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ADMIRAL TOGO REPORTS PORT ARTHUR ASSAULTS

Torpedo Flotilla Began the Attack on Monday Nigh., Complete Results Not Yet Made Known.

BATTLESHIP SEBASTOPOL SUNK RUSSIAN FLEET DESTROYED

Tokio, Dec. 14, 4 p.m.—The report of Vice-Admiral Togo was received Tuesday night. It is as follows:

"Capt. Kasado, commanding the torpedo flotilla, on Monday night at midnight attacked the Rusisan battleship Sevastopol, lying outside Port Arthur. The result of this attack has not been ascertained. Subsequently two torpedo boats under Commander Masado attempted several attacks, facing the enemy's vigorous fire. The shock of the explosions of torpedoes was felt, but the next day the Sevastopol remained in the same position. None of our vessels was damaged. On Tuesday at 2.50 a.m. another torpedo flotilla under Commander Arakawa attacked the Sevastopol, but the result of this attack was not learned. In this attack a shell from the enemy struck the funnel of one of our torpedo boats. Another struck the engine-room, disabling the vessel, and she lost her freedom of action and was towed away by her comrades. There were no casualties.

"Again, at 6 a.m. of the same day, a torpedo flotilla under Comamnder Seki attempted an attack, but was exposed by the enemy's searchlights and, being subjected to a heavy fire was unable to accomplish its purpose.

"Simultaneously Lieut. Adachi, commanding two torpedo boats, approached the enemy's ship and discharged torpedoes, which were seen to explode, but with what effect is not known. These attackers were also exposed to a heavy fire and both were hit once and three men injured."

The Russian battleship Sevastopol, the only Russian ship that escaped destruction, being docked when the other vessels were sunk after the Japanese captured 203 Metre Hill, escaped from the dock and harbor last night and is now anchored under a protecting mountain. Some torpedo craft are also outside of the harbor.

The tremendous price in life paid by the Japanese for the capture of 203 Metre Hill has been redeemed by the utter destruction of the Rusian fleet.

The Japanese fleet will now go into dock.

SEVASTOPOL SUNK.

Tokio, Dec. 15.—(Noon.)—It is reported that the Japanese have successfully torpedoed the Russian battleship Sevastopol.

SHELL-SWEPT.

Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army, via Fusan, Dec. 14.—Every part of the city and harbor of Port Arthur is visible from 203-Metre Hill. The streets of the city are deserted and but few soldiers are doing patrol duty. Many buildings have been burned and others shattered. The shelters of the harbor present a strange appearance, with the turrets, masts and funnels of warships showing just above the water. There is not a vessel afloat in the harbor. The docks and buildings on the water front are torn and burned. The Japanese shells reach every part of the city and harbor.

HAVOC FROM DYNAMITE.

Before Port Arthur, with the third Japanese army, via Fusan, Dec. 14.—The work of removing the dead from the slopes and crests of 203 Metre Hill has been completed on the north side. The south slopes are still covered with bodies buried under the debris of trenches and bomb proofs. The long lines of Japanese dead laid out on the top of the hill and the slopes previous to interment, presented an awful appearance. The effect of dynamite used as an offensive weapon in the form of hand grenades is instanced in an appalling manner by the condition of the dead bodies, which are torn and almost unrecognizable masses of flesh and bones. Fragments of hundreds of killed, unearthed from the filled-in Russian trenches, presented a scene of awful horror. The heavy timbers and steel plates of the bomb proofs were torn to splinters by shells and dynamite.

WANT CANADIAN WHEAT.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Secretary of the United Treasury Shaw to-day conferred with representatives of leading flour mill interests regarding the proposed regulations allowing drawback on exported flour, made in part from imported wheat. Afterward the secretary stated that the only proposition over which any controversy has arisen relates to the manufacture of flour composed in part of Canadian and in part of home-grown wheat. This has not yet been passed on.

The legal phase involves the same question, however, as has been passed on in a number of other manufactures. For instance, drawback has been allowed on steel rails manufactured of American ore and imported manganese. Drawback also has been allowed on paper manufactured in part from Canadian pulp and in part from American pulp as well as on similar manufactures composed in part of imported and in part of domestic material.

REINSURED.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 14.—Seventy guineas per cent. reinsurance has been paid on the steamer Sicily, which left Halifax on Dec. 8 for St. John's, Nfld.

