REPORT RECEIVED FROM ADMIRAL TOGO

Peculiar Point Raised in Connection With the Seizure of a British Steamer.

Tokio Dec. 22.-Evening.-A report received from Vice-Admiral Togo last

"A prisoner taken by our fleet, who is considered to be reliable, reports that as 13th, eight torpedoes struck the net of the battleship Sevastopol and that at least one took effect on her hull. This seems to have occurred on the night of ember 15th or early December 16th. The Sevastopol's crew was seen to be confused and a hawser from the shore was attached to the battleship. The torpedo which struck the hull took effect on the port side aft, damaging about

eight feet long the rivet lines.
"The vessel is now headed toward outer part of the entrance to the harber, with her stern aground and her gun points amidships almost awash. She is listing to starboard and the side lights a her lower decks are submerged. There is one torpedo boat to the

starboard of the Sevastopol and one pumping vessel to port, together with of which are busily engaged in pumping, worthmess of the warship.

"On the night of December 16th; one of our torpedoes struck the bow of a Bussian torpedo boat destroyer and that vessel is now aground." Another report from Admiral Togo

received later says: observation outside Port Arthur, I found that the Sevastopol, which was attacked by our torpedo flotilla, is new anchored in the shallows San Francisco that he visited Yokoabout 400 yards from the shore of Cheng- hama. Tokio, Sasebo and several other tao mountain. The Russians are engaged in pumping, but the Sevastopol is listing at least ten degrees, with her and workshops. bow slightly sunk. There can be no hope of restoring the vessel to fighting trim terial which will make many interesting Port Arthur, and I judge that she has

been completely disabled. "I also observed that the enemy's destroyers, which were torpedoed by us, have received short shrift, have been destroyed."

----RUSSIAN VIEWS ON JAP NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.-The an nouncement that four Japanese cruisers and twelve torpedo boats are proceeding west from Singapore is received here with much interest. It is not believed, owever, that such a small squadron can have been sent out by the Japanese with any idea of engaging in offensive operations, but it is regarded as more probable that it is with the aim to watch the detachments of the Russian fleet which are expected soon to unite near Madagascar. It is generally believed that Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky intends to establish a coaling station on a small island between Madagascar and the Philippines and that the Japanese cruis-ing squadron intends to indicate that dezvous for Admiral Togo's informa-

The Russian authorities have received information confirmatory of the Novoe Vremya's statement of yesterday regardthe army and at Pekin, forcing the con-viction here that the situation is becom-was in a valley with green hills rising ing critically dangerous. The belief pre-gails that in the spring, Japan, under affecting, was soon over. The priest were printed in Japan.

THE CAPTURE OF THE

London, Dec. 22.-The insurance expert of the Times, in to-day's issue, says: "Interest centres to-day on the seizure by the Japanese of the British steamer Nigretia, bound from Shanghai for Vladivostock with a cargo of kerosene oil. The war risk insurance amounted to £70,000, placed on the cargo under peculiar circumstances. The oil was shipped at Shanghai under a written assurance by the Japanese consul to the British consul that kerosene would not he regarded as contraband by the Japanese government, no matter where it was

"The cargo was insured under this guarantee at a rate of fifteen guineas per cent. as against thirty guineas for contraband. Whatever liabilities may attach to the Nigretia in consequence of the alleged presence of Russians on board, no liability can reasonably attach to the shippers. It would give a very bad impression if Japan ignores the written assurance of its consul and failed to

General Oku's Headquarters. night of December 20th made a deter- and heavily damaged. ned attack on Lamuting. but were driven back with heavy loss. The Japansustained no casualties.

the cavalry on the extreme left of the Japanese line on the night of December 20th and 21st, but were repulsed with

Small details of Russians nightly attack Japanese outposts and patrois, but with small success.

---NO LATE NEWS FROM PORT ARTHUR.

Chefoo, Dec. 23 .- No news was re

ceived here from Port Arthur to-day. RUMORED ESCAPE OF

London, Dec. 23 .- The Daily Tele graph's Cheroo correspondent reports that eight torpedo boat destroyers have escaped from Port Arthur, where for the last twenty-four hours, he says, a severe snowstorm has been raging.

