

TROOPS MUTINY AT LANCHOW

Another section of Chinese Imperial Army Anxious to See Establishment of Republican Government

PEKING, Jan. 2.—Several hundred soldiers guarding the Lanchow arsenal mutinied today. They are part of the imperial government troops, among whom there has been a movement for some time past in favor of a republic.

Renewal of Hostilities.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—State department advices make it appear that the revolutionists were responsible for the renewal of hostilities at Han Yang.

Through naval sources, it was learned that the imperial troops at that point were trying to withdraw peacefully when they were attacked by the revolutionary forces. It is presumed that the foreign representatives of the powers at Peking and at Shanghai, acting under their original instructions, will bring pressure to bear upon the controlling spirits to quell the disturbance at Han Yang, which threatens the important city of Hankow and will endeavor to have the peace negotiations resumed.

May Try English

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Now that they see the way clear to a realization of their long cherished ambition for the establishment of a republican form of government in China, leaders of the revolutionary movement in this country are discussing plans for the unification of the Chinese people through the medium of a common language. It is the intention of the leaders of this movement to make English the language of general use in China, but before this hope can be realized there is much educational work to be done. In converting the more than 100 different dialects into an understandable language for the whole people of China.

Ng Pon Chew, editor of a Chinese paper in this city, and one of the most highly educated Chinese, spoke of the revolutionary leaders today as follows: "The progress of China long has been halted by the inability to convey to the people as a whole any advanced thought through the medium of a single language. The Chinese language in its pure form, is cumbersome."

Imperialists Show Fight

PEKING, Jan. 2.—The Emperor Dowager, who is desirous of carrying out a campaign against the revolutionists, today advanced about \$2,000,000 to Premier Yuan Shi Kai for that purpose.

There are many indications that the northern troops are anxious to resume hostilities.

The imperialists are endeavoring to delay matters, hoping that time will favor them; the rebels seem desirous of forcing the issue, but neither side is willing to terminate negotiations. The armistice was extended ten days from December 20, pending negotiations.

President Takes Office

NANKING, Jan. 2.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen took the oath of office today as provisional president of the republic of China and was formally invested with the powers of chief executive.

The ceremony was simple but dignified. It was attended by all the prominent men of the revolutionary party.

Dr. Sun, who is well known in America and Europe, after his arrival in Shanghai, some days ago, was elected president by the national assembly of reformers representing the provinces of China proper, then in session here, by an almost unanimous vote. His proposed cabinet comprises Dr. Wu Ting Fang, General Huang Shang and Li Yuen Heng, all of whom are in the front rank of the reform movement.

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movement, which was so active a few weeks ago, it is stated that the demand on the other side has fallen off, the merchants in the interior fearing to carry large stocks on hand owing to the danger of having it confiscated by either the imperial or the revolutionary forces.

PRINCESS ADELAIDE TO INSTAL OIL BURNERS

Will Leave for Seattle Today to be Converted for Use of Liquid Fuel—Princess Royal Takes Run

The steamer Princess Adelaide was withdrawn from service on arrival from Vancouver yesterday, and the steamer Princess Royal took her place last night on the Victoria-Vancouver route. The Princess Adelaide will leave today for Seattle to have oil burners installed. Arrangement has been made with the Moran company to do the work in eight days. The steamer Princess Alice is being made ready for service. This vessel came out from Newcastle with coal fuel and the oil-burning apparatus is now being made ready for use. It is expected that the Princess Adelaide will be ready to resume service about two weeks hence.

Buffeted by Storms.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Reporting an extremely rough passage from China ports during which a typhoon was encountered, the Norwegian steamship Jason, Captain Nielsen, yesterday arrived here. For nine days the Jason struggled with storms, during which time four sails were injured. Billows forty feet high swept the decks of the vessel and damaged the upper works.

RECEPTIONS HELD ON HOLIDAY

Lieut.-Governor Paterson, Premier McBride and Mayor Morley Received Many Callers on New Year's Day

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor held his usual New Year's day reception on Monday afternoon at Government House, when a very large number of men paid their respects to the representative of His Majesty in British Columbia. His Honor received from 3 to 6 p. m., the rooms being beautifully decorated with flowers.

