## POSITION WAS TAKEN AT AWFUL COST

### Russian Says Japs Lost More Than Eighteen Thousand Men on 203-Metre

The Attacking Force Mowed Down by Companies-Officer Declares The Besiegers Will Never Take Port Arthur Under Present Circumstances.

day.

"Following the third assault an armis

ce of five hours was agreed upon to

sary. The Japanese undoubtedly

bury the dead. In this great speed was

made many awful mistakes and beyond

doubt heaps of bodies containing helpless wounded were shovelled in masses into the pits and trenches. The Japanese

could not, owing to the darkness and

their feverish haste, distinguish between

the dead and wounded. Scarcely an

officer participating in the battle of High

There is no news from Port Arthur to

Chefoo, Dec. 19 .- 1.24 p. m.-A Japan-

se camp follower, who saw a portion of the fighting at 203-Metre Hill, and who

that Commander Mizzeneoff's description

of the fighting is not exaggerated. He

peatedly brought up reinforcements until

steep and smooth, the Japanese prepar

for their advance by shelling the hillside.

The shells in exploding hollowed out

footholds. In some instances the Japan-

ese found protection behind the heaps of

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—Gen. Stoes-

received Friday night, was given out to-

acked one of the forts on the northeast-

annihilated by rifle fire and the bayonet

23rd, the enemy violently bombarded the

ween two forts on the northeastern

"At 5.30 o'clock on the evening of No

rember 23rd, after heavy firing the Jap-

anese suddenly hurled themselves against

several works on this front and seized a

portion of the trenches, but they were

brown back by the reserves after

A Fierce Bayonet Struggle.

anese lost more than 2,000 men. All our

harbor continues daily. A number of

In another dispatch dated Novemb

Bloodiest Days in the Assaults

on Port Arthur, The attacks began on

repulsed, as also their attack on 203-

"On the 26th the Japanese began to

bombard and attack fiercely the forts on

"The enemy succeeded in blowing u

evening the Japanese attacked a battery

tion of the works, but our heroes brought

The Japanese Retired

leaving a heap of their men.
"Along the whole front the Japane

e-opened a violent fire against the in-

terior of the fortress, keeping it up unti

The help which God sent us on the

The message mentions the same fou

specially distinguished themselves. A further dispatch from General Stoessel

have been carrying on a violent bombard-

ment and assaulting in considerable force against Visokiai hill. Their assaults

On December 2nd General Stoessel re

ated November 30th, says:

were repulsed.

on our left flank in considerable str

anese at the point of the bayonet.

buildings have been destroyed and

garrisons are in excellent spirits."

"The 26th and 27th were the

are mentioned.)

eserves were scattered by shrapnel.

ON RECENT ATTACKS

their own dead.

and is as follows:

STOESSEL'S REPORT

ved here from Dalny to-day, says

BEHIND HEAPS OF DEAD.

hill escaped unhurt, and the proportio

SOUGHT SHELTER

Chefoo, Dec. 17.-Midnight,-Com- | Even the Japanese simply use the hill to mander Mizzeneoff, who was executive observe the harbor. officer of the Russian battleship Poltava until that vessel was disabled, and who on December 15th headed the party of seven Russians who left Port Arthur in a sailboat and arrived here yesterday with dispatches, said to the Associated Press correspondent to-night, in an interview, that Port Arthur is a desolate and, excepting for the firing of guns, a silent

"The Russians," said he, "are husbanding their artillery ammunition, firing only when the effect will be certain. of young officers killed was very There are 10,000 men in the line of forts and their periods of rest are few. The generals, except Gen. Stoessel, live in the forts. Every building in the whole town is more or less injured. Gen. Stoessel has put the entire population on the regular rations, sufficient to last three months. The ammunition is sufficient to last much longer. I believe the Japanese will never take the fortress under present conditions."

AWFUL CARNAGE

ON 203-METRE HILL.

Chefoo, Dec. 18.—For ferocity and sustained desperation on both sides, the struggle for the possession of High hill probably was the most remarkable in probably was the most remarkable in mingled with the heaps of Japanese dead, he said, were indiscriminately mingled with the heaps of Japanese dead. probably was the most remarkable in the history of the siege of Port Arthur, The slope of 203-Metre Hill being very a siege noted for slaughter.

This statement is based on an interview which the correspondent of the Asociated Press had with Commander Mizzeneoff, executive officer of the battle-ship Poltava up to the time the vessel was disarmed and who, as already told, headed the party of seven Russians who lefit Port Arthur in a sailboat on December 15th and after extreme suffering while crossing in a driving snowstorm, arrived here on December 16th, bearing dispatches which were turned over to the Russian consul for transmission to St.

