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Gen. Pflug Reports That All is Quiet on the Banks of the Yalu.

Gen. Pflug, chief of staff to Viceroy Aliexieff, has sent the following telegram from Port Arthur:
"Our scouts report that no Japanese have been either at Tsenchu
or Pingyang, Corea. The population is indifferent towards us. The
ace on the Yalu River is beginning
to go out. Natives say that if a
high tide comes in five days the
ice will begin to drift. The west
coast of the Liaotung Peninsula
is covered with ice for a distance
of a mile and a quarter to sea. of a mile and a quarter to sea.

None of the enemy's ships have been seen dately. There have been no fresh attempts to destroy the railroad."

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 19 .- Paul Lessar, Russian Minister at Pekin, has telegraphed that Yuanshaiku, commander-in-chief of the Chinese army, intends to send 10,000 men from Paotingfu to Shanhaikwan.

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gT. PETERSBURG, Feb. 19.—The cf-ficial report of the Chemulpo fight gives the losses on the Variag at one officer and thirty-three men killed, two officers slightly wound-ed and seventeen men severely wounded. There were no losses on board the Korletz. The officers and crews of both ships behaved nob-ly.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Feb. 19.—Matti Kurrikki, head of the labor party in Finland, is in Vancouver, and says that if Finland is supplied with munitions of war it will rise in a body and attack Russia, thus ald-ing the Ispanese in their process. ing the Japanese in their presen

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—United States Minister Allen has cabled the American State Department from Seoul, under yesterday's date, that a company of Corean soldiers attacked an electric carriage belonging to an American citizen Wednesday night, damaging it and injuring the operator. American seamen quieted the disturbance.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Sir Mortimer Durand, British Ambassador at Washington will, it is understood, be transferred to St. Petersburg as successor to Sir Charles Scott. who retires in three months after forty-five years diplomatic service. The only other likely man, Sir Edwin Egerton, Ambassador at Madrid, is ineligible on account of his Russian wife, who was the widow of the great Pan Slav leader Asakoff.

COSSACKS IN COREA,

Loridon, Feb. 20.—Th at Scoul of The Daily Mail reports that 1500 Cossacks are crossing the border near Wiju, and that Cossacks scouts have already minimed into Corea of

Cablegrams received here from Shanghai declare that Gen. Ma, who is protecting the borders of Chili Province, wires that it is becoming daily more difficult to prevent THE CILINESE TROOPS AT SIMMINGTING FROM CROSSING THE LIAUHO AND ENGAGING THE RUSSIANS EMPLOYED IN GUARDING THE RAIL-Lifting of Embargo Looked on as Storm Caused 398 Mines to Come to

ROAD.

No great importance is attached to the stories published in Paris and elsewhere on the continent of allegad intrigues looking to the coalition of Russia; France and Germany in the Far Eastern war, the belief being that it is to the interest of all powers to take grams going abroad. The lifting of the embargo, which has existed for generation and France joined with Russia in 1895 against Japan, it would be natural for Russia to seek similar assistance in her present difficulties. Argument is therefore made that it be hooves Great Britain to be prepared for any and all eventualities.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—The Russian by Norris Newman, Tientsin, Feb. 19.—At Newchwang to day I obtained from an officer who survived the catastrophe to the Yenisei of the embargo, which has existed for generations, upon the free transmission of news from Russia, came as a direct possible to the interest of all powers from Russia, came as a direct possible to the embargo of the subject by the Czar. In some respects the action is regarded as the most important and had planted 388. The 389th floated instead of sinking. On this the

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Russian despatches record the rapid act since the emancipation of the serfs, growth of anti-British feeling, one saying many English boys have been withdrawn from Russian schools owing to insuits, and there is evidence in public resorts in Kieff that the position of the British residents would be very dangerous should Great Britain.

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While thus loccupied, the lookout man discovered the ship had drifted close to another mine. He gave an alarm and jumped overboard. Immediately and had planted 388. The 389th floated instead of sinking. On this the Yenisei drew off and fired at it with the light guns, attempting to sink or explode it.

London, Feb. 19.—"An American Equadron is expected here," telegraphs the Cheefoo correspondent of The Morning Post, under date of Feb. 19, "and it is reported that Americans intend to land a force of marines.

"There are rumors of possible trouble with Germany, who claims exclusive rights in Shantung.

