

THE RETVIZAN DOWN BY STERN

Sinking of Russian Battleship Confirmed.

SHELLS SET PERESVET AFIRE

Japanese Gunners Make Fine Practice With the Pt. Arthur Squadron as Targets.

Tokio, Dec. 8, 11 a.m. — Imperial headquarters have made the following announcement: "The result of the bombardment of Port Arthur by four large caliber guns on the 7th inst. was very good. Many effective hits were made against the battleships Peresviet and Pobeda. In consequence, the Peresviet caught fire and at 2:15 o'clock the Pobeda listed to starboard."

Tokio, Dec. 8, 11:30 a.m. — The commander of the Japanese naval land battery in front of Port Arthur, reporting on Dec. 7, says:

"An observation taken today (Dec. 7) from 203-Meter Hill shows that the turret ship Poltava lies sunk on reported on Dec. 6."

"The battleship Retvizan seems to have sunk, her stern being under water."

"The bombardment today (Dec. 7) has heavily damaged the battleship Pobeda, which is listing to starboard, and showing the westward portion of her hull, which is painted red."

London, Thursday, Dec. 8. — A report from Tien Tsin states that the Japanese shells fired at Port Arthur also sank the Russian battleship Peresviet. The Daily Telegraph's correspondent, however, Port Arthur, cabling Dec. 7, says that the Russians ceased their attempts to recapture 203-Meter Hill on Dec. 6.

MENTIONED FOR KNOX

Names of Two Scottish Professors in Connection With Vacancy.

Toronto, Dec. 8. — A great deal of comment and speculation have already been indulged in since Monday's sad memorial at Knox College as to who shall fill the vacant chair. A man partaking of the best qualities of the late principal — "vigorous, broad-minded and progressive," as one speaker summed them up — is essential. Scotland, the mother of prophets, has been looked to for a successor. There are two names which have been mentioned with great favor in this association.

The first of these is that of the Rev. James Denney, D.D., professor of New Testament language, literature and theology in the U. E. Church College, Glasgow, for seven years past. Dr. Denney is 45 years of age and has had a brilliant career. He is the author of several volumes in the Expositors' Bible and Greek Testament series, and of a number of other religious works, among which "The Atonement," and "The Modern Mind," stand pre-eminent. The Rev. James Stalker, D.D., is professor of church history in the U. E. College, Aberdeen. He is 55 years of age and greatly esteemed for his personal qualities, as well as for his scholarship. He is well known as an author as well as by his Yale lectures on preaching in 1891. Among his many volumes, the "Lives of Christ and St. Paul," and "The Image of Christ" are in wide circulation.

Whether either of these, or a man of similar standing and attainments, can be tempted to come to Knox remains to be seen.

C.M.B.A. GRAND OFFICERS

New Sick Benefit Law Discussed—Organizers To Be Appointed.

Kingsford, Dec. 8. — The grand officers of the C. M. B. A. met here yesterday. They discussed chiefly the revision of the constitution in accordance with amendments made at the recent convention in Toronto, and details of the new sick benefit law which it is proposed to put in operation at an early date. The grand solicitor was instructed to make the necessary application to Parliament for amendments to the charter for permission to establish a sick benefit fund. The financial report was submitted and approved. It showed the finances to be in a satisfactory condition. The reserve fund amounts to \$174,000, all of which is deposited in chartered banks of Canada. The question of appointing organizers came up for discussion, and after due consideration it was decided for the present to appoint an organizer for Ontario, one for Quebec, and one for the Maritime Provinces, the organizer in each province to be under the direction of the grand officer located in the province, and under the general direction and supervision of the grand secretary.

CZAR AND ZEMSTVOISTS

Emperor Said to Favor Many Things in the Memorial.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 7. — The zemstvoists' memorial is being considered by the council of the empire, and the council of ministers, at the direction of the Emperor. While recognizing the impossibility of entertaining the idea of a direct legislative body, nevertheless his majesty has signified his approval of several principles contained in the memorial. Revolutionary organizations are promulgating the idea of a constitution of 42 articles, generally modeled after the British and United States systems, supreme power being vested in the Emperor and a congress comprising the upper or land house and the lower or town house.

MILITARY INJUSTICE

Privates Given Long Sentences for Protecting Themselves.

