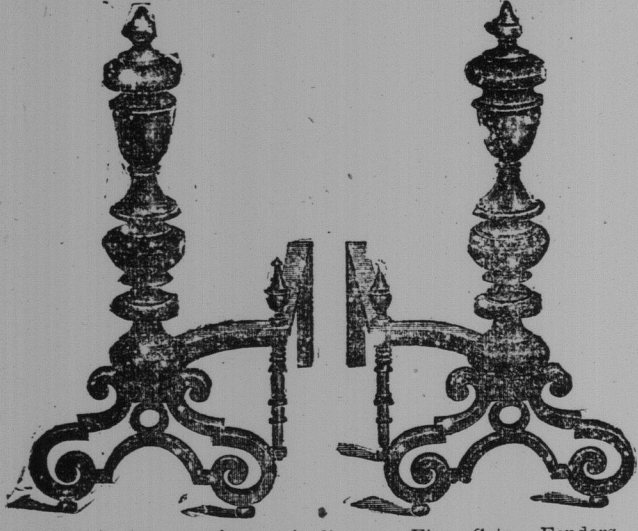


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GENERAL STOESELS MEETING WITH NOGI. Through Misunderstanding He Rode Out Before Appointed Hour and Found No Japanese Escort.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE THIRD JAPANESE ARMY IN FRONT OF FORT ARTHUR. The meeting of General Stoessel and General Nogi today had previously been arranged to take place at noon in the single undamaged house of the village of Shushu. This house was a miserable hovel called Plum Tree Cottage.

HER GOOD POINTS. "Pretty smart girl. You ought to see her sharpen a lead pencil." "Expert at it, eh?" "I should say she was. Only woman I ever met who could put a good point on one."

TORE OPEN TILL 8 O'CLOCK. St. John, N. B., Jan. 13, 1905. Suits and Overcoats AT LESS THAN FACTORY PRICES.

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MR. BORDEN ACCEPTS THE LEADERSHIP.

Conservatives Held a Splendid Caucus Today.

Mr. Borden Asks for a Through Organization of the Party--They Must All Work Together.

(Special to the Star). OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—At a crowded Conservative caucus this morning, H. Borden responded to the unanimous call given him and accepted again the leadership of the opposition. His reception was enthusiastic and the proceedings of the caucus were marked by hearty unanimity. Mr. Borden made his acceptance dependent on conditions to which the caucus without hesitation subscribed. He demanded a thorough organization of the party from the top down to each constituency upon definite lines and a convention of the whole party in the near future to discuss their policy and prospects.

GERMANY'S NOTED JEW HATER

When Sentenced to Jail Occupied a Seat by Telling the Judge They Would Have to Fight.

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—Count Puckler, Germany's most noted Jew-hater, was sentenced yesterday in one of the courts of Berlin to six months in jail for publicly uttering threats against the courts of the law and violence of one class against another. Count Puckler informed the court that he had a special mission from God to lead an anti-Jewish propaganda. This conviction came, he said, in answer to constant prayer. He had often been tempted to abandon his mission, but was held to his work by God's will. He protested against the imposition of mental abnormality. He admitted that he had occupied the prisoners' box eighteen times, and asserted seriously that he meant what he said when he had urged his auditors to beat the judge. "You will have to bear the consequence of this sentence," the judge said. "When the count heard the sentence of the court, he created an exciting scene. He jumped up and shouted patriotically to the judge: 'You will have to bear the consequence of this sentence. We have yet to meet with weapons in hand.' The judge imposed an additional three days imprisonment for disrespect of court and commanded the sheriff to lead the prisoner away.

SCORES AMERICAN REVIVALISTS.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The Rev. Forbes Phillips, vicar of Gorington, who has written plays for Mrs. Brown Potter, writes a letter to the papers indignantly protesting against the attack of the Rev. Ruben A. Torrey, the American revivalist, on dancing. The Torrey Alexander Mission recently announced a crusade against such monstrous scandals, dancing, gambling and theatres, etc. Mr. Phillips declares that only a depraved mind and a jaundiced eye could imagine such monstrous charges as Dr. Torrey makes and he hopes that all sweet-minded women will hesitate before allowing their daughters to attend Dr. Torrey's ministrations.

REVOLUTION IN MOROCCO

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—A Herald despatch from Tangier, Morocco, says: Grave news has arrived from Marrakesh, one of the ancient capitals of Morocco and former seat of government. According to the most trustworthy information obtainable, all the inhabitants of Marrakesh and the people of the Tzouli tribes have revolted and proclaimed Mulla Bey as sultan and ruler of Morocco and Mulla Reid as khalif and the sultan's envoy of Marrakesh.

