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OPENING OF PARLIAMENT TO BE BRILLIANT FUNCTION

Speaker Elected Wednesday and Commons Called on the Russian army, and three viceroy Alexieff on a mission to Mongolia were assassinated Thursday by New Governor-General.

BORDEN TO REMAIN HEAD OF THE OPPOSITION A Dramatic Death of Hockey Club

[Special to The Advertiser.] ment of the Dominion of Canada meets for the first time. That will be the extomorrow to elect a Speaker. Parliament always meets on Thursday, with Thursday. For these and other reathe exception of such times as when sons the attendance at the opening certhere is no Speaker, and then it meets emony will be larger than has been the on Wednesday for the purpose of elect- case for years past. Every seat has ing a presiding officer. The nominee been taken and more tickets have been of the Government for Speaker is R. issued than there is accommodation. North Essex. He will be duly elected. Rod have had a busy time of it issuing Harmsworth Heads Big Concern to In fact, his appointment has been as invitations. There are large numbers well received by the Opposition as the of members and Senators in the city Government side of the House.

Dandurand. He is now at work prepar- tonight for the caucus, which will reing for the function of Thursday, when affirm its confidence in Mr. Borden and the real opening takes place. Sir Elzear refuse to accept his resignation. Mr. Taschereau, deputy governor, will at- Borden will likely consent to remain at tend in the Senate tomorrow and will the head of the party and will come to instruct the Commons to proced to Ottawa to reside,

and deliver the speech from the throne. seat.

It is not often that a new governor-Ottawa, Jan. 10. - The tenth parlia- general and parliaments meet together perience of the Governor-General on Franklin Sutherland, member-elect for The gentlemen ushers of the Black

today for the opening. Conservative The Speaker of the Senate is Senator members are expected to be on hand

It is said that Mr. Haggart will be elect a Speaker.

On Thursday Lord Grey will attend until such time as Mr. Borden gets a Wants to Decorate Generals Stoessel

ONTARIO'S BIG CASH BALANCE AND SOUND FINANCIAL STATE

Bowmanville, Jan. 10.-Cash in the Mr. Harcourt explained that the banks to the credit of the Province of owing to the disturbed state of the Ontario amounting to \$3,747.697, when the banks closed today, was the anof the Transvaal war and the war in nouncement of Hon. Richard Harcourt the east, and a temporary loan was efat a meeting here tonight in the interests of Mr. Wm. Rickard, Liberal like procedure. On one side of the ledcandidate in West Durham. The nouncement was occasioned by Mr. kaming Northern Ontario Railway of Whitney's recent query as to whether 200 miles, and on the other side was a course at the staff college in Eng-the Ontario cash balance did not in-the money temporarily borrowed to pay land. They are Major J. A. Macdon-store. The fire started in some un-business in Windsor's down town disclude money borrowed on the Temis- for the construction and equipment of kaming Railway bonds. Mr. Harcourt, the road. But that page of the ledger and Major Burstall, Royal Cana-as the minister who went to England in had nothing to do with the general dien Field Artillery. They are the connection with these bonds, was particularly able to talk on the subject, Passing on, Mr. Harcourt spoke on first officers to take and he gave Mr. Whitney's insinuation the most absolute denial.

| Some features of the provincial arrangement made by Sir Frederick and the most absolute denial. | Borden with the war office a little over the most absolute denial.

day there was to the credit of the duties fell only on the estates of the Province the sum of \$3,747,967. (Cheers.) rich. Last year one of the estates conhe went on, "and the inferences to be another \$50,000. As estates under \$100,-drawn from it and which have been 000 were not affected, the tax could not drawn from it by Mr. Rickard are fair, be called burdensome, and the money but I make the statement for another all went for charity. reason. A few nights ago Mr. Whitney, The corporation tax was not objected in alluding to the finances in a most to by those affected. One of its efgeneral way, as is his habit, stated that fects was to collect \$115,000 from the Mr. Ross, the Premier, a night or two insurance companies last year. The before had represented that there was end had not yet been reached. Last

them whether or no some of that in any state of the Union. Then there money was not the proceeds of a sale was the revenue from the Niagara of bonds issued for the construction of Power Company, to which Mr. Whitney the Temiskaming Railway. Now I want was opposed having declared at Niato say to you tonight that not one far- gara Falls that not one dollar should thing of that \$3,000,000 is part or parcel be collected from those companies for of the sale of any bonds. (Cheers.) I their extensive privileges. want to say to you, Mr. Chairman. "Even on the financial question," said that this Province has never sold Mr. Harcourt, "I appeal to you to bonds. I want to say to you that is an- make your choice, and you will give other proof of the recklessness of the your verdict for those who have aided statements made by Mr. Whitney. The in your elevation in a financial way, money is acquired to construct the 200 and who have proved themselves equal pleted early this fall."

