REPORTED SEIZURE OF RUSSIAN STEAMERS

Japanese Fleet Are Said to Have Made the Capture While on the Way to Korea

London, Feb. 8.—A special dispatch from Berlin says that a strong fleet of Japanese warships, reported on its way to Chemulpo, Korea, has seized several Russian trading steamers.

Warships Off Korea.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The state department has received a cable from the American legation at Seoul to the effect that it is reported that Japanese warships have arrived off Masamoho, but that cable communication has been cut off, and it is impossible to confirm the report.

Leaving Port Arthur.

Port Arthur, Feb. 8.—In response to invitations from the Japanese government, many Japanese sailed from here to Nagasaki to-day. The Chinese in Manchuria are greatly excited, and numbers of them are preparing to leave for Che Foo.

Russia Preparing Statement.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 8.—The Russian foreign office is preparing a statement of the negotiations between Russia and Japan, which probably will be given out during the next twenty-four hours. It may be in the form of a circular note to the Russian representatives abroad, but it is more likely to be published in the Official Messenger as an official communication.

Korea's Neutrality.

Rome, Feb. 8.—King Emmanuel had a long interview with Premier Giolitti and Marine Minister Mirabello to-day as a result of the severance of diplomatic relations between Russia and Japan, and ended with expressing the hope that war may be avoided. His Majesty asked the minister to keep Foreign Minister Tinni, who is now in Naples, informed of all that transpires in the East.

Minister Mirabello has cabled instructions to the commander of the Italian squadron in the Far East to send the Italian third-class cruiser Piemonte from Shanghai to Japan, to keep the third-class cruiser Elba in Korean waters to protect Italian interests, and to have the armored cruiser Vetter Pizanna communicate between them. The third-class cruiser Paglia, now at San Francisco, has been ordered to Japan. Although it is hardly considered that their sailing will be necessary in view of the limit of Italian interests in the Far East, two other ships are ready to start for the Far East.

An exchange of views is taking place between countries whose rulers, like the King of Italy, have received letters from the King of Korea announcing his intention to abstain from any act which might be interpreted as a breach of neutrality.

Although not unexpected, the last news from the Far East deeply affected the Pope, whose mind immediately turned to the faithful and the missionaries exposed to the horrors of war. The Pontiff said: "I still have hope in the peaceful disposition of the Czar. Let us pray that God may guide him."

Russian Press Comments.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 8.—The rupture of diplomatic relations between Russia and Japan was discussed calmly in the papers here to-day, the onus being unanimously placed on Japan for severing relations the very day the Russian reply was to reach Tokio.

The Viedomotti still sees a "dim ray of hope of a peaceful settlement," and says the last word has not yet been spoken.

The Novoe Vremayet, repeating its yesterday's charges that Japan's desire was to bring about war no matter what was the tenor of the Russian reply, adds: "Even Japan's extraordinary manner of rupturing relations has evoked no Chauvinism in Russia, but merely an outburst of keenest patriotism."

Cable Messages.

New York, Feb. 8—The Japanese government has decided that cable messages in code may be sent to Japan without restriction and an announcement to that effect was made to-day by the Commercial Cable Company.

Attitude of France.

Paris, Feb. 8.—The attitude of France in the presence of this grave Russo-Japanese emergency is a subject of the deepest concern among officials. France will undoubtedly maintain strict neutrality and will endeavor in every way to keep free from all possible entanglements which might draw her into hostilities.

THE THEATRE OF WAR.

THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

THE CZAR.

MINISTER'S ACTION AGAINST NEWSPAPERS

Lays Information for Arrests on Charge of Criminal Libel and Also Seeks Damages.

(Special to the Times.)

Montreal, Feb. 8.—Hon. R. Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries, having been accused by La Patrie and Star on Saturday of issuing circulars offering appointments to the electors of St. James and Hochelaga in view of the election contests, has this morning sworn information for criminal libel before the magistrate for the arrest of Hugh Graham, proprietor of the Star, and L. J. Tarte, of La Patrie, and has also instituted an action for damages for libel against those two papers ,one of $10,000 against the Star and $5,000 against La Patrie. These cases are reported today.

SEVERE LOSSES.

The Fighting in German Southwest Africa Has Been Heavy—The Death List.

