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JAPANESE BLOW UP GREAT KEKEWAN FORT AND CARRY PARAPETS BY SPLENDID DASH

Besiegers Burrow Beneath and Dynamite the Fortifications.

General Samejima Turns Tide of Battle When Defeat Seemed Certain.

Tokio, Dec. 19. — Evening. — The Japanese fired an immense mine under portions of the north fort of East Keekwan Mountain at 2 o'clock yesterday (Sunday) afternoon. The infantry immediately afterward charged and occupied the fort with a heavy force.

It is reported that the Japanese have seized a strong position about a thousand yards southeast of 203-Meter Hill, preparatory to assaulting the new town and pushing between Liaoti Mountain and the Russian headquarters at Port Arthur.

The fighting against Sungshu Mountain continues.

Victory or Death.

Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army, via Fusan, Dec. 19. — The capture of the North Kekewan Mountain fort was a brilliant spectacle. For weeks the Japanese had been tunneling two shafts 40 feet in length with four branches. They laid seven mines, which were exploded on the 18th. The two attacking parties were composed of volunteers and those participating in the first attempt vowed to capture the fort or die. The soldiers of the first force were distinguished by a red badge. They remained in the moat during the explosion of the mines, having charged prematurely, and many were killed by the debris. The second body of assaulters, distinguished by white badges, was in the saps during the explosion, and was prevented from charging immediately, the mouths of the saps having been filled with debris.

The explosion made two huge rents in the north walls, through which the assaulters charged, winning the trenches in front of the wall and killing the remainder of the garrison in the rear of the fort.

Tokio, Dec. 19. — The following report of the capture of the north fort of East Kekwan Mountain was telegraphed from Gen. Nogi's headquarters today: "On Dec. 18, at 2:15 p.m., part of our army blew up the parapets of the north fort of East Kekwan Mountain, and then charged. A fierce battle with hand-grenades ensued. Owing to the stubborn resistance of the enemy with machine guns our operations were temporarily suspended. Subsequently, at 7 p.m., Gen. Semeammia, commanding the supports, advanced into the casements, and encouraging his men, threw his supports into the fighting line in a last brave charge. At 11:50 p.m., we completely occupied the fort, and immediately began defensive works. Our occupation became firmly assured today. Before retiring the enemy exploded four mines in the neighborhood of the neck of the forts. We captured five nine-centimeter field guns and two machine guns, as well as plenty of ammunition. The enemy left forty or fifty dead. Our casualties are not heavy."

London, Tuesday, Dec. 20. — According to a special correspondent with the Japanese army, the capture of Kekwan fort was a complete surprise to the Russian garrison, there having been no preparatory bombardment. Japanese sappers drove shafts forty feet under the parapet of the fort from the escarpment and moat. In these two tons of dynamite were exploded simultaneously, completely wrecking the interior of the forts, while siege and shrapnel guns shelled Russian troops in the vicinity. This occurred at 2 p.m. A detachment of Japanese infantry made a headlong but premature rush, and 60 of them became buried under a mass of debris, greatly delaying the attack. Despite this mischance, another volunteer force dashed forward and captured the parapet. In the meantime the Russians had been strongly reinforced, and a fierce hand-to-hand struggle with bayonets and grenades was continued till near midnight. Then the few Russian survivors retreated to the city, and the fort was captured. Its construction displays the utmost scientific knowledge.

China and Japan.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 20. — The American Board of Foreign Missions made public today a report from its oldest missionary in Japan, Rev. D. C. Greene, D.D., of Tokio, in which Dr. Greene states that there are now 1,000 Chinese students, including 500 military cadets, in Tokio, under the auspices of the Chinese Government, and 1,000 more in the city independent of the Government.

Dr. Greene further stated that if one should add to this the fact that in several provinces of China there are military schools with Japanese instructors, "It is not difficult to see that when peace is restored, Japan is not to stand alone in her purpose to prevent a new invasion of Manchuria on the part of Russia."

There is no evidence, according to Dr. Greene, that Japan is becoming exhausted. The rice harvest of this year is estimated to be worth 130,000,000 yen more than the average, and is the best for twenty years. Prices range high, but otherwise there is no sign of serious strain. Private enterprises, like electrical railways, are being pushed forward without serious loss of vigor. Government work is being restricted, but railway extension is still to go forward, though more slowly.