"ONLY THREE RUSSIAN WARSHIPS AT PORT ARTHUR REMAIN INTACT."

"CALLED BACK AGAIN.

Paris, Feb. 20—The St. Petersturg corerspondent of The Figaro cables that the Russian squadron at Jibutil, French Semalland, on the Gulf of Aden, has been ordered to return to Cronstadt. The Russian squadron at Jibutil correspondent of torpedo boat destroyers. It was reported from St. Petersburg, Feb. 15. that this squadron had been instructed for remain at Jibutil until further orders. It has been suggested that the stopping of these warships at Jibutil until right lead to make the light turned on." Foreign Affairs, but, since the death last fall turned on." Foreign the Russian embassy at the subscience of the Russian embassy at the subscience of the Russian squadron had been instructed for remain at Jibutil until further orders. It has been suggested that the stopping of these warships at Jibutil might lead to make the light turned on." Foreign embassy at the subscience of the government has been twisted or distorted. Insignificant student affairs or workments student affairs or workments or distorted integrated into great movements of popular discontent, until certain portions of the world have been led to been magnified into great movements of the world intogreat magnified intogreat magnified intogreat magnified intogreat magnified intogreat magnified intogreation, when pe fo remain at Jibutil until further orders. In the sort of these warships at Jibutil might lead to international representations, Jibutil being a neutral French port.

Interior.

Foreign Despatches Free.

News telegrams to foreign sources, originated in the most distant parts of the empire, Vladivstock, for example, or Odessa, were formerly telegraphed.

WHAT CZARINA DOES.

Paris, Feb. 19.—A private despatch plehve, Minister of the Interior, and Count Lamsdorff, the Foreign Minister, received here from Port Arthur says the repairs to the Russian battleships Czarevitch and Retvizan are almost completed. The statement is published that the Czarina occupies herself every that the Czarina occupies herself every tay in company with ladies of the rebifty in preparing Red Cross material.

TWO NEW CRUISERS.

Tokio, Feb. 19.—The crews of the St. George-St. Property for \$4800. Nisshin and the Kasuga, the two cruis- \$4800 will buy an elegant 12 roomed ers purchased by the Japanese gov-

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Mr. Borden's Lieutenant in Quebec Writes a Frank Letter, Handing in His Resignation.

of abandoning the Quebec leadership. r more, Mr. Monk wrote to a promibefore a session of parliament. He explained that he wanted the information for personal reasons and would regard sion of parliament before dissolution. Replying to this communication Mr. felt himself at liberty to retire from his These letters of Mr. Monk's, it ap-

pears, were turned over by the Liberal member to whom they were addressed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. For some time therefore the Prime Minister has had in his possession what is practically Mr. Monk's resignation.

MONK WRITES BORDEN.

weeks ago your correspondent wire 1 that F. D. Monk, M.P., had written a letter to R. L. Borden, M.P., who was then staying at the Windsor Hotel, that he wished to retire from the French-Conservative leadership, a statement which was flatly contradicted at the time. It may be said that your correspondent had seen a copy of the letter in question, but as it was of a semi-confidential nature the text was withheld. To-day, however, Mr. Monk has himself given out the same letter for publication. The communication reads as follows:

Monk to Borden.

our party here which are far from being sympathetic. In fact, they are hostile to me. The task of leading the prosition at the present time in the province is a difficult one, and success depends upon complete harmony. Under these conditions I have reached the conclusion that it will be better for me to confine myself to my duties as simply as a member of parliament, and I address myself to you as leader of the opposition, to make known my determination. make myself more useful in the ranks of the party. I will continue to defend the interests of my con-

Yours very truly, F. D. Monk.

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FOES WITHIN INNER CIRCLE HUGH GRAHAM MENTIONED

Ottawa, Feb. 19 .- (Special.) - It was carned here to-night that the letter in which F. D. Monk, M.P., tendered his resignation as Quebec leader to R. L. Borden has been made public in Montreal. The news comes as no surprise. since it was well understood in ministerial circles that Mr. Monk some time ago formally made known his intention It is understood that two months ago, nent Liberal M.P. of Quebec, asking if the general elections would take place it as confidential. The Liberal M.P. replied that there would be another ses-Monk said that he was not at all satisfied with the way the party's affairs in Quebec were being conducted, and he had decided to surrender the leadership.

