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WEATHER—High Westerly winds becoming colder again tomorrow.

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PORT ARTHUR EXPECTS RELIEF BEFORE MARCH 1ST.

Garrison Has Not Lost Hope But Stores are Falling Low --- Will Fight to the Last Man --- Bubonic Plague Among the Cossacks.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—It is believed here that the latest rumor regarding the willingness of Emperor Nicholas to listen to mediation proposals rests upon a fresh inquiry of France as to what terms His Majesty is willing to accept in the case of mediation. Official circles in Berlin entertain the possibility that something in this direction has been going on since it has been known that France and Great Britain were anxious to terminate the war.

At Port Arthur. Tokio, Dec. 28.—10.30 a. m.—Trustworthy advices from Port Arthur confirm the report that General Kondranichko has been killed and that General Stessel has been injured by falling from his horse. General Smirnov is also reported wounded. The advices further say that the garrison of the battleship Sevastopol has sunk in shallow water. Her bow is damaged in two places and the steering room gear is also damaged. The garrison is reported to be confident in the belief that relief will arrive before March 1. Despite its heavy losses on Nov. 26 and subsequently, the garrison is said to be cheerful and resolved to continue the struggle as long as a single soldier remains. The price of provisions is sufficient to last until February. The navy possesses about one month's stores. The price of beef is a rouble and one-half per pound. Horse meat sixty coopeks per poud, mutton twenty-five coopeks per poud turkey 150

Japanese Casualties. Tokio, Dec. 28.—9 a. m.—The navy department publishes a list of nine officers and sixty-five men who were killed while on special duty. The time, place and circumstances are not explained and it is presumed that another cruiser has been mined and sunk or damaged. An explanation is expected shortly. The army department publishes a list of 23 officers killed and 55 wounded presumably at Port Arthur.

FOUND DEAD IN HIS BED. James Kelly of Richmond Died in Woodstock Hotel—A Purse of Gold. Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 28.—(Special)—James Kelly, who until recently lived on a farm in Richmond, about six miles from Woodstock, and who was well known over the county, was found dead in his bed yesterday morning at the Brunswick House, Woodstock. Mr. Kelly intended going to Houlton the next day. He was 71 years of age.

THE DRUMELZIER IS STILL AGROUND. Fears That She Had Broken Up Were Groundless. New York, Dec. 28.—The British steamer Drumelzier, which went ashore near Fire Island last Sunday and was damaged by a heavy storm and her crew of 23 men lost. The steamer was showing no signal of distress when seen today. A tug was standing near.

GOOD FOR THE MINERS. Pittsburg, Dec. 27.—The Ohio river will reach a coal boat stage by tomorrow morning, enabling the river men to move 8,000,000 bushels of coal to the south, or nearly all the fuel being held here for Southern transportation. The opening of navigation from Morgantown to New Orleans has resulted in opening a large number of coal mines throughout the Monongahalia valley furnishing employment to 80,000 coal miners who have been idle for many weeks. Before the end of the week it is expected that every river mine in the Pittsburg district will be in full operation.

BAD FOR STOCKHOLDERS. Cleveland, Dec. 27.—Receiver Robt. Lyon, of the closed Citizens National Bank of Oberlin, Ohio, has notified the stockholders of the latter concern, that they must stand double liability on their stock. It is estimated that about \$50,000 will be secured by the receiver in this manner.

MANY CHARGES HANG OVER ALLEGED INSURANCE FAKIR. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 28.—Charges of conspiracy, false pretence, and forgery involving \$150,000 are made against John Bough, alias Baker, who has been committed in the city hall police court, to await a requisition from the New York authorities. New York detectives arrested Bough as he was leaving the county prison where he had served months for swindling operations in the name of the Boyer Sign Manufacturing Co., of Philadelphia. According to information in the possession of the police department, Bough and other persons who have since disappeared, established an insurance company under the name of Lloyd's Insurance

RUSSIA NOT RIPE YET FOR ANY STATE REFORM.

Zemstvo in Session at Moscow Adjourns in Disorder—One Faction Would Limit Czar's Power, the Other Dissents in Favor of Autocracy—Thirteen Delegates Refused to Sign Address to Emperor.

Moscow, Dec. 28.—The Zemstvo adjourned indefinitely yesterday evening after the adoption of a resolution as follows: "This Zemstvo dissents in its opinion from the government's note in regard to proceedings at Zemstvo meetings is unable to continue its business with the necessary calm and therefore adjourns sine die." The resolution was signed by 84 delegates. Seven delegates voted against it. Prior to putting this resolution to a vote, the chairman said that two dissenting statements had been appended to the minutes of the previous sitting. One had signed the signature attached to it. The other had thirteen. The latter was as follows: "We find it impossible to sign the proposed address to the Emperor. Together with the great mass of the Russian people we firmly believe in the ancient principle of the emperor's autocracy and unconditionally repudiate any attempt to limit or belittle it, regarding it as the fundamental basis of Russia's state life. Every change which aims at a limitation of the imperial power cannot but be received by the people in the most hostile spirit because they cannot con-

NO TITLE FOR HAYS. Ottawa Hears That King Edward Will Grant No New Year's Honors. Ottawa, Dec. 28.—(Special)—It is not expected that there will be any New Year's honors given by the Sovereign. The two periods of the year for bestowing honors are November 8th, the King's birthday, and the 22nd, when it is officially observed in Great Britain. A despatch received at the State Department from the Colonial office a couple of years ago laid down this procedure for the future.

PROMOTION FOR INSURANCE MAN. A McN. Shaw of the Imperial Life to Locate in Montreal. A McN. Shaw, provincial manager of the Imperial Life Assurance company has been transferred to the company's office at Montreal. He will be succeeded here by W. A. Gibson of Fredericton who is now inspector for the company. The change will go into effect early next year.

