rould be followed by the their present fate would to Russia's best in-

. 11.-The cruisers of Vice

ond Pacific squadron are reach here by 3 o'clock ning. The torpedo boat at present anchored at Isarrive here at 8 o'clock a. recaution has been taken orities to prevent mishape passage of the canal. ERSBURG, Jan. 11. - The of St. Petersburg in a re the imperial family at lo yesterday on the occareligious festival of Christparallel between the peace

ncluding, he addressed the follows : perial majesty, may God the present war will end all, may God grant that messages of peace sink depeer into the hearts of strife may soon end for

g editorial today the Russ ining that the war must

he nation is united." and after all "the question of wants is peace at home. ne is far worse than that

he plainest fashion, the s the internal conditions "are tantamount to a producing mortality asant children equal to battlefield, concluding tement "that the work of must begin now, we can-I the war in the Far East

RSBURG, Jan. 11.-Inter-Sviatopolk-Mirsky today Emperor Nicholas an adagricultural society of which assures his majesmoment of danger the dox Russia will rise to sia and the foundation and prosperity." The emm sincerely for this friend-

extinguished January 9 and replaced same day. buoy, a black second ked with "T R" in white ted adrift Jan 9. was re-

oise harbor entrance, Old Prince bell buoy, red, 9 as about 100 yards inper position, and Goat uoy, No 4, a red spar, reday as moved to deep e it does not show at high th be replaced as soon as

STORIA

ST. JOHN SEMI-WEEKLY SUN

ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18, 1905.

SERGT. MAJOR SCHOOF TRAVELLED IN MANY LANDS Gan Be No Ganadian Trade FOR OSGAR WRIGHT.

But Now He Has Turned the Sword Into a Ploughshare and Rifle Into a Selfbinder---His Varied Experiences.

Major School intends in future to

be blue and the sun shining brightly.

Major Schoof is at the Clifton and

many years in Africa and it was prin-

with the native inhabitants, tend to

degrade them and bring a repreach up-

on the name of white man. The mis-

sionaries teach them how to cultivate

villages sanitary, and to use medicines.

They wean the natives from their for-

tives respect them far more than they

do soldiers. Major Schoof was for some

federation. Mr. Weatherbe was sec

was appointed to the bench. The ap-

pointment was made October 7, 1878,

three weeks after the defeat of the

STRATHCONA AGAIN.

MONTREAL, Jan. 15 .- The authori-

ties of the Royal Victoria Hospital re-

ceived a cable today from Lord Strath-

cona saying he would bear the ex-

vacant offices.

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find it in Southern Alberta.

Twenty-three years ago a wide-eyed | During the past four months, he says, German boy, six feet three and a half he has lectured to over 100,000 people, principally in England, Scotland, Ireinches high, with his imagination fired land and Canada. by reading the thrilling exploits of Buffalo Bill and other Indian fighters, de- make his home in Southern Alberta, cided to visit America. This youth was Gustav H. Schoof; and in speaking to the climate of Southern Alberta is pera Sun reporter about his experiences fect. The farmers are plowing now. For the next three weeks the sky will

"All I had was a hundred dollars a strong frame and a good pair of fists. People wanting a Texas climate can The money was soon gone, but my fists carried me through, and are still in

Sergt. Major Schoof has certainly led leaving town. a strenuous life. For six years he reamed the prairies of Dakota and Wyoming, lasso in hand, and became skilled in all the arts of the cowboy. His loose change did not go to enrich the owners of the faro layouts and in which the missions stood in relation dance hall, but carefully hoarded, furto it that he spoke. Major Schoof had nished him with the means for further travel. He returned to Germany and narrowly escaped being pressed into the German army service. At Copenhagen he bribed a British captain to carry him to Hull. He then visited London, and afterwards went to Africa.

He toined the British army and went through the Matabele war, and was present at the annexation of Rhodesia. His work was so valuable that he was promoted to the position of sergeantmajor in the Rough Riders.

Major Schoof travelled for many days with Cecil Rhodes and Dr. Jamieson.
"Rhodes was the greatest Englishman I ever knew," said the major. He had his taciturn moments, when even his bosom friend, Dr. Jameson, could not After four years' service there the sergeant entered into commercial re-

lations with the Boers, learned their language, traded with them and trained their unruly horses.

