# APPALLING LOSS OF LIFE IN RUSSIAN TURKESTAN. Earthquake's Victims at Andijan

## Estimated at Over 5,000.

Shocks Continue With Increased Violence-Water in the Wells Disappea and it is Feared the Site of the Town Will Collapse----Treasury in the Ruins and is Being Excavated for --- Camping at the Railway Station in

500 Cars ---- Soup Kitchens Opened and Inhabitants Aided to Leave the District.

Ashkabad, Russian Turkestan, Dec. 29 .- Even the worst of the reports of the recent earthquake at Andijan quite under estimate the appalling loss of life. A telegram today from the scene of the catastrophe puts the number of victims in the native quarter of the town

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at 4,000. Already 800 corpses have been disnterred from the ruins. The work of excavation progresses slowly.

The state treasury, containing five million roubles, is in the ruins, and excavations to get the money are

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carried on under the supervision of a strong cordon of police. The water in the wells has disap-peared, and a general subsidence of the site of the town is feared. Large numbers of laborers are being sent to excavate. The shocks continue with increasing violence. The area of seismic disturbances comprises two hundred square versts. The Russian population is camp-ing at the railroad station, where five hundred cars are placed at the disposal of populace. The local gov-ernment are quartered in cars. Free song kitchens have been started, and officials are alding the departure of the inhabitants by distributing food, money and free railroad tiekets. At St. Petersburg it is estimated that nearly five thousand have been killed by the earthquake at Andijan. carried on under the supervision of

power to borrow \$10,000, and, in the meantime, the aldermen will sub-scribe the amount and risk obtaining the sanction of the Legislature.

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF** vor vor vor

CANADIAN. Ex-Mayor E. A. Macdonald, of To-

Train loads of hard coal are arriv-The funeral of Rev. Dr. MacVicar took place at Montreal

The Toronto Technical School Board is in arrears \$2,252 for Decem-Board is in arrears \$2,252 for Decem-ber salaries. The Ontario Beekeepers' Associa-tion has deel' xi to form a honey ex-change, to nanage the solling of the product.

with Hon. John Costigan will introduce

a resolution in the Commons at the coming session reaffirming sympathy with the Irish cause. Farmers of Rathwell district, Man.

re sending Mr. Arthur Shepperd to ngland and Scotland to secure men or next season's work.

The Technical and Public School Boards have appointed committees to confer with the Minister of Educa-tion regarding Toronto's schools.

The Toronto City Solicitor has given the opinion that the proposed lease of a site to the Toronto Steel Company must be submitted to the ratepayers.

Chesney B. Miller, who was for-merly a resident of Toronto, but of late years resident in Southern California, died at Los Angeles a few days ago.

Mortreal shipping agents think that the increase announced in ocean freights only applies to traffic to Canada, and will not gffect east-bound shipments.

Manager Paine, of the Ontario Power Company, promises to be sup-plying Toronto and other points with electric power from Niagara within

An order-in-Council has been pas affiliating the Provincial College of Pharmacy with the University of Manitoba.

#### TRIED TO SMUGGLE TOBACLO

Concealed in the Coal Bunkers of the Steamer St. George

New York despatch—On board the steamer St. George, which arrived from Antwerp Dec. 19th and is now lying at Hoboken, custom house inspectors to-fight scized 1.-600 pounds of Sumatra wrapper to-bacco, valued at \$2 per pound, which firemen attached to the steamer were apparently about to snuggle in a small boat. Some of the tobacco was discovered con-cealed in the coal bunkers. From information received by the cus-tom house authorities, it is believ-ed that plans were laid to smuggle \$10,000 worth of tobacco on the St. George. The vessel will be closely guarded until her cargo is discharged. New York despatch-On board the



Cut Her Chi'd's Throat With Table Knife.

#### CONFESSED TO COURT MATRON

At the South-west London Police Court, Ada Kirke, the Battersea laundress, was brought up on remand to answer the charge of murdering her 18-months' old child. Mr. Rowe, who appeared for the Treasury, announced that since the last heaving the woman nad confessed to Mrs. Wilmott, the court ma-