Commander Mizzeneoff, who was wounded in the leg during the battle of High hill, said to the Associated Press

"Since the Japanese on November 22nd began their attack on High hill, which they call 203-Metre hill, the fighting has been continuous. The steep and sandy slopes of the hill were streaked and dotted with snow when the Japanese began the battle which were streaked began the battle which was destined to furnish so many deeds of heroism that they became commonplace. There was

So Much Shaughter

that even Port Arthur's war-hardened as shuddered at the sight. "The Japanese were compelled to clamber up the steppes of the hill, in many cases without firing, in the face of one of the most murderous deluges ever poured from rifles and machine guns. I was there and it seemed to me that flesh | They returned to the assault at midnight and blood would be unable to stand our and again occupied a part of the trenches fire for a minute. The enemy went down but were annihilated by our bayonets. in squads and companies, but there were At 2 o'clock in the morning all was over, always others coming grimly forward. always others could be a superior of the damage that of our men. Sometimes the fighting caused by the bombardment. was hand-to-hand with the muzzles of the rifles at the breasts of contestants, the bayonets being used as swords. The sides of the hill were strewn with bodies and the snow was crimsoned with the blood of the wounded, some of whom had crawled into it, seeking in its coldness (A dozen other officers in lower grades surcease from their dying agonies.

Eventually, as in similar instances which were to follow, we retired, leaving the work of driving the enemy from the nummit to the resistless guns of the harbor has sustained some damage. The eighboring forts, notably those of

"One incident of this assault will re- 28th, General Stoo main forever impressed on my mind,

Standard-Bearer Reached the Summit and planted his flag, a gigantic Russian corporal left his retreating coincides and flank near Pigeon bay. The first was rerushing back, seized the flag which he pulsed with great loss to the Japanese. rushing back, seized the flag which he rushing back, seized the flag which he pulsed with great loss to the Japanese was tearing with his hands and with his The same night the enemy attacked a de teeth, when he fell, pierced with several

'When the Japanese retired under an Metre hill. artillery fire, the Russians re-occupied

"The second and third assaults were the northeastern front and the advanced replicas of the first, although the second was the most ferocious. They were all changed bands. Nevertheless on hand-to-hand fights at which mercy was night of the 26th we threw back the Jap neither asked nor given.
"A remarkable incident occurred in the

third assault. As the Russians, still the parapet of one of the forts and be-facing the enemy, retired, a Japanese gan building parallels there. At another standard-bearer, holding his flag aloft, fort on the same night they laid sacks climbed the pinnacle and fell dead, cling- along the rampart, but our artillery dising to the colors. In his tracks another persed them. Towards 10 o'clock in the arose with the colors, only to fall instantly with a dozen wounds in his Six others followed and met the and at first obtained possession of a porsame fate. At last, when the ninth man ppeared, a Russian officer exclaimed: bayonets into use and it will be planted anyhow.

The Japanese adopted a curious expedient which assisted them greatly in the third assault. They had prepared huge piles of wood, coal and cornstalks which they lighted, the wind being in 5 o'clock on the morning of November was immense and the flames and smoke elled the Russians to retire. The birthday of our mother, the Czarina, gave us further victory." red glare from this

Disclosed a Ghastly Picture.

officers as given in the preceding dispatch, together with several others who nore infernal than ever drawn by Dante. "The assaults thus far had cost the Japanese easily 18,000 men, while our own were under 2,000. The sides of the hill were literally covered with dead and nded. The trenches were rivulets of blood, and every visible spot was dyed crimson. 'We might retake the hill,' said General Stoessel, 'but the hill is not of sufficient importance to us to buy at

ports as follows:
"The twelve days' assault which com "Since then numerous small engage-ments have been waged, but the respon-sibility for keeping the Japanese from menced on November 20th was definitely repulsed last night. I am happy to say that occupying the hill in force and from that mounting guns there has been left mainly Your Majesty's Heroic Troops to the strapuel fire from other forts, alone could have been capable of doing

this. There has never been such a fierce assault. The following containbuted principally to its repulse: Generals Krondratrenko, Nikitin and Gorbatowsky and Colonels Irrmann and Eretiakoff, and Lt.-Cols. Naumenko and Gandourinee It it also, thanks to them and the heroid officers of mayal sharpshooters and the artillerymen, that Port Arthur succeeded gain in resisting. The Japanese, aceast 20,000 men.

