

Russian Optimistic View of Situation in Mukden

Cold Is Russia's Ally, as It Was Napoleon's—Japs' Opportunity Lost.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 14.—The general staff apparently is entirely satisfied with the military situation in Manchuria, being convinced that the Japanese have reached their high tide. A high officer said to the Associated Press today: "The Japanese army is unique in military history, and probably the strongest in the world, combining the strength of barbarians with civilization, drawing from the former fanatical bravery and scorn of death, and from the latter the latest knowledge of the science of war. We have been fighting them under heavy handicaps, but have at last definitely stopped them. They have missed the psychological moment. They should now be at Harbin, with Vladivostok and the eastern littoral cut off, and de facto theirs, instead of wintering where they are."

DON'T COME; YOU CAN DO NO GOOD

Mrs. Chadwick's Cablegram to Her Husband—College Students Suffer.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 14.—The Plaindealer this morning prints the following cable correspondence between Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick and her husband, Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, who is now in Paris. Dr. Chadwick cabled as follows: "Can I be of any service? If so, I will take the first steamer. Keep up courage."

STOCKING FULL OF CASH

But She Tried to Pass a Worthless Check—Puzzle for the Police.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—The police are trying to solve the mystery surrounding a woman giving her name as Miss Fannie Girard, aged 27, who was arrested, charged with passing a worthless check. When searched by the matron at the Four Courts the woman was found to have \$70, a gold watch and a ring secreted in her stocking.

A GREAT EXODUS FROM RUSSIA

Two German Steamers Carrying 4,000 Steerage Passengers—Rioters Sentenced.

Bremenhaven, Dec. 14.—The westward movement of Russian emigrants through Germany, a large proportion of whom are escaping from military service, is so great that the North German Lloyd Steamship Company will dispatch two steamers, carrying over 4,000 steerage passengers, within fourteen days, in addition to the regular steamer service.

DISASTROUS BLAZE IN MINNEAPOLIS

Large Business Establishments in Ruins.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 14.—Fire, which broke out in the photographic supply house of the O. H. Peck Company on Fifth street south at 10:30 last night, spread to adjoining buildings and caused a serious loss. The Peck building was entirely gutted, while the six-story furniture house of Boutell Bros., one of the largest establishments of its kind in the Northwest, was ruined, and a number of smaller buildings were destroyed.

GOOD TIME FOR LAKE SHIPPING

Underwriters Did Well—Small Proportion of Losses—Interesting Figures.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—The season just closed has probably been the most profitable one to ship underwriters in the history of that business on the great lakes. Vessel owners who carried no insurance were equally fortunate, dangers of lake navigation reaching the lowest point since boats sailed the lakes.

FORGER IN A FIX

The Police Call Him a Second "Jim the Penman."

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 13.—In Sigmund Selig, aged 28, who was arrested at Broadway and Walnut street, the police claim to have a second "Jim the Penman." He admits, the police say, to having served two terms in different penitentiaries for forgery.

POISONED CAKE SENT BY MAIL

Also a Card Inscribed, "With Julie's Love"—A Strange Affair in France.

Paris, Dec. 14.—A strange affair is being investigated by the police at the village of Anch. A few days ago Mme. Claude, a Parisian lady, received by post a cake, together with a card inscribed: "With Julie's love."

FAST TYPEWRITING

New World's Record—McGurran Reels Off 125 Words Per Minute.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 14.—Charles H. McGurran, who won the first prize in the all typewriters contest at Madison Square Garden, New York, Monday night is the official reporter of the circuit court of Kalamazoo County. A dispatch announces that McGurran established a new world's record of 125 words a minute for two consecutive hours' writing.

THE MINNEAPOLIS FIRE

Proved Fatal to Three Men—Total Loss Will Reach \$727,000.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 14.—Three firemen were killed, three others fatally injured and property valued at \$727,000 was destroyed by a fire which began late last night, and was not under control until this morning.

DR. L. S. CHADWICK NOT SO INNOCENT

He Knew All About His Wife's Operations in August—What He Said Then.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 14.—A special from Oberlin says: President Beckwith, when shown the Paris interview with Dr. Chadwick, who seemed surprised that his wife was so involved in America, said: "Why, he knew all about this matter upon his return from Europe last August. On Aug. 28 I got a letter from Dr. Chadwick, saying that Mr. Chadwick was to take up the matter of the Carnegie notes, and that they would all be paid at once, and that if I would come to Cleveland on Sept. 3, I could get a settlement. Accordingly I went to Cleveland and met them at the Chadwick home on Euclid avenue."

ONLY A RUMOR

Ottawa Has Not Heard of a Meeting of High Joint Commission.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 14.—Nothing is known in official quarters here of the report from Washington that there are negotiations on for a meeting of the joint high commission, there will be no meeting of the commission until after the next session of Parliament, and it would be idle to speculate now as to what will take place under a subject in which there is so little interest taken in as the question of reciprocity between Canada and the United States after the session is over.