On the night of the murder, pris-oner, who occupied a room in Aus-ten Road, Battersea, went out shop-ping with her brother and his wile saying, "Tve tucked the baby in. She will go to sleep, bless her heart." They returned together, three hours later, and no sconer had the prisoner entered her room than she erisd out. "Good God, some one has been in my room." and ran back, screaming into the street. The child was found lying on the bed with her threat cut and a blood stained table-kn.fe beside her, while several papers were scattered about the room. On the night of the murder, pris

strained table-kn fe beside her, while several papers were soattered about the room, When first arrested the mother protested that she was innoceut, but after being remanded on Mon-day she told the matron. "I should not have done it, if Fred" (meaning her uncle) "had not laughed at me when I told him my condition." She is a single woman, and was again about to become a mother. Continuing her confession, the prioner sild, "I cut her throat with a table knife at five minutes to six and left her. God knows I loved my baby, and I hope I shall be allowed to see her once more." Frederick Kirke, the woman's uncle, denied that he laughed at her as she had stated. An officer who had examined the picces of paper scattered about the room, said that they were "or-dinary love letters."

picces of paper scattered about the room, sail that they were 'or-dinary love letters,' written to the woman by a man some years Prisoner, who made no statement in court, was committed for trial. -London Budget.



#### IT WAS A DABING FEAT

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This is the story in the passenger's own words: "Three o'clock on the at-ternoon of December 9th was look-ed forward to very expectantly, for the reason that the tenm and Brit-th had notified Castro that'at 3 o'clock, unless a satisfactory reply was received, they would selve the Custom House. "The hurbor was as silent as a stretch of occam waste. Not a craft

"The harbor was as silent as a stretch of occan waste. Not a craft was stirring, not a person on deck. Every one was waiting. Some sup-posed that the war ships would fire upon the city.

mans and British who wished to leave the city. "Not long before this the order of General Castro had been issued to arrest every German and British subject in every Venezuean city. The stillness of the city during the night veloped, because, when daybreak came the shore was found to be dotted with Venezuelan soldiers. "Some of them stood company front, others had their arms stacked. They were jumbled together on the plar, beside which two or three ships were lying, and were moving about upon the city. Two Hours' Grace Was Granted. "Promptly at five o'clock, just from the sun was shining down bewere lying, and were moving about in companies and squads throughout the village. They had discovered, evidently, that their navy was wiped out, and were determined to resist further violence. Three British Prisoners.

which the sun was shining cown be-hind a bank of purple clouds, which dpped the hills of an Guaira, haunch-is were seen putting out from the Germon and Erich ships, which were at anchor about three hundred yards from the point where the tiny Vene-zushan may kay and rocked. "Eight launches were presently seen hurrying shoreward, four Ger-man, four British, each occupied by about thirty marines. Relef was felt because it was believed that the united forces were only to take the Custom House, as they had threat-tened. Three British Prisoners. Three British Prisoners. There occurred one of the most remarkable military events at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of Dec. 10 I believe ever witnessed anywhere. Three young Englishmen had not left the city in response to the in-vitation and dawn found them pri-soners at the house of the La Guai-ra Harbor Corporation, for which they worked, with an armed guard of 20 soldlers surrounding them. "This condition of affairs had been learned by the united forces and a daring manoeuvre was start-ed to release them. Four launches, left to release them.

"Shortly after the launches got un-der way the German gunbout Pan-ther steamed after them, and, reach-ing a position about iour hundred feet astern, crept in at their pace The hunches kept close together and as they progressed the sounds of German and English songs grew clearer. as they German clearer.

The Sailors' Song. "From a faint scho they became a spirited chorus, which to one fa-milar with German and English sail-

and a daring manoeuvre was start-ed to release them. Four launches, two German and two British, left the warships, and aimed for the long pier, on which more than two hundred and fifty Venezuelan solders stood, guns in place and outlasses at their belts. "The object of the united forces seemed a mystery to, every one who looked on, but, in view of the wondrous things that had taken place, anything was expected. "As the hundred odd marines in the launches neared the pier the little Venezuelans looked at them with ave. The South Americans were in a position to fill the mil.ar wich German and English sall-ors indicated that something more serious than the seizure of a cus-tom house was in prospect. "Reaching a point about two hun-dred feet from the little Venezueian pavy, which was snuggled together very close to shore, the launches sluckened speed. Then their courses were changed. The course of the Panther was sworved also, so as to keep the small craft in the lee of her guns. little Venezuelans looked at them with awe. The South Americans were in a position to fill the launches with dead men if they but aimed and fired; but for some rea-son they held off, possibly because they saw the British torpedo boat-destroyer Quall, standing off but 300 feet just back of the marines, her guns levelled.

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the ships were swarning about the launches were swarning about the three ships, which lay together, the General Crespo, the Totumo and the French merchart steamer, the Ossun, which was afterwards returned.