MANY SCHOONERS MISSING

Canadian Boats, With Crews Totaling Sixty, May Be Lost.

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 19. — Several schooners, belonging on this island, and which were driven off by the gale of Sunday, Dec. 11, are still unreported. Their crews number 60 men. It is feared they have been lost. The schooner Klondyke, which went ashore on Cape St. Mary's yesterday, is a total wreck. Her crew is safe.

The Man Who Saved the Day.

Tokio, Dec. 20.—All Japan is today ringing with praises of General Samejima, as the hero of the assault on Kekewan Mountain Fort. It is conceded that his heroism inspired his men and turned a threatened disaster into a splendid victory. General Samejima is an old Samurai veteran of the war of the restoration and the Satsuma rebellion. He is gray-haired and bent, but is wiry and active. He is an engineer and was formerly a garrison commander. He is Japan's specialist in fortifications, and was called to Port Arthur to superintend the siege works. He was not assigned to an active command, and it is supposed here that General Samejima replaced General Tsuchiya as division commander.

Powerful Jap Armada Now After Baltic Fleet

Forty Warships Dispatched to Meet and Destroy the Russian Squadron.

Tokio, Dec. 19. — Japan has dispatched a great fleet of 40 warships to meet and destroy the powerful Russian Baltic fleet. The fleet passed Pescadores Islands yesterday, going south. The Pescadores Islands lie just south of Formosa.

Thus Japan, ever ready and quick to act, has moved far ahead of the time expected to bring about a sea battle that is expected to be the most important in modern times.

A this moment the Baltic fleet is divided. Admiral Folkersahm's division, comprising twenty ships, has entered the Indian Ocean, having been last reported at Jibutil. Admiral Rojestvensky's detachment, fifteen ships or more, is believed to be in the vicinity of the Cape of Good Hope, having sailed around Africa. The place agreed upon by the Russians to concentrate is believed to be the Chagos group of islands, south of India. Naval experts figure that the Czar's officers expected to mobilize the armada about Jan. 4.

However, this sudden and dramatic move on the world's chessboard by the Mikado is declared to be certain to surprise the Russians to compel a hurried change of plans.

The destruction of the last of the Port Arthur squadron by the plunging fire from 203-Meter Hill, and the successful attack by torpedo boats on the battleship Sevastopol in the outer harbor, released the tried fighting ships and men of Admiral Togo. It is pointed out by the naval experts that only a few torpedo boats and some swift armed merchant ships have been in all likelihood left at Port Arthur to look after blockade-runners. Various foreign merchantmen have reported seeing the splendid Japanese battleship Nukasa and other vessels entirely repainted, repaired and in the best of fighting trim off Nagasaki at the great naval depot of Japan. It is believed that the Mikado's ships have had their bottoms scraped and are now able to steam at their swiftest.

The vessels are manned by experienced fighters, and are considered, therefore, to have a great advantage over the untried Russian complements. The total of 40 Japanese ships shows that it includes armed merchantmen of high speed to act as scouts, colliers carrying a vast supply of coal, and provision ships.

In all likelihood, the Japanese will seize a base in one of the many island harbors of the Indian Ocean and make a dazzling dash to cut off the Russian squadron.

It is now apparent that the Japanese had the coming sea fight in mind, and established at the Pescadores a base of operations.

Another object of the Japanese fleet could be to wait at a convenient distance from the Pescadores Islands till the Baltic fleet attempts to get through the channel between Formosa and China. The Japanese, if they had sent only five or six battleships and three or four cruisers, would have taken the precaution to send with them colliers and transports. The Russian vessels may attempt to escape or avoid battle, and the Japanese would be obliged to remain at sea for perhaps two or three weeks.

The intentions of the Russian Government are apparently guarded with great secrecy. No one knows what plans the Russians have to meet just such a contingency as disclosed. It has been supposed that if the Japanese moved any important body of their fighting vessels south, as in the present case, the Rossia and Gromoboi, and possibly the Bogatur, would attempt to get out of Vladivostock and join the Baltic squadron.

