

# COSSACKS MAKE DASH AT RAILROAD LINE TO PREVENT NOGI'S MEN REACHING OYAMA

### Cut the Rails and Attack New Chwang, But Are Driven Off.

Russian Raid on Flank Starts Desperate Fighting Around Liao Yang.

Tokio, Jan. 13.—The bodies of Russian cavalry raiders actively operating southwest of Liao Yang are evidently desirous of harassing Japanese railroad communication and interrupting the transportation of Gen. Nog's army to reinforce Field Marshal Oyama at Liao Yang.

The Japanese army headquarters, reporting Thursday, says:

"On Wednesday at 10 in the morning a Japanese cavalry detachment encountered four companies of Russian cavalry west of Tangnasas, southwest of Liao Yang, and fiercely engaged them. At 2:30 in the afternoon the Russians were repulsed with heavy losses. Subsequently they were reinforced by several companies of cavalry, and eight guns. The Japanese drove the Russians to Luerhunge and engaged and pursued them. On Wednesday night a small body of Russian cavalry reached the railroad line and tore up the tracks between Anshantien and Haicheng, and Tachekiao and Yinkow. They were immediately repulsed and the line was reopened to traffic.

"On Wednesday afternoon 2,000 Russian cavalry, with guns, attacked New Chwang. The Japanese were forced to retire temporarily, but were reinforced, attacked the Russians, and are still pursuing them.

"The Russians also attacked Nuchiatan, but were repulsed."

### Russian Cavalry Raid.

Tokio, Jan. 13, 2 p.m.—Russian cavalry raiders have slightly damaged the railway between Anshantien, Hai Chang and Tachekiao.

The above dispatch evidently refers to a previous cablegram to the Associated Press from Gen. Oka's headquarters in the field, which announced a raid made on the railroad near Hai Chang by Russian cavalry, who were repulsed by Japanese guards, and driven back.

### A Brush in Korea.

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

### Suez, Egypt, Jan. 13.—The division of the Russian second Pacific squadron, commanded by Rear Admiral Botrovsky sailed southward this morning, presumably for Jibuti, French Somaliland.

### British Collier Captured.

Tokio, Jan. 13.—The Japanese armed cruiser Tokiwa captured in the Sea of Japan on Jan. 11 the British steamer Roselley, loaded with coal, consigned to Vladivostok.

### Alexioff Feels Witte.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—The reported conference of the title of Admiral d'Honnore, of the Russian fleet, upon Admiral Alexioff and his journey abroad are regarded here as meaning that he has abandoned the idea of a struggle with M. de Witte, in the Council of Ministers. The probability that the Czar will revive the title of chief of supreme committee of ministers, last held by Alexander II's minister, Loris Melikoff, is being discussed. It is a position resembling that of the imperial chancellor of Germany, and it includes in its duties the general direction of foreign affairs.

### What Did Doubassoff Mean?

Paris, Jan. 12.—Admiral Doubassoff was today requested to indicate whether his recent interview in the Echo de Paris, which attracted so much attention, owing to the fact that the admiral was looked upon as having indicated that peace between Russia and Japan was probable in the near future, was correct. He refused to furnish the slightest indication concerning the correctness of the interview and said: "I do not wish to provoke a press controversy. Consequently, I neither deny nor affirm the words attributed to me. All I can say is that, in order to meet the Echo de Paris interview, a newspaper should have serious reasons."

### Russia Quiescent.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—The Government seemingly is about to make the irrevocable decision that prestige abroad and the domestic necessity the continuation of the war till peace with dignity is possible.

Beyond this point, however, confusion exists. Emperor Nicholas is still apparently vacillating as to whether he shall allow M. Witte full sway, in the meantime, desiring to pay Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky to retire, although the latter persists in the view that the confidence of the people in the manner in which the reform manifesto is to be worked out is vital, and that this is impossible if the work is to be left completely in the hands of the bureaucrats. Direct consultation with the representative classes interested he considers essential.