Berlin, Dec. 7. — An unusually scandalous case of military justice fills public attention here. Some days ago at Dessau two private soldiers, named Guenther and Heine, were convicted of insubordination to a sergeant named Heine, and sentenced to five years' penal servitude and expulsion from the army. Heine met the soldiers in a dancing saloon. He was drunk, and insulted some girl friends of Guenther's. He was asked to apologize. Instead of doing so, he unsheathed his sword, and guillotined Guenther on all sides. Guenther and Heine were in the struggle he fell, and while on the floor he injured a girl. These are the facts. At the trial counsel engaged for the prisoners pleaded that his clients acted only in self-defense. He was sharply rebuffed by the prosecution that no such defense could be considered; that it was the duty of the two soldiers to allow themselves to be killed by Heine rather than raise a hand against him; that Heine was sentenced to three months' imprisonment only puts the crown on the charges. Heine's property, however, has been seized at this travesty of justice.

FEAR NEW MOVE BY THE RUSSIANS

London Believes Russia Will Try to Influence the Ameer Against Britain.

London, Dec. 8. — Although the British Government departments concerned in Central Asia affect to disbelieve the reports of large movements of Russian troops on the Afghan borders, those in close touch with the Ameer's kingdom are inclined to credit the news. They believe that Russia is likely to have chosen this moment to make some demonstration of strength with the object of influencing the Ameer against the British mission which is now approaching Kabul and counterbalancing any loss of prestige Russia may have suffered through the recent British expedition to Tibet.

From the latest advices it appears that there has been a steady concentration of Afghan troops at Kabul for some time past. While the garrison there at late Ameer's time was about 10,000 men, it is estimated now to be fully 50,000, with enormous numbers of Maxim and three, six and nine pounder guns. Although the Ameer is said to regard the district of Herat as the most likely point for a Russian attack, he appears to be so distrustful of the Ameer's intentions that he has sent either to Herat or elsewhere outside Kabul. The defenses of Herat are also reported to be badly out of repair, although there is a large garrison there.

The Ameer is reported to have organized an elaborate system of intelligence. He is in constant receipt of information from Afghan and Russian spies regarding the movements of the Russians in the north. There is considerable unrest at present among the Afghan tribes owing to cholera, shortage of supplies, and heavy taxation. The Ameer, consequently, has summoned the two leading representatives of each important tribe to come to Kabul and remain there during the stay of the British mission. This in reality means that they will be held as hostages for the good behavior of their tribes during that period.

The British mission to Kabul is headed by Louis Dane, foreign secretary of the Indian Government under Viceroy Curzon.

\$30,000 FIRE AT NORTH BAY

Early Morning Blaze Destroys Ferguson's Business Block.

North Bay, Ont., Dec. 8. — Fire broke out at 1 o'clock this morning in the basement of the large business block owned by the following: First floor—Torrance & Parks, grocers; second floor—Lindsay, coal and wood of the block owned by John Ferguson, and floor; R. J. McLeod, barber; M. L. Foley, real estate office; J. Ferguson, real estate office; George L. Pennell, plumber; second floor—J. M. McNamara, law office; Wm. Martin, insurance; McCaughey & McCarey, law office, and Judge Leake's private rooms.

The building was burned to the ground, nothing being saved by any of the tenants. The total loss is estimated at about \$30,000. The building was covered by insurance. None of the tenants were particularly insured. Torrance & Parks will be the heaviest losers. The fire gained great headway before being discovered, and was shortly beyond control. By hard work the firemen succeeded in saving the adjoining buildings, the Queen's and Pacific Hotels and C. P. R. freight sheds.

BLAMES PERE MARQUETTE

Coroner's Jury in Pelton Accident Charge Negligence.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 8. — The coroner's jury in the case of the late John Matthews, fireman of the M. C. R. train wrecked at Pelton, Nov. 30, returned a verdict of negligence in the part of the Pere Marquette and tower operator, George Long. Crown Attorney Rodd will decide what steps to be taken against them. M. C. R. Engineer Dettlor, who was badly injured in the Pelton wreck, is now expected to recover.

CASSIE CHADWICK

ARRAIGNED BY U. S.

Arrested and Taken Before Federal Commissioner.

MYSTERY TO BE CLEARED AWAY

The "Andrew Carnegie" Signature To Be Investigated by the U. S. Authorities.

