JAPS HAVE TAKEN RIHLUNG MOUNTAIN

ATTACKING FORCE LOST ONE THOUSAND MEN

Months of Hard Work Rewarded by Success—Troops Charged Under Heavy Bombardment.

Tokio, Dec. 29.—Noon—After months of fighting, sapping and mining, Japanese forces finally occupied Rihlung mountain last night, December 28th.

A report received from headquarters of the third Japanese army before Port Arthur, received here on Wednesday, December 28th, at midnight, says:

"On Wednesday, December 28th, 10 o'clock in the morning, the left centre column of our army, following some heavy explosion on the frontal parapet of Rihlung mountain, charged and occupied the parapet under cover of fire from heavy guns and constructed defence works, despite the enemy's fierce fire.

"At 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when our occupation was practically assured, we charged and occupied the inner lines of heavy gun positons, subsequently dislodging a remnant of the enemy's force, stubbornly holding the gorge fort, which we reoccupied, and captured the entire works."

Rihlung fort, situated on Rihlung mountain, formed part of the inner circle of the chain of forts defending Port Arthur, from which it bears due northeast. The fort just captured is a mile and a half southeast of Keekwan fort, recently captured by the Japanese. The possession of these two forts should make a most important breach in the fortifications outside of the capture of 203-Metre Hill of the western section of forts. Little is known of the exact position occupied by the Japanese, but it would seem from the material available that the inner circle of forts is now cut in three places, and that 203-Metre Hill prohibits communication with Liaotio section forts, just as the possession of Rihlung and Keekwan forts cuts off communication with the Golden Hill forts, except by the many underground ways which are said to exist in various parts of the fortress. From Rihlung mountain, which is nearly opposite 203-Metre Hill, it would appear that the Japanese will be able to reach anything in the harbor and town, which the Japanese heavy guns on 203-Metre Hill are unable to hit, making it impossible for the Russian second Pacific squadron to make use of Port Arthur even should the Japanese content themselves with holding the strong positions they now occupy.

JAPANESE CASUALTIES NUMBERED ONE THOUSAND.

Headquarters of the Japanese army before Port Arthur, via Fusan, Dec. 29.—Rihlung fort was captured at 3 o'clock this morning with a thousand Japanese casualties.

Seven dynamite mines, exploded at 10 o'clock yesterday, made trenches in the front wall through which a large body of Japanese troops charged under cover of a tremendous bombardment, and captured the first line of light guns. A bitter fight resulted in the capture of the fort.

The garrison, numbering 500 men, escaped.

RUSSIANS SHELLED JAPANESE POSITIONS.

Tokio, Dec. 29.—Noon.—Manchurian army headquarters, reporting to-day, says:

"On December 27th at 3 o'clock in the afternoon the Russians with field guns bombarded the Shakhe river railroad bridge in the neighborhood of the station, and the Russian guns at Taliantun shelled Chihsiangtun and Shulentzu.

"Russian cavalry enveloped the Japanese pickets, who were reinforced and finally repulsed the enemy. The Japanese casualties were three men killed.

ATTEMPTS TO RAISE THE VARIAG DISCONTINUED.

New York, Dec. 29.—A Tokio dispatch to the Times says:

"Both houses of parliament have commissioned their presidents to proceed to the railway station to meet Admiral Togo and Vice-Admiral Kamimura, who are expected to reach Tokio on Friday.

"The House of Representatives, amid loud acclamation, to-day (Wednesday) voted the following address:

"The enemy's fleet at Port Arthur being destroyed, a portion of the empire's united squadrons have been relieved of blockading duty. This great result is recorded as being due to the unfailing competent discharge of their duty by the officers, sub-officers and men, but it could not possibly have been achieved unless the commander's strategy had been well adapted to the occasion and his leadership had been able. Therefore on the occasion of Admiral Togo's victorious return the House extends to him a hearty welcome.'"

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CHIEF OF POLICE SHOT.

Was Killed in the Street—The Murderer Is Not Known.

(Associated Press.)

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

ACCUSED OF MURDER.

New York Patrolman Has Been Committed to Prison Without Bail.

New York, Dec. 29.—When Frank McLaughlin, a patrolman, appeared in the criminal court yesterday to plead to an indictment charging assault upon Jas. P. Robbins, a newspaper reporter, he was ordered committed to the Tombs without bail on the charge of murder in the first degree.

