## RUSS DESTROYERS REACH THE OPEN

Eight Escape From Port Arthur During Storm.

TOGO'S CRUISERS SCOUTING

Fleet Seen Off Singapore Is Not Likely to Engage the Baltic Fleet.

Lendon, Dec. 23. - The Daily Telegraph's Che Foo correspondent reports that eight torpedo-boat destroyers have escaped from Port Arthur, where for the last 24 hours, he says, a severe snowstorm has been raging.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23. - The announcement that four Japanese cruisers and twelve torpedo boats are proceeding west from Singapore, is received here with much interest. It is believed, however, that such a small squadron can have been sent out by Japan with any idea of engaging in offensive operations but it is regarded as more probable that it will aim to sian fleet, which are expected soon to unite near Madagascar. It is generally believed that Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky intends to establish a coaling base on a small island between Madagascar and the Philippines, and that the Japanese crusing squadron, hopes to indicate the rendezvous for Vice-Admiral Togo's information.

Tokio, Dec. 22. - A report received from Vice-Admiral Togo, last night, says: "A prisoner taken by our fleet, who is considered to be reliable, reports that as a result of our attack since Dec. 13, eight torpedoes struck the net of the battleship Sevastopol. and that at least one took effect on her hull. This seems to have occurred on the night of Dec. 15 or early on Dec. The Sevastopol's crew was seen to be confused, and a hawser from the shore was attached to the battleship. The torpedo which struck the hull took effect on the port side aft, damag-ing about eight feet along the rivet

"The Sevastopol is now headed to ward the outer part of the entrance to the harbor with her stern aground and "The ship is listing to starboard and U. S. Lieutenant and 37 Men Killed her gun ports amidships almost awash. the side lights in her deck are submerged. There is one torpedo boat to the starboard of the Sevastopol, and one pumping vessel to port, together with one vessel resembling a minelayer, all of which are busily engaged in pumping, but it will be difficult to restore the seaworthiness of the war-

ship.
"On the night of Dec. 16 one of our torpedoes struck the bow of a Russian torpedo boat destroyer and that vessel is now aground. Another report from Admiral Toge

After personal observation outside Port Arthur I found that the Sevastoport Arthur I found that the Sevasto-pol, which was attacked by our tor-pedo flotilla, is now anchored in the shallows about 400 yards from the shore off Chengtao Mountain. The Russians are engaged in pumping, but the Sevastopol is listing at least ten degrees, with her bow slightly sunk. There can be no hope of restoring the vessel to fighting trim, considering the present condition of Port Arthur, and I judge that she is completely disabled. I also observed that the enemy's destroyer which was torpedoed by us has been destroyed."

Mukden, Dec. 22. - The Japanese are reported to be suffering from cold and sickness in the vicinity of Palazandzi and Shilikhe, where it is said they lost 2,000 men in a single week. The port of Yinkow is closed by ice.

Tokio, Dec. 22. — A dispatch received by telegraph today from the Japanese army before Port Arthur "The right column of the army o'clock this morning, taking advantage of the enemy's excitement, enemy off an eminence north of Housanyentao on Pigeon Bay, and occupied the position, and at 7 o'clock dislodged the enemy from height on the peninsula west of Housanyentao, which we occupied capturing one small gun. After the Japanese occupation of the positions the enemy made a counter attack, but was immediately repulsed. At present our occupation of the positions is

practically secure. Singapore, Straits Settlements, Dec. Two Japanese cruisers called here this morning and left at noon. They reported that two Japanese battleships two first-class cruisers, two second-class cruisers and twelve torpedo-boat destroyers were nearby, steaming

Shanghai, Dec. 22. - A squadron of powerful cruisers under Admiral Kamimura has gone south to the China Sea to meet the Russian second Pacific

General Oku's Headquarters, via Fusan, Thursday, Dec. 22. — Delayed in transmission.—The Russians along the front of General Oku's army, during the night of Dec. 20, made a determined attack on Lamuting, but were driven back with heavy loss. The Japanes sustained no casualties. Dismounted to death, and two Americans were so cavalry attacked the eavalry on the extreme left of the Japanese lines on the night of Dec. 20-21, but were repulsed with heavy loss. Small detachments of Russians nightly attack the Japanese outposts and patrols, but with no success.