New York, Dec. 8. — With the arraignment of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick before a United States commissioner today on a technical charge of aiding and abetting a bank official in misapplying the funds of a national bank, the second stage in this remarkable case was begun. It seems almost certain that these proceedings will ultimately result in clearing away the mystery in which the case has been shrouded.

Mrs. Chadwick, who had been permitted to remain at the Hotel Breslin during the night, arose early today, and told the United States marshal she was ready to accompany him. She said that she felt better than last night, when the shock of her arrest had almost prostrated her, and she saw no reason to delay the detectives further. A carriage was called, and the party started shortly before 9 o'clock for the Federal building, where the arraignment was to take place.

Today practically all interest in the case was centered in conjecture as to what the future will reveal. Men who profess to have an intimate knowledge of the affairs of the woman, have hinted that only a suggestion of the real case has yet become public. One man is credited with the statement that she will show this to be the most stupendous and far-reaching case of its kind in many years. Already the disclosures have followed one after another in quick succession since Mrs. Chadwick's affairs were brought before the public view.

The attorney, was another matter. Chadwick's known indebtedness has grown from less than \$200,000 to more than a million, and her connections with the world of finance have been revealed. In the same period at least twenty millions for all he knows. The validity of some of the claims, however, has been questioned. The fact that banks have taken official cognizance of the case, and the federal officers have taken upon themselves to investigate the validity of notes aggregating more than a million dollars, which bear the name of Andrew Carnegie, has not been given any notes, that he never signed any notes, that he never had any dealings with Mrs. Chadwick, and that he was not called upon him. The strangest feature of the mystery has been the use of the name of Mr. Carnegie in the name of the bank. Mr. Carnegie, who has an income of more than \$100,000 a year from his steel bonds alone, has been bringing notes into the case. The hearing was postponed until Dec. 17. Ball was not forthcoming, and it was announced that she would remain in the custody of the marshal's office during the remainder of the day, pending the efforts of her counsel to find bondsman.

HELD COURT IN WOODS

Automobilists Paid Fines Under Belief He Was a Justice.

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 8. — Several Paterson automobilists who stopped near the county lines of Essex and Passaic at Belleville yesterday by three constables, who saw the machines being driven at an excessive speed. The owners of the autos were indignant at being stopped, but, regardless of their protestations, they were halted here by a man who said he was a justice of the peace, and whose court was held in the woods not far from the point where the autos were held up. The court was held under a large tree, and the constables had been compelled to stop them for speeding. He would have to fine each person \$10. As everything looked legal and as the justice assured the prisoners he had the right to hold court in the woods, all the men paid their fines rather than be detained until they could get a hearing before a magistrate in Belleville or Newark.

FOILED BY ENGINEER

Opened the Throttle When Robbers Attempt to Stop Train.

Salida, Colo., Dec. 9. — The purpose of the foul attempt to wreck passenger train No. 1, at Gordon, 50 miles west of Salida, last night, was reversed at 7:30 o'clock this evening when two masked men stepped in front of the train at Gordon siding and commanded the engineer to stop. When they saw the train, they fired two shots at the engineer and fireman, one shot passing through the fireman's cap. Engineer Cooper is one of the shrewdest men in the service. Knowing of the attempt to wreck the train at Gordon Thursday night, he was exceedingly watchful, and as this train slowed down around the curve at Gordon at 7:30 o'clock he saw the men step in front. One held a small lantern in his hand and began swinging it across the track. Instead of stopping the train the engineer pulled the throttle wide open. The robbers jumped to one side of the track and began firing. The train carried considerable money.

DR. McKAY THE MAN

Unanimously Chosen Candidate by North Renfrew Liberals.

Pembroke, Ont., Dec. 7. — Dr. McKay, of Pembroke, was the unanimous choice of a large convention of North Renfrew Liberals, held here today, as their candidate for the Legislature.

ANTI-TREATING LEAGUE

Montrealers Start a Campaign Against the Custom.

Montreal, Dec. 8. — A campaign is being waged here against the treating habit, and efforts are being made by temperance workers along that line. At a meeting of prominent clergymen and laymen a resolution favoring the prohibition of a league towards that end was passed, and the following pledge was drafted: "I hereby pledge my solemn word of honor for a period of months (or for life) not to accept or offer to others any intoxicating liquor at any public bar, and to do all that lies in my power to break down the present mischievous system of treating in such places."