The new charge was based on an indictment which District Attorney Jerome said would be returned by the grand jury when it made its report to-day. McLaughlin was once arrested before in connection with this case, which charges the killing of John Patterson, a watchman. At that time the coroner's jury found that he shot Patterson in self-defence and he was discharged. The district attorney was not satisfied with that disposition of the case, however, and began an investigation, which he says resulted in the indictment, charging murder in the first degree.

When McLaughlin's counsel asked for a postponement yesterday, District Attorney Jerome arose and said: "Your Honor, I have absolutely no objection to a postponement of the assault case, but that is not the charge now before the court. This man has been arrested on a warrant charging him with murder in the first degree—the brutal and unwarranted killing of a negro last May. The grand jury has been examining witnesses in the matter for several days, and I was informed by the foreman to-day that an indictment for murder in the first degree will be returned against the prisoner to-morrow."

The prisoner turned pale, shook from head to foot and grasped the railing for support. His lawyer looked in amazement at Mr. Jerome, who went on: "On the night of May 27th this prisoner, without the slightest provocation, stepped up behind a respectable colored man, J. A. Patterson, who was employed as a watchman, and struck him over the head with his club. In failing, the negro grappled with his assailant, and during a struggle, this man drew his revolver and fired two shots, both inflicting slight injuries. The victim managed to get to his feet and run. As he ran, this man fired again and shot him down, the bullet entering his back. The negro died from his injuries on June 6th, and a short time afterwards a coroner's jury exonerated the prisoner. I was not satisfied, and began a rigid investigation. That investigation convinced me that deliberate murder had been committed, and the grand jury reached the same conclusion."

PROVINCIAL LEAGUE

Formed by Association Football Delegates at Vancouver—Dates of Final Matches.

Vancouver, Dec. 29.—Football delegates to-day formed a British Columbia Provincial Association Football League, and the following officers were elected:

Hon. president, Major Bland, Victoria; president, Prof. Davidson, Columbian College, New Westminster; vice-president, R. Adams, Nanaimo; secretary-treasurer, R. W. Timms, Vancouver.

Wm. Peden, secretary for the intermediates, wrote asking the league to take over the control of the intermediate and junior football affairs and to grade them according to ages, which will be done. Possession was also given the new league of the intermediate challenge cup, now held by Cumberland.

A constitution and by-laws were adopted, and it was decided in the event of the Corinthians coming from England, the league would assume full control. A draft schedule was made, and the finals between the Island and Mainland will be played on three dates as follows: April 15th, on the Mainland; April 22nd, on the Island; the third to be fixed.

LACROSSE AFFAIRS.

Vancouver, Dec. 29.—Rev. W. W. Bolton, vice-president of the Victoria Lacrosse Club, who is here attending the football meeting, has taken an interest in the lacrosse squabble, a settlement of which is now in sight. Mr. Bolton last night interviewed Howard Welch, president of the Westminster club, who said Westminster was willing and anxious to make a dignified settlement. Mr. Bolton agree to see that Victoria settled the financial account with Westminster, and the probability is the latter will rejoin the league.

KILLED IN MINE SHAFT.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 27.—Dewey Squires, who came here from Minneapolis two months ago, met death in the Bell mine yesterday.

While coming up in the cage he had a fainting spell, fell over and his head, protruding, was crushed to bits by timbers. He died instantly.

Squires, who was only 22 years old, was a graduate of the University of Minnesota, and leaves a father and mother in Minneapolis.

GOVERNMENT AND DEFENCE OF CANADA

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF MILITIA

Ready to Relieve British Taxpayers of Burden During Times of Peace.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Sir Frederick Borden, speaking at a banquet given to him last night in Toronto, said that the government had received no information as to the intentions of the British government respecting Esquimalt and Halifax.

"The Canadian government and the Canadian people," he said, "are prepared to relieve the British taxpayers of every dollar of taxation with reference to Canadian territory in time of peace."

ARRESTED IN CHICAGO.

P. Mason, Who Claims He Is Connected With Foreign Office, Taken Into Custody.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Percy Mason, who declares that he is connected with the foreign office in London, England, was arrested here to-day charged with attempting to steal a typewriter. Mason, who the police officials say also is known as Rudolph Greer, is well educated and of good address. Mason vigorously protests his innocence, and declares that a grave mistake has been made.