"We request your prayers and those of the Mother Empress, which are manifestly shielding us. As general aide-de-camp to your Majesty I have exessed your Majesty's thanks to the gar

"On December 5th General Stoessel "At 7 o'clock yesterday morning the Japanese concentrateed all their forces and began an assault of Viskokai hill, bombarding it simultaneously with 11-inch and 16-inch shells. A fierce fight raged all day. We repelled three as-

machine guns into position thereon. Among the wounded were General Tserpinsky and Lt.-Col. Boutonsoff of the Frontier guards. Irremann performed

prodigies of valor." General Stoessel's last dispatch is dated December 10th, and says: "Since the capture of Visokaiai hill our ships in the harbor have been suffering from 11inch Japanese shells. Gen. Tserpinsky succumbed to his wounds. The spirits of the troops are excellent."

RUMOR OF PROPOSED MEDIATION IS DENIED.

London, Dec. 19.-The German passy informs the Associated Press that here is no truth whatever in the reports eparatory to assaulting the new town ind pushing between Liao Ti mountain of an Anglo-German movement looking mediation in the Russo-Japanese war. Forman remains determined to do nothng until invited. Up to the present they have not been invited.

ONLY OUTER LINE OF DEFENCES TAKEN.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.-Gen. Stoe sel's latest dispatches from Port Arthur were published to-day, but, as given out, believes, however, that the Russian losses were heavier than stated by Commander Mizzeneoff, as the Russians rebetween the official word of the military commander and the unofficial story of Commander Mizzeneoff, which was given out at Chefoo. It is not pretended that the dispatches are published in full. They contain much that is of strategical nterest, and matter which it is obviousimpossible to disclose to the public. The dispatches have been in the hands of the Emperor three days, but their contents were known to few besides His Majesty and his personal aides.

The story of the operations, as far as it has been given out, is intensely inter-esting, and shows that there had been an almost uninterrupted assault of the most lesperate character from November 20th to December 10th, when the Japanese sel's dispatch to the Emperor, which was after losing over 22,000 men, captured 203-Metre hill, and were able from that osition to shell the squadron in the Port Arthur roadstead.

"I am happy to inform your Majesty that on November 20th, after an in-There the official account ends, but it s explained that the Japanese do not creased bombardment, the Japanese atoccupy the top of the hill, which is still ern front and leaped with a portion of their force on the parapet. They were sian artillery. The Japanese are using a plunging fire from very heavy guns from behind the crest of the hill, but that and thrown back into the trenches. Their this fire is efficiently directed is shown by the damage suffered by the Russian "From November 21st to November squadron. The Japanese are credited fort and in spite of great losses, effected, mortars and howitzers. The effect of by their perseverance, a passage bethese must be most deadly when turned on the neighboring forts.

'Ine public reception of Gen. Stoessel's dispatches as a whole is not bad. Everyone is loud in praise of General Stoessel's nce of Port Arthur, while the authorities assert that the main line of forts has not yet been broken, The Japanese so far have used every device of engineering skill in making ap-

proaches, but, with enormous sacrifices, have been able to take only the outer It is declared the garrison probably will be able to hold out a considerable time and your Majesty's heroic troops were

A matter of much speculation is why the orders to take out or sink the squad-"From the 20th to the 24th, the Japron in deep water were not carried out. The only explanation offered is that the troops behaved as heroes. The following crews and guns were drafted ashore, and especially distinguished themselves:
"Generals Kondratenko, Nikitin and sible to move the ships under the heavy Japanese fire.

REPORTS SINKING OF "The bombardment of the town and

> Tientsin, Dec. 19 .- A junk, which arived to-day from Port Arthur, reports that four Japanese torpedo boats were sunk during the attacks on the Russian battleship Sevastopol, which they say has now sought refuge under Gol

FOUR TORPEDO BOATS.

JAPANESE HAVE TAKEN ANOTHER FORT.

Tokio, Dec. 19 .- Evening-The Japantachment on Panlung mountain but was ountain at 2 o'clock yesterday (Sunday) The infantry immediately afterward charged, and occupied the fort

The trenches repeatedly and the Russian headquarters at Port The fighting against Sugshu mountain

> CHINESE WILL BE SHORT OF FOOD AND FUEL.

