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> capture the northern forts." BUSSIANS DRIVEN FROM A VILLAGE.

Telegraph, says:

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Tokio, Dec. 5.-The following announcement was made at Imperial head- army. quarters this evening:

"The situation at the front with the Manchurian army is as follows: At lage had been firmly held by the enemy's infantry with machine guns. Our casual-Their destination is Songchin, where ties were twelve men wounded and not General Bernoff has established his one killed. The enemy lost over thirty headquarters. Preparations for the demen. During the evening of December and the enemy's artillery shelled Waitaio mountain. Two or three companies infining guns have been mounted on the fills infentire advancing toward the mountain, were repulsed."

Tokio, Dec. 5.-Evening.-Popular entiment regarding the question of the assistance which neutral powers are giv-ing to the vessels of the Russian second Pacific squadron, which heretofore has been repressed, is growing more acute, and provident newspapers are voicing the demand for determined action by

Apparently much will depend on the course of events when the Russian wartory. Japan will probably do likewise should urgency demand such action, to hold. Japan is anxious to avoid complications. out she will forcefully insist upon what she considers her rights.

Preparations for meeting the Russian warships are proceeding on a most exensive scale, particularly in the case of the navy, which is confident of solving follows: the problem under fair conditions. The culation that the Russian squadron may attempt to cut the Japanese communicamany months without the necessity! of communication with Japan. Commer- TERRIBLE LOSSES IN cial concerns anticipate a temporary disappointment in the matter of mail and equadron arrives.

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS

UNDER JAP FIRE. Tokio, Dec. 6.-The effective bombardment of the Russian battleships in Port Anthur, which began on Saturday last, was one of the results of the capture of 203-Metre hill. Up to that time the warships had been able to seek shelter from the Japanese fire under Peiyu mountain, but the capture of 203-Metre hill on November 29th and 30th enables the Japanese to train their guns on the Russian vessels, with the result that a number of them have been set on fire and the

naval guns bombarded the enemy's ships. The Pobieda (battleship) was struck six times, a vessel of the Retvizan (battleship) type was hit eight times, and on per ship the shells also took effect. the Poltava (battleship) and Retvizan

"At about 3 in the afternoon one of Peiyu mountain causing a heavy explo- evident the Russians retired. The conflagration which followed was not extinguished for two hours. "The same day, our heavy (army) guns were directed at the enemy's ships. The ese sent to turn General Rennen-Peresviet (battleship) was struck twice, kampff's flank has been repulsed with

observed to be on fire for one hour send- with great circumstantiality. ing up a great volume of smoke. The attacking operations against the day in a half moon fort defending a counterscarp on Rihlung mountain."

THE VLADIVOSTOCK

London. Dec. 6.-A dispatch from 30th, by way of Chefoo, December 5th,

PER YEAR, STRICTLY IN ADVANCE, TO ANY ADDRESS IN

RUSSIAN WARSHIP

The Poltava Went to Bottom of Port Arthur

Harbor as Result of Bombard-

ment.

Shells From the Big Guns Which for Days Poured

Shot Into the Fleet.

CANADA, UNITED STATES, OR GREAT BRITAIN.

JAPANESE SANK

Chefoo, December 5th, to the Daily says:
"A Herald runner from Vladivostock reports that less activity is observable how that the fortifications are completed. "Heavy firing continues at Port Arthur to-day. The Japanese are making most determined and persistent efforts to been dispatched in the direction of works SAYS JAP REPORTS all along the upper Tumen river. Wounded and ill are arriving by train daily, taxing the hospitals to their utmost ca-

"The Vladivostock garrison has been very considerably reduced by reinforcements being sent to the Manchurian A large force of Chinese and Russian

workmen are putting together torpedo boats which have arrived by rail from about 2 o'clock in the morning on Satur-lations are suspended for the facilitation day our infantry occupied Kuchciatsn, of the entry of supplies.