Acquitted of Murder Charge.

New oYrk, Dec. 14.—A verdict of acquittal was brought in by the jury today in the case of Mrs. Rosa di Pietro, an Italian woman, who was charged with killing her brother-in-law, Michael Rago, some weeks ago in this city. Mrs. di Pietro testified that Rago, after attempting to force attentions upon her, which she resisted, attacked her and then she shot him.

Blew Top of Head Off.

Syracuse, N.Y., Dec. 14.—George Luttinger, sr., 67 years of age, committed suicide in the cellar of his home to-day, by placing a charge of powder in his mouth and igniting it. The top of his head was blown off by the explosion. Luttinger had been suffering from a cancer under his tongue, and said he could not bear the pain any longer.

United Empire Loyalists Assn.

The regular monthly meeting of this association will be held in the gallery of the Women's Art Association, Conservatory Life Building, this evening at 8 o'clock. A paper, entitled "A Loyal Subject of the Thirteen Colonies," will be read by Mr. Adams.

FIERCE FIRING.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Japanese legation has received the following cablegram from Tokio:

"Commander of naval artillery reports that bombardment on the 13th was principally aimed at the arsenal and the torpedo depot at Tiger Tail, and at steamboats in its vicinity. The torpedo depot was ablaze one hour. Three ships were destroyed and one was sunk. The buildings were greatly damaged. Indirect bombardment upon the Sevastopol, staying outside the harbor, was suspended owing to the bad weather, which prevented observation. Togo reports that the torpedo flotilla attacked the Sevastopol twice on the night of the 12th and three times on the night of the 13th. The result is uncertain. Each time they met the enemy's fierce fire and one of our torpedo boats was disabled, but was towed back, while three received one shot each. Our total casualties were only three men wounded."

STREET RAILWAY COMPLAINTS.

Some Fault Finding Relieved by Instances of Co.'s Consideration.

The World invites all citizens to furnish this column with short statements of inferior or unsatisfactory service by Toronto Railway Company.

F. T. writes: Car 826, arriving at Toronto Junction at 9.18 a.m., had practically no fire. It was the coldest car I have been on this season.

"Constant Reader" writes: To-night, after waiting five minutes in the cold at the corner of Delaware-avenue and Bloor-street, I hailed car No. 822 to stop. The motorman called "Take next car." I waited for the next, and on arriving at Spadina and Bloor we were run past and held to allow another Bloor and McCaul car that was folowing to go ahead. I have made complaints about the way this Bloor and McCaul service is being run until I am disgusted. I am sure you are doing the citizens a great service in taking up their just complaints.

Major Collins communicates to The World as follows: Why is it that the aldermen and controllers, when complaint is made of the street car service, put the matter on the shoulders of the city engineer? Why do not they go to the proper authorities? The other morning, having seen the belt line cars overcrowded continually between 7 and 8.30, with women hanging to straps as they rode to their day's work, I went to Superintendent Gunn, who expressed surprise. Next morning the cars were running on a 2-minute instead of a 4-minute schedule. Superintendent Gunn also had an "extra" car on the belt line make an added trip to relieve congestion. Overcrowded cars on Queen-street were brought to his attention and more trailers wil be placed on the route. But should it not be the duty of the aldermen to attend to these little things? Another matter that might be considered is the appointment of a street railway commissioner by the city, who, with the assistance of an electrical expert, should have an eye of general supervision over the machinery and operation of the system.

"Inquisitive" writes: Re street car complaints, would you kindly let the public know how many relatives the city engineer has in the employ of the Toronto Railway Company; what relation they are to him; what position they hold, and when were they appointed?

"Kicker" writes: At 5.15, on the King-street route running west, there was only one conductor for trolley 460 and trailer 356, and the trailer did not have a fire.

SEND 'EM TO CANADA.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 14.—Lord Crewe, chairman of the State Children's Association, writing to The Times, says that perhaps no system offers such advantages for suitable children as emigration to Canada does, but nothing could be more detrimental to its success than the sending of poor law children to Canada as such and dealing with them in large separated groups. The main virtue of immigration depends on merging poor law children in the ordinary Canadian population. Canadians have a widespread objection to receiving children from workhouses and everything must be avoided that would stamp them in Canadian eyes as poor law children.