Headquarters of Japanese Second Army, via Fusan, Dec. 18.—There is a probability that there will be a shortage of fuel and food among the Chinese this Firewood is quoted at \$40 per ton and food is selling at three times its ormal value, with the end of the suply in sight. The Japanese are paying nese laborers treble their ordinary wages, and also are paying market prices all the fuel and supplies they pur-

The military situation is unchanged. NO FOOD FOR HORSES.

chase. The cold weather contin

are buying fish heads from the restaur-

NEW BRANCH OPENED.

SANK AFTER ATTACKS ON RUSSIAN WARSHIP

Seventeen Officers and Men Were Killed or Wounded-Crew of Lost Vessel Rescued.

Tokio, Dec. 19.-11 a. m.-Vice-Adniral Togo's report upon the forpedo ceeded in obtaining possession of the crest of the hill and immediately got two ship Sevastopol was received to-day. It operations against the Russian turret says

"On the night of December 4th our torpedo flotillas made a gallant and brave series of attacks against the Russian turret ship Sevastopol.

"The flotillas arrived outside the enrance to Port Arthur about midnight on that date. The flotilla under Commander Unchida and a special torpedo boat, partly for attack and partly to reconnoitre the enemy's ships and shore batteries, attacked her.

"A shell struck Commander Mitamura's torpedo boat, and four shots hi nmander Nakamuta's boat, wounding three sailors.

"Flotilla A. Commander Kasama, advanced first for the purpose of destroy ing the defences protecting the enemy's searchlight. Fletilla B, Commander Jin juji, flotilla BC, Commander Otagi flotilla D, Commander Seki, and flotilla E, Commander Kawase, approached successively and bravely continued the attack from 2 until 4 o'clock in the morn

Commander Otagi's flotilla approach d the closest and delivered the most igorous attack. While retreating on orpedo boat received several ultaneously, her commander, Lient Nakahori and five others being killed One boat lost her freedom of motion, and Lieut. Nakahori's boat went rescue, and desnife the heavy fire, en deavored to save her. While towing the boat the enemy's shells severed the hawser. Lieut. Nakahori's also hit and one man killed. Subsequent ly several shells hit and almost disabled Lieut. Nakahori's boat, forcing it to abandon the comrade ship, which was sinking. Lieut. Nakahori's boat, however, steamed back, rescued of the crew and abandoned the torpedo boat to her

"Cemmander Kawase's boat, belonging to the same flotilla, was struck by a shell, killing one of the crew and wound ing Lieut, Takashi and two sailors Lieut. Shono's boat was hit, and one of the crew killed and five wounded. The boat was temporarily disabled, but his comrade ship, with Lieuts, Watabe and anding, protected and rescued her. All the other boats, bravely facing the enemy's fire, succeeded in delivering attacks without suffering any damage. "The result of their attacks is not de-nitely known, although it is evident that

"The watch tower reporting on the fo wing morning said that the Sevector nadi lowered at the bows considerably faring towards the southeast. Her co. dition is such that she does not change per position in the current. She anchor "It is a source of satisfaction that our torpedo attacks were delivered without the least confusion. Each boat rendered material assistance to its comrades. Th

ed close to inshore in shallow water. skillful manner of manceuvring and the bravery of the officers and men in me with a deep feeling of satisfaction and confidence

DR. CHADWICK.

It Is Believed He Will Refurn to the States This Week,

Paris, Dec. 19. Acquaintances of Dr. Row Chadwick, of Cleveland, Ohio, who left Paris for London yesterday, received letters from him this morning thanking hem for courtesies extended to him, The letters are blurred, the signature re-sembles "J. B. Ann," whereby it is be lieved Dr. Chadwick is seeking to avoid further attention. He did not book a passage on the White Star steame Cedric or the American line steamer Philadelphia here, but it is believed that he intends to carry out his statement that he would sail this week.

Communication With Cape Cod Still Interrupted—Traffic Delayed.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 19.—Communicatelegraph, broken off by Sunday's torm, is still interrupted to-day, though small armies of linemen were at work making repairs. Trains were delayed, ese fired an immense mine under por-tions of the north fort of East Keekwan and news from Cape points by mail and nessenger was not expected to reach here to-day much before noon. Such additional information as had been received indicated that the earlier reports of It is reported that the Japanese have storm damage had not been exaggerated. seized a strong position about a thou-sand yards southeast of 203-Metre Hill, and in many places drifting by a gale so as to block highways and street car

CANDIDATES IN FIELD.

Ladysmith. Dec. 17.-George orth, William Beveridge and John Hooker, of the present council, are the first candidates in the field for the ext municipal election. They will run for the newly formed middle ward.