It has now been definitely established that the third section of the manifesto as it was originally drafted by Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky, provided for representation of the zemstvos in the coun-

cil of the empire, and that it was stricken out against his earnest protest. The lack of cohesion and alignment of the forces opposed to the existing state of things and mutual distrust of each other's programme seem to make anything approaching actual consideration, Socialists, revolutionists and other extreme elements, as well as the subject races on the borders of Russia, all have different objectives, with which the conservative Liberals, whom the Government really hopes to appease, have little in common, and above all, Russia's unnumbered millions of peasants have given almost no evidence of having been stirred by the prevailing political agitation. Demonstrations and even disorders on a large scale in the centers of population are regarded by the authorities as possible, accompanied by a recurrence of terrorism by those who believe the bomb is the only thing with which he can fight absolutism. This last is really considered the likeliest and most deplorable possibility in the near future. For the moment, however, all is quiet.

# Russia Tells the Powers Intends to Punish China

Paris, Jan. 13.—The Associated Press learns authoritatively that Russia's note addressed to the powers relative to China's breaking neutrality, gives what Russia claims to be absolute proof of Chinese breaches. The three main complaints are:

First—That the Island of Miaotao, in the Straits of Pechili, opposite Port Arthur, have been constantly used by the Japanese, without Chinese interference, as a strategic base and as a harbor for Japanese torpedo boats.

Second—That the Chinese army on the border has accepted the command of Japanese officers.

Third—That Chinese firms have been constantly working in behalf of the Japanese, supplying them with provisions, military accoutrements and general war stores.

The note, lengthily sets forth the details, and complains that China has not given satisfactory explanation of the breaches of neutrality, and that, therefore, Russia advises the powers that she intends to use complete liberty of action in regard to future abuse of neutrality.

# MIRSKY IS OUT; WITTE STEPS IN

### Unconfirmed Rumor That Czar Has Accepted the Former's Resignation.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 13.—There is an unconfirmed rumor that Emperor Nicholas accepted Minister Sviatopolk-Mirsky's resignation yesterday and at 11 o'clock last night appointed M. Witte, president of the committee of ministers, to succeed him.

According to another version of the report Prince Obolensky, Governor-General of Finland, will succeed Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky.

# UNTIL PARLIAMENT RISES

### U. S. Authorities Will Do Nothing as to Joint High Commission.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Senator Fairbanks and Secretary of State Hay had a long conference today concerning Canadian reciprocity and other subjects which were to have come before the joint high commission. After the conference Senator Fairbanks made the following statement: "The subject of reassembling the joint high commission will be considered after the prorogation of the Canadian Parliament. The matter will rest in abeyance until a street railway case."

# A STREET RAILWAY CASE

### City of Hamilton Wins in Several Important Points.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 13.—The action brought by the city against the street railway company to compel the company to restore the old street car service, being given, was disposed of by Justice Anglin at the winter assize court yesterday. Only the questions of law involved were heard, it being agreed that the questions of fact should be reserved to be tried after it is definitely decided that the powers and rights of the city and the company are under existing laws and bylaws. The city won out on some of the important points as to whether the city had the right to regulate the service and whether or not the court had the power to order the specific performance of the agreement between the city and company. The result was practically what the city expected, Justice Anglin having similarly decided in the case of the city of Toronto vs. the Real Estate Board of the city of Toronto, tried some time ago. The case will be carried to the court of appeal.

# SESSION LIKELY TO BE SHORT

### Commons Will Probably Rise in April and Give Tariff Commission a Chance.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—The commission to investigate the tariff will be appointed at an early date. The Government is anxious that the commission should commence operations as soon as possible, and hence it is expected that the present session will be extremely short, closing, in fact, early in April. It is thought that the opposition will further this view in order to permit the early commencement of the work of the commission. Of course, if the session is protracted the work of the commission will be delayed, and early action in regard to tariff changes will be impossible.

### Accidentally Killed.

Parry Sound, Ont., Jan. 12.—Leslie Black, 35 years of age, son of Rev. Richard Black, Methodist missionary at Parry Sound, was accidentally shot and killed yesterday. The boy was at a neighbor's and while alone in the house with another child, got playing with a loaded gun that had been placed near the door. The gun discharged, killing the boy.