RUSSIAN DESTROYERS.

London, Dec. 24.—Telegraphing from Tokio, the correspondent of the Daily Express says he learns that, in the event of Admiral Kamimura, who is reported to have gone south with a squadron of No. 1 and 2 are sold in all Victoria drug powerful cruisers, notifying it of the ap-

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broach of the Russian second Pacific squadron, the whole Japanese fleet which has been operating at Port Arthur will be ready to proceed south on a day's otice to give battle.

The Times correspondent at Pekin reorts that the Chinese have seized at the Pengtai station near Pekin three milion rounds of Russian ammunition consigned to a Russian firm at Tientsin and evidently designed for Port Arthur, The was concealed in bales of wool from Kalwan on camels.

JAPANESE TRENCHES OCCUPIED BY RUSSIANS.

Mukden, Dec. 23 .- Volunteers the eight of December 21st occupied Japanese trenches opposite their positions, Three trenches were evacuated by the Japanese with scarcely a fight. The victors were surprised to find a box ying in plain view, which they opened arefully, fearing that it might-contain but they found in it wine, biscuits and sweets.

RUSSIAN'S JOURNEY THROUGH JAPAN.

Moscow, Dec. 23 .- V. T. Crazuesky, correspondent of the Russkay Slava, has just arrived at San Francisco after a long and hazardous trip through Japan where he travelled as an American journalist under the name of Percy Palmer. He undertook the journey to ascertain the real situation of affairs in the enemy's country. He had a complete American oufit and arranged to have letters forwarded from various cities in the United States. He has telegraphed to the Russkay Slava from camp, examined the hospitals, fortress

stories. He says his most dangerous moment was when he inspected 3,000 Russian prisoners. If he had been recognized by one of them he would

(建型): IMPRESSIVE SCENE AT BURIAL OF COSSACKS.

Mukden, Nov. 25 .- (Special correndence of the Associated Press.)they are very sentimental and susceptible to emotion. A most striking sight are being duplicated. Thousands of recruits and reservists are assembled was that of the whole of Mistchenko's drilling and equipping preparatory to division paying respect to the remains of taking the field. The permanent and Fourth Regiment, to which the men belonged, was accorded the place of honor. Aoyam soaking through the covering were hid-

place before the table, the order, "Hats Vremya's statement of yesterday regarding the Chinese situation, indicating that Japanese influences are predominant, not only in the anti-foreign societies, but in the army and at Pekin forcing the control of the army and at Pekin forcing the co wer of an actual or threatened rising blessed the bodies and they were raised China, will seek to secure the inter- on the shoulders and borne up the hill rention of the powers to end the war.

Direct evidence exists that the anti-fordead march. Mistchenko and his staff eign proclamations circulating in China followed on foot like the rest, and, after the Cossacks placed the bodies in the open graves, the priest threw in a hand-ful of earth and read the offices. Then STEAMER NIGRETIA. the general shook hands with the priest, I have ever heard, this mandate has six men killed, and three officers and 31,

> cut a cross on his cartridge before firing. Tokio, Dec. 24.-Admiral Togo anounces the withdrawal of the majority of the fleet from Port Arthur. Admiral Togo, telegraphing under the ate of December 22nd, says:

"After 203-Metre Hill was occupied, as the result of a gallant and desperate attack by the besieging army, the bombardment of the enemy's squadron by siege and other heavy guns became effect tive. In consequence the battleship Poltava and Retvizan were sunk, and subsequently the battleships Pobieda and Peresviet, the protected cruiser Pallada and the armored cruiser Bayan were

"The battleship Sevastopol escaped the land bombardment, left the harbor Fusan, Thursday, Dec. 22.—(Delayed in on December 9th and anchored near transmission.)-The Russians along the Chentao mountain. She was attacked front of Gen. Oku's army during the there continuously by our torpedo boats

"The main strength of the enemy is completely crushed. Only a weak gun-boat, the Otyashnyi, and several torpedo Dismounted Russian cavalry attacked | boat destroyers remain affoat.

