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Regina, Sask., Dec. 22.—Premier Walter Scott is down with an attack of pneumonia. His temperature is up to 103 and while the malady will have to run its course, no serious results are feared.

WILD IN OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Special Agent Ottawa has gone wild on Cobalt mining. Over three hundred citizens who have subscribed \$90,000 for the lease of Cobalt lake met tonight at an endorsement of the trustees who had endorsed the property.

CREW RESCUED.

New York, Dec. 22.—A despatch from Buenos Ayres to the Herald says: The Argentine steamship Casialote coming from the south has brought here the captain and 20 seamen of the Norwegian steamship Frithjof which was wrecked during a whaling expedition at South Georgia in the Antarctic on Nov. 20. Nine of the crew were in the disaster. The Frithjof is the same vessel which was sent in Nov. 1903 to rescue the Hordenskold Antarctic expedition.

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