### WOODSTOCK'S MYSTERY

Three Men Under Arrest in Connection With Edwards' Death.

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 22.-When the inquest is resumed next Wednesday over the body of John Edwards, who met a mysterious death in a slaughter house mysterious death in a slaughter house here some weeks ago, some sensational night by Leader Whitney. While well evidence may be forthcoming. Three attended, the meeting lacked the stirmen are now in jail here who may have ring enthusiasm that characterized the had some connection with the affair. They are charged with stealing money mits being in the slaughter house with the deceased on the day of his death, but declares he is innocent of either assault or theft. Lee and Montgomery were with Edwards and Selby at Beachville the same day, and they admit that Edwards had \$20 the morning he disappeared.

Louis, begged his forgiveness.

Alleged Murderer Suicides

Buffalo, Dec. 21. — Fred Jones, the appointed chart it would bring about a victory for the party on Jan. 25. Other speakers were Mr. W. J. Hanna, Mr. Carscallen.

Louis, begged his forgiveness.

Alleged Murderer Suicides

Buffalo, Dec. 21. — Fred Jones, the alleged murderer of Constable William or the Lockport pail early today from a peared. from the dead man. William Selby ad-

## **BRITON IN PERIL**

Moroccan Tribesmen Demand That They Be Handed Over to Them.

Alcastar, about 16 miles northeast of Tangier, states that tribesmen have Boston Broker Sends Out But Took, the Oath While men of the Gamecock fishing fleet. The Russian consul at Hull tonight said surrounded Alcastar and threaten to ack the town unless the French consul and one British subject are handed

### LONDON'S FOG LIFTS

From the British Capital.

London, Dec. 23. — The fog in London practically disappeared this afternoon before a western breeze. ports from the coast show a continuat 10 o'clock this morning the White Star Line steamers Oceanic and Cedric were still fog-bound in the Mersey.

# IS IT JAP PLOT TO END CONFLICT?

watch the two detachments of the Rus- Russia Thinks Chinese Rising Will Be Started by the Mikado's Agents.

> St. Petersburg, Dec. 22. - The Russian authorities have received information confirmatory of yesterday regarding the Chinese situation, indicating that Japan's influence is prelominant, not only in the anti-foreign societies, but in the army and at Pekin, forcing the conviction here that the situation is becoming critically dangerous.

The belief prevails that in the spring Japan, under the cover of an actual or threatened rising in China, will seek to secure the intervention of the powers to end the war. Direct evidence exists that the anti-foreign proclamations circulating in China were printed in Japan.

## AMBUSHED AND KILLED

by Rebel Band.

Manila, Dec. 23 have ambushed and killed at Dolores, on the Island of Samar, a lieutenant and 37 enlisted men of the Thirtyeighth Company of native scouts. Two housand Pulajanes, it is reported, threaten the town of Dolores, and the situation is said to be critical. Lieut. Abbott, in command of the scouts, has quested that aid be sent him.

### SAZONOFF IN LONDON

Man Alleged to Have Been Exiled for Killing Von Plehve.

that Sazonoff, who assassinated M. Von Plehve, the Russian Minister of the Interior, and who was officially reported to have been tried in St. Petersburg, and condemned to penal servitude for life, is now in London.

# DONALD GILLIES FOR CENTRE BRUCE

Liberals Choose Newspaperman Wealthy Winnipeger Burned to so strong already that the court will product with product will product with product will product with to Contest Riding for Legislature.

Flesherton, Ont., Dec. 23. - The Lib-

### is a strong temperance advocate. SMOTHERED TO DEATH

Accident in Colliery Causes Death of Seven Foreign Miners.

Bolivar, Pa., Dec. 22. - In a fire, which originated in a shanty at the pit mouth of the coal mine of the Reese-Hammond Brick Company at Garfield, just across the river from here, today, seven foreigners were smothered badly overcome that their recovery is not yet assured. When the shanty caught fire the fans drove the smoke into the mine, smothering the foreigners. Their bodies have been recover-The Americans who were rescued were Samuel C. Henderson and Henry It is not known how the fire started. There were a number of men in the mine, but all got out safely, except those named.