New York, Dec. 20.—A Brussels dispatch to the Times says: Passengers on the steamer Leopoldville, which arrived at Antwerp yesterday (Sunday), report that the Baltic fleet stopped to coal at Libreville, French Congo.

Admiral Rojestvensky exchanged visits with the French officials, to whom he expressed the hope that he would arrive in the far east about the middle of March.

"GIVE UP YOUR STOLEN MILLIONS"

A St. Petersburg Mob Insults the Grand Duke Alexis in the Streets.

London, Tuesday, Dec. 20.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says there is indignation against Grand Duke Alexis, commander-in-chief of the navy, because of the unpreparedness of the third fleet and the inefficiency of Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet. It is declared that next to nothing has been done to strengthen the navy in the past ten months, proportionally to the sums expended. The Grand Duke's carelessness has encouraged others to steal. The popular indignation was shown Sunday. As the Grand Duke was driving in his carriage a crowd in the streets howled, "Give up your stolen millions!"

NO MANIFESTO ISSUED

Czar Has Virtually Decided to Grant No Reforms.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—The virtual decision of the Czar to suppress the liberal agitation has caused deep disappointment to those who were expecting that his majesty would grant reforms. It is expected that the non-appearance of the manifesto that it was reported would be issued today granting reforms, will result in disturbances during the next few days. The Government, however, is prepared to repress any disorders.

A Winnipeg Affray.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 20.—A Galician was seriously stabbed last night in the north end. The victim says he knows of no reason for the assault and his assailant was unknown to him.

New Walkerville School.

Walkerville, Ont., Dec. 20. — Ratepayers yesterday voted in favor of issuing debentures to erect a fine school building to cost $50,000. The site has already been purchased. Work on the building will start early next spring.

Woman's Long Fast.

Rogers, Ark., Dec. 15. — A physician here is authority for the statement that Miss Carrie Sawney, residing three miles southwest of this city, has just completed a self-imposed fast or forty-eight days with no ill effects. She weighed 240 pounds at the beginning of her fast, and it was for the purpose of reducing her weight that the task was undertaken. She now weighs 200 pounds, and although for forty-eight days she subsisted entirely on water, she is in the best of health.

CASSIE TRIED TO MEET CARNEGIE

As Mrs. Hoover She Followed Him to the Mountains, But the Plan Failed.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 20. — That Mrs. Cassie L. Hoover, before she became Mrs. Chadwick, had laid her plans to entangle Andrew Carnegie, if possible, in some of her big financial deals is now known by Pittsburg friends of Mr. Carnegie, and it is also known that she failed completely and ingloriously, as Mr. Carnegie refused to even have an introduction to the woman at Cresson.

Almost ten years ago, when Mr. Carnegie and his family were enjoying their usual summer outing at the top of the Alleghany Mountains in one of his large cottages there, a strange woman known as Mrs. Hoover came and took up her residence at the Mountain House. She dressed richly and showed evidence of having much money at her command. She quickly ingratiated herself into the goodwill of many of the men visitors at the hotel and she made no secret of her wish to penetrate the wall of conservatism which Mr. Carnegie and others had thrown round their cottages.

She approached several persons after a week's acquaintance, asking that she be introduced to Mr. Carnegie, but this was never done, for those who knew Mr. Carnegie well knew that to introduce a woman to him would cost his friendship.

Pencil Kills Child.

Peterboro Dec. 19. — Last night Harold Gainer, 6-year-old son of Mr. Norman Gainer, Otonabee Township, met a peculiar death. He was kneeling in a chair against a table when he fell and a slate pencil he had in his hand penetrated the nostrils to such a depth as to cause death, which resulted this morning.

Petrel in Dry Dock.

Ottawa, Dec. 20. — The fisheries cruiser Petrel is now in the yards of the Polson works at Toronto. Commander Spain has returned from inspecting her, and in consequence of what he reports, tenders will be invited for overhauling and repairing her.

Wires Still Down.

Boston, Dec. 19. — Neither the New England Telephone and Telegraph nor the Western Union Telegraph Company had been able to re-establish communication with the Cape Cod district today to any point further south than Buzzard's Bay. The Western Union Telegraph Company have found that 100 poles were blown over between Wareham and Provincetown.