RESIDENCE FOR STOESSEL subscription Has Been Opened by the Nobility-Czar's Manifesto Postponed.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19 .- Contrary t general expectation, Emperor Nicholas's name day was not signalized by the issue of a manifesto on the subject of reforms, which is now expected on December 20th. A long list of honors was gazetted, however, principally army officers. The day Warsaw, Dec. 19 .- On account of the was marked by the usual observances. The carcity of hay, the peasants of the Vis- city was decorated with flags, a solemn Te fale districts are compelled to sell their Deum was chanted at St. Isaac's cathedral, horses as low as \$2 a piece. The poor a salute was fired from the fortress of St. Jews, in order to comply with the rite Peter and St. Paul, and free performances were given at the theatres.

The publication of Lieutenant-General Stoessel's telegram recounting the story of

the wonderful defence of the heroic garu-son of Port Arthur produced a good effect, and the agitators made no attempt at anti-covernment demonstrations.

In Appeal of United States in Case of SOLDER SHOT

London, Dec. 17 .- The Privy Council, which yesterday began hearing the ap-peal of the United States against the decision of the justice of the crown at Quebec in the case of Green and Gaynor, adjourned at the conclusion of the arguments to-day. Judgment will be ren-dered December 19th. Donald MacMaster, K.C., of Montreal

concluded his argument in behalf of the United States, to-day and was followed by Herbert H. Asquith, former Home Secretary, representing the two respondents. Mr. Asquith contended there was no ground for the intervention of the Privy Council. The most their Lordships could do was to express an abstract pinion on the merits of the case. Mr Asquith complained of the form in which the American government had presente e case. This form seemed to him high-improper. He proceeded to read a paragraph in the American printed case mmencing "Whether the judge in the discharge of his duty" and ending "Nor deed do they think it necessary to do

arred, saying: "I must deprecate the troduction of such matters into the ppellant's case. They cannot affect our

CANADA AND STATES TO APPOINT COMMISSION

Vacancy on The Transportation Commission Will be Filled When Premier Returns.

Ottawa, Dec. 19 .- Canada and the Inited States have agreed to appoint an aternational waterway commission This commission will investigate and report upon all waterways adjacent to the understanding between the two countries brough the waters of either when with easy reach of the boundary line, there by avoiding international difficulties in W. F. King, chief astronome of the Dominion, will be one of the Canadian commissioners. The other two have not yet been appointed. There will be three Canadians and three Ameri-

To Fill Vacancy As soon as Sir Wilfrid Laurier reurns an appointment will be made to the transportation commission to fill the place left vacant by the death of J. H. Bertram. The name of J. H. Ashdo of Winnipeg, has been mentioned here as a member of the commission.

HOOLEY NOT GUILTY. Verdict of Jury of London Criminal Court-Sentence of H. J.

London, Dec. 17. After three weeks trial, the jury in the Centra court to-day found Ernest Terah Hooley not guilty, and Henry J. Lawson guilty. of obtaining money under false pre-

Lawson was sentenced to a year's imrisonment at hard labor. The execuion of the sentence of Lawson was postponed to permit an appeal. Lawson was admitted to bail in \$30,000.

Hooley, whose colossal bankrupfcy sensation of 1898, was arrested in London, on May 10th last, on the charge of conspiracy to defraud. Lawson was also arrested on the same day.

THREE PERISHED

Lost Their Lives in Fire Which Follow ed Explosion of an Oil Stove

were killed and several injured, two fatally, in a fire in a three-story brick residence at 184 South Main street. Williamsburg, to-day. The fire was caused by the explosion of an oil stove Most of those who lost their lives were caught in the upper story of the building from which there were no fire escapes.

CHURCH DESTROYED

Belleville, Dec. 17.—St. Michael's Roman Catholic church was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is \$150,000. The church had only been recently erected.

WAS MURDERED oung Unknown Woman Found Dead or Mountain Near Colorado Springs.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 19.-That the young woman who was found dead on Cutler mountain on Saturday was murder-ed was proven by the post morten examination to-day. The removal of her matted hair and scalp revealed (the wound in her head and resulted in the recovery of a bullet. There is as yet absolutely no clue to the identity of the girl, the authorities here being wholly at a loss to establish any thing in this connection.

OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE.

Will Be Tried by Court-Martial in Event of Troops Committing Excesses.

