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WEATHER---Westerly winds fair and moderately cold tomorrow.

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AUTO MADE TROUBLE.

Argentine Aristocrat Heavily Penalized in Paris Court

FOR AUTO ACCIDENT.

He Ran a Woman Down in a Paris Street Who Afterwards Died From Her Injuries.

New York, Dec. 29.—A Paris despatch to the Herald says: Senior Avallaneda, son of a former president of the Argentine Republic, who resides in Paris, and who is an officer in the Argentine army, was sentenced today (Thursday) by a Paris tribunal to one month's imprisonment, a fine of 500 francs (\$100) and 130,000 francs (\$2,000) damages for an automobile accident in Paris, last June...

MAN SHOT ON THE BOWERY.

Gave Evidence in Murder Trial and Thinks Bullet Is His Reward.

New York, Dec. 29.—Standing almost in the very spot where Robert Brennan was shot to death by Astor, Lenox and Tilden, last May, Wm. O'Brien, a homeless wanderer, who gave the most important testimony in the trial which resulted in Mallon being sent to prison for twenty years, today, received a bullet wound which probably will result in his death. O'Brien's assailants escaped and he refused to make any statement.

LIFE PRISONER FREE AT LAST.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 29.—(Special)—Matthew Jones, a life prisoner just pardoned after serving seventeen years on a charge of arson, still protests his innocence. The crime on which Jones was convicted was committed near Sarnia, and at the time of his capture, about a mile from the burned barn. A band of Lambton farmers took Jones to a tree and were about to lynch him when the sheriff rescued him.

NO BOOZE IN SACO.

Saco, Me., Dec. 28.—City Marshal John H. Bennett made plain today that he intends to take in the matter of the illegal sale of liquor and gambling. He personally visited a number of places and notified the proprietors that he would vigorously prosecute any infraction of the law.

A LIGHT SENTENCE.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 28.—Judge Decorey, in the Supreme Court today, sentenced John B. Blaney, the defaulting treasurer of the eastern division of the Wire Weavers Benevolent and Protective Association to the state prison for not less than three nor more than five years. Blaney has been treasurer of the Association for 18 years and confessed to embezzling more than \$10,000 during that time.

BARGE TURNED TURTLE.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 28.—The barge Monarch, with five hundred tons of coal on board, turned turtle today in the Willamette river and the six men on board were thrown into the river. Five of the men were rescued but one was carried down with the coal and drowned.

WILL NOT PRACTICE LAW.

London, Dec. 29.—Jos. H. Choate, U. S. ambassador here does not intend to take up law practice when he returns to New York, as reported in the press. The ambassador considers he has been away too long from the bar to resume practice at his age.

THE JAPS SCORE BIG VICTORY.

They Captured Rihlung Mountain Forts Last Night After Months of Fighting---Lost 1000 Men---Port Arthur's Fall Hastened---Fighting in Manchuria---Nation Will Welcome Togo.

Tokio, Dec. 29.—Noon.—After months of fighting, sapping and trenching the Japanese forces finally occupied Rihlung mountain last night (Dec. 28.) A report received from headquarters of the Japanese third army before Port Arthur, reaching here at midnight Dec. 28 says: On Wednesday Dec. 28, at 10 o'clock in the morning the left centre column of our army following some heavy explosions on the frontal parapet of Rihlung mountain charged and occupied the parapet under cover of fire from heavy guns and constructed defense works despite the enemy's fierce fire. At four o'clock in the afternoon when our occupation was practically assured, we charged and occupied the inner lines of heavy gun positions, subsequently dislodging the remnants of the enemy's force stubbornly holding the gorge fort, after which we occupied and captured the entire works. Headquarters of the Japanese army before Port Arthur, via Fusan, Dec. 29.—Rihlung fort was captured at 3 o'clock this morning with a thousand Japanese casualties. Seven dynamite mines, exploded at ten o'clock, made breaches in the front wall, through which a large body of Japanese troops charged under cover of a tremendous bombardment and captured the first line of light guns. A bitter fight resulted in the capture of the fort. The garrison, numbering 500 men, escaped. Outside of the capture of 203 Metre Hill of the western section of the forts, little is known of the positions occupied by the Japanese, but it would seem from the material available that the inner circle of forts is now cut in three pieces and that 203 Metre Hill prohibits communication with the Liaotic section forts, just as possession of Rihlung and Keewan forts cuts off communication with the Golden Hill forts except by the many underground ways which are said to exist in various parts of the fortress. From Rihlung mountain, which is nearly opposite 203 Metre Hill, it would appear that the Japanese fire will be able to reach the shipping in the harbor and to anything in the harbor and town which the Japanese heavy guns on 203 Metre Hill are unable to hit, thus making it apparently impossible for the Russian second Pacific squadron to make use of Port Arthur even should the Japanese content themselves with holding the strong positions they now occupy. Rihlung Fort, situated on Rihlung Mountain, formed part of the inner circle of the chain of the forts defending Port Arthur. Rihlung is situated about two miles from the outskirts of the town of Port Arthur from which it bears due north-east. The fort just captured is a mile and a half southeast of Keewan Fort, recently captured by the Japs. The possession of these two forts should make a most important breach in the fortifications of Port Arthur, and cut off communication between the Golden Hill forts and the forts of the western section of the inner circle fortifications.