HEIR TO MILLIONS

Blacksmith and His Brother-in-Law in Lindsay So Informed.

Lindsay, Dec. 20. — James Hobbs, a blacksmith at Janetville, and his brother-in-law, W. Griller, of Valentine, have received word that they are among the heirs to an estate of $20,000,000 in England. They are both poor men and are taking steps to supply the information that it is said will make them very wealthy.

TO ACT THROUGH PARTIES

Prohibitionists Will Urge Nomination of Temperance Candidates.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—At a meeting of prominent temperance men held in North Toronto tonight, it was decided to at once commence a vigorous campaign in the city at the coming election for the banishment of the bar. The sentiment seemed to be in favor of action through the existing parties rather than by the nomination of independent candidates, and a strong committee was appointed to wait upon the executives of both political parties to urge the nomination of temperance candidates. It was also decided that the temperance element should be well represented on the delegations selected to nominate candidates.

THE COMMISSION GATHERS

Russia's Representatives Warmly Received by the French.

Paris, Dec. 20. — The Russian delegates to the international commission which is to inquire into the North Sea incident reached the Northern Railway station at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon being the first foreign delegation to arrive here. A large party of Russian and French officials met the train. A crowd assembled on the platform and considerable enthusiasm was manifested.

The United States embassy is advised that Rear-Admiral Davis, who is a passenger on the Finland, will be unable to reach Paris before Tuesday morning. The Finland was due at Dover at 6 o'clock last night, allowing Admiral Davis to take the midnight train, arriving in Paris shortly before the proceedings began.

As a coincidence the British admiral on the commission, Rear-Admiral Sir Lewis A. Beaumont, is coming on the same midnight train. The two English-speaking members of the commission will thus meet each other during the trip.

President Loubet will receive the admirals in full uniform at 9:45 o'clock Tuesday, and Foreign Minister Delcasse will breakfast the commission at noon, the sessions thereupon beginning.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fair and Cold.

London, Tuesday, Dec. 20.

Sun rises...7:47 a.m. Moon rises..3:31 p.m.
Sun sets...4:43 p.m. Moon sets...5:17 a.m.
Toronto, Dec. 19—8 p.m.

Snow has fallen generally over Quebec and Eastern Ontario, and locally in other parts of the latter Province, and also in Manitoba.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 44—46; Kamloops, 36—38; Calgary, 28—34; Qu'Appelle, 10—32; Winnipeg, 10 below—12; Port Arthur, 4—10; Parry Sound, 2—34; Toronto, 27—35; Ottawa, 10—18; Montreal, 8—20; Quebec, 6—22; St. John, 12—38; Halifax, 20—34.

FORECASTS.

Tuesday, Dec. 20—8 a.m.

Today—Snow; high westerly winds tonight, and turning colder.

Wednesday—Fair and decidedly cold.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	10	8	Clear
Winnipeg	— 6	—10	Clear
Parry Sound	8	0	Snow
Toronto	22	20	Snow
Ottawa	2	2	Fair
Montreal	8	6	Clear
Quebec	12	10	Clear
Father Point	26	18	Snow

The sign — indicates below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

A disturbance which was in the far Northwest yesterday has moved rapidly to the great lakes, and developed into an important snowstorm. Snow is falling this morning in Western Ontario, and is likely to become general.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Monday were: Highest, 30°; lowest, 25°.

CALLED TO HAMILTON

St. Thomas Pastor Wanted by St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 19.—At a meeting of the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church this evening it was unanimously decided to invite Rev. Dr. Drummonds, of St. Thomas, Ont., to become pastor of the church to succeed Rev. Neil MacPherson, who was called to a large Presbyterian church in Indianapolis, a few months ago.

SUICIDED IN WOODS

Omemee Farmer Found Hanging From Limb of a Tree.

Omemee, Ont., Dec. 20.—W. H. Mitchell, a retired farmer of middle age, of this place, did not return home as usual from Burnton McQuaid's swamp, where he had been cutting wood. His family, becoming alarmed, sent out a searching party, who found Mitchell hanging to a tree frozen stiff. It is supposed that Mitchell's mind was unhinged, as he had been very despondent of late.

