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RUSSIAN TROOPS POWERLESS.

**Insurgents Have Complete Control in Some Sections—
Soldiers Shot Down and Mutilated.**

Mitau, Province of Courland, Dec. 17 (delayed in transmission).—Russian troops, in order to avoid annihilation at the hands of insurgents, have been forced to abandon the country districts and concentrate at Riga, Mitau and Libau, where they are actually standing on the defensive, and unable to make headway against the insurgents. Several detachments have been defeated.

The garrison at Takum, consisting of a squadron of dragoons and a company of infantry, not being able to depart in time, were set upon at night and lost its commander, Lieut. Col. Mueller, and thirty men.

The insurgents, evading the sentinels, penetrated the town, and laid wire entanglements in front of the houses in which the soldiers were quartered.

They then set fire to the houses and the troops, rushing out, were shot down from the roofs or cut up in the narrow streets.

The soldiers retreated in confusion, leaving their dead. The latter were horribly mutilated by the insurgents, who gouged out eyes and cut off ears and hands.

The insurgents, who form great bands, have a regular military organization, and are well armed with military rifles and bayonets.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The government of Suwalki, in Poland, Walok, Province of Livenia, Dec. 19.—Details have been received of a regular battle between members of a company of dragoons, who were escorting a wagon train containing 20 German families, and an armed band of 4,000 insurgents near Romershof.

The expedition was trying to escape southward, but the ammunition of dragoons, as the result of constant skirmishing, running low, they decided to reach Riga.

The expedition ran into an insurgent camp, which was strongly barricaded. The insurgents opened fire, whereupon the dragoons charged but were repulsed.

The insurgents then took the offensive, pressing on the retreating caravan. The ammunition of the dragoons becoming exhausted, they surrendered with their charges, on the understanding that if they would give up their guns, they would be allowed to retain their revolvers.

Another band, however, made its appearance, and insisted that the capture was effected in its territory, and the members of this band carried off the captives to Tennawarden Castle, where they held an orgie over their victims.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—According to news received from provincial centres the employees of private railroads are willing to join in a general but not in a partial strike.

Advices from Moscow say that the town is quiet, with the posts and telegraphs working almost normally.

A HORRIBLE FATE.

British Columbia Mine Employee Roasted to Death in Molten Slag.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—By the overturning of a motor and slag pot in the British Columbia Copper Company's smelter at Greenwood, George Verrisick was roasted to death and George Wilbur was bruised and burned about the hands but not seriously.

The accident occurred in connection with dumping molten slag by means of an electric locomotive which Wilbur was driving. Verrisick was attending the slag car.

In attempting to stop the engine Wilbur caught his glove in the brake and engine and car went down over the dump, falling 70 feet to the tending the slag car.

The molten metal ran all over Verrisick but Wilbur escaped. Verrisick had all his clothes burned off and lingered in agony for eighteen hours.

BURIED ALIVE.

Long Island Tunnel Cave in Holds Two Perhaps Six Men Imprisoned.

New York, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Two men were buried 10 feet deep in a tunnel, facing death in three different forms, starvation, suffocation and drowning, while about 200 of comrades a few feet above them were digging against time to save their lives.

For more than 30 hours these workmen have been imprisoned in this tunnel, by a cave-in at the mouth, and it is by no means certain that there are only two men buried. The police of Long Island city say there are six.

A tunnel is being built under the East River to Manhattan Island and the entombed men are in the approach under Long Island City.

BLOWN TO ATOMS.

Six Men Killed and many Injured in New York Dynamite Explosion.

New York, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Six men were killed and more than a dozen injured by a dynamite explosion in the excavation for the new building opposite the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel today.

The explosion was caused by some workmen who started to drill in a partially drilled hole in which several sticks of dynamite had been left last night.

About 20 men were at work in the vicinity of the hole and some of them were blown to atoms.

COUNTY COURT CHAMBERS.

The lien case of Alex. Dunbar & Sons, Limited, of Woodstock, vs. Fox, Allen & Company is being continued before Judge Wilson in chambers today. Mr. A. L. Fox, one of the defendants, was on the stand this morning. Mr. A. J. Gregory, K. C., appears for the plaintiffs, and Messrs. Fred R. Taylor and H. F. Puddington for the defendants.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET

Montreal, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The stock market quotations today were as follows.