KNOW WRIGHT WELL

W. V. Killam, who recently testified at the Oscar Wright trial, was in the city today. Speaking of Oscar Wright, who is held under the serious charge of manslaughter, Mr. Killam says that he has known the prisoner nearly all his life and was simply surprised at the way he acted on the day he killed William McKnight. Previous to that Wright had never been known to lose control of himself and in fact was what would be regarded as a gentlemanly young man.

TRAINS DELAYED.

The Montreal express which was delayed near Vancouver yesterday as the result of an accident on the coast, did not reach the city till 4.05 this morning. The train again left at 4.50 a. m. for Halifax.

MUST BE MORE PROMPT.

Custom house officials in the "long room" have issued an ultimatum to city merchants who are not prompt in sending in their "freight notices" of goods coming from foreign countries. If these notices are not promptly sent in much confusion arises owing to the impossibility to locate imported goods.

JAPANESE CRUISER CAPTURES BRITISH SHIP

That Had a Cargo of Coal, For Vladivostock-- Siberian Cossacks Defeated Near Honan and Retire in Disorder.

RUSSIAN SAIL SOUTH. SUEZ, Egypt, Jan. 12.—The division of the Russian second Pacific squadron, commanded by Rear-Admiral Botovskoy, sailed south this morning, presumably for Jubah, French Somaliland.

RETIRING IN DISORDER. TOKIO, Jan. 13, noon.—A report received yesterday at Imperial military headquarters in Korea says that the Japanese army headquarters in Korea says that the Japanese garrison at Ham Heung recently defeated a detachment of Siberian Cossacks near Honan. The date of the engagement is not stated. The Russians retreated in disorder, leaving nine men dead on the field. The spoils taken by the Japanese included two horses and a number of rifles and swords.

DAMAGED RAILWAY LINE. TOKIO, Jan. 12.—Russian cavalry raiders have slightly damaged the railway between Anshantien, Haichang and Tashichiao. The Japanese recently defeated a detachment of Siberian Cossacks near Honan. The date of the engagement is not stated. The Russians retreated in disorder, leaving nine men dead on the field. The spoils taken by the Japanese included two horses and a number of rifles and swords.

RUSSIAN DRIVEN BACK. GENERAL OKU'S HEADQUARTERS IN THE FIELD, Jan. 12, 4 p. m., via Fusan.—A small party of Russian cavalry near Haichang attempted to capture a detachment of Japanese troops by the Japanese guard. No details have yet been received. It is the first time that the Russians have attempted to use cavalry along the line of communications.

VIOLATIONS OF CHINESE NEUTRALITY.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 12.—The

TURNED FROM SUICIDE.

Sacred Song Prevented Murderer from Taking His Own Life.

LEXINGTON, Jan. 12.—J. W. Bess, who murdered Mrs. Martha McQuinn Martin, two years ago, was hanged here today. Shortly before the execution the condemned man confessed that he intended to commit suicide with a knife blade which he carried concealed in his mouth, but upon hearing a sacred song sung by children near the jail had changed his mind. He said he intended to cover his head with the bedclothes, pretending to the death watch that he was asleep then open a vein and bleed to death.

CANON DEVEBER'S WIFE DEAD.

AT 8.30 this morning, Mrs. DeVeber, the wife of the Rev. Canon DeVeber, died at her home after a brief illness. She had been ill of gastritis, which turned to jaundice. Mrs. DeVeber was the daughter of Dr. Thomas Paddock, of this city. She was about seventy years of age. It was only last September that the Rev. Canon and Mrs. DeVeber celebrated their golden anniversary, at which he was presented with a testimonial and a purse of nearly five hundred dollars. The long and happy union has at last been severed. The funeral will be at three o'clock Monday at Valley church.

ANOTHER RAILWAY TO THE YUKON.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 12.—Seattle business men and capitalists are to undertake the construction of a railroad from Valdez, through the Copper River Valley to a point on the American Yukon. Within a few days articles of incorporation with Hugh Thomas Burke, Jacob French and other business men of this city as incorporators will be filed. The company will have a capitalization of \$5,000,000.

AN INTERESTING BET.

