

RUSSIANS REPULSED IN HEAVY NIGHT ATTACK.

Bold Charge Against Oku's Forces Was Un-availing --- Japanese Influence Becomes Dominant in China --- No News From Port Arthur --- Today's Reports.

Mukden, Dec. 22.—The situation remains unchanged. The opposing armies continue artillery fights. Both sides have extended their positions to the eastward. Russians Repulsed. The Japanese sustained no casualties. Dismounted Russian cavalry attacked the cavalry on the extreme left of the Japanese line on the night of Dec. 20-21, but were repulsed with heavy loss.

Japs in China. St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—The Russian authorities have received information confirmatory of the Novoe Vremya's statement of yesterday regarding the Chinese situation, indicating that Japanese influence is predominant, not only in the anti-foreign societies, but in the army and at Peking, forcing the conviction here that the situation is becoming critically dangerous. The belief prevails that in the spring Japan, under cover of an actual or threatened rising in China, will seek to secure the intervention of the powers to end the war. Direct evidence exists that the anti-foreign proclamations circulating in China were printed in Japan.

on Dec. 21, which resulted in dispersing a party of Japanese who were trying to entrench in front of that position. Chinese report that Field Marshal Oyama and his staff have established headquarters at Liao Yang and that the Japanese are constructing new forts around the city. The Japanese are reported to be suffering severely from cold and sickness in the vicinity of Palasandzi and Shitkhe where it is said they have lost 2,000 men in a single week. The Orenburg Cossacks captured six Japanese scouts on Dec. 21, four of whom were badly frozen. The same Cossacks recently captured seventeen Japanese who were unable to fire a single shot when they found themselves surrounded. The port of Yinkow is closed by ice. All Japanese reinforcements landing at Dalny are going in the direction of Port Arthur.

PROVED A VERY DEADLY HAMMER. Detroit Woman Drives Nails With a Cartridge With Fatal Results.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Thomas E. Barnes, was killed in her home at 253 Pince street by the explosion of a "one pounder" rapid fire gun cartridge, which it is supposed she was using for a hammer in the Christmas preparations for her two baby girls. How the explosion occurred is not definitely known, as she was alone with the children, but it is said by friends that Mrs. Barnes had used the cartridge for a hammer at other times. The cartridge had been in the possession of the Barnes family for some time, and is said to have been given to Mrs. Barnes by her brother, William Mayhew, a gunner in the U. S. navy. The woman's right hand was torn off at the wrist, her left hand was mangled and part of the cartridge penetrated her breast and lodged in her heart and lungs.

LONDON NOW CLEAR OF FOG. A Westerly Breeze Drove it Out This Afternoon.

London, Dec. 23.—The vessel, said to be the Hamburg-American Line steamer Pretoria, reported last night with others as being fogbound in the Mersey was not the Pretoria, but was the Allan Line steamer Pretorian, bound from Liverpool for St. John, N. B. The Pretoria, having Dr. Leroy Chadwick of Cleveland on board was last reported leaving Boulogne-Sur-Mer December 18 for New York and is due at the latter port Dec. 23 or 29.

SLIGHT INCREASE IN PAY OF CLERKS In the I. C. R. Offices at Moncton---A Wedding on Wednesday.

Moncton, Dec. 23.—(Special)—The pleasant reminder of the holiday season for the I. C. R. clerks which it was stated Mr. Emmerson left behind him when he left for Ottawa on Saturday last, has not proved to be of such a pleasing character as was hoped for. When the clerks received their monthly pay yesterday, there was disappointment. The increases granted ranged from fifty cents a month to five and ten dollars. The majority of the increases do not amount to more than five dollars a month while the average among the smaller salaried clerks is between two and three dollars a month. There are quite a number of cases where small salaries were advanced \$1.25 and \$1.50 a month. The I. C. R. shopmen will probably receive their pay today, as it is usual to give them their monthly stipend in time for Christmas. The marriage of Charles J. W. Innis, I. C. R. brakeman, to Miss Bernice Smith, daughter of Alex. Smith, of the I. C. R. offices, occurred at the bride's home Wednesday night. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. Hutchinson, pastor of the First Baptist church in the presence of a large number of friends. Mr. and Mrs. W. Innis left for Montreal on a wedding trip and on their return will reside at Moncton. Miss D. Francheville, of the finance department, Ottawa, is in the city visiting her brother of the I. C. R.