Attack By Torpedo Boats.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—A letter from a sailor on board the Russian transport Kamchatka published here today describes an attack made by torpedo boats on the Kamchatka preceding the attack on the vessels of Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron. It says the torpedo boats circled around from seven to ten o'clock at night, the Kamchatka, he thinks, firing 204 shots. The sailor also said he thought one of the torpedo boats was sunk. The Admiralty explains that the work progressing at the dockyards of Sebastopol is for vessels of the Russian second Pacific squadron and not for ships of the Black Sea fleet.

To Maintain Neutrality.

The Hague, Dec. 28.—In connection with the rumors of a possible infringement of the neutrality of ports in the Dutch East Indies, it is officially pointed out that the neutrality of Sabang and other ports will be maintained. Two Dutch battleships, two cruisers and five smaller warships are now in those waters while two additional vessels are ready at Nieuwe-Diep, Holland, to reinforce them if necessary.

Will Abandon Variag.

New York, Dec. 29.—A Seoul, Korea despatch to the Herald dated Dec. 24 says: The Japanese attempts to raise the Variag have been discontinued. It is impossible to recommence the work before spring by which time the three quarter inch steel plates forming the hull will be so badly pitted by the action of the air and water that the damage will be irreparable, except at a prohibitive expense. It is probable that further salvage operations will be abandoned. The Japanese troops remaining here are less than five hundred, although reinforcements are expected in the near future. General Hasega is reported to move north next month. This probably indicates some forward movement to counteract Russian sorties reported from various places along the Yalu operating from headquarters at Yuangling, under General Maifloff who recently increased the garrisons at Samsu and I. A. A small engagement occurred Dec. 20, on the north-east coast of Yalu, resulting in the capture of Russian ammunition.

Home For Togo.

New York, Dec. 29.—A Tokio despatch to the Times says:—“Both houses of parliament have commanded their presidents to proceed to the railway station to meet Admiral Togo and Vice Admiral Kamimura, who are expected to reach Tokio on Friday. The house of representatives amid loud acclamation to-day (Wednesday) voted the following address: ‘The enemy's fleet at Port Arthur being destroyed, a portion of the empire's united squadrons has been relieved of blockading duty. This great result is recorded as being due to the unflinching competent discharge of their duties by the officers, sub-officers and men, but it could not possibly have been achieved unless the commander's strategy had been well adapted to the occasion and his leadership had been able. Therefore on the occasion of Admiral Togo's victorious return, the house extends to him a hearty welcome.’”

LEASES SANCTIONED. ELECTIONS PROTESTED.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—(Special)—The railway commission have passed orders which they have forwarded for the approval of the governor in council, sanctioning the lease of the Tilsonburg, Lake Erie and Pacific to the Canadian Pacific, the Gulf and Goderich, to the C. P. R., and the northern colonization railway of Quebec, to the C. P. R. Some other former orders in regard to the issuing of tariff tolls have also been passed. Being questioned today in regard to the suspension of Grain Inspector Adamson of Toronto, the department of Trade and Commerce denies that there is anything political in the matter. No one made any political complaint against Adamson, whatever will be done in Adamson's case will be for the efficiency of the service.

THE HON. MR. TARTE ON DRUNKENNESS.

Referring to last Saturday's tragedy in Montreal, Mr. Tarte says in the 'Patrie':—“There is not a city where the drinking habit is more disgusting and more public than here. One is allowed to be drunk on the street. Drunkards are allowed to soil with their presence sober people in electric cars, and on public squares. In fact, it is legal, it appears, to exhibit the spectacle of drunkenness in the most frequented places of this metropolis. Provided the drunkards do not indulge in too much profane language and commit no assaults, they are within the limits of the law. If our memory serves us right, there are about three hundred and fifty drinking places in the east end of the city. Drunkards and those who are inclined to become drunkards, have there every possible chance to fall into degradation and crime. We qualify as exaggerated the theories of those citizens who demand complete prohibition. In the face of the crimes due to drunkenness, it is time that we should think over the means to be adopted to reduce the intensity of the plague. If at least, the leading classes would only set an example! Unfortunately however, and to our national ruin, the untimely and often immoderate use of alcohol is more and more getting into our customs. A child cannot be taken to the baptismal font, a marriage cannot be celebrated, without the inevitable accompaniment of alcohol, and often the immoderate use of it. The other day one of our editors met an acquaintance who was tipsy and staggering in the street. ‘What is the matter with you?’ asked the journalist. ‘Oh,’ came the reply, ‘we have had a christening to-day.’”