FISCAL QUESTION.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 14.—Continuing the debate on the fiscal question in the Australian federal house of commons, ex-premier Watson said he did not believe in any cut and dried scheme of imperial federation, which would collapse owing to the disproportion in the population of the different portions of the empire. Any reciprocal trade treaty, however, need not necessarily have any relation to imperial federation or to a defence arrangement, but must be reciprocal to benefit Australia. Speaking generally, however, he was not inclined to reduce import duties in favor of Great Britain.

WILL LOSE NO TIME.

Premier Ross was busy all day with callers and correspondence and had not time to conclude his preparations for his first campaign meetings, two of which will probably be held next week.

PATTI'S FAREWELL.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 14.—Madame Adelina Patti gave a concert here to-night for the benefit of the Red Cross Society, which netted over $37,000. Emperor Nicholas, members of the imperial family and all the wealth and rank of the Russian capital were present. Mme. Patti announced that this was her final farewell to the concert stage.

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MISS CANADA PADDLES HER OWN CANOE.

UNCLE SAM: Waal, say, she don't appear to be much on the flirt, does she?

SIR WILFRID VISITED MR. BLAIR AND PRESSED A CHANGE OF MIND

Personal Persuasion of the Prime Minister Kept the Ex-Chairman of the Railway Commission Silent, Tho David Russell Pleaded With Him to Speak.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The resignation of Hon. A. G. Blair and the sale of La Presse newspaper to a syndicate composed of David Russell, Hugh Graham and other Canadian financiers is once more being discussed here owing to news being received to-day by an Ottawa banker to the effect that Hon. T. Berthiaume was paid yesterday in Montreal a further sum of $150,000, making $400,000 already received by the former proprietor of La Presse. The syndicate still owes Mr. Berthiaume $300,000, and that will be placed to the latter's bank account in the near future. In the contract Mr. Berthiaume's name was to be used, but he has nothing whatever to do with La Presse newspaper at present.

Where Was the Letter Got?

A good deal of interest was felt here to-day, as to how The Globe succeeded in getting hold of Mr. Russell's letter to Mr. Dansereau, and a gentleman who reached here this evening from Montreal declares that before leaving for Europe Boss Dansereau gave a copy of the document, or perhaps the original, to Mr. Blumhart, an old newspaper man, whose name has been connected with the future management of the paper, and that he probably gave it to The Globe newspaper.

There are a few details anent the famous resignation yet remaining untold. It appears that when a certain Montreal gentleman got wind of what was expected of Hon. Mr. Blair he proceeded at once to Ottawa and laid the whole plot before Sir Wilfrid. This was Saturday, and on Sunday the premier called in the ex-chairman of the railway commission, Mr. Blair not waiting on Sir Wilfrid, as has already been alleged. Those who know declare that the prime minister neither made promises nor used threats, but simply bore down upon his late colleague with all the diplomatic wit at his command, the result being that Mr. Blair was conquered and the Montreal scheme rendered abortive.

Phoned on the Sunday.

This happened on a Sunday, and the same evening Sir Wilfrid Laurier telephoned several mutual friends that Hon. Mr. Blair would absolutely take no part in the proposed campaign which was to be entered upon during the last week or two before polling. This appears all the more reasonable when it is ascertained that R. L. Borden had more to do with upsetting Mr. Greenshields' particular scheme to defeat the government than Hon. Andrew G. Blair. It is stated here, in fact, that the famous letter issued by the leader of the Conservative party, warning all those who had subscribed to the Conservative electoral fund to the effect that if they had done so with any ulterior motive they had better go to the treasurer in Montreal and get back their money, or words to that effect, did a great deal towards dampening the ardor of those who were bent upon smashing the administration at all costs.

After That Meeting.

It is said, in fact, that Mr. Borden decided to write this letter after his meeting with the famous group of capitalists on board the train between St. John and Moncton.

Another detail, Mr. Binns, the Montreal lawyer, who put thru the La Presse deal, sent several articles to the paper of a strong anti-Laurier shade, and Thos. Cote took such strong grounds against them that the publication did not take place.

RUSSELL ALSO TALKS.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—David Russell was seen last evening at the Windsor Hotel regarding the statements made by the Montreal correspondent of The Toronto Globe, and said to The World correspondent:

"For a man who pretends to be so extremely well informed as to the details of and the reasons for the purchase of La Presse by me, The Globe correspondent falls into errors in some particulars that incline me to believe that he is guilty of wilful misrepresentation of such facts as have come to his knowledge. He states that some employes of the editorial department take to themselves credit for the consistent attitude maintained by La Presse during the last election despite the fact that the control of the paper had changed hands. The real credit for that should be given to Messrs. Berthiaume and Dansereau."

