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WEATHER—Westerly winds, fair with higher temperature tomorrow.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1904.

ONE CENT.

LONDON IS FOG BOUND.

Dismal Pall Spreads Over Greater Part of Britain.

TRAFFIC DISLOCATED.

Steamer Cedric Delayed in the Mersey—May Prove Great Disaster to London Merchants.

London, Dec. 22.—Such a complete disorganization of railroad traffic and shipping as has resulted from the present fog has been unknown for many years.

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RUNAWAY AT A FUNERAL.

Ottawa Treated to an Unusual Sight—Sir Wilfrid at Home.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier was at his office in the Eastern Block at 11 o'clock this forenoon.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Hon. A. G. Blair was looking for an office today in the Trust Building, corner of Elgin and Sparks street, where the C. P. R. offices are.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Quartermaster A. S. Macdonald of the 4th Hussars, and S. Parson of the 62nd regiment, have been awarded the auxiliary forces long service medal.

PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY.

Sydney, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Owing to the North Sydney Hockey team not having been re-installed by the P. F. A. A. it is now probable that the team will play as professionals, and the Cape Breton League will be a choice new programme of music for the band to discontinue, and the whole programme of ten numbers will be sparkling and catchy.

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factories to manufacture arms for Russia. It is expected the incident will cause a storm in parliament.

A Chinese Report. London, Dec. 22.—A report to the Embassy Telegraph Company from St. Petersburg, says General Kuropatkin has telegraphed to the general staff and he has received a report from Chinese sources to the effect that the Russians have recaptured 203 Matsui Hill at Port Arthur, with the guns lost by them.

To Meet Russians. Shanghai, Dec. 22.—A squadron of powerful cruisers, under Admiral Kamimura, has gone south to the China Sea to meet the Russian second Pacific squadron.

There is Little Doing. Erdogan, Manchuria, Dec. 21.—(Delayed in transmission)—The oppressive silence continues. Not a shot has been fired during the last two days.

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The Nigretia Case. London, Dec. 22.—With reference to the seizure of the British steamer Nigretia by the Japanese, it is stated that her cargo of kerosene was shipped at Shanghai under the written consent of the British consul that kerosene "is not regarded by the Japanese government as contraband if shipped anywhere."

Affects Large Area. St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—The mobilization announced yesterday of the reserves in seven military districts (adding also the mobilization of the reserves in the Far East), affects a portion of about half the military districts of Russia.

Making Guns For Russia. Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—Several newspapers here charge war minister Madsen with permitting Danish gun factories to manufacture arms for Russia.

PROF. ROBERTS ENTERTAINED.

Famous Poet Was Guest of Honor at Fredericton Dinner.

Fredericton, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Andrew Crookshank, of this city, who has charge of the freight train between Fredericton and Logansport, had his left hand badly injured while coupling cars at Chatham (N.B.), yesterday.

COMMERCIAL MEN DINE TOGETHER.

Everything is in readiness for the annual dinner of the Maritime Commercial Travellers Association at the Hotel, tonight.

COMMISSION ADJOURNED.

Russian Embassy Denies That It Tried to Bribe Hull Fishermen.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The international commission appointed to inquire into the North Sea incident met in the foreign office at 10 o'clock this morning.

The opening session was held in a suite of sumptuous salons of the Dorsey Palace (Foreign office).

The Czar in Council. St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—Emperor Nicholas is holding councils daily at Tsarsko Selo, at which, it is understood, the internal situation in Russia is being thoroughly discussed.

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Still Pounding Away. Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army in Port Arthur, via Fusan, Dec. 22.—During the morning of Dec. 19, the Russian turret ship Sevastopol was torpedoed by the Japanese.

YACHTS TO SAIL ACROSS OCEAN. New York Club, Has Many Entries in Trans-Atlantic Race.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The Lokal Anzeiger in a despatch from Kiel says the Imperial yacht club has listed the following American entries for the Trans-Atlantic race.

CONVENTION SIGNED. The Hague, Dec. 22.—The convention on the status of hospital ships agreed upon by the delegates of the powers to the international conference on the subject was signed today in the presence of the foreign minister.

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WOULD BE SURE DEATH.

French Inventor Has Invented a Gun That Can WHIP ANY FLEET.

Estimated That One Such Gun Would Protect the Whole French Coast—Secret Trials Have Interesting Results.

New York, Dec. 22.—A Paris despatch to the Herald says: "Great interest has been caused here by recent experiments with a new cannon, a secret invention."

Although fired 480 times, the gun was apparently undamaged, whereas usually the life of a big cannon is 300 shots.

UNION CONFERENCE IN TORONTO TODAY.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Earnest men from three branches of the Christian Church—Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational are assembled in the city to discuss the terms upon which a union of the Evangelical church bodies is possible.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecast—Fresh northwesterly winds, fair and cold.

Table with weather data: Highest temperature during past 24 hours, Lowest temperature during past 24 hours, etc.

Point Lepreau, Dec. 22—9 a. m.—wind—north-west, fresh, cloudy, thermometer...