"Between Vladivostock and the Tu-

of his infantry, advancing toward the tional fortifications have been erected at a defile 70 miles ristant along the road.
"Meanwhile, the Japanese remain at WILL Hambung engaged in preparing roads INSIST ON FAIR PLAY. south for the passage of their artillery, accumulating supplies and otherwise pre-paring for winter occupation. Apparently no immediate advance is contemplated by either side, although the Russians

TO RETAKE DILL. Tokio. Dec. 6.-Noon-The Russians ships arrive in Oriental waters. If the squadron is permitted to exceed a fair construction of neutrality it is probable that Japan will consider herself under no the position, and have succeeded so far the position, and have succeeded so far been officially confirmed. It is also said

lieves the Russians are violating. If the they have sacrificed 3,000 men in an Russians seize a base in neutral terri-

RUSSIANS CONVERT

SHANGHAI INTO BASE. London, Dec. 5 .- The Morning Post's correspondent at Shanghai telegraphs as rival of supplies from Russia.

"Russia practically is converting preparations of the army include the cal- Shanghai into a depot for her military and naval stores. A local German butcher has received a Russian order for tions to the Liaotung peninsula, but several million pounds of meat. Large when the Russian vessels arrive the quantities of coal are held on Russian anese armies in Manchuria expect to account. The infringment of Shanghai's be in a position to carry on the campaign , neutrality is arousing great indignation."

STRUGGLE FOR POSITION

lished in the Japanese papers, describes the terrible losses involved in the storming of the Russian position from dawn on November 28th till 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day.

A Russian counter attack began at dawn on November 29th, and was so furiously pushed that the Japanese were compelled to retire into the valley. The attack was renewed the morning of November 30th, "when all the Japanese reserves came up" from the southwest corner, but the assailants only advanced thirty metres by 5 o'clock so stubborn was the resistance, and the Japanese sufothers must either put to sea or suffer fered severe losses. Then, being reinforced, the Japanese maintained the The Port Arthur besiegers report as struggle with terrible earnestness. Furious charges were repeatedly made and "On Saturday, December 3rd, our | the Russians were compelled gradually

to retire. The southwestern summit of the hill was not occupied until 7 o'clock in the evening, and the northwestern summit not until 8 o'clock. During the night six "On Monday, following the same an, the Pobleda was hit seven times, One, which was launched at 4 o'clock One, which was launched at 4 o'clock in morning, was characterized by several bayonet attacks and was persisted in until noon of December 1st, when the shells struck a magazine south of hopelessness of the attempts becoming

Mukden, Dec. 6 .- There is a persistent rumor that the force of Japanand two more shells were lodged in other great loss. The story is not yet offi-chips. A vessel of the Poltava type was cially confirmed, but details are given

It is stated that General Kennenkampff, who knew the movement was Sungshu mountain forts, eastward, are carried on day and night. Two 36 min-mouth of one of the captured passes, and metre quick-firers were captured on Sun- that the Japanese turning force threw themselves unsuspectedly into the ambush, where, after the fight, the Russians collected 500 Japanese corpses. It is added that there are 1,000 Japanese FORTIFICATIONS COMPLETE. corpses which it has been impossible to collect owing to the fire of the Japanese. gums to the front of Port Arthur tele-take her chances about the consequences. More than 7,000,000 pounds of currants New York, Dec. 6.—A Wonsan dispatch to the Herald, dated November in wounded. The Russian loss, accord"An observation taken from 20;

VICTORIA, B. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1904. ing to this count, was only 30 or 40

TWICE-A-WEEK EDITION

The Japanese did not reply to the heavy cannonading of their works by the Russian siege guns south of Suchiantun, though they had previously shelled the vicinity of Suchiantun with the ammunition and Russian guns cap-tured on board the Russian steamer Manchuria last spring.

Last night there appeared to be a Japanese attempt to place mines under the Shakhe river railway bridge for use in case of a Russian advance, and it was were pursued by Cossacks, who, after

an unsuccessful attempt to capture the After two days' cautious pursuit of the Japanese, whose recent attack he repulsed, General Rennenkampff has suspended his offensive movement east. Although the weather is very cold Number of Other Vessels Have Been Seriously Damaged by earthworks are still being raised by the

opposing forces.,
The night of December 2nd the Japanese began heavy artillery fire on Poutiloff hill, paying the way for an infantry attack. The Russian artillery answered vigorously for several hours and then slackened. The Japanese flung themselves in masses against the trenches, where they were met with withering volleys and a counter-charge with the bayonet. The Japanese fled with heavy losses.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 7.-2.55 a.m. Although the war office and the admiralty are still without direct news from Port Arthur, confidence in the ability of the fortress to hold out continues to be expressed.

