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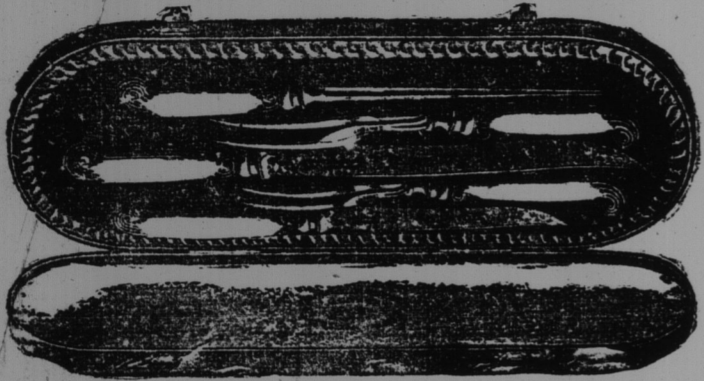
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NORTH SEA ENQUIRY COMMENCED TODAY

Admiral Fournier Has Been Chosen Chairman. Frenchmen Will Preside at Investigation into Outrage Committed by the Baltic Fleet.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The international commission appointed to inquire into the North Sea incident met in the foreign office at ten o'clock this morning.

The commission unanimously elected Admiral Von Spaun, of the Austro-Hungarian navy to be the fifth member, completing the preliminary organization and adjourned until Jan. 9.

The opening session was held in a suite of sumptuous salons of the Dorey Palace (foreign office). Admiral Fournier, the French member of the commission in behalf of Foreign Minister Del Casse, who was absent from the city, received Admiral Davis, U. S. N., and extended him a cordial greeting.

Admiral Fournier then presented Admiral Davis to Admiral Kasenkoff, the Russian member of the commission and Rear Admiral Sir Albert Beaumont, Great Britain's representative. The group of admirals joining in an informal chat partly in English and partly in French. The admirals and their aides did not wear uniforms, thus detracting somewhat from the expected brilliancy of the opening session.

Admiral Kasenkoff, the senior in rank and age, invited his colleagues to a private salon where he proposed that the meeting be held in the presence of the arrival of the fifth member of the commission. Admiral Fournier was unanimously chosen as president in which he spoke of the friendly presence of the representatives of many nations.

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RUSSAINS HAVE RECAPTURED ALL GUNS.

Report That Key to Port Arthur With Its Armament is Theirs Again---Japs Seize Another Position by Strategy.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A report to the Exchange Telegraph Company from St. Petersburg, says General Kurapatkin has telegraphed to the general staff that he has received a report from Chinese sources to the effect that the Russians have re-captured 300,000 Meters Hill at Port Arthur with the guns lost by them.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecasts — Fresh northwesterly winds, fair and cold. Friday, westerly winds, fair with a little higher temperature. Synopses — The weather continues cold in Ontario and Quebec, and the first really cold wave has set in over the Northwest Territories. Winds are moderate westerly near the American coast and there is not likely to be much wind before Friday night. Highest temperature during past 24 hours, 16. Lowest temperature during past 24 hours, 6. Temperature at noon, 8.

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FOR XMAS PRESENTS. Dressy Hats, from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Cloth Caps, from 35c. to \$1.50. Fur Caps, from \$15.00 to \$25.00. Men's Fur Collars, from \$2.50 to \$25. Ladies' and Gents' Fur and Fur Lined Coats, from \$16.50 to \$85.00. Ladies' and Children's Neck Furs, Muffs and Mitts, in all the Stylish Furs.

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Swell Neckwear for Men. Watch our Neckwear department for styles. An unusual Christmas display this year. Made up Ties, 25c and 50c. Bows, 25c. Four-in-hands, 25c, 35c, 50c. Flowing Ends, 50c. Made up Silk Mufflers, 25c, 50c, 75c, 90c, \$1.10 each. Black Silk Mufflers (squares), 75c and \$1.00 each. Warp Mufflers, with chest protector, 30c, 50c, 65c, 75c each.

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BELL BOY BURGLARS.

Organized Gang of Young Scoundrels in Chicago Stole Thousands of Dollars in Money and Jewels.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—A gang of bell boys organized to steal the property of guests in the downtown hotels has been discovered by the police, and money and jewelry amounting to nearly \$1,000 has been found in their possession.

