

a basence of precipitation both on st and throughout the interior of ince. On the coast the winds have normally moderate in force, and in hilty the amount of sunshine re-vas below the average. The cause weather conditions was due to the te of abnormally high barometric over the North Pacific coast, er California the barometer has nparatively low. Frosts have oc-bout Victoria upon three days, and Lower Mainland upon six out of

by storm area of any importance to the Territories on Sunday, caused strong southerly to wester-on the Straits of Fuca and and a fresh southerly gale at Cape The weather in the Territories been comparatively mild until the of January, when a pronounced a papeared to the northward and the remaining days of the week it outh and éastward, accompanied ratures ranging from 10 to 30 be-

Yukon district the temperature comparatively high. —Amount of bright sunshine, 10 48 minutes; rain, 04 in; fighest ire, 46.3 on 31st and lowest 32.0

tminster-Rain, .01 inch; high-ture, 44 on 1st, and lowest, 28

ps—No precipitation; highest tem-32 on 30th, 1st and 2nd; lowest, -Snow, .04 luch; highest temper-

ille-Snow, 2 inches; highest tem-36 on 29th, and the lowest, 14

on 31st, and the lowest, 12 be-th and 30th.

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Albany, Feb. 10.-A bill was intro-duced in the assembly today by Mr. Matthews abolishing the death penalty and substituting life imprisonment for murder in the first degree, with thirty years for second degree. ....................... Many Captures

...................... PLANNING THE ATTACK.

FRANCIS JOSEPH ILL.

MAIL CLERK SENTENCED.

St. Catharines, Ont., Feb. 10.—Thos, Blake, late mail clerk of the St. Cath-arines' postofice, was sentenced this morning to three years and three months in the penitentiary for robbing the mails.

Tokio, Feb. 10.—The Japanese have captured at least five Rus-sian commercial steamers includ-ing the Ekaternostav, Moukden, Russia, Argun and Alexander. Russia, Argun and Alexander. They were captured by the Japa-uese in Korea and adjacent waters at various times since Sat-urday by small cruisers. Some of the steamers are rich prizes. The steamer Korek is detained at Yokohama, its status not being clear.

were proceeding in a southeasterly direction. The Forchages.
A member of the crew of the Columbia tells this story of the naval battle forts Huan Ching Shan and Aurora.
The disabled battleships and Chi Kwan Shan.
Chefoo, Feb. 9.—The Tapanese consul, formerly stationed at Dalny, who has severe shock was felt on board the columbia. The Russians immediately commenced to operate their searchlights and opened fire towards the sea. The firing lasted only a short time. At 11.30 o'clock Monday night in the direction of Port Arthur.
The Japanese did not return the fire. At 2 o'clock two Russian battleships were fin and were beached across the searched naroos the harbor. They were soon followed by a Russian cruiser, wsich also was beached. Nome of the yessels were damaged above the waiter line More shocks from toppedoes were felt and the anarow seeape form injury during the early morning, and then all was quiet.
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London, Feb. 10.-In a despatch from Tien Tsin. dated February 9, a corres-pondent or the Dany Mail says it is re-ported there that the Russian cruisers Variag and Korietz, at Ohemulpo, haul-ed down their flags without firing a shot, and that 8.000 Japanese immediately

Russian Baitleship "Pobieda."

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furface room of the Palace hotel at 8: o'clock this motring, and destroyed twenty other buildings, including the-Victoria hotel, a number of stores and private residences. At noon the fire-was still spreading, and it was feared would cross St. Laurent street and des-troy a number of small wooden houses. A fireman named Currier was badly in-jured by the falling of a beam in the Victoria hotel.

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Chinese Aid Japan

London, Feb. 11.-In a des-patch from Chefoo, dated Web-ruary 10th, a correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "A north-east gale which is raging here bodes uo good to the crippled Rus-sian.ships. Complete demoraliza-tion reigns at Port Arthur. Ad-vices received here from Kwang Ting, Manchuria, say that 10,000 armed Chinese unofficially recor-nized as government troops are operating in the district and are expected to attack the railroud guards when they hear of the Russian disaster."

## FOR MISSION OF MERCY.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The executive committee of the Red Cross Society to-day issued the following: "Red Cross executive committee authorizes a call for donations to the treasury of the American Red Cross Society, Washing-ton, D. C., for relief work in the Russo-Japanese war. (Signed) Clara Barton, president; S. W. Bridges, secretary.



Toronto, Feb. 10.—The annual report of the chief of police, issued yesterday. shows that 11,687 prisoners were appre-hended or summoned during the year 1908, being 1,302 more than the previ-

and forts, which replied. The Russian ships were struck by shells but were slightly damaged. The Russian fiet fell while the fight was in progress, but inter saw the Japanese feet leave. One cruiser with the torpedo boats is re-ported north of Ohefou. The two battleships disabled are the rolada and the Carewitch. The dis-sounded battleships block the entrance to the harbor, preventing gunboats from

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