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ANOTHER WARSHIP.
HALIFAX, Dec. 22.—Advices received here today say that the British government has decided to add another cruiser, the Brilliant, one of the most modern of the fleet, to the Halifax station.

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CHINA IS NOW PREPARING.

Japanese are Assisting the Chinese in the Work.

The Attitude of China Compared With that of the Orange Free State—Russia Not Alarmed.

TOKIO, Dec. 22.—An important joint meeting of the cabinet and privy council takes place today to consider ways and means in view of the grave situation but no difficulty is anticipated in providing for the extraordinary expenditure, including the completion of the Zoolo-Pusan railway. It is believed that unless Russia modifies her reply, Japan will immediately safeguard Korea, though such a step will not necessarily mean war with Russia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Russian government is noting with the closest attention and keenest interest the quite uncommon energy now being shown by the Chinese in making warlike preparations under the guidance of a large number of Japanese instructors, says a St. Petersburg despatch to the New York Herald. This has grown so serious as to come into first line of Russia's calculations, increasing as it does the possibilities of war and broadening out the situation on quite new lines. Nor does the attitude of the Chinese in the least dismay the war party here. Its members compare the possible entry of China into the arms to the following of the Orange Free State in espousing the Transvaal cause with the results of losing its freedom and making the campaign doubly easy for the English.

In diplomatic circles Russia's attitude is also a topic of constant interest, the view taken being that if Russia is attacked by two powers, according to the terms of the Franco-Russian alliance, France must come to the aid of her ally, following upon which nothing could stop England from coming in, as she is bound to do by the recent treaty, should Japan be attacked by more than one power. After that possibilities of further international complications are unlimited.

A MOTHER AND WIDOW'S LOSS.

One Brother at Sydney Mines Quickly Follows Other to the Grave.

SYDNEY MINES, Dec. 22.—While Christian humanity rejoices this festive season and thousands of hearts are made glad, let us endeavor to realize the sorrow that invests the home of some—an instance of this is that of Mrs. Nell Ferguson, of this town. One son, in the prime of life, was killed instantly in the mine and buried on Wednesday afternoon, and the following day her other son and only support, twenty-seven years of age, responded to the irresistible command and is now numbered with the great majority. Like his brother, Angus Ferguson, was a young man, respected by all citizens and identified with several fraternal organizations; a Christian in every sense of the word. For many months he was in delicate health, first attacked with hemorrhage of the lungs, which finally developed into consumption that quickly accomplished its purpose. He was much attached to his deceased brother and requested permission to see the funeral procession pass the house. His desire was granted, but his own time was near at hand. Raised from the deathbed by friends, he reluctantly sank in their arms before his wish was gratified. There is little wonder the heart-broken mother, deprived of her two sons within a few days, feels the blow so keenly that her friends despair of her recovery from the shock.

LATE SHIP NEWS.

The C. P. R. steamer Monmouth, from Bristol, arrived off the Island shortly after noon and will remain in the stream until a berth at the west side is available.

Head liner Dunmore Head may sail between five and six o'clock this afternoon.

The Furness liner, Florence, left Halifax, early yesterday morning for this port and is hourly expected. Up to three o'clock this afternoon there was no sign of her.

THE PULP INDUSTRY.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 22.—Jacky Smokalem, a widely known Siwash Indian, has killed his wife on the Puget reservation, either by the use of a knife or with a stick or wood.

The Indian remained in his shanty with the corpse for 34 hours, when news of the crime became known and he was placed under arrest.

SHOULD MAKE RECORDS ON THE WARPATH.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—A despatch to the Tribune from Hermosillo, Mex., says: The Seri Indians who occupy Toburin Island, in the Gulf of California, have gone on the warpath, according to information received by the military authorities here. The savages are raiding ranches and committing depredations on the mail routes. The Seris are said to be cannibals and are known to be the fastest runners in the world.

VAN HOUTEN DOES SOME SHOOTING.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—After failing to induce the district attorney to issue a warrant for the arrest of the man whom he alleged had alienated his wife's affections, David Van Houten, a farmer, has gone to a saloon and without warning shot and killed Albert Young, one of the proprietors. Van Houten escaped.

SOMETHING DOING.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 22.—Nearly a train load of army supplies, hospital tents and blankets have arrived here under rush orders, having been expressed by the U. S. government from Omaha to the superintendent of the U. S. transport service in this city.