The discovery was the result of the theft of \$100 and two gold watches from Edward Combes. His room mate, Ernest Greenstein, was arrested and confessed to the theft. He then told the police that Frank Barsted, a bell boy in a downtown hotel could lead them to the spot where the money had been hidden. Barsted was then taken to Lincoln Park by detectives and he pointed out a culvert under a bridge. Here the money and three watches were found wrapped in a newspaper. Further disclosures made by Barsted led to the arrest of J. Kerr and Chester Price. All of these including Greenstein, are employed in large hotels.

One of the thefts the boys confess is that of sixteen diamonds worth \$750 from an actress, who is staying at a downtown hotel. According to Barsted, Kerr was called the "diamond money." Their plans, he said, was to rob guests as they slept.

FIRE LOSS ADJUSTED. The loss on the Troop Vindicator factory, damaged by fire Monday night, has been settled. The adjusters found the damage to the building to be \$225, and to the stock \$228. The insurance is divided between the Anglo-American, Guardian and Ottawa insurance companies. The building was insured for \$1,750 and the stock for \$1,500. The insurance people and the owners of the property are loud in praise of the excellent way in which the fire was handled. Men and apparatus were quick to respond to the alarm and as a result the loss is very small considering the headway the fire had made before being discovered.

CZAR SNUBS ZEMSTOVOS. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—On the margin of a telegram from the president of the Zemstvo of the government of Chernigov regarding forms in state matters Emperor Nicholas, according to a communication published in the Official Messenger today appended a note as follows: "I consider the action of the president to be presumptuous and tactless. Questions of state administration are of no concern to the Zemstvos, whose rights are clearly defined by law."

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NO VERDICT YET. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Addresses of counsel in the Nan Patterson case were concluded yesterday afternoon. This morning Judge Davis delivered his charge and the jury retired at 12:25 p. m.

FUNERALS TODAY. The remains of the late T. Truman Trites were taken to Peletodiac this morning for burial. Last night at his late residence, Wright street, a service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Burnett, Funeral Director N. W. Brennan looked after the remains.

The funeral of the late Mrs. N. M. Poyers was held this afternoon from the residence of T. Fred Powers, No. 79 Princess street. Rev. G. M. Campbell officiated and interment was made in Freshhill cemetery.

LOTS OF FISH. The fish market tomorrow will be well supplied. There is an abundance of halibut, fresh cod and haddock, plenty of smelt and herring. The prices hold the same as for the past few weeks. Halibut from 12 to 15 cents, smelt 10 cents and cod and haddock five cents per pound. There has been no change in the price of cured fish.

ADMIRALTY COURT. The taking of evidence in the admiralty court case of Isaac M. Thurber vs. the steamer Beaver, was concluded this morning and the court adjourned until December 31st, when argument will be heard. The evidence of W. H. Poyers, mate of the steamer, was taken this morning. He testified to the effect that the accident which befell the plaintiff was not due to negligence of the crew.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS. The following young ladies arrived in town today from Netherwood school at Bothwell for Christmas holidays: Misses Rachel Walker, Margaret Walker, Dorothy Purdy, Phyllis Stratton, Nora Knight, Emily Markham, Olivia Murray, Mary Murray, Mary Barnhill, Florence Ketchum, Jean Ketchum.

COPPER DROPS AGAIN. NEW YORK, Dec. 22. Wall street—Copper prices in stocks today were lower than last night, the average decline reaching only a small fraction. Consolidated Gas fell 2 1/4, and Amal. Coppered point. Seven thousand shares of Reading were sold at a decline of 68 and Leather pd. and Amal. fell on fractional. Business was on a moderate scale. The market opened easy.

MARRIAGES. GOGGIN-NORTHROP.—In this city, Dec. 21, by Rev. G. F. Scovill, Robert DeMont Goggin, of Norton and Mary Ann Northrop, of Belleisle Creek.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION. SKATE SHARPENING.—Satisfaction guaranteed. Tubular skates a specialty. JOHN ROBERTSON, 111 Princess street.

WANTED.—Girl for general housework in a small family. Apply during evening to MRS. G. R. LINGLEY, 224 Duke street.

FOR SALE.—At a bargain, 1 single seated sleigh in first class condition. Nearly new. Apply to J. P. McBAY, 224 Victoria street, N. E.