"When discussing the terms of the sale with these getlemen they gave me to understand that they would not conclude any bargain unless I undertook that the political attitude of the paper would remain unchanged. As I was conducting the negotiations entirely as a business proposition I had not the slightest objection to this, and gave them my undertaking to that effect. Had anything different appeared in the paper, I would certainly have held the management responsible and have caused the dismissal of anyone who broke the spirit of my personal undertaking. My action in this matter should show the public that the purchase of La Presse was not a link in the chain of any so-called 'conspiracy.'

"Neither Mr. Borden nor any of the other Conservative candidates had the least idea that La Presse was to be bought, nor after the purchase was made public did they know why it had been completed. While I am on this subject I might also dispose of the rumor that the second payment on the property was not met. I gave my certified cheque for $150,000 for this on Monday last, the day on which it fell due."

PORTLAND CEMENT GOES UP.

New York, Dec. 14.—The Association of Portland Cement Dealers to-day decided to advance the mill minimum of Portland cement in the spring $1 a barrel, and to further gradually advance the price during the year. It is said that the cement is now sold at less than the cost of making.

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TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Empire Club, Captain Hunter, on "Condensed Militarism," Webb's, 1 p.m.
York Township Council, 1 p.m.
C.M.A. executive, special meeting, 1 p.m.
Rev. E. A. Wicher, on "Japan," University, 4 p.m.
Methodist Reform committee, Temple Building, 4.30 p.m.
Massey Hall, "The Messiah," 8 p.m.
Board of education, City Hall, 8 p.m.
Toronto Reform executive, Wardell's Hall, 8 p.m.
U. E. Loyalists, Confederation Life Building, 8 p.m.
Doric Lodge, A. F. and A. M., installation, Temple, 8 p.m.
Massey Hall, "King Edward, 9 p.m.
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LEONARD WALLACE MAY DIE FROM ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING

Gun of Companion Discharged While Party Were Rabbit Hunting Near Woodbridge

With but slight hope of recovery, Leonard Wallace of Woodbridge, second son of the late Hon. Clarke Wallace, lies in the Toronto General Hospital, shot thru the liver. The tragedy occurred while he, with three friends, was out rabbit shooting yesterday afternoon, and the circumstances were purely accidental. After receiving local medical attention, the wounded man, on the advice of Dr. G. A. Peters of Toronto, who was also called, was brought to the city and late last night an operation was performed by Dr. Peters and Dr. I. H. Cameron. Several of the leaden pellets were removed. Some, it was found, had gone right thru the body.

Thumb Slipped.

In company with W. W. Reid of the Inkerman House and the two Robb brothers, Mr. Wallace had gone out after rabbits. The party had a ferret, which Mr. Reid carried. Reaching the sixth concession, about three miles from Woodbridge, a rabbit burrow was found. The others having gotten into position, Reid loosed the ferret in the hole. Then he got his own gun.

When the ferret got the rabbit, there was some screeching and Leonard Wallace ran forward. He shouted to Reid to "catch him." Reid took a couple of steps forward and at the same time went to let down the hammer of the right barrel of his gun. His heavy gloves were wet from snow and the thumb slipped.

There was a report and at 20 feet range the full charge of No. 2 shot struck Wallace. The shot entered his right side, below the breast. He staggered and fell, but raised himself and walked part of the quarter of a mile which had to be traversed to the nearest house. There a rig was procured and he was driven to his home in the village. He was able to walk from the rig to the house, but Dr. P. D. McLean, who was sent for, realizing that the injury was very bad, had Dr. Peters sent for.

A General Favorite.

The accident came as a great shock to the people of Woodbridge and surrounding country, where the Wallace family is so well known. Leonard and Capt. Tom Wallace compose the firm of Wallace Brothers, who conduct the general store. The injured man is 23 years of age, and is most popular among all classes. He has always taken great interest in athletics and has been prominent as a lacrosse player.

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BROKE WRIST ON STOVE.

As a result of slipping on the pavement and falling against a stove left on the sidewalk on James-street by the Adams Furniture Company, Lottie Webster of 237 West Adelaide-street, was taken to the Emergency Hospital with a broken wrist. She tried to save herself as she slipped.