His peregrinations next took him to South America and the West India of territory annexed to the British doislands. Major School then decided to minions. He declared that despite give the public the benefit of some of many defects the British government his unusual and varied experiences, is the best in the world, and their and since adopting the lecture platform treatment of the African races was about ten years ago, has travelled from more humane than any other power. Mexico to the Canadian Northwest. His lectures have been received with speak in the Congregational church,

IS NOW CHIEF JUSTICE.

Scotia Supreme Court Premoted

OTTAWA. Jan. 15.-At vesterday's

erbe of the supreme court of Nova

Scotia, was premoted to the position

of chief justice of the same court. The

vacancy was created by the resigna-

tion of chief justice the Hon. James

McDonald. Chief Justice Weatherbe,

who is descended from an old York-

shire family, was born in P. E. Island

m 1886. He was first appointed to the

Though Chief Justice Weatherbe is the senior fedge of the Neva Scotia

beach, and has been a member of that

tribunal twenty-six years, he is not yet three score and ten and probably has little idea of taking his pension

and retiring to his farm for some years

to come. Mr. Weatherbe is an Acadia

meeting of the cabinet Justice Weath-

Justice Weatherbe of Nova

Treaty.

The Joint High Commission Will Not Meet This Winter - What Can Fairbanks Offer Worth

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.-It was hoped that there would now be a meeting of the joint high commission to settle the trade treaty with Canada. where he has a large ranch. He says This hope must be given up.

It can be said on the authority of one of the most prominent members of the commission, that

(1) There will be no meeting of the joint high commission this season. (2) The commission will never meet again, unless Sen. Fairbanks can make will deliver a couple of lectures before a definite offer on some specific terms. with Canada under the present govern- whole matter. When the jury returnment, unless some agreement is made ed with the verdict a serious expres-In the Congregational church Sunday Major Schoof lectured. He spent on fish.

and influence to induce Canadian par-liament to accept any trade treaty man in a clear voice answered "Not cipally upon this country and the light with the United States. The negotiations for another meeting splendid opportunities to see native life

of the joint high commission started, and conditions and can speak with this time, with Sen. Fairbanks. He authority. He said that of the five wrote to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Canada's classes of white people who remove premier, to that effect. to newly opened African countries, the Laurier replied, saying he was too missionary alone wins the love and afbusy with other matters to talk it over. fection of the natives. The other The matter must be postponed.
Fairbanks wrote in December again. classes by their behavior and dealings

Laurier was then in California, resting rom all public business. Later Laurier replied, offering

the land, build houses, to render their then found that he was too busy. Fairbanks, in turn, suggested that the wo meet, this winter. Boston was sugmer idolatrous superstitions by which gested as a possible place of meeting. thousands were yearly sacrificed to As the Canadian parliament is in ses snakes, crocodiles and heathen gods, sion there will be no chance for a conand they are gradually bringing the sultation before May, at the earliest. light of the gospel to them. The nathe joint hiigh commission will be called in session. The chances are now strongly against.

years a soldier in a British force in Bechuanaland, and during his years of The very suggestion made by Fairservice he has seen 400,000 square miles banks has drawn on the Canadian premier a great volume of protests from every part of the dominion. With the

Tonight and Tuesday evening he will law has been invoked against trac from this country.

retary of the anti-confederate league and did not follow Mr. Howe when the Trunk Pacific, to be built under govlatter accepted better terms. When ernment guarantee. This emergency Mr. Mackenzie became premier Mr. Weatherbe was one of the leaders of the Halifax bar, and he became agent to give the home market to the Canfor the department of justice. He was

one of the counsel for Canada before the fishery commission in,1877 and took An extra duty has been clapped on American rails. Mere will be put on, a larger share in the work than any f necessary; but the American proother advocate except the late S. R. Thomsen of this city. The year duct will be kept out. Senator Fairbanks understands from after this arbitration Mr. Weatherbe the Canadians that the joint high com-

mission will not be called to meet again, unless Fairbanks is ready to make a proposition that he can get the Mackenzie government at the polls senate to adopt. This proposition must do something

and a very few days before the administration resigned. Lord Aberdeen for Canadian fish or the commission was not then governor general, and the outgoing ministry filled all the will not be asked even to consider Fairbanks' plan. This is Canada's "sine

As Fairbanks and Laurier are not likely even to meet before May (that s, when both national legislatures have adjourned), the commission cannot meet before summer, even if Fairbanks will accept Laurier's terms.

