

THE CALL OF THE GUNS IS HOPEFUL OF ACQUITTAL THE BALLOON IN WAR.

In the Dying Arms of Allie Benbow--- Hon. Mr. Emmerson Goes to New York--- Expect 200,000 Immigrants--- Fine Property for French Monks--- Ottawa City Solicitor Committed for Ten Days.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.--(Special).--"Do you hear the three guns? That is the finish," were the last words of James Alexander Benbow, when he passed away yesterday at the residence of his sister Mrs. Ermine Brownlee, 331 Flora street.

The death of "Allie" Benbow, as he was familiarly known, was a pathetic one. His father lost his life in a fire in a hotel in Montreal, when he was returning from seeing his eldest son, Hector, off to the war in South Africa.

The Yukon Heard From. Hon. Clifford Sifton has received a telegram signed by Dr. Thompson, the newly elected member for the Yukon and several other representative people at Dawson, which recommended that E. S. Busby, collector of customs, should be appointed administrator of the Yukon Territory.

Rush of Immigrants. It is expected that next year there will be an addition of 200,000 to Canada's population in the form of arrivals from outside countries.

AN AGREEMENT. The Outlook For Cape Breton Coal Mines Is Much Better. Sydney, N. S., Dec. 21.--(Special).--Eight out of ten lodges of the Provincial Workmen's Association in Cape Breton have signed their intention to agree to the three year contract asked for by the management of the Dominion Coal Company for the purpose of securing a better quality of coal at prices prevailing at present.

EARL GREY WILL ATTEND. Toronto, Dec. 21.--(Special).--Earl Grey and Lady Grey will visit Toronto in the latter part of February. Acceptance has been received by the secretary of the Royal Canadian Yacht club, of the invitation extended to the vice-regal party to be present at their annual ball on February 22.

INDUSTRIES WILL ALL BE CLOSED DOWN. New York, Dec. 21.--A Pittsburg dispatch to the Tribune says: "It is feared that within the next ten days almost every industry in western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio will have to close down."

Mines have closed, after using sulphur water until corrosion has eaten boilers and pipes to a shell. This is working a hardship, as fuel cannot be had. The country is suffering for coal, and not a mine along the Monongahela river is in operation.

Britain of travelling cars decorated with trophies emblematic of Canadian agriculture, and lastly, it is hoped by making a really first class Canadian exhibit at Liege, in the very midst of frugal and industrious people, well skilled in agriculture, to attract to this country some of the best elements in Europe.

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French Monks May Get it. It is probable that the estate of the late Mrs. Alonzo Wright, several miles up the Gatineau River, will be sold. An option on the property for the price of \$70,000 until the first of next February has been secured.

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Chief Tingley aroused Postmaster Crandall and they repaired to the post office. There it was learned that the office had been burglarized. The burglar had effected an entrance by boring through the panels of two doors leading into the back yard and unlocking the doors from the inside. He made an opening large enough to admit his hand, and as the keys were in the door his work after that was easy.

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WINTER PORT BUSINESS. Imports and Exports Keep Pace With Last Year. C. P. R. steamship Lake Michigan, Captain Jones, sailed today for London and Antwerp via Halifax. She has on board 430 cattle and 1159 sheep.

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Nan Patterson's Case Goes to the Jury Tonight. EVIDENCE ALL IN. Counsel Will Spend Six Hours To-day in Addressing the Jury in This Famous Case. New York, Dec. 21.--Before another day Nan Patterson probably will know whether her long cherished desire to spend the Christmas holidays with her invalid mother in Washington will be realized, or whether she will be doomed to return to her cell a convicted murderer.

Justice Davis had expressed a wish to get the case finally into the hands of the jury before adjournment tonight, and to that end an agreement was made to confine the closing arguments to six hours. Half of that time was assigned to Abraham Levy, leading counsel for Miss Patterson, to sum up the case for the defendant. The remaining three hours was to be used by Asst. Dist. Judge in marshalling the chain of circumstances forged by the prosecution.

THE WALTER MILLER SAFE. The tug, Lord Kitchener, left Sackville this morning for this port with the schooner Walter Miller in tow. The schooner left the above port last Saturday and shortly afterwards got fast in the ice and became unmanageable.

THE WEATHER. Forecasts--Northwesterly winds and becoming colder. Thursday, westerly winds, fair and cold. This is working a hardship, as fuel cannot be had. The country is suffering for coal, and not a mine along the Monongahela river is in operation.

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MOVEMENT IS PROGRESSING. Canadian Congregationalists Succeeding in Efforts to Pay Debt. Toronto, Dec. 21.--(Special).--The movement among the Canadian Congregationalists to free all their churches from debt by the end of the year 1905, is progressing. At a meeting of the jubilee fund committee yesterday at which Rev. Hugh Pedley, of Emmanuel church, Montreal, presided, it was announced that \$170,000 of the required amount, namely \$246,000, has been subscribed.

REV. H. H. ROACH AT DEATH'S DOOR. The Pastor of Main Street Baptist Church Not Expected to Survive the Day. Rev. Howard H. Roach was still alive at 3 o'clock this afternoon but his death is a matter of but a few hours. His family have been with him all day.

THE E. AND N. A. RAILWAY. In a recent address in Bangor, Col. Bechtly stated that the European & North American railway, from St. John to Bangor, was opened on Oct. 19th, 1871.

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Report of Expert Proves That it Has a Distinct Future But Weather in Manchuria Did not Allow Best Results---The Red Cross Work---To Try the British Steamer Before Prize Court. (Correspondence of Press.) Associated cause of the question of the ability of the Chinese officials to properly conduct the internment of the Russians who seek refuge at Ports in China, was considered to be vitally important.

Mukden, Dec. 21.--Nandel, who has been in charge of the balloon corps in the Far East, during the greater part of the war, has given some interesting discussions reached in practical work on the field. He still thinks the balloon has a distinct future in warfare and there have been a number of occasions when the balloons did valuable work in scouting, but on the whole he says that the weather in Manchuria is too damp for balloons to be at their best.

PRIESTHOOD. The Ceremony Was Performed in the Pro-Cathedral in Chatham. Chatham, N. B., Dec. 21.--(Special).--L. V. Broughall, C. S. C., of Dorchester, Mass., and J. Pinnet of St. Joseph's college, Memramcook, received holy orders in the pro-cathedral here on Saturday.

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Red Cross Did Noble Work. (Correspondence of the Asst. Press.) Mukden, Nov. 21.--A report on the work of the Red Cross in the north eastern district has been submitted by Prince Vassalitchkoif. During the month of October 10,691 sick were treated. Of these 89.98 percent were only slightly ill and 10.02 percent seriously sick. A little over 53 percent of the sick recovered under treatment. The others were invalided or transferred to other hospitals. Less than one percent died. The figures relating to wounded are conflicting and uncertain, but it appears the ratio of shot and shell wounds to cold steel were about 235 to one.

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