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A NICE WEDDING PRESENT.

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—The joint wedding gift of one hundred cities of Prussia to the Crown Prince Frederick William and the Duchess Cecilia of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld, on the occasion of their approaching marriage, to which they will contribute were sent out yesterday afternoon about one cent apiece each Prussian city dweller. The gift will be a silver table service for 100 persons and of more than a hundred pieces of original design, valued at \$125,000 or \$25,000 more than similar gift to the imperial pair in 1870.

CURLERS' PLANS.

A special meeting of the Thistle Curling Club will be held this evening at the rink when skips will be elected for several annual matches. On Saturday, the 11th, four rinks will leave here for Halifax where they will play on the following Monday. Games will also be played with Truro and Amherst. On Thursday the Thistles will play Moncton and arrive home early Friday morning.

GREAT STRIKE THREATENED.

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—The discontent in the Westphalian coal fields has reached an acute stage and a general strike affecting 250,000 miners is impending.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

WANTED—A girl for general housework in a family of two. References required. Apply at 255 Prince Wm. St. SPECIAL SALE OF MILLINERY at greatly reduced prices tomorrow (Thursday) at J. McLAUGHLIN'S, 107 Charlotte street. GIRLS WANTED—Apply from 10 to 12 a. m. at our office, Union street, T. S. SIMMS & CO.

MARKET IS SHAKY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Wall street prices in the stock market were really within 1-4 of yesterday's close and were both up and down. In case of Colo. Fuel, Consolidated and U. P. the variations were slight, the last named losing 3-4. Erie was bought heavily at a gain of 3-8, but the increase for Amalgamated Copper was slight and after opening a shade higher at 74 1/4, re-acted a point.

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JAPS TOOK CHARGE AT NOON TODAY.

Russian Prisoners Will March Out Tomorrow.

They Number 25,000--20,000 Are Sick --Russians are Not Discouraged by Port Arthur's Fall.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE THIRD JAPANESE ARMY, Jan. 3, via Fusan, Jan. 4.—The request of the Russians for food, medicine and physicians for their sick and wounded has been granted. Itse, Santse and Tayangko Ports were taken over by the Japanese at noon today. The date on which the Russian prisoners of war will be marched out has been delayed until Jan. 5.

TOKIO, Jan. 4.—The Japanese captured five thousand prisoners at Port Arthur. The total number of the inhabitants is 35,000 thousand, of whom 20,000 are sick.

JAPS TAKING CHARGE. TOKIO, Jan. 4.—(Noon).—Gen. Nogel reports to the army department that on Jan. 3 the command of both the Japanese and Russian armies concluded their conferences, and this morning the actual transfer of articles at Port Arthur as property of the Japanese government commenced.

HOW RUSSIA FEELS. ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 4.—The press here contains absolutely no additional news of the war, but the papers with one accord, praise the heroic work of the Port Arthur garrison and say its record furnishes an object lesson to both Russia and Japan.

After bestowing a tribute on the defenders of Novoe Vremya says: "The unpreparedness of the fortress, which now stands eleven months of hard work, reads as a lesson on what Russia must do, and how she must change her methods to achieve victory. It also shows Japan what she undertakes, when such enormous losses are entailed in capturing even a small, empty-handed garrison, driven to the last ditch. Russia has had eleven months of hard work, and valuable experience in the art of war under the new conditions imposed by modern technical requirements. It has been costly training, but will be valuable."

In an even more strongly worded article, the Russ says: "Had the Japanese been able to cut off the last train which reached Port Arthur, the blockade would have found the fortress even worse prepared. Well may those few remaining heroes say: 'We have done our duty, but the rest of the world, St. Petersburg and Russia,—have you done all you could and should have done?' The Russ concludes: "We have done our duty, but the rest of the world, the time has now come for everyone to put a shoulder to the wheel and redeem our prestige in the Far East."

THE KEY TO PEACE. TOKIO, Jan. 4.—The Jiji, discussing the surrender of Port Arthur, reviews the price paid in lives and says: "We ought to keep Port Arthur in our hands so long as our empire exists. Port Arthur is the key to peace in the Far East and it is our duty to keep the key in our hands."

BALTIC FLEET'S RENDEZVOUS. TAMADAVE, Island of Madagascar, Jan. 3.—The division of the Russian second Pacific squadron, commanded by Rear-Admiral Vostokovskiy, which, after passing through the Suez Canal, sailed for Jibuti, French Somaliland, Dec. 10 for the Island of Madagascar.