### WHITNEY AT NAPANEE

The Conservative Leader Opens the

Provincial Campaign. Napanee, Ont., Dec. 22. - The Oppogreat gathering of Tuesday night, when Premier Ross addressed the electors of Lennox. Mr. Whitney's speech was largely self-laudatory. He rehashed the

## LAWSON SCORES: ROGERS SILENT

Another Lurid Warning.

## KEENE FORCED INTO THE OPEN

Western Breeze Drives the Pall Standard Oil Magnate Told to Call Off His Thugs Unless He Wishes to Have Them Shot.

New York, Dec. 22. - Thomas W.

financier who had stepped into the effort to call Lawson or anybody else

Bestonian and contributed to the general symposium the contents of a previous letter to Lawson regarding an Amalgamated stock deal for Rogers unning up into a score of millions. Delaware politicians helped along with some further interesting details of the big bribery deal down in that state, on which Lawson had expatiated

in his latest magazine effusion. Contemplating these things, Lawson himself, in Boston, added a spectacular touch to the day's developments by addressing another open letter to Rogers, breathing out sundry threats of slaugher. He telegraphed: "Of course, I know your methods,

and that the criminals in your pay will stand at nothing to 'fix' me, and that murder is their preferred stock in trade, provided it's safe murder. Therefore, in the light of many happenings of late and the innumerable threats which are being made to me and against me, I wish herewith to notify you, and through you any and all thugs who are seeking me, that I, in self-defense will shoot at sight the first Donohue who calls upon me or in any way comes into my presence after giving me notice such as the above. "I regret being compelled to take this method of defending myself, and

put an end to me that they may put an end to my work. "Such affairs as the Col. Greene epiwhere an honest man worked up to a high pitch is put upon my track, I do not mind, but I do want you and your associates to know that I am fully alive to what is now being and hereafter will be attempted against me, had been arrived at.

and that upon your heads may come the consequences." Denis Donohue, financial editor of the New York Commercial, denied he had telegraphed that he would go to Boston and shoot Lawson provided he Zurich, Dec. 20. - The Journal says did not stop the publication of an advertisement that appeared in several

newspapers. "I am a westerner, but not a shooting man," said Donohue. "I am not going to Boston to shoot Lawson. My weapon is my pen, not my pistol."

# IN SAVING CASH LOST HIS LIFE

a Crisp in Midnight

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.--John Carerals of Center Grey held a largely-at- rie, an old resident, was cremated in ject to the approval of the court tended and most enthusiastic conven- his house, which was destroyed by fire cassation, which meets in February tion yesterday. Seventeen prominent shortly after midnight, and residents men were nominated, but all retired in adjoining buildings had a narrow will be that Dreyfus should not have in favor of Mr. Donald Gillies, of escape from sharing his horrible fate. been charged with treason under the Clarksburg, whose nomination was The flames were eating into the other made unanimous. Mr. Gillies is a newspaperman, and while not long a resiThe buildings were of frame structure,

gains interfact that that that that that the matter, as the offense under that act is now covered by the contents of limitations. dent of the county, is very popular. He close to Louise bridge. Carrie's body, burned to a crisp, was found near the door. His cash box, which he evidently had lost his life in attempting to save, was found under his head. The fire was probably due to an explosion of a lamp. Carrie was 77 years old, and owned considerable property around

### INSANE AT BREAKFAST

wounded him in the head, probably fatally. The wounded man is a wellto-do cloth importer of Laspenard street. Abraham is under arrest and has been identified by Louis as the man

who shot him. The brothers were business partners until four years ago, when Abraham's wife died and he became insane. For three years he was kept in an asylum, but about a year ago, through the ef-forts of Louis, secured his release. The latter was warned that Abraham was possessed of homicidal tendencies, but scoffed at the idea.

The mother wrested the revolver from the hand of the son as the last shot was fired. Immediately Abraham seemed to recover his senses, and, dropping on his knees by the prostrate Louis, begged his forgiveness.

## Hull Trawlers Swear Saw Jap Torpedo Boats

Intoxicated With Whisky of Russian Agents.

