

HE SHELLS HIS OWN SHIP.

Admiral Rojestvensky's Latest Account of the Dogger Bank Affair is a Humiliating Confession... London Comment on the Russian Blunders.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 7.—An official statement issued from naval headquarters gives Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's latest account of the Dogger Bank affair and explains how the Baltic fleet fired on its own ships.

London, Dec. 7.—The arrival of a St. Petersburg despatch stating that the Russian Naval Headquarters Staff announce that the Aurora of the Baltic fleet was struck by Russian shells in the affair of the Dogger Bank astonishes nobody.

HONOR THY FATHER. A Russian Immigrant Does it in a Practical Way.

A despatch from Toronto yesterday stated that Goufa Zureka, a Russian copper worker of that city, together with his three sons, went to Mayor Urquhart's office and deposited \$7,200 in gold, and said he wanted his aged father admitted to this country.

An inquiry at the immigration officers here, it was learned that the man mentioned left on the train yesterday for Toronto. There were four in the party, the old gentleman, his wife, son and grandson.

AT THE YORK THEATRE.

The usual Wednesday night audience witnessed the performance of the present company at the York Theatre last evening, and appeared to be well pleased.

Amos Boudreau, one of Shediac's oldest residents, was in the city today on his return from a visit to relatives in Boston.

STEAMER HAD HARD TIME IN THE ST. LAWRENCE ICE.

Sydney, Dec. 8.—(Special)—The S. S. Helena, from Quebec to Port Morden, in ballast, put into North Sydney last night after a remarkably hard trip down the St. Lawrence.

mation was given to the world that the Russians undoubtedly fired on their own ships off the Dogger Bank no doubt has been expressed anywhere except at St. Petersburg that such was the case.

The impression their story is likely to produce is shown fairly well in an editorial in the Times, which says: "Plainly, the damage to the Aurora was done before she showed her searchlight. Russia has hardly established a reputation for naval gunnery in this war, but it is difficult to believe that five shots struck the Aurora unless they were aimed at her."

"The whole firing lasted less than ten minutes. Communications by wireless stated that five projectiles struck the Aurora, some ricocheting and others hitting direct, three were 75 millimetre and two 47 millimetre shells.

"But does not the conclusion seem almost inevitable, after comparison of the story in the Novoe Vremya with the statement issued by the naval headquarters staff, that these two silhouettes were the Dmitri Donskoi and Aurora?"

THE ELECTION IN P. E. ISLAND.

Liberals Carry Twenty-One Seats Out of the Thirty—One Minister Defeated.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 7.—In the general provincial elections today the liberals won by an overwhelming majority.

Prince county has gone solidly liberal, returning ten members, in some cases by largely increased majorities.

Queens county returns eight liberals and two conservatives and Kings three liberals and seven conservatives.

The election was one of the most exciting held in the province and both parties worked hard.

SEAMAN'S MISSION SALE.

A tea and sale will be held this evening in the Church of England Institute, under the auspices of the Seaman's Mission.

Tea tables, Mrs. Joseph Seymour, Mrs. Thos. Graham, Mrs. J. McKechnie, Mrs. S. L. Gorbell, Mrs. L. A. Curry, Mrs. J. Ogilvy, Mrs. D. McLean, Mrs. A. Kirk, Mrs. Joshua Knight.

Mrs. O. Lovitt is the president and will be in charge. Tea will be served from 5 to 7.

THE OTHER SIDE.

Mr. Murray, the head usher of the Opera House, when asked regarding the strike, that was reported, in one of the morning papers, to have occurred last night, among the ushers of the balcony, said there had been no strike.

ARRAIGNED IN THE COURT.

Claims Against Mrs. Chadwick May Amount to Many Millions—Andrew Carnegie Says He Does Not Know Her—Is She Madame De Vere? A Banker's Confession.

New York, Dec. 8.—With the arraignment of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick before a United States commissioner today, on a technical charge of aiding and abetting a bank official in misapplying the funds of a national bank, the second stage in this remarkable case has begun.

Mrs. Chadwick, who was permitted to remain at the Hotel Breslin during the night, arose early today and told the U. S. marshal she was ready to accompany him.

Today practically all interest in the case was centred in conjecture as to what the future will reveal.

One man is credited with the statement that time will show this to be the most stupendous and far-reaching case of its kind in many years.

Already the country has been startled by the disclosures which have followed one after another in quick succession since Mrs. Chadwick's affairs were brought before the public view less than two weeks ago.

In the same period at least two banks have taken it upon themselves to investigate to the validity of notes aggregating more than a million dollars, which bear the name of Andrew Carnegie.

MAY BE A BIG STRIKE.

Telegraphers all Over C. P. R. Contemplating Important Step.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—(Special)—The committee of the order of Railway Telegraphers representing the employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which had been in session in Montreal for about five weeks, adjourned ten days ago to take a vote of the employees.

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INJURIES WERE FATAL.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 8.—(Special)—Arch McKinnon, a native of Scott Settlement, who was run over by a train near Stewack last night, and had his leg cut off, died at the hospital here this afternoon.

D. M. Griffin, representing the Mutual Life of New York, with headquarters at Truro, passed through the city today on his return from a complimentary trip to the St. Louis exposition.

W. S. Loggie, M. P., for Northumberland, is in the city today, on his return to Chatham from a business trip to Montreal.

Carnegie. What reason can be advanced to explain by Mr. Carnegie why he has an income of more than \$10,000,000 a year from his steel bonds alone, should be giving notes has not been brought out.

New York, Dec. 8.—Up to 11.15 a. m., Mrs. Chadwick had not been arraigned. At that time it was said that the court was waiting while her lawyer sought a bondsman.

Carnegie's Denial.

