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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 Admiral Kamimura, who is reported to have gone south with a squadron of powerful cruisers, notifying 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 100 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.

General Oku's Headquarters, via Fusan, Thursday, Dec. 22.—Delayed in transmission by a heavy fog, the front of General Oku's army during the night of December 20 made a determined attack on the Japanese, but were driven back with heavy loss. The Japanese sustained no casualties.

Small details of Russians night attack Japanese outposts and positions with small success. (Correspondence Associated Press.) Apparently there is little personal animosity toward the Japanese among the European Russians. The Russian reports go out to indicate simply because the Emperor will it and takes little interest in the political relations of his empire.

CHURCH BURNED.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.—The beautiful new Catholic church on Notre 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 omnibuses, which were being driven express 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, Ont., December 24th, and London, Ont., December 31st.

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 a 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.

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.

Day's Happenings At Vancouver

A Contractor Named Horribin Had What May Prove a Fatal Fall.

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

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, Dec. 23.—What may prove a fatal accident occurred this morning a few minutes after 11 o'clock.

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.

FORMER PRINCESS STILL AT LEIPSIG

Was Overcome by a Sudden Impulse to See Her Children.

ROW AMONGST THE PUGILISTS

"Battling" Nelson Claims He is Defrauded of a Large Sum.

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Closing Exercises of Schools - 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, "Merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

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UNSUCCESSFUL SEARCH.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—The tug Reid has returned from Caribou Island after an unsuccessful search for W. O. Demers, lightkeeper there, and Fred Pelletier, Demers' assistant, who have not been heard of for several weeks.

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.

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Japanese Officers Watching Colliers

Australi Brings News of Presence of Japanese Naval Men in South Seas.

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

Advised were received yesterday from Australia that three Japanese officers arrived at Fremantle shortly before the departure of the German steamer proceeding to the South Seas to watch the movements of forty German steamers carrying coal to the Baltic fleet.

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Stories of a Famous Judge Lord Brampton's Reminiscences

"Dear me! I wish people would not bring dogs into court. Then, turning to the judge, he said: 'Take Jack into the court with you. He is a fine specimen of a dog, and I am sure you will be pleased to have him with you.'"

NEW MEDICAL THEORY. Bristol, Conn., Dec. 22.—The first practical test of the theory recently advanced by Dr. Wolf of Hartford, a bacteriological expert, whose experiments have indicated a definite relation between diphtheria and cerebral meningitis (spotted fever), which has caused many deaths in this section within the last few months, is being made in Forestville.

DAY'S HAPPENINGS AT THE CAPITAL

ul Registry Office Destroyed by Fire—Sir Wilfrid Laurier Resumes Duty.

TELLS WINNIPEG OF OIL FIELDS

D. B. Bogle is interviewed by a Winnipeg Free Press Reporter.

KENTUCKY ROMANCE ENDS IN VICTORIA A Love That Was "Bred in Old Kentucky" Results in Marriage Here.

(From Friday's Daily.) A pretty little romance that began in the blue grass region of Kentucky some twenty years ago, when a boy and girl made their first love, and who were united in marriage, culminated in this city last Monday.

PREPARE FOR BIG PACK NEXT SEASON

On December 3, 1880, the boy, being still in his boyhood, was engaged in an amusing game of hide-and-seek with his brother-in-law, Dr. Lamson, who was then a young man.

SAY THAT THE PRESENT SEASON IS PRACTICALLY CLOSED

Now that the 1904 salmon pack is practically completed, preparations are under way for the coming season of the fishery.

REVOLUT IN ARABIA

London, Dec. 22.—According to a despatch from Constantinople to the Daily Telegraph, the revolution in Arabia is spreading rapidly.

MUNROE & MUNROE BANKRUPTCY CASE

Attorney for Montreal & Boston Smelting Co. Gives Evidence

PROGRESS IN THE CHADWICK CASE

Husband of Famous Woman is Expected to Arrive in America Shortly.

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