EXCESS BAGGAGE

Central Passenger Association Refuses to Issue Books.

Toronto, Dec. 19. — The Central Passenger Association, at their meeting in Chicago, Saturday, refused to issue excess baggage books for the use of commercial travelers. Many petitions have been presented to the Central Passenger Association, asking that they be granted, but the railroad officials decline to grant the request every time.

A local official, when discussing the matter with a representative of the Telegram said the book system would be easily manipulated and its privileges abused. Railroad officials are also opposed to any scheme that will encourage the carrying of burdensome baggage.

LA PATRIE RETRACTS

Libel Case Taken by Minister Settled Out of Court.

Montreal, Dec. 20. — The action for libel by Hon. Mr. Prefontaine, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, against La Patrie has been settled out of court. The case arose out of an article published in La Patrie during the spring bye-election campaign, claiming that Hon. Mr. Prefontaine had had circulars sent out to men in need of employment with a view of securing their support. Since the action was taken La Patrie has retracted, and in settling the case the paper agreed to pay all the costs.

Who Tricked the Editor? La Presse Plot Deepens

Editorial Smuggled Into Office and Used Without Mr. Cote's Sanction.

Montreal, Dec. 19. — A special to the Globe says: La Presse these days in the hands of its new owners is like the toy steamboat that the small boy yearns to set in motion with his own fingers even before he has made sure which spring hoists the white flag of peace, and which the red flag of danger. Since its purchase by the Russell-Graham syndicate, numerous experiments have been made, and although up until Saturday, the white flag appeared on every occasion as if by magic, the wonder of it all disappeared with the touching of a hitherto untried spring. Then the red flag came into view. That flag was the column-and-a-half editorial that was published disclaiming any connection with the trusts or with Mr. Graham or Mr. Forget. The editorial had a remarkable effect upon the usually placid and sympathetic disposition of the managing editor of La Presse, Mr. Thomas Cote. Mr. Cote knew nothing of it until he took up the published paper and read it. In his capacity of managing editor, following the rule that had long been observed, he should have received a proof of the editorials before the paper went to press. The understanding that Mr. Cote had with the new owners was that he should direct the paper as he should see fit until Sir Wilfrid Laurier should return from California.

However, there was no fun in turning out pithy and pointed paragraphs that could never see the printers' bench, so the springs that had been repeatedly pulled without success were abandoned. A new spring was pulled. It worked admirably, and as a result on Saturday we had the editorial which Mr. Cote describes as a succession of falsehoods. Who inspired that article? Through what channels did it go in order to reach the printing press unchallenged? These are questions that many persons in Montreal are asking. More than one person has a pretty good idea of the answer. Following the regular course, the foreman of the composing room would have sent a proof to Mr. Cote's desk, but a proof was not sent. That is the first link in the chain of irregularity. Beyond that at the present time the public may not go. If Mr. Cote had seen the proof, no outsider would have yet known about it, because the article would have been, to use a printer's term, killed.

The wonder is that the new owners have not asked him to resign, but they have not, and it is his intention to remain at least in a nominal capacity until the return of the Premier, who is expected here on Thursday night.

During the last few weeks, whenever the publication or rejection of matter was referred to Mr. Russell, Mr. Cote's positive stand for rejection was invariably respected. That goes to show that although Mr. Russell has one of the big voices in the conduct of La Presse, the St. James street junta, through Mr. J. A. Brown, representing Mr. Hugh Graham, will not accept a silent attitude.

The return of the Premier is awaited with a great deal of interest. Meantime some things are coming to the light. There are tangible indications of where a good deal of the money came from. About the time that the sale of La Fresse was negotiated a note for $100,000, signed by David Russell, and indorsed by Hugh Graham, was discounted at the Merchants' Bank, and it is morally certain that the money went to Mr. Berthiaume, former owner of La Presse.

About the same time a well-known philanthropist and capitalist of Montreal, whose name need not be mentioned, because he was in all probability simply a means of supply, and otherwise disinterested, deposited in the same bank $100,000, which it is morally certain formed a part of what Mr. Berthiaume has received or is yet to receive. That is about as much as there is at present sufficient evidence available to prove should it be found advisable to do so. All this, of course, does not deal directly with Mr. Blair's resignation.

