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DROPPED DEAD WRITING TELEGRAM

Sudden Death of George H. Palmer of St. John at Fredericton

Deceased Was a Well Known Commercial Traveller--Arrived from Montreal Yesterday Afternoon--Inquest Held Last Night Decides Cause of Death Heart Failure-- Wife and Child Live in This City.

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DOUGLAS WANTS RECIPROCITY

Trade of Eastern Canada Belongs to Boston, Says Governor

HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Advocates Abolishing Duties of Wool, Hides and Coal--Would Establish Agricultural Schools--Wants Boston to Control Its Own Police.

Boston, Jan. 5--Governor Douglas' inaugural address to the Massachusetts legislature today suggested many changes in existing conditions. The following is a summary:--

Governor Douglas, at the very outset of his inaugural address to the legislature urged the avoidance of so-called class legislation, contending that no general legislation should be enacted that does not distribute burdens and benefits equally upon all.

MABEL PAGE'S FATHER A WITNESS

Prisoner Cool

Takes No More Interest in Trial Than a Spectator--Doctor Tells of Wounds That Caused the Young Woman's Death.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 5--In a voice that frequently trembled with emotion, and unable to keep from his eyes the tears that persisted in welling, Edward Page, the aged father of Mabel Page, the Westchester woman who was strangled to death in her home on March 31, 1904, today told to the jury the tragic story of his discovery of his daughter's death.

Mr. Page's testimony had been awaited with interest as it had been expected this story of his experience on the day his daughter was killed would be one of the dramatic incidents of the trial.

NEW C. P. R. BOATS TO BE 20 KNOTS

Larger Than Anything Yet Running to Canadian Ports

TWO OF THEM ORDERED

Will Be Ready in Spring of 1906--Gross Tonnage to Be 14,500, and They Will Have Accommodations for 1650 Passengers.

Montreal, Jan. 5--(Special)--Directors of the C. P. R. today approved of the plans for the two new steamers ordered from a Glasgow firm for the Atlantic service.

Both vessels will be larger than any now running to Canadian ports and will have a speed of twenty knots.

Each vessel will have a gross tonnage of 14,500, and will be 650 feet in length and sixty-five feet in breadth.

ROJESTVENSKY'S FLAGSHIP SINKS

Struck a Rock, According to a St. Petersburg Despatch

Nogi Reports 48,000 Surrendered at Port Arthur--Stoessel Ordered Home to Be Court-martialed--Fears of Revolution May Cause Czar to Seek Peace.



ADMIRAL ROJESTVENSKY'S FLAGSHIP WHICH IS REPORTED SUNK

Paris, Jan. 6--The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald, telegraphs that Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's flagship, the battleship Kniaz Suvoroff, has struck a rock and foundered.

The latest report from Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron was contained in a despatch dated Tananarive, Island of Madagascar, January 2, in which it was stated that the vice-admiral's division of the Russian second Pacific squadron, consisting of five battleships, three cruisers, two transports and a hospital ship, had anchored on that day in the roadstead of Sainte Marie, an island on the east coast.

The Kniaz Suvoroff was built at St. Petersburg in 1902, and was of 13,516 tons displacement. Her length was 307 1/2 feet, her beam 76 feet, her draught 29 feet, and indicated horse-power 16,000.

London, Jan. 6--Special despatches from Tokio say that the Port Arthur garrison was annihilated at 9 o'clock Thursday morning at Yalu-tsun in accordance with the terms of the supplementary agreement.

The Standard's Port Arthur correspondent reports that the town appears to have been little damaged by the bombardment. Carriages and other articles are being moved about with well dressed people who apparently are anything but starved. The ruined forts resemble hills shaken by a mighty convulsion, and a few cases of erysipelas are reported.

Russian Wounded Must Stay at Port Arthur. Chofco, Jan. 5--1820 p.m.--Sympathy for sick and wounded Russians at Port Arthur is widespread, but an idea is afoot for them at Chofco, Tien Tsin, Shanghai, Wei Hai Wei and Tsingtau has led to an inquiry which developed the fact that the combined facilities of the place named are equal to harboring only a small percentage of them.

The refusal of the Japanese to accept the aid rendered by the British cruiser Andromeda was an error born of their desire to show the world that Japan's humanitarianism was equal to the occasion.

The statement of the censored despatches from correspondents with General Nogai's army in taking the fortress is declared to be absurd by Russian naval officers here. Their lowest estimates, they say, based on both personal observation and on stories told by prisoners, is that the Japanese lost 80,000.

General Nogai is prepared, through agents, who have been recruiting for months, to put a force of Chinese coolies at work in the fortifying of Port Arthur immediately that the Russians are disposed of.

