

JAPS MAKE DARING ATTEMPT TO DESTROY PEACE TREATY

A Torpedo Boat in Yokohama Harbor—Rams Launch Carrying Papers to Emperor.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 30.—An attempt to murder the peace delegation and destroy the treaty between Japan and Russia which was drawn up by the plenipotentiaries in Portsmouth, and was being sent to the Emperor of Japan, was witnessed by officers and passengers on the Dakota on the night of her arrival at Yokohama.

Dr. Wm. L. Opp, surgeon of the Dakota, in speaking of the incident, said: "It happened the night of our arrival at Yokohama. We were lying in Mississippi Bay, just outside of the breakwater. All the torpedo boats and war vessels which escorted the peace commission were drawn up in a long line.

The launch containing the delegation and the treaty left the warship and started for the landing. Suddenly one of the torpedo boats, anchored near the end of the line of battleships, slipped her cable and started after the launch. Those on the launch saw the torpedo boat leave the line and knew what was coming. In a minute the torpedo boat struck the launch, cutting her completely in two, and raced on into the darkness. We could see the men struggling in the water and clinging to the pieces of the wrecked boat. Launches from the battleships were sent to their rescue and saved all but one. The treaty also was saved."

UNEMPLOYED JEER A PRINCESS

A Mob Makes Demonstration Against King's Eldest Daughter.

London, Nov. 29.—Egged on by the Social Democratic Federation the unemployed gathered in strong force around the Church Army tents of the Strand today and jeered and hooted the Princess Royal (the Princess Louise, Duchess of Fife, eldest daughter of King Edward), who performed the ceremony of opening the tents which were presented by the King and endowed with \$5,000 from Queen Alexandra's fund to house and feed great numbers of the unemployed, who are to chop fire wood for this relief. Shouts of "Religious swindlers" and "Curse their charity," greeted the princess, and the crowds became so boisterous that large numbers of police had to be summoned to disperse them.

COLUMBIA OUSTS FOOTBALL

The Big New York University Bars It as Played Today.

New York, Nov. 30.—Columbia's athletic authorities last night took a step that recent events had forecasted almost as inevitable and a formal resolution disbanding the Football Association was passed. The American college game of football, therefore, no longer exists at the local institution and stands formally abolished, although all that the university committee on student organization, which controls all sports, actually did was to order the Football Association to wind up its affairs and disband.

DECREASE IN DEATHS

November Shows Twelve Less Than in Same Month a Year Ago.

Vital statistics compiled by City Clerk Baker show that during November there were 45 births, 29 marriages and 45 deaths in London.

In the same month a year ago there were 70 births, 44 marriages and 57 deaths. In October of this year there were 72 births, 45 marriages and 55 deaths.

The records show that 11 persons between the ages of 60 and 91 years died during the present month.

Four died of tuberculosis, one of typhoid fever, two were killed, and four died of heart disease.

The records also show that of the deaths 15 were of persons belonging to the Church of England, 8 were Roman Catholics, 5 were Methodists, 4 were Presbyterians and 2 were Congregationalists.

NO REVISION THIS SESSION; COMMISSION NOT YET READY

Ottawa, Nov. 30.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier had intended being present at Laval students' dinner, but had to cancel the engagement in order to meet his colleagues of the tariff commission, who will spend Friday in Ottawa. A cabinet council has been called for that day, and the impression is abroad that the impossibility of proceeding with the tariff revision next session will be represented to the ministers. The Government is pledged to the country to hold a November sitting. The Government cannot carry out their undertaking if tariff revision is gone on with the early part of the year. The terms of the tariff commission so far and the mass of evidence taken the task to be no easy one. The

GERMANY AFTER THE EQUITABLE

Orders Increase of Premium Reserves on Pain of Confiscating Property.

Berlin, Nov. 30.—The Imperial insurance office has informed the representative here of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York that it will appoint a receiver to administer upon the company's property in Germany in the interest of the German policyholder, unless the company increases its premium reserves invested in Germany, as required by the insurance law of May, 1901. The company takes the standpoint that it is not subject to that law, since it no longer takes insurance anywhere in Germany.