"Under the circumstances our combin ed fleet has been removed as unnecessary from the blockade of Port Arthur, which had been maintained since May 1st. "I have arranged for a closer watch for ships attempting to run the blockade One 15 centimetre gun in each of the forts and to watch the remnant of the enemy's During the blockade we suffered from

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Arthur: ber 24th and subsequently occupied these

the enemy's mines, both laid and floating our force, at 2.55 this (Sunday) morning, coupled the whole of Talluchiatun.
"Our repeated attacks of the past few on the high seas, and from dense fogs The cruisers Miyako, Sayon and Yoshino Battske (battleship), Kaimon (gunboat) and Heiyen (coast defence vessel), were days have been uniformly successful. All the enemy's advanced positions fronting unk, and many gallant and loval officers our right wing are now in our hands." nd men were killed, but we succeeded

646 lives. The directors of the company

vere acquitted, and Capt. Gundle was cquitted of the charge that neglect of

buty caused the loss of the vessel, or con-ributed to the magnitude of the dis-

GOING TO THIBET.

Chinese Official Will Investigate the

Conditions There.

Tientsin, Dec. 27 Tang Shao Ki, Tao

Tang Shao Ki, who was educated at

Yale College, was formerly secretary to

ce. He is conversant with foreign

Yuan Shai Kan, viceroy of Chili prov

affairs, and is not considered anti-for

eign, although jealous of Chinese inter

ests He was commanded in the latter

art of September to proceed to Thibet

and was created a metropolitan officer of

the third rank. He was also promoted

to the military rank of lieutenant-general.

OTTAWA NOTES.

Ottawa, Dec. 27. — Major Dela-ronde, of the 42nd regiment, Ottawa, has been appointed chief of police here. Berkeley Powell has refused the Con-

A. E. Donly, brother of Hal. B

Donly, who ran against Col. Tisdale at

the last federal elections, has been ap

FIGHT WITH NEGROES.

Two Policemen Were Fatally Injured-

Battle Lasted Half an Hour.

New York, Dec. 25 .- Two policemen

fatally injured, a third badly hurt and

four negroes locked up is the result of

a battle that took place early to day in North Plainfield, N. J., between fire

men, policemen and citizens on one side

Marshal Joseph Flacker and Specia

Peliceman William Kelin arendying in

Tems, Albert Tunstall and Joseph Hen-

The negroes had been standing on the street corners, yelling "Merry Christmas"

at every one who passed and demanding money to buy drinks. Two policemen attempted to arrest the gang and were

A crowd hung about the jail for hours,

and all through the day, in both Plain-

BROTHERS MURDERED.

Two Young Men Shot While on Their

Way From Church-Companion

Wounded.

Midkiff, W. Va., Dec. 25.-Two men

ire dead and a third dying from bullets

are dead and a third dying from butters fired in the darkness to-night while they were going home from church. The dead are: Lucien Lucas, aged 23; Ira Lucas, a brother, aged 20. Dying: Octave Adkins, aged 19.

The Lucas brothers and young Adkins, at the close of the service, started home

along the railroad track with Miss Mabel Williams. They were passing

Mabel Williams. They were passing through a cut flanked by dense woods

when they became targets for a rain of

oullets. Lucian Lucas, whose arm Miss

Williams was holding, fell dead at her

side. Ira Lucas dropped mortally

rounded and died in a few minutes. Ad-

kins received two bullets, one entering

his breast and the other his right shoul-

der. Miss Williams, who was unhurt,

was left standing alone with two dead

turned and rushed down the railroad

JEALOUS MAN'S ACT

Shot Woman Twice at a Party and Then

Turned Revolver on Himself.

Leadville. Coloil Dec. 25 .- As a result

the jealous rage of Patrick Brennan,

oth he and Mrs. Kate Lowney are prob-

Brennan was boarding with Mrs.

owney at the latter's boarding house

The couple are engaged to be mar-

Brennan has been on a spree and

quarreling with the woman smash-

n Stumpton, three miles from this

ed the dishes and furniture. Later Mrs.

Lowney and children went to a neigh-

bor's, where a party was in progress.

Brennan came indand shot Mrs. Lowner

FLED FROM RUSSIA.

nan came here from Butte.

bly dying at a hospital in this city.

men and one dying at her feet.

returning from church.

derson, all residents of Plainfield.

and/a gang of negroes on the other.

