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## JAPS CARRY ANOTHER FORT AT COST OF THOUSAND MEN

Rihlung Mountain Stormed and Occupied After Bloody Conflict, the Garrison Making Its Escape.

### RUSSIAN CAVALRY ROUTED IN MANCHURIA

Mountain last night were three men killed." A report received from An Important Capture. headquarters of the Third Japanese Army before Port Arthur received

o'clock in the morning, the left center east of Keekwan fort, recently capcolumn of our army, following some tured by the Japanese. The possession heavy explosions on the frontal para- important breach in the fortifications pet of Rinlung Mountain, charged and of Port Arthur, and cut off communioccupied the parapet under cover of and the forts of the western section of fire from heavy guns, and constructed of the capture of 203-Meter Hill of the defense works despite the enemy's western section of forts, little is

"At 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when our occupation was practically asinner lines of heavy gun positions. subsequently dislogging a remnant of the gorge fort, which we occupied and captured the entire works."

#### 1,000 JAPANESE FALL.

#### Awful Cost to Besiegers In Capture of Rihlung Mountain.

Headquarters of the Japanese Army before Port Arthur, via Fusan, Dec. 29.-Rihlung Fort was captured at 3 o'clock this morning with 1,000 Japanese casualties. Seven dynamite mines exploded at 10 o'clock yesterday, making breaches in the front wall through line of light guns. A bitter fight resulted in the capture of the fort. The garrison, numbering 500 men, escaped.

#### A CAVALRY COMBAT.

#### Attempt of Russians to Envelop Pickets Blocked by Japanese Horsemen

Tokio, Dec. 29.-Noon.-Manchurian army headquarters reporting today, says: "On Dec. 27 at 3 o'clock in the the Russians with heavy field guns bombarded the Shakhe hood of the station, and the Russian and Kapsa. guns at Taliantun shelled Chihsiangtung and Shulintzu. Russian cavalry 20 on the northeast coast at Kongwon, attacked Heilintun at sunset on the same day, but were repulsed

### WOMAN DIES IN HAWKESBURY FIRE

#### Great Northern Station Destroyed Enter His Garden at Tangier, and Occupants Have Narrow Escape.

Hawkesbury, Ont., Dec. 29. - The Great Northern Railway station was destroyed by fire at 11:30 last night. D. S. Campbell, the station agent, and his gier, a bold murder was committed by family occupied the upper flat, and with difficulty all were saved except Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Campbell's mother, who perished before she could be owners. reached. The origin of the fire is at present unknown.

#### COSTLY MOTORING

### Wealthy South American Heavily

F.ned and Imprisoned Over Accident. New York, Dec. 29. - A Paris dispatch to the Herald says that Senor Avellaneda, son of a former president of the Argentine Republic, who resides in Paris, and who is an officer in the Argentine army, was sentenced today (Thursday), by a Paris tribunal to cident in Paris last June.

Senor Avellaneda, in the Rue Morge, company with a machinist, ran over Mile, Froger, who died on the follow-ing day from her injuries. The police machinist, but when the case came up several witnesses declared it was Senor Avellaneda himself who was driving at the time of the accident, and not the machinist. Further information corroborated the statement of the witnesses. The machinist, who did appear in court, was acquitted.

#### Dec. 29. - Noon. - After Japanese cavalry. At 8:30 o'clock the same evening the Russian cavalry enof fighting, sapping and min- same evening the Japanese pickets, who Japanese forces finally occu- were reinforced and finally repulsed the enemy. The Japanese casualties

Rihlung fort, situated on Rihlung Mountain, formed part of the inner circle of the chain of forts defending here on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at mid-Port Arthur. Rihlung is situated about two miles from the outskirts of the town of Port Arthur, from which "On Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 10 it bears due northeast. The fort just cation between the Golden Hill forts the inner circle fortifications. Outside known of the exact positions occupied by the Japanese, but it would seem from the material available that the inner circle of forts is now cut three places, and that 203-Meter Hill sured, we charged and occupied the prohibits communication with the Liao Tie section forts, just as possession o Rihlung and Keekwan forts cut of communication with the Golden Hill the enemy's force stubbornly holding forts, except by the many underground ways which are said to exist in var ious parts of the fortress. From Rihlung Mountain, which is nearly oppo-203-Meter Hill, it would appear that the Japanese fire would be able to reach anything in the harbor and