"I am in the United States to secure data for a series of articles of the labor conditions in the United States," said Mason to-night, "and when the government officials at London hear of this outrage those who were responsible for my arrest will be made to smart for it."

Mason was arrested on complaint of officials of the Commercial Travellers' Association, which was holding a meeting in the same hall as the Commercial Teachers' Association. Mason entered the place and asked for a stenographer. When one was sent to him he asked that she accompany him to his office, taking her typewriter with her. His actions were suspicious, and believing that it was Mason's intention to steal the machine, he was arrested.

Mason says that as soon as he can cable to London the British government will secure his release. When questioned to-night, it is said by the police officials that Mason admitted that he had been arrested in New Jersey some years ago upon a minor charge.

FATE OF DOCKYARD HANGS IN BALANCE

ADMIRALTY HAS NOT GIVEN FINAL DECISION

Question is One of Expense, But Importance of Esquimalt Yard Cannot Be Overlooked.

London, Dec. 29.—It is understood that the naval experts do not entirely regard the proposed dockyard changes in a favorable light.

The admiralty is influenced mainly by the question of expenses.

Whatever the fate of others, considerable doubt remains with the admiralty as to entirely closing the Esquimalt yard, which, it is contended, is of great service to the Pacific squadron and worth the expense.

EX-PRESIDENT SENTENCED.

Haytien Court Gives Judgment in Case of Issuance of Fraudulent Bonds.

Port au Prince, Hayti, Dec. 28.—The court has rendered a judgment in default, condemning former President Sam to imprisonment for life at hard labor for the alleged issuance of fraudulent bonds. Madame Sam is sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment and several members of Sam's ministry and other high functionaries have been condemned to terms of imprisonment ranging from five to 15 years.

At latest advices President Sam was living in the island of St. Thomas.

MURDER BY MOORS.

Shot Spaniard in Garden of a British Resident Near Tangier.

New York, Dec. 29.—A Tangier, Morocco, dispatch to the Herald dated December 28th, says:

"In the garden of a British subject, only one mile from Tangier, a bold murder was committed by robbers last night. Moors who entered the garden shot dead a Spaniard employed on the place and carried away four cows belonging to the British owners. In the affray one of the robbers was severely wounded by the wife of the Spaniard.

"It is reported from Tetuan that the garrison there, which had received no pay for two months, deserted yesterday and fled from the town."

POSITION UNCHANGED.

British Steamer Drumelzier Still Ashore —Tug Remains Near Vessel.

New York, Dec. 29.—The British freight steamer Drumelzier is still ashore off Oak Island beach, where she struck on Sunday. Three members of 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 night having died out somewhat. At low tide shortly before 8 o'clock this morning, she was seen to be well coated 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 quite strong from the northwest.

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WILL PROTEST.

Transportation Men Complain of Action of United States Immigration Inspectors.

New York, Dec. 29.—At a special meeting of the trans-Atlantic passenger combination and the trunk line association held yesterday, says the Tribune, it was decided to send to Washington a proest against the action of certain United States immigration inspectors along the Canadian border. These inspectors, 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 Canadian roads that might travel on the roads in the States, and on ships coming into this port.

A NEW CAVALRY VOLUNTEER REGIMENT

FOR MANITOBA AND THE TERRITORIES

It Will Include Strathcona's Horse—Contract Signed for the Royal Victoria Museum.

Ottawa, Dec. 29—A new cavalry volunteer regiment is to be established in Manitoba and the Northwest. The new establishment now being provided for by the department will also include Strathcona's Horse for the Northwest. Geo. W. Cameron, of Montreal, who was major in Strathcona's Horse and also in the mounted infantry, will likely command the new squadron.

Contract Signed.

Mr. Goodwin signed the contract yesterday for building the Royal Victoria Museum in Ottawa. The price is about $990,000. The time for construction is three years and six months.

Knighthoods.

The report that certain Canadians are to be knighted on New Year's Day is not very likely to be correct. Two years ago a dispatch received here from the colonial office stated that honors would only be bestowed by the Sovereign in November, on the King's birthday, or on the day on which it was officially observed in Great Britain.

The Address.

