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Togo Ready For Battle

Whole Japanese Squadron May Go South to Meet Admiral Rojestvensky. Kamimura Will Signal Approach of Russian Second Pacific Squadron.

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

ONDON, Dec. 24.—Telegraphing from Tokyo, the correspondent of the Daily Express says he learns that in the event of a battle, Kamimura, who is reported to have gone south with a squadron of powerful cruisers, notifying of the approach of the Russian second Pacific squadron, the Japanese fleet which has been operating at Port Arthur will be ready to proceed south on a day's notice.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—It is reported that Grand Duke Vladimir will be appointed president of the Council of the Empire, being succeeded as commander-in-chief of the Imperial Guard by Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaevich.

Mukden, Dec. 23.—Volunteers the night of December 21st occupied Japanese trenches opposite their positions. Three trenches were evacuated by the Japanese with a loss of about 1000 men. The victors were surprised to find a box lying in plain view, which they opened carefully, fearing it might contain explosives, but they found in it wine, biscuits and sweets.

Moscow, Dec. 21.—Y. B. Cramesky, correspondent of the Russkay Slava, has just arrived at San Francisco after a long and hazardous trip through Japan, where he traveled as an American journalist under the name of Percy Palmer. He is expected to return to ascertain the real situation of affairs in the enemy's country.

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CHURCH BURNED.

Winipeg, Man., Dec. 23.—The beautiful new Catholic church on Ross street, erected last summer and occupied only a month, was destroyed by fire this afternoon.

SIGNED THE TREATY.

Madrid, Dec. 23.—The ministerial cabinet has signed the American Spanish arbitration treaty.

DISASTER NEAR PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 23.—During a fog which completely disorganized traffic the London railway express train, which was en route outside the north station, smashing the last carriage of the Lille express, six persons were killed 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 second place in the world's championship, will play tonight at the National Y. M. C. A. championship, 21st; Hamilton, Ontario, December 23rd; and London, Ontario, December 24th.

London Gossip By The Cable

King Edward Hesitated to Approve of Plan of Colonial Naval Reduction.

Kingston Island Dockyard Is Closed Down - Minto Addresses Meeting.

London, Eng., Dec. 23.—Cables from Toronto say a sensation has been caused in Canada by the news of the determination to withdraw the naval and military forces from Kingston Island.

COMOX NOTES.

Miss Besse McDonald returned last Wednesday after an absence of eight weeks, during which time she visited friends in Seattle, Victoria and Nanaimo.

A most enjoyable concert and Christmas tree was held in the Comox hall on Thursday last, the occasion being the closing of the school and a presentation of gifts to the scholars.

Chinamen Have Plan

Smugglers Devise New Scheme to Get Mongolians to United States.

Go via Liverpool and Halifax to the Maine Border.

The Same Scheme Was Worked Successfully Several Years Ago.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Information has reached the immigration authorities of a scheme to bring into this country Chinese, who in the regular order of events might be refused admission.

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A ROUGH PASSAGE.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 23.—The helmsman of the schooner Caledonia, Captain Suter, arrived here today after a rough passage of sixteen days from Manchester.

EXPLORE ARCTIC ROUTE.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—The admiralty is perfecting arrangements to despatch a party to explore the Arctic route to the Far East, especially with reference to the question of ice blocks in Kara Sea.

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

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ANNIVERSARY GIFT.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The cities of Schleswig and Holstein are arranging to purchase and present to Emperor William and Empress Augusta Victoria at their approaching silver wedding anniversary the house in Hamburg in which the Emperor spent a number of his childhood years.

SALE IS APPROVED.

New York & Ottawa Railway Transferred for \$1,000,000.

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