(Associated Press.) has issued a proclamation announcing that eror Nicholas has conferred on the heads of military districts in which law is the bunkers yesterday taking on coal. The ot declared the power of trying by courtnartial all officers in charge of troops in the event of the latter committing exesses, punishable by penal servitude under the military codes. The officers are thus held responsible for the conduct of their

VETERAN DEAD.

W. H. Davenport, Former Vaudeville Artist, Died From Apoplexy-Fought With Reno.

is dead here of apoplexy. Davenport was attached to the famous Seventh Cava'ry as an enlisted man, and was with Reno at to take up the theatrical profession.

THE STORY TOLD BY A WOUNDED RUSSIAN

His Experience at Battle of Liao Yang -How He Reached Trenches of His Comrades.

Moscow, Dec. 1.-Kirinchenko, prob

ably the most thoroughly shot pieces man who has survived the present war, arrived recently from Harbin, where after weeks in the hospital the doctors extracted 17 bullets from him, amputated one leg and discharged him as cured. He gave his experience in a quiet matter-offact way, and one can hardly do better than quote his own words. He said: "It was at Liao Yang that I got put out of commission for good. On the even

ing or September 2nd we had been ordered to attack some of the Japanese trenches. We had to cross a good piec of open ground under a heavy cross fire, and there were men falling every step from the time we broke cover to the minute we rushed the trenches at the oint of the bayonet.

I got a bullet in my right foot that brought me down. From that time on I was no more good except as a target, I must say I drew a good deal of Japition, if that counted for

"Our fellows went on and carried the Japanese trenches to the left in hand-tohand fight, for we can usually whip ose fellows if we can get close enough to them. But there was a long line of works on the right that we did not take, substitution of voters in St. Antoine and where they kept on shooting. They were the people who did for me. I was on the ground with my teeth chattering with pain, mostly scared of course. Guess anybody would be scared under the circumstances. It seemed to e when those fellows on the right found I was not dead, they didn't take That probably was not so, but the way

seemed to me at the time.
"Anyhow I made up mind my to get out, and crawled along toward the trenches where our men had gone over the top. As no one came back. I thought e must have captured them. I had not more than started when a bullet in my right shoulder rolled me over again I got my gun in my left hand then, and kept on crawling. Then I got shot in the left leg just above the knee, then two or three bullets got me in the right leg. I dropped my gun and helped myself along with my left hand, but they must have thought I was having to easy a time of it, for I got shot through the left shoulder, and that brought me down flat. There was nothing for it then but to wiggle along on my breast and stomach. I kept on getting shot in my right leg, but all the feeling had gone out of it. The last time I recollect getting hit was again in the left shoulder. "It was just dawn by the time I got to the trenches, and when I finally wiggled over the top I thought they were full of Japanese. But it happened that the Japanese uniforms I saw were on corpses and the live people were talking Russian, so I yelled for help. The men

ook me to a bandaging station two liles, and the doctor did not think I was ouch good keeping.
"I had 13 bullets in my right leg and de, and others in different parts of me. P. R. They sent me on to Harbin, and there they cut my leg off. It wasn't to keep

so now I am crippled, but that is bette than being dead or a prisoner."

and the proceedings therefrom were the LATE POPE'S ATTENDANT DEAD, of Apoplexy.

> Rome, Dec. 17 .- Pio Centra, the faith ful attendant of the late Pope Leo XII., | to the hostility of the tribes, remarks that died here to-day of apoplexy, thus fulfilling his own prediction that he would on follow his master. Centra, who was one of the most picresque figures of the late Pontificate, i entirely for Pope Leo, sleeping practically in the same room and enjoy-

ing the entire confidence of the late Pope. PIT BOSS KILLED.

Nanaimo, Dec. 17 .- James Strang, pit boss of No. 5 shaft, Cumberland, while walking on the track near that place yeserday, was run over by a locomotive and and one leg cut off at the thigh. He was quickly taken to the hospital but sue cumbed to his injuries last night. The ngineer saw Strang on the track, whisled and reversed the engine, but Strang, who was slightly deaf, failed to notice the on-coming train. Deceased was prominent in lodge circles and was one of the first residents of Cumberland. He | to work in the car shops, is dead. Jos daughters, all of whom are grown up.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 17 .- Mrs. Chad wick pleads not guilty to all the indict ments found against her by the specia federal grand jury. She will not give bail, and will again be locked up in the county jail.

COAL EXPORTS INCREASE.