ABOUT LA PRESSE. Mr. Russell Denies That There Is Any Intention to Sell the Paper. Montreal, Dec. 28.—It was stated in the Toronto Globe, on the 27th, that the last payment of the purchase of La Presse becomes due this week, but the bargain may be abandoned by mutual consent, and that Mr. Berthelme will likely succeed in inducing Mr. David Russell to cancel the transaction and surrender the property.

WESTERN BAD MAN IN ROW. Mounted Police Officers Have a Lively Scrap at Moose Jaw. Moose Jaw, N. W. T. Dec. 28.—(Special)—An American desperado named McLean was arrested last night at the station here after a lull in which twelve shots were exchanged. Two mounted police corporals and one constable went for help on the arrival of which McLean was ordered to surrender but in reply fired point blank at the officers. The officers then returned the fire, shooting McLean in the knee. The desperado however, did not yield till his revolver was empty. He was taken to the hospital where he is recovering from his wounds.

LEFT MONEY TO CHURCH. Will of Miss Mary Jack Makes Bequest to Diocesan Church Society. Fredericton, Dec. 28.—(Special)—The will of the late Miss Jacobine Jack has been admitted to probate. The estate, which is valued at \$8000 is bequeathed to the Diocesan Church Society. Rev. J. DeWolfe Cowie and T. Carleton Allen, are the executors. Three inches of snow fell here last night.

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UNION CONFERENCE NAMES COMMITTEES.

Ministers Who Will Investigate Church Problems—No Final Step Taken Until the Question Has Been Considered by Full Courts of Various Churches.

(Toronto News, Friday.) The conference of Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists on the subject of church union, which had been in progress three days, concluded yesterday for the present, with the appointment of the following five sub-committees for the investigation of the five church questions mentioned: Doctrine—Presbyterian Church—Principal Scribner (convener), Dr. Armstrong, Dr. Battistay, Rev. G. S. Carson, Dr. DuVal, Principal Falconer, Principal Gordon, Dr. MacKay, J. L. Murray, Principal McLaren, Dr. Ramsay, Dr. Sedgwick, Rev. T. Stewart, Hon. W. M. Clark, Dr. Roberts, Murray and Mr. Walker Paul, Methodist Church—Chancellor Burwash (convener), Rev. Drs. Carman, Shaw, Paisley, Langford, Curtis, Stewart, Antiff, Crothers, Ryckman, Revs. F. B. Stacey, D. W. Johnston and S. Bond, and Messrs. Ames, Ferguson and Mann, Congregational Church—Rev. Dr. Warriner (convener), Rev. F. J. Day, J. P. Gerrie, T. B. Hyde, Hugh Pedley, J. K. Unsworth and Messrs. J. R. Dougal and H. O'Hara.

Duties of Sub-Committees. The reports adopted by the Conference, providing for the appointment of the above five sub-committees was as follows: (a) Doctrine—The sub-committee, appointed to frame a list of sub-committees, define the limits of the subjects to be assigned to each of them and determine the number of members of which each shall be composed as well as the relative numbers from each of the three Churches, may recommend: (1) That the number of sub-committees be five, and that the subjects allotted to them be as follows: (a) Doctrine; (b) Policy—Under this head are to be traced the organization and government of the Church, conditions of Church membership and rights and duties of members, ordinances of the Church, including means of grace and forms of worship and the relation of Sabbath schools and young people's societies to the Church; (c) The ministry—This topic is to embrace the training for the ministry, the pastoral office including period of service, the rights and privileges of ministers and their relation to the doctrine of the Church; (d) Administration—This shall include all the missionary, educational, benevolent, publishing and other agencies of the Church; (e) Law—Under this head will be included titles to Church property, general and local, and legislation.

(2) That the three Churches be represented on each of the sub-committees in the proportion of two Methodists, two Presbyterians, and one Congregationalist. (3) That each of these sub-committees on doctrine, policy, the ministry and administration be composed of forty members (sixteen Methodists, sixteen Presbyterians, and eight Congregationalists), and that the sub-committee on law consists of eight members (six Methodists, six Presbyterians, and three Congregationalists).

To Discuss Common Basis. The official report of the proceedings concludes as follows: "It should be understood that the committees above named will not be engaged at present in preparing a basis of union, but will meet together for further conference to exchange views and ascertain whether it is practicable to reach a common basis that might hereafter be submitted to the Churches concerned. In the meantime a statement giving the history of the movement up to the present time and the action thus far of the joint committee will be prepared and printed and a copy sent to each minister of the negotiating bodies, and that the Churches may be kept informed of every step that has been taken.

"It was universally recognized in the joint committee that a question so important and far-reaching in its results was not one to be unduly hurried, and that no step could be taken until ample opportunity had been given to consider the whole question in the courts of the various Churches and by the people generally."

ST. JOHN LADY DIED IN MONCTON. Mrs. Fred Gillen Passed Away This Morning—An Educational Conference. Moncton, Dec. 28.—(Special)—Her ladyship learned with heartfelt regret of the death of Mrs. Fred Gillen, which occurred at the City hospital this morning. Mrs. Gillen had been in the hospital a week ago suffering from meningitis of the brain. She was the daughter of Alex. McDermott of St. John, and was formerly on the Moncton nursing staff and sister-in-law to the late Mr. Leach who was engaged in a row in a restaurant. McLean pulled a revolver and one corporeal went for help on the arrival of which McLean was ordered to surrender but in reply fired point blank at the officers. The officers then returned the fire, shooting McLean in the knee. The desperado however, did not yield till his revolver was empty. He was taken to the hospital where he is recovering from his wounds.

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