If, he said, the general elections were to take place before another session, he would feel it his duty to fight. He had no desire to flee on the eve of battle, but as a session of parliament was to be held before dissolution he felt himself at liberty to retire from his

Montreal, Feb. 19.- (Special-) -Some

Monk to Borden.

To R. L. Borden, K.C., M.P.,
Windsor Hotel, Montreal:
Montreal, Jan. 17, 1904.
Dear Mr. Borden,—The news that
another session of parliament is to
take place, and that the general
elections are to be postponed indefingtely, permits me to carry out a
decision which I had reached some
time since, altho I had deferred its
realization because I thought, like
many others, that the electoral campaign was upon us. Since 1000 I paign was upon us. Since 1900 I have, as far as it was in my power, tried to discharge the duties of leader of our party in this province, and I have to say that I have received the most kind and courteous treatment at the hands of the people of the Province of Ourshes. ple of the Province of Quebec.

There are, however, elements in our party here which are far from being symmethetic.

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SAMUEL THOMPSON OFFERS TO RETURN AND MAKE A FULL CONFESSION NEW YEAR'S EVE RAMBLE ELABORATED

WHAT SAM WILL TELL.

Sam. Thompson, the fugitive returning officer, will be in the witness box of the civic investigation Monday or Tuesday. At that time a full confession, covering all knowledge of crooked election methods he possesses, will have been placed in the hands of Mr. Riddell. Arrangements were practically completed Thursday night by which the fugitive agreed to return and tell a story "that will reveal a story of the function of municipal computation in high precedul." reveal a sickening condition of municipal corruption in high places" was the way a gentleman familiar with the situation put it in conversation with The World. Among other things it will show the distribution of corporation boodle at the Palmer House the night after election, at which a corporation agent and a controller were present

Thompson will not be a Crown witness in the sense that immunity from prosecution will be extended him in return for his information, but his brothers have received the assurance that if his story is as salacious as the man's fifteen years in city elections might indicate from his recent work and resists uncompanied to the

story is as salacious as the man's fifteen years in city elections might indicate from his recent work, and points unerringly to the source of corruption, the services he has rendered the authorities will be a strong consideration for mercy.

The determination of the Thompson brothers to induce their brother to return and make a clean breast of everything is the result of pressure exerted on the two employes of the postoffice department from official sources, and the energy of the prosecution to charge each brother with perjury or suppressing evidence because of their efforts in protecting the furtive efforts in protecting the fugitive.

Sam Thompson, according to a reputable gentleman interested in the case, will supply information that will result in a criminal action against a controller and perhaps two aldermen and the agents of a corporation frequently charged with furnishing campaign boodle in Toronto. The loan company thru which the actual cash went into

Toronto. The loan company thru which the actual cash went into the hands of the disbursing agents will be forced to exhibit books to determine the truth of the story.

Dr. Mills was used Wednesday evening to represent to the Thompson brothers the real situation, and Judge Winchester has been informed, according to an attorney, upon what grounds Thompson hopes to be permitted to return and give his evidence.

The brothers of the fugitive say he is really sick, and since he has observed the Durance confession he is more than anxious to tell what he knows, so that he may return to his home. what he knows, so that he may return to his home.

what he knows, so that he may return to his home.

Durance was Sam's tool. He could tell nothing that the authorities could not have proven. Sam will be able to tell for whom he stuffed the ballot box and what he got for it, whence came the boodle fund and where much of it went. The story is said to point to \$1500 being used, part of it paid the night before election and the balance the night afterwards. Thompson will swear he was the ward organizer for Controller Richardson, for whom others of the family worked.

It has been no secret in political circles since the reports of the plugging were circulated, that Thompson was one of the returning officers who could convict the persons higher up who were instrumental in controlling the election of certain officials. It was to shield these people of money and high influence that such a desperate effort was made to save Sam Thompson. The brothers worked to that end, until all are now confronted with serious charges. that end, until all are now confronted with serious charges ***********

On to the Legislature! Battle Cry of Kingston veal

City Council Unanimous in In- day, Feb. 15, to support the application of this Council be-

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fore the Ontario legislature be given power to take all steps necessary to procure the passing of the said bill-

ear. Functal private.

I always self the best accident policy in the market. See it. Walter H. Blight, Medical Building. Phone Main 2770.