London, Dec. 21. — The publication afraid of the consequences, Altogether, in St. Petersburg of the statement that the Hull fishermen have voluntarily ter, but no credence in responsible the Hull fishermen have voluntarily deposed that foreign torpedo boats unfair methods have been used were among the fishermen off Dogger- Russia. One exlanation emanating bank when the latter were fired upon from Paris is that two reporters of the by ships of the second Pacific squadron, is probably a repetition of state- and secure independent information ments recently emanating from Hull ance of the dislocation of traffic. Ae-cording to a telegram from Liverpool after a day of general victory all along These are circumstantial and it would be that from the incident. the line in his melodramatic battle certainly appear to be true that some the line in his melodramatic battle men of the Gamecock fleet have made statements before the Russian consul. The name of only one of these has Henry H. Rogers, the Standard Oil been revealed. He is the boatswain of that he was induced to make the state- terviewed, and said that he was conlimelight with a dramatic warning against the most recent revelations, went back into seclusion with the partwent back into seclusion with the partwent back into seclusion with the warning against the most recent revelations, that he received money, but now says that he received money, but now says that he received money, but now says that were present at the Doggerpublished reports state positively that bank incident together with Vice-Ading assurance that he would make no these statements were secured by two miral Rojestvensky's report. He also agents of the Russian Government, but was taking for investigation by the Russian embassy in London to-

pointed out, however, that although exchanged between vessels of the sec was not responsible for the course the searchlights aboard the Kamchat

quarters is given to the allegations that Petit Parisien recently visited Hull to Interview men of the Gamecock fleet concerning the Doggerbank affair and Bordeaux, Dec. 22. - Four Russian naval officers, bearing dispatches from Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky, have ar-rived here. Lieut. Valrond, of the tor-

the bootswain of the Ava swore before the commissioner of oaths that he saw

a Japanese torpedo boat with the

trawlers. The consul says he knows

other trawlers who are ready to make

the trawler Ava, and he said today pedo depot ship Kamchatka, was ininternational commission at Paris the James R. Keene was forced out into the open by the "dare" of the restless Dec. 21 regarding the subject. It was ments, showing the messages that were Russia had offered a reward for in- ond Pacific squadron at the time of the formation the Russian Government episode, Lieut, Palrond says he worked taken by any person desiring to secure ka, and that he saw plainly two fourthe reward. The sensational press of funneled torpedo boats, their color be-England directly charges the Russian ing a dirty gray, whereas the Russian using underhand torpedo boats were black. When whereby bribery and intoxi- perceived these boats pursuing the

## NAN PATTERSON JURY DISAGREED; ACTRESS WILL LIKELY BE FREED

deliberation

Judge Sends Jurors Back Without Result-Accused Has Serious Collapse,

New York, Dec. 23. — Nan Patterson the jury is for acquittal there is a probability she will never be tried collapsed in the Tombs today so completely that the efforts of the matron, were of no avail, and Dr. Levin, the ported a disagreement and has been discharged.

Jury in Nan Patterson case has repute the ported a disagreement and has been discharged.

Cotton Brokers Break Loose—Unique fect of the imperial rebuke administration of the imperial rebuke administration of the property of the property of the property of the imperial rebuke administration of the imperial rebuke administratio physician at the prison, had to be callvinced there are at the present time ed. She was revived considerably, but Patterson became nervous. The

Sighs to the criminal court building. turned to her father and threw She was taken to the "pen" in the

#### self on his shoulders weeping bitterly. court building to wait until a verdict Up to the last she had hoped to be free had been reached or some conclusion in time to go home to Washington to spend Christmas with her mother. Louise Victim of Plot;

Dresden, Saxony, Dec. 23. - Countess of punishing the countess for her nat-Montignoso (formerly the Crown Princess Louise, and divorced wife of King believed in the Kingdom of Saxony is Frederick Augustus), by coming to that she is guiltless of actual wrong Dresden and trying to see her children doing, and is the victim of an inyesterday, has probably forfeited her trigue of the Center party, which is allowance of \$7,500, one of the condidescribed as using unscrupulous means tions of which was that she should not to prevent a strong Liberal from be set foot on German soil. This condi-tion, however, may not be enforced, as popular sympathy with the countess is overlaid with fiction that the truth so strong already that the court will probably will be unknown to the pres

### Much Tried Dreyfus.

Paris, Dec. 22. - It is unofficially reported that the Attorney-General, who Mr. John Cochrane, of Ridgetown is examining the Dreyfus case, has decided to recommend a retrial before a court-martial. This, it is added, is subinvoked in favor of a retrial espionage act. The anti-Dreyfus organs hint that this means a practical statute of limitations.