### Cannot Raise Variag.

New York, Dec. 29.-A Seoul, Korea, dispatch to the Herald, dated Dec. 24, says: The Japanese' attempts to raise the Variag have been discontinued. which a large body of Japanese troops It is impossible to recommence the charged under cover of a tremendous work before spring, by which time the three-quarter inch steel plates form- in 1896. Mr. Morse was master ing the hull will be so badly by the action of the air and water coming to the G. T. R., became super-that the damage will be irreparable, intendent of motive power, and afterthat the damage will be irreparable, intendent of motive power, and after-except at prohibitive expense. It is wards third vice-president. Mr. Fitz-probable that first formula is a second of the control of the contro probable that further salvage operations will be abandoned. The Japantroops remaining here are less than 500, although the reported reinforcements will shortly arrive. General Hasegawa is expected to leave for the north next month. This probably indicates some forward movement to counteract the Russian sorties reported from various places along the Upper Yalu, operating from headquarters at Yungling under General Madridoff, who also controls the 1e-River railroad bridge in the neighbor- cently increased garrisons at Samsu

town which the Japanese heavy guns

on 203-Meter Hill are unable to hit, making it appear impossible for the

make use of Port Arthur, even should

holding the strong positions they now

A small engagement occurred Dec. resulting in the capture of Russian ammunition.

### TRIBESMEN ROB BRITISH SUBJECT

### Kill Servant and Carry Off Cows.

New York, Dec. 29. - A Tangier, Morocco, dispatch to the Herald, dated Dec. 28, says: In the garden of a British subject, only one mile from Tanrobbers last night. Moors, who entered the garden, shot dead a Spaniard, employed on the place, and carried away four cows belonging to the British

In the affray one of the robbers was severely wounded by the wife of the Spaniard. It is reported from Teluan that the garrison there, which had received no pay for two months, deserted vesterday and fied from the town,

### STICKING TO THE SHIP

#### Crew of Stranded British Steamer in

Perllous Position. freight steamer Drumelzier is still

New York, Dec. 29. - The British one month's imprisonment, a fine of ashore off Oak Island Beach, where 500 francs (\$100), and 10,000 francs she struck Sunday. Three members of (\$2,000), damages for an automobile ac- the crew can be seen standing under the steamer's bridge, The steamer is in practically the same

position as last night. The sea is breaking against her, but not so heavily, the gale which blew during the inquiries and prosecuted the night having died out somewhat, At low tide, shortly before 8 o'clock this morning, she was seen to be wellcoated with ice on the starboard. The British ensign is flying from the stern, and a wrecking tug is still nearby. While the sea has gone down some the wind is still

### Togo En Route to Tokio; Japan to Welcome Hero

presidents to proceed to the railway duties by the officers, sub-officers and station to meet Admiral Togo and Vice-Admiral Kamimura, who are expected to reach Tokio on Friday.

The House of Representatives, amid

The House of Representatives, amid loud acclamation, today (Wednesday) voted the following address:

"The enemy's fleet at Port Arthur being destroyed, a portion of the empire's united squadrons has been represented by the squadrons has been represented by the

New York, Dec. 29. -- A Tokio dis- lieved of blockading duty. This great patch to the Times says: Both Houses result is recorded as being due to the of Parliament have commissioned their unfailing competent discharge of their men. but it could not possibly have been achieved unless the commander's strategy had been well-adapted to the

## Pere Marquette System Will Spend Millions

The Ontario Division To Be Im. from towns in Essex, Kent and Lamb proved at Once—New Tracks. Trains and Docks.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 29. - The Pere Marquette system will spend two and a half million dollars for betterments n taking over the road. The present management found the equipment in a condition that called for immediate and extensive repairs and renewals on the Ontario division, where conditions have aroused such a storm of protests delivery early next year.

