

Admiral Togo Now At Tokio

Chief Commander of Japanese Fleet Gets Fine Reception on Arrival at Capital.

More Particulars About the Course of the Great Rihlung Fort.

Tokio, Dec. 30.—Admiral Togo and Vice Admiral Kamimura, with their staffs, arrived at the Shimbashi station from Kure at 9 o'clock today.

As Admiral Togo appeared a great shout arose, hats were thrown in the air, arms were raised, "banzai" was cried.

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ANOTHER STEP NEARER.—Headquarters of the Japanese before Port Arthur, Dec. 30.—Rihlung fort, captured yesterday, is the largest and strongest of the eastern fortifications.

According to the statement of three prisoners, the defenders of Fort Rihlung numbered about 500, besides some sailors.

HONORS FOR THE RUSS.—Slaputa, via Mukden, Dec. 30.—Russian artillery engaged in an action on December 29th against the Japanese.

RUMORS OF RETURN.—St. Petersburg, Dec. 30.—A report that the cruisers Orel and Izumrud, of the second Pacific squadron, have been ordered to return is current here.

BALE IS OFFERED.—Atress Shortly to Visit Victoria Sees Inexpensive Advertising.

New York, Dec. 30.—May Irwin, the actress, has offered to furnish bull in any amount up to \$50,000 for the release of Nan Patterson from the Tombs.

WHY KANSAS GOES "DRY."—Denver Republican.—A traveling man who drove across the country to a little town in Western Kansas the other day met a farmer hauling a "where do you get water?" is asked.

FIXING RESPONSIBILITY.

Cause of Explosion on U. S. S. Massachusetts Officially Assigned.

COASTGUARD HEROES.

Bring Safety to Shore Entire Crew of the Lost Northeastern.

WESTHAM ISLAND IS INUNDED.

Rainstorm and Tide Conquer the Dyke With Disastrous Results.

New Westminster, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Westham Island, one of the largest islands in the Fraser river delta, given up to rising and practically all under cultivation, is today covered by rain from two to three feet of water.

SPEAK OF ROUTE TO THE TANANA.

Northern Men Agree That White Pass Line Is the Best Entry.

In an interview last night, Matt J. B. White, traffic manager of the White Pass and Yukon route, P. Vachon and J. S. Sterling, of Vachon & Sterling, Dawson, who have been in charge of the White Pass and Yukon route and the Valdez route from Tanana.

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Success of B. C. Fruit

Received Gold Medal at the Colonial Fruit Show Held in London.

Hon. J. H. Turner Writes of the Show—London Merchants Interested.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Hon. J. H. Turner, agent general for British Columbia in England, has written to R. M. Palmer, of the Bureau of Horticulture, regarding the success of the British Columbia fruit at the Colonial Fruit Show of the Royal Horticultural Society, held at the Crystal Palace, Westminster, London, S. W., from December 12 to 15.

Blair's New Position

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The announcement was made tonight that Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of agriculture, has been appointed to the position of minister of agriculture, in the cabinet of the Hon. J. H. Turner.

REFORMERS NOT WANTED

Patrician Russian Statesman Retires—Prince Gallitzen a Prisoner.

New York, Dec. 30.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Herald, the first large shipment since war broke out between Russia and Japan. Prior to that time the Russian government bought many tons of meat from the soldiers stationed at various points in Siberia.

DAY'S HAPPENINGS AT LADYSMITH

Lumber Co. to Resume Operations Fire at Methodist Church.

Ladysmith, Dec. 28.—The Ladysmith Lumber Company's mill at Fiddick's after a short suspension of operations, has resumed work at the commencement of the new year, there being now plenty of orders ahead.

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DIPLOMATIC CHANGES.

President Roosevelt Considering Appointments to Be Made in March.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—President Roosevelt is devoting some time at present to consideration of important appointments in the diplomatic and consular service of the government, which are to be made formally by him next March.

FOUR MEN SHOT.

Indiana Harbor, Ind., Dec. 30.—Four men were tonight shot and slightly injured by Fred. Kroner, an employe of the Indiana Steel Rolling Company.

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WANTED

Seeds of Douglas Fir and Native Cedar

Directions on how to secure this seed on application. M. R. Henry, Henry's Nursery, Vancouver, B. C.

INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 30.—The Sigma Nu fraternity today decided upon extension into Canada.

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