PLEHVE'S ASSASSIN

Reported That the Men Convicted Are Innocent Victims.

London, Tuesday, Dec. 20. — The Express, which has throughout insisted that Sazonoff, the assassin of M. Von Plehve, Minister of the Interior, escaped immediately after his arrest, prints a column story from its Zurich correspondent, who claims to have had an interview there with Sazonoff, who insisted that he was the assassin, and that he had no accomplices. The two wretches, who are about to be buried alive in Siberia for the crime, are, he declared, innocent victims of the police. The correspondent adds that he has seen documents that convince him, despite his originally skepticism, that the man is actually Sazonoff.

FALLING WALL HITS HOTEL; MANY INMATES MEET DEATH

The Crocker House, Minneapolis, Completely Wrecked, the Roof Being Driven Into Basement.

TONS OF BRICK BURIED THE SLEEPING GUESTS

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 20.—Four or five, and possibly ten or eleven persons lost their lives early today in the Crocker Hotel, on Fifth street, through the falling of the high east wall of the O. H. Peck building, which was damaged by fire Tuesday night.

The high east wind of last night loosened the bricks in the wall, and tons of brick and stone crashed down upon the roof of the three-story hotel next door. The roof was carried through to the basement. Several persons are missing, presumably dead, as follows: William Crocker (landlord), Mrs. Maggie Leclaire, Jennie Morris, William Immerman, William Bray (carpenter and contractor), Charles Kenyon, William Lillybled.

Seven men and one woman are unaccounted for.

The crash came when almost everyone in the hotel was asleep. Almost instantly the building was a wreck, with injured persons calling for help.

A number who were asleep at the time of the accident, and who were not immediately in the path of the falling bricks, escaped, though badly injured.

The fire department responded quickly, and as did also a large part of the police department, who set to work rescuing the injured.

LYMAN ABBOTT'S NEW RELIGION

Is Founded on Science and Outreachings of the Human Heart.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 20. — Dr. Lyman Abbott, in a sermon to Harvard students, has announced his belief in a religion founded, not on the Bible, but on science and the outreachings of the human heart.

"I wonder," he said, "if you will understand me when I say that I do no longer believe in a great first cause. My God is a great and ever-present force, which is manifest in all the activities of man and all the workings of nature.

"I believe in a God who is in and through and of everything—not an absentee God, whom we have to reach through a Bible or some other outside aid; but a God who is closer to us than hands or feet. Science, literature and history tell us that there is one eternal energy, that the Bible no longer can be accepted as ultimate, that many of its laws were copied from other religions, that the Ten Commandments did not spring spontaneously from Moses, but were, like all laws, a gradual growth, and that man is a creature, not a creation."

THE HALIFAX DOCKYARD

Possibility of Its Being Continued on a Reduced Scale.

Halifax, Dec. 20. — The officials at the naval dockyard have received no further official message from England, and they do not expect to receive full instructions until some time next week.

There is now a rumor that the naval authorities in England may change their first intention of practically closing the dockyard at Halifax, and may probably still retain it as a coaling and supply station. The number of officials would necessarily be decreased. Permanent officials may still be retained at Halifax, and even a few of the local men may be engaged again, but under different arrangements. For a number of years no large or permanent repairs to warships have been made at Halifax, and this had much to do with the order to discharge men next Friday.

MORE NEW DOCTORS

The Western Ontario Students Who Passed C. of P. Examinations.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The results of the final intermediate and preliminary examinations held in November of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario were announced yesterday.

The following are among those who passed the final examination: A. H. Campbell, Ailsa Craig; A. W. Canfield, Woodstock; J. W. Cook, Strathroy; J. Ferguson and J. G. Fitzgerald, Harrisfon; R. Ingram, Ridgetown; F. Large, Listowel; C. M. McKay, Woodstock; H. C. McLay, Aylmer; D. M. Sutherland, Norwich; W. E. Somers, Waterford; T. D. White, Brantford.

The following passed the intermediate examination: H. G. McLay, Aylmer; J. A. Wright, London.

