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FORTY-FIFTH YEAR.

Togo Ready For Battle

Whole Japanese Squadron May Go South to Meet Admiral Rojestvensky.

Kamimura Will Signaf Approach of Russian Second Pacific

Lines in the North are in Close

hardful of earth and read the offices, sen the general shock hands with the lest, thanking him for his attendance the dead soldiers. Mistchenko then dedy addressed the men, warning am, under no circumstances, to comtany reprisal on the dead or wound-Japanese who may fall into their nds, and, so far as I have ever heard, is mandate has been observed. But fore the day was out we had anter skirmish with the Japanese, and heard that every man cut a cross ou a cartridge before firing.

SOUND CEMENT FACTORY.

Ines in the North are in Close
Touch But no Serious
Engagement.

ONDON, Dec. 24.—Telegraphing rom Tokio, the correspondent of the Daily Express cays he learns that, in the event of Admiral animuma, who is reported to mave one south with a squadron of powerul eruisers, notifying if of the approach of the Russian second Pacific quadron, the whole Japanese fleet which has been operating at Port Arnur will be ready to proceed south on day's notice to give battle.

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hier of the Imperial Guard
Duke Nicholas Nicholale
Wednesday after an absence of eight
weeks, during which time she visited
friends in Seattle, Victoria and Nanalmo.

A Special Hydrographic Survey to Be Made la British

Columbia.

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Chinamen Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.—The beautiful new Icelandic church on Nona street, erected last summer and occupied only a month, was destroyed by fire this afternoon.

SIGNED THE TREATY. Madrid, Dec. 23.—The ministerial buncil has sigued the American Span-

States. 'DISASTER NEAR PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 23.—During a fog which cotapletely disorganized traffic the London-Boulogne express ran into the Lille express outside the north station, smashing the last carriage of the Lille express. Six corpses have been recovered and it is feared that more are injured. All the victims are French. PLAYS BASKETBALL. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23.—The Central Y. M. C. A. Basketball team, which holds the second place in the world's champious...p and the first place in the National Y. M. C. A. champiouship, will play at Toronto, Ont., December 20th, and London, Ont, December 30th, and London, Ont, December 31st.

CHURCH BURNED

London Gossip

King Edward Hesitated to Ap. prove of Plan of Colonial Naval Reduction.

Kingston Ireland Dockyard Is Closed Down -- Minto Ad-

wednesday after an absence of eight witch, Mukden, Dec. 23.—Volunteers the might of December 21st occupied Japaneses trenches opposite their positions. Three trenches were exacutated by the Japanese with scarcely a fight. The victors were surprised to find a box lying in plain view, which they opened carefully, fearing that it might contain explosives, but they found in at wine, biscuits and sweets.

Moscow, Dec. 23.—V. En Craznesky, correspondent of the Russkay Slava, has just arrived at San Francisco after a long and financial state of the result of a single particular than the control of affairs in the control of affairs in the enemy's ceal situation of affairs in the enemy's constructed for the situation of affairs in the enemy's ceal situation of affairs in th within five days from whenever danger arose such a tremendous fleet of battleships could be brought into Canadian waters as would overwhelm any concelvable enemy. Orders have consequently gone out from the admiralty for the withdrawal of practically the whole American squadron. The expectation is that the smallest possible amount of imperial money will be spent in the future.

Lord Minto addressed a deputation from a south of Scotland chamber of commerce at Hawick railway station. He expressed the hope that Canada and the empire generally will all pult togeth-er and render that prosperity as great in the future as in the past few years. Manto had acknowledged the reception.

Have Plan

Smagglers Devise New Scheme to Get Mongolians to United

Go via Liverpool and Hallfax to the Maine Border.

The Same Scheme Was Worked Successfully Several Years Ago.

ASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Information has reached the imm gration authorities of a schem by which it is proposed to by which it is proposed to bring into this country Chinese, who is the regular order of events might be refused admission. The proposition is to take the Chinamen from China to Liver pool, and then through to New York vis Halifax or St. John. At Rouse's point on theborder, no detention house of the on theborder, no detention house of the immigration service is located, and the Chnese entering the country there would not be subject to the investigation of the immigration board of inspectors. They would be searched, however, by United States marshals, but this proceeding would bring the case in due course before the United States Commissioner. Each Chinaman would be provided with papers indicating that he was a resident of this country and had a right, therefore to return to it. Such papers, the officials assert, are not difficult to obtain.