### THE WEATHER.

Tomerrow-Cold.

London, Friday, Dec. 23.
Sun rises...7:49 a.m. Moon rises...6:08 p.m.
Sun sets...4:45 p.m. Moon sets...8:14 a.m.
Toronto, Dec. 22-8 p.m.
The cold over the Northwest Territories and Manitoba has become very pronounced, and with local exceptions in Western Assiniboia and Southern Alberta, no temperatures above zero have been respectively. Merchant Shoots Brother, Then Begs

Forgiveness on Knees.

New York, Dec. 23. — Becoming suddenly insane while at the breakfasttable with his brother and their mother, Abraham Chapkowsky today fired five shots at his brother Louis and semiperatures above zero have been recorded in the west. It has been milder today in Ontario, and temperatures in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces have been stationary or slightly lower.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 30 below—16 below—16 below; Victoria, 26—42; Kamloops, 24—30; Calgary, 2—6; Quidely Appelle, 10 below—4 below; Winnipeg, 4 below—zero: Port Arthur, 6—14; Parry Sound, 8—34; Toronto, 20—36; Ottawa, 20 below—16; Montreal, 6 below—12; Quebec, 6 below—4; St. John, zero—12; Halifax, 20—16.

FORECASTS. Friday, Dec. 23-8 a.m.
Today-Mild, with occasional showers.
Saturday-Weather becoming mucleoider, with northerly winds.

Sunday-Cold. TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m.

WEATHER NOTES. The cold wave which set in yesterday over the Northwest is the most profounced of the season so far, and the temperature this morning is from 2° to 25° below in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The weather is quite mild and showery this morning in Western Ontario, while in the Ottawa Valley and Quebec it is still cold, with light snow.

LATER. When the jury came in at 12:50, Miss

verdiet and were sent back for further

District Attorney Jerome said: "In

the event of a disagreement I will make an investigation of how the jury

stands. If the overwhelming view of

many would-be assassins seeking to it was feared that she would collapse of her face seemed to be ashen, and again when she went to the courtroom. her whole attitude showed that she As soon as she was somewhat com- was undergoing keen suffering. When As soon as she was led across the Bridge of and the jury reported their disagreement and the justice discharged them, she

# Scandal Story Fiction

ered in the gallery.

# FOR MAYOR'S CHAIR

# in Contest for Toronto

Chatham, Dec. 22. - Mr. John Cochthe Liberal convention there today. He is a strong man and the unanimous choice, instead of Mr. John Howatt,

HULL FISHERMEN'S CLAIMS

Baltic Outrage.

EAST KENT NOMINEE

Chosen by the Liberals.

rane, of Ridgetown, was nominated at

Thamesville, resigned.

London, Dec. 23.-The inquiry at Hull ended with the claims for damages made by the men who suffered

lad-which was irrespective of loss sustained by his father's death-was It was a pathetic sight to see young Smith produce his father's and mother's marriage certificate in support of the family claim. Mr. Beeching, of the lad's father, said he was a first-class "who might have become admiral of the fleet and mayor of Hull." Walter Whelpton, the skipper of the Mino, demanded f150 on his own be-

berth. The amount claimed for this

half and £500 for himself and crew for salving his shot-riddled vessel, which was insured for £5.000. Skipper Green, of the Gull, wanted 50 for shock he had sustained, and £2,000 for self and crew in return for saving the survivors of the Crane. The chief engineer of the Crane, John Nixon, appeared, deathly pale, with bandages upon his head, to suggest compensation at the rate of £1,500 for

his injuries. Arthur Rae, a young man of 22 asked for £1,000, as did Albert Edward Almond, the trimmer. Men who were not actually wounded, but who suffered from shock or loss of work, or both, sug-gested, some timidly, some boldly, sums of £50 or £30, according to their

still cold, with light snow.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 3 p.m. Thursday were: Highest, 37°; lowest, 19°.

There was a general feeling of relief in the hall when this portion of the highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 3 p.m. Thursday were: Highest, 37°; lowest, 19°.