The following passed the primary examination: R. O. Coghlan, Wyoming; M. Galbraith, Mount Forest; R. L. Hutton, Brantford; T. R. Henry, Harriston; W. H. Keen, St. Marys; Cora Murdoch, Sarnia; D. F. McLachlan, Glencoe; W. C. Pratt, Petrolea; H. A. Stewart, St. Thomas; R. E. Wadehouse, Blenheim, and R. A. Williams, Ingersoll.

Davis at Antwerp.

Antwerp, Dec. 20. — Rear Admiral Davis, the representative of the American Government on the international commission to inquire into the North Sea incident, landed here from the steamer Finland about noon on his way to Paris.

NAN PATTERSON TELLS HER STORY

Accused in New York Hansom Cab Mystery Takes the Stand.

New York, Dec. 19. — When recess in the Patterson trial was taken, Mr. Levy, of counsel for the defense, announced that Nan Patterson would take the stand in her own behalf this afternoon.

She was asked to describe what happened after leaving the saloon while driving down West Broadway.

"We talked about his going away, and he kept questioning me about my coming to him. He said I did not say anything, and finally, he said, "But I don't feel positive that you are going to come over.' He said, 'I believe that you are fooling; are you?' Then he said 'Are you going?' I said, 'Well, Caesar, there's no use saying I will, because I've made up my mind not to, but you go over there and get things quieted down, until the folks have forgotten about things by that time. I will meet you at the Saratoga meeting.' He looked at me a while and said, 'Do you mean that' and then he grabbed me by the hand nearest to him and pulled me over toward him. He hurt me so that I tried to pull away, but I could not get away from him. I put my other hand up and he grabbed me. Somehow or other I got away, and I told him he hurt me. He said, 'If you don't come over there and I have to wait until the Saratoga meeting, I may never see you again. My horses have gone back on me, I've lost all my money, now I' losing my little girl. Do you mean that?' He then grabbed me again, and hurt me so badly that tears came to my eyes. I tried to struggle away from him again, and had to bend away over."

"You heard a report?" her lawyer asked.

"Was the pistol in Young's hands?"

"I had not seen the pistol. Mr. Young fell over my lap; got half-way up, fell again, and I thought he was having a spasm. He kept twitching and twitching. I called to him and tried to make him answer, but he would not. I believe I put my hand up and told the cabman to drive to the druggist. I don't know whether I did. That was my idea, and it seemed, oh, ages before I could get anyone to pay any attention to me and help me. A policeman got in the cab, and I felt so relieved I knew he would take care of Mr. Young. I seemed to be dazed in my memory after that."

"Nan, look at me. Did you shoot Caesar Young?" asked Mr. Levy.

"Mr. Levy, I did not have any pistol to shoot Mr. Young with, and if I had——" began the witness in trembling tones.

Assistant District Attorney Rand objected to further answer, and was sustained.

"Did you or did you not shoot Caesar Young, Nan?"

"I did not! I would give my own life to bring him back if it were in my power," she answered. "There was a flash—and then the end."

Expelled From Exchange.

New York, Dec. 20.—The explusion of John W. Ritchie from the New York Stock Exchange was announced on the exchange today. Mr. Ritchie was expelled by the board of governors on the ground that he had been guilty if irregular trading.

Brown to Stump.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 20. — Rev. J. Brown, of Blenheim, the Methodist minister, who made a sensational speech at the Liberal convention in Toronto a month ago, has announced his intention of stumping, thus aiding Ernest Girardeau, the candidate for the Ontario House.

Moderator Dr. Milligan Opposes Church Union

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 20. — The committee appointed by the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches of Canada, to discuss church union, met this morning, separately, for the consideration of the subject, preliminary to the meeting of the joint committee with Dr. Warden in the chair, there was a general discussion as to the advisability of church union. One of the features of the meeting was the strong stand against union taken by Rev. G. M. Milligan, D. D., moderator of the General Assembly, who expressed the opinion that organization could never be satisfactorily brought about. Dr. Caven's absence was most marked, as the late principal was one of the most ardent advocates of the union. The Methodists discussed modes of procedure. Dr. Carman presided. The Congregationalists, with Rev. Hugh Pedley in the chair, debated questions of centralization and control of property. All the committees meet again this afternoon.