Dominion Coal, 79 1/2, 79, 81.	Dominion Iron & Steel, 25 1/2, 26, 26 1/2.
Dominion Iron and Steel pf., 74, 74 1/2, 75.	Nova Scotia Steel, 67, 67, 67.
C. P. R., 172 1/2, 172 1/2, 172 1/2.	Twin City, 117, 116 1/2, 116 1/2.
Montreal Power, 89 1/2, 89, 89 1/2.	Rich. & Ont., Nav., 69 1/2, 69 1/2, 69 1/2.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Gloucester, N. S., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Madeline, the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murphy of New Aberdeen, was seriously burned last night and lived only six hours after the accident.

While the mother was out getting some coal, the child evidently went too near the grate, igniting her clothes. The mother hearing the child scream rushed in and found it a mass of flames, and was burned herself badly in trying to extinguish them.

The house also caught fire, but was put out without much difficulty.

"LABBY" OUT OF POLITICS.

London, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Henry Labouchere, editor of Truth, has withdrawn from his candidature for Parliament from Northampton owing to age. Mr. Labouchere is 64 years old. He has sat for Northampton since 1880.

MARYSVILLE DEATH.

The death occurred at Marysville this afternoon of John Dunbar aged sixty-five years. Pneumonia was the cause of death. He was an active member of the Methodist church and an esteemed resident of Marysville. He leaves three sons and four daughters.

GET THE HABIT.

And follow the crowd of Xmas buyers to Hunt & MacDonald's Drug Store, where a full line of perfumes, sachets, toilet waters, pipes, tobaccos, cigars, Lowney's chocolates and other Xmas novelties will be found. See our windows.—d.

SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

Indications are that There Will be no Lack of Tenders.

Engineer Barbour, who has been in Nova Scotia for the past few days, arrived here by this morning's train, and will remain until the city council meets and opens tenders for the sewerage system on Thursday evening. He will be at the mayor's office at the city hall each afternoon and evening and will be prepared to explain to prospective tenderers the plans and specifications for a system of sewerage.

Mr. H. J. McManus, another member of the McManus Company of Moncton, arrived here this morning and is a guest at the Queen. It is certain that his company will put in a tender for the work.

Another contractor named Fawcett is also here today going over the plans with a view of tendering.

Mr. Alexander McKenzie, C. E., a native of the city, arrived from Boston yesterday. It is understood that he has authority to submit a tender on behalf of a New England firm of contractors.

The sewerage committee will meet on Thursday evening to open the tenders, and the council will meet at nine o'clock to receive their report.

A member of the sewerage committee spoken to today said that he did not think anything could be done to prevent the sewage from being emptied into the river at the foot of Lansdowne street. At any rate he said the members of the committee were not worrying much on that point.

SAD DROWNING ACCIDENT

**Young Man Lost His Life at Yarmouth—
Bank Clerk's Heroic Effort at Rescue.**

Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 18.—A distressing drowning accident occurred on the Milton Pond Sunday afternoon. A number of boys were skating, considering the ice perfectly safe, but two reached a deceptive spot and without warning were precipitated into the water. They were Harold Kinney, aged 17, son of Captain C. Kinney of the ship Senator, and the other John Frederick McLeod of Charlottetown, P. E. I., and a member of the Bank of Nova Scotia staff here.

Kinney, it appears, was in the greatest danger, and McLeod did all in his power to rescue him, but failed. The unfortunate lad going to the bottom. Then it was seen that McLeod was in imminent danger, having been in the water for half an hour, battling to save the life of Kinney.

A boat was put off from the shore and after several attempts managed to get a rope within his reach. For a moment it was believed that the brave lad was too weak to hold it, but he did, and when brought to the boat's side was unconscious. He was at once removed to the pumping station and resuscitated.

THE N. T. R. SURVEY.

Mr. C. L. Hervey's transcontinental survey party, now in camp near the Hermitage, will on Thursday strike their tents and pitch them at a point six miles down the river. The line being run by Mr. Hervey's party will cross the river at a point about one mile below the railway bridge.

FIRST PRACTICE.

The Fredericton hockey club's team will meet at the Arctic Rink on Wednesday evening for their first practice of the season.

Mr. G. H. Tapley of St. John, is stopping at the Queen.

GLIMPSE OF HUMOR.

OF COURSE.

"You used to tell me I was bird-like," complained the kind wife.