BURNED TO DEATH.

Hawkesbury, Dec. 29.—(Special)—The C. N. R. station was destroyed by fire at about 11.30 last night. D. D. Campbell, station agent, and his family, who occupied the upper flat, were, with great difficulty, saved, but it was impossible to rescue Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Campbell's mother, who perished in the flames. The origin of the fire is at present unknown. St. Catharines, Dec. 29.—(Special)—John McIntyre, aged thirty, was burned to death, in a shanty in which he lived, at Port Dalhousie. McIntyre had been employed on the canal. It is believed the fire originated from an overheated stove.

A POPULAR APPOINTMENT.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—(Special)—F. H. McGuigan, General Superintendent of the Grand Trunk Railway has been appointed Port Vice President of the company in charge of the departments of transportation and maintenance. The position was created for him. Mr. McGuigan, who is one of the foremost railway men in Canada commenced life as a water boy on a western railroad.

SUGGESTIONS BY READERS FOR INTERESTING FEATURES OF THE TIMES WILL BE WELCOMED AND GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION.

IS HE YORK COUNTY MAN?

John Ricker, Charged With Murder in Charleston.

ONCE LIVED HERE.

Fredericton Police Believe Alleged Murderer Is Former Resident of St. Mary's Parish---Recent Deaths.

Fredericton, Dec. 29.—(Special)—Mrs. Edward King died at her home this morning after a lingering illness of kidney trouble. She was aged fifty-two, and leaves four sons, one being Policeman Duff King of this city, and one daughter. John Cameron who came out of the Nashuaak lumber woods, recently suffering from appendicitis and underwent an operation at the hospital, died last night. He belonged to Douglas, was 29 and unmarried. Premier Tweedie and Attorney General Pugsley are here today on departmental business.

John Ricker, who is in jail at Charleston, Mass., charged with murdering his wife, is thought to be a native of York county. A man of that name and answering his description, resided at a place called Tatletown, in the parish of St. Marys up to about ten years ago when he removed to the states. The police here are confident he is the same murderer.

The charge of assault preferred by Ernest Blanchard against Charles O. Foster, of North Lake, is being tried in the police court here. Blanchard, who is a cripple, claims that he was roughly handled by Foster because he refused to pay a bill. One of the witnesses for the defence is Miss Carrie Hays, of Posterville, who is said to be the heaviest woman in Canada. She tips the scales at five hundred and twenty-five pounds.

The new Foresters' Hall at Burt's corner was dedicated last evening. There was a supper and dance afterwards.

MORE MITTIA OFFICERS MADE.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 29.—(Special)—The following are gazetted: 8th Princess Louise, New Brunswick Hussars, to be provisional Lieut. E. A. March, gentleman; 74th regiment the Brunswick Rangers; to be provisional lieutenant: A. R. Landry, gentleman; sergeant, L. C. Carey, Sergeant, O. P. Wilbur, Sergeant, D.L. Stewart, E. C. Weyman, gentlemen.

TROUBLES IN MOROCCO.

New York, Dec. 29.—A Tangier, Morocco despatch to the Herald dated Dec. 28 says: ‘In the garden of a British subject scarcely one mile from Tangier, a bold murder was committed by robbers last night. A Spaniard, employed in the place, and carried away four cows belonging to the British owners. In the affray one of the robbers was severely wounded by the wife of the Spaniard. It is reported from Tangier that the garrison there which had received no pay for two months deserted yesterday.’

GAVE HIM 60 LASHES.

Natchez, Miss., Dec. 28.—A. D. Lewis, a white man, was whipped in the woods near here today and ordered out of the state. Lewis was being taken to the county farm to serve a sentence for insulting women on the streets when a crowd of six white men took him from the guard, carried him to the woods, three miles from town, stripped him and gave him 60 lashes across the back, then placed him on a train, and ordered him to leave the state.

WEDDED IN HALIFAX.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 29.—(Special)—The wedding took place at St. Luke's cathedral this afternoon of A. H. Lindsay of the I. C. R. advertising department and Emily C. Vail, daughter of the late Mr. A. E. Vail of Sussex and sister of Mrs. J. G. Raimie. The ceremony was performed by Canon Crawford. The bride and groom were unattended.

INSTALLED WIRELESS.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—(Special)—The marine department has the Marconi apparatus installed on the steamer Stanley and Minto which ply between Georgetown, P. E. I., and Pictou on the mainland. This will be of great service during the winter season.

CHIEF OF POLICE SHOT.

New York, Dec. 29.—According to a St. Petersburg despatch to the Sun, dated Wednesday, the chief of police at Schuscha Caucasus, has been shot with a revolver and killed in the street in that town. His assassin is unknown.

A FATAL FIRE.

Genesee, N. Y. Dec. 29.—Three persons lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the farm residence of Charles McMillan at the head of Conesus Lake early to-day.