Hon. Richard McBride and Mrs. McBride, following their usual custom, entertained a number of friends in the afternoon at an informal "At home," a large number of people dropping in at their residence on Gorge road to wish the happiest New Year greetings to Victoria's most popular citizen and his wife.

His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. Morley received a large number of callers New Year's afternoon at their residence at Smith's Hill. Mrs. Morley was assisted in dispensing hospitality by her sister, Miss Goodall, and the callers were entertained most genially, both by the chief magistrate and by Mrs. Morley.

SHIPWRECKED CREW ON PRINCE RUPERT

Forty Survivors of the Lost Fishing Steamer Grant Among Passengers of G.T.P. Liner—Lost Belongings

Forty survivors of the wrecked fishing steamer Grant, which drove ashore at Banks Island last week and foundered, were on board the G. T. P. liner Prince Rupert, Capt. Johnson, from Prince Rupert. The fishermen left practically all their possessions to sink with the steamer, and escaped in the debris to be picked up by the fishery protection cruiser Falcon. Capt. Crockett and Mate Hansen stood by the wreck until all the crew were in the boats.

The little vessel was southbound from the halibut banks in a terrible southeast gale at the time of the disaster. She had been battling with crushing seas and shrieking winds for hours before her power was rendered futile by the final triumph of the gale.

Hardy seamen all, the members of the crew said that they had never experienced such a hopeless combination of wind and sea. Warnings reached the little craft as she sailed southward past Prince Rupert.

The seas thundered upon her, raking her short decks and leaving her trembling in the trough of the waves, while she was shot upward to the top of huge billows for another attack. She heaved an anchorage in Heate strait, but the anchor would not hold. Her inshore towards Banks Island the anchorage proved good, and preparations were made to live out the gale. During the night the wind suddenly changed, and the vessel began swiftly to bear toward White rocks.

There was no time for her to weigh anchor. With increasing violence the gale forced the anchor loose, and dragging it with her, the vessel struck White rocks with a terrific impact that was quickly followed by the inrush of waters, while her propeller revolved in vain.

The small boats were quickly lowered, and despite the grave danger, the men entered them in good order. Capt. B. E. Crockett and Mate Hansen standing by until all were safe aboard.

Within fifteen minutes after she struck the vessel had sunk in four fathoms fore and five fathoms astern. Only her bow was visible when the small boat carrying the two officers put away. The cruiser Falcon anchored in a cove half a mile distant, took the drenched seamen aboard and proceeded to Prince Rupert southbound for this port.

Skating Record.

CARANAC, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Edmund Lamy, former amateur skating champion, covered 100 yards on the lake in 9 seconds from a standing start in an exhibition trial. The previous record was 9-8-5 seconds, held by Morris Wood, an amateur.

PAPER QUESTION GOES TO COURTS

International Difficulty Caused by Operative Section of Reciprocity Agreement Passed on by Government

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The international tariff controversy over the question of admitting wood pulp and paper into the United States free of duty from all countries has been made with this nation guaranteeing "most favored treatment," was passed on to the courts today by the administration. The procedure will be expedited, and it is expected that the matter will soon reach the United States Court of Customs appeals.

The dispute revolves about section two of the late Canadian reciprocity agreement, the only operative part of the proposed project, which grants free entry to Canadian wood pulp, print paper and paper board made from wood cut on "unrestricted lands," or lands where no limitations are imposed upon the exportation of the wood or its products.

Importers of these commodities from Russia, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Austria-Hungary and Finland, have claimed free entry under "most favored nation" treatment. Most of these countries have also taken up the question diplomatically.

Pending a settlement, the treasury department assessed the duty on the importations and held the protests of the importers in abeyance. In order to get the question before the courts, the department today decided formally to deny the right of free entry to any importations except those from Canada. The importers can appeal to the board of general appraisers at New York and from there the question can be carried on to the Customs Court.

