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## OPERATION OF PERE MARQUETTE

the Service Necessary.

NUMEROUS TRAINS CANCELED

Inspector Lalonde's Recommendations-Statements of Officials -Industries Affected.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.-The investigation conducted into the operation of the Pere Marquette Railway in Canada upon the complaint of shippers along the line has disclosed a scandalous state of affairs. Mr. E. C. Lalonde, tion, and he has made a report to the railway commission. That report throves the Pare Marguette Company proves the Pere Marquette Company to have wholly disregarded Canadian freight in their desire to further through traffic between points in Michigan and other western states, and Buffalo, Suspension Bridge, and

Black Rock. Although supposed to have eight of Although supposed to have eight or Although supposed to have eight or nine trains running daily between impine daily between impine trains running daily between impine trains portant centers in Western Ontario it has been the practice by the company to cancel six of these trains, and the remainder would be started several hours after schedule time. The effect of this system of operating the Canadian section of the line has been most disastrous to Canadian shippers in Essex and Kent Counties, and they have been urgent in their report to the railway commission to afford them some means of relief before they P. Dawley. were forced out of business.

The commission sympathize with prosecuted with the utmost rigor. THE CANADIAN SECTION.

The Canadian section of the Perc Marquette Railway runs through a good farming country, and has sevimportant junctions at Walker ville. Sarnia, Blenheim, Chatham and St. Thomas. The Sarnia branch of from Sarnia to Rondeau, a distance the Pere Marquette, which used to as the Lake Er erville to St. Thomas, a distance of heads of large financial institutions, erville to St. Thomas, a distance of and intrusted with the handling of London to Port Stanley, a distance millions,"

Atterney with the Lake Frie and Details Print and intru with the Lake Erie and Detroit River branch at St. Thomas. The Lake Erie branch at St. Thomas. The Lake Elle did not do so along the lines of a junction at Bienheim with the Sarnia

A statement of canceled trains A statement of canceled trains where the thing would have ended had shows that in nine days there were snows that in time days there were supposed to be nine mixed trains for she not been discovered. local traffic daily or a total of \$1. The number actually run was only 24, all claimed date is that although it is number actually run was only 24, all claimed she secured in all nearly \$30. During the same period of all 1,973 cars, passed over the two These claims are made by the smalltime 70 through freights, drawing in The chief train dispatcher explained the frequent cancellation of ly having decided for some reason to trains by saying there was not enough motive power and that engines were realizing something in the end, when set off for repairs. SUPERINTENDENT'S STATEMENT

Superintendent J. S. Pyeatt, who was appointed on Dec. 1, 1904, admitted there were a great number of complaints of all kinds. Asked what he would do to remedy the evil, he he would do to remedy the evil, he with her attorney. Attorney Dawley replied: "At present we are doing says there is nothing brilliant about our best to accommodate everybody, but under the present situation and able to talk conectedly about her but under the present situation able to talk conectedly about her condition of our motive power we wild plunge, and does not seem to cannot do any better. Engines on realize that she has done any wrong. That there is still a possibility that pletely unfit for service, and have not. her creditors will be paid is still befor over a year, received the ordinary lieved by some repairs to keep them in a fair shape. this trouble. We are also experi- Chadwick be induced to dictate the encing trouble with water. Water story of her life, telling of her transtanks are too small and some are too actions, making it an absolutely and switching at stations."

WALLACEBURG SUFFERS. astrous. There are two large manuhas been unable to get cars for the world as a great teaching which are loaded are not taken away ity of ill-gotten gains and the penal-for days. The president, Mr. Gordon, ties of dishonest life and practices." has declared that if the evil is not remedied immediately they will go out of business in two or three weeks. This would throw nearly 800 people out of employment out of a total population of 2,500. At Blenheim and Ridgetown shippers and merchants of all kinds have complaints; in fact. complaints are general at all local Part of the county of Kent is under quarantine for hog cholera, and the delay in shipping hogs places districts where the disease has not yet appeared in danger of being affected. INSPECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION. Inspector Lalonde recommends that

Pere Marquette Company ordered to move all trains as advertised in their Canadian time table on time, and that they be requested to rectly or indirectly at the disposal of ly in most places, disorders are reclear the local points of all incum- the belligerents. brances before moving extra freight trains to and from the United States through Canada.