OPERATION FOR NAN A LOADED BOMB

Burning Naphtha Ship.

New York, Jan. 10.—Seven survivors of the ill-fated Norwegian ship Marpesia, which was wrecked at sea on Christmas Day by an explosion of naphtha, resulting in the death of maphtha, resulting in the death of continuous c eleven members of her crew, arrived here today on the steamer day there was a registered letter from a Trinidad from Bermuda. They had man in Portland, Oregon, inclosing \$25, with the request that she use the money to purchase for herself a New Year been rescued by the Danish steamer Gallia, which was at sea when the Marpesia was blown into a shapeless

The Marpesia sailed from New York for Cette, France, on Dec. 9, with a cargo of naphtha, and had been out but all were weathered until Dec. 17. the ship was battered and knocked about, her ventilators carried away at the decks, her hold began to fill, and soon the cases of naphtha and in a little while the freed naphtha was floating around on top of the mas Day the Marpesia was a loaded suddenly there came a terrible report, the forward deck shot up into the air, with a crash and a roar and in a moment, the entire ship was wrapped in flames. Those of the 18 men first burst, threw themselves over the WHERE IS BALTIC FLEET? side of the flaming ship into the sea. They were only seven, and the seven to an early death had not the Gallia, which chanced to be in the vicinity, come down quickly to their aid when

President of Deputies.

she saw the burst of flames.

Paris, Jan. 10. - M. Paul Doumer former governor-general of French In-do-China, was today elected president of the Chamber of Deputies by 265 of the Chamber of Deputies by 265 votes against 240 votes, cast for M. Henri Brisson, former president of the chamber. M. Doumer is an opponent of Premier Combes.

said, he directed their atention to the corporations, which brought the Proving the technical education of Canadian fact that when the banks closed to ince \$869,000 last year. The succession officers. "The statement itself is interesting." tributed \$120,000, another \$62,000, and

treasury on the right side of the bal- had been appointed, and they had re- German ance. Then Mr. Whitney asked his audience why the Premier had not told was lighter, relatively speaking, than

of railways which will be com- to the task of bridging receipts and ex-

Tombs Prison.

to purchase for herself a New Year token. The letter said Miss Patterson has many sympathizers in the west believe her innocent, and concluded mass, and the seven men who survived the shock were taken from the sea. They were landed at Bermuda be

SENATE SPEAKERSHIP

Get the Position.

Ottawa, Jan. 8 .- It is understood that an incident in connection with the capbegan to give way under the strain, Hon, Raoul Dandurand, of Montreal, will be the new speaker of the senate, in which honorable office he succeeds water in the hold. Gas from the fluid accumulated steadily, and by Christis a lawyer of prominence, with a keen bomb, needing only the slightest spark mind, great energy and large business How the spark reached the highly-charged hold never will be known, but per House in 1898. and since then has action. The Moro leader has been killed completely mastered parliamentary procedure. He has taken a prominent part not only in debates, but in the Walker. committee work of the senate.

would have followed their companions Rumors That Jap Ships Are Near Madagascar.

> London, Jan. 10.—A dispatch from speaking at Selby, said we were stand-Port Louis, Mauritius, to the Daily ing at the parting of the ways and it Mail, says nothing has been seen or might be that the people of this counheard of the Russian second Pacific fleet. It is supposed it is sheltering either in some harbor off Madagascar or off the Comoro Islands.
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> might be that the people of this country would have to choose between two fundamental conceptions of the Empire. The colonies would remain loyal whatever we did, but the question was or off the Comoro Islands. There are mysterious rumors here of the approach of Japanese cruisers and of the receipt of strange wireless and blood relationship or on a mutual

RUSSIANS ASSASSINATED

Alexieff's Expedition to Mongolla Wiped Out by Natives.

which arrived here today from the far east reported that Col. Bogdonoff, of the Russian army, and three companies

CHEERS KILLED HIM

Sault Ste. Mare, Mich., Jan. 10.—While cheering the Soo team last night at a hockey game with Portage Lake, Henry F. Metzger fell dead of apoplexy, superinduced by excitement. Metzger formerly managed the Soo hockey team, and was instrumental in the formation of the International Hockey League. On account of his death the game was called, with twelve minutes yet to play. Score, 5 to 2, in favor of the Soo.

