OF CHINA'S TROUBLES

Canadian Militia Likely to be Called On

IN CASE THERE IS A WAR

British Battleship Said to Have Fired on a Russian.

The Situation in the East is Gravely Complicated One—France and Russia Stand in, and Germany Seems to Want England's Aid—Japan May Stand Out for the Sole Control of China as the Chief Maritime Power of the Pacific.

New York, Jan. 2.—The London correspondent of The Sun cables: "The Sun is enabled to say that in the event of trouble in the far East the Canadian militia will have an opportunity of covering themselves with glory. The War Department and the Admiralty have between them drawn up a scheme whereby a battalion of this militia will be hurried to Hong Kong from Vancouver the moment war seems imminent. They would reach China long before any force from England could get there, and it is thought their co-operation would boom the imperial unity idea.

Report Denied at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—General Gascoigne says he has heard nothing of the intention of the War Department to send a Canadian force to China.

Fired on a Russian Warship.

London, Jan. 2.—A sensation has been caused by a report from Plymouth that an English Admiral has fired on a Russian man-of-war in Chinese waters.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

Senator Begin Says the Encyclical Condemns Interference as Insufficient—Calls on Catholics to Unite.

His NECK BROKEN.

William Legatt of Brantford Killed in a Runaway—Thrown Out and Killed Instantly.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

A heavy snowstorm yesterday partially blockaded Vermont railways.

Peter Purvis, one of the leading lawyers of Brantford, died on Saturday.

Thirty-five miners were drowned in the San Puerto coal mine in Mexico.

Fire did $5000 damage to the Turkish Bath Hotel in Montreal on Saturday night.

A FINAL REFUGE.

WILFRID: Well, if it should break down the fence I can take to the pop'lar.

DROPPED DEAD AT A FUNERAL

Rev. William Burns Expires at Galt While Conducting the Service.

A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT.

Sifton's Scheme of a Joint Military Expedition to Dawson

WENT DOWN IN A WINTRY SEA

Thomson Line Steamer Gerona Wrecked Off Seal Island on Saturday.

WHO WILL BE MAYOR?

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING.

THE BRITISH IN EGYPT.

Fresh Troops Ordered Up the Nile

AND OTHERS TO BE READY

To Meet the Dervish Advance from Their Camp Near Omdurman.

There Are Also Startling Rumors as to What the French and King Menelik Are Doing in the Country South of Khartoum—At Any Rate the British Are Energetically Preparing to Hold Their Own in Upper Egypt and the Soudan.

Cairo, Jan. 1.—The Warwickshire and Lincolnshire regiments of the British Army have been ordered to start from Wady-Halfa for the frontier.

More Troops to the Front

Four Regiments for the Nile

GOOD-WILL IN EUROPE.

Formal Receptions and International Greetings Which Marked the Holiday.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The Czar, in his own name and in the name of the Czarina, has sent President Faure an effusive telegram expressing their sincere good wishes for the friendship of France.

BIRTHS.

IRWIN—On New Year's day, at No. 38 Wilcocks-street, Toronto, the wife of William N. Irwin, barrister, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

NIEPAGE—GREIG—At Arthur, Ont., on Saturday, Jan. 1, 1898, by the Rev. G. R. Greig, Goodtown, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Patterson, Arthur, at the residence of the bride's father, Emma, youngest daughter of Mr. Peter Greig, sr., to Emil Niepage, of Toronto.

DEATHS.

DILL—On Jan. 1, 1898, Helen Dillon, beloved wife of Moore Dill.