As the quantities of cement and timber are ready on the Yalu river for this purpose, while steel plates and other manufactured necessities are ready in Japan for transportation to the fortress.

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SYDNEY'S CIVIC DEBT NEARLY A MILLION

Town Spent \$15,000 in Running Schools Past Year--Large Sums for Construction of Buildings.

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 5--(Special)--Mayor Richardson today submitted to the citizens a statement of the civic business for the year just closed. The total indebtedness is \$925,000; \$330,000 bonds were issued during the year at eighty-four per cent. Receipts from sewer service were \$10,225. There were thirty-nine alarms, with an estimated destruction to property of \$10,000. There were collected in fines through the police court \$1,900, there being jailed for all offences 515, as compared with 730 for the year 1902. Fifteen thousand and sixty-seven dollars were expended in schools, the city having nine school buildings and thirty-eight teachers. There were \$127,600 spent on construction of buildings, as against \$478,000 for 1902. The report says the outlook for 1905 is very hopeful.

FRENCH ACTRESS UNDER THE BAN IN MONTREAL

Clergy Inspires Section of the Press to Boycott Madame Rejane.

Montreal, Jan. 5--(Special)--Inspired by the clergy, the French newspapers have placed under the ban the plays of Madame Rejane, the famous Parisian actress playing in Montreal this week.

DECISION TODAY ABOUT NAN PATTERSON'S BAIL

New York, Jan. 5--Justice Greenbaum, in the supreme court today, announced that he would probably hand down his decision on the question of admitting Nan Patterson to bail some time tomorrow.

STEAMED NINE DAYS FIVE MILES APART

Remarkable Race Between Two Ocean Steamers Across Atlantic.

New York, Jan. 5--After nine days of sailing in close company across the Atlantic ocean, the steamers Graf Waldenee, of the Hamburg-American line, and Cassed, of the North German Lloyd line, arrived at this port today with the former leading by but two hours.

HORRIBLE MURDER OF POLISH WOMAN

Somerville, Conn., Jan. 5--Her head battered in, her throat cut from ear to ear and her body covered by a cheesecloth bag, Mrs. Lucigiosa Kules, a Polish woman, was found murdered late this afternoon in the kitchen of her home.

Terrific Explosion of Dynamite

Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 5--Nearly every window in the borough of Christiana was broken today by the explosion of 2000 pounds of dynamite. Forty boxes of explosive had been packed around steam engine No. 10 on the railroad.

Favors Canadian Reciprocity

Mr. Douglas favored an effort to secure Canadian reciprocity.

Favors Agricultural Schools

The governor commended the works of industrial and trade schools, and would have the state establish agricultural schools in the rural districts to the end that the farms would become more productive.

Attempt to Wreck Express Train Foiled

Underwood, W. Va., Jan. 5--An attempt was made today to wreck the New York & Chicago express on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, carrying 300 people. A heavy iron bar was driven in the switch with such force that it required twenty minutes work to remove it.

Edith Mary, of Glasgow, Likely Gone Down With Ten of Crew

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 5--Two life buoys marked "Edith Mary, Glasgow," have been found off Cape St. Marys. It is believed they belong to the iron barque of that name, which left Accrington Sept. 14 for St. John's and is now 113 days unreported.

Crocker Interdicted by Jockey Club

London, Jan. 5--The Jockey Club has interdicted Richard Crocker for training his horses on Newmarket Heath. No reason is given.

Ice-covered Truro

Truro, Jan. 5--(Special)--Truro is a perfect sheet of ice, and all his teams are glistering in a silvery coat.

LYNN TEAMSTERS STILL OBDURATE

Strikers Refuse to Arbitrate People Are Hauling Their Own Coal.

William Hachey Struck by I. C. R. Engine When About to Board Train for Home

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 5--(Special)--A section man named William Hachey, of Bathurst, was instantly killed in Newmarket in charge of a snow plough and going through the yard to board a train to return home.

BRITISH BARQUE GIVEN UP AS LOST

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Mrs. Chadwick's Trunk Opened

Cleveland, Jan. 5--The trunk belonging to Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick was opened today by Attorney Croswell. Its contents consisted of four dresses and an entire suit of moleskin, the whole being worth, Mr. Croswell says, four or five thousand dollars.

CANADIAN WATERWAY COMMISSION NAMED

Three Appointed, and United States Will Do Likewise--Quebec M. P. to the Bench.

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COST OF THE SIEGE OF PORT ARTHUR

Table with columns for RUSSIAN and JAPANESE costs, including army garrisons, sea forces, hospitals, and supplies.