Mexico.

negroes.

nination for the legislature

commercial agent for Canada i

RUSHING WORK ON When the enemy emerged from the arbor our fleet successfully engaged THE THIRD SQUADRON St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—Admiral Birileff is quoted in an interview as say-ing that all shipyards in the Baltic are im, and finally, with the valuable sup ert of the troops, we destroyed the en-

During the blockade all the ships unworking night and day that the third squadron will go out in two sections. er my command splendidly accomplish-d the work and duty assigned to them. The admiral pledges himself to have the first section ready by February, and the pecially to be noted are some of those who are engaged in the difficult and risky ask of blockading, or who tirelessly acsecond a little later. aplished the work of laying mines in THE NORGE DISASTER. presence of the enemy, and others who braving all danger were engaged in Judgment of the Maritime and Commer the work of clearing mines away, cial Court Has Been Handed thers still who were posted to watch the Down. emy and guard against the enemy nips. Their combined work contribute Copenhagen, Denmark, Dec. 24.—The Maritime and Commercial court handed down judgment to-day in the case of the to the accomplishment of the blockade. eem it my duty to especially mention

PRAISE FOR CREWS OF THE TORPEDO BOATS.

my recognition of the valuable services

idered by the officers and men."

maintain the blockade.

e squadron

Tokio, Dec. 24.-10.10 a.m.-An in rial rescript dispatched to Vice-Adfraf Togo says: "We hear with great satisfaction that ur torpedo flotillas engaged in the work puired of them at Port Arthur have liantly and successfully accomplished he duties required of them, and in so do ng had to brave the dangers of storms

and shells by day and night. "Despite all the difficulties confronting them, they have succeeded in performing their duties without the least confusion rendering one another mutual assistance "We especially note their brave and oval performance of the duties required f them and express our approbation heir gallant behavior."

___ GENERAL SAYS TROOPS MUST NOT RETREAT

Mukden, Dec. 25.-General Kouropat rin, addressing the troops to-day, said: "You must never allow yourselves to re-treat. Even in the case of the smallest detachment, having once formed

A Japanese battery opened fire De Sam Francisco that he visited Yoko-hama, Tokio, Sasebo and several other cities, photographed the Russian prison by the Russian fire. The general situation is quiet, though Chinese report that the Japanese are strengthening their left flank, as though in contemplation of a turning movement. On the other hand, the

> REINFORCEMENTS FOR FIELD MARSHAL OYAMA

are building winter quarters.

Japanese in many places apparently

Tokio, Dec. 25.-5 p.m.-Tokio / is again a great military camp, and the scenes of last spring, when the first Wild and rough as are the Cossacks, armies were mobilized and dispatched, the four Cossacks killed below Sinde, temporary barracks are filled, and it is Sistnko and his staff were there, and the necessary to billet soldiers brought to

Aoyama field is the centre of activity, There were no coffins, the bodies being where infantry, cavalry and artillery are wrapped in straw, but smothered with wild flowers that ghastly bloodstains blank charges for the purpose of breaking in the new horses. The general den till the corpses were interred. The churchly accessories were scanty. On an old table, bought from a deserted a record total of half a million men, with an old table, bought from a deserted Chinese, was placed a regimental ikon, and before it a single wax candle.

The priest of the Barnaulski regiment officiated, and when he rook his place before the table, the order, "Hats

The port of Kelung, in Formosa, has been declared in a state of siege, Winter is not interfering with the Japanese transport service.

The railway between Dalny and Yentime between Tokio and Liao Yang is

REPORTED REPULSE OF JAPANESE TROOPS

six days.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.-Gen. Kour patkin reports having made a reconnais-sance in force in the direction of the Japanese positions at Bentsiaputze. The Russians forced an entry into hanking him for his attendance on the Bentsiaputze, occupied some positions dead soldiers. Mistchenko then briefly and repulsed the counter attacks of addressed the men, warning them, under two battalions of Japanese with great two battalions of tw no circumstances, to commit any reprisal loss, the Japanese leaving nine prison-on the dead or wounded Japanese who ers in the hands of the Russians. The may fall into their hands, and, so far as Russian losses were three officers and been observed. But before the day was men wounded the night of December out we had another skirmish with the 23rd.