#### CHIEF ASSASSINATED

#### Head of the Russ Police at Schuscha Killed in Street.

New York, Dec. 29. - According to a St. Petersburg dispatch to the Sun, dated Wednesday, the chief of police at Schuscha, Caucasus, has been shot with a revolver and killed, in the street in that town. His assassin is

## GENERAL MANAGER OF G. T. PACIFIC

### System, Appointed to the Position.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—The first circular issued by Mr. Charles H. Hays as president of the Grand Trunk Pacific, announces that Mr. Frank W. Morse, vice-president of the Grand Trunk Railway, will retire from that company on Jan. 1, and thereafter devote his time exclusively to the in Russians second Pacific squadron to terests of the new transcontinental As vice-president and general manthe Japanese content themselves with ager he will have general supervision and direction of all departments. His headquarters will be at Montreal. Mr. E. H. Fitzhugh, vice-president and general manager of the Vermont branch of the G. T. R., will succeed Mr. Morse. A successor to Mr. Fitzhugh has not yet been an-

Both Mr. Morse and Mr. Fitzhugh came to the G. T. R. from the Wabash pitted mechanic at hugh was master of transportation on the western division of the Wabash Coming to the G. T. R., he was apgeneral superintendent Ceronto, but left with Mr. Hays when Southern Pacific. He remained there during Mr. Hays' term of c'fice, and returned again to the G. T. R. March, 1902, he was appointed to the position that he is about to leave. A rumor in Toronto railway circles connects the name of Mr. George C. Jones, superintendent of the middle

#### division of the Grand Trunk, with the general managership of the rmont Railway to succeed Mr. Fitz-Mr. Jones it at present PERISHED IN FLAMES

#### Helper on Welland Canal Meets A Very Poor System. Terrible Death.

Port Dalhousie, Ont., Dec. 29. - Fire about 6 a.m. destroyed a small build-ing occupied by John McIntyre, who lived alone, and Mr. McIntyre perished in the flames. The man was 35 years old and a bachelor. His occupation was that of a helper on the Welland

### HARRYET STILL IN JAIL

No Bail Yet For the Bancroft Police Magistrate.

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 28.—Police Magistrate Harrvet, of Bancroft, whose lawyer was granted an order for bail a few days ago, has not yet been released, the bail of \$2,000 not being, so far, forthcoming. FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT

#### Manager McGulgan of the G. T. Given New Pesition.

Montreal, Dec. 29. — F. S. McGuigan, manager of the G. T. R., has been elected fourth vice-president, a new position, which was created for him, but his duties will remain much as they have been for some time past.

### REBELLION ENDED

Pekin Authorities Says Rebels Have

Been Suppressed.

Hong Keng, Dec. 28. — The Viceroy arrived from Wichow today, and reports that the troubles in the northwest of the Province of Kwansi are at an end. Last month the rebels, who had been more or less active for many months, defeated the imperial troops

During today the center of the storm has moved quickly outward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and gales have been general from Ontario to the Atlantic coast, Local snowfalls have occurred in Ontario and Quebec, and heavy rain has fallen in Nova Scotia. The weather has turned mild again in Alberta.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria. 44–48; Calgary, 20–40; Qu'Appelle, 16 below—18; Winnipeg, 26 below—6; Port Arthur, 4 below—4; Toronto, 18—24; Ottawa, 16—26; Montreal, 16—26; Quebec, and heavy rain has fallen in Nova Scotia. The weather has turned mild again in Alberta.

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#### MORE COMMISSIONERS

#### Two More May Be Added to the G. T. P. Commission.

Quebec, Dec. 28.—It was said in well-informed political circles this morning that the Dominion Government, at the next session of Parliament, would amend the act which created the railway commission in connection with the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, in order to increase the number of commissioners. The Government claims that three commissioners are insufficient to carry on the work placed upon the comcarry on the work placed upon the commission, and it will add two members, one of whom will be appointed from the city of Quebec.

## DISTRICTS MAY BE ABOLISHED

Divisional Commands.