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TORONTO PEOPLE INTERESTED.

Aylmer, Dec. 14.—The William Ryan Co., Limited, of Toronto, have bought J. B. Ogilvie's pork packing establishment in Aylmer, and will enlarge and improve it, so that they will be able to handle at least 400 hogs per week thruout the year.

On and after Dec. 24th, the Office Specialty Manufacturing Company will be pleased to see their numerous customers and friends at their new premises 97-101 Wellington Street West. Until that date 55 Yonge Street is their temporary address. Main 4240.

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WANT BALLOTS INSPECTED BOGUS BOXES CASE AGAIN

Mr. Avery of Frontenac Will Make Application To-Morrow Before Judge Anglin.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The next move in the celebrated bogus ballot box case will be made in Ottawa. To-morrow, at the opening of the high court, a motion will be made before Mr. Justice Anglin, asking for an inspection of all the ballots cast at poll No. 3, Clarendon and Millar, in Frontenac riding, at the last general election. This is the poll at which Hawkeye, the Chicago wrestler, had his say and at which one of the "phoney" ballot boxes was used. The purpose of the inspection is to ascertain how many genuine and how many bogus ballots were placed in the box. The inspection is asked for on behalf of the successful Conservative candidate in the riding, M. Avery, who had as an opponent W. J. Shibley, whose name figured so prominently in the recent investigation at Belleville. The examination, if granted, will be made before Henri G. Lamothe, clerk of the crown in chancery, who has charge of the ballots cast in the election.

TRY TO POISON LAWSON.

Boston Millionaire Makes Charge Against Standard Oil.

New York, Dec. 14.—"Thos. W. Lawson's attacks on the stock market have caused me to lose $1,500,000 the last two days trying to protect the stockholders of my Greene Consolidated Copper Mine," said Col. W. C. Greene, president of the company last night. "It was this loss that enraged me and made me publish this open letter denouncing Lawson as a liar, a fakir and a charlatan."

Greene seemed to regret last night that he had publishe dthe letter. He did not go to Boston to denounce Lawson in his own office, as he had promised he would. Lawson waited all day for him, then sent him a telegram calling him a liar and inviting him to come and bring his pistol with the notches in it.

Lawson also intimated that the Standard Oil party had tried to bribe a servant to put poison in his coffee.

TO OPPOSE GAMEY.

W. J. Tucker of Manitowaning Nominated at Little Current.

Little Current, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The Liberals of Manitoulin in convention at Little Current unanimously nominated W. J. Tucker of Manitowaning their standard bearer for the coming election. President T. C. Sims presided. Over sixty delegates were present, the convention being the largest ever held on the island. The proceedings were harmonious and the delegates enthusiastic. Speeches were made by the candidate, the president, and others, the keynote being electoral purity and the development of New Ontario. Manitoulin is taking kindly to the Liberal platform, and if enthusiasm and harmony count for anything, the island will return a supporter of Hon. G. W. Ross.

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DEATHS.

SETON—At St. Michael's Hospital, on Tuesday, Dec. 13th, 1904, John Seton (of 7 Peter-street), in his 44th year.

Funeral from E. Hopkins' undertaking rooms, 529 Yonge-street, to-day (Thursday), at 2 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

WALSH — At Hamilton, on Wednesday, December 14th, James P. Walsh date of Detroit, eldest son of Mrs. James Walsh, 198 Farley-avenue.

Funeral notice later.

PRESTON SUSPENDS CLERK OTHER HEADS DUE TO FALL

Insubordination Charged Against C. F. Just of the Canadian Emigration Office in London.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 14.—Owing to differences regarding administration of the Canadian emigration office, W. T. R. Preston has suspended C. F. Just, the chief clerk, pending inquiry. Mr. Just is a Britisher and has been in the employ of the office for ten years.

OTHER HEADS MAY FALL.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The department of the interior is not surprised at the news of Mr. Just's suspension. When Mr. Preston was here two weeks ago it was noised abroad that his presence was in connection with the administration of the Canadian emigration office in London. Some stories of irregularities had reached the ears of Mr. Sifton, and Mr. Preston's mission was to explain, suggest remedies and get full powers to use his discretion to the limit.