NELSON CLAIMS HE WAS TOUCHED. Pugilist Has His Manager Arrested Charged With Stealing \$10,000.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—"Battling" Nelson, the pugilist, applied last night for a warrant for the arrest of "Ted" Murphy, who has been his manager, alleging that Murphy has left the city taking with him \$10,000 belonging to Nelson. Stockton, Calif., Dec. 23.—"Ted" Murphy, who is accused by "Battling" Nelson, of the larceny of \$10,000, has been arrested here on the Santa Fe train. \$250 was found on Murphy's person. Murphy was greatly surprised at his arrest. He said that he did not have Nelson's money, that Nelson had bid him good bye at the depot when he left San Francisco.

THE CAPITAL STORM-SWEPT. Trains Running Late---Colt's Revolvers For Mounted Police.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 23.—(Special)—There was a big snow storm here last night and all the trains are running in two sections. The first train is three hours late. The contract for the Atwater bridge over the Lachine Canal at Montreal has been awarded by the railway department to J. H. Rogers, Montreal. The mounted police department is issuing Colt revolvers to the police. Heretofore they used Martini revolvers. A. P. Low, of the geological survey was the guest of the Canadian club last night, when he gave a very interesting talk on his trip on the Neptune to the far north, showing pictures, of points which he visited. Denis Murphy and C. Berkeley Bowell got the conservative nomination for Ottawa for the provincial legislature. Powell does not desire to run and got a day to consider it. The Winnipeg train due here yesterday afternoon has not yet arrived.

KILLED IN MONTREAL. Princess Deprived of Her Mother's Rights.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Gleophas Montpetit, while walking across the canal bridge at St. Henri, was struck by a G. T. train, thrown into the canal, and instantly killed this morning. He leaves a widow and family. Battle line steamer Himera, Captain Lockhart, sailed from Vera Cruz today for New Orleans.

OLD MAN KILLED TO SAVE GOLD.

Winipeg, Dec. 23.—(Special)—John Currie, aged 77, an old resident of this city was cremated in his home which was destroyed by fire shortly after midnight. When his body was found his cash box was found under his head and it is believed he sacrificed his life in order to save it.

PRINCESS DEPRIVED OF HER MOTHER'S RIGHTS.

Dresden, Saxony, Dec. 23.—Countess Montagnoso, (formerly the Crown Princess Louise and divorced wife of King Frederick Augustus) by coming to Dresden and trying to see her children yesterday has probably forfeited her allowance of \$7,500, one of the conditions of which was that she should not set foot on German soil. This condition however may not be enforced as popular sympathy with the countess is so strong already that the court will avoid anything giving the impression of punishing the countess for her natural womanly feeling. The version of the countess' misadventure commonly believed in the kingdom of Saxony is that she is guilty of actual wrong doing and is the victim of an intrigue of the center party which is described as using unscrupulous to prevent a strong liberal from becoming Queen. The circumstances of the countess leaving the court are overlaid with fiction that the truth probably will be unknown to the present generation of Saxons. Dresden, Dec. 22.—The Princess Louise of Saxony who had written to the king that unless he granted her the repeated request to see her children, she would attempt to see them without his permission arrived here unexpectedly from Vienna, last night, with a woman companion, and went to the hotel Bellevue where she was immediately recognized. The police were informed and then the ministry sent a telegram to the king at Pillnitz who

SCHOOLS CLOSED.

The Pupils are Free for The Christmas Vacation. THEY ARE HAPPY. Interesting Exercises Were Held in the High School this Morning and Medals Were Presented to the Winners.

