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THE ST. JOHN EVENING TIMES

ST. JOHN, N. B., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1904.

WEATHER—Sleet and rain tomorrow; much colder at night.

ONE CENT.

RUSSIANS REPULSED IN HEAVY NIGHT ATTACK.

Bold Charge Against Oku's Forces Was Unavailing --- Japanese Influence Becomes Dominant in China --- No News From Port Arthur --- Today's Reports.

Mukden, Dec. 22.—The situation remains unchanged. The opposing armies continue their positions far to the eastward. Russians repulsed. The Japanese sustained no casualties. Dismounted Russian cavalry attacked the cavalry on the extreme left of the Japanese line on the night of Dec. 20-21, but were repulsed with heavy loss.

Japs in China. St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—The Russian authorities have received information confirming the Novoye Vremya's statement of yesterday regarding the Chinese situation, indicating that Japanese influence is predominant, not only in the anti-foreign societies, but in the army and at Peking, forcing the conviction that the situation is becoming critically dangerous.

Suffering From Cold. Mukden, Dec. 22.—There was more artillery firing from Poutill Hill on Dec. 21, which resulted in dispersing a party of Japanese who were trying to entrench in front of that position. Chinese report that Field Marshal Oyama and his staff have established headquarters at Liao Yang and that the Japanese are constructing new forts around the city.

SCHOOLS CLOSED.

The Pupils are Free for The Christmas Vacation.

THEY ARE HAPPY. Interesting Exercises Were Held in the High School this Morning and Medals Were Presented to the Winners.

There was a large gathering present this morning at the closing exercises in the High School. A very interesting programme was carried out and the pupils presented to the winners in the different grades. Dr. Bridges presided and there were present on the platform Mayor White, Hon. W. Ellis, Rev. John de Soyres, Rev. C. W. Hamilton, Rev. P. Long and Rev. Thos. Marshall. The High School orchestra, under the direction of Prof. W. Bowden rendered several fine selections. The band decorated for the occasion and on the blackboard back of the platform was the motto "Curto Polo Fimus" (Seek a certain end, in old English letters. This is the High School motto for 1905.

A RAY OF HOPE FOR NAN PATTERSON.

Jury Fails to Agree --- Reported One Man Holds Out --- Jerome Says if Majority Favor Acquittal She May Never Be Tried Again --- The Prisoner in State of Collapse.

New York, Dec. 23.—The jury reported to the judge that they had been unable to agree on a verdict and were sent back for further deliberation. New York, Dec. 23.—District Attorney Jerome said: "In the event of a disagreement, I will make an investigation of how the jury stands. If the overwhelming view of the jury is for acquittal, there is a probability she will never be tried again."

New York, Dec. 23.—Even in the face of certain knowledge that news of the result of the jury's deliberations would not be forthcoming until after 10 o'clock today, scores of persons remained all night around the criminal court building hoping to be the first to hear the verdict in the case of Nan Patterson. Driven from the building just before midnight, when the jury was locked up for the night, by order of Justice Davis. Curious crowds gathered in little knots in sheltered places in the vicinity to wait and speculate and ensure for themselves an advantageous position in the line when the doors were again opened today. Even in these hours

when the dim light which came through the windows of the jury room indicated that the jurors had given up their arguments for the night and were attempting to sleep, reports from inside the building found their way to the patient ears of the press. The source of these rumors no one knew and little faith was placed in their truthfulness. In the early night, mysterious information said that the jury stood firm, nine for acquittal, one for murder in the second degree and two undecided between murder in the second degree and manslaughter. Before daylight there had been a decided change in the sentiment of the jury. According to report at that time a story which gained circulation had shown jurors favoring acquittal with one holding out for a verdict of murder in the first degree. Of course there court building to wait until a verdict had been reached or some conclusion had been arrived at. New York, Dec. 23.—The jury in Nan Patterson case has reported a disagreement and has been discharged.

PROVED A VERY DEADLY HAMMER.

Detroit Woman Drives Nails With a Cartridge With Fatal Results. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Thomas E. Barnes, was killed in her home at 253 Pine street, by the explosion of a "one pounder" rapid fire gun cartridge, which it is supposed was being used for a hammer in the Christmas preparations for two little girls.

LONDON NOW CLEAR OF FOG.

A Westerly Breeze Drove it Out This Afternoon. London, Dec. 23.—The vessel, said to be the Hamburg-American Line steamer Protoria, reported last night with others as being fogbound in the Mersey was not the Protoria, but was the Allan line steamer Protoria, bound from Liverpool, for St. John, N. B. The Protoria, having Dr. Leroy Chadwick of Cleveland on board was last reported leaving Southampton for December 18 for New York and is due at the latter port Dec. 28 or 29.

SLIGHT INCREASE IN PAY OF CLERKS.

In the I. C. R. Offices at Montreal—A Wedding on Wednesday. Montreal, Dec. 23.—(Special)—The pleasant reminder of the holiday season for the I. C. R. clerks which it was stated Mr. Emmerson left behind him when he left for Ottawa on Saturday last, has not proved to be of such a pleasing character as was hoped for. When the clerks received their monthly pay yesterday, there was disappointment. The increases granted ranged from fifty cents to a dollar and ten dollars.

TURKEYS ARE CHEAPER NOW.

They Took a Drop in the Country Market This Morning. Despite the large sales of the last few days, in the country market, there was a good supply of produce of all kinds this morning. Owing to the fact that the merchants are pretty well stocked with turkeys, the large number that were brought into the market this morning caused a slump in prices.