An official of the interior department told your correspondent to-day that when Mr. Preston returned to London he informed Mr. Just, his chief clerk, that for chronic insubordination he would have to give up his elaborate private office and take up a position at the inquiry counter. This demotion Mr. Just declined to accept, and there was no other alternative for Mr. Preston but to suspend him, pending a full inquiry into his conduct extending over a number of years.

It is stated in well-informed circles that other heads in the Canadian office in London are about to fall, or, at least, other feet are due to walk the carpet. Alfred Jury and Wm. Griffiths have been the subject of much correspondence between London and Ottawa, and revelations of a more or less startling character may be made in a few days. The suspension of Mr. Just is but the first step in a reorganziation of the Canadian emigration office in London.

ARTILLERY OUTCLASSED.

British Army Equipment is Sadly Behind the Times.

London, Dec. 15.—The Times to-day prints a special article in which complaint is made that there has been unpardonable delay in rearming the artillery. The article declares that with the exception of 18 batteries of quick-firing guns, hurriedly bought in Germany during the Boer war, the British army has no guns that would seriously count. In a modern war Great Britain's artillery would be hopelessly outclassed alike in range, accuracy and rapidity of fire and would be knocked to pieces before it could inflict any serious damage upon the enemy. Owing to the reluctance of the treasury to find money and other red tape delays nine months have been wasted since War Secretary Brodrick's committee last March decided on models for new guns, and it will certainly be two years before the army is properly provided.

CROPS IN THE WEST.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—The Manitoba government has issued its final crop report for the year as follows:

Wheat acreage, 2,412,000; yield, 39,162,000 bushels; average per acre, 16.5 bushels.

Oats acreage, 943,574; yield, 36,889,000 bushels; average yield per acre, 38.8 bushels.

Barley acreage, 381,004; yield, 11,177,000 bushels; average per acre, 30.54 bushels.

AT THE CITY HALL.

The Mayor's Lament—My office should be a business office, but ye have made it a den of wire-pullers.

The Judge—Mr. Mayor, you're not all the ice on the rink. What about me?

The Magistrate—Get wise; get wise, fellers; hire a husky bouncer.

CONDITION SERIOUS.

Engineer Harry Overend of the G.T.R., who struck a mail carrier while his train was in the vicinity of Paris, on Tuesday evening, was brought to St. Michael's Hospital yesterday. Overend is in a serious condition, having only rare periods of consciousness.

Alaska Seal.

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FAIR AND WARMER.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 14.—(8 p.m.)—Milder weather has prevailed today in Manitoba and temperatures have been stationary or slightly higher from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. Heavy rainfalls have occurred in British Columbia and local snow flurries in the lake region.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 44—50; Kamloops, 28—34; Calgary, 16—32; Minnedosa, 20—32; Winnipeg, 12—26; Port Arthur, 10 below—22; Parry Sound, zero—14; Toronto, 2—20; Ottawa, 8—16; Montreal, 4—10; Quebec, 2 below—12; St. John, 14—22; Halifax, 22—26.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate variable winds; fair and a little higher temperature.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Moderate variable wind; fair and a little higher temperatures.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Variable winds; fair and moderately cold.

Maritime—Westerly wind; fair and moderately cold.

Lake Superior—Southerly winds; fair and a little higher temperature; local snow flurries.

Manitoba—Fair and comparatively mild.

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Dec. 14	At	From
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Noordland	New York	Hamburg
Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse	New York	Bremen
Halifax	New York	Copenhagen
Cymric	Boston	Liverpool
Scandia	Boston	New York
Parisian	Glasgow	New York
Lake Champlain	Liverpool	St. John, N.B.
Cretic	Queenstown	New York
Haverford	Queenstown	Philadelphia

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Oku Across Hun River Raiding Russian Villages

Left Division of the Jap Army, Manchuria Way, Shows Signs of Successful Activity.

Tokio, Dec. 14.—T despatch from the Manchurian army, dated the Sha River, Monday at midnight, announces that the left wing of Gen Oku's army crossed the Hun River on the westerly side south of the Sha, and turned their attention which were occupied by Russian Cossacks." After three hours of fighting the Japanese division was able to capture an entrenched hill held by three battalions of Russian infantry and two batteries of guns. Forty-six Russian dead were left on the field and 14 prisoners taken. No report comes of any movement by the centre or right army, or of which a report has come to Tokio it has not been made public by the imperial army board. It is believed here that the entire Japanese force is advancing and is engaging both army and Mukden from Fort Arthur.