#### eizure of the Vessels.

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"Where am I?" he exclaimed, in the well-known language of persons who find themselves lost; but there was no response, and he

looked around for a button to press. It was quite chilly in the place, It was gaite chilly in the place, and as he shivered around looking for the button all in vain, he began to kick, for Jonah was a kicker from Kickapoo. If he had not been, he never would have landed where he was at that moment. "By cripes!" he growled, as he stumbled about, "this must be a flat I'm in, and the janktor hasn't turned on the steam yet," and he kickad more viscorously than ever.

flat I'm in, and the jantor hash c turned on the steam yet," and he kicked more vigorously than ever. It was real Ficking, too; and about the fourteenth time his foot hit the wall where he thought the door ought to be. A smothered voice, in protest, reached him from some-where through the celling.

where through the celling. "Say," it grumbled, "let up on that, will you?" "What's the matter with you?" carromed Jonah on the voice. "Is this a hotel or a cold storage warehouse?"

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warehouse?"
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"It's inquired Jonah, in some alarm."
"How the mischiefd id I get in?"
"Oh, that's all right," answered the voice in an amused tone.
"Well, where do you keep the matches? It's darker than the inside of a cowy here," Jonah insisted.
"Haven't got any."
"Well, send me up a candle."
"Can't send up anything."
"Why not?"
"You are not up; you are down."
"Oh," growled Jonah, "I'm in the cellar, am I? I wondered wby the place was so damp. Send me a cocktail to take the chill of."
"Got no cocktails" - this very gruffly.
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come off," gibed Jonah ; "this "On, come off, gived Johan; the isn't a cold water johnt, is it?" "Rather," and a snickering laugh was heard down the tube, or what-ever it was through which the voice came from above. Jonah was quiet for a few min-utes

Jonah was quiet for a few min-utes. "Say," he called, presently, "hav-en't you got an elevator ?" "What do you want with an ele-vator ?" came the muffled voice. "It's easy enough getting down, as you may have noticed." he explain-ed "but how am I going to get up?" "Oh, I'll attend to that," and Jo-nah could hear a gurgling chuckle strugging down the tube. "Haven't you got a fire-escape ?" inquired Jonah, still dissatisfied. "Don't need it," gurgled the voice, chuckling again.

"Don't need it," gurgled the voice, chuckling again. "Where'n the bathroom ?" "Right next to you on the out-side," responded the voice. "Well, send me some towels and I'll take me tub," said Jonah. The only reply was a chuckle. "Say you," called Jonah, "Tm hun-gry, What are you going to have for dinner?" "Fish," laughed the voice. "This ain't Friday, is it?" "No."

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"Then I want something else." "There isn't anything else," growl-ed the voice. "If you think you've struck a delicatessen shop, there's another think coming to you." "Send it along then !" shouted Jonah, "there doesn't seem to be anything else coming to me. This is the worst shebang I ever went up against." No answer. "Say," Jonah called in a minute, "where am I going to sleep? There isn't coom here for anything but a folding bed, and Fil be dinged if Fil sleep in one of those deadfalls, sure."

BRITISH AND FOREIGN. Hundreds of infected cattle in the State of Vermont will be slaughtered.

It is reported that 9,000 Goers are preparing to settle in Colorado, New Mexico and Texas.

Nearly 200 people were killed and 9,000 houses wrecked by the earth-guake at Andijan, Asiatic Russia.

German enterprises in Guatemala were damaged to the extent of \$6,250,000 by the volcanic disturb-

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M. Ledune, a Belgian engineer, has invested a method of obviating the danger from fire damp, which has achieved remerkable results. The testamentary bequests for religious, educational, and charit-able purposes in England, during the last year exceed x4,500,000.

Several deputations representing in-terests opposed to the Newfoundland-United States reciprocity treaty were heard by the United States Sen-ate Committee.

The United States Supreme Court held that insurance on the life of a murderer, executed for his crime, is not payable.

A Polish school girl was sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment fo stamping upon a brooch bearing a pio ture of Emperor William. for

Carlist Deputies Lorenz and Pro-dera have gone to Venice to try

### The miners closed their case before the Coal Commission. tron.

Judgment was given at Montreal disqualifying Mr. Jos. Brunet, M. P. for St. James' division.

Liverpool steem shippers trading with Canada decided to raise freight ates 5 to 10 per cent. next year.