# SEVERED WINDPIPE

### Milverson Woman Takes Desperate Attempt to Take Her Life.

Milverson, Ont., Jan. 13.—Mrs. Weitzel, about 60 years old, who married the second time a few weeks ago, cut her throat with a razor last night, severing the wind pipe. The local doctors consider her in a dangerous condition, but think she may recover.

# NEW ROAD TO THE YUKON

### Americans to Build a Line Through Copper River Valley.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 13.—Seattle business men and capitalists are to undertake the construction of a railroad from Valdez through the Copper River Valley to a point on the American Yukon.

Within a few days articles of incorporation, with Hugh Thomas Burke, Jacob Parth, W. D. Helms, and other business men of this city, as incorporators, will be filed at Olympia. The company will have a capitalization of \$5,000,000.

# FOR KILLING CHINAMEN

### Russian Sailors at Shanghai To Be Court-Martialed.

London, Friday, Jan. 13.—A dispatch to the Times from Shanghai says that for killing sailors whose punishment for killing a Chinaman, the authorities have long tried to procure will be tried by court-martial at the Russian consulate Friday. The Viceroy, who is entirely unable to appreciate the position and duties of China as a neutral, requested the senior consul to obtain the trial of men before a mixed court, in the presence of a Chinese assessor. The Russian consul declined, as such a course is not accorded by treaty. The consul also intimated that China would possibly refuse to grant protection to Russian warships.

Shanghai, Jan. 13.—The naval court-martial at Shanghai today sentenced the Russian cruiser Askold, charged with the murder of a Chinaman on Dec. 15, as the result of a mutiny, to be flogged, and sentenced the crew to imprisonment and the loss of all civil rights.

# BORDEN REMAINS LEADER; WILL CALL CONVENTION

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 13.—The adjourned caucus of the Conservative members and senators met at 10 o'clock today, and sat until 12:30. Senator Boucherville was chairman. Mr. R. L. Borden was present, and was persuaded to remain leader of the party, providing that he secured a seat. Mr. Edward Kidd, Carleton County, said that he offered, when he heard that Mr. Borden was defeated, to resign in his favor. He was of that opinion still, and would lay the matter before a mass meeting of his constituents at once, and get their permission to resign his seat.

In his speech, Mr. Borden referred to the suggestion made to him that there should be a convention of the party within a year. With this he agreed. The suggestion was made to him in Montreal on his way to Ottawa. He referred to the importance of carrying out the work of organization. Speeches were made by Mr. Foster and others.

# COUNT GOES TO JAIL

### Notorious German Jew Baiter Punished by the Berlin Courts.

Berlin, Jan. 13.—Count Pueckler, Germany's most noted Jew-baiter, was sentenced yesterday in one of the courts of Berlin to six months in jail for public incitement to disobedience of the laws, and violence of one class against another. Count Pueckler is charged with having had a special mission from God to lead an anti-Jewish propaganda. This conviction, he said, came in answer to constant prayer. He said he often had been distressed by strong winds and gales, together with the work by God's will. He protested against the imputation of mental abnormality, and asserted that he had occupied the prisoners' box eighteen times, and asserted seriously that he meant what he said when he urged his auditors to beat Jews with sticks.

When the court heard the sentence of the court he created an exciting scene, and he jumped up and shouted passionately to the judge: "You will have to bear the consequence of this sentence. I will yet meet with weapons in hand."

The judge imposed an additional three days' imprisonment for disrespect of the court and commanded the sheriff to lead the prisoner away.

# THE WEATHER.

### Tomorrow—Fair and Colder.

Sun rises, 7:49 a.m. Moon sets, 11:31 a.m. Sun sets, 5:03 p.m. Moon rises, 12:23 a.m.

The disturbances which centered over Lake Michigan last night has now reached the Bay of Fundy, accompanied by strong winds and gales, together with heavy snow in Quebec and the winter keeps very cold in the Northwest Territories, and the outlook is cold in all districts.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 30-34; Calgary, zero-4; Qu'Appelle, 6 below-4; Winnipeg, 28 below-zero; Port Arthur, 4-10; Parry Sound, 0-18; Toronto, 14-28; Ottawa, 4-36; Montreal, 6-18; Quebec, 8 below-14; St. John, 6-24; Halifax, 8-26.