Berlin, Feb. 7.—The Koloniale Zeitsheift has received a telegram from Windhoek, German Southwest Africa, stating that the Omarura Company proceeded to Omarura and stormed that place on February 4th. An extraordinary energetic resistance was offered to the attack, the Germans losing four killed and thirteen wounded, while seven were reported missing. The company is now surrounded by the enemy, but 400 Germans with artillery are going to their aid.

The forces which reached Windhoek from Swakopmund February 4th, and who were intended for the relief of Gibadis, was immediately sent back to the relief of the Omarura Company.

The Outjo Company also came to battle with the natives at Ekaneno. The situation of the whole north colony is declared to be grave.

The death list has risen to 81, and the missing number more than 200.

An official telegram from Swakopmund received later states that it was Frankes Company which entered Omarura, and is now surrounded there. The German losses, according to this dispatch, are six dead, eleven wounded and seven missing.

The force from the German gunboat Habicht and Lieut. Winkler's corps are marching from Omarura. The railway is now in operation to Windhoek.

INFORMATION FOR PREMIER.

Government Said to Be Seriously Contemplating Taking Up Option on E. & N.

Vancouver, Feb. 8.—President Cocking and W. T. Heddle, delegates from the Nanaimo Board of Trade, came here this morning to secure the endorsation of the Vancouver board to the proposed purchase of the E. & N. railway by the government. The Vancouver board, on account of lack of information, did not see its way to support it, and so informed the delegates.

They say J. H. Hawthornthwaite told the Nanaimo board that the government seriously contemplated taking up the option they had for the purchase of the road at three and a half millions.

THE PREMIER AT MONTREAL.

Referred to the Transcontinental Railway and the Tariff.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—Over three thousand people heard Sir Wilfrid Laurier speak in Montreal on Saturday. The Premier said that if the Grand Trunk Pacific did not built the transcontinental, then someone else would. As to the tariff, when revision was required the government would do so on the same lines as in 1896, as every one knew that the Liberal tariff was much better than the Conservative one.

PREPARING FOR IMMIGRANTS.

Winnipeg, Feb. 6.—The Dominion government is sending large supplies of tents to different centres in the West, with other conveniences, to meet the demands of expected immigrants this spring.

NURSE'S GOOD WORDS.—"I am a professional nurse," writes Mrs. Eisner, Halifax, N. S. "I was a great sufferer from rheumatism—almost constant association with best physicians I had every chance of a cure if it were in their power—but they failed. South American Rheumatic Cure was recommended—to-day my six years of pain seem as a dream. Two bottles cured me. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—106.

The hottest place in the world is the interior of the great Sahara desert, Africa, where the thermometer rises to 122 deg.

MRS. FLORENCE MAYBRICK.

Her Life at Truro, Cornwall, Where She Will Remain Until Sentence Expires.

London, Feb. 6.—Mrs. Maybrick is serving out the last few months of her sentence in the quiet country home of the Sisters of the Ephiphany at Truro, Cornwall, under an assumed name and with her identity completely hidden. She is guarded from communication with the outside world as jealously as if she were still in Aylesbury prison. The Sisters with whom she is associated, and servants, have no idea that she really is Mrs. Maybrick. She occupies a pleasant, simply furnished room in the home and rises at six o'clock each morning. Though a free agent she is obliged to conform to the strict discipline of the convent. She takes her meals in silence and is not allowed to converse except upon religious topics during the day, and at tea time, when for an interval the Sisters are permitted to talk of earthly things. Mrs. Maybrick must be in bed at nine o'clock. No newspapers are allowed her and only such books as are given her by the Sisters. During a part of the day Mrs. Maybrick works in silence in the sewing room with the Sisters, who make all their own clothing. Last Sunday she attended services in the Truro cathedral and has been allowed to walk about the town accompanied by one of the Sisters. Mrs. Maybrick is supposed to be recovering from an attack of influenza and passes as merely one of the many visitors to the Sisterhood, who pay for their accommodations.

She will remain in charge of the Sisters until she is released, next July, though prior to that time, when the weather improves, she will be removed to the Convalescent Home under the same management, which is located in one of the wildest spots on the Cornish coast.

Many members of the English aristocracy are inmates of the home. The Mother Superior of the Sisterhood is the Hon. Miss Dalrymple, while several other Sisters under only their Christian names conceal well known patronymics.

SHOT THE CONDUCTOR.