Mrs. Langtry and her theatrical company left Liverpool yesterday afternoon on the Celtic for New York

Captain Nicholls will be tried at St. John's, Newfoundland, on the charge of casting away a schooner in order to obtain the insurance on the vessel.

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the attention of the Department of Justice at Ottawa. The Ontario Government decided to rearrange the license districts in New Ontario. At present there is one district for Algoma, one for Nipissing, etc. The new divisions will be practically coterminous with the electoral divisions. the best results be obtained. stem, rids the rms and other the life blood r's powder for

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Manitopa. Mr. A. Patriarche has been ap-pointed traffic manager of the Can-adian division of the Pere Mar-quette Railway, and Mr. T. Marshall, assistant general freight agent.

The Paris magistrate who has charge of the investigation of the death of Mrs. Ellen Gore has an-nounced that there is no longer any doubt that the affair was an acci-The charges brought by the Toron-to Retail Merchants' Association against R. J. Fleming, as Assessment Commissioner, have found no support in the Investigating Committee.

TRIALS FOR HIGH TREASON.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Asso-ciation have secured the services of Mr. Watson Griffin, a well known journalist and writer on tariff al-fairs, to conduct their campaig<sup>3</sup> for tariff revision. Lynch's indictment Recalls the Last of Them.

Col. Arthur Lynch, Member o The action of Police Magistrate Corbourd, of Vancouver, in imprisonthe British Parilament for Galway, The action of Poince Magnetato Corboard, of Vancouver, in imprison-ing a number of Japanese immigrants for violation of a Provincial statute that had been disallowed is receiving the attention of the Department of Justice at Otteme has been indicted for high treason by a special grand jury of Middle-

by a special grand jury of Middle-sex, and will be called on to plead to the indictment in January next. In receiving the bill of indictment from the Grand Jury. Lord Chief Jus-tice Alverstone remarked that it was sixty-two years since a Grand Jury had had to consider a charge of high treason, which was the highest crime known to British law. He referred to the indictment of John Frost, Esc., a magistrate of Monmouthshire, who in November, 18.9, levied war against Queen Vic-toria during the Chartist excite-ment.

Edward P. Morris, a member with-out portfolio of the Newfoundland Ministry, has been appointed Minis-ter of Justice in Premier Bond's Cabinet in succession to W. H. Hor-wood, who has been appointed Chief Justice. A report comes from the Pacific during the Chartist excitement.
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and induce Don Carlos, the pre-tender, to inaugurate a more act-ive policy, or to abditate in favor of his son, Don Jaime. London, Dec. 22.—The Very Rey,

Victims. London, Dec. 22.—The Very Rev. William R. W. Stephens, Dean of Win-chester, died to-day from typhold fever. It is supposed that he con-tracted the disease at a mayoral ban-quet at Southampton on Nov. 10th from eating oysters that were con-taminated with sewage. Several of 'he guests who attended the banquet tre ill, and two others have a cendy died.



WHAT DID THE DOCTOR MEAN? Patient (after giving the doctor three collars and receiving a pres-cription)-But suppose, doctor, this doesn't auge me

Doctor -- In that case, come back and I'll relieve you again.

She Knew it Beforehand.

"The small craft gianced along-side the vessels, and the marines, like a lot of monkeys, clambered up the ships' sides and to the decks. A cutPass hung at the side of each and as ne stepped upon the deck his rlie was at his shoulder. It was a bold and picturesque coup. Had the Venezuelans resisted there would have been a chance for a pretty

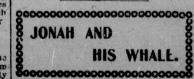
a bold and picturesque coup. Had the venezuelans resisted there would have been a chance for a pretty souffle of the kind which Nelson and John Paul Jones knew considerably about, but the Spaniards skulked. "It was all a surprise to them, a dreadful surprise, and if there is one thing in the world which will undo a South American soldier it is surprise. They did not for a mo-ment expect the marines would dare to attempt boarding gunboats, even though there advance was support-ed by the gunes of the Panther. "And so the Venczuelans, instead of making a stand, instead of driv-ing the clambering Germans and Brit-ish back with the knives and rifles they held in readiness, field to the bows of the shipe. They scamper-ed down the decks like rabbits and plunged into the sea. The one hun-dred yards of water between vessels and the shore was dotted with Spanish marines splashing and spout-ing.