# FIVE OF CREW DIE IN GULF

### Norwegian Sailors Perish by a Collision of Schooner in Bay of Islands.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 13.—A dispatch received here from Glace Bay, N. S., states that the Gloucester schooner Louisa, which was sunk in a collision in Bay of Islands, Nfld. last Sunday, lost 11 of her crew. Previous dispatches indicated that all the crew escaped. The men lost are said to have been Norwegians.

# Will Replace Sergius.

Moscow, Jan. 13.—It is stated that Gen. Volkoff will be appointed prefect of this city (Moscow), thereby passing to a civil governorship similar to that of St. Petersburg. Grand Duke Sergius will remain as governor of the general military district.

Got Him Third Time.

Caledonia, Ont., Jan. 12.—Last night, while on his way home from his store, where he had been working late, Mr. J. Carr, a leading merchant of this town, was sandwiched and robbed of a gold watch and a sum of money. This was the third attempt of the kind in the course of a week, the other two being unsuccessful.

# THE COLORED VOTE

### Commission Says It Is Becoming a Menace to South Africa.

Johannesburg, Jan. 13.—A forecast of the native affairs commission, published today by the Transvaal Leader. It shows that the commission is fully agreed that a limitation must be placed on the colored vote, which, it will show by startling evidence, is becoming a serious menace. The report will recommend several methods by which the desired end can be reached, but will insist that the present chaotic condition cannot be allowed to continue.

# A DOCK FOR COUFRIGHT

### Pere Marquette May Construct One a Thousand Feet Long.

Coufright, Ont., Jan. 13.—An engineer of the Pere Marquette Railway has been looking over the ground here in connection with the road, and it is understood that the railway management contemplates building a 1,000-foot dock here. Coufright is 20 miles below Sarnia, on the St. Clair River, and a junction of the Pere Marquette and the St. Clair division of the Michigan Central Railway.

# German Miners Strike.

### Berlin, Jan. 13.—A strike of the coal miners in the Rhenish and Westphalian districts is extended. Sixty-two pits are now involved, representing 40,000 strikers.

# North Sea Commission.

Paris, Jan. 13.—The commission of inquiry into the North Sea incident adjourned till Tuesday. It will then receive the agents' reports, which will be given out at the first public meeting of the commission on Jan. 19.

# Fatally Burned.

Montreal, Jan. 13.—As a result of a fire which started in a millinery store early this morning, the proprietor, Mrs. Lafontaine, was so badly burned that she likely will not live more than a few hours, and her son and daughter are in a critical condition.

# Frazer at West Point.

West Point, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Major-General Sir Thomas Fraser, of the British army, visited West Point today. The cavalry detachment acted as escort, and a salute of thirteen guns was fired in his honor.

# 2,000 SKULLS IN SHRINE

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# Address Debate

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### With a Mad Missionary

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# Lawson Elected.

London, Jan. 13.—Hon. Henry W. Lawson, son of the owner of the Daily Telegraph, and at one time a Liberal member, now Conservative, defeated E. S. Stansfeld, Liberal, by 78 votes in the Mile End bye-election. In 1900 the Conservative majority was 1,100.

The former member was Spencer Charrington, who defeated his opponent, Charles Goddard Clarke, by 2,440 to 1,280.

# TANKARD CONTEST.

The primaries in group No. 3, of the Western Ontario tankard series, will be played at the Simcoe street rink on Tuesday next, commencing at 1 o'clock.

# THESE CHILDREN

### LITTLE BRICKS

### Marched From the School Through Dense Smoke.

### AND NEVER A SIGN OF PANIC

### Seven Hundred Scholars in a Toronto School Got Safely Out—The Building Destroyed.

Toronto, Jan. 13.—At 10:45 this morning fire broke out in the fourteen-room public school on Phoebe street, and raged furiously for an hour. The second and third floors were gutted. The blaze occurred about two minutes before recess, consequently the children were all ready to leave the building when the alarm was sounded, and all their clothes were saved. The loss is estimated at \$30,000; fully insured. A defective flue was the cause of the fire.