The reports from Tokio of the shelling of the battleships and of heavy losses by the Russians in an ineffective attempt to retake 203-Metre hill are considered to be misleading. According to a high official of the general staff, the warships would be able to take shelter from the fire from 203-Metre hill from behind the Tiger's Tail peninsula. Reports that the Russians are clearing the mine fields outside the harbor are regarded as the best indication that the squadron is pre-paring to move to this anchorage, where it will be secure under the protection of the shore batteries.

The Tokio estimate that the Russians lost 3,000 men in the attempt to recapture 203-Metre hill is declared to be absurd, and it is pointed out that such a loss would imply the virtual crippling of the resistance, yet the reports from Tokio admit that General Stoessel continues to make counter attacks.

Emperor Nicholas will start on a tenday trip to Minsk; the Caucausus and are again giving out reports that a the Don to bid forewell to the

ordered to the Fan East. ALLEGED CAPTURE OF

TWENTY FOUR GUNS. obligation to observe neutrality, and may send her fleet after the Russians into ports, the neutrality of which she be-

Everything now indicates that the fighting below Tsinkhetchen (near Dapass), the Russian loss was 25 men killcers. Seventeen Japanese prisoners were taken, one of whom committed suicide.

__0__ WAR OFFICE IS WITHOUT INFORMATION.

Tokio, Dec. 4.—The diary of the fighting around 203-Metre hill, which is published in the Learner of the fighting around 203-metre hill, which is published in the Learner of the fighting around 203-metre hill, which is published in the Learner of the fighting around 203-metre hill, which is published in the Learner of the fighting around 203-metre hill, which is published in the Learner of the fighting around 203-metre hill, which is published in the Learner of the fighting around 203-metre hill, which is published in the Learner of the fighting around 203-metre hill, which is published in the Learner of the fighting around 203-metre hill, which is published in the Learner of the fighting around 203-metre hill, which is published in the Learner of the fighting around 203-metre hill, which is published in the Learner of the fighting around 203-metre hill, which is published in the Learner of the fighting around 203-metre hill, which is published in the Learner of the fighting around 203-metre hill, which is published in the Learner of the fighting around 203-metre hill, which is published in the Learner of the fighting around 203-metre hill, which is published in the Learner of the fighting around 203-metre hill a ment by General Kennenpampff. A very curious dispatch has been received from a correspondent at General Kouropatkin's headquarters about the arrest of a Chinaman who was found n possession of 500 feet of fuse used in

> gram speaks of the necessity for provid-ing a larger bodyguard for Gen. Kouropatkin The wording of the dispatch generally leads to the inference that an attempt made upon the commender-in-chief's life has been foiled. No confirmation of the report is obtainable here.

detonating high explosives. The tele-

ARMISTICE GRANTED

Tokio, Dec. 7.-The headquarters of the Japanese army in front of Port Ar-thur has reported confirming the disvizan and Poltava, and stating that the cruiser Bayan is aground. The report goes on to say as follows:

an entire fort at 1 p.m. Subsequently our forces, after dislodging the enemy, occupied an eminence north of Suerhkou, at 3 p.m.

"On December 6th. at 4 p.m., in sponse to the bearer of the enemy's flag of truce, an armistice of five hours was granted for the removal of the dead." JAPANESE SANK

Tokio, Dec. 7,-(Noon.)-It is officially announced that the Russian battleship Poltava has been sunk in the harbor of Port Arthur as a result of the Japanese bombardment, and the battleship Ret-vizan has been seriously damaged.

'hill shows that the turret ship Poltava is sunk and that the battleship Retvizan is listing heavily to port.

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"Observations taken on December 6th sage of the fleet has entered the acute show that the results of the bombard stage. ment of December 5th were severe.