BURGLARS GET BIG HAUL AT FINGAL

The Postoffice Entered and Robbed of \$300 Early Today.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 8. — The post-office at Fingal, a small place seven miles west of this city, was broken into and robbed last night or early this morning. The robbers drilled holes into the safe and succeeded in getting at the contents. As yet there is no clue to the burglars.

AUSTRIA BROUGHT PORTE TO TIME

Turkey Threatened With an Ultimatum and a Naval Demonstration.

Constantinople, Dec. 8. — The Porte has yielded to the Austrian demands regarding detention of Austrian mails, and the incident may be regarded as closed. Threatened complications have, therefore, been averted. The Austrian ultimatum demanded the dismissal of the director of customs, the secretary-general of the Vilayet, and the chief of police of Scutari within three days. Failing which Austria would make a naval demonstration at Salonica, and would demand a settlement of all other pending questions, including official recognition of the schools under Austrian protection. The energetic attitude of Austria in ordering a squadron of warships to be made ready induced the desired action on the part of the Porte.

VALUE OF FARM LANDS

Statistics as to Agricultural Land, Buildings and Live Stock.

Toronto, Dec. 8. — The statistical report of the Department of Agriculture will show that the total value of the farms of the Province was in 1903, \$1,087,000,000, as compared with \$1,044,844,232 in 1902. The figures are made up as follows: Land values in 1903, \$621,000,000; in 1902, \$604,860,953; buildings, in 1903, \$24,000,000; in 1902, \$23,280,658; implements, in 1903, were \$24,000,000; in 1902, \$23,280,658; live stock, in 1903, \$154,000,000; in 1902, \$140,644,514.

NINETEEN DROWNED

Tripoli, Dec. 7. — A boat from the Turkish steamer Mansura, manned by 40 seamen, has been wrecked on the coast. Nineteen of the crew were drowned.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Very Cold

London, Thursday, Dec. 8.
Sun rises, 7:30 a.m. Moon sets, 5:41 a.m.
Sun sets, 4:41 p.m. Moon rises, 5:31 p.m.

Toronto, Dec. 7. — Unseasonably mild weather prevails in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba, and temperatures are also comparatively higher over the greater portion of Ontario and the Maritime Provinces. In Quebec it is moderately cold, with light snowfalls.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 40-48; Kamloops, 34-50; Calgary, 24-32; Quebec, 10-18; Winnipeg, 20-28; Port Arthur, 10-18; Parry Sound, 15-30; Toronto, 25-34; Ottawa, 14-22; Montreal, 19-29; Quebec, 4-18; St. John, 19-28; Halifax, 12-40.

FORECASTS.

Wednesday, Dec. 8. — A mild wind, mostly fair, and becoming much colder, with light local snowfalls; temperatures before zero tonight in Northern Ontario and in Quebec.

Friday—Northerly winds, and very cold, partly fair, and becoming much colder. Saturday—A cold, dry day, with light snowfalls; temperatures before zero tonight in Northern Ontario and in Quebec.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Wednesday were: Highest, 27°; lowest, 26.5°.

OTTAWA CHEERS

ONTARIO'S PREMIER

Hon. Mr. Ross Object of a Tremendous Ovation.

DELIVERS INSPIRING ADDRESS

Predicts Great Future for the Province—Intimates That Elections Will Soon Be Brought Off.

Ottawa, Dec. 7. — The Premier of Ontario paid a flying visit to Ottawa tonight and set the heather on fire. He dropped in on the Liberal convention while it was engaged in choosing candidates for the Provincial elections, and his presence aroused the most unbounded enthusiasm. The delegates, one and all, animated by a common impulse, sprang to their feet and cheered wildly. Again and again the acclamations were renewed, until those cheering were forced to cease from pure exhaustion. The Premier's visit existed as Mr. Ross' popularity in Ottawa it was scattered to the winds by his magnificent speech. In a brief 15-minute address he declared that our vacant lands must be settled and our resources developed. Municipal institutions should be every other respect in the direction of greater powers of self-government wherever possible. He appealed for a larger outlook in the national life. The Premier, Mr. James White, introduced Mr. Ross to the convention as the "grand old man of Ontario," and announced that he would deliver a short address before leaving for Toronto. Mr. Ross, coming forward, the audience sprang to their feet and cheered enthusiastically, the cheering being renewed again and again.