FIGHTING THE ROAD. Leamington, Ont., Dec. 27.—Because the Pere Marquette Railway has neglected, it is claimed, its local freight service, as a result of which the town is almost out of coal, the civic authorities cut off the railroad's water supply Saturday, causing a tle-up of

four freight trains at this place. The town has been borrowing coal to keep the water works in operation. and last week a car of the fuel ar-Walkerville for the town, but it has laid there ever since. It is charges.

#### claimed and all efforts to have it brought down have proved a failure. Friday night the council ordered that the water supply to the road be cut off, excepting passenger trains until the road gives better freight services. The towns of Blenheim, Kingsville and Wheatley have taken a

Railway Has Failed to Give WALKERVILLE MAN KILLED

William Pratt Run Over by a Train at Cadillac.

Cadillac, Mich., Dec. 27 - William Pratt, of Walkerville, Ont., was killed here Saturday night by falling under a train he was attempting to board. He was on his way to spend Christ-

### CASSIE CHADWICK WAS NOT CLEVER

OF DUPES HER AID

as Her, Says Attorney J. P. Dawley.

Cleveland, Dec. 27. - That Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick lived in a veritable dreamland, and did not really appreciate what she was doing is the opinion of her legal counsel, Attorney J.

"There was nothing startling or even clever in her plan of procedure, them in their grievances, and will do and I honestly believe that for the all in their power to relieve them. good of the community, and as a les-Today Mr. Bernier, deputy chairman son to future generations those finanboard, wired the management ciers who gave Mrs. Chadwick the that unless a sufficient number of vast sums of money she obtained withtrains were run and run on time and out seeing the securities which she the Canadian part of the line efficient- claimed to possess, taking her word the Canadian part of the line would be as their only surity, should oc-prosecuted with the utmost rigor. as their only surity, should oc-cupy a cell in the county jail at her side, and be tried by the courts in same manner," said Attorney

Dawley. "The cupidity of the bankers and so called financiers who gave large sums of money on the strength of the stories told by Mrs. Chadwick, enabled her to get what she did. They vied with Chinese report that the Japanese are the system, formerly known as the each other to loan her money, and strengthening their left flank, as from Sarnia to Rondeau, a distance terests she paid for ready money, movement. On the other hand the Jaities, but notwithstanding these loose building winter quarters. business methods they are at the

Attorney Dawley is of the opinion that when Mrs. Chadwick started out on her career of frenzied finance she well-laid plan, but success prompted her to continue on her course, and the wildest imagination could not tell

000,000, less than \$5,000 worth of claims have been filed with the receiver. means by which the money was sethus exposing the which big financial institutions were

Mrs. Chadwick herself does not care to discuss her transactions freely even with her attorney. Attorney Dawley his client, that she does not now seem

We are now moving the shops from contains hundreds of letters from per-Walkerville to St. Thomas, putting in sons in all parts of the country, offernew machinery, etc., and expect that ing advice and suggestions, one of the in a month from now we will get over latest being a suggestion, one of the far apart, and it is an uncertainty for and truthful history of every detail. movement of trains, especially to and then publish it as a biography and those that have to do the shunting have it sold for the benefit of the cred-

Part of this letter is as "Nothing in the history of the world The situation at Wallaceburg aris- has been so romantic as this thing. ing out of the poor train service is, Reality surpasses, or at least equals Inspector Lalonde states, simply dismorous that there is nothing to be factories, the Beet Sugar Company compared with it in ancient or modern and the Sydenham Glass Company. times. The woman is perfectly crazy. Limited, and he found that unless the There can be no doubt about that Pere Marquette Railway provides at Her self-importance and self-exaltaonce for the shunting of cars in the tions have plenty of similes in many yards of the two industries and ex- of the asylums where the inmates impedites the transportation of the ma- againe their beds of stray to be veriterial required for manufacturing purposes they will be forced to close up. ity are filled with Chadwickianisms For months past the Sugar Company The life of the woman should go to shipment of the sugar, and those cars moral example of the folly and van-

#### NOTHING IN IT

Story That Holland Will Harbor

Russian Fleet Denled. The Hague, Dec. 27. - The report that Holland will place Sabang (in the Straits Settlements, twenty miles porth of Malaca), at the disposition of Russia's second Pacific squadron, - as reported from Tokio in a dispatch to the London Times, is devoid of foundation. It is learned in official quarters that Holland will observe the same strict neutrality in her colonies as at home and that neither Sabang nor any other points in the Dutch East Indies will be placed either di- new mobilization is proceeding quiet-

Immigrants Detained.