PULP AND PAPER

Work in Newfoundland.

St. Johns, Nfld., Jan. 10. — Sir Alfred Harmsworth heads the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company, incorporated here yesterday, with a capital stock of \$5,000,000, to manufac-ture pulp and paper in this island.

KAISER BUTTS IN

Berlin, Jan. 10.-Emperor William has conferred on General Stoessel and General Nogi the order of Pour La Merite, in recognition of the bravery of themselves and their troops at Port Arthur. His majesty has asked the Russian and Japanese Emperors to authorize Generals Stoessel and Nogi to accept the decorations.

TO ATTEND STAFF COLLEGE

Two Canadian Officers Chosed to Take English Course.

Ottawa, Jan. 10. - Two Canadian officers have been chosen to undergo ald, Royal Caradian Infantry, Toron- known manner, in the paint and oil trict. dian Field Artillery. They are the For a special reason, Mr. Harcourt the succession duties, and the taxes on a year ago with the object of improv-

German Colonization of Southern Brazil Stirs Press.

dispatch to the Herald says: The Rio Brazil, and to the tendency toward expansion under the German policy. The article has caused a sensation, as important papers have never spoken until now of the supposed German peril

A WINDSOR MYSTERY

Mrs. Mudd Bound for Scotland Suddenly Disappears.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 10. - Mrs. John Mudd, formerly of this city, sailed for been made both in Turkey and Bul- assume the bloodiest phase in the England on Nov. 22 to make her home with her niece at Manchester. John C. Peters accompanied her as far as New received in London from a minister between Turkey and Bulgaria in the York and procured for her a draft from The Illing Experience of Crew on a Is Suffering From Tonslitts in the the Canadian Bank of Commerce on the Bank of Scotland, calling for \$1,800. This tour of the Balkan capitals, writes that is opportune, war may be postponed draft was the proceeds of an estate left New York, Jan. 9.—Nan Patterson is ill died shortly before she left for Eng-

American Officers and Privates Killed head in his bedroom. in Brush With Moros.

Manila, Jan. 10. - In an engagement which took place on Jan. 8 with refracby the Gallia, which was bound from mamma a present, and tell her I am tory Moros on the Island of Jolo, Lieut, Hamburg for Savannah. Jewell and one private of the Fourteenth United States Cavalry, were killed, and Second Lieut. Ashbrook, of the Seventeenth United States Infanture of a fort held by the Moro outlaws, which Major Scott, governor of Victoria, the island, had attempted to secure by peaceful means several months ago. means taken by Major Scott were mistaken by the surrounding Moros, and American troops were assisted by the

PARTING OF THE WAYS

But Earl Percy Says Colonies Wil Always Be Faithful.

London, Jan. 10. - Earl Percy, community of interest.

Tonight the booths for the registration of voters close. If you do not register, and if your name does not appear on the municipal voters' list, you will have no vote on Jan. 25. You should take no chances.

If you have any doubts about your name being on the municipal list, examine the latter. If it is not on, register. Tonight the booths will be open from 7:30 to 9 p.m. You owe it to yourself and your party to register. EVERY VOTE COUNTS, TAKE NO CHANCES. REGISTER!

REMEMBER, tonight the registration closes.

See that your name is on the list, or else register.

Convention of Liberals To Select a Candidate

A convention of the Liberals of London will be held in the Auditorium tomorrow (Wednesday) evening, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the Legislature, the election for which takes place on Jan. 25.

Delegates can secure their credentials from the ward chairmen, and also at the Liberal Club, corner of Park and Queen's avenues.

Mr. George C. Gibbons, president of the Liberal Association of London, will preside, and all the prominent members of the party will be present to ad-

The convention will be representative of the Liberals of London, and winning candidate will be sure to be brought out. London will be redeemed!