Japanese, and I heard that every man Tokio, Dec. 24.—The Japanese forces sieging Port Arthur yesterday stormed and now hold the heights east of Houvangshukou. A dispatch from the Japanese army

before Port Arthur, timed midnight, says: "On December 22nd the Russian de fence works on the heights east of Houyangshukou, Sungshu mountain, Riblung mountain, and the 'H' forts, were bombarded by the Japanese with neavy guns, which inflicted considerable

"As a result of the bombardment the Japanese right wing at dawn on December 23rd attacked the enemy on the heights east of Houvangshukou and captured the ridge and heights at 7.40 in the tracks until shelmet others who were orning.

"The enemy afterwards concentrate his fire from several forts at Tai Yangkou and Yahutsui upon our newly pied position, following this with a de termined counter-attack, during which hand grenades were thrown, but our force finally repulsed the enemy. Later as the enemy's bombardment abated we constructed some defensive works so that our occupation became more assured." as a result of our heavy guns, bom

ardment during and before the attack, was destroyed. The covers were also nsiderably damaged. "According to the statement of prison-rs captured at Keekwan mountain on rendered in the vicinity of Etz moun-

December 18th, and of the Russians who n on December 22nd during the battle 203-Metre Hill, Gen. Kondrantenko. nmander of the Seventh East Siberiin division, and Gen. Irman, commander of the Fourth artillery brigade, were killed, and Gen. Fock, commanding the Fourth East Siberian division, was

Tokio, Dec. 25.—(3.30 p. m.)—The fol-owing report was received this morning rom the Japanese army besieging Port the enemy at Housanyeantum and Siao fantun at 10.25 on the night of Decem-

GOVERNMENT DECIDES ON VIGOROUS MEASURES

Disorders Will be Suppressed With a Firm Hand-Zemstvos Must Curb Their Activities.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—The follow ng communication was issued by the overnment early this morning. "In the autumn of this year there was Danish steamer Norge, which foundered meeting in St. Petersburg od severa

on June 8th of this year 290 miles from Zemstvos of the various governments he Scottish Mainland, with the loss of who expressed a series of desires con erning what are, in their opinion, indisnsable reforms in the different governents of the empire. These desires were made the subjects of action by members of various other assemblies which met for e purpose and also, knowing the proviions of law, were considered at the deendeavored to introduce discord into public and state life, excitement arose in the inds of certain sections of society, chiefly among impressionable youths. In ertain towns of the empire there occur-Tai of Tientsin, left this morning en red a series of noisy meetings, which deroute to Thibet to investigate conditions manded the presentation to the governent of certain demands which were inadmissable in the face of the sacred undations of the laws of the empire and the indestructible elements which orm the government. These sections of the public made street demonstrations in pands and openly resisted the police authority.

order of the government which have fallen adversely upon the bulk of the ance of a general tendency. The Russian people involved in this movement, lorgetful of the grievous year which has allen to the lot of Russia, blinded by chimerical hopes of profits which they might expect from a radical change in cate and life and not knowing what not of the country, but of its enamies.

the true course of internal life. Therefore any destruction of order and peace and all meetings of an anti-government posed second conference, is deeply recharacter must and will be stopped by all legal means at the disposition of the authorities; and those concerned in these ment, and probably others. disorders, especially persons employed in

"Zemstvos and town councils and every form of institution must not go beyond the limits provided for them and Mahlenburg hospital, the former with a deep knife thrust below the right shoulden and with razor cuts over his entire body, 66 sitches having been required to close the wounds. A third policeman, Walter O. Smalley, is at his home, his face battered and bruised.