There were nearly 700 children in the school. Those in the upper floors marched out of the building, through a dense smoke, with remarkable precision and presence of mind. The kindergarten was on the ground floor, consequently the little tots were the first out of the burning building. After the children had got out from the building safely seven of the elder boys went back into it and brought out the school records. There was not the remotest sign of a panic at any time.

# THE STRANDED INDUS

### Large Quantity of Cargo Lost in Effort to Lighten Ship.

New York, Jan. 13.—The tramp steamer Indus, which struck on Fire Island bar during the fog Wednesday night was still hard and fast aground today, and at low tide this forenoon she had a bad list to starboard. All night long the wreckers, assisted by the steamer's crew, were working at the cargo in an effort to lighten her sufficiently to allow her to float at the next high tide, and today practically everything movable was being taken off. Hundreds of bags of sugar and even the wooden hatch covers were thrown over into the sea. In addition to two big wrecking tugs and a barge, the revenue cutter Mohawk was standing alongside, and during the forenoon the life saving crews from Fire Island and Point of Woods were called to the steamer by signals. One of the signals set for the life savers read: "You are to deliver. The exact meaning of this had not been determined when the life savers started out for the stranded steamer. The wind is north-west, and a moderate sea is running. The tide is high about noon."

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# Denmark's New Cabinet.

Copenhagen, Jan. 13.—The new cabinet is composed as follows: M. J. C. Christensen, Premier and Minister of War and Marine; Count Raben Levetzau, Minister of Foreign Affairs; M. Alberti, Minister of Justice; M. Ole Hanssen, Minister of Agriculture; M. Envald Scerensen, Minister of Instruction; M. Svend Hoegsbro, Minister of Public Works; M. Signe Berg, Minister of the Interior; M. Wilhelm Lassen, Minister of Finance. Alberti, Hansen and Scerensen, like Christensen, belonged to the late Deunzer ministry. Christensen is the first civilian to administer the military and naval departments of Denmark.

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# NOGI'S BIG HAUL

### OF RUSSIAN GUNS

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### CHINESE VIOLATE NEUTRALITY

### Russia Informs the Powers She Will Be Compelled to Act Against the Mongolians

Tokio, Jan. 12.—Gen. Nogi reports that the Japanese captured at Port Arthur 546 guns, 82,670 shells, 30,000 kilos of powder, and 2,265,800 rounds of rifle ammunition.

The Japanese achievement at Port Arthur is more remarkable in the light of further investigations. The original Russian strength is now estimated to have been almost 50,000 men. It is announced at the army headquarters that in addition to the prisoners already reported, about 13,000 wounded combatants will eventually be brought to Japan. Gen. Nogi's headquarters staff at Port Arthur are at present devoting their energies to dispatching the prisoners to Japan, placing the wounded in hospitals and clearing the way for a thorough investigation of the spoils of war. Confused reports reach Tokio of the condition of the city buildings. It was said today that Gen. Nogi will return to Tokio at present. Sixteen survivors of the third detachment of Japanese who attempted to block the entrance to Port Arthur by sinking stone-laden steamers in the channel, are expected to arrive at Sasebo today. The fate of their seventy companions is unknown.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—The war office explains that the reason for Lieut.-Gen. Stoessel giving his parole and returning to Russia, instead of remaining at the head of the heroic troops who formed the garrison of Port Arthur, and sharing their fate as a prisoner of war in Japan, is that it is incumbent upon him to bring a detailed report of the defense of the fortress to the Emperor. Rear-Admiral Dochninsky, who is senior naval officer, will bring the naval report.

# BRITAIN NEEDS THAT \$30,000,000

### Chamberlain Tells Sugar Men There Is No Chance of Repealing Tax.

London, Jan. 13.—Replying today to an influential deputation of representatives of the sugar-using industries, who complained that the sugar tax is highly injurious to their trades, Chamberlain defended the fairness of the tax. He said he could not hold out any hope in the present state of the country's finances that a tax which brought in \$30,000,000 annually could be abolished.

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