A SPLENDID PLAN.

Which Will Give Employment and Health to Hundreds Who Are Now Idle.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A plan to operate a chain of cotton mills in North Carolina by tenement dwellers of this city, taken there and trained by a few skilled workers, is being evolved by men here interested in the cotton business. If their scheme is carried out, it will result in the establishment of a self-sustaining charity which will take hundreds of women and children from the dirty, overcrowded slums of the city into a healthy country life, with cottages and schools. Work on the first mill at Marshall, near Baltimore estate, is to begin in a week or two and a mill of about one thousand spindles is expected to be ready in July.

A ROUGH PASSAGE.

The Furness Liner Florence Had a Hard Time on the Trip Out.

(Halifax Mail.)
The anxiety regarding the safety of the Furness line steamer Florence, was relieved yesterday morning, when she was reported coming up the harbor, on a short trip towards the north. The latter port was left early in the morning of the fourth, and then the steamer's trials commenced, for from the time the Thames was left astern she was continually fighting the sea.

The Florence left London about ten o'clock in the morning of December 3, and dropped down to Gravesend, where a quantity of powder was put on board. The latter port was left early in the morning of the fourth, and then the steamer's trials commenced, for from the time the Thames was left astern she was continually fighting the sea. The sea was so rough that the captain would have to lay to, but it was not found necessary. Gale followed gale, but still the good ship fought her way along, holding to her course very well, until, on the fourth, she encountered a terrific hurricane from the north. (All the incoming vessels report this same hurricane.) It was thought to be unwise to lay the ship to as the sea, which was running mountains high, would have overwhelmed her. Instead of that she ran before it, going due south, a distance of two hundred miles, before she again put on the course for Halifax, along the southern route. During the week the troubles were added to by frequent squalls and piercing frosts. The steamer was light, having only about half a cargo, and in consequence was high out of water, allowing the propeller to lift clear every time she pitched and making it exceedingly difficult to keep her on her proper course. She pitched and rolled to a great extent and for days her crew could not sleep for any length of time, it being almost impossible to remain in the bunkers. Some of the officers have not been able to take their clothes off during the whole passage. The story of her struggle with the sea can be best told in her daily run, the longest of which was 213 miles and the shortest 35.

	Miles.
December 3	To Gravesend
December 4	107
December 5	113
December 6	113
December 7	113
December 8	113
December 9	61
December 10	35
December 11	35
December 12	151
December 13	213
December 14	81
December 15	103
December 16	177
December 17	151
December 18	151
December 19	200
December 20	60
December 21	123
December 22	149
December 23	149
December 24	149
December 25	In Halifax

NEMESIS IN THE JOB.

BRADDOCK, Pa., Dec. 22.—Since Wednesday last the busiest street of Homestead, across the river from this town, has been without a policeman. The police committee of the town, however, has been in a quandary since Wednesday as to how to get a man to take the job. Four policemen were died from disease or accident who held this post at night within the last four months, and none of the regular patrolmen will take it, even at an increase of salary.

The police committee saw no other way of getting applicants for the position than by advertising. Hand bills were posted on telegraph poles, and advertisements were put in the local newspapers. Seven stalwart men responded last evening. The beat they were to patrol was not told them until every one decided to accept the place. Then every one of them made a bee-line for the door.

"I'm anxious to live a while longer," was the sentiment of every applicant.

SPORTING.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Harry Forbes, of Chicago, and Abe Attell, the California featherweight, who is the 123 pound champion of the world, have been matched to fight ten rounds before the Indianapolis (Ind.) Athletic Club on January 4. The men will meet at 122 pounds, ringside weight, for a purse of \$1,500. Straight rules will govern.

COOLED UP FOR COLON.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 22.—The U. S. auxiliary cruiser Dixie sailed from the League Island navy yard today en route for Colon, carrying two battalions of marines, including six hundred men and five months' living and fighting supplies for one thousand men.

George A. Clark has sold his gelding, "Battery," 2.23 1-2, by C. S. P., to W. H. Huyck. The price is said to have been about \$300.

KISHINEFF MASSACRES.

Feared They Will Be Repeated on Christmas Day.

Already Jews are being Molested and Troops Will Protect the Mobs if Resistance is Offered.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The World today says: Real anxiety is felt among the Jews in this city because of the threatened massacre of their countrymen still in Kishineff, which, it is said, the fest will occur Jan. 7, the Russian Christmas.