Fatally Wounded When He Resisted Attack by Two Robbers.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—Two unidentified robbers shot and fatally wounded George Brekler, a conductor on the Western avenue electric line, early to-day when he resisted their attempts to rob him. The attempted robbery occurred at the terminus of the line. The robbers escaped.

MADE WILL BEFORE SHOOTING HIMSELF

MAN LEFT NOTE THAT HE WANTED TO DIE

Nine People Overcome by Gas and Three Are Not Expected to Recover.

Strathroy, Ont., Feb. 8.—Robert Graham, forty years of age, a resident of this town, committed suicide by shooting himself yesterday afternoon. He had been drinking heavily lately, and before shooting himself made a will and told his wife he was sorry for what he had done; that he was a miserable cur and wanted to die. He leaves a widow and two small children.

May Close Factories.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 8.—The Grand Trunk & Wabash railways have decided not to handle any more coal during the snow blockade in this section of Ontario, a fact which caused a great uneasiness to manufacturers of Windsor and Walkerville, who fear they will have to close down for lack of coal. Householders of Windsor are getting uneasy over the outlook for coal for domestic purposes.

Record Shipment.

Winnipeg, Feb. 8.—Eighteen cars of raw silk passed through the city for Weehauken, N. J., on Saturday, being the most valuable cargo shipped across the continent by the C. P. R.

Severely Burned.

W. Morrison, of Ignace, was badly burned while filling a lighted torch with oil, the fluid catching fire, and exploding. He is suffering in Rat Portage hospital.

Fire in Newspaper Office.

A serious fire in the Tribune newspaper building last night about 11 o'clock did some $30,000 damage. It started from the furnace, and when found great difficulty was experienced in getting at it. Richardson & Bishop, stationers, and the Tribune were the heaviest sufferers, their stocks and plant being damaged fifty per cent., losing about $10,000 apiece. The newspaper plant was damaged to the extent of $10,000. Among other sufferers were Dr. J. R. Davidson, C. H. Hubbard & Co., dental depot, $3,000 loss; F. O. Morrison, printers, $1,000; J. Stovel, manufacturers' agent, $1,000. Large quantities of water were poured in. The Free Press office, situated next door, escaped, but smoke poured into the rooms. The fire was under control by 2 a. m. The Tribune is unable to issue from its building to-day, but is being helped out by the other papers.

House Destroyed.

The house occupied by Mrs. LeClair, Tache street, St. Boniface, was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is $1,500.

Smothered.

Frank, son of J. B. Anderson, was drawn into a bin of wheat in the Dominion elevator at Indian Head this morning, and smothered to death. The boy was watching the machinery at the time, and his coat was caught.

Church Damaged.

The Methodist church at Killarney has been damaged by fire to the extent of $1,000.

Three May Die.

Montreal, Feb. 7.—Nine persons were nearly asphyxiated last night by the escape of gas from a street main into a sewer and from thence to a tenement house at 48 Dufferin street, occupied by three families. Three of the victims, it is expected, will die. Neighbors broke into the place this morning, and discovered them all in bed insensible.

Favor Plan.

Toronto, Feb. 8.—The Ames Co. have issued a statement which states that since January 28th seventy-six consents, representing $53,157, to their plan have been received, making the total consents received $345,595, or seventy-five per cent. of their indebtedness, outside $63,257 owed the Atlas Loan Co. They have consequently decided not to assign, but will hold the matter open a short time longer to get more consents.

C. P. R. Dividend.

Montreal, Feb. 8.—At a meeting of the board of the Canadian Pacific Railway to-day a dividend of two per cent. on preference stock and three per cent. on common stock was declared for the half year ended December last. After the payment of working expenses, fixed charges and dividend there is a surplus for the half year of $2,751,783.

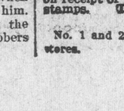
BOUNDARY MINES.

Last Week's Output Amounted to Over Eighteen Thousand Tons.

Phoeniz, B. C., Feb. 6.—Ore shipments from the Boundary mines for the last week slightly exceed those for the previous seven days, the total being over 18,000 tons. The mines sent out the following amounts of ore: Granby mines, to Granby smelter, 12,540 tons; Mother Lode, to Greenwood smelter, 4,000 tons; Emma, to Granby smelter, 429 tons; Senator, to Granby smelter, 1,320 tons; Oro Denoro, to Granby smelter, 693 tons. Athelstan Jackpot to Granby and Grenwood smelters, 524 tons. Total for the week, 18,318 tons; total for the year to date, 84,521 tons.