The same scheme was worked suc-

A ROUGH PASSAGE.

New York & Ottawa Railway Trans-

New York, Dec. 23.—Judge Lacombe, in the United States Circuit court to-day, signed an order approving the sale on December 22 in St. Regis Falls, N. Y., by Chas. Garish, special master in-chancery, of the New York & Ottawa Railway Company to John Carstens, who bid the property in for \$1,000,000. The road is in the upper take region in St. Lawrence and Franklin counties of New York state, and is 71 miles in length.

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The sale was the result of an action begun by the Morton Trust Company, the trustees of the road's mortgage bonds, for foreclosure. A number of the stockholders opposed the foreclosure, but the Federal court ordered the special master-in-chancery to sell. The purchaser receives the road, with all its equipment, 9,910 shares out of an issue of 10,000 shares for the capital stock of the company, which is a Canadian corporation; 2,495 shares out of an issue of 2,500 of the capital stock of the Cornwall Bridge Company, a New Jersey corporation, and \$275,000 of the second mortgage bonds of the railway company.

Day's Happenings At Vancouver

Contractor Named Horribin Had What May Prove a Fatal Fall.

A Real Estate Deal - the Nicola Valley Railway Project Favored.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—What may prove a fatar accident occurred this morning a few minutes after 11 o'clock. A contractor by the name of Horribin, who lives in Mount Pleasant, was inspecting a chimney on the old Musonic nail building, four storeys high, when the felt to the ground. So great was the torce of his fall that the boards of the sidewalk were broken. The man o time arter, as is usually the case.

Steve Jones today paid \$45.000 cash for a lot on the northwest corner of Hastings and Homer streets, owned by David Speacer, Victoria.

The body of a Japanese was found today at North Vancouver with a bullet in the neck. It is probably a case of suicide.

FORMER PRINCESS

STILL AT LEIPSIG

Was Overcome by a Sudden impulse to See Her Children.

Leipzig, Dec. 23.—Countess Montignoso, formerly Crown Princess Louise, is still here. Inquiries at the villa of Dr. Zehme, counsel for the Countess, brought an answer from the attorney's in the neck. It is probably a case of sukcide.

"I will certainly build the Nicola valley oad if the provincial government will do only as much as they have done to encourage other roads in the province." This statement was made to the Colonist correspondent by E. C. Loss. Mr. Loss is a guest at the Hotel Vancouver. He said, in answer to numerous questions: "I have just come from a very careful inspection of the proposed route of the road from the main line of the C. P. R. through the Nicola valley, past at the Mickel Plate mine properties and past all the wide coal areas. I have bought out the interests of A. Jukes, E. Hegy and associates. Of course, having bought them out, I showed my willingness to take a chance on building the road. That is my business, building railways. The name of the firm is E. C. Loss. This is the undertaking company, the finan-

SALT SPRING GOSSIP.

Closing Exercises of Scheols—Personal Notes of Island Residents.
Salt Spring Island, B. C., Dec. 19.—
The local items of news at this Yuletide season may be chronicled thus:
There is a general preparation among the people for the Christmas festival and one and all seem ready to wish each other the customary compliments, "a merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

The citizens of the north end of the island, in the Vesuvius Bay neighborhood, will give an entertainment and Christmas tree presents to the juveniles on Wednesday. 21st.

Christmas tree presents to the juveniles on Wednesday, 21st.

Several dialogues and recitations will be rendered by local talent in the art of entertaining, including Misses Mount, Jenkins, Nightingale, and Leask.

The six schools on the island held their closing exercises on the 16th inst., and the teachers have gone to visit friends in adjoining towns. In Vesuvius school the pupils passed a review examination, written and oral, on arithmetic, bookkeeping, history, geography, grammar, hygiene and spelling; also in addition some humorous readings and recitations were given by the juveniles to vary the routine of the ordinary programme of studies.

At the close the teacher, Mr. S. Moore, B. A., presented the children with Christmas cards as symbolic of good wishes and souvenirs of the session of 1904.

Mrs. H. Stevens, of "Churchill Farm" has been in St. Joseph's hospital, Victoria, for the past two weeks. Doctors Hall and Jones performed a surgical operation for ah abscess. The latest reports received state she is gradually becoming convalescent, and we hope to welcome her home ere long in good health.