New York, Dec. 8.—Andrew Carnegie's secretary was asked today whether Mr. Carnegie would make public his reply to an inquiry from county prosecutor Keeler of Cleveland, asking formally of Mr. Carnegie if he has signed his name to notes for \$1,250,000 on Jan. 7, 1904, and whether Mr. Carnegie would be willing to go to Cleveland to testify.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 8.—County Prosecutor Keeler today received the following telegram from Andrew Carnegie at New York, in reply to an inquiry as to the genuineness of the Chadwick notes: "I never signed such notes; have no notes out now; have not issued a note for many years. Hope you can arrange to have any necessary affidavits executed here."

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MADAME DE VERE?

Cleveland, O., Dec. 7.—U. S. District Attorney Sullivan, said tonight: "I am not quite sure as to the witnesses we will summon in the case. I can only name one of them at present. This person will be Irvine Belford, now clerk of the United States court for the northern district of Ohio, who in 1890 in Toledo defended Joseph Lamb, who was arrested with Madame De Vere for forging \$10,000 worth of notes. Lamb being acquitted on the ground that he was held in the woman's power and did not knowingly commit a crime.

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THE BALLOT BOX CASE.

Prosecution will Produce Important Witness at Tomorrow's Session.

Bellefonte, Dec. 8.—(Special)—Everything is ready for the resumption of the bogus ballot boxes investigation on Friday.

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THAT SIX DAY RACE.

New York, Dec. 8.—It was announced today that Caldwell Hooper team was out of the six day's bicycle race for good, and that Keegan, the Lowell, Mass., man was in such distress that he might be obliged to quit at any time.

London, Ont. Dec. 8.—(Special)—Sarah, the 15 months old daughter of Isaac Shoebottom, of London township found some poison which had been set for mice and partaking of it, died an hour afterwards in great agony.

To-night in the Charlotte street Salvation Army barracks, there will be a musical meeting conducted by Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Sharp, assisted by all the provincial staff.

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JAPS DAMAGE MORE SHIPS.

Terrible Fire From 203 Metre Hill Puts Cruisers Out of Business in Port Arthur Harbor—Preparing to Pound the Baltic Fleet on its Arrival.

Tokio, Dec. 8.—11 a. m.—Imperial headquarters has made the following announcement: The result of the bombardment of Port Arthur by four large calibre guns on the 7th instant, was very good.

Tokio, Dec. 8.—11.30 a. m.—The commander of the Japanese naval land battery in front of Port Arthur, reporting on Dec. 7, says: "An observation taken today (Dec. 7) from 203 metre hill, shows that the turret ship Poltava lies sunken as reported on Dec. 6. The battleship Retvizan seems to have sunk, her stern being under water."

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Tokio, Japan, Dec. 8.—Japan's preparations for meeting the Russian warships now on the way to the far east are progressing on a most extensive scale, particularly in the navy, which is "confident of solving the problem under fair conditions."

When the Russian Baltic warships arrived in Oriental waters, if the squadron has been permitted to exceed a fair construction of neutrality, Japan will consider herself under no obligation to observe neutrality.

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and may send her fleet after the Russian into ports the neutrality of which she believes the Russians are violating.

If the Russians seize a base in neutral territory Japan probably will do likewise.

Japan is keenly anxious to avoid complications, but she will forcefully insist upon what she considers her rights.

The army preparations include the calculation that the Russians may attempt to cut the Japanese communications with the Liaoting peninsula, but by the time the Russian vessels arrive the Japanese armies in Manchuria expect to be in a position to carry on the campaign for many months without the necessity of communicating with Japan.

Business houses expect a temporary disarrangement of mail and maritime services.

London, Dec. 8.—The German Embassy in London authorizes the statement that it had nothing whatever to do with the sale of coal at Cardiff. It admits that the German Consul, who is a merchant at Cardiff, may possibly have sold coals, but what he may have done in his private business capacity was no concern of the German Government.

PARISIAN MAY REACH HALIFAX ON TIME AFTER ALL.

Halifax, Dec. 8.—(Special)—The arrangements for the reception of the Governor General are being completed. It is learned that the Parisian left Liverpool on time. She may, therefore, possibly arrive on Friday. Should she arrive early Friday afternoon, the landing will take place immediately and the ceremony of swearing in also. The state dinner will, however be given on Saturday.

The Parisian has wireless apparatus on board, and it is expected communication will be had with her some hours before she arrives.

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Sydney, N. S., Dec. 8. (Special)—Dr. Arthur Kendall, ex-M. P. of Sydney, Liberal, and James Boyd, Sydney Mines, of the labor party were nominated here today for the bye election for the local house. Dec. 15th is election day.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Royal.—Thos. H. Jordan, Montreal; A. H. Dowker, Montreal; Athol Stewart, Fredericton; W. Thos. Cox, Montreal; J. Gillis Keator, Halifax.

At the Dufferin.—H. Thompson, Toronto; Horace Beer, Summerside; P. J. Bannister, Toronto; Fred J. Dailley, New York; Mrs. Boulton, Toronto.

At the Victoria.—M. G. Brown, Montreal; James Stevenson, Toronto.

London Dec. 8.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, decreased... £2,423,000. Circulation, decreased... 241,000. Bullion, decreased... 954,500. Other securities, decreased... 1,197,000. Other deposits, decreased... 1,008,000. Public deposits, decreased... 642,000. Notes reserve, decreased... 458,000. Government securities unchanged.

The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week is 45.93 percent, as compared with 45.40 percent last week.

Daniel Doherty, of the north end this morning received a telegram announcing the sudden death of his cousin Edward Doherty, which occurred last night at Pictou, N. S. The deceased had charge of the government Hatchery and was taken suddenly ill with apoplexy, which resulted in his death. Some years ago he lived in St. John. He was 60 years of age and leaves a widow.