ITALIAN EXPERT OFFERS NOVELTY IN WARSHIPS

Single Turret on Redoubt Amidships with Complement All-Round Fire Is One of the Features of Design

A novelty in battleships and armament is advocated for the Italian navy by a naval writer in Italy. He considers the Dreadnought type too large, and the ship which he projects is of 8200 tons only. Its length is 353 feet, its beam 55 1-2 feet, its designed draught 25 1-4 feet. The horsepower is 12,500, supplied by heavy oil engines, consisting of six groups of twelve cylinders each in V type formation, each group having its own propeller. The estimated speed is 22 knots.

The armament of this vessel is perhaps the most extraordinary thing about it. On a redoubt amidships rising from the 14 in. belt, there is mounted a single turret, carrying three 14-inch guns and having a complete all-round fire. On top of this turret, superposed, as in the American Keary type, is a small turret carrying a couple of 7-inch guns. On top again is a conning tower, surmounted by an American basket-work mast! The redoubt under the main turret is to carry eight 4-inch anti-torpedo-boat guns.

Italy being the country from which nearly all novelties in battleship construction have come, from the days of the Duilio and Dandolo to the idea of the Dreadnought and triple turrets, naval experts say it is unwise to scoff too much at the idea, the more so as oil engines of the comparatively modest horsepower required are within the zone of possibilities; while in these days, when the theory generally obtains that the ship which is hit first will never get in an effective reply, the advisability of small vessels takes on an importance which did not obtain a few years ago.

QUADRA TAKES MACHINERY FOR DIAPHONE

Government Steamer Left Yesterday Morning—Wireless Apparatus Being Placed on the Newington

The steamer Quadra of the marine and fisheries department left yesterday morning in command of Captain J. D. McPherson with machinery for the diaphone being established at Active pass. Captain McPherson, who has just taken command of the Quadra, was formerly in charge of the C. P. R. steamer Otter. He is a shipmaster of long experience, having held command of five of the steamers of the Pacific Steam Navigation company.

Wireless apparatus is now being installed on the steamer Newington of the marine department. The Newington and the Leebro will leave in a few days for the west coast. The government is dispatching material for the construction of shelter huts to the westward of Cape Cook on Vancouver Island, where shipwrecked mariners will find refuge. In each of three huts a small stove, a supply of food and long provisions will be placed, and notices, printed in three languages, will give information to those who reach the huts where succor can be most readily obtained.

Efforts to End Strike

MANCHESTER, Eng., Jan. 2.—Both the cotton spinners' federation and the operatives in the cotton trade today agreed to meet Sir George Askwith at the board of trade here today. There is great hope that Sir George's strike settling abilities will bring about a settlement of the difficulties.

Dies as Result of Operation.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 2.—A coroner's jury inquiring into the death of Mrs. Augusta Boon of Kitimat found that it resulted from poison from an operation performed by Katrina Marston, 1707 Bellevue place, Seattle, in December. The Vancouver police have

communicated with the Seattle authorities on the matter. An inquest is expected.

JOHNSON AND FLYNN TALKING OF FIGHT

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—It appeared today that there might be delay in signing the formal articles of agreement for a fight between Jack Johnson the world's heavyweight champion, and Jim Flynn, who aspires to that title.

Both Johnson and Jim Flynn, who is representing Flynn, stated that the terms, a \$20,000 purse and a third interest in the moving picture contract, were practically agreeable. No time has as yet been decided upon for the contest.

"SALT LAKE, Jan. 2.—Metropolis, Nev., six hours' ride by railroad from Salt Lake, and near the Nevada-Utah line, was the first town to make a bid for the proposed battle between Jim Flynn and Jack Johnson for the heavy-weight championship.

Wells for America
LONDON, Jan. 2.—Barrardier Wells, holder of the British heavy-weight title here, will sail for the United States in January.

Canadians Win.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 2.—Battling hard for every advantageous position and making each stroke count for its full worth, the Canadians won the last round of play, the Coronado four, led by Lord Tweedmouth, lost the spring polo game of the season to the invading Calgary, Canada, team by a score of 6-1-2 to 5-1-2. Coronado's penalty, four fouls and safeties, lost its players the contest.