New York, Dec. 27.—A Scotch party of fifteen persons, including four men, three women and eight children, arrived yesterday on the steamer Mongolian, en route women and eight children, arrived yeard day on the steamer Mongolian, en route to Shiloh. Me., where there is a religious settlement called "The Corporation of the Kingdom." The Ellis Island authorities detained all fifteen, pending decision as to whether they will be allowed to remain in the country. They had between them only \$40, and their passage, they said, had been paid for them. Charles E. Holland, treasurer of Shiloh settlement, was at Ellis Island, and declared that the settlement had \$30,000, and would not allow any of the party to become public charges.

scripts pillaged a lew houses and fruit stalls. No one, however, was killed.

Perished in the Park.

New York, Dec. 27.—A young woman, poorly clad, was found unconscious, seated on a bench in Riverside Drive yesterday. She was partially covered by snow, which had drifted about her. An ambulance was summoned, but the girl is low any of the party to become public charges.

## SEBASTOPOLS

Ever Besieged.

THE JAPS' FEATS MARVELOUS

Are They Making Turning Movement at Mukden ?-General Yama Assaulted.

London, Tuesday, Dec. 27.-4 a.m. The Tokio correspondent of the Times quotes foreign correspondents who have just arrived from Port Arthur as saying that it is the strongest place that has ever been besieged. The things that the Japanese have accomplished almost stagger belief even when they are seen. They do not think that any other army in the world could have made such progress. They compare Port Arthur with six Crimean Sebastopols, all situated on hills and arranged to be mutually supporting, the groups connected by tramways and telephones, and backed by a massive wall, masking the movements of troops. The correspondents say the place undoubtedly will be captured, which, since August, have been promising the speedy reduction of the fortress, thereby depriving the army of part of the credit for its wonderful chievements.

National indignation in Japan is being aroused in consequence of rumors that Holland is about to place Sabang at the disposal of the Baltic fleet. A cominent newspaper argues that, failing ordinary just treatment by neutrals, it is Japan's duty to adopt measures for self-protection.

Struck by Chief.

Paris, Dec. 27. - A dispatch to the Temps from Tokio says that Gen.Baron Kodama, Field Marshal Oyama's chief of staff, has been recalled from Manchuria for striking Field Marsha

Turning Movement.

Mukden, Dec. 27.-A Japanese battery opened fire Dec. 24 on Ichanlinhu, and wo men were wounded by shells. A Japanese column advanced, but was soon driven back by the Russian fire. The general situation is quiet, though Gen.

Kuropatkin, addressing th troops, said: "You must never allow yourselves to retreat. Even in the case of the smallest detachment, ried out to the end.'

## AGITATION FOR REFORM IN RUSSIA

Duke Sergius.

it will not be necessary to divulge the MAY BE CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Conscripts Riotous-Serious Disorders Reported in Various Centers in Poland.

Moscow, Dec. 27.-It was announced from St. Petersburg yesterday that the social revolutionary party in Moscow before demonstrations of Dec. 18 and The daily mail of Attorney Dawley 19, practically issued a warning condemning to death Grand Duke Sergius, Governor of Moscow, and Chief of Police Trepoff, if during those demonstrations there should be a recurrence "the police brutality which was witnessed in St. Petersburg." ZEMSTVOS MEET.

Moscow, Dec. 27.-At the meeting of the Moscow Zemstvo today in the presence of a great audience resolutions of confidence and congratulation were passed on the appointment of Prince Peter Sviatopolk-Mirsky Minister of the Interior, and at the prospect of closer relations and mutua! confidence between the Government and the people. The Zemstvo then voted \$150,000 for the construction of schoolhouses to mark its satisfaction. It is reported that Chief of Police Trepoff, who took an active part in the suppression of the recent student demonstrations, is about to resign and proceed to the front.