Spantsh marines splashing and spout-ing. "Those who did not jump were lined up and made prisoners. Not a shot was fired not a blow struck with a sword or cutlass. It all seemed like a minic warfare. It lacked but the pyramid of sightsers and the band playing popular airs. "While the two warships and the French merchantman were being boarded a squad of British marines had landed at the dock in which the Venezuelan torpedo boat Mar garita was undergoing repairs.

Rescue of Prisoners. "Arrived at a point 50 feet from the muzzles of the guns of the force on the pier, three of the launches stopped, the fourth, containing a squad of British marines, command-ed by a lieutenant, continued. The sold'ers in the other three launches raised their rifles, and the British marines, under cover of those guns and the guns of the Quail, ran their and the guns of the Quail, ran their craft up to the pier and leaped upon it.

Rescue of Prisoners

and the guns of the Quail, ran their craft up to the pier and leaped upon it. "They paid no attention to the Venezuelans whatever, except to brush them aside when they were in the way. It was as if they were in the way. It was as if they were in the way. It was as if they were in the way. It was as if they were in the way. It was as if they were in the way. It was as if they were in the way. It was as if they were in the way. It was as if they were in the way. It was as if they were in the way. It was as if they were in the way. It was as if they were so for the south Americans dropped their rifles and gazed with bewild-erment at the arrivals. Not a shot was fired, not a blow exchanged. "With a shout and a flourish the little troop of British marines started down the pier between the very ranks of the soldiers who were sworn to kill them. They laughed at them in their boldness. "With fixed bayonets they march-ed the entire length of the pier and to the house where the three young Englishmen wore held prisoners. This house was about one hundred yards from the shore end of the pier. The small cordon of armed Venezuelans which guarded the dwelling was dispersed, and the English prisoners were escorted from the house. "There were fewer soldiers on the pier when the marines returnet. Possibly half of the original num-ber had taken flight. The rest stood by while the gallant troop of mar-iens, with fixed bayonets, surround-ing the three British for whom the venturesome trip had been under-tr "a, marched down the entire length of the jetty.



(New York Sun.) Splash! and Jonah was overboard,

good and hard. Something happened just then with a snap, and Jonah found himself in an interior finished in pale pink, not quite salmon, but some-thing in that toge. His surround-

or at

"What's the matter with the floor?" inquired the voice.

"What's the matter with the floor?" inquired the volce. "At hasn't got any carpet on it," jollied Jonah. "It will have before you get a bed."

bed." "That's all right," said Jonah, with defiance. "I'll sleep in the bath-tub. It won't be the first time." "Oh, will you?" sneered the voice, Jonah was quiet again for a brief

season.

"Say you, up there," he called,

"say?" "Well, what is it ?" came a sleepy,

"Well, what is it ?" came a sleepy response. "Pat me down for 7 o'clock in the morning, will you ? And don't let the boy forgot it. T've got to catch the bat for Ninevah. Do you hear ?" "Oh, you'll be called all right," re-plied the voice, and although Jonah wasn't half satisfied, his subsequent efforts to raise the office were fu-tile.

The Editor Will Pull Through.

The Editor Will Pull Through. A Missouri editor who is about to pull up and leave for lack of suport, sarcastically remarks in parting that editors don't need money. "Don't worry about the editor," he says. "He has a charter from the State to act as door-mat for the community. He'll get the paper out somehow, and atand up for you when you run for office, and lie about your pigeon-toed daughter's tackey wedding, and blow about your pig-footed sons when they get a \$4-akweek job, and weep ower your shirvelled sond when it is released from your stability wife's second marriage. He'll get along. The Lord only knows bow-but the editor will get there somehow."-New York Tribuna.

ings were somewhat unusual, but Jonah was a travalling man, and was not surprised very greatly by anything he had to put up with, "all is over i He shoat the for a girl or at.

Destruction of the Torpedo Boat.

Destruction of the Torpedo Boat. "The few marines who were on the Margarita leaged precipitately from her sides and disappeared. Instantly the fraglic craft was black with Brit-ish marines, who tore down her smokestack and battered in her decks with heavy hammers. "They went about their task of destruction with a vengeance, and in five minutes after they landed on her she was a complete wreck. They dismantled her dynamite gun and took it aboard their isunch, which in turn conveyed it to the Retribu-tion.

bick Sloboy (joyfully) — Great news, Guess! Cousin May-I give it up. Dick Sloboy-Nellie has promised to marry me. Cousin May-Pshaw! That's no news. She asked me a month ago if t would be has bridemmid-Phin-deighis Press 1 1' 1' 1' 1' 1' the Casur, and thus almost before the casur, and thus almost before