

HEALTH OF ONTARIO FOR NOVEMBER

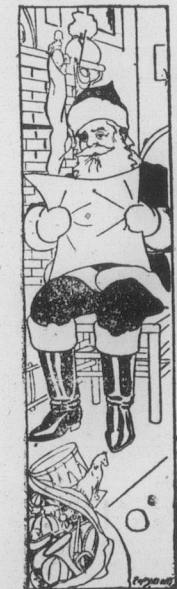
FAVORABLE REPORTS RECEIVED FROM THE HEALTH OFFICIALS.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—A marked decline in the ravages of infectious diseases is the feature of the report of the Provincial Health Department for the month of November. Deaths from these causes total 221 for November, 1904, out of 853 cases, as compared with 259 deaths in November, 1903, out of 1,062 cases. Scarlet fever and diphtheria have been much less severe, although typhoid has been considerably more prevalent. The death rate from all causes is practically the same in the two years being 12.1 per 1,000 in November, 1904, and 12 per 1,000 in 1903. The ravages of the various infectious diseases were as follows:

November, 1904.	
Cases	Deaths
Smallpox	2 0
Scarlet fever	205 8
Diphtheria	314 15
Measles	12 1
Whooping cough	23 1
Typhoid	173 42
Consumption	124 124
Total	852 221
November, 1903.	
Cases	Deaths
Smallpox	5 0
Scarlet fever	276 9
Diphtheria	476 64
Measles	29 5
Whooping cough	30 14
Typhoid	109 30
Consumption	137 137
Total	1062 259

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LEFT THE NEW TOWN

Russians Compelled to Abandon That Part of Port Arthur.

WELCOME TO NAVAL HEROES

Remarkable Ovation Admirals Togo and Kamimura in Tokyo—Interesting Letter From a Sevastopol Sailor Who Declares Port Arthur Cannot Hold Out After December—British Officer Drawn.

London, Dec. 31.—A despatch from the Foo to The Daily Telegraph says:

"A messenger from Port Arthur states that the Japanese have mounted eight guns commanding positions north of the Etse forts, but they suffered heavy losses by the Russian fire. The Russians have abandoned the new town, but the Japanese have been unable to occupy it because of fear that it had been mined."

HALF OF GARRISON BLOWN UP.

Two Tons of Dynamite Used Against the Rihlung Fort.

Headquarters of the Japanese Army, Before Port Arthur, via Fusan, Dec. 31.—Rihlung fort, captured Thursday, is the largest and strongest of the eastern fort, ridge. Tunnels for miles were cut through solid rock, and two tons of dynamite were used to blow up the walls. The spectacle was magnificent, and the work of the assaulters was splendid. Half the garrison was killed by the explosion of the first charge. The remainder of the Russians made a stubborn resistance. Four heavy guns, seven rapid-firing guns, and two machine guns were captured, as well as thirty quick-firing guns, which were stored in the fort.

Captured Fifty Guns.

Tokio, Dec. 31.—The headquarters of the army besieging Port Arthur telegraphs that on the night of Dec. 29, after the occupation of Rihlung fort a small body of Russians still offered resistance in the passage between the siege gun line and the gorge.

At three o'clock in the morning they were dislodged entirely and the occupation of the fort became secured. According to the statement of three prisoners the defenders of Fort Rihlung numbered about 500, besides some sailors. A majority of the defenders were killed.

The trophies captured with Fort Rihlung include four large calibre guns, seven small calibre guns, thirty-seven millimetre guns, two machine guns, and much property as yet unenumerated.

HONORS TO JAPAN'S HEROES.

Remarkable Demonstration to Admirals Togo and Kamimura.

Tokio, Dec. 31.—Admiral Togo and Vice-Admiral Kamimura with their staffs, arrived at the Shimbashi station at 9.20 o'clock yesterday. Their journey from Kure to Tokio was a continuous ovation. At an early hour the streets were filled and the city gaily decorated with flags, lanterns, and New Year's decorations. Representatives of the Emperor and Empress, Prince Fushimi, jr., elder statesmen, Ministers, prominent Japanese and thousands of school children, greeted the arrival of the naval heroes at the station. The Presidents of both Houses of the Diet presented them with the resolutions of commendation passed by their respective branches of Parliament.

The quiet, grey-bearded Admiral Togo, in a blue service uniform, seemed embarrassed at the noisy ovation. Rear-Admiral Shigemura, chief of staff, laughingly elbowed Vice-Admiral Kamimura. The junior officers tried to clear the way, but the crowd closed in on Admiral Togo, and they were frequently forced to push the crowd backward in an endeavor to clear the reaching hands.

Finally Admiral Togo and Vice-Admiral Kamimura were lifted from their enthusiastic admirers and surrounded by officers, they reached the carriage sent by the Emperor to the station to convey the distinguished party to the palace.

As Admiral Togo appeared a great shout arose, hats were thrown in the air, arms were raised and "Banzai" followed "Banzai."