(Special to the Times.) Ladysmith, Dec. 19.-The coal export bus ness, which, during the early part of the onth, had been very dull, has taken a sudden spurt, and it is understood that is January, when the big contracts that the Southern Pacific railway entered into for Australian coal during the strike here shall have ended, there will be a great increase in the tonnage exported from here. There were no less than eleven vessels lying along. Titania is back for cargo for San Francisco and before Christmas more than 10,000 tons

OUTBREAK OF PLAGUE.

umber of Cases Among Factory Hands Making Coats for Russian Soldiers.

(Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.-The Governor of Viatkia reports a serious outbreak of erian plague in factories in the districts port, an old-time vaudeville artist and former regular in the United States army, is dead here of apoplexy. Davemont was a street. to the troops has been suspe

Fernie, Dec. 18.—A C. P. R. workman time manifested a desire to tell her named C. Sanford was probably fatally in-Fernie, B. C., Dec. 18.—The first train over the Great Northern branch arrived on the occasion by starting a subscription for appointed to a lieutenancy, but resigned for the purchase of a residence there for Gen. Lafter holding his commission for ten years.

The time of the Custer massacre. On account of bravery in that campaign he was named C. Sanford was probably fatally in purchase of a residence there for Gen. Lafter holding his commission for ten years.

Fernie, Dec. 18.—A C. P. R. workman named C. Sanford was probably fatally in dications here our fine dications here the purchase of a residence there for Gen. Lafter holding his commission for ten years. a hammer, fracturing his skull.

NEW COTTON COMPANY Will Take Over a Number of the Largest Canadian Mills.

Montreal, Dec. 19 .- A new cotton com pany, with a capital of \$10,000,000, has been formed here. The new company will take over the mills of the largest Canadian companies-the Merchants the Montmorency and the Colonial Bleaching Company—and the object of the amalgamation is given as the reduc-tion of the cost of production and the stopping of price cutting. Senator Forget will be the first president, with A. . Mole, of the Dominion, and W. T Whitehead, of the Montmorency companies, as joint managers. The amalgamation leaves only two independent mills, the Montreal and the Canadian Colored Cotton.

TO CHECK EMIGRATION.

Exodus of Farmers From Minnesota Alarms Members of Legislature.

Toronto, Dec. 17.-A special from reapolis says the state legislature of nnesota will make a determined effo check the emigration of Minnesot armers to the Canadian Northwest showing to them that they can obtain land in Minnesota under as good cond tions as in Canada.

CHIEF CLERK EXONERATED

Decision of Commission Which Investigated Charges Against Mr. McKellar.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.-The commission "Nothing happened to me until we were close to the Japanese lines, when McKellar from the charges made by defaulting Clerk Barlett.

AN ELECTION CASE

Montreal, Dec. 17.-Judge Desnoyers is morning gave judgment declaring that there was sufficient evidence to commit George Bissonette, Henry Levesque, Louis, alias Fred. Auburn, and others to stand trial before the court of special sessions, court of the King's bench, for livision seat for the House of Commons.

ACCIDENTALLY POISONED.

Cloverdale, B. C., Dec. 18.-Violet Harper, aged 18 months accidentally poisoned herself near Cloverdale on aturday by eating a dozen tablets of Ferrozone. She died an hour later during violent convulsions. The resident physician, Dr. Kendall, suspects strych-

ELECTROCUTED.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 17.-Ellsworth Birkett, an electrician, while fixing an arc light at the power house of the Brantford Electric & Power Company, ast night, received a shock of 3,000 volts, causing instant death.

Boiler of Locomotive Exploded-One Man Is Dead-Engineer and Brakeman Injured. Montreal, Dec. 19.-Engine 891, a tenmpound, hauling a Grand Trunk reight train of fifty-five cars, exploded one mile east of Vaudreuill at an early hour this morning. Fireman Cummings, of Brockville, was killed, and Engineer Sharp, also of Brockville, and Brakeman Benoit,

bound track and the main line of the C.

ANTI-FOREIGN MOVEMENT.

FIREMAN KILLED.

of Montreal, were injured. Sharp is prob-Victoria-Points scored, Vancouver-Points score running twenty miles an hour when the acshattered boiler flew in the air and landed in a ditch between the Grand Trunk west

> the Times several days approved, the meeting

Sultan of Morocco Threatens to Dismiss London, Dec. 19 .- The Tangier correspondfact that the French mission to Fez was compelled to travel by sea by way of Larache instead of direct overland, owing there is a strong anti-European feeling in Morocco. He declares Maghzen is more

than secretly hostile, and the tribes are openly so, to any European interference with their affairs. The correspondent Tearns from native Ing the legations of his intention to dismiss all foreign officers attached to the Moorish court and army, including the French military mission, the Italians employed at Fez, Sir Harry Maclean and other British offi-

SUCCUMBED TO WOUND.