Mr. Macdonald, Pictou, will probably move the address in reply to the speech from the throne, and Mr. Parent, Montmorency, will second it.

Will Be Decorated.

Capt. Thacker is to get the order of the Rising Sun from the Japanese government.

STEAMER ASHORE.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 28.—Battered by heavy seas, an unknown steamer lies helpless on the inner Diamond Shoals, eight miles off Cape Hatteras, to-night, and faint lights carry notice to the life-saving crews on shore that there are human souls on board the wreck that cannot be saved until wind and sea have calmed sufficiently to allow the surf boats to be launched.

The observer of the United States weather bureau at Hatteras first saw the steamer when the fog lifted shortly before noon to-day. At that time she appeared to be in distress and later it was seen that she had grounded on the inner shoal known to mariners as "Hell's Hole" in the graveyard of shipping. High seas careened the vessel on her beam ends and at 3 p.m. she was lying on her port side with seas washing all over her.

At 8 o'clock the observer at Hatteras reported that the life-saving crews of several stations along the Carolina coast in the vicinity of Hatteras were on the beach ready to launch their surf boats the minute the wind and tide had abated sufficiently to allow them to do so. At that time the wind had dropped from 40 to 36 miles an hour, but the mercury also was falling steadily and the approach of freezing weather bodes ill for the crew imprisoned on the steamer. The report states that at sunset the vessel had apparently righted herself somewhat and that if the wind and sea did not increase there was a good chance of her remaining intact until morning. If this is the case the prospects are bright for the life-savers being able to reach her.

From the size of the steamer it is thought she carried a consignment of 25 men. Word from the scene expresses little hopes that loss of life can be averted.

The Stranded Drumelzier.

New York, Dec. 28.—Still pounding on the bar at Oak island, where she struck on Christmas morning, there is practically no change to-night in the condition of the British steamer Drumelzier. To-night word was sent to the Sandy Hook life-saving station to get ready to start for the wreck at daylight. Throughout the day the crews of the two life-saving stations were unable to render assistance. Should the vessel go to pieces during the night, as appeared possible from the terrific manner in which she was seen to be pounding when darkness set in, the only possible salvation for Captain Nicholson and his crew lies in rescue by the boats of the wrecking steamer Monarch, which is anchored about a mile from the stranded steamer, the lights of which were still visible well into the night. If the vessel holds together great hope is placed in the efforts which the Sandy Hook life-savers will make as soon as daylight comes.

THREE PEOPLE PERISHED.

Geneseo, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Three persons lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the farm residence of Charles Millman, at the head of Conestoga lake early to-day. The cause of the fire has not been explained.

FATAL FIRES IN EASTERN CANADA

INFIRM WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH WHILE ALONE

Stonecutters Employed on C.P.R. Hotel at Winnipeg Have Gone on Strike—Notes.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 28.—Sarah Walker, 86 years old, was burned to death at Desert Lake, Frontenac county, in the absence of her family. Her clothing is supposed to have caught fire, and, being too infirm to extinguish them, she perished before relief came.

Another Death.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Another victim has been added to the list of dead as a result of a fire at Perrait lane on Christmas morning by the death of Ida St. George, 9 years of age, who was taken from the burning building so badly burned that there was no hope for her recovery. This is the fifth victim of the fire.

Fatal Fall.

Barrie, Ont., Dec. 28.—Fred Partridge, an Englishman, a laborer employed on the Grand Trunk railway, fell into an oil tank at Allandale and fractured his skull and died an hour later. He leaves a widow and two small children.

A Toronto Blaze.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 28.—Fire to-night damaged the stock and premises of the Cosgrove Brewing Company to the extent of $50,000.

Was Not a Success.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 28.—The People's Cafe, Limited, with a capital of $100,000, has gone into voluntary liquidation. It was organized some months ago for the benefit of people of modest means. Chancellor Boyd is president, Chief Justice Moss vice-president, and a number of prominent clergymen and business men are on the directorate.

Mrs. Rutherford Injured.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Annie O. Rutherford, president of the Dominion W. C. T. U., fell on the icy pavement yesterday and fractured her left leg below the ankle.