GENERAL KUROKI'S HEADQUARTERS IN THE FIELD, Jan. 3, via Fusan.—The Russian fire against the Japanese trenches has almost ceased during the past two days. Whether this is due to the news from Port Arthur or not is unknown.

FUNERALS TODAY. The funeral of Peter L. Mourier was held this morning at 8:30 o'clock from his late residence, No. 71 Brittain street. The remains were taken to the church of St. John the Baptist, where Rev. W. F. Chapman celebrated requiem mass. Interment was made in the Old Catholic cemetery. The pallbearers were: Captain James S. Hovey, Captain P. Cassley, William Kirk, John Allen, H. C. Dalton and Francis Marsire.

The late Mrs. John Carrall was buried this afternoon from No. 105 Erin street. The funeral service at the Cathedral was read by Rev. Father Holland. Burial took place in the old Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. James Burke, who died at the hospital, was held this afternoon.

REV. MR. HUTCHINSON CONSIDERS. (Special to the Star.) MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 4.—Rev. Mr. Hutchinson did not receive until this morning the telegram calling him to Main Street Baptist church, St. John. He says it was a complete surprise to him, and he could only say he would consider the matter.

(See also page 5.) E. L. Jarvis and wife returned to Halifax at noon today.

TUG BOAT RACE ENDS IN EXPLOSION AND DEATH.

Of Crew of 38 Men Only 9 Escaped Serious Injury—Some Blown to Pieces and Some Drowned—Five are Dying.

HUNTINGTON, Va., Jan. 4.—By the explosion of the boilers on the tug boat Defender, in the Ohio river, near here, number of lives have been lost. Of the crew of 38 men, only nine escaped serious injury. Several dead bodies have been recovered. Five others are so badly burned or scalded that they will die. Six more of the crew cannot be accounted for and it is believed that their lifeless bodies now lie at the bottom of the river.

A partial list of the dead and missing: Percy Spencer, mate, Point Pleasant, W. Va.; Horace Ketsel, Pittsburg; Jas. Cease, lamp trimmer, Pittsburg; Thomas Duffy, Scott Hamilton, James—more than sixty yards from the West Virginia shore. The barges in tow were soon all adrift, but they were cut loose and they floated down the stream. They were finally landed and the flames extinguished by the fire department. Those rescued from the steamer were so seriously injured that they gave no names or information regarding the catastrophe. It is believed that many bodies were blown into the river and may never be recovered. It is impossible to give any accurate list of the dead or wounded as yet.

BLIZZARD OF SNOW AND SLEET SWEEPS THE COAST.

(Continued from page 6.) I. C. R. BADLY AFFECTED. (Special to the Star.) MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 4.—The heavy storm which set in last night was severely felt along the I. C. R. and great difficulty is being experienced in moving trains. Up to eight o'clock this morning about eight inches of snow had fallen. The high wind which prevails is whirling the snow in all directions and piling up drifts.

The storm extends east and west and is reported especially bad between Moncton and St. John. The night express due from St. John shortly after two o'clock was five hours behind time. She was two hours coming from Peterborough to Moncton, a distance of 150 miles. The train from Halifax, which left at eight o'clock, was five hours east and west have been cancelled and slow specials are being run to keep the line open. The storm is not so bad on the northern division.

IN EUROPE TOO. NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—A Paris despatch from Europe says: "With the temperature falling slowly, skating was general in the suburbs. Yesterday's frost was the severest for many years. The streets were abetted with ice and the cab service in a great measure was suspended. The air was filled with sleet and the fountains were frozen. A heavy snow fall is threatened and there is no immediate prospect of milder weather."

Wintry conditions in middle and western Europe are extraordinary. The blizzard in Switzerland was the fiercest since 1875. Sunday and Monday were the coldest days with one exception for forty years. Naples is covered with snow and all passengers on the Lousanne-Paris express, after a night spent in a snow drift, were obliged to return to Lausanne. Naples is covered with snow and at San Remo at noon the temperature was only 41 degrees Fahrenheit. The Swiss lowest point was 8 centigrade.

Traffic is covered with snow for the first time in thirty years.