General Hutton Likely To

Ottawa, Dec. 28. - A local paper

publishes, under a scare heading, the

report that the militia council on Tues-

proposition for the creation of an army

corps in Canada. The statement is not

ome before the militia council.

correct, no such scheme having vet

proposition to substitute divisional

was advocated by Gen. Hutton, and

Maritime Provinces, and one in the

day last considered and approved of a

Be Adopted.

ton counties. Larger yards at Sarnia, St. Thomas, Blenheim and Walkerville are to be made. About forty new pas-senger tracks will be put in. Heavy rails are to be laid, and a new slip and dock are to be built at Walker-ville as soon as an adjustment of crossing arrangements with the Grand Trunk can be made. Twenty-five thou-sand dollars is being expended in repairs to the ferry on the Sarnia-Port Huron route. The new shops at St.

#### DENOUNCED MISSIONS

#### indian Congress Protests Against the Tibet Expedition.

Bombay, Dec. 29. - The twentieth annual meeting of the Indian National Congress, representing almost every Mohammedans, concluded its labors of military districts. Some such plan yesterday. A resolution was adopted by acclamation to send to England a summer at the Niagara camp, Sir Freddelegation representing the various crick Borden spoke of the matter, and provinces for the purpose of submit- outlined the scheme in a general way. ting the claims of India to the British in Ontario, one in Quebec, one in the electors and politicians.

F. W. Morse, of Grand Trunk dia in foreign disputes, condemning the plan referred to is carried, each brigcontinued increase in military expendi- adier-general will have control of the tures, and protesting against the cost the reference of petty affairs of miliof Gen. Kitchener's reorganization tary administration and discipline to scheme being charged to India.

### Ottawa will be largely discontinued. PERE MARQUETTE SERVICE WILL HAVE TO BE IMPROVED

#### Otherwise Its Lease of the L. out of many places in Western Onand P. S. R. Will Be Canceled.

Drastic Move Decided Upon at a Meeting of the Port Stanley Board,

If the Pere Marquette Railway does not put on a better train service and gines and rolling stock have London fairly, the city will cancel the the result of the series of complaints lodged by the shippers of London, as well as of the west, against the train service not alone on the L. and P. S. A Drostic Move, R. line, but on the entire Canadian Mayor Book does division of the Pere Marquette. This drastic action was decided upon at meeting of the London and Por Stanley Railway Board of 1904, which was held in the committee room of the city hall this morning. Those present were Mayor Beck (president), Ald. Forristal (vice-president), Ald. Stevely, Greenlees, Greer, Cooper and Mr. J. R. Minhinnick, directors, and

### City Clerk Baker as secretary.

A deputation, consisting of Messrs. P. J. Watt. G. G. Steele and J. M. Dilion waited on the board and forcible terms told of the condition of affairs on the Pere Marquette. Mr. P. J. Watt said he wished to protest against the manner in which the Pere Marquette is treating local shippers. He cited one instance a certain shipment of goods from Wallaceburg has been on the road for fifteen days, and has not yet been located. When possible he, like other shippers, uses the M. C. R., but where there is no competition he is compelled to use the Pere Marquette. The treatment of local shippers by the P. is beyond powers of description. Mr. Watt said. He could, if the board desired #, fill the room with the protests of the shippers of London and the west. He then handed City Clerk Baker a letter from the Wallaceburg firm which told of the goods being shipped nearly a month ago, and of the fearful treatment to which the people of the west are being sub. jected by the railway company.

Kiling Busiress. Mr. Steele said the treatment of the Pere Marquette had driven his firm

### THE WEATHER.

### Tomorrow-Fai.

London, Thursday, Dec. 29.
Sun pises. 7:51 a.m. Moon rises. 12:00 a.m.
Sun sets. 4:49 p.m. Moon sets. 12:17 p.m.
Toronto, Dec. 28—8 p.m.
During today the center of the storm

FORECASTS. Thursday, Dec. 29-8 a.m. Today-Strong westerly winds; fair and noderately cold. Friday-Southwest winds; fair, with bout the same temperature

TEMPERATURES. Stations. Winnipeg ..... 6 Montreal Father Point..... 16 WEATHER NOTES.