There was a large gathering present this morning at the closing exercises in the High School. A very interesting programme was carried out and the medals presented to the winners in the different grades. Dr. Bridges presided and there were present on the platform: Mayor White, Hon. J. V. Ellis, Rev. John de Soyres, Rev. C. W. Hamilton, Rev. D. Long and Rev. Thos. Marshall. The High School orchestra, under the direction of Prof. W. Bowden rendered several fine selections. The hall was decorated for the occasion and on the blackboard, back of the platform was the motto "Certum Pote Finem" (Seek a certain end), in old English letters. This is the High School motto for 1905. The programme was as follows: Selection High School Orchestra. Essay Roy Segal. Bagpipe Selection Bonnie Dundee Roy Willet. Recitation Legend of the Christmas Tree Winifred Dunlop. Selection The Russian Student High School Orchestra. Recitation Rejoicing on Coming of Age of the New Year Gordon Steves. Carol In the Fields with their Essay Abiding Christ Child in Art Dorothy Manning. Selection High School Orchestra. The Mysterie. Helen Fotheringham. Carol The Russian Student. Harold Belyea.

A RAY OF HOPE FOR NAN PATTERSON NOW.

Jury Fails to Agree --- Reported One Man Holds Out---Jerome Says if Majority Favor Acquittal She May Never Be Tried Again--- The Prisoner in State of Collapse.

New York, Dec. 23.—The jury reported to the judge that they had been unable to agree on a verdict and were sent back for further deliberation. New York, Dec. 23.—District Attorney Jerome said: "In the event of a disagreement, I will make an investigation of how the jury stands. If the overwhelming view of the jury is for acquittal, there is a probability she will never be tried again." New York, Dec. 23.—Even in the face of certain knowledge that news of the result of the jury's deliberations would not be forthcoming until after 10 o'clock today, scores of persons remained all night around the criminal court building hoping to be the first to hear the verdict in the case of Nan Patterson. Driven from the building, just before midnight, when the jury was locked up for the night, by order of Justice Davis. Curious crowds gathered in little knots in sheltered places in the vicinity to wait and speculate and ensure for themselves an advantageous position in the line when the doors were again opened today. Even in these hours

when the dim light which came through the window of the jury room indicated that the jurors had given up their attempts for the night and were attempting to sleep, reports from the patient waiters, who found their way to the building one knew and little faith was placed in their truthfulness. In the early night mysterious information said that the jury stood firm, nine for acquittal, one for murder in the second degree and two undecided between murder in the second degree and manslaughter. Before daylight there had been a decided change in the sentiment of the jury. According to report at that time a story which gained circulation had eleven jurors favoring acquittal with one holding out for a verdict of murder in the first degree. Of course there was absolutely nothing to substantiate these rumors, but every bit of gossip was eagerly seized up by those who waited so long. A little after seven this morning, the jurors, guarded by court officials marched out to a nearby restaurant

for their morning meal. As they came through the Franklin street exit, the jurors met a crowd of not less than 2,000 persons, including the self-appointed guard who had remained on duty all night. If the crowd had expected to learn anything from the faces of the jurors they were disappointed for there was nothing in their expression save weariness. Nan Patterson collapsed in the Tombs to-day so completely that the efforts of the matron and warden and her father to help her were of no avail and Dr. Levin, the physician at the prison had to be called. She was revived gradually but it was feared that she would collapse again when she went to the court room. As soon as she was somewhat composed she was led across the Bridge of Sighs to the criminal court building. She was taken to the "pen" in the court building to wait until a verdict had been reached or some conclusion had been arrived at. New York, Dec. 23.—The jury in Nan Patterson case has reported a disagreement and has been discharged.

TURKEYS ARE CHEAPER NOW.