DETROIT HELPS WINDSORITES TO FIGHT BAD CONFLAGRATION

Flames Amongst Powder Cans department in the basement. The Imperil the Brave Fire

Laddies.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

destroyed, as well as stocks in adjoin-ing stores. The exact amount of the damage cannot be ascertained today, but it will be many thousands of dol- and Essen setting forth the mine ownlars. The firemen and their apparatus Windsor, Ont., Jan. 10. - Fighting were coated with ice and a strong wind icals proclaim that a social war is befire amid the crack of bullets and the helped the flames. Assistance was sumoccasional report of a can of powder, moned from Detroit and a fire boat and was the strenuous task of the Windsor firemen from Detroit succeeded in subfire department this morning at a bad duing the fire, which at one time

Bad Fire at Woodstock; Thousands Up in Smoke

Woodstock, Ont., Jan. 10. - Fire Thousands of dollars damage was done early this morning completely de- by water and smoke in the adjoining stroyed the hardware store of Gardner drygoods stores of the John White & Co., consuming the \$20,000 stock and Company, Limited, and Campbell building. The total loss is estimated Bros. The blaze originated in the base-New York, Jan. 10.-A Buenos Ayres at \$25,000. The insurance is \$15,000. ment of Gardner's store.

before had represented that there was end had not yet been reached. Last Janeiro Jornal Do Comercio calls the a large sum of money in the provincial year a commission on railway taxation attention of the Government to the NEXT BIG WAR IN THE BALKANS; TURKEY AND BULGARIA PREPARE

Fighting Already On Between arms and ammunition have been made Greek and Macedonian Bonds.

London, Jan. 10 .- The active pre- other and the Turks. This three corparations already reported to have nered guerilla warfare threatens to garia for a possible war this year are spring. "But," concludes the minister, fully confirmed by a private letter "whether or not there will be real war Sultan of Morocco Gives In to the accredited to the Balkan courts. This spring I am not prophet enough to say. minister, who has just completed a Unless certain powers think the time the Turkish and Bulgarian Govern- this year as last, but in any event we

UNCLE SAM'S UNENDING WAR Sylvester, Emperor William's American dentist, committed suicide here today. He shot himself through the

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow-Fair and Very Cold. London, Tuesday, Jan. 10. Sun rises. 7:50 a.m. Moon rises. 10:29 a.m. Sun sets. . 5:00 p.m. Moon sets. . 10:08 p.m. Toronto, Jan. 9-8 p.m.

A disturbance, centered tonight over the Straits of Mackinaw, with its energy inonly a day or two when her troubles only a day or two when her troubles only a day or two when her troubles try; Captain Halsted Dory, of the creasing, is causing over the lake region fourth United States Infantry; Second a heavy gale and light snowfalls, and Lieut. Richardson, of the Fourteenth United States Cavalry, and three privates, were wounded. The action was an incident in connection with the cap-Manitoba and over the greater portion of the Territories being much below zero.

Minfmum and maximum temperatures:
Victoria, 32-40; Calgary, 4 below-20;
Prince Albert, 30 below-16 below; Qu'-Appelle, 38 below-12 below; Winnipeg, 24 below-16 below; Port Arthur, zero-2;
Parry Sound, 10-24; Toronto, 10-30; Ottawa, 4-24; Montreal, 6-28; Quebec, 2-18;
St. John, 16-28; Halifax, 18-30. FORECASTS.

Tuesday, Jan. 10-8 a.m. Today-Westerly to northerly wind strong until evening; mostly fair and much colder. Wednesday-Fair and very cold. TEMPERATURES.

8 a.m. Min. Stations. Winnipeg Parry Sound.... Toronto Ottawa Montreal - indicates below zero. WEATHER NOTES.

Since yesterday snow has fallen from Ontario to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and locally in the lake region. Very Ontario to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and heavy locally in the lake region. Very cold weather prevails in Manitoba and the Territories, with temperatures more than 40° below zero in several localities.

A heavy gale has prevailed over Ontario, causing serious drifting.

Live Stock Exports.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

London, Jan. 9.—Returns show a conthermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Monday were: Highest, 29°; lowest, 4.5°.

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GREAT PICTURE COMING

and recruits from Asia Minor are ar-

creasing daily, and are fighting each

Iriving at Salonica weekly for service

Hunt's "Light of the World" To Be

Exhibited Here,

London, Jan. 10. - Right Hon. Chas. Booth is sending Holman Hunt's great picture, "The Light of the World," to be exhibited in the principal cities of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, after which he will offer it as a gift to the nation. Writing to Mr. Booth, Hon. Mr. Lyttelton says: "I feel a great sympathy for your desire to add to the ties which bind together the various populations of the self-governing states of the empire."

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Talk of Erecting Northerly Addition to West Wing of House.