The prisoners are Samuel Hunt, Walter must not concern themselves in questions in the consideration of which they have no legal authority. Presidents of public meetings who allow consideration to take place of matters not in their provof questions of general government -are liable under the existing laws, and organs of the press with the knowledge of the responsibility which resis upon them, must for their part introduce the necessary calming effect on public life, which has deviated in recent times from its proper course

Convention at Moscow.

knocked down and beaten. They did not shoot for fear of hitting onlookers. Then firemen and citizens joined in the Moscow, Dec. 27 .- The Zemstvo congress of the Moscow government opened battle, which was waged nearly half an to-day. Prince Tributezkoi, the president, in his opening address dwelt upon When the negroes were about to be the serious condition of Russia and the crowd of "Bring a rope!" and "Lynch them!" The policemen warned the hotwhich could not be anticipated, as well as a grave economical crisis through which the country is passing, and the inheaded to keep away, but members of the crowd got close enough to strike the ternal disorganization of the Empire. All this, he said, lay as a heavy yoke on the Russian people and produced the confield and North Plainfield, there were frequent tilts between white men and

der which it labored. Prince Tributezkoi then proposed the adoption and forwarding to Emperor Nicholas of a resolution announthat to commemorate the birth of Charevitch Zemstvos had set aside the capital sum of \$150,000 to be devoted o the construction of new schools, and that the Emperor should be asked to name the new foundation after his son Continuing, the Prince declared that Minister of the Interior Sviatopolk-Mirsky's assurances of confidence in the people had given the Zemstvo new power to serve the state. The Zemstvo had ence to assemble at The Hague should firm confidence in the Emperor. They that course be adopted." believed the happy day was nigh when, through the Imperial will, the present regime, which had estranged the supreme power from the people, would be changed the day on which the Emperor would summon freely elected representa-tives of the people to participate in egislation, through whose co-operation he Imperial power and greatness of the brone would be strengthened and the riumphant development of the Father-and assured. The development, the Prince said, was dependent upon the immutability of the principles of the law, the inviolability of person and equality of rights for all citizens, as well as freelom of speech and faith, which would bring them a strengthening of the close and strong ties between the throne and the people, and enable them to co-operate for the good of the Fatherland. The address was adopted by a majority of the votes in the congress.

Comments on Ukase

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27 .- The reform ikase is given an especially favorable and hope this will realize all the best expectations of the most liberal minded better day, and bring more light and warmth and life into national existence

throughout the Empire." Taking the provisions of the ukase separately, the Novoe Vremya says the ointment of ministers to the committees for dealing with the several prob-lems involved will form a connecting link breining what is thought to be fatal injuries. He then turned the revolver upon himself and is dying. Brennore effectively. A common council, the paper says, will dissipate such misunder-standing and friction hereafter existing between departmental chiefs. The Novoe New York, Dec. 25.—The Hamburg ine steamer Patricia, which arrived to lay from Hamburg, brought 131 cabin and 345 steerage passengers. The devoted to the peasant question, which is made to the peasant question, which is one of the most serious passengers. Vremya characterizes the ukase as a

put in a fair way of accurate and satis-Dynamite Outrage.

London, Dec. 27 .- A dispatch from St. Petersburg to a news agency says the Russian authorities have closed Moscow University until February 1st owing to ecent disturbances.

According to the same source of infor mation, during the riots at Raxon two ailway bridges were blown up, and an ttempt was made to dynamite statue of Alexander II., but only the steps were injured.

SUGGESTS FURTHER INTERCHANGE OF VIEWS

United States Secretary of State Has Forwarded Another Note to Powers Regarding Conference.

Washington, Dec. 25 .- That the furner interchange of views preparatory to the formulation of a programme for another peace conference at The Hague be effected through the international bureau under the control of the permanent administrative council of The Hague is the suggestion offered by Secretary twos. Thus by the action of people, who is the suggestion offered by Secretary powers made public at the state depart- day. Even in those hours when the nent to-day.

The note was dispatched a week ago. expresses the gratification of the Presi- faith was placed on their truthfulness. lent at the cordial reception of his invita-

The note in part is as follows: "The replies so far received indicate that the proposition has been received with general favor. No dissent has "Such movements against the existing found expression. The governments of Austria-Hungary, Denmark, France, light there had been a decided change in Russian people, who are loyal to the excitement government, gave to the excitement way and Switzerland exhibit sympathy with the purposes of the proposal and ing out for conviction of murder in the generally accept it in principle, with a first degree. reservation of the date of the conference and the programme of subjects for dis-

"The replies of Japan and Russia conveyed in like terms a friendly recognition the ancient foundation of the Russian of the spirit and purposes of the invitastate and life and not knowing what tion, but on the part of Russia the reply they were doing, acted to the advantage, was accompanied by the statement that ot of the country, but of its enemies. in the existing condition of things in the "Now the duty of the government is to Far East it would not be practicable for preserve order in the state and protect the imperial government at this moment to take part in such a conference.