They Took a Drop in the Country Market This Morning

Despite the large sales of the last few days, in the country market, there was a good supply of produce of all kinds this morning. Owing to the fact that the merchants are pretty well stocked with turkeys, the large number that were brought into the market this morning caused a slump in prices. Turkeys have been selling the last few days for about 24 to 25 cents a pound, but the price dropped this morning to 18 to 22 cents wholesale, and lots of them to be had. Among the large sales in these festive birds this morning, might be mentioned the Provincial Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Mr. Quinton, steward of that institution having bought 75 and the St. John Railway Company 180. The retail prices this morning were as follows: Turkeys, 22 to 25 cents a lb.; ducks \$1.50 to \$2 a pr.; chickens, 50c. to \$1.50; fowl, 50c. to \$1.; geese, \$1.40 to \$1.75 each; black ducks, \$1.25 pr.; whistlers, 90c.; quail, \$1.; brant, \$1.50; wild geese, \$1 to \$1.50 each; prairie chickens, \$3 pr.; teal, 80c. to 90c.; moose, 20c. lb.; venison, 16c. to 18c.; western beef, 18c. lb. for choice cuts; lamb and mutton, 7c. to 14c.; pork, 12c.; dried beef, 20c.; corned beef, 10c.; hams and bacon, 16c. to 18c.; lard, 10c. In vegetables there is a good variety at all prices, carrots, beets and parsnips 30c. pk.; potatoes, 20c. to 25c.; cabbage, 6c. to 15c. each; squash, 3c. lb.; celery, 12c.; lettuce, 6c.; parsley, 5c.; tomatoes, 30c. lb.; cucumbers, 20c. each; Mushrooms, 48 cents can. COACHMEN FINED. The case of gate keeper Frank Theal against the west side hackmen was resumed before Magistrate Ritchie this morning. Mr. Baxter said it was quite true that the coachmen had infringed on the regulations. He felt assured, however, that if the line were again pointed out they would not go beyond bounds. Recorder Skinner was of opinion that in justice to Mr. Theal the matter should be further investigated. His honor suggested that much trouble might be avoided if those coming through the turn-stiles remain in the toll-house until the passengers coming from the boat had passed through the gates. There was a good deal of dispute on both sides, and the coachmen were fined \$4 each. LATE PERSONALS. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Atkinson returned to Moncton on the Atlantic express today. W. Z. Earl returned today from Montreal where he has been attending a meeting of the Dominion Street Railway Association. Walter Carson, of the I. C. R. at Moncton, who has been on a trip to Boston passed through today on his way home. T. B. Cuthown, of Calhoun's Mills, who has been in the city on a business trip for the past day or so, left for his home today. Miss Lula Sharpe, is visiting friends in St. John. D. Harnot, of Fredericton passed through to-day to spend his Christmas holidays at his home in Moncton. M. G. Teed, barrister, of Sackville, is in the city. MALE HELP WANTED. BOY WANTED—To learn the wholesale

SHOT BOTHER WHILE INSANE.

New York Man Released From Asylum Shoots His Rescuer.

New York, Dec. 23.—Becoming suddenly insane while at the breakfast table, with his brother and their mother, Abraham Crapowsky today fired five shots at his brother Louis and wounded him in the head probably fatally. The wounded man is a well-to-do cloth importer of Lispenard street. Abraham is under arrest and has been identified by Louis as the man who shot him. The brothers were business partners until four years ago when Abraham's wife died and he became insane. For three years he was kept in an asylum, but about a year ago the untiring efforts of Louis secured his release. The latter was warned that Abraham was possessed of homicidal tendencies but scoffed at the idea. The mother wrestled the revolver from the hands of the son as the last shot was fired. Immediately Abraham seemed to recover his senses and dropping on his knees by the prostrate Louis, begged his forgiveness.

INJURIES WERE NOT SERIOUS.