BETTER FARM BUILDINGS NEEDED

Dr. Robertson Announces Prize for Plans at the Guelph Fair.

Guelph, Dec. 7. — The only function today of an essentially public character in connection with the Winter Fair was the meeting held in the city hall tonight. The large gathering showed the immense interest the general public takes in the Winter Fair, for in addition to the visiting stockmen and agriculturists were a large number of citizens who have had little time to take an interest in the proceedings during the day. Hon. John Dryden acted as chairman, and his suitable replies to addresses of welcome presented by his worship the mayor, J. W. Hamilton and G. E. Ryan, president of the board of agriculture, gave an address showing the improvement in agricultural methods adopted within the past seven years and the great increase in Canadian exports. He said farmers to-day are outliving the superstitions of the past, and are turning to the study of books. He was glad to see that the farmers of Ontario had come to Guelph to see and investigate for what was the first step in education. What was needed in Canada was better farm buildings, and to this end his department was offering \$500 in prize money for the best plans of buildings for a beef farm.

GOV'T VICTORIOUS IN P. E. ISLAND

Liberals Returned to Power by a Substantial Majority—Exciting Contest.

Halifax, Dec. 7. — A tidal wave of Liberalism, checked by a reverse at the Dominion election in Prince Edward Island, came back again, and today swept the conservatives off their feet in defeat and demoralization. So far as known, 21 Liberals and 9 Conservatives were elected, and the Liberal vote may increase the majority. Prince county has gone solidly Liberal, returning ten members, and the Conservatives have lost their seat in the county. Queen's county returns eight Liberals and two Conservatives, and King's three Liberals and seven Conservatives. Charlottetown city was practically a landslide for the Government. Messrs. Warburton and Hughes taking the two seats. Premier Peters narrowly escaped defeat, having only six votes to spare, and the special vote may make his seat still more precarious. Hon. Mr. Cumiskey, commissioner of public works, is seven votes behind, but special vote may put him in. The election was one of the most exciting ever held in the province, and both parties worked hard, fine weather and good roads bringing out large votes.

MINING DISASTER

Eleven Workmen Killed by Explosion in a Coal Mine.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 8. — A dispatch to the leader from Burnett, Wash., says: Eleven miners have been killed by an explosion in the Burnett coal mine, and it is believed that the death list may reach fifteen. Searching parties were immediately organized, and about eight hours later bodies have been recovered.

Minto for South Africa.

London, Dec. 8. — It is reported in generally well-informed circles that the Earl of Minto, who recently returned home after six years' service as governor-general of Canada, will early in the new year be appointed high commissioner for South Africa, to replace Lord Milner, who has again intimated his desire to be relieved of his office.

In Two Leagues.

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 8. — The executive of the Brockville hockey club met last night and decided to remain in the league, as well as in the Federal League. A team will be organized for each league, and in the Brockville teams will amalgamate. Brockville will ask the O. H. A. to place it in the group with Kingston, Smiths Falls and Prescott.

A PETROLEA SUICIDE

Alma Miller a Domestic Takes Carbolic Acid With Fatal Results.

Petrolia, Ont., Dec. 8. — Alma Miller, a domestic in the employ of Mr. D. McMillan, committed suicide yesterday by taking carbolic acid. She left a note for her mother, saying, "Good-bye and God bless you."

SLAUGHTER WEPT

Upon Hearing of Commutation of the Death Sentence.

Sandwich, Ont., Dec. 8. — Official notice that Edward Slaughter, sentenced to be hanged here on Dec. 22 for the killing of John Rudden during a drunken brawl, had been reprieved and his sentence commuted to life imprisonment was received by Sheriff Her yesterday. The prisoner wept upon the receipt of the news, and thanked the sheriff for his kindness during his imprisonment at the county jail. Slaughter was taken to Kingston this morning.

WEST LAMBTON

LIBS. NOMINATE

Mr. Pardee Was Unanimously Chosen by Convention.

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 7. — Delegates from the Liberal associations of the electoral division of West Lambton, met in convention here this afternoon in the Boys' Brigade Hall, for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest the coming in the Liberal interests at the divisional provincial general election.

Dr. Fisher, of Brimley, president of the W. L. R. A., occupied the chair, and called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. The first business was the appointing of a committee of four on credentials, which committee would also act as scrutineers on the ballot.