Try the decanter at Thomas.

IS end was peace.

IROOKS—At her late residence, Agincont on Friday, Feb. 19th. Ellen, wife of George Brooks, and relist of the late Daniel Ferguson, aged 80 years.
Funeral on Monday afternoon at 1 origine. Corinthan.

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Warrant Sworn Out for the Arrest of the Missing D.R.O. and He'll Come In.

WARRANT FOR THOMPSON.

A warrant is in the hands of the detective force for the apprehension of

friend, and if he does not surrender under the agreement to become a Crown to be a matter of but a few hours.

IT HAS BEEN PROVED.

Wholesale padding of voters' lists at the City Hall. Criminal carelessness in the selection of deputy returning officers, poll clerks

and constables. Widespread stuffing of ballot boxes by returning officers and poll clerks in the interest of controllers, aldermen and School trustees.

Dishonest counting of ballots by returning officers and poll clerks. The presence at the time of the counting of the vote of aldermen and controllers in booths where frauds were

Plenty of money forthcoming to employ counsel for the defence of the dishonest returning officers and poll clerks.

muel Come to Judgment.

The well-defined reports that Samuel Thompson, the fugitive, had offered to return and make a full confession, an elaboration of the New Year's Eve episode in which prominent politicians were slumming with ward heelers, the distribution of boodle before and after election, and the method by which the "gang" got together and operated, even to the point of making cash payments in the election booths were the prime factors of a sensational character rerealed in the civic investigation yester-

such proportions that officers are stationed at the doors to keep back those who come too late to get standing room.

day, Feb. 15, to support the support the supplication of this Council before the Ontario legislature before the String of the said bill like was explained that the note of Kingston is desirous of having the Confarlo government after the existing other of the street railway company the City Council at a special meeting was not along party lines, but that the gentlemen who voted in the grown of it, first having a conference before seeking remedial legislation, and the intention to present a petition to the legislature assembly asking for remedial legislation.

The resolution as passed to-night is as follows:

MOVED by Ald. Mowat, seconded by Ald. Carson, that the company would see the cars running sooner. However, many the petitions now hereunto amended with reference to the Kingston. Portsmouth and Cataraqui Electric Railway Company be forwarded to E. J. B. Pense, M.L.A., with the request that the present them to his honor the Leutenant-Governor and to the legislative assembly of Ontario and on their right being and many appointed by the resonance to come to terms were grown by way of the company had the company saked for. The bylaw in regard to the taking over of the sort of the company saked for the care the company saked for the company saked f

please accept this intimation.

CARTER—At Toronto Custom House, Feb. 19, Margaret Ann Carter, mother of Hugh McWhirter, in her 83rd year, native of County Tyrone, Ireland.

Funeral leaves on 5 o'clock train for Mount Albert, Feb. 20.

DAVIDSON—At his late residence, 270 Berkeley-street, Toronto, on the 19th inst., Robert Moffatt Davidson, merchant tailor, formerly of Ridgetown, Ont., in his 64th year.

Funcral private.

POTTER—On the 19th inst., at his late residence, 14 McMillan-street, Arthur Petter, in his 43rd year, member of Toronto Fire Department.

Funcral Monday at 3 p.m., to St. James' Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

WOODLAND—On Feb. 19, Allan Sandham, infant son of Joshua M. and Lillie Woodland, 24 Albany-avenue.

Funeral private.

MUTO—On Saturday. Feb. 20, at her late residence, 173 Chestnut-street, Felomans Muto, in her 22nd year.

Funeral on Monday, Feb. 22, at 9 a.m., to St. Patrick's Church, thence to Mt. Hope Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances, Smyltzer, beloved wife of the late William Switzer, aged 89 years.

Funeral from the residence of her son in-law, Mr. H. Pantry, Lakeview-avenue, Bracondale, Saturday, at 2 p.m., to Proceedings of the late William Bracendale, Saturday, at 2 p.m., to Proceedings of the late William Switzer, aged 89 years.

Funeral on Monday, Feb. 19, at 28 Rusholme-road, Alexander Vardon, aged 38 years.

Funeral on Monday, Feb. 22, at 2.30 In. Inform Bates & Dodds', 931 Queen-street west.

His end was peace.

JEROOKS—At her late residence, Agincourt, on Friday, Feb. 19th Name 16.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.