Twenty Seven People Overcome by Gas But They Quickly Recovered.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—Twenty seven persons, most of them women and children, were overcome by coal gas in a crowded tenement house at 315 Monroe street in the foreign settlement of this city early this morning. Twelve of them were in such a serious condition that they had to be taken to hospital, but it is believed they will recover. The lower part of the tenement was occupied by a Turkish bath establishment and the gas escaped from a large furnace used in the baths. There were more than a hundred persons in the upper part of the building, most of whom were Russian Jews. That no lives were lost was due to two policemen who, in passing detected the gas early today, had been arousing the sleeping occupants. Many of them were unconscious and had to be carried to hospital. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 23.—All of the 27 persons who were overcome by coal gas in a tenement house in the lower section of the city early today have been discharged from the hospital as cured. The lower part of the tenement was used as a Turkish bath establishment and the gas escaped from a furnace used in the baths. More than one hundred persons including Russian Jews were sleeping in the building when awakened by policemen who detected the odor of gas.

FREDERICTON SCHOOLS CLOSED.

Fredericton, Dec. 23.—(Special)—The city schools closed at noon today for Christmas. The public examinations attracted many visitors and were very interesting. At the high school assembly hall at twelve o'clock the president of the school board, chairman of the school board to Miss Alexandra Purdie of the Regent Street school. Short addresses were made by Chancellor Harrison of the university and Prof. Roberts. Local horsemen have decided to hold Christmas day races on the river. Great sport is promised. Work on the Grand Trunk Pacific survey in N. B. has been suspended until January fourth and the men have gone to their homes for Christmas. Four rinks of the Fredericton curlers were defeated at Marysville last night, 52 to 43. Last night was one of the coldest of the season. Mercury registered sixteen below.

WILL DRILL FOR WATER.

Dalhousie, Dec. 23.—(Special)—In addition to \$1,000 already expended in drilling a well 400 feet, the rate payers of Dalhousie, at a special meeting held in the town hall last night voted another \$1,000 to the commissioners to drill one or two more wells. Thos. R. Kent, who is now in St. George, will be here next week to enter into a new contract. There is some doubt as to the capacity of the present well furnishing a sufficient supply for domestic and fire purposes, hence the additional wells. Truro, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Mrs. W. L. Irish, wife of Baggage Master Irish of Mulgrave and sister of J. H. Richardson of Truro died suddenly here this morning of heart failure. She was visiting her brother here and was taken ill on Saturday. She was forty three years of age and leaves five children. The funeral will take place tomorrow at Mulgrave.

CZAR WILL GRANT NO CONSTITUTION.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—Emperor Nicholas formally notified the country today that the agitation for a constitution and the convocation of a national assembly is useless. Such is the construction placed upon the endorsement written in his own hand on the resolution adopted by the Chernigov Zemstvo, Dec. 20, begging His Majesty in the most loyal manner to convoke legally elected members of the Zemstvos to present a programme of reforms for his consideration. His Majesty wrote on the despatch, "I consider the president's action to be presumptuous and tactless. Questions of state administration are of no concern to the Zemstvos whose functions and rights are clearly defined by the law." The endorsement is printed in the official messenger this morning, dashing the hopes of the extremists. It did not come as a great surprise. The emperor from the beginning although he has shown more liberal regime and in entire sympathy with some of the Zemstvo demands, resolves not to yield the principle of autocracy. The Associated Press was informed this afternoon by a person competent to speak that no much importance should not be attached to the Emperor's endorsement which, it is believed, the Emperor had given to the Zemstvo telegraphed direct to him instead of through the Minister of the Interior. It was pointed out that the resolution did not appear in the official portion of the paper arguing therefrom that the publication was secured by a person who was interested in the project. The resolution declared the Emperor had no intention of receding from his position to grant certain measures in the direction of liberality. Moscow, Dec. 23.—Students of the University of Moscow have adopted resolutions denouncing the rector for prohibitions their meetings, declaring their determination to incessantly strive for the liberation of the oppressed fatherland and threatening that if they are punished for assembling they will organize manifestations in conjunction with the workmen. Several groups of citizens gave signed addresses to the municipality expressing the strongest sympathy and support of its claim for constitutional reform. An address to the town council on Dec. 14 and promising every effort in furtherance of these reforms, which the address declared, was published in the Moscow press.