FUNDS MISSPENT. New York, Dec. 27 .- A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Herald dated Dec. 26, says owing to the wholesale misappropriation of redress funds and material, which has entirely estranged public sympathy, no one will subscribe to the fund. It is announced officially that a complete and thorough reorganization will be made. At the same time a loud outcry has

been raised against the commissary department for having lamentably failed in its duties. Since Prince Khilkoff has returned the trans-Siberian Railroad has been working most erratically, causing much trouble as the accumulated stores have been consumed and now the army is depending upon what the railroad brings. The cold is causing intense suffering CONSCRIPT RIOTERS.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.-While the ported to have occurred in Poland. The most serious disturbance was at Razon yesterday, where one colonel was killed and a gendarme wounded. There has also been considerable rioting at Bakhout, where 6,000 conscripts pillaged a few houses and

## Serious Effects of Storm Trade and Travel Suffer

Port Arthur Strongest Place Trolley Railway Systems Tied ing waves boarded the steamer repeatedly, smashed rails, companion ladders, Up-Vessels Get in Trouble at Sea.

> New York, Dec. 27. — Rain and sleet, hours continuously in the severest time with rising temperature, following the presented him with a testimonial for recent heavy snowstorms, have greatly impeded traffic in and about New York. Telegraphic communication has been considerably handicapped, and nearly all through trains from the west and north are delayed owing to slippery In the city the rain and sleet, which froze as soon as it struck the ground, made walking hazardous and inconvenient, and wherever there was a grade on the surface roads there was great trouble. On the elevated lines brilliant electrical displays marked the of lains over the ice-coated third rail. appeared to suffer more

Brooklyn

lines were in trouble. At times the entire railroad system of the borough was practically tied up. Trains supposed to run in half an hour from the bridge to the end of the lines, required nearly two hours for the trip.

New York, Dec. 27. — The steamer Prinzess Irene arrived yesterday from Genoa, Naples and Gibraltar, by way of Halifax, N. S., after a stormy passage. Fifty of the cabin passengers

han Manhatan. There all the trolley

sage. Fifty of the cabin passengers landed at Halifax, N. S., because of their experience in the gales. The heavy Nicholson says that after passing Sandy weather began when the ship was 1,-200 miles west of Gibraltar, and was struck. It is believed she can be floated accompanied by high seas. Huge comb- at the high tide.

Said to Have Been

Wounded.

GENERAL NOGI

assault on 203-Meter Hill.

#### STARVING BEARS INVADE VILLAGE HIT WITH BULLETS

stove a batch and swent away eight

ventilators. One of the latter struck two of the steerage passengers, who wer

bruised and battered so severely that they were sent to the hospital. Captain

the devotion and seamanship of the

STEAMER ASHORE.

The British freight steamer Drumelzier, which sailed from New York on Sunday for Havre, Dunkirk and Swansea, went

captain and the crew.

Jap Commander at Port Arthur Some 150 of the Beasts Shot the Russian hospital ships protecting the destroyers in the roadstead of in One Day-Citizens Terrorized.

San Francisco, Dec. 27. - Capt. T. London, Tuesday, Dec. 27. - The H. Wing, of the steamer Harold Dol-Che Foo correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says it is reported that Gen. lar, which has returned from the Nogi, the commander of the Japanese eastern coast of Siberia, tells of an forces besieging Port Arthur, has been invasion of the cities and villages of Arthur declare that the fortress is the taken to the hospital at Dalny. He was the Kamchatkan Peninsula by hunwounded severely in the arm and leg dreds of starving Siberian bears. The compare it to six Sevastopols, all situwith rifie bullets while directing the ferocious animals, driven from the ated on hills arranged in mutually supmountains by hunger, made their way porting groups, connected by tram-A news agency dispatch from Rome to the inhabited regions of the coast, ways and telephones and backed by here, a volley of shots were fired into states that Geo. Stoessel, the Russian and for days kept the natives in a a mass of wall masking the move- the church from the outside. pealed to Gen. Nogi, the Japanese commander, asking that hostilities be suspended for 24 three control of the savage the world could have done what the Petropavlovsk, 150 of the savage the world could have done what the other men were probably fatally brutes were shot in a single day, as Japanese have accomplished, but depended for 24 lours, and that he be allowed in that time to remove the they roamed about the houses

### wounded from Jert Arthur. Christmas Tree Festivals Have a Disastrous Finale

Bloody Fight -Two Women Were Suffocated.