Ottawa, Jan. 10. - There is talk of building a northerly addition to the west wing of the House of Commons and running an, extension westerly from Mr. Speaker's apartments out to meet it, thus forming a new quadrangle. It is also proposed to add another flat to the Commons and Senate building. By this means more accommodation for members and others will be

Chief Architect David Ewart, who has just returned from inspecting the United States mint at Philadelphia and treasury at Washington, will prepare plans for vaults at Ottawa capable of storing \$100,000,000 in gold. Mr. Ewart will also report upon the system of maceration of paper currency which is hazardous to predict. Possibly some maceration of paper currency which is pursued at Washington. Dominion bills weeks may elapse before Prince weeks may elapse before Prince priated the seat of Mr. Meigs, a Govwhen canceled here are burned, but Sviatopolk-Mirsky's final decision is

KAISER FACES INDUSTRIAL WAR

Coal Miners at Hand.

Colliers Work Half Naked in Water for the Small Sum of Ninety-Six Cents Per Day.

Cologne, Germany, Jan. 10. - Both

the coal miners and mine owners

throughout the Rhenish and Westphalian districts are preparing for a general strike So far only 20,000 out gone out. The mine proprietors began rejecting requests yesterday, and so soon as their replies are received the miners, according to their previous decision. do not go to work when it is from the Japanese, who let loose numtime for their next shift. The employers, under the law fixing the relations triumphal inscriptions, of employer and employe, are notifying were picked up by Russian soldiers, the miners to return to work or be discharged, with the loss of six days' gedly, regret being expressed that the wages. The miners at seven Dortmond works went out today. The proprietors garrison. affirm that they are unable to agree to the demands to include the time of shafts in the wage period, nor can they Germany would thereby lose her position in the international competitive ance. field, both in coal itself, and in manufactures by the use of coal. Some proprietors aver that the economic equilbrium is so great that the whole industrial fabric of Germany can be disarranged by charging more for coal heretofore, while others contend that Germany could not in the case, of a change in price compete with the whole stock and building were entirely week's supply of coal, it is further aspress, most of the influential newspaers' position, while the socialist periodginning. Herr Hue, a socialist member of the Reichstag, in a speech at Essen, described the miners as working naked in water for the equivalent of 96 cents a day, cursed by the overseers as lazy and fatally affected by a worm disease because their life is always in dark-

> "What difference does it make," asked Herr Hue, "whether we starve or not under such conditions?Let us strike with the iron fist and if we perish let us at least be men The auditors of Herr Hue, miners in

five shafts, have gone out on strike. ART AND MORALS

Madame Rejane's Plays.

Montreal, Q., Jan. 10. - Ald. Couture interfere to prevent such things, the eral torpedo-boat destroyers and tordeficiency should be removed at once. pedo boats. committee, assured Ald. Couture that the plays produced in His Majesty's Theater had been given in all parts of the world, and if what Ald. Couture in the Turkish army. The Bulgarian said was true, and Montrealers, had been shocked, they must be a different class of people from those in other cit-

FRANCE WINS

French Policy.

Paris, Jan. 10.-Foreign Minister Delcasse today informed the Council Ministers that the Moroccan crisis had been entirely relieved. The Sultan restores his French military advisers and expresses satisfaction with the French policy. Accordingly the French minister has been ordered to proceed to Fez tomorrow and arrange the details for carrying out the policy of France.

GERMAN OFFICERS KILLED

Baron Von Nauendorf Perishes in War With the Hereros.

Berlin, Jan. 10. - In the fight beween the German troops commanded by Major Meisler and the insurgent, Witbois, in German Southwest Africa, Jan. 2, 3 and 4, Major Baron Von Nauendorf and three other officers and fifeen men, were killed. Four officers and forty-five men were wounded.

MIRSKY STILL IN POWER

But Is Waging a Fierce Diplomatic Battle With M Witte.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 10.-The report that Interior Minister Sviatopolk-Mirsky's resignation has been accepted and that M. Witte has been appointed his successor is not confirmed and seems to have grown out of the prevailing opinion that such is likely to be the ultimate issue of the contest waging over the question of reforms, coupled with the fact that M. Witte had another long audience with Emperor Nicholas yesterday. Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky was present today at the meeting of the committee of ministers, which is considering the manifesto reforms, and this in itself refutes the statement that he is already out of office. How long the present situation will last it is, however, reached.

Not to Succeed Milner.

London, Jan. 9.-J. W. Lowther, M. Lord Milner, as high commissioner in seems to be to grab everything in

NOGI HURRYING TO HELP OYAMA

A General Strike of German A Large Part of His Army Rushing North.