"While this reply, tending as it does

the government service, will be held re no action should be taken by the confer- ably, but it was feared that she would e relative to the present war. "Although the prospect of an early

convocation of an august assembly of epresentatives of the nations in the interest of peace and harmony among them is deferred for the time being, it may be the court building to wait until a verdict regarded as assured so soon as the inter-ested powers are in a position to agree been arrived at. upon a date and place of meeting and to join in the formulation of a general plan for discussion "In view of the virtual certainty that

the President's suggestion of The Hague as the place of meeting of a second peace outerence will be accepted by all the in-erested powers, and in view also of the fact that an organized representation of the signatories of the acts of 1899 now exists at that capital, this government feels that it should not assume the initiative in drawing up a programme nor agreement of the powers to meet in a second peace conference is virtually accomplished so far as it is appropriate for him to act, and that with the general acceptance of his invitation in principle. the future conduct of the affair fifly follow its normal channels. To this end it is suggested that the further and necessary interchange of views between the signatory powers of the acts of 1899 be effected through the international bureau under the control of the permanent administrative council of The Hague. Up to the last she had hoped to be free It is believed in this way, but utilizing the central representative agency established and maintained by the powers themselves, an orderly treatment of the fainting in his arms. The girl was repreliminary consultations may be insured, and the way left clear for the eventual action of the government of the Netherlands in calling a renewed confer-

FATAL FIRES.

Four People Lost Their Lives in Philadelphia on Christmas Day.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 25.-Four men were suffocated and eight other persons were rescued from fire in three different parts of the city early to-day. At a boarding house at 1545 Wood street Charles McKuster, Chas. Merry and Joseph McGill died in a trap made by themselves. The three men took a quantity of whiskey to their room and placed a bed-against the door to prevent nterference. After they had retired a lighted candle fell from the mantel and ignited the clothes of one of the men. McGill was awakened by the smoke, but fell to the floor unconscious. When the room was broken into McKuster and Merry were found dead. McGill died some time after being removed to a

At 1136 Fairmont avenue Edward reception by the press. The Novoe Vremya, concluding a long analysis of New Jersey, was suffocated. It is the document, says: "We firmly believe thought the bed clothing took fire from lighted cigar, and, in trying to leave the room, the man crawled into a closet Russians, and hope and believe also that it will be the means of the dawning of a In a fire in a house at 4226 German town avenue, Mrs. David Deen and either rescued by firemen or saved themselves by jumping from windows. A driving snowstorm was raging at the ime, and they suffered much from ex-

SCHOONER DISABLED.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.-While entering the bay this morning after completing a voyage from Grays harbor, the steam schooner Chehalis lost her propeller. She had on board a cargo of lumber for San Pedro, to which port she has proceeded in tow of the steam schooner Norwood.

Was to have begun October 17th, but failed in consequence of the vigillance of the police.

This report is considered strange, continues the correspondent, as all the heads of the movement are known as great Republicans. The senate, according to the ing the bay this morning after complet-

JURY IN PATTERSON CASE DISCHARGED

WERE UNABLE TO AGREE ON A VERDICT

District Attorney Says if Majority Favored Acquittal, the Proceedings May Be Dropped.

New York, Dec. 23 .- Even in the face f certain knowledge that news of the sult of the jury's deliberations would not be forthcoming until after 10 o'clock to-day, scores of persons remained all night around the Criminal court building, hoping to be the first to hear the verdict in the case of Nan Patterson. Driven from the building just before midnight, when the jury was locked up

for the night by order of Justice Day the curious crowd gathered in little kn in sheltered places in the vicinity to wand speculate and insure for themsel an advantageous position in the ght which came through the wind of the jury room indicated that the in the note was dispatched a week ago, but its publication was withheld until it had reached the various American embassies and legations abroad. The secretary summarizes the replies of all the way to the patient waiters. The source powers to his note of October 21st, and of these rumors no one knew, and little

In the early night mysterious informaion had it that the jury stood firm on the basis of nine for acquittal, one for Austria-Hungary, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Luxemburg, Mexico, the Netchrlands, Portu-

Of course there was absolutely nothing to substantiate these rumors, but every bit of gossip was anxiously seizel upon by those who had waited so long. A little after 7 o'clock this morning the jurors, guarded by court officers,

marched out to a near-by restaurant for their morning meal. As they came through the Franklin street exit the jurors met a crowd of no less than 200 persons. Nothing could be learned from the faces of the jurors, which expressed

nothing but weariness.