The storm center has passed eastward to the Atlantic, but winds continue strong from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. The weather has turned much colder in the Northwest Territories. The general outlook is for moderate temperatures in LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Wednesday were: Highest, 35°; lowest, 11°.

## Mr. Dillon, of A. M. Smith & Co., also lodged a vigorous complaint. When goods are shipped over the line

there is no knowing when they will

be delivered, he said. Even shipments to Port Stanley are kept on the road three and four days. The treatment of shippers by the company is simply scandalous. If the board could do anything with the company he urged it to do it at once. Mr. Watt again voiced the griev. ance of the shippers, and declared the Pere Marquette has no respect

local shipments. All their good entreat the stippers and merchants of taken off the local lines, and are being used on through traffic business Mr. Dillon declared that the wholecompany's lease of the L. and P. S. sale grocers of London are losing busithe latter became president of the Railway. This is the ultimatum of ness every day because they cannot get the city to the Pere Marquette, as goods to Dresden and other places, and it necessarily follows that if one class of shippers is suffering, others must be

Mayor Beck declared that he, too, has suffered by the scandalous service on the P. M. Christmas goods shipped four weeks ago have not yet been delivered, and are now a dead loss. If the Pere Marquette does not remedy the evils, he advised the board to notify the company that the city intends to cancel the company's lease of the L. and P. S. R., and the city should also join in the protest now being made against the P. M. service by the municipalities of the west to the railway

Mayor Beck put these suggestions in the form of a resolution. Ald, Greenlees seconded. The motion carried unani-

The mayor, Ald. Greer and Mr. J. R Minhinnick were then appointed to wait on City Solicitor Meredith, and see what can be done to bring the Pere Marquette to time. They are conferring with Mr. Meredith this afternoon. Financial Statement.

#### The financial statement showed ceipts of \$17,006 04, made up as follows: Rental from L. E. and D. R. R., \$10,000; interest on rental, \$2,596 60; percentage of surplus earnings of 1903, on account, \$4,409 44. The current expenses of the board for the year amounted to \$114 81, leaving a

cash balance turned over to the city of \$16.891 23. Mayor Beck's annual report, as president of the road, was then read. It drew attention to the fact that the Marquette, according to the report of City Engineer Graydon, who was sent to inspect the system, is neglecting the roadbed and bridges, and that it has not been supplying the A communication was read from City Solicitor Meredith informing the board that the L. and P. S. R. had won its suit re the percentage on the M. C. R. rental, instituted by the board against the L. E. and D. R. R. some time ago, the particulars of which have already appeared in The Advertiser. The communication was received and filed.

#### TOO RIGOROUS

The report was sent to next year's

#### American Roads Says U. S. Agents Divert Traffic From Them.

of the Trans-Atlantic Passenger Combination and the Trunk Line Association held yesterday, says the Tribune it was decided to send to Washington a protest against the action of certain United States immigration inspectors along the Canadian border, who, the transportation men think, make their examination of aliens seeking to travel through the United States so rigorous that traffic of this sort is diverted to coming to this port.

#### MR. COCHRANE RESIGNS

#### Liberal Nominee for East Kent Decides Not to Run.

### RUSSIA FEARS **REIGN OF TERROR**

## EAST ELGIN CALLS MR. J. C. DANCE

Probably Be Replaced by Bloody Excesses May Follow To Carry Liberal Standard in Czar's Ukase.

Coming Battle.

#### RUMORS OF ARMY CORPS FALSE MOSCOW IS THE STORM CENTER HYPOCRISY OF CONSERVATIVES

#### Districts Advocated by Zemstvo Protests Against Return Hon. Mr. Graham, New Provinc'a of Grand Duke Sergius as

### Governor-General.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.-It is evident from the reports received from of the interior that the fairly good im- voice this afternoon selected Mr. J. C. pression produced by the imperial manifesto on the subject of reforms for the Legislature, Mr. Dance enjoys may be more than offset in many places by the effect of the Government note of warning to the Zemstvos. some time past there has been in the Private reports from Moscow especialhands of the Minister of Militia a ly indicate that much excitement prevails there, and the gravest fears are expressed that the ancient capital of commands with a brigadier-general in race and religion in India, including the charge of each for the present system Russia may be the scene of bloody