It is the intention of the many Jewish societies here to hold a mass meeting in Cooper Union, to be conducted in English and there to decide upon concerted action to be taken immediately to relieve their brethren in Russia.

Several prominent Jews, interviewed on Russia's conduct towards their countrymen, declared that some decisive action should be taken against the United States. Jefferson Levi declared the matter was a subject for the Hague.

KISHINEFF, Dec. 22 (via Frontier, Dec. 21).—The suburbs against the Jews has already begun. Incited thereto by the last propaganda for a second massacre on the Greek church Christmas Day, Jan. 7, and by the violent anti-Semitic manifestos which have been excited by the Jews, the populace has passed from fearing and insulting the Jews to breaking the windows of the Jews' houses and menacing them with personal attacks.

Threatening crowds gather at the street corners and the attitude of the Christian is such that the real difficulty is to keep them from precipitating a general assault on the Semites before the appointed day. That which seems to have excited the populace most is the declaration of General Urosoff that troops would protect the mob if necessary and the Jews resisted. The temper of the people is also shown by the fact that the prisoners acquitted at the recent trial have been escorted to their homes in triumph, including the rich student Kaverin, who undoubtedly murdered the Jew Kalman Waljovich. The only safety for the Jews seems now to be flight and already the Jews are being escorted to their homes in triumph, including the rich student Kaverin, who undoubtedly murdered the Jew Kalman Waljovich. The only safety for the Jews seems now to be flight and already the Jews are being escorted to their homes in triumph, including the rich student Kaverin, who undoubtedly murdered the Jew Kalman Waljovich.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Under a London date, the New York American has this despatch: The Times' Moscow correspondent sends a despatch to his paper by way of the frontier, saying that information from a trustworthy source regarding the existence of a plot to massacre the Jews during the Russian Christmas holidays.

The correspondent states he had just read a telegram received by a Jewish woman from her husband, in Kishineff, saying: "The situation is alarming, don't leave." The orthodox Christmas (January 7) was fixed upon a fortnight ago as the most fitting time for carrying out the plot.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A special cable to the Sun from Berlin announces the death of Jesse Seligman, formerly a partner in the well known Seligman banking house, of New York, at Frankfurt.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Joe Dries, 59 years old, conductor on an "Owl" car, was shot and probably fatally wounded today by a stranger. The men had quarrelled over the issuance of transfers. The stranger escaped.

GLOBE, Wis., Dec. 22.—Two sheepmen near the Giesla settlement have been killed as a result of a feud between cattlemen and sheepmen. The victims were named Berry and a Mexican. The crime occurred at Brush Hollow, in the Founte Basin, the scene of the famous Graham-Tewkesbury feud.

VENTRILOQUIST ROBS JEWELLER.

Voice as of Florence Heard and New Haven Salesman Trusted His Customer with Diamonds.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 22.—Isaac Levin, a Jeweller, was robbed of about \$500 in diamonds today by a trick of ventriloquism practised by a young man who had induced him to go to a boarding house where he said he wished his fiancée to make a choice of diamonds.

Levin says that this afternoon a well dressed young man came into his store, and after looking at a tray of unset diamonds persuaded Levin to visit the house, No. 289 George street, so that a young woman there might have a choice of a Christmas gift.

While they were examining the gems in the back parlor there came a knock at the door, says Levin, and the stranger called out, "Is that you, Mary?" Recognizing an alternative reply, he said, "I'll come up stairs in a moment."

Levin permitted the man to select three stones valued at from \$175 to \$200 to show "Mary."

Levin waited nearly twenty minutes and then called other persons in the house. They said that the man had left some time before and that they knew nothing about him except that he came there alone today and hired a room for a week.

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DISASTROUS COLLISION.

Twenty-Two Persons Killed in an Accident in Michigan.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 27.—Tonight the death list resulting from the head-on collision between two Pere Marquette R. R. passenger trains near East Paris early yesterday morning stands at 22 with 29 persons injured, several of them probably fatally.

It was the most disastrous wreck in the history of the Pere Marquette system, and instead of being caused by man's carelessness or mistake is charged to the high wind, which extinguished the red signal light in the order board at McCord's station, where the west bound train was expected to stop to receive new orders. Two minutes before the train rushed by McCord's the light was burning, says the operator there, but in that brief interval the blizzard that was raging extinguished it and train No. 5 ran by the station to the crash into the east bound train No. 6. The trains, which were two of the finest on the system, were reduced to a promiscuous pile of broken and twisted timber and metal, with dead and wounded pinned down and crushed by the fragments of the heavy cars.