Nan Patterson collapsed in the Tombs to-day so completely that the efforts of the matron and warden and her father to help her were of no avail, and Dr. Levin, the physician at the prison, had "Japan made the reservation only that to be called. She was revived considercollapse again when she went to the courtroom. As soon as she was completely composed she was led across the Bridge of Sighs to the criminal court building. She was taken to the "pen" in

Failed to Agree.

New York, Dec. 23 .- Mr. Justice Davis arrived in the courtroom shortly before 11.30 o'clock, and immediately sent an officer of the court to summon the jury to the courtroom presumably to inquire whether they had reached a verdict. The jury reported to the judge that they had been unable to agree on a verdict, and were sent back for further

deliberation. District Attorney Jerome said: "In ifiative in drawing up a programme nor preside over the deliberations of the signatories in that regard. It seems to the President that the high task he undertook in seeking to bring about an will never be tried again." vill never be tried again.'

At 12.51 the jury reported that they bould not agree, and they were discharged. The jury was not po When the jury came in at 12.50 Miss Patterson became nervous. The color of her face seemed to deepen, if that were possible, and her whole attitude showed that she was undergoing keen suffering. When the jury reported their disagreement and the justice discharged them, she turned to her father and threw he self on his shoulders, weeping bitterly. in time to go home to Washington to spend Christmas with her mother. The old man tried to comfort her, but she fell vived from her fainting spell, but continued to sob hysterically.

Justice Davis thanked the jurors, and emanded Miss Patterson to the Tombs. She was led out sobbing violently and in a state of severe nervousness. After the rest of the jury had left the ourtroom, the foreman remained and

had a consultation with Justice Dayis. As the foreman of the jury left the courtroom he said the vote throughout had been six to six. He said six were for acquittal, but whether the others we for murder in the first degree or not he would not say.

The prosecuting afterney, Mr. Rand, would not say what the further co of the prosecution would be. The foreman said that only one ballot was taken.

It was then found that there was such

a vast difference of opinion that the re-

mainder of the time was taken up in argument. It was reported that the six votes for conviction stood as follows: One for murder in the second degree, two for manslaughter in the first degree, and three for manslaughter in the second degree. It is said there was no vote for murder in the first degree.

TO OVERTHROW REPUBLIC

Reported to Have Been the Object of the Recent Disturbances at Rio de Janeiro.

New York, Dec. 24.—The chief of poice has handed to the government the result of his investigation of the recent disturbances, cables the Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, correspondent of the Herald. He says the object was to overthrow the republic. It was proposed, according to the report, that Senator Lauro Sodre should be dictator until the re-establishment of the monarchy. The revolution was to have begun October 17th, but

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wharf. These men once aboa. sota turned her curious ward, leaving for Seattle a little late, but time en rell thought, to reach Se It had been hoped by t city that she would rea light, thus giving thos opportunity of carryin ate celebration progra her reception. Five Sea representatives were o ship and to describe movements, there being front event of the kin when the first Klondike hove in sight, and ne Seattle, San Franci gathered here and vied in keen rivalry.

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Capt. Truebridge was ing these reports, and He frankly stated that a members of the crew had to put them in irons down, also that on tv sions fire broke out in th ing considerable trouble Capt. Truebridge, "this Things like this are bo This whole ship is an sulated there will be I Truebridge acknowle caught fire through be easily rectified. On o passing through the Pacific, the fire assume sions, and before it cou ed the whole side of was almost red hot, warm that it could and the fire room so firemen had to work water Thanks to an ex ing apparatus, however enched before leaving Bad fuel added to the ties and to the retardir that obtained at Coro quality that would flat when coming in contact coal iasted no time in Gapt. Truebridge the troubles of the which were due to an

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