If a receiver is appointed he will take possession of the Equitable's buildings in Berlin and in other German cities and administer them, or, if necessary, will sell them in behalf of the German policyholders.

THE FIRST SNOWFALL

About Three Inches of the Beautiful Covered Ground Today.

What was really the first snow of the winter fell last night, and the city today wore a decidedly wintry appearance. Three inches of the beautiful fell. Transiently their horses suffered greatly, as the roads were made very heavy by the snow.

The cold weather brought the first batch of applicants for relief to Inspector McCullum, the mayor having referred one old man to him who had asked for food.

The people of London are so well off, however, that the demand for relief is very light.

Wreck on the Santa Fe.

Las Vegas, N. M., Nov. 30.—A west-bound Santa Fe passenger train went into the ditch at Romero, four miles south of this city yesterday. Engineer R. B. Brackett was killed by escaping steam. Engineer James C. Ristol was painfully scalded. C. Smith, of Bath, Maine, lost part of his hand. Several other persons were much bruised and many other received minor injuries. The train was a double-header and the first engine escaped. The second engine left the rails and a car of ice and the mail coach turned over and the forward coach was partly telescoped. The chair car and two sleeping cars left the rails.

Bennett's Appeal.

Toronto, Nov. 29.—The court of appeal this afternoon reviewed the evidence against the Indian, Joe Bennett, who was found guilty of the murder of Betsy Jacobs, an old squaw, on the Grand River Reservation, near Brantford, Mr. L. F. Heyd, K.C., argued that there was no evidence to convict. The court reserved judgment. Bennett was sentenced by Judge Anglin to hang on Dec. 15.



A Change in the Weather.

"DOINGS" AT THE CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION; A LIVELY TILT

Ald. Matthews Had Crowd—Talked Plainly to Mr. Beck—Mr. Judd May Not Run.

Conservatives today deny that municipal politics were discussed at the meeting of Conservative workers which was held in the Auditorium last night. They do not deny, however, that the reception accorded the Conservative majority possibilities will have its effect in determining who will be the candidate of the party.

According to the stories which are told today, Ald. Matthews was under the limelight. Ex-Ald. Judd was there, too, but 'tis said he didn't illuminate as did "The People's Dick."

Ald. Matthews posed as the champion of those who want jobs, and he "riddled" frequently to address his co-workers. He was elucidating at length on the alleged fact that the faithful have not been looked after properly by local Conservatives, concluding with the statement that "the bunch" wanted to have a say in the patronage of the party in London.

The word "bunch" grated on the ears of Hon. Adam Beck, who wanted to know whether he was representing the "bunch" or the party as a whole. "I think you are representing a pretty big bunch of Tory workers," quoth Ald. Matthews.

Then it is said the proceedings were stopped for a couple of minutes while everybody cheered. Ald. Matthews put his finger on the pulse of the meeting. They wanted jobs, and he spoke for them.

Today these incidents are not lost upon Conservatives, and they claim that Ald. Matthews is a stronger candidate and can beat Mr. Judd for the convention, if the Conservatives decide, as usual, to make the approaching municipal contest a political fight.

"Don't get the idea that Matthews won't run," a Conservative said to The Advertiser today. "Judd won't be allowed to stand in his way. Later a reporter called on Mr. Judd and asked him if he still intended to run for mayor.

"I don't know," he replied.

"Are you not shifting ground?" the reporter asked. "Did you not say a while ago that you would run for mayor?"

"No, I did not," Mr. Judd replied. "I said then that it was my intention to run for mayor and I say so still."

"But you won't say positively that you will run?"

"No; I will not."

Another version of the tilt between Ald. Matthews and Mr. Beck was given The Advertiser by one of the Conservatives who were present. He said that there had been a smell of sulphur coming from the breakers in the rank and file of the lay workers of the Conservative party, who, in the words of Joe Graham, "wielded the battleaxe in sunshine, rain and snow." Joseph brought forward a motion for the appointing of an executive committee, and addressed the meeting in his characteristic style, which was well received. Nearly every delegate from the different parts of the city, brought forward a motion for the appointing of the executive.