"Since December 2nd we have daily bombarded the enemy's fleet lying south of Paiyu mountain. From that point CHINES shells taking effect.
"On other ships explosions, resulting

difficult exactly to identify them. The bin. total of our shells taking effect on the enemy's ships was as follows: On a SICKNESS AMONG vessel of the Pobleda type, thirty-four; on the battleship Retvizan, or the cruiser Pallada, thirty-four; on the turret ship Poktava, eleven.
"Besides these, fifty other shells struck,

from which explosions followed. "On December 5th seven shells struck the Pobleda, and about 3.25 a big explosion was observed south of Paiyu mountain, resulting from the effects of our shells, evidently on a powder magazine.
"The successful result of the bombardment on December 5th is inspiring our men to still greater efforts."

The Poltava was an armored turret ship of 10,960 toms displacement and 11,255 indicated horse-power. She was built in St. Petersburg in 1894, and went into commission in 1898. Her cost of construction was nearly \$6,000,000. Her armament consisted of four 12-inch, breech-loading rifles of the Russian Krupp partiern. She had a crew of 700 men. She had a speed of 16.2 knots.

The Retrizan is a battleship of 12,700 tons displacement and 16,000 indicated horse-power. She was brill in ridicated phia in 1902. Her armament consisted of four 12-inch, twelve 6-inch, twenty 3-inch. twenty 3-pounders and six 1 pounders of Russian Krupp pattern. Her ANTI-DYNASTY PARTY speed was 18 knots per hour.

JAPANESE HAVE TAKEN ANOTHER HILL

Tokio, Dec. 7.—(Noon.)—The Japanese troops occupied Akasaka hill, fronting on Port Arthur, yesterday, December Organized and Armed.

The Russian armored cruiser Bayan is reported to be aground.

ARTILLERY FIRE LASTED ALL DAY.

Pekin, Dec. 7.-Mukden reports a remendous noise of cannonade around randous dates have been current during the past two weeks and it was the impression that the bombardment of December 201 an uprising against the Manchus. This uprising will not be confined to the sections of China, mentioned, but will include a recipient of 10 and 10 pression that the bombardment of De-cember 6th was in anticipation of a Jap-cember 6th was in anticipation of a Jap-cember 6th was in anticipation of a Jap-cember 6th was in anticipation of a Jap-ment of ferring movement is not ignorant Boxer anese offensive movement

To-day the first sleet and snow fell. DOES NOT WANT THE

has given adhesion to Russian overtures podification of the treaty of Paris ditions at the front to-day. The prices | so as to permit the Black set fleet to pass of wood are increasing, though other fuel is becoming more plentiful and cheaper. The prices charged for food by local merchants are exceedingly that at application has been made and that are exceedingly that at application has been made and that are exceedingly that at application has been made and that are exceedingly that at application has been made and that are exceedingly that at application has been made and the application has been made that at present there is no intention of the slowness of the arany modification of the treaty. The reforced contributions to the imperial army ports, it is added, originated through an and court in Chili. The sequestration of apparent misunderstanding between the temple properties for public schools is Everything now indicates that the prospect of an immediate encounter on a large scale has passed. During the fighting below Tsinkhetchen (near Dapass), the Russian loss was 25 men killing below Tsinkhetchen (near Dapass), the Russian loss was 25 men killing below Tsinkhetchen (near Dapass), the Russian loss was 25 men killing below Tsinkhetchen (near Dapasse). The Russian diplomatic between the properties for public schools is apparent misunderstanding between the Russian formula apparent misunderstanding between the Russian for branch of the government does not share Chili and Shantung. There is no evithis view, owing to the recognized restrictions of the treatty of Paris. It is pointed out that the provision of the pas- ment under existing conditions." sage of the Dardanelles by warships of the powers is chiefly beneficial to Russia and gives her a preferential position in the Black sea. If the treaty is modified dent of the Chinese Empire Reform Asso as to open the Dardanelles, the straits sociation, when seen last night at his recalled that the admiralty brought on ton said, is to endeavor danelles without consulting the Russian this Chinese organization.

foreign branch. JAPS RETIRED AFTER

St. Petersburg, Dec. 7.—Gen. Sak-haroff, under to-day's date, reports that FOR REMOVAL OF DEAD. the Russian main guard at a village southward of Laotchongulni pass was street so tightly that the combined efforts abling of the Russian battleships Ret- The night of December 6th was quiet.