Winnipeg Strike.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 28.—The anticipated strike of stonecutters on the new C. P. R. hotel materialized yesterday. At 3 o'clock 19 men on the job walked out, and say that they will not resume work till terms have been agreed to. The whole trouble arises over a discussion as to whether stone planers may be used in the city. To finish the depot and hotel within the specified time, Peter Lyall & Sons, contractors, have found it necessary to install machinery to help the cutters along. The men seemed to feel that the planer would take work from them, and refused to remain in the same yard. An effort will be made to involve all allied unions, but the action is generally considered ill-advised, as they were guaranteed all the work they could do for a year.

With the G. T. R.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 28.—F. W. Morse, second vice-president of the Grand Trunk railway, has resigned to become vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. He will be succeeded by E. H. Fitzhugh, at present general manager of the Central Vermont railway.

Reorganization.

Quebec, Dec. 28.—The Canadian Northern railway interests, who control the Great Northern railway, have decided upon a plan of reorganization. A meeting of the Great Northern directors and shareholders took place in this city when the plan of reorganization was unfolded to the shareholders. Mr. D. B. Hanna, president of the company, presided over the meeting, and Mr. Lash, one of the directors and legal counsel for the Canadian Northern railway, explained the proposed plan of reorganization, which provides for bonds to be issued to the extent of $4,962,000 at 4 per cent. to take care of the existing bond issues of the company, and all indebtedness, said new bonds to be guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Canadian Northern Railway Company. The company will, in exchange for each $1,000 of the outstanding bonds, series A and B, give $750 principal of the guaranteed bonds of the consolidated issue, with all interest coupons attached. The above plan of reorganization was submitted to the shareholders and unanimously adopted., thus placing the Great Northern railway of Canada on a sound financial footing, and making its future assured. Z. A. Lash, general counsel of the Canadian Northern railway, informed the shareholders that they expected within the next two years to have all their lines between the east and west connected, thus completing their trans-continental railway. It is said the details of reorganization will be completed in the course of two months, when the old bondholders will receive their money and the road pass altogether into the hands of Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann and their Toronto associates, who will at once begin the construction of the branch line from Garneau Junction to Quebec in the direction of the new bridge. The old board of directors, composed of the following gentlemen, were re-elected: D. B. Hanna, president; Jas. McNaught, first vice-president; H. H. Melville, second vice-president; E. E. Ling, V. Chateauvert, Hon. Jules Tessier, W. H. Moore, J. A. Nash, F. C. Annesley, Thos. McDougall, John Joyce, Hon. S. N. Parent, ex-officio. This board is, however, only temporarily to assist until the old bonds are in, when the Quebec directors and Col. McNaught and H. H. Melville, first and second vice-presidents under the old management, will disappear and an entirely new board will be elected, with Toronto gentlemen associated with Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann in full control.

BOILERS EXPLODE.

Three Men Killed and Two Injured at Melville, Wash.

Chehalis, Wn., Dec. 28.—Three men were killed instantly and two injured, one so badly that he died soon afterwards, by the explosion of four boilers at the sawmill plant of Walworth & Neville, at Neville, Washington, to-day. Almost immediately after the mill started in the forenoon there was a terrific explosion, with the results stated. These killed were R. C. Hicks, Frank Dowell, and Pres Epling. Roy Ickles, who was injured, died soon afterwards. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

HEINZE EXAMINED

In Connection With Action Brought By Butte & Boston Mining Co.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 28.—F. Augustus Heinze, in a deposition before George F. Dougall, a notary, in a suit brought by the Butte & Boston Mining Company, of the Amalgamated Copper group, to recover $1,500,000 for ore alleged to have been illegally mined by the Heinze interests from the Michael Davitt mine, acknowledged under oath that negotiations were on between him and the Amalgamated Copper Company for the sale of his property in Butte to the Amalgamated.

To many of the questions asked by counsel for the Amalgamated, Mr. Heinze pleaded a lack of memory. Mr. Heinze claims he is not now the president of the United Copper Company or the Montana Ore Purchasing Company, although he admitted that he had formerly held both these positions. He claimed he did not know who is the president or general manager or any of the board of directors of the Montana Ore Purchasing Company. The witness, however, stated that he was still a shareholder of that company and the United Company.

Mr. Heinze admitted that he was the first president of the Montana Ore Purchasing Company, and that he was connected with that corporation officially up to a period in the present year, the exact period of his retirement having escaped his memory. The witness could not remember the time when he had ceased to be the executive of the United Copper Company.