NEW YORK SUFFERS SEVERELY. NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—New York City and all the surrounding country today was in the grasp of the most severe storm of the winter. Traffic of all kinds was hampered, trolley lines were tied up and the street swept by a gale driving before it fine snow that cut like sand and piled in great drifts which were practically impassable. Railroad trains from all points were delayed from a few minutes to three hours and elevated lines were operated with the greatest difficulty without regard to schedule.

At sea the conditions must have been beyond description, but up to an early hour today no disaster had been reported.

Four serious fires during the storm worked a hardship on the firemen and their horses. In one of these, just before daylight, on the upper East Side, the tenants were forced to go into the streets clad in night garments. Fifty-four horses were burned to death in this fire. The financial loss was not heavy at any of them.

WORSE IN HALIFAX THAN HERE. (Special to the Star.) HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 4.—Last night

BRAVE GIRL FOILS BRUTAL ASSAULT.

Ten Year Old Child Attacked On Exmouth St.

Little Sadie Cunningham Saved Herself From Dastardly Assailant Who Unfortunately Escaped.

Some brute, dressed as a man, attempted last night at an early hour to commit a criminal assault on a little girl, but fortunately the child's screams brought assistance and the creature in man's guise fled and unfortunately made his escape. The little girl assaulted was Sadie Cunningham, daughter of W. J. Cunningham, of 51 Exmouth street. She had gone to Brussels street on an errand and was returning at about 8:30 o'clock when a man ran from an alley on the opposite side of the street and came directly toward her. She was then almost at her own door and ran down the alley toward the rear of her home. Before she reached it, however, the man overtook her. He caught her in his arms and placed one hand enclosed in a heavy wollen mitten over her mouth and attempted to throw her down. The little girl struggled bravely and got the mitt away from her mouth and called for help. Her scream was heard by her brother, a young man of about twenty-one years, who ran out and found his little sister almost fainting in the snow. He tenderly carried her indoors and when she had sufficiently recovered to tell him what occurred he started out to look for her assailant but could not get any trace of him. The child says the man wore a long coat with a cape that is all she is able to tell. Several people who were coming from Exmouth street church saw the man running away.

CARLETON CO. DELEGATION URGES JONES' CLAIMS ON GOVERNMENT

(Special to the Star.) FREDERICTON, Jan. 4.—Owing to the late arrival of the premier, the government did not meet until twelve o'clock and held a short session. Nothing but routine business was transacted this morning and in an interview with a member of the executive, your correspondent was informed that it was not expected that any business of importance would be transacted at this session, though he added: "You can never tell what might turn up."

A delegation from Carleton county is in the city and will probably be heard this afternoon. It is presumed that they are here to urge the claims of Mr. Jones to the surveyor generalship. The government expect to get through their business here today.

Letters of administration were granted this morning in the estate of the late Edward J. Walsh by his widow, Augusta Walsh. The estate is valued at \$1,000. Hanington, Peed & Hanington, proctors.

The ladies' committee of the P. O. asylum will meet tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock.

number of entrances a wholesaler may have and the law provides that if a man or a firm hold a retail and wholesale license they may have communication between the two premises.

The matter caused considerable talk about town today, the general opinion being that the inspector's action was the result of the crusade carried on by John Rhea.

Great Sacrifice Sale of Toys, Dolls and Games.

The 2 Barkers, Ltd. 100 PRINCE STREET. Mechanical Toys, 25c. kind for 14c.; Mechanical Toys, 50c. kind for 25c.; 75c. goods for 45 cents; \$1.00 goods for 75c.; \$1.50 goods for \$1.00; \$2.00 goods for \$1.40; \$3.00 goods for \$2.00. A lot of DOLLS to be sold from 5c. to 15c.; Dolls from 75c. to \$1.25, a bargain. Magic Lanterns; Steam Engines; and a GREAT SNAP on Gent's Shaving Sets and Ladies' Dressing Cases, and other Fancy Celluloid Cases. These goods will sell from 50c. to \$3.00.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecasts—Northeast to northwest gales; snow today. Thursday, decreasing winds; fair, and very cold. Synopsis—The severe storm spoken of yesterday is now situated off the New England coast, causing gales and snow in the Maritime Provinces. To Banks, northeast to north gales and to American ports, north to northwest gales. Highest temperature during past 24 hours, 20; lowest temperature during past 24 hours, 5; temperature at noon, 8.

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