Mr. Arthur Walter, jun., a pupil of Victoria High school, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Walter.

Messus. May and Young, carpenters, of the firm of Haslam & Co., Nannaimo, and the firm of Haslam & Co., Nannaimo, and the first degree and three for mansaughter in the second degree.

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Messis. May and Young, carpenters, of the firm of Haslam & Co., Nanaimo, are busy building a Methodist church in "Central Settlement," between Ganges Harbor and Vesuvius Bay. The edifice will cost about \$600 and the building committee are supplied with the sheeks for the payment.

Mr. W. H. Bullock, a gentleman rancher of the island, is spending the winter with friends in Eugland.

FINE EDIFICE DESTROYED.

Winnings Dec. 23.—The Icelandic Second degree, two for mansiaughter in the second degree.

Immediately the announcement of the verdict was made Miss Patterson broke into a fit of weeping, which continued even after she was led from the court-room to another chamber, where physicians wer called and restoratives administered.

Then she was taken to the Tombs, but again were all became hysterical, and the effective for the prison extraolates to soothe her were unavailing.

Abraham Levy, counsel for Miss Pat-

Japanese Officers

Advices were received by the steamer Aoranci, which arrived yesterday from Aoranci yesterda

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 23.—A fire which resulted in the leath of one fireman and the destruction of nearly two entire blocks, entailing a loss roughly estimated at one million dollars, started in the basement of the Pelletier department store at Fourth and Jackson streets shortly after eight o'clock tonight. The district burned over hes in the centre of the business portion and among the buildings were several of the most substantial structures.

Jury Stood Six To Six

Fall to Agree on Verdict in Nan Patterson Murder Trial at New York.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—The Icelandic Lutheran church, destroyed by fire today, was dedicated only last June. It cost \$40,000 and was the finest edifice of the denomination in the world. The fire originated near the furnace.

CRIMINAL LIBEL.

Regina, N. W. T., Dec. 22.—R. J. Westgate, manager of the West, the Conservative organ in West Assinabola, was committed for trial on a charge of criminal libel preferred by Walter Scott, M. P. He was admitted to bail.

Abranam Levy, counsel for Miss Patterson, called on her in the Tombs today and remained with her an hour. He said after he left her: "She is almost constantly hyterical, but I don't think she will collapse. I hope I left her in a somewhat better state of mind. Of course, I cannot tell what we will do for her yet. The counsel for the defense will have a consultation and will then do the best we can for her. If the retrial is not immediate I am going to make an effort to get bail for her. I will plead with Mr. Jerome to reduce the ball to \$15,000, and I will be able, I think, to arrange for that amount and let her have her freedom while awaiting the long, nervous wrecking ordeal she has to face."

Watching Colliers

The jury took but one ballot, according to the foreman, and devoted the remainder of the time to discussion. For twenty-four hours they discussed the evidence, and one juror is quoted to nicht as saying that one of those who stood for acquittal tried on the cont which Young wore at the time of his death, and with a revolver attempted to demonstrate that suicide was possible.

Watching Forty German Steamers Carrying Coal — German-Australian Differences.

Tor Suggested Union.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The secretaries of the joint committee on church mion have issued an official synopsis of the proceedings of the conference. It contains little that is new. It states that the interchange of views was "marked by the utmost freedom, but was pervaded throughout by a spirit of kindness and mutual forbenrance."

The Presbyterian and Congregational committees, as a result of their deliberations, reported without comment in favor of the appointment of a subcommittee, but the Methodist committee report contained the expression of opinion that, while difficulties may present themselves in all of the churches, there does not at present appear to be any insuperable barrier to a union of the church as suggested and promoted by the general conference.

The statement concludes: "It should be independent at the committee will not be engaged at necessari in preparing a basis of union, but will meet for further conference to exchance views and to ascertain whether it be practicable to reach a corrown basis that might licreafter be submitted to the churches concerned. It was universally recognized in the ioint committee that a anestion so important and far-requiring in the results is not one to be problem.

among the buildings were several of the most substantial structures.

FOG HAS LIFTED.

Liverpool, Dec. 24.—The fog lifted at no first series, must carry the consent of the entire membershin, and that 3 o'clock and the White Star liner Oceanic and the Cunard liner Saxonia will shortly land their passengers.