Republicans at the conference agreed College graduate, and studied law pense of making the administration with Ron J. W. Johnston, for many building of the Royal Victoria Hosthat if a tariff bill is to be considered, it is well to know what arrangement years leader of the conservative party pital, which was partially destroyed by (if any) is to be made with Canada. student and in the early years of his | Sir E. P. Morris of Newfoundland, If no arrangement is likely; if Canof exclusion on manufactures. Aldrich Acadian Recorder. Like Mr. Howe he from the meeting of the Reid arbitra-advagated British-American union, and tion tribunal in Toronto. The award and Allison want to know that, too. illo Mr. Howe opposed the union will be opened in St. John's, Nfid., on February 3rd. Frankly, the American senators say, Massachusetts will not want any reciprocity treaty that deals with Canadian fish on any terms. Therefore Massachusetts does not want the only

> possible form of a trade treaty with When reference was made to the recent inaugural of Gov. Douglas, the republican leaders said promptly that the new governor did not represent the tarfff sentiment of his state. In any case, they added, even Gov. Douglas could not come out for any change in

the fishery schedules.

MADAME LOUBET DEAD.

Mother of French President was Ninety-two Years of Age.

PARIS, Jan. 15 .- Mme. Loubet, mother of the president, died at Marsanne at three o'clock this afternoon from congestion of the lungs, aged 92 years. The president's son Paul and other members of the family were at her bedside when she expired. The funeral will take place on Tuesday, and President Loubet will leave Paris tomorrow in order to attend.

THE OPPOSITION LEADER.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 15.-R. L. Borden, the opposition leader, left for Halifax this afternoon. A convention of Carteton Co. conservatives will meet at Suttsville on Wednesday to accept Mr. Kidd's resignation and tender the

NOT POSSIBLE NOW. NOT GUILTY IS VERDICT

Fowler Makes Strong Plea For The Prisoner --- His Honor Thinks Evidence Was Strong Against The Accused.

The trial of Oscar Wright has been; In closing, Mr. Fowler asked the completed and the prisoner is once more jury to consider carefully and thoughtfree. The interest with which the trial has been followed all through reached stances in the case. A solemn obli- to have joined, advanced some 20 feet its climax Monday afternoon when the people recognized that the time was be done though the heavens fall, but was standing by himself, and struck drawing near for the jury to give the the best kind of justice was that verdict which meant freedom or penitentiary for the prisoner. Not the least of divine mercy. They were not here interested among the spectators were a large number of ladies, who filled all the seats on one side of the court

The spectators were unusually quiet during the whole afternoon and seem-(3) There will be no trade treaty ed to realize fully the gravity of the sion came over the faces of all present, (4) It will take all of Laurier's tact and a painful silence pervaded the guilty."

> No witnesses were examined in the morning as contemplated.

In opening, the attorney general stated that in any view of the case before the court, it was clearly manslaughter. He quoted passages of law and gave the decision in several cases of similar character to this, showing him for manslaughter. If this had that a man was not justified in using a weapon in self-defence unless it could be clearly shown that his life was in manslaughter. They had been asked Later Laurier replied, offering to meet Fairbanks in Chicago. Fairbanks grave danger, and that the quarrel was brought on by no fault of his. In the oner. They were not here to be inpresent case the very most that could fluenced by sympathy . They were be said was that it was manslaughter and not murder.