PRESENT CASE AGAINST PENNSYLVANIA BISHOP

Petitioners Ask That the Rt. Rev. Dr. Talbot Be Tried Before Court of His Peers.

New York, Dec. 27.—Following is the presentment in the case against Bishop Talbot, of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Central Pennsylvania, in connection with the deposition of Dr. Ingraham N. Irvine, of Philadelphia, from the priesthood:

"The undersigned, in virtue of the canonical authority reposed in them, present Rt. Rev. Dr. Ethelbert Talbot, bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in the diocese of Central Pennsylvania, as being guilty of conduct unbecoming a bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States of America in the several specifications hereinafter more particularly set forth, in order that he may be tried on said charge, which is laid within five years last past, which trial is had by demand under the provisions of canon 9, title 2, of the canons of the general convention of the said church in such case made and provided.

"Specification 1.—The said presenters hereby present and allege that Bishop Talbot is guilty of immorality in having written a false, libelous and untruthful letter regarding Rev. I. N. Irvine, or mailed or cause the letter to be mailed to Rev. Dr. Upjohr, president of the Philadelphia Catholic Club. (A copy of the letter follows.)

"Specification 2.—That Bishop Talbot is guilty of lying in having written such: 'I say to you that this man was deposed nearly two years ago for gross immorality and for lewd and lascivious conduct with women.' For reference see the proceedings of the ecclesiastical court before which Rev. Dr. Irvine was tried, in which no record will be found of such charges.

"Specification 3.—That Bishop Talbot is guilty of lying in having written: 'That Irvine for thirty years has been in the ministry, and for twenty of these years he has been under ecclesiastical discipline.' (Here papers from three bishops, as well as letters and other documents, are given as reference.)

"Specification 4.—That Bishop Talbot is guilty of lying in having written that he (Irvine) has been suspended once, admonished once in your diocese and inhibited and made to leave repeatedly.'"

The charge of lying is set forth in specifications covering all but two of the remaining paragraphs of the letter.

Following the paragraph reading "That all his (Irvine's) talk about a divorced woman being excommunicated and then restored by me is baseless," the presentment in support of the charge of lying sets forth the following letter:

Diocese of Central Pennsylvania Bishopric, South Bethlehem, Penn.,
Feb. 5th, 1899.

My Dear Irvine:—The woman to whom you refer is by canon excommunicated. I cannot believe she will have the presumption to present herself at the holy communion. If you think there is any danger of her doing so, it would be better for you in some kind and gentle way to intimate to her her true condition. Of course, you have no discretion in the matter. If she should present herself before you can speak to her, you can speak to her afterward. There is no reason in this case to make any row if the thing is managed quietly and firmly, with a little common sense. I thank you for what you say on this matter of missions.

Affectionately yours,
ETHELBERT TALBOT.

The further specification to the charge of lying is as follows:

"Specification.—That Bishop Talbot is guilty of conduct unbecoming a bishop, of breach of his ordination and consecration vows against involving other bishops in controversy by writing untruthfully as follows:

"That eight bishops have made charges against him (Irvine); that the venerable bishop of Quincy wrote to me upon his death-bed that Irvine had outraged two girls in his city, and Bishops Whitaker, Whitehead, Seymour, Scarborough, Potter, Doane, Adams, Taylor and Rev. Dr. Leffingwell, and a host of others, will bear out all I have said as to his character.'

"Therefore, the presenters, in view of the reasons as set forth in the above specifications, do ask that Bishop Talbot be presented for trial before a court of his peers."

PICKED UP AT SEA.

British Ship Lonsdale Rescued Twenty-Six Sailors Whose Vessel Had Been Burned.

(Associated Press.)

Los Angeles, Dec. 28.—Capt. K. E. Fall, of the British ship Lonsdale, from Newcastle-on-Tyne, just arrived at Los Angeles, reports picking up twenty-six castaways at sea, who had been drifting about near Cape Horn for over a week. They had abandoned the British collier Elvion, which had been burned at sea. All but three of the men were left at Valparaiso.

IMPRISONMENT AND FINE.

Sentence Passed on Senor Avellaneda, Whose Automobile Ran Over Woman in Paris.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 29.—A Paris dispatch to the Herald says:

"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 to-day (Thursday) by a Paris tribunal to one month's imprisonment, a fine of 500 francs ($100) and 1,000 francs ($200) damages for an automobile accident in Paris last June.