The husband continued to bury his nose in his paper.

"You used to tell me I was bird-like," repeated the fond wife; "but now you never act as if you thought so."

"You're still bird-like," growled the husband.

"One wouldn't think so, to judge by—"

"Isn't a parrot a bird?"

HER MESSAGE.

A woman living in a town not far from New York commissioned her husband while in the city to purchase a motto for the Sunday school. After he had left it suddenly occurred to her that she had neglected to tell him the desired inscription or the proper size of the card. Going to a near-by telegraph office she wrote out a message to her husband containing the necessary information, and handed it to the operator. It read as follows:

"John Johnson.— Broadway, New York City: Unto Us a Child is Born—8 feet long and 5 feet wide."

HARD, AFTER ALL.

"Oh, I don't know that she is so beautiful," said the first individual.

"Not beautiful? Has she not a marble brow, an ivory skin and ruby lips? Not beautiful?"

"Concurring all that, am I not justified in asserting that she has a hard face?"

REAL THING.

Doctor—The indications are that you have throat trouble.

Patient—You bet I have. Three of my daughters are taking singing lessons.

INSURED AGAINST LOSS.

Naggs—My wife never loses her temper.

Jaggs—She keeps it in such constant use it has no chance to get lost.

"Don't you think, Miss Sharp," said the clergyman, "that since marriage is such a holy thing it is singular marriages are not made in heaven?"

"Perhaps, sir," replied the young woman, "it is difficult to find a clergyman there."

DISAPPOINTING.

Elsie—So you consider him misleading and disappointing? Why?

Edie—Well, he had me on tenterhooks last night in expectation that he was going to ask me to go to the theatre.

Elsie—And he didn't?

Edie—No; he only asked me to marry him.

THE IMPORTANCE OF A SUFFIX.

A British officer in his expense list on government service put down, "Porter, twopence." The War Office in a verbose letter pointed out that refreshments while in the execution of public duty were not chargeable to the nation. The officer replied that the item did not represent refreshments, but a fee to a carrier. He received this notice in answer: "You should have said 'porterage.'" The officer treasured the hint. Next time he had occasion to take a hackney coach he put down in his accounts, "Cabbage, two shillings."

NATURALLY.

"This seems like a sweet dream," he rapturously remarked as he lingered with her at the doorstep.

"It doesn't seem like a dream to me," she replied, "for a dream soon vanishes, you know."

He vanished.

WHY HE APPLAUDED.

Friend (at a French play).—Why did you applaud so vigorously when that Comedian made his speech before the curtain?

Spriggins (confidently).—So that folks would think I understood French. What did he say?

Friend—He said the remainder of his part must be taken by an understudy, as his mother was dying.

WANTED A CHANGE.

Wearman—Is this the office of Quigley's Quick Cure?

Patent Medicine Man—Yes.

"Gimme six bottles for my wife."

"Tried all other remedies without success—eh?"

"No, she ain't ill at all; but I saw in your advertisement where a woman wrote, after taking six bottles, 'I am a different woman, and I have hopes.'"

NOT PROUD OF IT.

The traveller, just out of his berth in the sleeping car, walked out on the station platform to get a breath of fresh air while the engine was taking water.

"What state are we now in?" he asked, addressing a villager.

"Doesn't make a darn bit of difference what state it is," sulkily replied the man.

"I see," rejoined the traveller, "It is Nevada."

LITTLE DIFFERENCE.

"Really," said the X-ray operator to the surgeon, "there is only a grammatical distinction between our professions."

"Do you think so?" asked the surgeon.

"Certainly. I see bones and you saw bones."

NOT HIS MASTERPIECE.

A Scotsman who had married a widow noted for her plainness was accosted by his master.

"Well, Thomas, I hear that you are married. What sort of a woman is your wife?"

"Well, sir," was the reply, "She is the Lord's handiwork, but I cannot say that she's just His masterpiece."

IT HAD A NUMBER.

Mr. Newlywed, in the kitchen—What are you cooking there, my dear?

Mrs. Newlywed, excitedly—Don't bother me now. There is the cookery book. I'm making receipt No. 187, on page 396.

COULDN'T KEEP IT.

Husband—I think I shall have to go out tonight, my dear. I have an appointment.

Wife—Oh, Tom, what is it?

Husband—An appointment with my tailor. Love. He is to call here at 8 to collect his bill.