This week the Granby smelted treated 13,497 tons, making a total of 63,548 tons reduced this year at those reduction works.

Cook's Cotton Root Compound.



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No. 1 and 2 are sold in all Victoria drug stores.

MINISTER IN WRECK.

Hon. W. S. Fielding, Wife and Daughter on Train Which Was in Collision.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Feb. 8.—Two passenger trains of the Delaware & Hudson railway met in a head-on collision to-day near this city, but by quick work a terrible wreck was narrowly averted. Both engines were badly damaged and the express and baggage cars of the northbound train, which were between the heavy engine and the heavy Pullmans and private cars, were crushed and raised from the tracks.

In the official private car Ottawa were the minister of finance, Hon. W. S. Fielding, of Ottawa, his wife and daughter, and Miss Lindsay and Captain Bovilabo, of Ottawa, who have been touring in Florida, and who were returning to Ottawa.

THE NEW REPUBLIC.

Negotiations Looking to Recognition by Argentina Have Been Suspended.

New York, Feb. 6.—Negotiations begun by Dario Herrero, representative of Panama, to obtain recognition of the new republic by Argentina have been suspended, cables the Herald's correspondent at Buenos Ayres. Herrero has received from Minister of Foreign Affairs Espirella, at Panama, the following: "Cease your functions and suspend negotiations for recognition. The government thanks you for your services."

The action of the Panama government is said to be due to the evasive answers given by Minister Terry to Minister Herrero showing that Argentina was not inclined to recognize the new republic.

ANOTHER ISLAND ROAD PROPOSED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO DOMINION HOUSE

Order Passed Regarding Coal Lands Held by Government in Crow's Nest Pass.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—Application will be made next session by a company for the right to build a railway from Chatham Point, Vancouver Island, to Alberni via Comox and to a point on Quatsino Sound.

The V., V. & E.

The Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway & Navigation Co. will apply next session for an act extending the time for the construction and completion of its lines.

Coal Lands.

The regulations for the sale of coal mining lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and the province of British Columbia, approved by an order-in-council of 19th May, 1902, would not appear to be applicable to the coal lands held by the government in the Crow's Nest Pass, and would not meet the provisions of the said act, that no mining regulations or other regulations for the sale or disposal of Dominion lands shall apply to the area of 50,000 acres referred to, but that these lands shall only be disposed of as specially authorized by an order-in-council. On order has been passed rectifying this. This coal is kept by the government to secure a suitable supply at $2 per ton.

A. Morrison Indisposed.

Aulay Morrison, M. P., has been confined to his room here all week with an attack of grippe.

Examiner Appointed.

E. B. Herman, Dominion land surveyor, Vancouver, has been appointed a special examiner, applications for examination having been received from several candidates in British Columbia.

ANNUAL CONCERT.

By the South Saanich Temperance Society Appreciated by Large Audience.

The annual concert by the South Saanich Temperance Society was given on Saturday evening. South Saanich Temperance hall, where the entertainment was held, was crowded, the large audience thoroughly enjoying the programme, which was as follows: Song, Bruce Butler; monologue, J. W. Stewart; song, Miss Martindale; song, Mr. Tilley; violin solo, J. Brooks; song, Miss Dora Butler; black face sketch, "The Dramatic Academy," Messrs Cland and Geoffrey Butler; refreshments; the three act comedy, "Bulldog and Butterfly," was presented, the cast being: Mr. Fellows, G. F. Tanner; Mr. Thistlewood, C. Butler; Mr. Lane, B. Butler; Tom Barton, J. W. Stewart; Mrs. Fellows, G. Butler; Bertha Fellows, Miss Dora Butler; Mary, Miss Esther Young. "God Save the King."

THE GERMAN ARMY.

Owing to Unsatisfactory Financial Condition of the Country Proposed Increase Is Postponed.

Berlin, Feb. 6.—The Reichstag to-day passed the bill prolonging for one year the maintenance of the army at present peace strength. It was generally predicted before the last election that the government would attempt to carry a bill this winter increasing the number of troops under arms, but the unsatisfactory financial status of the Empire prevented this. It is now believed the government merely postponed the execution of the plan until the next session of the Reichstag.