In answer to the attorney general, Mr. Currey stated that Dr. Pugsley was quite wrong in stating, as he had, Even then, there is no likelihood that the prisoner was in the wrong in everything that he had done. When he them a different impression. He exbroke into the house he was doing no wrong, for it was his own property. The wrong in this case was in the other parties interfering with him. He re called the evidence given by five witnesses regarding the quarrel which

represented as the case before the court. into her house. to raise the duties on steel high enough | ter what the verdict of the jury might | cuse himself for homicide, since he be, this man's life must be to a certain had been the means of bringing the extent ruined. He would have a life- trouble on himself. long sorrow. Whenever he looked at sufficiently punished. A great respon- for witnesses, he thought he would not sibility rested on the jury in this case. | be properly discharging his duty to the If they were there to do merely what crown if he did not endeavor to secure the representative of the crown told the evidence of every person who could them to, they were no better than give any information or throw any light wooden men. It was theirs to say whatever on the matter. He thought whether Oscar Wright should or should it would be a deplorable thing if a not go unpunished. Mr. Fowler then man who had taken a life should be perreviewed the evidence in connection | mitted to go free unless he made out with the case. When Oscar Wright clearly circumstances which excused went to the house to claim his property the act. In this case there were no such he was not the house-breaker that he circumstances. If the jury decided tha had been represented to be. He went Oscar Wright dealt the blow to Mcthere properly and legally. What had this step-mother of his done? By her own evidence she crown was made out. threw scalding water at him and hold of as the lawful executor of the try sum that had been stated. The sheds contained wagons and sleighs,

nature," said Mr. Fowler. "These were fighting terms." Mr. Wright pushed evidence was against this. him over in the ditch. Ira Wright had been carefully cross-examined by the attorney general, than whom there was no more clever and astute crossexaminer in New Brunswick-or ever in Canada, and the attorney general had to retire, foiled. He made no impression on the witness, because he was telling the straight truth. Mr. Fowler referred to the attack of Mrs. Wright on Oscar, and said that if he had not been a man of uncommon forbearance, he could not have taken all this as calmly as he did. Concerning Oscar Wright's part in the general fight which followed, they were not to consider what a perfect man would have done in these circumstances, but they must look at it from human frailties and weaknesses. Oscar Wright had not used a club until after McKnight and others had evidence of five witnesses who swore the time he was struck, which went fence. when Oscar Wright struck this blow his life was imperilled, it was for them was assumed innegent until he was proven guilty. If they found a ver-

fully all the surrounding circumgation resid on them. Let justice which had felt the softening influence to look for vengeance, because we were told that vengeance belonged to a higher power. If they believed as of observation and superior intelligence. had been attested to that the blow was struck when the man's life was imperilled, and when, in the darkness and in his dazed condition he did not know whom he struck, they would be false to their own conscience if they did not return a verdict of not guilty.

The attorney general in opening his

address of the jury, thought that ev-

erything bad been done by the counsels for the defence that possibly could have been done to place the whole matter in as favorable a light as possible. In two points he took issue with Mr. Fowler. The counsel for the defence had said that if the jury believed the prisoner had taken this life wantonly let them convict been the case the prisoner would have been charged with murder and not here to do their duty to themselves and to their country. He impresse them with the fact that it was their duty to take the law from his honor the judge, in the case. The counse for defence had endeavored to give the law would justify a man in using weapons in self-defence and said that these were entirely different from the assault 'S Ira Wright on Mr. Mc-

plained the circumstances under which circums Ances here.

Concerning Mr. Fowler's statement

Dr. Pugsley read in part the evidence tried to blind him. The property given by Mrs. Esther Alward, the firs Oscar Wright was endeavoring to get witness, which he said, showed quite clearly the purpose with which Oscar estate, was worth more than the pal- Wright and his two companions advanced to meet the crowd.

Regarding the witnesses in the case and Mrs. Wright held the keys to Dr. Pugsley said he had never been in these sheds, refusing to give them up. a case where so many intelligent and When Ira Wright met McKnight on gentlemanly witnesses had been examthe road and accused him of going for ined, and the evidence had all been law, McKnight called him a G- d- given in a straightforward manner liar. "Well, human nature is human Concerning McKnight's striking the prisoner with a club, the weight of the Before proceeding with the trial in

the afternoon, Dr. Pugsley called the attention of his honor to the condition of the court house. He had found it very cold, and he had noticed that no provisions whatever had been made for sanitary arrangements. Mr. Fowler and Mr. Currey concurred in this opinion, and thought the attention of the council should be immediately drawn

His honor said it was not his custon to find any fault in cases of this kind, but he thought there was not as much public pride in court houses and other public buildings as there should be. He saw no reason why this court house might not be in a better condition. It was only a matter of a little expense, the standpoint of a man with all our and he hoped the council would attend to the matter.