Williamson, W. Va., Dec. 27. Christmas tree entertainment at a church in Nolan, a small town north to a sudden close by a bloody fight of a fire in a house on Allen street in which one man was instantly killed and two others seriously wounded. The dead: Everett Thompson. The injured: Nimrod Thompson, Mike Duncan

Nearly 100 people of the little town | Owen McGrath, Margaret McGrath had gathered at the church where a Christmas tree with the annual treat for the children had been arranged. occupied by McGrath, and in a few There was drinking by some of the audience, and Everett Thompson is said to have become so intoxicated that he was noisy. Mike Duncan went to where Thompson was sitting and tequested him to keep better order, street, but died soon after. The Mc-Thompson drew a knife and stabbed Duncan in the breast. Duncan fell was discovered unconscious from exbleeding to the floor of the church, posure, in this clothing, half-buried but succeeded in pulling a revolver in the snow on an adjoining roof. The and fired point blank at Thompsor,

#### THE WEATHER. Temorrow-Very Cold.

London, Tuesday, Dec. 27. Sun rises. 7:50 a.m. Moon rises. 10:40 p.m. Sun sets. . 4:47 p.m. Moon sets. . 11:69 a.m. Toronto, Dec. 26-8 p.m. weather continued extremely co n the Northwest Territories and Manitoba, while in Ontario it has been somewhat milder, and rain is falling this evening in the southwestern portion. A big storm is approaching the lake region and will probably pass rapidly to Eastern

Dawson, 36 below-34 below; Victoria, 34-42; Kamloops, 12-22; Calgary, 22 below-4; Qu'Appelle, 24 below-16 below; Winnipeg, 18 below-6 below; Parry Sound and Toronto 16 18 below—6 below; Parry Sound, 2—22. Toronto, 13—28; Ottawa, 2 below—8; Montreal, 6 below-8; Quebec, 8 below-8; St. John, zero-16; Halifax, zero-16.

FORECASTS. Tuesday, Dec. 27-8 a.m. Today-Rain or sleet, followed late tolight by northerly gales. TEMPERATURES 8 a.m. Calgary ... Winnipeg ...... Parry Sound.... Montreal ...... ather Point.

The sign — indicates below zero. WEATHER NOTES. A storm of great energy has developed over the Southwestern States, and is moving towards the great lakes. Rain is similar buildings, which it is intended falling in Western Ontario and snow in to construct in Canada. The Canadian Eastern Ontario. The weather is ex-Government have under contemplation tremely cold in Manitoba. LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Monday were: Highest, 32.5°; lowest, 18°.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Reports to the United States weather bureau show that the first decided cold wave of the season the first decided cold wave of the season is spreading rapidly southeastward over the east slope of the Rocky Mountains. The temperature this morning is below zero in the Dakotas, Montana, Western Wyoming, with a minimum of 30° below at Hafer, Mont. The area of high pressure attending this cold wave occurries. sure attending this cold wave occupies the northeast Rocky Mountain slope and extends well southwestward into Ne-

A Warning Issued to Grand One in Virginia Closed With killing him instantly. Nimrod Thompson, seeing what had happened to his son, rushed toward Duncan, when the latter raised the revolver a second time and shot the father in the temple. No hope is entertained for his recovery.

TWO WOMEN PERISH. New York, Dec. 27.-Two women are dead and three persons are in a seriyesterday. After the Christmas festivities had ended a lamp was over turned, causing the blaze. The dead are: Mrs. Jonas Fountain and Miss Mary Shelly. The injured

and Jonas Fountain. The fire started in an attic room moments the entire house was ablaze. When the firemen got into the house they found Miss Shelly on the floor of her room suffocated. Miss Fountain was alive when taken to the Graths were unconscious. Fountain financial loss was small.

## TO REPRESENT CANADA IN MEXICO

A. W. Donly Is To Be Commercial Agent in Mexico-Plans for Warehouses.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.-A. W. Donly, prother to Hal B. Donly, the proprietor of the Simcoe Reformer, and the Liberal candidate in Norfolk at the last general election, has been appointed by the Canadian Government as commercial agent in Mexico. Mr. Donly's father is registrar of deeds in Norfolk County. Mr. A. W. Donly has been in Mexico for fifteen years, the Canadian Club there asking for his appointment. He speaks Spanish well. layed. John McDougall, commissioner of customs; S. W. McMichael, chief interesting and D. Ewart, was moved slowly. chief architect of the public works department, have left for New York. They have gone to inspect the examining warehouses there with a view of utilizing the best features in them in the building of examining warehouses at Toronto and Winnipeg.