A banquet arranged to take place there last night on the anniversary of more recently by Lord Dundonald, Last the Troubotzskoi revolution was stopped by order of the police, and the Moscow Zemstvo adjourned sine die It was proposed to have two divisions as a protest against the Government note and the return of Grand Duke Sergius, the Governor-General of Moscow, who is held to be responsible for Other resolutions denounced the missions to Tibet, Afghanistan, and but they will doubtless come before the but they will doubtless come before the lead of the lead of those of Persia as threatening to entangle In- militia council in good time. If the also followed the lead of those of Chernigoff and Moscow, and it is not unlikely that others will follow their example. militia affairs in his own division, and

Altogether the moment is considered critical, although the feeling in St. Petersburg is quieter. The papers are not disposed to regard the injunction to refrain from discussing political matters, and under cover of commenting on the manifesto, which they really accept in a spirit of hopefulness, the papers do not hesitate to point the vagueness of its terms, and he lack of guarantees.

In the meantime M. de Witte, president of the committee of ministers, is acting with energy in preparing to organize the various under the committee of ministers to formulate the laws projected by the manifesto. M. de Witte, it is understood, proposes in the consideration of the various subjects touched upon in .the manifesto, that while avoiding the use of the word "representatives" to invite editors, Zemstvoists, etc., to participate in the discussions. The big strike at the Baku oil fields coming at this time is another cause

## for anxiety as possibly forming a had beer rallying cry for the workmen's organiand agr

EIGHT MINUTES TOO LATE

#### How a Brantford Alderman Was Shut Out of Mayoralty Contest.

Brantford, Dec. 29. - Because he arrived at the city hall eight minutes abusing him. Every time the Opposition after the time had expired for fitting jump on Geo. W. Ross he bobs up in property qualifications Tuesday night, Ald. Whitham will not be a candidate fight in him as at first, and kept his for the mayoralty, and Mr. C. H. opponents guessing as to the next Waterous is elected by acclamation. Ald, Whitham, who was out of town, thought an evening train would bring him here before 9 o'clock in the evening, giving him time to make the unimpeachable; he had never done necessary declarations, but the train anything that his fellows need be The city clerk had declared the books closed before the alderman

#### had arrived. CLOTHING AFIRE

#### Aged Woman Burned to Death During Friends' Absence.

Kingston, Dec. 28. - While Charles Walker and Allen Collins, of Desert Lake, were attending church on Sunday afternoon their aunt, Miss Sarah Walker, who lived with them, was burned to death. When they returned from the church they found the house full of smoke and her charred remains in a corner. Her clothing had caught fire, and, being too old to extinguish the flame, she was burned to death.

#### Deceased was 86 years old. CATCHES THE COSSACKS

### Out in Ural Territory.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28. - It is officially announced that a disease whose of public ownership in connection with characteristics are similar to bubonic th plague has appeared among the Kirgh- fended the action of the Government izoo Cossacks in two settlements of in assisting the Soo industries, therethe Ural Territory, resulting in 190 deaths between Nov. 24 and Dec. 26. The localities have been declared to be infected with the plague.

## Whitelaw Reid To Be Envoy.

Washington, Dec. 29.-Following a conference between Secretary Hay, Assistant Secretary Loomis and the President, it was formally announced that Whitelaw Reid will succeed Joseph H. Choate as ambassador to Great Britain. Mr. Choate, it was said, wishes to return to New York

# Secretary, Makes Stirring Fight-

ing Speech to Convention. Avlmer, Dec. 28. — The Liberals Elgin with Dance, ex-M. P. P., as their candidate

the distinction of being the last man who carried the riding in the Liberal interest, and that by the handsome bye-election caused by the death of the late Thomas M. Nairn. Mr. Dance is regarded as a stronger candidate now that he was then. The delegated convention was by unanimous consent converted into a mass meeting of Liberals, and was presided over by J. H. Gloyer, Aylmer, president of the East Elgin Liberal Association, with Mr. G. A. Bingham, secretary, and Messrs, M. M. Black, Springfield, and W. W. Rutherford, Aylmer, scrutineers