Preceded by gentlemen the party drove under triumphal arches, waving flags, and discharging fireworks, through the cheering crowds to the Navy Department, where a brief stop was made, during which the congratulations of the Ministers were received and future victories were forecast.

Admiral Togo and Vice-Admiral Kamimura then proceeded to the palace to report to the Emperor. They will probably remain in Tokio about one week for the purpose of consulting with the general staff and perfecting plans for future operations.

A TELL-TALE LETTER.

Capture of 203-Metre Hill Means Fall of the Town.

Tokio, Dec. 31.—The Navy Department published last night a letter written by a man on the battleship Sevastopol, which had fallen into the hands of the Japanese. The writer describes the destruction wrought by Japanese shells. He says the Russians are resigned to their fate and are determined to fight to a finish rather than suffer the shame of surrender, owing to exhaustion. Following is the text of the letter:

"The fortress cannot resist after December. The presence of the enemy in reducing our principalities is out-

er defences is not fully known, but it is irresistible.

"We are sadly disappointed over the non-arrival of the second Pacific Squadron, and are daily nearing our miserable end.

"Gen. Stoessel's so-called impregnable line of outer defences is now a myth. With 203 Metre Hill lost, the fall of Port Arthur cannot be avoided. Its capture by the Japanese means the fall of the town, however strong the other defences.

"Two-thirds of the defenders of 203 Metre Hill were lost.

"The Sevastopol, which was exposed to the enemy's fire in the daytime left the harbor on the night of Dec. 8 without being towed. She carried only 111, instead of her complement of 660 souls. When she went out she had her nets down, but was struck twice by the enemy's torpedoes and was beached, irreparably damaged.

"Who is responsible for the fate we face? It is he who did not give instructions for the prevention of a Japanese landing on the Liaotung Peninsula."

South of Shakh.

Siapanta, via Mukden, Dec. 31.—Russian artillery engaged in an action on Dec. 29, against the Japanese south of Shakh and near the railroad bridge, the firing continuing till 6 o'clock in the evening. The bombardment of the Japanese position was effective. The Japanese replied very slowly with shrapnel and shrapnel shells and did very little damage.

Kuropatkin All Right.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The War Office absolutely denies the report in circulation to the effect that General Kuropatkin is ill.

British Officer On Hatsuse.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—It is learned that Captain Glass of the British navy was aboard the Japanese battleship Hatsuse when she was sunk recently and was drowned. The presence of the British officer on the ship had not been made public before, but the news now is said to be official.

May Have to Come Back.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—A report that the cruisers Orel and Izumrud of the second Pacific Squadron have been ordered to return is current here, but lacks official confirmation. If the report proves true, Vice-Admiral Rojestensky may be obliged to await reinforcements—the third Pacific Squadron.

Russ Papers Discuss Reforms.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The agitated state of public opinion throughout the country over the reforms apparently continues unabated. The war has distinctly taken a second place. Despite the Government's warning to the press, the papers discuss the situation pointedly, but guardedly.

THE DRAWBACK SYSTEM.

U.S. to Allow Refund of Duties On Wheat Imported.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The first important step in the extension of the drawback system, along the lines favored by Secretary Shaw, as a substitute for tariff revision, will be to allow the refund of duties on Canadian wheat imported to be mixed with American grain in the production of flour exclusively for export.

Attorney-General Moody has decided that this can be done under the drawback law. His opinion was approved at the Cabinet meeting yesterday, and Mr. Shaw will issue an order providing for the extension.

The concession was asked by the millers of New York and the Northwest, and was opposed by the northwestern farmers.

Inspectors Who Will Keep Track of All the Canadian Wheat Will Be Assigned to All the Mills Which Import Grain Under the New Arrangement.

Their salaries will be paid by the millers.

Russ-British Agreement.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—An agreement has been signed between Sir Charles Hardinge, the British Ambassador, and Foreign Minister Lamsdorf, precisely similar to the American-Russian agreement of last summer, whereby joint stock and other companies domiciled in either country are recognized as having a legal existence in the other country and are permitted either to bring or defend actions in the law courts.

PRINCESS PAULI WILL.

Will Sue the Executors of the Estate of Late Cecil Rhodes to Enforce Her Character.

London, Dec. 29.—The Daily Chronicle states that Princess Pauli will bring an action against the executors of the estate of Cecil Rhodes to vindicate her character from accusations of seduction with Mr. Rhodes.

Princess Catherine Radziwill was sentenced to two years' imprisonment by the Supreme Court of Cape Colony, April 30, 1903, for forgery in connection with a letter purporting to have been endorsed by Mr. Rhodes.

She was released from prison in August, 1903. The Princess is the daughter of the Russian Count Dynski, formerly one of the great landed proprietors of Galicia. She eloped with Prince Radziwill on the eve of the day set for her marriage to a wealthy nobleman. About four years ago she appeared in London, where she lived in a luxurious style. Subsequently she moved to South Africa, where she attempted to float evidence of her marriage to Prince Rhodes but was exposed by him several times.