Two men went into a Boston drugstore the other day and told the proprietor they had made a soda-water bet and would have their sodas now, and when the bet was decided the loser would drop in and pay for them. It was only last night that the loser came to the store and asked for his bet. He answered that it would, and the sodas had been enjoyed, he asked, "By the way, what was the bet?" "My friend, here," said one of the men, "bets that when Bunker Hill Monument falls it will fall toward the north, and I bet 'twon't."

AN HONEST CONFESSION.

The Lady—if you will take this savor with some wood, I'll give you a nice, warm dinner. The Tramp—I'd like to oblige you, m'am, but I can't feel quite the same. The Lady—How like that, I'm one of dem kleptomaniacs. The Parvillie diphtheria scare seems to have been based on no good ground. Dr. Curren says that there are only two cases at present and there is no danger of an epidemic. The two cases under his care are progressing nicely and he has no fear of the disease spreading.

Millinery at greatly reduced prices. Trimmed hats 25 cts., trimmed hats, \$1.50, at J. McLaughlin's, 107 Charlotte street.

WITNESS COMPLAINED OF HEART TROUBLE.

And Was Allowed to Retire For a Time.

Mrs. Wright After Being Ill Could Not Recover Her Memory This Morning--Several Witnesses Examined.

(Special to the Star). HAMPTON, N. B., Jan. 12.—The trial of Oscar Wright was resumed this morning. Four witnesses were examined. Samuel Kiehl told of his part in the fight with the Wright boys and showed the scar left from the blow which Ira Wright struck him in the face. He had not seen McKnight that evening. When attempting to stop Oscar from opening the door he told him he thought he had robbed the other man enough. While being cross-examined by Mr. Currey the attorney general interposed, saying the witness was not being treated with proper respect. Considerable wrangling followed. Resuming his evidence, witness said he had never known either Oscar or Ira. Wright to be fighting characters. When Mrs. Wright was beating Oscar, Oscar did not attempt to retaliate. William Cusick gave evidence which agreed in the main with other witnesses.

CAPTURED BRITISH STEAMER. TOKIO, Jan. 13.—The Japanese armored cruiser Tokiwa, captured in the Sea of Japan, Jan. 11, the British steamer Rosely, loaded with coal consigned to Vladivostok.

RUSSIA'S CLAIMS. PARIS, Jan. 12.—The Associated Press leaves unambiguously Russia's note addressed to the powers neutrality to China's breaking neutrality gives what Russia claims to be absolute proof of Chinese breaches. The three main complaints are:

First—That the Islands of Miaotao, in the Straits of Pechili, opposite Port Arthur have been constantly used by the Japanese without Chinese interference as a strategic base and as a harbor for Japanese torpedo boats. Second—That the Chinese army on the border has accepted the command of Japanese officers. Third—That Chinese firms have been constantly working in behalf of the Japanese, supplying them with provisions, military accoutrements and general war stores. The note likewise sets forth the details and complains that China has not given satisfactory explanation of the Japanese without Chinese interference as a strategic base and as a harbor for Japanese torpedo boats. He saw the club in William McKnight's hands wielded in the direction of Oscar Wright's head. William Young then testified briefly and court adjourned at one to meet at 2 p. m.

LATE SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Coastwise—Str Westport III, Powell, from Westport; sch Viola Pearl, Wadlin, from Beaver Harbor. Cleared. Coastwise—Sch R Carson, Pritchard, for St. Martins; str Westport III, for Westport; sch Viola Pearl, for Beaver Harbor.

A SATISFACTORY FIRST OPERATION.

Dr. Wilfred Grenfell had had some interesting experiences among the fishermen and hunters of the north coast of Newfoundland and Labrador. One evening a fisherman came off to the boat on which Dr. Grenfell makes his rounds and wanted to be bled. The doctor said that the case was not such that bleeding would be good and refused.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

FOR SALE.—Comfort double, single seat, could be made double. Apply 62 Main street. WANTED.—A good plain coat, also a young girl to home at night. MRS. LOUIS NELSON, 40 Leinster street. WANTED.—A table girl. Apply at PARK HOTEL, King square. LOST.—A terrier, with silver grey head and white breast. Tail not cut. The finder will please notify MISS ARMSTRONG, 24 St. Patrick street.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecast — Fresh to strong northwesterly winds and much colder. Saturday, moderate winds; fair and cold. Synopsis — Moderate gales have been general in the maritime provinces, attended by considerable snow and rain. Winds to Banks and American ports, fresh to strong northwesterly. Highest temperature during past 24 hours, 24. Lowest temperature during past 24 hours, 16. Temperature at noon, 18.

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