Mr. Dance expressed his gratification that the Liberal party in East Elgin had got down to unanimity in the se lection of a candidate without a ballot although he confessed he would rather he had not come to the meeting. He appreciated the honor which the Liberals had done him in offering him the nomination, but explained that he could not accept without a little fur ther consideration, for the reason that he occupied a position in a commercial enterprise which rendered it necessary for him to consult his board of directors. He asked that he be given until next week for the purpose, promising a prompt reply. In the meantime he would be very pleased it a more suitable man were found for the position

Hon, Geo. P. Graham, Provincial Secretary, who discussed provincial aftairs for some two hours, was fre quently and enthusiastically applauded He expressed his surprise and gratifica. tion at the large delegation present told delegates had driven 25 miles he was assured of the enthusiasm which Covernment to Toronto at next session. Coupled with that was the further assurance found in the unanimity among the ten men, each of them capable of representing the riding, nine of whom had been unselfish enough to step aside the strongest candidate, and that indicated that the spirit of unity was didate selected would have the unanimous vote of the party; and, notwithstanding criticism to which they had been subjected, the Liberals were never in better shape for the fight than they were today. Hon. Geo. W. Ross could not be knocked out by another place, and still had as much piece of progressive legislation he was soing to introduce in the interests of the people. Geo. W. Ross could not be driven out by abuse. His record was ashamed of him; he had devoted his life to his native province, and by his own efforts had risen from the ranks to the Premiership, in which he would

continue after the 25th of January. (Cheers). Reverting to the cry of corruption Mr. Graham challenged the Opposition to show one word of confession at the conference that any Conservatives had ever done wrong. Their whole attitude had been that corruption was bad when it was committed by the Grits, hence they should be punished. That bor dered on the line of hypocrisy, and the electors would appraise such professions of purity at their true The records of the two parties if examined would not disclose that the Liberals had been the greater offenders. Seven out of eight persons reported for corrupt practices in the last election were Conservatives. Conservative candidates escaped conviction for corrupt practices because the judges disagreed. There was only one or two ways a fast horse could obtain registration, either on his pedigree or by his performance. Judged by either of these standards, the Con-Disease Like Bubonic Plague Breaks servative party would utterly fail to obtain a record for purity. and laughter.) Mr. Graham discussed the forward policy of the Government for the development of New Ontario and the application of the principle

> by maintaining foreign confidence in resources of the Province. The meeting closed with the usual cheers, those for Mr. Dance being led by Mr. Pollock. Mr. Dance, the nominee of the convention, is a cattle buyer, whose reputation for business integrity and up rightness of character stands high among the farmers. He is a consistent temperance man, though not at all

> extreme in his views, and is a faithful

member of the Methodist denomina-

Temiskaming Railway, and de-

## New York, Dec. 29. - At a meeting Damage by London Fog \$50,000,000 for One Week

exactitude the loss which has been sus- week. tained by shipping and commerce dur- In one case a steamship lying at aning this disastrous week, but even aptimes, and several ships were in four proximately, put down the damage at separate collisions.

the week.

London, Dec. 29. - The fog of the underwriters at Lloyd's. All the damlast week will long be remembered in aged vessels will have to be surveyed. London shipping circles, because of the the majority dry-docked, and the whole enormous losses which it entailed upon and repair account paid by the insurthe roads in the States and on ships shippers and merchants. It is impos- ers. At a low estimate the bill for this sible to calculate with any attempt at will come to about \$10,000,000 for the

> from \$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000 a day, or It is estimated that on Saturday something approaching \$50,000,000 for morning there were 400 ocean-going

cher was run into no fewer than five

steamships in Gravesend Beach alone When on Christmas Day and Monday Although ship-owners can claim from Chatham, Dec. 28. — Mr. John Cochrane, the Liberal nominee in East Kent, has resigned the candidacy. A meeting will be held at once to consider the nomination of a candidate.

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