THE CONSPIRACY AT MONTREAL

More Light on the Plans of the Plotters.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The Globe's Montreal correspondent telegraphs as follows: Although the conspirators had arranged and covered together to deny the story of the transfer of La Presse should the news leak out, they had also made provision to allay the suspicions of the Liberal subscribers of the paper by furnishing Mr. Danseur with the following document:

BOMBS REFUSED TO BURST

Means Taken to Allay the Resentment of La Presse Subscribers—Interesting Letter.

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THE SITUATION IN WALL STREET

The Majority of Stocks Lower Than Last Night—Some Gains Made.

New York, Dec. 14.—Wall Street.—The majority of stocks were lower than last night, but there was a good showing of gain. Amalgamated Copper was up 1/2, and Northern Pacific up 1/4. United States Steel opened 1/2, and the preferred 1/4, but the latter rallied 3/4. Atchafalca fell 1/4. Ontario and Western 1/4. Erie 1/4. Erie preferred 1/4. Missouri 1/4. N. Y. C. 1/4. Norfolk and Western 1/4. Ontario and Western 1/4. Reading 1/4. R. I. 3/4. Sugar 1/4. St. Paul 1/4. Southern Railway 1/4. Southern Pacific 1/4. Texas Pacific 1/4. Union Pacific 1/4. United States Steel 1/4. United States Steel preferred 1/4. Wabash preferred 1/4.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Mostly Fair.

London, Wednesday, Dec. 14. Sun rises, 7:42 a.m. Moon sets, 12:20 a.m. Sun sets, 4:42 p.m. Moon rises, 12:20 a.m. More moderate temperatures have prevailed today in Manitoba and mild weather continues in the Territories and in British Columbia. From Ontario to the Maritime Provinces the temperatures remain low. Light snowfalls have occurred in Nova Scotia and the Georgian Bay region.

Dr. Cl. T. Campbell in Field for the Mayoralty

Accedes to the Request of Many Citizens—Mr. F. J. Darch Not in the Race.

The fight for the mayoralty of 1905 is to be between two candidates—Dr. Clarence T. Campbell and Alderman Judd. Dr. Campbell announced that he has acceded to the requests of very many citizens, and that he has decided to allow his name to go before the people on the mayoralty ticket in January next.

Awful Scenes Witnessed in Vicinity of Pt. Arthur

Long Lines of Unburied Bodies Cover the Slopes—Fearful Effects of Dynamite.

Before Port Arthur, with the Third Japanese Army, via Fusan, Dec. 14.—The work of removing the dead from the slopes and crests of 200-Meter Hill has been completed on the north side. The south slopes are still covered with bodies buried under the debris of trenches and bomb-proofs. The long lines of Japanese dead laid out on the top of the hill and the slopes previous to interment presented an awful appearance.

SAFETY DEVICES CIVILIZATION IN

THAT KILL MEN DARKEST AFRICA

Those Used on Canadian Roads May Have To Be Changed—Investigation Likely.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 14.—The interlocking safety device used on Canadian railroads where two lines cross are likely to come before the railway commission's accident inspector. These devices have recently been the cause of a fatal accident, and several other mishaps which might have been attended with loss of life. On Dec. 1 the towerman at the crossing of the Michigan Central and the Pere Marquette at Pelton, Ont., to give a Pere Marquette passenger train the right of way, turned the second semaphore against a double-headed Michigan Central freight and ditched it; the fireman was killed, while the engineer and head brakeman were badly injured. The freight train had been permitted to pass the outer semaphore which was down, and was so close to the home semaphore that it could not be checked before reaching the derauling device.

WILL BE ENFORCED

Magistrate Says Snow Bylaw Must Be Observed.

Several local business men were in the police court this morning charged with neglecting to clean their sidewalks, but all but one were allowed to go without paying a fine. The court announced its intention of strictly enforcing the snow bylaw this year. Frank Harris (colored), who did not pay his statute labor tax and refused to appear on a summons, was in the dock, and he was fined \$2 on the ground of disobeying the court's order. He went down for the week. A drunk was remanded for a week, and two others were discharged.

ACCEPTED INVITATION

Rev. A. H. Going to Become Pastor of Exeter Church.

Rev. A. H. Going, pastor of the Centennial Methodist Church, East London, has received a hearty invitation to become the pastor of the James Street Church, Exeter, for the conference year, which begins on July 1 next. Mr. Going has decided to accept the invitation, subject, of course, to the stationing committee of the conference. Mr. Going has been stationed at the Centennial since July 1, 1903, succeeding Rev. George Jackson, who was transferred to Stratford.