Ministers at Horse-Meat Banquet. Paris, Dec. 27. - The city of Paris opened last week an abattoir exclusively devoted to the killing of horses for food purposes. The ceremony included a banquet presided by M. Mougeot, Minister of Agriculture, M. Pelletan. the Minister of Marine, and the presi-dent of the municipal council were present, as were many delegates of the

## JAPANESE HAD 600 MEN KILLED

Prisoners.

DRIVEN BACK FROM PT. ARTHUR THE ASSASSINS ARE UNKNOWN

Newspaper Correspondents Do. Not A Shooting Affair at a Christmas Think Fortress Will Fall for Some Time.

ashore on a shoal off the point of Fire Island bar at 7 o'clock at night. The crews of the Fire Island and Oak Island London, Dec. 27. - The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Che Foo. life-saving stations went to the assistance of the stranded steamer as soon as her predicament was discovered, about daylight. It is presumed that in the thick' snowstorm any signals which the stranded steamer may have displayed were not discovered by the patrol of the in a dispatch dated Dec. 26, says: "A messenger from Port Arthur de scribes a Japanese attack the evening of Dec. 22, with a light column stranded steamer may have displayed were not discovered by the patrol of the of 5,000 and many machine guns, on life-saving stations. When the life-savers reached the steamer shortly after daylight, they found that she was lying well outside of the breakers, and as only a product to see the product of the product of the product of the product of the patrol of 5,000 and many machine guns, on the northern defenses. They dashed along the railway, carried trench after trench and succeeded in reaching the local product of the patrol watercourse beneath Payuisean Mountain, whence the Russian artil- ed home along the railroad track, with lery worked terrible execution. A Miss Mabel Williams, They were fierce bayonet fight occurred at mid- passing through a cut flanked by dense

tain threatened the retreat of the Japanese, who, after a desperate strug-

"The Japanese halted near the comtain forts, they entrenched on small until she met others who were returnhills near Etse Mountain under a se- ing from church. Miss Williams is a vere enfilading fire which caused them nervous wreck in consequence of the The Daily Mail correspondent at regarded as very grave.

Tokio cables as follows: sequel is not known.

which have cut off the Russian supply bases from the main force."
Foreign correspondents from Port in precate as oversanguine the idea of its out of the building and ran away. The immediate capture.

## **BIG BLIZZARD** VISITS ST. LOUIS

in Two Hours.

KANSAS GETS A TASTE OF IT

of here, Christmas night was brought ous condition in hospitals as a result Foot of Snow Fell, Accompanied With High Wind -The Storm in Other Sections.

> St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.-The blizzard that has been raging in the west struck St. Louis and vicinity today, and there was a fall of 20 degrees in temperature in less than two hours.

FOOT OF SNOW. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 27. - This portion of the southwest was today in the grasp of a genuine blizzard, which extended through Missouri into Oklahoma and Indian Territory. Snow fell to a depth of nearly a foot and loss of life reported as yet. driven by a high wind, drifted badly Railway trains in every direction were delayed.

At some points, particularly north of Kansas City, in Iowa and Nebraska, telephone and telegraph wires were rendered useless by sleet for many hours. The thermometer was close to the zero mark, a fall of 35 degrees within 24 hours.

NEW YORK IN FOG. New York, Dec. 27.-In addition to the delay caused by the sleet storm the congest of traffic of the upper harbor and the North River crowded with ferry boats, was hampered by a dense fog, which wrapped the city and harbor in blinding folds. So dense was the fog that it was still almost dark at 7:30 a.m., and ferryboats bringing the store and office employes from Jersey city and Brooklyn to Manhattan poked their way slowly from slip to slip in constant danger of collision.

WIRES DOWN. Up through New York State many wires were down, and those which were not could only be operated slowly. Service to Chicago was greatly de-

NO VESSELS COME IN. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 27. - The Maritime Exchange reports its wire from this city to the Delaware breakwater and intermediate reporting stations in trouble. It is believed, however, that many vessels are in the harbor at the breakwater awaiting better weather. No vessels had arrived at this port up to 10 o'clock. Haw badly the telegraph and telephone wires have been crippled could not be estimated early today. All through the east and in Pennsyvania the wires are coated with ice, and the extra weight has broken many of parallel in the history of the country.

them. IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 27. - The cold

## TERRIBLE AFFAIRS CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Lost Several Guns and Eighty Two Brothers Shot Dead Coming From Church.

