

BED CHAMBER ADMIRALS. THE FRIGHTENED FLEET.

Bitter Discord Among the Russian Army and Navy Officers From Port Arthur.

Admiral Lockinsky To Testify Against Stoessel and Others at Court Martial.

Grand Duke Alexis and Admiral Avellan to Bid Adieu to Third Squadron.

Paris cable: French special correspondents sent to meet the French steamer, Australis, having on board the survivors of Port Arthur, forward detailed accounts of discord among the Russian officers.

A Washington report: The question of what the policy of the United States Government should be with respect to the rebuilding of the navy was again threshed out in the House of Representatives today during the consideration of the naval appropriation bill.

GEN. KOUROPATKIN May Be Relieved by War Minister Sakharoff—Other Changes Hinted at.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—Many rumors are current of Ministerial and military changes, including a report that War Minister Sakharoff may be sent to relieve General Kuropatkin, and also one to the effect that M. Bouligand, Minister of the Interior, is not in sympathy with the situation and may retire in favor of General Trepoff, Governor-General of St. Petersburg.

WILL DRY UP OLD NIAGARA. Power Schemes Threaten the Existence of the Falls.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 20.—The effect upon Niagara Falls of withdrawing water for electric power purposes was the subject of a concurrent resolution introduced tonight by Assemblyman Palmer, leader of the Democrats.

A GENERAL ATTACK. Japanese Have Commenced a Furious Bombardment.

A Mukden cable: The Japanese began a heavy bombardment Tuesday afternoon on the Russian right flank, and the firing continued all through the day.

SPOILT CARD GAME. The Japanese Shells Play Havoc in Underground Hut.

Russian Headquarters, Huan Mountain, Manchuria, cable: During the Japanese bombardment of Poutloff (Lone Tree) Hill a projectile from a siege gun entered an underground hut, burst inside, and tore off the head of a lieutenant and wounded a colonel and two staff captains who were playing cards.

THIRD SQUADRON SAILS. Reinforcements for the Baltic Fleet Leave Libau.

A Libau cable: The ice-breaker Yermak, having opened a channel in the harbor, and the armored cruiser Vladimir Monarch, the first vessel of the third squadron to sail, left here today.

CHANGE BASIS OF THE GRANT.

Fairs Association Wants Service Rendered a Test.

No Grant Where Games of Chance are Allowed.

Commissioner Hodson Urges Promoting Best Breeds.

A Toronto report: The convention of representatives of Ontario Fairs and Exhibitions made a decided pronouncement yesterday in favor of distributing the Government grants to the different fairs on a basis of the amount of money expended by them for agricultural purposes.

WERE PURSUED BY WOLVES. Snowed-up Travellers Have a Narrow Escape.

London, Feb. 20.—The passengers travelling on a train of the Hungarian branch railway from Satorala-Ujghely to Gallica, had an exciting adventure with wolves, wires the Express Vienna correspondent.

EQUITABLE LIFE. PROPOSAL TO GIVE POLICY HOLDERS CONTROL OF COMPANY.

New York, Feb. 20.—A movement to take the control of the Equitable Life Assurance Society from the stockholders and place it with the policy holders is to be taken up by the board of directors to-morrow.

Women in Our Hospitals

Appalling Increase in the Number of Operations Performed Each Year—How Women May Avoid them.



Going through the hospitals in our large cities one is surprised to find such a large proportion of the patients lying on their snow-white beds women and girls, either awaiting or recovering from serious operations.

ROPE BROKE AND NECK BROKEN.

Frank Raisinger Paid the Penalty for Murdering His Wife.

Bridgeton, N. J., Feb. 20.—Frank Raisinger was hanged here today for the murder of his wife. The drop fell at 10.40. The rope broke as the body rebounded, and the back of Raisinger's head struck a cross beam and broke his neck.

CRAZY WINDOW SMASHER.

Was Breaking Glass With a Brick in a Stocking When Hit With Night Stick.

New York, Feb. 20.—Within twenty four hours after his release from prison, where he had served a sentence for smashing more than \$2,000 worth of plate glass windows, John Grogan early today turned to the scene of his escapade and started in to duplicate the feat of two months ago.

GEN. LEW WALLACE DEAD. Noted Author and a Veteran of Two Wars Passes Away.

Crawfordsville, Ind., report: Gen. Lew Wallace, author, former American Minister to Turkey and veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars, died at his home here to-night, aged 78 years.

A WOMAN TRAMP.

TELLS A QUEER STORY TO THE MINNEAPOLIS POLICE.

Minneapolis, Feb. 20.—A woman tramp, strange creature as she may be, has been found. She is Mary Long, of Chicago, and she occupied lodging space in the central police station last night.

COAL FAMINE.

BUSINESS STOPPED BY THE SEVERE COLD IN DES MOINES.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 20.—Continued unrelenting cold and snow which have practically put an end to business and tied up all trains entering Des Moines, and traversing the State, have placed the entire city and State at the mercy of a coal and fuel famine.

WILL SIT UP AND BE GOOD. Strathcona City Fathers Will Henceforth Conduct Themselves with Dignity.

Strathcona, N. W. T., Feb. 20.—The members of the Strathcona civic body have made a resolution to observe greater dignity during the Council sittings.