WILL RUSSIA SEND OUT HER SQUADRON?

RUSSIAN WARSHIP.

the Afghan frontier seem to bear out the the man was taken out. Shortly afterwards belief that Russia will send her Black he died in the hospital.

CHINESE BANDITS only the masts and funnel tops of the battleship Pobieda, Retvizan or the cruiser Pallada could be seen, but it was impossible to count the number of our use of the coal from Fushan mines, which are now being worked.

resisted, a sharp rifle fire following.
Simultaneously the Japanese, who were shelling Poutiloff (Lone Tree hill)

"On other ships explosions, resulting Cossacks are pursuing a band of from our shells, could be seen, but owing Chinese bandits, who recently cut the to their position behind the hills, it was

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS

Mukden, Dec. 5 .- An all day antillery fire on the Russian right wing and centre has failed to alter the general situation. There is considerable illness among the Russian troops consequent upon close confinement to the trenches and bomb

ALL THE WARSHIPS HAVE LEFT TANGIER.

Tangier, Dec. 7 .- The Russian cruiser Dnieper, the transport Okean and two torpedo boat destroyers sailed eastward to-day. The Dnieper was towed by destroyers in order to economize in coal. The Russian war vessels have now all left this port.

IS GAINING GROUND

Members, Among Whom Are Many Soldiers and Wealthy Chinese, Well

New York, Dec. 7 .- A Herald corres-

pondent cables from Tientsin, China, under date of December 5th: "I have just completed a journey of a Poutileff hill and the railway, which be- 1,000 miles through China and the north Fourtieff half and the rankway, which began December 6th, in the early morning
and reached its height from 3 to 5 in the
afternoon. It was unlike anything of the
kind heretofore, except at Port Anthur.
Rumors of a Japanese attack set for
mardous dates have been current during

fanaticism; it is widespread, well or-ganized and well armed. Prominent and wealthy men are members of all the northern societies, controlled by a strong TREATY MODIFIED. central authority, with headquarters in South China. They are in close touch Paris, Dec. 6-The reports that France | with the Kolachui head of the present rebellion in Kwangsi. The Kolachui was organized by soldiers after the Tai Ping rebellion as a patriotic society. It

The Herald apperds to this news the thereafter will remain open for the entrance of foreign fleets into the Black mentioned movement is evidently the sea, thus terminating Russia's privileged work of a new reform organization position. Therefore, the authorities here known as the Dook Main, the project have reason to believe that the Russian of which is to overthrow the present gordiplomatic branch will not yield to the ernment. The object of the Chinese desires of the Russian admiralty. It is Empire Reform Association, Mr. Single the Anglo-Russian crisis by permitting schools for the education of all throughvolunteer fleet vessels to pass the Dar- out the empire, and is wholly opposed to

ROUTING RUSSIANS. George Fahey Did Not Survive Terrible

Experience in New York. New York, Dec. 5 .- Pinned between two driven out yesterday by the Japanese of a score of policemen and firemen only ties. The Japanese subsequently retired. and with the rising tide threatening death by drowning, a man, supposed to be Geo.

goes on to say as follows:

"Owing to the plunging fire from 203Metre hill, the enemy has withdrawn to
Akasaka hill.

Sinchinpu and Soudgianin, both of which were repulsed, and an unimportant outpost far on the right wing, when the Russians routed and bayonetted the Japan
sians rou rope was passed under the arms and five men attempted to pull Fahey out of his lister, where they were married.