Town finally obtained a divorce from her. It was alleged that she had been guilty of several other crimes, but she was never convicted. She was finally obliged to leave the country and is now in the hands of the law.

BRITAIN GALE-SWEPT.

Numerous Shipping Disasters Reported Along the Coast.

London, Dec. 31.—A fierce gale from the Atlantic swept over the United Kingdom yesterday morning. Mountainous seas are reported along the coasts.

At Stornoway, outer Hebrides, the Danish steamer Alabama dragged her anchors in a northerly gale and stranded on Peninsula Point. Her engine room and the stoke hold sections are flooded; she is leaking forward and has listed to starboard.

A small vessel with a crew of ten men foundered during the gale off Flamborough Head, Yorkshire, on the North Sea.

Several minor shipping accidents have also been reported.

Much damage has been done inland. Telegraph and telephone lines are down and communications are interrupted with the provinces and some parts of the continent. A number of accidents in London, due to flying debris, have been reported.

HORSE THIEVES WERE INDIANS.

But the Fences Were French and Made Big Money in Alberta.

MacLeod, Alta., Dec. 31.—For many months past the ranchers of Southern Alberta have been losing horses and the guilty parties could neither be located, nor the horses discovered. Sergt. Piper, N.W.M.P., has just succeeded in rounding up a gang of seven Indians and three white men who are now awaiting trial here. Careful investigation shows that Indians have been lifting horses and selling them to three Frenchmen, M. M. Chaput, S. J. Chaput and S. Kuren, who have recently come into the country from the States and settled on Pincher Creek. These men paid the Indians \$5 per head for beasts worth \$125 and then drove them to the nearest shipping point, selling them in British Columbia. Sergt. Piper corralled a bunch of 50 head about to be disposed of in this way.

INVOLVES \$250,000.

Syndicate Purchases 54,000 Acres in Block East of Calgary.

Calgary, N.W.T., Dec. 31.—Negotiations were closed yesterday, by which an American syndicate purchases 54,000 acres from the C.P.R., just east of the city. The land comprises half of a block of 100,000 acres above the irrigation canal, set aside by the company for sale this year, as being too high for irrigation purposes. Up to Dec. 1 about 50,000 acres of this block had been disposed of to individuals, amounting to \$250,000. In the meantime negotiations had been opened with the American syndicate of Belsker, Hoople & Salbyer. The transaction with this syndicate involved \$250,000.

INSANITY TO BE THE PLEA.

Line That Will Be Adopted By Mrs. Chadwick's Lawyers.

Cleveland, Dec. 31.—Bertillon measurements were taken of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick yesterday. When Mrs. De Vere was arrested in Lucas County 15 years ago she was subjected to the same measurements, and those records are on file. The measurements of Mrs. Chadwick will be compared with the De Vere records. Several developments in the case yesterday seem to indicate insanity as the defence. It was learned that Dr. H. C. Eymann, superintendent of the Masillon State Hospital for the Insane, made an examination of the woman last Tuesday. Dr. Eymann's visit was kept a secret at the time.

Rescued the Crew.

London, Dec. 31.—(C. A. P.)—The steamer Dalmatty has landed at Liverpool with Capt. Peter King and a crew of five, rescued in mid-Atlantic from the water-logged schooner Utility of Moncton, N.B. On Dec. 18 a heavy sea struck the Utility, smashing most of her gear. She had previously sprung a leak, filled and become waterlogged. The mainmast was cut away. For two days they had little to eat except a piece of raw beef. The signal which attracted the Dalmatty was a fire in the ship's saucepan of tar, fat, pork and rope yarns.

Canadians At Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Before the American Political Science and Economic Association yesterday, Hon. George E. Foster, ex-Minister of Finance in the Canadian Government, discussed the Imperial preference as embodied in the Canadian tariff. Prof. Adam Shortt of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., read a paper entitled "Preferential Trade Between Canada and Britain." Prof. A. W. Flux of McGill University, Montreal, devoted himself to the question "Do reciprocal preferential tariffs tend towards free trade?"

Five Found Notes.

London, Dec. 31.—The city police yesterday morning arrested two important members of an international gang, who for two or three years are alleged to have been conducting extensive forgeries in Bank of England £5 notes, large quantities of which, it is said, have been circulated in America, and on the Continent.

Three Cent Fares.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 31.—The Cleveland Electric Railway Company will experiment in three cent fares for a distance of two miles from the centre of the city on the lines of that road. The three cent fare will run only the three-cent fare distance. The experiment is the first of its kind in the country.

Given a Silver Casket.

London, Dec. 31.—(C. A. P.)—Sir Percy Girouard has received a silver casket with a testimonial signed by 1,700 employees of the Central South African railways who worked under him. It expresses regret at his giving up the post.

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