There was a general feeling of relief in the hall when this portion of the inquiry was completed, and the curtain rang down upon the part which Hull has been called upon to play in this strange drama of the pally at the anti-dynastic and opposition papers. positions.

#### British Ships Sail to Annex Tonga Islands in the Pacific.

MORE RED ON THE MAP

MOSCOW AGGRESSIVE

Students and Citizens Declare They Will Fight On for Reforms.

Moscow, Dec. 23. - Students of the University of Moscow have adopted resolutions denouncing the rector for prohibiting their meetings, declaring their determination to unceasingly strive for the liberation of the oppress-ed fatherland, and threatening that if they are punished for assembling they will organize manifestations in conjunction with the workmen.

Several groups of citizens have signed an address to the municipality, expressive of the strongest sympathy and support of its claim for constitutional own hand on the resolutions teleand promising every effort in furtherance of these reforms, which the ad-dress declares are desired by the whole of the Russian people.

### ARREST FOR DR. CHADWICK

Cassie's Husband Indicted for the \$5,000,000 Check Forgery.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 22+Dr. Leroy Chadwick and his wife, Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, were jointly indicted by the county grand jury today on the charge of having forged and uttered a \$5,000,000 note signed Andrew Carnegie. Dr. Chadwick is expected to arrive in New York from Paris Wednesday. Sheriff Barry will meet the steamer on its arrival. This is the third time that Mrs. Chadwick indicted by the county

grand jury, but it is the first instance of her husband's name appearing legally in the ease. The indictments already returned against Mrs. Chadwick are similar to the one issued to-The jury reported to the judge that day, except that they cover notes they had been unable to agree on a \$250,000 and \$500,000 signed Andrew Carnegie. It is understood that it was recently, that the jury indicted Dr. Chadwick.

## SKYLARKING ON 'CHANGE

Christmas Gifts.

New York, Dec. 22.-The Cotton Exchange was the occasion of great merriment today, the occasion being the annual Christmas tree. Gifts to over 100 members were presented, all of them suggested by some peculiar characteristic of the trader remembered. A notoriously lean member was presetned with a bottle of anti-fat, a great talker got a windmill; a man of most extravagent personal habits received a "The Simple Life"; a noted regetarian received a round of beef and a temperance advocate was pres-

All business was suspended during the hour following the noon call for the distribution of the presents, which was accompanied by skylarking to the edification of a large audience, gath-

# THREE CANDIDATES DAN CUPID BUSY

## Two Conservatives and a Liberal The Marriage of Two Prisoners Executive.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 23. - At the municipal nominations today three of two prisoners in the Tombs prison candidates for the mayor's chair were today the case of the United States nominated. Thomas Urquhart, Lib- authorities against four persons chargeral, the present mayor; George H. ed with counterfeiting becomes curi-Gooderham, Conservative, and W. J. ously tangled. The contracting parties McPherson, Conservative. It had were Frank Schlieman and Elizabeth would retire, but he announced this in the chapel of the Tombs, the prison Sums Claimed for Damages in the morning that he intended to go to the chaplain officiating. polls. 'There are eleven candidates for

### STEALING FENCE RAILS

the four controllerships. The alder-

Charge Which James Mackey Has to Answer To in June.

by Michael Jackson with the theft of mony may be disallowed. fence rails, was heard before Squire Smythe yesterday afternoon. Two farmers of good repute, and one farm hand, namely, John Meagher, James Kelly and John McLean, testi-Gamecock fleet, in speaking of the fled to having, on Dec. 3, seen Mackey making away with the rails. Between 12 and 1 o'clock, it appears, Mackey drove to a vacant lot belonging to the complainant, but which was distant from the rest of his property, and carried away on his cart a large pile of prominent features in the redistribution of the fleet is the formation of an Ameriin bonds amounting to \$400.

### Succeeds McKellar.

Toronto, Ont. Dec. 23.-W. J. Black, of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, has been appointed chief clerk of the Manitoba Department of Agriculture in succession to Mr. Mc-Kellar, who resigned as the result of

#### an investigation. Press Freedom Abolished

## NO CONSTITUTION, SAYS THE CZAR

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 22. — Two British warships have sailed for the Tonga Islands, it is reported, with the Nicholas Declines to Give Russia ar Assembly.