The same eight periods, was played on the field of the Coronado Country club and was attended by the biggest crowd that ever turned out here for a polo game.

The line-up was as follows:
Coronado—Juan Fuentes No. 1; Viscount Gwyn, No. 2; J. H. Hobbs, No. 3; Lord Tweedmouth, No. 4.
Canada—J. Noton, No. 1; A. Hone, No. 2; K. G. Snowden, No. 3; Major C. G. Ross, No. 4.

COMMISSION ON WATERWAYS

Canadian Members Prepare for Convening of International Body in Washington on January 10.

MONTREAL, Jan. 2.—An informal meeting of the newly appointed Canadian section of the international joint waterways commission was held in the city today preparatory to the convening of the body in Washington on January 10. The Canadian members of the commission are Messrs. T. Chase Casgrain, K. C., of this city; C. A. Magrath, of Medicine Hat; and H. A. Powell, of St. John, N. B. The commission has been formed under the terms of the general treaty concluded between Great Britain and the United States two years ago.

The scope of the commission powers are very wide in character, but the energies of the members will probably for some time be directed towards the settlement of all outstanding differences between Canada and the United States respecting boundary waters and their potentialities. The meeting today was private, and no announcement was made.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—The Canadian section of the waterways commission at a meeting tonight virtually decided to appoint Lawrence Burpee, librarian of the Carnegie Library at Ottawa, as secretary. The Canadian section of the international waterways commission, had a lengthy conference tonight with Premier Borden in Ottawa.

Has Anyone Seen Him?—Exhaustive inquiries have up to the present failed to locate the whereabouts of Andrew C. Harrison of Seattle, who has been missing from his home since Monday, December 11th. Mr. Harrison served through the Philippine war. He is described by his relatives as being "36 years old, 5 feet 8 1-2 inches in height, and weighs 120 pounds." When last seen he was dressed in a brown overcoat, with brown fuzzy hat. In the lapel of his coat was a blue lodge button. As he has been seriously ill with an internal trouble, fears are entertained for his safety, and any information as to his whereabouts received by M. V. Kellogg, 1250 First avenue south, Seattle.

Murder at Queen Charlottes—News was brought by the steamer Prince Rupert of the murder of a Japanese girl, Kayo Katsura, on December 26 by Ah Gong, a Chinese, at Queen Charlotte City. The murderer suicided. Gong was an admirer of the Japanese girl, and when Christmas time came the Chinaman gathered his savings and bought a Christmas present for the girl. She would not accept his present, and told him she did not wish to see him again, at the same time informing him that her affection was for another. The Chinaman then fired two bullets into the girl's body and then turned the revolver on himself, firing a bullet through his head.

Beaver are exceedingly plentiful in the vicinity of Port Kells and their dams are declared a nuisance.

A she bear and two well grown cubs were shot Burnaby between the tramline and the Vancouver road last week. Lytton now boasts a new and thoroughly first class hotel, the rejuvenated Globe.

Headquarters of the Northern Construction Co. have been removed from Winnipeg to Vancouver.

Crankshaft Vancouver road trustees are asking for the presentation of the ratemakers of a bylaw for the establishment of a manual training school.

TO DEVELOP FISHERIES

Manager of B. C. Fisheries, Limited, Expected Shortly from Grimsby—Will Take Over Local Business

Mr. Wilfred Vere Doughty, of Grimsby, who is to manage the British Columbia Fisheries, Ltd., the corporation recently formed with a capital of \$1,200,000 to develop the deep sea and coastal fisheries of northern B.C. on a large scale, is expected to arrive here shortly. The new company will take over the cannery, saltery and oil works, of Messrs. Simon Leiser & Co. at Clew, Cumshewa Inlet, and will make considerable extensions to the plant. The B. C. Fisheries has also entered into an agreement with the Marvix company whereby the patent rights of the manufacture of flaked fish by the company's process is secured for Canada and the United States, and the B. C. Fisheries will export considerable fish prepared in this manner.