MAY START SOCIAL CONFLICT RUSS GUNS POUND JAP LINES

Disastrous Explosion of Mines Has Been Reported From the Harbor of Port Arthur.

London, Jan. 10 .- The Daily Chroncle's correspondent at Che Foo telegraphs that the Japanese consul there has received news of a disastrous mine explosion at Port Arthur. The same report asserts that a large porof a total of 270,000 men concerned have tion of General Nogi's army has been already hurried north to Liao Yang.

> Huanchuan Jan. 9. via Mukden. -The news of the fall of Port Arthur was received here first unofficially erous paper kites bearing letters and These kites

Russian artillery is steadily pounding the section of the Japanese going into and returning from the west of Sinchingu and about Baltoshan and Sintungtun. make expensive alterations in draining are using balloons and searchlights in the mines, because the owners claim efforts to locate Russian batteries,

> The have made two unsuccessful attempts to break through the Russian advance Gen. Stakelberg, who has been ill.

has returned to the front. Distinguished Frisoners.

Tokio, Jan. 10, 10:30 a.m. - Gen. Nogi reported additional prisoners of The paroled, besides Gen. Stoessel, pers of Cologne, Frankfort, Dusseldorf include Major-Generals Ries, Nadien and Kostinkow, and Rear-Admirals Prince Ouktomsky, Gregorovitch and Rosstiliski, and Engineer-in-chief Rin-

Exploding the Mines. Tokio, Jan. 10, 3 p.m. - The navy department says that the district covered with submarine mines had a ra-

lius of 40 miles outside of Port

Arthur. It reports the destruction and explosion of 395 of these mines to date Ten additional survivors of the third expedition of the Japanese to blockade the entrance to Port Arthur have been found in Russian hospitals. They have been transferred to the Japanese.

Port Said, Egypt, Jan 10 .- The divion of Russian warships commanded The Montreal City Fathers Discuss by Rear-Admiral Botrovsky, which left Suda Bay, Island of Crete, Sunday,

St. Petersburg, Jan. 10. - The Russ announces that in his opinion it was of yesterday, that the first division of scandalous for the police to have al- the third Pacific squadron will leave lowed immoral plays to be produced in Libau at the end of January, and will this city last week, meaning thereby consist of the warships Admiral Sen-Madame Rejane's productions. If the miral Oushakoff and Nicholas I., the police did not have the proper power to cruiser Vladimir Monomach and sev-

Ald. St. Denis, chairman of the police situation the Novoe Vremya urges the immediate reinforcement of Vladivostock, the Island of Sakhalin and Kamchatka. The paper says:

"There is little probability of the at Vladivostock as at Port Arthur, but the moral responsibility rests upon the Government to see that nothing in the way of defensive preparation is over-looked, Sakhalin and Kamchatka are both harder to defend, and have scantier population, but both are rich in mineral and other resources, and are especially tempting to the Japanese to whose scheme for national expansion

Continuing, the Novoe Vremya points out that it is possible to send reinforcements and supplies to Sakhalin and Kamchatka while the ice lasts independent of sea power, and begs that this should be done at once. Touching on the general peace talk n the foreign press, the Novoe Vremya summarizes the list of Russian reverses in the present war, and asks if t is possible to consider the question peace without substantial Russian

they are necessary.

San Francisco, Jan. 10. - The steamer China, sailing today, in addition to 100 saloon and 200 steerage passengers, will carry \$2,500,000 gold for Japan.

Nagasaki, Jan. 10, 2 p.m. - The Japanese Government transport Tosa brought 28 Russian officers, who were landed here, and 1,000 men who were trans-shipped for Kokura.

DUTY ON COTTON

Manufacturers Say Duty on White Article Is Too Small.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.-A deputation, representing the Dominion cotton manufacturers, whose interests have recently been amalgamated in the Dominion Textile Company, with a capital of \$10,000,000, will wait on the Prime Minister and Minister of Customs to ask a readjustment of the cotton duties. The manufacturers claim that the duty on white cotton is too low to enable the industry to be carried on in Canada, the duty being but 15 per cent under the preferential tariff, the same as on gray cotton.

A Policy of Grab.

Ottawa, Jan. 10. - Mr. George Taylor the Conservative Whip, seems bent upon creating trouble over the question has taken the seat which Mr. Geoffrion and another minister held last session for Mr. Northrup Conservatives are already much better situated P., denies the report circulated by the than were the Liberals when they were Liverpool Post, that he is to succeed in Opposition, but Mr. Taylor's policy