After considerable discussion, and

amidst the manifestations of a very great deal of dissatisfaction, the Hon. Adam Beck, chairman, explained to the meeting that there would be no "patronage committee."

Ald. Matthews arrived late, but like the Prussian general at the battle of Waterloo, had a powerful effect; he characterized the gentlemen on the platform as a bunch, although there were present eight lawyers, two physicians, two license inspectors, two mechanics, and the Hon. Adam Beck, who appeared perplexed, and requested Ald. Matthews to explain what he meant.

"Do you mean to compare the gentlemen on the platform and myself, as a 'bunch'?" asked Mr. Beck.

The sudden words and expression staggered Richard for a few moments. When Richard was himself again, he said that he meant a solid bunch of Conservatives. It could be easily seen his explanation was not accepted that way, by the Hon. Adam Beck.

It was ex-Ald. Coo who bitterly complained of the treatment he had received from the party he had served so well.

The introduction of politics into municipal contests has been so generally condemned of late, that there appears to be a strong inclination on the part of many of both shades of politics to allow matters to take their course, and to elect the very best men who may offer themselves, no matter to what political party they may belong.

"If politics are kept out, I believe men of the stamp of James C. Duffield and John R. Minchmick could be induced to run for the water commission," a prominent Conservative said to The Advertiser today. "For my part I've had enough of politics, and Continued on Page Eight."

THE WEATHER.

To-morrow Fair and Cold.

London, Thursday, Nov. 30. Sun rises, 7:29 a.m. Moon rises, 11:03 a.m. Sun sets, 4:43 p.m. Moon sets, 9:55 a.m.

Toronto, Nov. 29-30. Fair. The important disturbance which passed over the lake region last night has now reached the Maritime Provinces. Fresh to heavy gales prevail from the lakes to the Atlantic, accompanied by a change to decidedly colder weather in Ontario, and by heavy rains in the Maritime Provinces. In the Northwest Province the weather remains very cold.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 35-44; Edmonton, 6 below-zero; Calgary, 24 below-zero; Qu'Appelle, 16 below-zero; Winnipeg, 14 below-zero; Port Arthur, 2 below-zero; Parry Sound, 12-22; Toronto, 27-34; Ottawa, 15-44; Montreal, 20-48; Quebec, 14-34; St. John, 20-32; Halifax, 21-34.

PORECASTS.

Thursday, Nov. 30-5 a.m. Northwest to north winds, falling to light, and moderately fair and decidedly cold today and on Friday.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Winnipeg	-3	-12	Fair
Parry Sound	-4	-12	Fair
Toronto	14	14	Fair
Ottawa	12	8	Fair
Montreal	-8	-20	Fair
Quebec	-6	-18	Fair
Father Point	22	42	Fair

WEATHER NOTES.

The gale has now pretty well subsided on the lakes, and tonight the winds promise to decrease along the St. Lawrence and in the Maritime Provinces. A rapid change to very cold weather has occurred today and on Friday. The center of the cold wave has meanwhile advanced eastward to the Lake Superior region.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Wednesday were: Highest, 36°; lowest, 28° above.

THE TIMES ON BALFOUR

Says H. Will Resign and Liberals Form a New Government.

London, Nov. 30.—The Times today, in what seems to be a distinctly authoritative statement, repeats the intimation it gave last week that the Balfour Ministry will soon resign. The intimation last week was that the resignation would be tendered after a few days. The situation has undergone no change, the Times says today, except that the few days have become more than they were a week ago, it is further intimated that the Liberals are likely to be called upon to take over the government at the expiration of the few days that will intervene before Premier Balfour's resignation. Mr. Balfour, the Times says, is under no obligation to retain office merely to suit the tactical convenience of his opponents, nor can they, in spite of their tall talk, decline the responsibility for which they have volunteered so loudly, so long, and so boastfully.

EXPLOSION WRECKS OFFICE

The Fort William Herald Put Out of Business by Accident.