## BIG VICTORY FOR AUTOCRACY

Refusal May Bring On Widespread Revolutionary Movement and Bloody Suppression.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22. Nicholas formally notified the country today that the agitation for a onstitution and the convocation of national assembly is useless. Such is the construction placed upon the indorsement written in his reform, as embodied in the resolutions graphed by the Chernigov Zemstvo, adopted by the town council on Dec. 13, Dec. 20, begging his majesty in the most loval manner to convoke legally elected members of the Zemstvo to present a programme of reforms for his consideration. His majesty wrote on the dispatch: action of the president to be presumptuous and tactless. Questions of state administration are of no concern to the Zemstvos, whose functions and rights are clearly defined by the law. The indorsement is printed in the Official Messenger this morning, dashing the hopes of the extremists. It did not come as a great surprise. Emperor from the beginning, although he has shown himself favorably disposed towards a more liberal regime and in entire sympathy with some of the Zemstvo demands, had resolved not to yield the principle of autocracy. Upon this point it is understood ail his advisers, including interior Minis ter Sviatopolk-Mirsky, agreed, but the character of the agitation which fol-lowed the meeting of the president of the Zemstvos, and the action of various provincial Zemstvos and municipal councils, coupled with the recent demonstrations at St. Petersburg, Moscow and elsewhere, probably served to strengthen the hands of the reactionaries, and convinced his majesty mainly on the testimony of President of the imperative necessity of a plan-Beckwith, of the Citizens' National spoken announcement of the sover Bank, of Oberlin, Ohio, which failed eign's position on the main point. The spoken announcement of the sover reactionaries undoubtedly regard the Emperor's action as a distinct victory for them. Nevertheless, the conferences over the reform measures which will be taken are still in progress at Tsarskoe Selo, and will shortly be

#### compel its repression. AN OCEAN MYSTERY

be is problematical. It may only

serve to fan the flames and be used

increase the agitation, and in turn

by the revolutionary organizations to

Captain Saw Overturned Vessel and

Corpse Near By. Glasgow, Dec. 22.—The Norwegian ship Stamboul, Capt. Feyling, which arrived at Melhil, Scotland, Dec. 20, from Pensacola, Florida, reports that she signaled Nov. 16, in latitude 3; and longitude 57, an overturned vessel which Capt. Feyling believes to be the British schooner Ivanhoe, Capt. Hare, which sailed from Halifax, N. S., Nov. 5, for Nassau, N. P., which has been posted as overdue. Capt. Feyling examined the wreckage and saw a corpse

# IN TOOMBS PRISON

## May Defeat the Ends of Justice.

New York, Dec. 24. - By a marriage been expected that Mr. McPherson Rubea, and the marriage took place

As the ceremony was concluded Nan Patterson came out of the courtroom where a jury had just gone to reach a manic nominations take place tonight. verdict in her case, and congratulated the girl upon her marriage. The couple were then separated, each going to his

or her cell. It was pointed out that it was by Miss Rubea's admissions in the police court to the effect that they were try ing to get money to be married which caused the two prisoners to be held. The case of James Mackey, charged Under the law a wife cannot testify against her husband, and her testi-

### THE NAVAL REFORM

London Post Sees Danger From Big U. S. Fleet.

London, Dec. 23.—In an article on "Naval Reform," the Morning Post hints at the inadequate defense of Canada under the new scheme. It says one of the fence rails. Witnesses saw Mackey piling the rails on his cart. The defendant admitted having taken the rails, but asserted that he only wanted them to pile around his hay-rack, and had intended to return them as soon as he had finished with them. Mackey was sent for trial at the general sessions, in June, and was bailed in the meantime in bonds amounting to \$400. Dominion. Political and strategic considerations doubtless make it impossible to bominion. Folinear and strategy exists of the retain a fleet there equal to the American navy. Whatever force is maintained there must be regarded as an outpost. Surely this is not a station to select for the training squadron, partly manned by Britannia cadets and youths! Boys who have hitherto been formed into seamen in home waters are not counted part of the fighting strength of the fleet, although the memorandum states these lads would be replaced at the outbreak of war. The old doctrine that every ship should at all times be complete should not be relaxed in the case of a naval unit stationed in a part of the globe where, on the sudden outbreak of war, it would become an advance reconnoitering squadbecome an advance reconnoitering squad-