SHOT BOTHER WHILE INSANE.

New York Man Released From Asylum Shoots His Rescuer. New York, Dec. 23.—Becoming suddenly insane while at the breakfast table, with his brother and their mother, Abraham Crapowsky today fired five shots at his brother Louis and wounded him in the head. Louis was seriously injured and probably fatally. The wounded man is a well-to-do cloth importer of Lispenard street. Abraham is under arrest and has been identified by Louis as the man who shot him.

INJURIES WERE NOT SERIOUS.

Twenty Seven People Overcome by Gas But They Quickly Recovered. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 23.—Twenty seven persons, most of them women and children, were overcome by coal gas in a room at the corner of 21st and Chestnut streets in the foreign settlement of this city last night. Many of the victims were in such a serious condition that they were taken to a hospital, but it is believed they will recover.

WILL DRILL FOR WATER.

Dalhousie, Dec. 23.—(Special)—In addition to \$1,000 already expended in drilling a well 400 feet, the rate payers of Dalhousie, at a special meeting, held in the town hall last night, voted another \$1,000 to the commissioners to drill one or two more wells. Thos. R. Kent, who is now in St. George, will be here next week to enter into a new contract. There is some doubt as to the capacity of the present well to furnish sufficient supply for domestic and fire purposes, hence the additional wells.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast—Variable winds with light snowfalls and rising temperature tonight and early Saturday with light snow or rain; much colder Saturday night. Forecast—A disturbance of considerable energy is moving towards the maritime provinces, and a heavy storm with ice is probable. The cold wave in the Northwest is the most pronounced of the season so far.

NELSON CLAIMS HE WAS TOUCHED.

Pugilist Has His Manager Arrested Charged With Stealing \$10,000. San Francisco, Dec. 23.—(Special)—"Ted" Nelson, who has been arrested here on the Santa Fe train, \$250 was found on Murphy's person. Murphy was greatly surprised at his arrest. He said that Nelson had bid him good bye at the depot when he left San Francisco.

THE CAPITAL STORM-SWEPT.

Trains Running Late --- Coll's Revolvers For Mounted Police. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 23.—(Special)—There was a big snow storm here last night and all the trains are running in two sections. The first train is three hours late. The contract for the Atwater bridge over the Lachine Canal at Montreal has been awarded by the railway department to J. H. Rogers, Montreal.

COACHMEN FINED.

The cases of gate keeper Frank Ritchie against the west side hackmen was resumed before Magistrate Ritchie this morning. Recorder Skinner was of opinion that the coachmen had infringed on the regulations. He felt assured, however, that if the line were again pointed out they would not go beyond bounds.

COLD AT CHATHAM.

Chatham, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Today is the coldest yet. The government thermometer registered 30 degrees below zero during the night. WALL STREET. New York, Dec. 23.—Wall street.—The opening trading in stocks today very languid and the price movement sluggish. Many of the stocks quoted were unchanged from last night and the mixed gains and losses of the others were small. The market opened steady.

LATE PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Atkinson returned to Moncton on the Atlantic express today. W. Z. Earl returned today from Montreal where he has been attending the meeting of the Dominion Street Railway Association. Walter Carson, of the I. C. R. at Moncton, who has been on a trip to Boston passed through today on his way home.

PASTOR REMEMBERED.

Moncton, Dec. 23.—Rev. J. W. and Mrs. McConnell, were given a pleasant surprise by the Central Methodist congregation last evening. Pastor McConnell was presented with a valuable furnished set, and Mrs. McConnell presented with a purse valued amounting to \$7. An address accompanied the presentation.

OLD MAN KILLED TO SAVE GOLD.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—(Special)—John Currie, aged 77, an old resident of this city was cremated in his home which was destroyed by fire shortly after midnight. When his body was found, his cash box was found under his head and it is believed he sacrificed his life in order to save it.

KILLED IN MONTREAL.

Glephas Montpetit, while walking across the canal bridge at St. Henri, was struck by a G. T. train, thrown into the canal, and instantly killed this morning. He leaves a widow and family.

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PRINCESS DEPRIVED OF HER MOTHER'S RIGHTS.

Dresden, Saxony, Dec. 23.—Countess Montagnon, (formerly the Crown Princess Louise and divorced wife of King Frederick Augustus) by coming to Dresden and trying to see her children yesterday has probably forfeited her allegiance of \$7,000, one of the conditions of which was that she should not set foot on German soil. This condition however may not be enforced as popular sympathy with the countess is so strong already that the court will avoid anything giving the impression of punishing the countess for her natural womanly feeling. The version of the countess' misadventure commonly believed in the kingdom of Saxony is that she is guilty of actual wrong doing and is the victim of an intrigue of the center party which is described as using unscrupulous to prevent a strong liberal from becoming Queen. The circumstances of the countess leaving the court are so overlaid with fiction that the truth probably will be unknown to the present generation of Saxons.

CZAR WILL GRANT NO CONSTITUTION.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—Emperor Nicholas formally notified the country today that the agitation for a constitution and the convocation of a national assembly is useless. Such is the construction placed upon the endorsement written by his own hand on the resolution telegraphed by the Chernigov Zemstvo, Dec. 20, which urged the Emperor to present a programme of reforms for his consideration. His Majesty wrote on the despatch "I consider the president's action to be premature and tactics. Questions of state administration are of no concern to the Zemstvos whose functions and rights are clearly defined by the law."

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