HON. THOMAS GREENWAY

Retiring From Manitoba Legislature to Contest Lisgar for the House of Commons.

Winnipeg, Feb. 6.—It is understood that Hon. Thos. Greenway, leader of the Liberals in the Manitoba legislature, is about to retire from the local parliament, and will contest Lisgar for the House of Commons. He said good-bye to the members yesterday, and universal were the expressions of regret at the premier's departure from their midst. Mr. Greenway has been a member for a quarter of a century, sitting the entire time for Mountain.

"Pa, did you know ma long before you married her?" "No, my boy, I didn't know her until long after."

THE FIRE FIEND'S WORK AT BALTIMORE

Blocks in Business Section Wiped Out by the Devastating Flames---Property Destroyed Valued at $200,000,000.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 8.—While no lives were lost in the terrific conflagration which started on Sunday forenoon, the money loss will probably reach $200,000,000. Acres of the most valuable property in the wholesale drygoods, produce, lumber, shipping, railroad and financial districts have been destroyed.

Notwithstanding the heroic efforts on the part of the local fire department, reinforced by almost numberless firemen from Washington, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Newark, New York, Harrisburg and New York city, the fire early this morning is raging as furiously as it was an hour after it originated in the cellar of John E. Hurst & Co., at Liberty and German streets. The origin of the fire is said to have been from spontaneous combustion, but the evidence in this effect has thus far not been secured.

The area of the fire district extends from Liberty street on the west, to Jones Falls on the east, a distance of about three-quarters of a mile, and from Fayette to Pratt streets, north and south, a distance of four city blocks.

Included in this territory were a number of financial establishments of national repute, including the buildings of Alexander Brown & Sons, the Continental Trust Co., the Union Trust Co., the Atlantic Trust Co., the offices of the B. & O., the Pennsylvania railway, the Maryland Southern & Chesapeake Railway Co., several steamship companies and a number of leading hatters, haberdashers, etc. The main offices of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies were destroyed long before midnight, and the buildings which they occupied were practically destroyed.

Several tons of dynamite were used during the day and night to blow up buildings in an effort to check the spread of the flames, but even this was unavailing, and the strong wind which blew the flying embers hither and thither soon ignited other buildings.

All of the buildings of the Baltimore newspapers, including the offices of the Associated Press, were destroyed by midnight.

Several of the publishers arranged immediately to have their editions printed on the presses of Washington papers. These editions, containing full and accurate accounts of the fire, arrived here early this morning, and were delivered to their regular customers.

The fire has now attacked the wharves, docks and piers of the harbor, and seems to be spreading to the southeast section of the city.

More Aid.

New York, Feb. 8.—Nine engine companies and one hook and ladder truck company with their fire fighting apparatus left Jersey City on the special train to go to Baltimore's aid at 4 o'clock this morning, and it was expected they would reach the scene of the fire about 8 o'clock.

In Lumber District.

Baltimore, Feb. 8.—9.30 a. m.—The fire continues to spread eastward and southward, but is not burning as fiercely as at daylight, and there is hope that it will spend itself within a few hours. The lumber district near O'Donnell's wharf has been practically consumed, and there is material left for the flames to feed on in that direction. The Monumental theatre on Baltimore street is threatened, and will probably fall a victim to the conflagration. All electric power has been destroyed, and no street cars are running.

Practically Under Control.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 8.—Police Captain McCoch, who went to Baltimore in charge of a detail of policemen, telegraphs to Director of Public Safety Smith, that the fire was practically under control at 9 a. m. Captain McCoch says it was a repetition of the Atlantic fire battle. When the firemen from this city reached Baltimore he says they found the Baltimore firemen fighting the flames from the side and rear. District Chief Waters, in charge of the Philadelphia firemen, ordered his men to fight the fire from the front. Captain McCoch says he will bring the Philadelphia police home to-morrow morning.

Discuss Relief Measures.

Baltimore, Feb. 8.—It is anticipated that there may be much suffering and destitution following upon the heels of the destructive visitation and Mayor McLane and other city officials are already discussing the most ready means of relief. It is estimated that 20,000 persons will be thrown out of employment.

Briggen Biggs, comamnding the State National Guard, has issued strict instructions to guard against any possible looting of the partially destroyed abandoned houses. So far there has been no instances of looting reported.