Fort William, Nov. 30.—Tuesday afternoon at 4:30, just as the forms of the Evening Herald were being locked ready to go to press, gasoline in connection with a typesetting machine exploded, setting fire instantly to the office, and all efforts made by the proprietor and printers to put out the fire were without avail, as the fire spread rapidly. The fire brigade were soon at hand, but the fire and water had done a great deal of damage to the interior of the office, typesetting machines, presses and type before being extinguished. The exact loss at present cannot be estimated until an examination of the plant is made. Four thousand dollars will probably cover the loss; partly insured.

LAST OCEAN BOAT OFF

Latest Sailings Have Occurred Five Times on Nov. 29.

Montreal, Nov. 29.—The season of navigation was practically closed today by the departure of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's steamship Lake Michigan for Liverpool. The Lake Michigan was not to have left here until tomorrow morning, but owing to the cold and snow of yesterday it was decided to expedite her departure. This is the fifth time since 1850 that a vessel has left port on Nov. 29, although in 1864 the last departure for sea was as late as Dec. 7. The earliest date for the last sailing was in 1874, when the last ship left port on Nov. 10. The average date of last departure for sea for the past 21 years is Nov. 25.

Mr. Boucher, the buoy engineer, commenced today to take the buoys out of the channel between Montreal and Quebec.

In view of the decision to leave the steamer Bavarian on the Wye Rock for the winter, it is probable the vessel will now be dismantled and all portable material brought up to Quebec. With the heavy snowstorm last night it is evident that winter has fairly set in, and any further attempts to float the ship would be useless.

BUBONIC AT YOKOHAMA

Serious Outbreak of Dread Disease in Mikado's Land.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 30.—Bubonic plague is raging in Yokohama, according to officers of the steamship Dakota, and possibly no more vessels will be given a clean bill of health until the scourge is wiped out. Four deaths have resulted from this disease before the steamer Dakota sailed, and many reports of sickness were received. Wm. H. Lopp, surgeon on the steamer, stated that few, if any more vessels will be allowed to leave Yokohama. He added that the authorities were taking every precaution to prevent the spread of the dreaded disease.

MCCURDY IS OUT

Resignation of Mutual Life President Accepted by Board.

New York, Nov. 29.—The resignation of Richard A. McCurdy as president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, was presented to the board of trustees of that company today and was accepted. Frederick Cromwell, treasurer of the Mutual Life, was named by the trustees to act temporarily as president of the company.

The resignation of Justice Rufus W. Peckham as a trustee of the Mutual, also was received by the board and was accepted.

MODEL SCHOOL EXAMS

Those for London and Strathroy To Be Held December 12.

The County Model School examinations will be held in Aberdeen School, London, and the Model School, Strathroy, on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The examiners are Inspector Edwards, of London; Inspector Thompson, of East Middlesex; Inspector Johnston, of West Middlesex; and Mr. Jones, of the London Collegiate Institute. The report must be issued by Dec. 31.

Edward Honors Japs.

London, Nov. 30.—King Edward has decided to confer the order of merit on Field Marshal Oyama and Admiral Togo.

FIVE THOUSAND KILLED IN SEBASTAPOL BATTLE

21,000 Loyal Troops Engage Mutineers, But Latter Still Hold Out—Two Battleships Destroyed.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 30.—2:30 p.m.—The navy department is closed not only to the public, but to officers, except those of the general staff. No official statement on the subject of the battle at Sebastopol yesterday has been issued, and the public remains in the dark. It is reported from a semi-official source that although the Otchakoff, the Dnieper (formerly the St. Petersburg), and a transport, were set on fire and sunk during yesterday's battle, all the mutineers have not surrendered. Vice-Admiral Choukine was in command of the loyal vessels, some of which, including the Pateleimon, participated in the engagement. Gen. Baron Meller Gakomelskie, commander of the seventh army corps, with 21,000 infantry and artillery, was in chief command ashore.

The newspaper accounts of the details of the fighting at Sebastopol, which are based on the reports circulating in the city, are very conflicting, but they all say the battle ended at about 5:30 yesterday afternoon, when the ships of the mutineers surrendered. The Novosti says that 5,000 men per-

ished on both sides. The leaders of the mutineers, it is added, have already been executed, two battleships have been blown up and mines have been laid at the entrance of the roadstead.