The attorney general then resume used them on him. They had the Wright he said, after he had made the attack on Mr. Keith and brought on positively that they saw McKnight the quarrel as he did, to say that he use a club, and they nearly all testiwas an innocent party and had struck Will Participate in the Couvention of fied that McKnight had his hat off at the fatal blow to McKnight in self-de-

to prove that he was taking a part in |. He pointed out that the man against the melee. If they believed that whom Oscar Wright and his friends had hte most bitter feeling, and the man whom he had first assaulted, was the arrival tonight of the last Pennsylto give the verdict, "not guilty." It one who received the fatal blow. He vanta delegation practically all the 600 had not as yet been proven that Mc- asked if that were not a singular coin- miners who will participate in the con-Knight had died from the effects of cidence. Was it merely accidental or vention of the united mine workers Wright's blow. It was the glory of did Oscar Wright strike the blow with the British law that every prisoner the intention of severely injuring or Hall, were scattered among the sevperhaps killing Mr. McKnight? He eral hotels.
thought the prisoner had struck the It is probable that tomogrow's sesdict "not guilty," they would have to blow reckiess as to its consequences. ison of the convention will, after the Perry Davis' Painkiller, and you will discredit the evidence of five honest. They had the evidence of Mr. Paterson organisation is effected, be entirely be astonished to find out how quickly witnesses.

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even if that were so, we had the evi dence of nearly all the witnesses to prove that Oscar Wright, after the melee in which McKnight was supposed their attention to the evidence of Robert Keith, a boy of 14 years, who was too young to have any prejudices in the matter. He was a boy of great powers His evidence was given boy-like, in an open and straightforward manner He had not come of his own accord, but they had to get a bench warrant to bring him. This young man's evidence

man was standing and inflicted the blow which caused his death. In closing, he asked them to declare the truth, uninfluenced by any considerations of sympathy. The prisoner had no sympathy when he took a life of a fellow-man, making his wife a widow and his children orphans.

showed that Oscar Wright had not tried

in any way to escape the quarrel, but

had gone over deliberately to where the

His honor in making his charge the jury stated that he was responsible for making them acquainted with the law concerning the case. It was not for them to consider whether the case was one of murder or mansleughter. The prisoner had been indicted for man slaughter, and they would only have to say whether he was guilty or not guilty. He showed that it was only as a matter of a last resort that a man was justified in taking the life of another in self-defence. He here read the act touching on the case. He thought that all the facts with reference to the matter had been put farily before them. length. He had allowed the will to be

submitted in evidence of the fact that

the prisoner had sone to the Wright house believing he had a right to go there. Regarding the statement made by some witnesses that McKnight used every part of the dominion. With the memory of the Alaskan award, Candral wants no treaty with the United States.

Besides, the Canadian industries are Resides, the Canadian industries are Residual industries are Residual industries are Residual industries are Residual United States. Already an emergency He had never in his experience known would call her own son to her assist- the witnesses for the defence had He refused to reveal his identity or to Later on, when the The first question for them to decide The United States steel trust had planned to furnish steel rails to the planned to furnish steel rails to the deceased and with the children that had gone out into the middle of the fatal blow. The next thing was just starting. When the new \$150,000,000 railroad, the Grand were left fatherless as any one, but he road with the intention of punishing them to see in how far the circumwas compelled also to sympathize with Samuel Keith for interfering with stances justified him in striking the the prisoner, who was a man of hith- him. In this case the prisoner would blow. If they found that while the shots at close range. law allows the Canadian government erto unblemished reputation. No mathematical by the law to exprisoner was fighting in the crowd he passed into the car and struck a notice struck the blow when his own life was imperilled, then they might be hit the door beside General Trepoff. justified in saying that he struck the blow in self-defence. But on the that sorrowing widow he would be that he had scoured the country other hand if they thought that

