the matter would be fully considered in the light of the statements presented by them and before set forth by the Island representatives in Parliament. The delegates then thanked the Min-

isters for their attention, shook hands and withdrew. During their stay in Ottawa the delegates interviewed scores of the members and senators from the east and from the west and found general sympathy for the Island and prevalent impression here is that something must be done at once to relieve the Island disabilities. The new steamer seems to be almost a certainty and the prospects for the tunnel in due time were never so bright as at present. After the meeting the delegates were separately entertained by the friends of each in the Senate restaurant and elsewhere. The delegates leave for eastern points at once, all pleased with the reception accorded them and the prospects of good results from their mission.

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THE INQUIRY INTO THE COLLISION

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TELEGRAPH RATES.

The tariff from P. E. Island to Anglo American Telegraph Offices in Newfoundland has been reduced from the first of April to ninety cents for ten words and eight cents for each additional word; to Government offices in Newfoundland are one dollar and ten cents for ten words, and ten cents for each additional word.

QUEEN HOTEL.—Hy. Tompkins, Rock Island; George W. Parsons, Toronto; W. P. Moffatt, North Sydney; Arthur Bon steel, Toronto; Wilfrid McKinnon, O'Leary, Thomas Douglas, Halifax; F. E. Taylor, City.

The Mock Parliament.—The meeting tonight will be in the parlor. A cordial invitation is extended to the public, cosy and warm a couple of hours may be enjoyably passed in the boys debating. That some of "the boys" are old boys need not detract, they being dissentients re the Oiler theory. It is said the new Leader of the Opposition makes his maiden (?) speech in that capacity. Hence the eye may be warm and its cosiness confined to the onlookers. On dit that the Opposition (but this surely is calumny) have already drawn lots for cabinet positions. On dit (but this must be gossip) that the Librarian's duties in the Legislative library have been multiplied since the inception of the Mock Parliament. Some new found arguments on Newfoundland will be in evidence.

TO GRANT FURTHER PRIVILEGES

In Roman Catholic Education in Return for an Extension of her Boundaries—Such is the Report from Winnipeg—Island's Delegates leave for Home well pleased.

OTTAWA, April 2.—(Special).—It is reported from Winnipeg that when Monsignor Sharretti was recently here he promised to secure from Laurier the extension of Manitoba's boundaries if Manitoba Government would grant further privileges for Roman Catholic education. Sharretti who is now in Ottawa refuses to discuss the matter but the report is causing a great deal of talk in parliamentary circles. OTTAWA, April 2.—(Special).—P. E. Island's Tunnel Delegation left for home Sunday afternoon, well pleased with their Saturday evening reception by Laurier and Fielding. The Minister of Railways and other members of the Cabinet were unavoidably absent. Rev. Father Burke and Mr. McCready were the principal speakers but all the delegates took a hand in urging the Island's claims. Pending the construction of the tunnel it was urged that a better steamship service should be provided.

THE VICTORIAN GOES TO ST. JOHN

After Leaving Fifteen Hundred Passengers at Halifax Guests of Allan Line are on Board Her.

HALIFAX, April 2.—(Special).—The Turbine steamer Victorian which arrived here on Saturday forenoon landed fifteen hundred passengers and sailed at five Sunday morning for St. John taking the party of the Allan lines guests. ST. JOHN, April 3.—(Special).—The steamer Victorian has not yet been sighted. She was expected early in the evening.

OTTAWA ELECTRIC LIGHT CO.

OTTAWA, March 21.—The Ottawa electric light bill, giving a private company the monopoly of electric power in the capital, was passed tonight by a vote of 80 to 56. Mulock resumed the autonomy bill debate at nine o'clock.

TO HEAD TROOPS OF MOROCCO.

TANGIER, March 28.—The Sultan of Morocco has appointed Kaid MacLean, formerly of the British Army, to command the Moorish troops during the visit of Emperor William.

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