When the operator at McCord's station saw train No. 5 fly past instead of stopping, he knew that a collision was inevitable and took the only action possible by dispatching for medical aid and a wrecking train.

As the trains came together the steam-domes of each boiler blew off, releasing their contents, else there would have been added horrors from the blistering steam. No. 6, eastbound, was composed of a mail and baggage car, combination smoker, buffet parlor car, day coach and diner. The baggage coach caught between the engine and the heavy train, crumpled up like pasteboard, only the roof remaining partially unbroken. The big blind mail car, heavily bulkheaded, took the brunt of the blow, but without the crash, and communicated it to the smoker next in the rear. The smoker was swept clear as the mail car telescoped its entire length and turned over at the north side of the track. The smoker in turn crashed several feet into the parlor car and it was at the rear end of the smoker and forward end of the café car where all the passengers were killed and injured. From a space six feet square the bodies of two women, a boy and a man were taken out. The injured and the dead were taken to Grand Rapids.

The management of the Pere Marquette road do not lay any blame on the operator at McCord's station and believe that his light was burning two minutes before No. 5 passed the station.

ONE HUNDRED MILLIONAIRES IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD.

If there are 100,000 millionaires in the United States, as Senator Depew said at the dinner given by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to his Bible class, an official of a great commercial agency and the president of one of New York's richest banks are decidedly in error. Both place the number of millionaires in the entire world at 10,000. There are 7,000 in the United States and 1,000 of these live in New York City, whether they pay taxes or not. The financial Red Book, a most carefully completed publication, gives the names of practically all the persons in the United States who are supposed to be worth more than \$300,000. And there are only 15,000 names on the list. No claim is made that the name of every person worth that amount or more is given, but the proportion of those left out is extremely small, for a most exhaustive investigation has been made.

"There may be a few more than 700 millionaires in the United States," said the official of the mercantile agency. "I doubt it, however. I also doubt if there are more than 1,000 millionaires in New York. It is absolutely impossible to tell accurately. It may seem strange that we should not be able to tell, especially when we are engaged in finding out how much a man is worth and giving such information to our subscribers."

"But in the last few years there has been a marked tendency among men of wealth to conceal the amount of their worldly possessions. The first incentive in this respect is the vulgar prominence given to the man that has lots of money."

"There are other reasons men have for suppressing knowledge of the amount of their wealth. Some wish to avoid heavy taxation and give false returns. Another man may have made his money in a business not commonly supposed to be especially lucrative, and he does not care to have his affluence blazoned forth to arouse competition. There also are some rich politicians, but it might arouse suspicion if they stated the exact amount of their wealth. And there are other classes—the men that have their piles in callings that might be frowned upon in the circles they wish to enter; proprietors of gambling houses, saloonkeepers, owners of dives and other resorts. They don't care to have others know how much they have accumulated."

"So, while it is impossible for us to tell exactly how many millionaires there are, we would not take the number of those who are known to possess a thousand thousands of pounds and then multiply the number by ten. For that is what Senator Depew seems to have done in his anxiety to up to Mr. Rockefeller's young men to get rich."

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.
Schr. Abbie Keast, 36, Drb. from New York.
Schr. Yax, 151, from New York; coal.
Coastwise—Schr. Nellie Watters, Bishop, from Montreal; Susie M., Merriam, from Windsor, N. B.; str. Spryhall, Chambers, from Parraboro; sch. James Barber, Ella, from Alma; barge No. 6, McLeod, from Parraboro.

Cleared.
Schr. Franklin, 124, Thorne, for New Haven; plank.
Coastwise—Schr. Hustler, Thompson, on a fishing cruise; barge No. 5, McLeod, for Parraboro; schr. Susie M., Merriam, for Port Ouellet.

THE WEATHER.

MONDAY, Dec. 22, 1903.
Highest temperature, 19; lowest temperature, 3; barometer at noon, 29.74; inches; wind northwest, velocity twenty miles per hour. Fine.
Forecast—Fresh to strong west and northwest winds, becoming colder; Tuesday, westerly winds, fair and very cold.

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