"Senor Avellaneda in the Rue Morgue, in company with a machinist, ran over Mlle. Froger, who died on the following day from her injuries. The police made inquiries and prosecuted the 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 not appear in court, was acquitted."

LITTLE GIRL IS MISSING UP NORTH

HAS NOT BEEN SEEN FOR TWELVE MONTHS

Another Child Rescued From Natives Has Been Adopted by a Wealthy Lady.

A little girl eleven years old, of German origin on her father's side, deserted by her father and mother and last seen among the Indians at Fort Rupert, has been receiving the attention of C. J. South, superintendent of the Children's Protective Association, Vancouver. Mr. South is in the city, having arrived from the Mainland Wednesday evening, and in speaking of the work of the association mentioned the above case to a Times representative this morning.

The little girl is in the possession of the Indians, where, he was unable to state. Her father for a time worked in Dawson, and coming south went to Portland. Mr. South believes that the mother is an Indian woman, which would account for the mother and child crossing to the American side, for annually there is a general exodus of British Columbia Indians to the hop fields in Washington and Oregon. The girl was traced from Portland to Fort Rupert, and it was here that she was last seen. Possibly the Indians, knowing that the child is being sought by the authorities, have sent her inland to some friendly tribe's reservation. At any rate the officers of the provincial police force and missionaries have been unable to locate her. Mr. South, however, will never give up the hunt until he has found the girl and taken her from the natives and placed her in a safe position.

Under his supervision the Children's Aid Society has done a great deal of good. A year ago the Times called attention to two small children in the possession of the Indians in the north. That the little ones were not receiving proper care was strenuously denied, but they have since been taken from the natives and placed in the Children's Home.

Some time ago a little girl, three years of age, was found among the Indians at Alert Bay. She had been taken from there to Fort Rupert and her skin was so stained and her hair dyed that she was hardly recognizable, except at close observation. The discoloration had been effected by means of herbs. This child was brought to Vancouver, and in course of time her skin lost the peculiar color it had been given. Fair hair grew out and the blue-eyed one soon became a favorite. Last winter she was adopted by a wealthy lady, and is now in a comfortable home.

Mr. South tells of still another case where a girl of fifteen had been rescued by the society and who has now no hesitation in stating that if the assistance had not come to her relief her life would have been ruined.

In the home at Vancouver there are 63 children being cared for and seven more are expected to enter the institution shortly. Mr. South tells of some very pitiable cases where children of tender age have been exposed to influences worse to their moral welfare than the Indian environment. The natives procure these girls, he says, for no good purposes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

On Monday, January 2nd, the first annual rally of the Victoria Methodist Sunday schools will be held in Centennial Methodist church. Children from the following schools will participate in the gathering: Metropolitan, superintendent, H. L. Knott; Centennial, superintendent, N. Shakespeare; Spring Ridge, superintendent, Wm. Moore; James Bay, superintendent, T. W. Martindale; Victoria West, superintendent, Chas. Gladding. The initial session will convene at 10.30 o'clock, H. J. Knott taking the chair. Mrs. W. Reynolds has been appointed chairman, N. Shakespeare, treasurer, and Miss Hicks, organist.

This is the first rally of its kind ever held in Victoria. It has been the custom in Eastern cities to hold such gatherings regularly, and local Sunday school officials have decided to introduce it here. The programme, which is published in attractive pamphlet form, consists of a number of appropriate musical selections, reports and addresses. Rev. J. K. B. Adams and Rev. G. W. Dean will deliver speeches. Those who attend are promised a pleasant and profitable time.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

This week's Gazette contains notice that Daniel Donaldson, of Vancouver, has been appointed superintendent of the reformatory at that place. The appointment dates from February 1st, 1905.

Dr. G. Milne, of this city, Dominion immigration inspector, has been appointed a J. P.

The Kootenay-Cariboo & Pacific Railway Company gives notice that at the next session of the legislature application will be made for an extension of time for the commencement of work on the proposed line.

There will also be application made to the legislature for the incorporation of the Fording Valley Railway Company, the line to commence at a point on the B. C. Southern railway near the confluence of the Elk river and extending along the valley of the Fording river.