The prospectus of the B. C. Fisheries, which is published by British newspapers, says: "The Grand Trunk and Grand Pacific Railways have shown their interest and confidence in the company, by consenting to provide for the company, at cost, the freehold of a large part of Porpoise Island, which practically adjoins the mainland, with ample water frontage, and to put in all the railway tracks that may be needed. Porpoise Island occupies a unique position in the vicinity of Prince Rupert, and should become the chief fishing port of the Pacific."

The fishing stations now being acquired include a Salmon Cannery and Saltery at Skidegate, Graham Island, with plant for the manufacture of fish-oil, an oil works at Cumshewa Inlet, and freehold sites at the mouth of Skidegate Inlet, with extensive waterfrontages.

This company has secured the sole rights for Canada and the United States for the manufacture and sale of "Marvix," a fish food product in the form of dried fish flakes, which as the result of extensive and costly experiments has recently been perfected, and in which the full flavor and nutritive value of the finest fish is preserved just as in Boveril and other meat extracts retain the nutritive qualities of meat.

The purchase price payable to the Queen Charlotte Islands General Development Company, Limited, whose registered offices are 1112 Lankang street, Victoria, B. C., (the vendors to and promoters of this company), for the fishing rights, Marvix rights, and freehold properties enumerated, is \$115,000 payable as to \$90,000, in fully-paid deferred shares in this company, and as to \$25,000 in cash, out of which they will pay the whole of the preliminary expenses incidental to the formation of this company, including underwriting commission.

BULLET ENDS PIONEER'S LIFE

Vital Lefort, Old Time Resident and Explorer of Province, Takes Own Life at Caddboro Bay

An old-time resident of the province—one who had more than the usual experience of delineating the boundaries of the electoral districts of the province for the past few years—Vital Lefort, for many years a well known character of the province, ended his life early on Sunday morning by shooting himself through the temple with a caliber revolver. When discovered, he was resting on the bed upon which he was shot from the revolver. Indeed, it was the appearance of serious injury inflicted through the fire which first directed the attention of Mr. Hobbes, with whom Mr. Lefort lived, to the possibility of suicide.

For the past three months Mr. Lefort had been living at Mr. Hobbes' place at Caddboro Bay. On Saturday morning his fellow workman, Mr. Isaac Clayton, arose from his bunk and left the place preparatory to making a fire. When he came back the place in which they roomed was ablaze. Mr. Clayton endeavored to get the deceased outside, but without result. Later, when the people of the ranch were notified the body was recovered, but not until circumstances pointing to suicide were noted. The wound in the temple, coupled with the presence of the body, showed how death had been caused. The inquest held yesterday afternoon resulted in a verdict of suicide.

The late Mr. Lefort had for many years been a prospector and explorer in the interior of the province. He had discovered the Omineca country and had fully explored the Cariboo country and nearly sections. In fact, the Vital creek, in the Cariboo country was named after him. For years he was engaged upon the boundary work in the delineation of the international boundary between the United States and Mexico and before that was one of the crew fixing the boundary between the United States and Canada. Nearly eighty years of age, the late Mr. Lefort was of remarkable vitality and spirits and his knowledge of the country was second to none.

Hazelton Board of Trade desires that but one "Hazelton" be recognized by the railway company.

The next annual convention of the Pacific Coast Teachers' Institute will be held in New Westminster early in January.

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Burke's XXX. Irish, per imperial quart	\$1.25
Mitchell's Irish, per imperial quart	\$1.25
Mitchell's Irish, imperial pint	65c
John De Kuyper Gin, per bottle 35c, 75c and	\$1.10
Nolet's Key Brand, per bottle	\$1.00
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Fine Old Jamaica Rum, per bottle	\$1.00
Fine Old Jamaica Rum, half pint	50c
Robertson Bros.' Port, per bottle	\$1.25
Graham's Oporto Port, per bottle	\$1.00
Warre's Convido, per bottle	\$1.50
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