Workmen Close Postoffice.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 30.—2:15 p.m.—The situation is very alarming. Russia is a complete blank so far as direct news is concerned, all telegraphic communication with the interior having ceased. The workmen's council has decreed that the general postoffice in St. Petersburg shall close at 3 o'clock this afternoon, when communication with the outside world may cease.

The most disquieting reports are in circulation regarding the disaffection of the guard regiments, two of which, the workmen boast, have definitely resolved not to fire on the people.

The Government still manages with the aid of the administrative officers along the line to keep communication open with Sebastopol.

The manager of the Moscow office is himself working at a key there.

The contents of the cipher dispatches received by the Emperor from (Continued on Page Three.)

DRINK AND DRUGS CAUSED HIS RUIN

John McKenzie, Addicted to Both, Gets a Term in the Central Prison.

John McKenzie, a young man of 24 or 25 years of age, and of decidedly bright appearance, was given four months in the Central Prison, Toronto, by Magistrate Love this morning on two different charges of theft.

McKenzie feebly pleaded guilty to taking an overcoat valued at \$11 or \$12, belonging to Daniel Burgess, from the hall of the Queen's Hotel, and disposing of the same. He also admitted stealing four fawn huddles from the Cash Bargain store on King street. The fish were produced in court.

"Drink caused it all, your honor," said the prisoner when asked if he had anything to say.

McKenzie's case seems a hopeless one. Though an intelligent young fellow, he has become addicted to taking drugs, such as morphine, and more in mercy than in justice, the magistrate gave him a term in the Central.

"I am sending you to the Central, where you will be a free man, comparatively speaking," said the police magistrate. "At present when you are at liberty you are the slave of drink and drugs. You will be a free man down there from such masters."

McKenzie is a nervous wreck.

CHINA REFUSES TO DIG UP

Will Not Give \$1,000,000,000 to Japs for Saving Manchuria.

Peking, Nov. 30.—The proposals of Baron Komura on behalf of Japan in the pending negotiations with China are as follows:

The transfer to Japan of Russia's leasehold of the Liao Tung Peninsula, including Port Arthur and Dairen.

The ownership by Japan of the Chinese Eastern Railroad south of Chang Chung.

The privilege of constructing a branch line of railroad from Chang Chung to Kirin.

The right to maintain a railway guard in Manchuria and to conduct a military telegraph and postal service there.

Japanese priority in mine and forestry concessions.

The towns and cities of Northern and Southern Manchuria to be open to trade.

An official declaration is made that China has refused to consider in the present negotiations with Japan, any proposal that China compensate Japan for her defense of Manchuria, though Japan sacrificed 220,000 men, killed and wounded, and 2,000,000,000 yen (\$1,000,000,000), solely for the sake of peace in the Far East.

Skeleton Adrift in a Canoe.

Grand Marais, Mich., Nov. 30.—A frail birch bark canoe containing the skeleton of an Indian girl has come ashore near here. The bones rested on a rich blanket, and on the wrists were heavy silver bracelets.

Indians, fishing along shore, buried the skeleton, and expressed the belief that it was set adrift in the canoe in compliance with some of the religious rites of the red men.

NO SIGNS OF SULTAN'S SURRENDER

London, Nov. 30.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Times cables: The Sultan shows no sign of accepting the demands of the powers. It is reported that after the failure of the tentative efforts of Turk Pasha to arrange a compromise, he is more firmly resolved than ever not to give way. The ambassadors, however, are convinced that this is a mere bluff and that there will be a surrender as soon as the Edirne festival is over.

On the other hand, I am assured by prominent Turks that nothing the powers can do will induce them to recognize foreign control of the finances of Macedonia. Europe, they say, can seize islands, blockade coasts, bombard ports, ruin trade if she cares to, but she will never be allowed to usurp sovereign rights in that part of the empire. The Turks do not believe the powers are willing to push their pressure to the point of provoking war.