Wright stood out there by the shingles, a silent spectator, taking no par in the quarrel, it could not be said that the blow was struck in selfdefence. Assuming that McKnight had been one of the attacking party, since he was not making any attack at the time, and had retreated from the fight, so that the prisoner was in no imminent danger at the time, the blow could not be said to have been struck in self-defence, and there was no justification for the act. His honor concluded the charge about 4 o'clook. He then submitted

the matter to the jury for their consideration. The jury then retired for about half an hour and returned at 4.30. The prisoner was then brought again to the box and foreman of the jury asked that some of the evidence be read. The clerk read the required evidence, and they retired a second

At 7 o'clock the jury returned into court and by their foreman, A. L. Peatman, returned a verdict of not guilty. Attorney General Pugsley moved that the prisoner be discharg-

Judge McLeod addressed the pri oner as follows: Prisoner, you have been indicted and tried for the manslaughter of William C. McKnight. The jury have returned a verdict of not guilty, but I must say that in my street, South End, early this morning. opinion the evidence was very strong against you. I hope this will prove a warning to you through life. You are discharged.

you." and left the dock. When the foreman announced the verdict, there were some sounds of approval among the large number of men and women present, which were immediately quelled by the sheriff. Mr. Wright was very heartily congratulated upon his Union Park street a week ago, when

release. The jury was discharged, and the court adjourned sine die. (See page three for additional news.)

SIX HUNDRED MINERS

United Workmen at Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 15 .- With the

and struck Oscar Wright. He rather thought the witness was mistaken. But A VERY POOR SHOT

MOSCOW, Jan. 15 .- At the Michelan station tonight, while General Trepoff was bidding farewell to Grand Duke Sergius on his departure for St. Peterscap fired three shots from a revolver at the general. All the shots missed General Trepoff, Grand Duke Sergius aded on his journey.

epoff, who recently was re office of chief of police of 1 ordered to the front to duties as head of the Red ty in Manchurfa, incurred the special enmity of the students of Moscow by the severity with which he put down their demonstrations of Dec. 1902, there were three attempts upon his life. After the anti-government it was said that the socialistic revolu tionary had passed sentence of death upen both General Trepoff, chief of police, and Grand Duke Sergius, gov

ernor general of Moscow.

Gen. Trepoff had been bidding faregeneral reached the doorway and was about to alight his assailant fired three board in the corridor. The third shot

FOUND DEAD.

arter Being Stunned by a Fall, Geo. Harris Was Suffocated by Gas.

WASHINGTON, Jan .15 .- George H. Mass., for several years a specialist in the bureau of ethnology of the agricultural department, was found dead in his room in a hotel here today. It is believed he was stunned by falling on the floor in an attempt to light the gas, and the gas which filled the room when the body was discovered caused his

During his employment in the department he has been engaged as superintendent of a working field gathering facts concerning the effect of the boll weevil on cotton, with headquarters at Calvert. Texas.

BURNED TO DEATH. Two Sisters Were in Bed and Firemen Were Unable to Save Them.

BOSTON, Jan. 13 .- Elvira and Roxanna Hanscom, sisters, aged 55 and 60 years respectively, were burned to The women occupied a rear room on the first floor of the lodging house. Near their bed was an open grate from which is is supposed the bedclothing was ignited. The firemen who responded to an alarm, had little difficulty in extinguishing the flames, which were confined to one room. The bodies of the victims were burned beyond recognition.

The two sisters took up lodgings on they came to this city from Waterville.

LECTURE AT ST. STEPHEN. ST. STEPHEN, Jan. 13.-Miss Mc-

Cully, returned missionary from Kores, lectured in the Pressyterian church hall last evening. Despite the unfavorable condition of the weather the hall was well filled and Miss McCully was listened to with marked attention. The Korean dress was shown and the lecturer illustrated her story with maps of Korea and mission charts. An offering of seven dollars and a half was given for defraying mission expenses.

in the back and the next morning you