Beaulieu, Stabbed by Young Italian in Street Car, Is Dead.

Montreal, Dec. 19.-Cyprien Beaulieu. tabbed in a street car on Ontario street. last Wednesday morning, while on his way Scecento, a young Italian, held for stab-bing, will now be charged with murder. On Wednesday morning Beaulieu was

proceeding to work and Scecento was on the

seat beside him. When the car was near Gain street one of Beaulieu's friends board-

ed it, and to make room for him on the seat Beaulieu pushed Scecento. A fight follow ed in which the Italian received a heavy in the stomach and right arm.

ZION'S FINANCES Dowie's Statement - Indebtedness Less Than Half a Million Dollars-

The Assets.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 19.-Before a congrega tion of nearly 5,000 persons, John Alex. Dowie has declared that the assets of Zion were \$30,000,000, and of this sum \$21,000.000 was Zion City. He said that the total in-debtedness was less than \$500,000, and most of that was to members of the church

COLLEGE BLOWN DOWN.

Damage Wrought by Hurricane at Rio de Janeiro-Two Persons Killed.

New York, Dec. 19 .- A Rio de Janeiro dispatch to the Herald says: "A terrific hurricane at dawn on Friday caused serious damage to the harbor and the city. A wall of the college of San Vicente de Paul collapsed. One sister of charity and one pupil were killed and ten pupils were injured."

Nan Patterson, who is now on trial charged with the murder of Caesar Young, probably will go in the witness box in her own behalf. She has for some the only witness for the defence

# HOCKEY PLAYE

VANCOUVER LADIE AND MEN

Junior Rugby Team Also in Match at Term Island Leagn

On Saturday Victoria won two victories ove players. The local la example in their match team following contin The games were pla

Bay grounds. The visitors played ve but the Victoria ladie pert for them. In co was played largely of the Varcouver g casional rushes upo tory, but the local bac eeded in each case The game ended wit

o in favor of Victoria. Mr. Shallcross refe The men's match wa aggregation, appare the victory. At the the visitors set a pac they were not prep the defensive alone. McLean, and K. Gi played magnificent la succeeded in turning

which threatened. The local forwards game made things in ried the game onto score stood 1 to 0 in fa Immediately after the the second half the visi match. The remaind decidedly in favor of score at the close stood The match was refe

Elliston. The attendance at Oak day was very good, the than 400 present. OFFICERS ELE At the annual general

British Columbia league at the Balmoral hotel, delegates were present: Scholefield and H. G. Da F. G. Crickmay and R. E., Corpl. Collins and C G. A., Lieut. Elliston a The election of officers year resulted as follows: His Honor the Lieu E. Pooley and W. Bry Gillespie; vice-preside may and Lieut. Ellist

cross, Corpl. Collins, Wa Lieut. Hood. In the reports of reti outline of the records of last season was given won the championship made were as follows;

A. Scholefield: co

R. G. A.—Points scored R. E.—Points scored, 2 After the schedule of championship of 1904-0

ASSOCIATION FO VANCOUVER ISLAN

and Football Association at a meeting in the Y. on Saturday evening. clubs were represented Garrison, Victoria-Uni Bonaventure, Victoria W S. Egeria. There were J. G. Brown presided Renecle acted as secret After some discussion by-laws and cup compe adopted, and the officer follows: Honorary presi der Sandeman, R. N.; Brown; vice-president. Ladysmith; secretary-t W. J. Renecle, of the ba
The following gentlem

as delegates to attend

vincial association; Rev

W. Dickson, Corpl. Ren

The contribution of \$71 toria District Football wards the purchase o lenge cup was accept This sum will be su a canvass to be unde committee in the near schedule this will be meeting to be arrang and secretary, but it the games will be after New Year's day. The secretary was form the Nanaimo and of the organization of ciation, and request the matches in their circl the winners of the the championship of Association is now an a It is an important step

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provincial teams will h INTERMEDIATI The intermediate ga Capitals and Victor eleven at Oak Bay on Wilson kicked off team, but Peden ro and kicked it to McOu a long shot, but goalkeeper had no di it. However, the ball wand although McArthur cleverly defended their be denied, and McQuad the kick off the United away with a dash, bu the pressure, and the ba half time the Capitals ha game, and added two mo

On resuming play W clever dribble, but Temp passed. Hereabouts, ho

credit.