Celebration in Church-Minister a Victim.

Midkiff, W. Va., Dec. 27. - Two men are dead and a third dying from bullets fired in the darkness Christmas night while they were going home from church with a woman.

The dead are: Lucian Lucas, aged 23; Ira Lucas, a brother aged 20 The The Lucas brothers and young Ad-

kins, at the close of the service, startnight. A strong Russian force advancing eastward of Payuisean Mounting through the strong Russian force advancing eastward of Payuisean Mounting through the strong Russian force advancing eastward of Payuisean Mounting Russian force advancing eastward of Payuisean Mounting Russian force advancing eastward of Payuisean Mounting Russian force advancing to the strong Russian force advancing to the strong Russian force advancing eastward of Payuisean Mounting Russian force advancing eastward force eastward eastward force eastward eastward force eastward whose arm Miss Williams was holding, fell dead at her side. Ira Lucas gle, retired to the north, leaving several machine guns, 300 rifles and 80 prisoners. It is estimated that they liams, who was unharmed, was left etery, and finding that both their standing alone with two dead men flanks had carried all the works form- and one dying at her feet. She turned ing the outlying range of the moun- and rushed down the railway track

awful experience, and her condition is She gave the following account of "On Dec. 10 the Japanese signaled the murder, which will be a triple one. the Russian hospital ships protecting It was so dark that scarcely anything was visible. Without a moment's Port Arthur to change their berth, and warning we heard shots seemingly just the Russians requested a respite of above us on the hillside, and the ensix hours, which meant giving the tire party stopped. The shots condestroyers the benefit of darkness. The tinued rapidly, there being seemingly a dozen or more of them. I clung to "It is reported that recent positions Mr. Lucas' arm, almost frightened to have been captured behind Liaotie, death, and after he had fallen I turned and ran back down the tracks. A posse of 150 armed men are search-

> Hanceville, Ala., Dec. 27. - While a negro congregation was holding Christmas celebration, in a church a Stout's Mountain, a mining camp near dead body of Henry Jett, a man, was found near the church with a revolver lying nearby. It is supposed he was a member of the shooting party, and was accidentally killed by one of his companions. John Jett. brother of the dead man, and an-

#### BRILLIANT FUNCTION

Temperature Fell 20 Degrees Reception of Afghan Ameer's Son by

her miner have been arrested.

Calcutta, Dec. A. - Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India, received Prince Inayat Ullah, son of the Ameer of Afghanistan, with great ceremony at roon today in the throne room at the Government House. Both the vicerov and the prince were attended by brilliant staffs. The scene was the most effective, and the prince was evidently delighted with his reception.

DISASTER NEAR HALIFAX

Powder Mills Blown Up-Several Houses Destroyed.

Halifax, Dec. 27.—An explosion at the Acadia powder mills, 16 miles from Halifax, occurred yesterday morning. Several small houses were blown up, and the shock was plainly felt here. No

# PERE MARQUETTE

Railway Commission Looking Into the Case—Legal Action Suggested.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27. - The railway commissioners are now looking the case of the Pere Marquette Railway. Mr. Bernier is of the opinfor that the proper course to pursue is for the shippers to take proceedings against the railway for the delays caused to the shipments and for other

Mr. Mills is looking into the matter to see if the commission cannot proceed direct against the company. THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.-In answer to the request of the railway commission for an adequate local service on the Pere Marquette Railway, the president of that road has wired the commission that the Canadian service has been much improved. The commissioners this morning wired the president of the Pere Marquette that the board has received new information that the Pere Marquette service is inadequate, and so far as the board has power it is determined to remedy the most extraordinary condition that of local traffic being set aside in favor of through traffic-a condition without

His Last Sleep.

Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 27. - Edward dent of the municipal council were present, as were many delegates of the association, which deals exclusively in ing to nineteen below. The Straits of died vesterday in this city from an overdose of morphine, taken to influence and was formerly deputy to the was a local political influence, and was formerly deputy collector if the port of Ogdensburg.