Owing to the prominence of the family in its prison. The rising tide was at the London, Dec. 6 .- The St. Petersburg level of the frightened man's chest, and correspondent of the Daily Mail sends his screams urged the rescuers to greater an interview with Admiral Kaznakoff, haste. Four more policemen were sumwho states that after a declaration to moned, but the man could not be released that effect, the Russian Black sea fleet An urgent call for more help brought a will pass the Dardauelles, confronting fire boat and three men of a nearby hook Great Britain with an accomplished fact. and ladder company with ropes and hooks. The admiral points out that strong rea-sons exist for the belief that the British rescue and poured whiskey down his throat, government will do nothing in the mat- while the firemen chopped with all their might at the piles which held him prisoner. Reports received from Moscow relative | When it was nip and tuck whether tide or to a sudden movement of troops toward rescuers would win, the piles gave way and

reaphing our December 6th says:

It is stated upon good authority that an were exported from Kalamata, Greece, to guests escaped from the building by "An observation taken from 203-Metre" entire division of Russian troops has left the United States in 1903.

CONSERVATIVES WILL

Death of Former President of Nova Scotia Legislative Council-Montreal's New Chief of Police.

Montreal, Dec. 6 .- A meeting of Conservative members and representative firing lasted less than 10 minutes. Com men of the party was held last evening proofs and the continual nervous strain. fully and freely discussed by nearly every gentleman present, and it was the unanimous wish that R. L. Borden should remain in public life and also retain his position as leader of the Conservative party. Mr. Borden, who briefly addressed the gathering, received an ovation as he began to speak. He thanked his friends and supporters for their kindness and devotion. The gathering was informal, and the leader thought it advisable to defer definite action until the opening of parliament, when the party will be in a position to formally liscuss the situation.

New Chief of Police. Montreal, Dec. 6 .- Sub-chief Oliver Campeau has been appointed chief of police of Montreal in place of Chief Legault, resigned. The way was made clear for Campeau's appointment by the reading of a letter by Mayor Laporte to the enect that he had been unable to procure documentary evidence of the

alleged bribery of aldermen in conne tion with the appointment of Legault's successor. Sir R. Boak Dead. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 6 .- Sir Robert

Boak, until recently president of the legislative council, a position which he held for 25 years, died last night aged 82 Overdose of Morphine. Hamilton, Dec. 6.—Robert Gimblett,

shoemaker, is dead from an overdose of morphine, taken to produce sleep. The deceased was 59 years old. He leaves a widow and daughter. Elected by Acclamation Winnipeg, Dec. 6 .- The mayors elect-Raymond, Chas. McCarry; Edmonton, K. W. McKenzie; Indian Head, F. L.

Mackay; Wolseley, J. P. Dill; Wetaski-win, Mayor J. C. McKay. MORE MONEY REQUIRED.

United States Congress Will Be Asked to Grant Increased Appropriations. Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.-The esti- liams explained that what he had inmates of appropriations required for the tended to convey was that certain facyear ending June 30th, 1906, were trans-which seemed to be likely to effect the mitted to congress to-day by the secretary of the treasury. These estimates aggregate \$619,069,852, as against \$614,548. 937, the amount of the appropriation of

the current fiscal year. session of the 58th congress was called proposed by the present provincial gov together at noon to-day. Hundreds of eriment. sightseers thronged the corridors and crowded into the galleries to witness formal proceedings. From the lethargy which has characterized Washington parent joy the day which opened both on witnessing the ceremonies, carriages flocked about the hotels ready to carry guests to the capitol, and a stream vehicles bearing gay parties made its way to the east front of the building Many newly-elected members were at the capitol, although they will not enter office until after March. A particularly sad feature of the rebling was the absence of kindly

faces known in the service of the coun-

SHOT AFTER WEDDING. Traveller Alleged to Have Killed Man Whose Sister He Married Two

Hours Later.

Dandiridge, Tenn., Dec. 5 .- Thomas Clark, son of a former county cheriff, and now travelling for a Knoxville pass was street so tightly that the combined efforts house, is under arrest at Rutledge Jananess of a score of policemen and firemen only charged with the murder of Charles artillery, after sustaining a few casual- released him after long and frantic efforts, Malicote, whose sister Clark married two hours after the tragedy. The principals were among the attend-Gen. Kouropatkin in a felegram to the Emperor mentions Japanese attacks on Sinchinpu and Soudgianin, both of which were repulsed, and an unimportant out.