John Cowan moved, seconded by Peter Grant, that the committee be composed of the following gentlemen, viz: Dr. W. A. Henderson (Sarnia), I. Greenizen (Petrolia), and John McFarlane (Sarnia township). The motion was put and carried unanimously.

During the time the delegates were depositing their credentials, Dr. Fisher, chairman, invited the following gentlemen to occupy seats on the platform: Hon. George P. Graham, Provincial Secretary; Dr. Johnston, M. P.; P. F. Pardee, Charles Jenkins (Petrolia), Mayst Phomah, Wm. Nisbet (Dawn), J. H. Burnham (Sarnia), John McFarlane (Sarnia township), M. D. Cameron (Danisillen), Jas. Smith (Petrolia), and others. The gentlemen ascended the platform in the order named they were greeted with hearty rounds of applause.

The Petroia delegation came to town on a special train over the Grand Trunk Railway. The delegation from Petroia were over the highway, and the meeting was a most enthusiastic and business-like one, and the determination to elect the Reform candidate, whoever might be the choice of the convention, was depicted on the face of every delegate.

After the delegates, who numbered over two hundred, had presented their credentials, the meeting was called to order, J. H. Burnham, of Sarnia, then moved the resolution to the effect that this convention signify its appreciation of the Hon. George W. Ross and confidence in the Reform Government. The motion was carried unanimously and rousing cheers.

Chairman Dr. Fisher then called for nominations, and Wm. Nisbet, of Dawn township, seconded that P. F. Pardee be the Liberal candidate, whoever might be the choice of the convention, and carried unanimously.

Dr. Fisher, on behalf of the convention, congratulated Mr. Pardee, and assured him that every Liberal in the riding would do his utmost to secure his election. He was a supporter of George W. Ross and the Reform Government.

Mr. Pardee, when called upon, was greeted with a shout of cheer, and it was some time before the enthusiasm of the audience permitted him to speak. He thanked the convention for its confidence in him, and said: "I have always tried to advance the interests of Liberalism, and have always been in sympathy with the leaders of the great Reform party. The platform as laid down by that party at the recent Reform convention is the platform I am prepared to accept, and to uphold our leader, Hon. George W. Ross, who has selected you to be your choice of a candidate to carry the Reform standard."

Dr. Johnston, M. P., said that this meeting showed conclusively that the Reformers of West Lambton were bound to use concerted action to support Hon. George W. Ross (Cheers). In Mr. Pardee West Lambton has a candidate of whom all should feel proud. He is a Reform man, and has been a member of the Reform party for many years, being the son of an illustrious sire, the late Hon. T. B. Pardee. (Cheers.) Victory is assured if every Liberal will do his duty when polling day comes. (Cheers.)

John Cowan, Reform candidate for elections, gave a short and eloquent address, and Mr. Pardee, Hon. George W. Ross and the Reform Government.

Hon. George P. Graham, Ontario's new Provincial Secretary, was then called upon, and addressed the meeting at length. Mr. Graham was greeted with hearty cheers, and made an excellent impression on his first visit to the riding. He discussed in all its details the platform as laid down for the Reform Government by the Liberals of Ontario, who recently met in convention at Toronto. He pointed out that Hon. George W. Ross was the only premier that had ever done anything in the interests of temperance, and claimed that it was the duty of every temperance man who had the interests of his country and temperance at heart to vote for the Reform Government by supporting Mr. Pardee. At the conclusion of a stirring address of over an hour's duration, the meeting broke up with cheers for the King, Hon. Geo. W. Ross and Mr. P. F. Pardee.

Out of the Ice

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 8. — A telephone message from Chatham says the schooner Spangenberg, expected to break the ice below the mouth of the Thames River in Lake St. Clair by a tug yesterday, and with the steamer Juno had succeeded in getting in the river. While the ice near the end of Lake St. Clair is over five inches deep, that in Thames River is about 12 inches. It is expected that the Spangenberg with Juno and tug will reach Chatham today.

The Premier's Movements.

Ottawa, Dec. 8. — Sir Wilfrid Laurier is expected home Dec. 20. News has been received here that the Prime Minister and party will leave Monterey, Cal., where they have been since Dec. 12. It is understood they will go by Los Angeles, spending there the time between Dec. 12 and 15. Sir Wilfrid has gained much in health, and will enter upon the coming season with renewed zest.