Governor Warfield has called an extra session of the legislature to meet this evening to empower him to declare the city under martial law and suspends all business for ten days. To-day has been declared a legal holiday.

He stated to-day that every safe deposit box and vault in the various institutions was absolutely safe, that the records were preserved and that it was next to impossible for serious danger to happen to documents contained therein.

The blackened remains of a fireman were found in the gutted Equitable building this morning, where he had rushed in an effort to get a line of hose to the roof.

The lumber yards along West Falls avenue from Pratt street to the water's edge are in ruins. There is absolutely no hope for any of the section.

At 8 o'clock this morning there was a terrific crash in the neighborhood of Pratt street, near Jones Falls, and huge bolts of iron and sheets of metal were thrown through the air. It was the power house of the United Railway Company and electric light company. In fifteen minutes the gigantic structure and the expensive machinery was a total wreck.

All night men were working guarding the gas main across Jones Falls, which supplied the business section of the city with gas from the Conton reservoir.

The expediency of using dynamite was decided upon after a consultation with the city police and fire officials. Several loads of dynamite were at once ordered from the magazines in Arundle county and its use was begun under the immediate direction of City Engineer Fendall.

A citizens' meeting was called by Mayor McLane to assemble at the city hall at noon to consider measures of relief.

The fire rages among the lumber yards packing houses and warehouses east of Jones Falls and south of Baltimore street, and it is thought that the flames can be confined to this district, as the Falls at this point are several hundred feet wide. There is danger, however, of flaming brands being blown across the stream, in which case the whole southeastern section of the city probably will be swept to the city limit, if a wind blows strongly from the west.

A detachment of 35 men from Henry were at once sent to the city and they were thrown around the post office building and the sub-treasury and custom house adjoining the Federal court building. The militia was called out at 6.30. At that time it was impossible for the police to hold the crowds in check and guard the ruins.

Fires Still Raging.

Balitmore, Md., Feb. 8.—The News in its early edition to-day will say:

"Acres of buildings, more than a mile in length and some three blocks wide, were destroyed in Baltimore's great fire, which started yesterday morning. Fires are still burning. This district is fully two miles square. Scores and scores of what were palatial, modern and so-called fire-proof buildings yesterday, are to-day so many shapeless masses of grimy and blackened debris, a ghastly mockery of the vanished splendor."

No one can to-day tell the extent of the disaster which the News says has reached proportions far in excess of the Chicago fire of 1871, hitherto the greatest fire in the United States. No end can be seen at the present writing, and to estimate the total loss is the merest folly. Everywhere there is evidence of woe and a terror over what has happened, and of solemn apprehension of what may follow.

The common remark of citizens is that Baltimore has received a blow from which it cannot recover for years. The mayor is among those who are optimistic, and to-day, while expressing sorrow and horror over the calamity which has befallen the city, expressed the hopeful conviction that this city will quickly rise like Phoenix from its ashes.

Notwithstanding heroic efforts on the part of the local firemen, reinforced by almost numberless firemen from Washington, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Newark, Delaware, Harrisburg and New York city, the fire at this hour is raging as violently as it was an hour after it started.

SUICIDE OF CHINAMAN.

Nanaimo, Feb. 8.—Ah Bing, a Chinaman who dumped the first box of coal on Union wharf, committed suicide on Saturday by hanging himself to a beam in his cabin. Despondency, caused by poor health and circumstances, caused him to take his life.

James Dunsmuir and Supt. Little went up to Campbell river on Friday by a special steamer. The trip is believed to be in connection with another timber limit deal.

WILL DINE WITH AMBASSADOR.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—Emperor William has sent word to Ambassador Powers that he will dine with him on Thursday evening. This will be the first time His Majesty ever took dinner at a United States embassy or legation.

MRS. J. R. ROY DEAD.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—Mrs. Roy, wife of J. R. Roy, formerly government engineer on the Fraser river, died to-night. She was a Miss Harvey of New Westminster.

RED

Red is the color of danger, whether on the semaphore or on the skin. When the face is reddened by eruptions, when boils break out on the body, or the angry red of sores and ulcers is displayed in the flesh, it is nature's danger signal. The blood is obstructed and tainted by impurities, and there can be no safety until the blood is made pure.

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