A policeman heard cries from under the post for on the right wing when the Park.

lies the affair has created a sensation.

SIX LIVES LOST. Woman and Her Two Children Perished in Fire—Rooming House Destroyed.

from the buggy. Clark and the young woman proceeded to the home of a min-

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 5.-In a fire that destroyed their home here, Mrs. Rock-perry and two of her children were ourned to death. The husband and two tragedy without being able to afford aid. Another Fatal Fire.

Denison, Tex., Dec. 5.-Three persons

ANOTHER EXPLANATION. Rojestvensky Tells of Russian Ships

PER YEAR, TO OTHER COUNTRIES, POSTAGE PREPAID,

PAYABLE INVARIABLY IN ADVANCE,

Firing on Each Other. St. Petersburg, Dec. 5.-The followng official statement issued from naval headquarters converning Vice-Admiral latest account of the Dogger Bank affair explains how the second Pacific squadron fired on its own

"According to supplementary informa-tion from Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky concerning the North Sea incident of Oc tober 21st, after the Kniaz Souvaroff ceased firing, the searchlights of the Dmitri Donskoi suddenly revealed the Aurora on the left of the ironclad division. The Dmitri Donskoi showed night signals, whereupon fearing projectiles from the hindmost ships of our division should hit our own vessels, either direct or by ricochet, a general signal to cease firing was given from the Souvaroff. The order was at once obeyed. The whole unications by wireless telegraph stated at Windsor hotel. The situation was five projectiles struck the Aurora, some richocheting and others hitting direct. Three were 75 millimetre and some 47 nillimetre shells. The chaplain of the Aurora was seriously injured and a petty officer was slightly wounded. The chaplain subsequently succumbed at

infirmation of the fact previously pubished in these dispatches, that during the North Sea affair shells came aboard the cruiser Aurora, injuring a who subsequently died at Algiers.

WAS SOCIALIST'S SPEECH INTENDED AS THREAT?

Parker Williams Favors Appeal to the Country on Question of Bonus to

Grand Trunk Pacific.

Nanaimo, Dec. 6 .- At the banquet endered Jos. Randle on Saturday night upon his retirement from the position of underground manager of the local colliers, Parker Williams, M. P. P., in ache hoped would lead to an appeal to the country before the House met again. After paying a high tribute to Mr. Randle, Mr. Williams concluded that it was not the Nanaimo mines which made the percentage of fatal accidents high in

British Columbia. Interviewed to-day respecting his remarks at the Randle banquet, Mr. Wilwas consummated he wanted to see an

appeal to the country The Last Session.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—The last bonussing of the Grand Trunk Pacific if

TURNED ON THE GAS the official and social seasons. The streets were crowded with people intent Two Farm Laborers Asphyxiated—A President on Business During

the Past Year.

THEY ACCIDENTALLY

Hamilton, Dec. 5 .- William MacDonald and Albert Lawrence, two farm laborers from East Flamboro were asphyxiated by gas in the Melbourne house between midnight on Saturday and yesterday noon. It is thought that in turning off the electric light they turn ed on the gas and were overcome while

asleep. Laid at Rest. Toronto, Dec. 5 .- The body of Prinipal Caven was removed at noon to-day Knox College, where streams of friends of the deceased viewed the remains. This morning a private service was conducted at the family residence by Rev. Alfred Gandier, pastor of St. James Square church, assisted by Rev. J. A. MacDonald, editor of the The public service started at 2 o'clock and was attended by several

erty at Paymaster in the Walbigoon dis-

Optimistic. Montreal, Dec. 5.-The annual meet ng of the Bank of Montreal was held to-day. In his annual address Sir Geo. Drummond, vice-president, was optimistic as to the future of Canada. regards the past year, een good throughout the Dominion with

the exception of the lumbering and

Police Investigation. Montreal, Dec. 5.-An investigation

was started to-day before Justice Taschereau into the charges of maladministration in connection with the Montreal were burned to death in a fire that destroyed a rooming house here. Thirty-five captain and four constables of receiving captain and four constables of receiving bribes from keepers of disorderly houses to protect them from arrest.

dairying industries.

HOLD ANOTHER MEETING